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BJP drops 25% MLAs, bets on new faces in Guj polls

Cricketer Jadeja's wife, Hardik, Amrutiya among new picks; 38 MLAs dropped

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

After bringing-in a first time AMLA as the Gujarat Chief Minister a year ago, the BJP central leadership on Thursday made a sweeping change in the profile of BJP candidates for the Assembly polls by denying tickets to 38 MLAs (nearly one fourth) and giving space to new faces, including Patidar leader Hardik Patel and cricketer Ravindra Jadeja's wife Riva.

Of the 160 candidates announced, OBCs have been given maximum representation with 49 tickets, followed by Patel, the dominant community, with 40, STs 24, SCs 13, Kshatriyas 19 and Brahmins 13. Two tickets have been given to candidates from the Jain community.

Among the young and new faces are cricketer Jadeja's wife Riva, 28, who has got the ticket from Jamnagar North seat. Before joining the BJP, Riva served as the leader of



Union Ministers Bhupendra Yadav and Mansukh Mandaviya with BJP national general secretary Tarun Chugh during the release of list of BJP candidates for Gujarat Assembly elections 2022, in New Delhi on Thursday

PTI

the Rajput community organisation "Karni Sena" which is active in this region. This seat will throw up an interesting contest because Congress may field Jadeja's sister Naina Jadeja against Riva.

Hardik Patel, 29, who was at the head of the Patidar OBC reservation stir in 2015 and this year quit the Congress to join the BJP will be contesting from Viramgam Assembly constituency, also his hometown where he was doing ground-work and campaigning for some time. The Congress has

won this seat twice before.

Kantilal Amrutiya is an interesting choice for the Morbi Assembly seat which recently witnessed the bridge collapse disaster killing over 135 people. The sitting MLA of Morbi has been denied ticket and Amrutiya, 60, has been selected after videos reportedly showed him jump into the river to save lives following the snapping of the bridge. Prior to the incident, Amrutiya was said to be not even in the list of the probables.

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Cong MLA Bhavesh Katara joins BJP

PTI ■ AHMEDABAD

A day after resigning as a Congress MLA in Gujarat, Bhavesh Katara on Thursday joined the BJP.

Notably, Katara was with the BJP in the past, but got suspended after he joined the Congress ahead of the 2017 polls, which he eventually won from Jhalod as a Congress candidate.

Kerala removes Guv as Chancellor of art university

PTI ■ THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The LDF Government on Thursday amended the rules of Kerala Kalamandalam deemed university to remove the Governor as its Chancellor, a position which would now be filled with an eminent person from the Art and Culture field.

Governor Arif Mohammed Khan is presently Chancellor of the Kerala Kalamandalam according to its website.

The move comes amid the Government's ongoing tussle with Khan over functioning of universities, including appointment of Vice Chancellors, in the State and its announcement that it will come out with an ordinance to replace him with eminent academicians at the helm of varsities in Kerala.

The Kerala Government on Wednesday decided to come out with an ordinance to replace the Governor as Chancellor of universities and appoint eminent academicians to that post, a move which has been opposed both by the Congress and the BJP.

However, as everyone was awaiting the ordinance and speculating whether Khan would promulgate it, the Government came out with the order amending the rules and regulations of the deemed university.

The move is a clear indication that the ruling Left has no intention of backing away from its attempt to remove the Governor from the helm of universities in the State.

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India pushes for keeping climate finance pledge

Says \$100 bn/yr not enough for poor countries to meet green goals

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

India has reminded the rich countries that being the major contributors of the greenhouse gas (GHGs) emissions, they need to keep their promise to give USD 100 billion a year in funding to help the developing nations deal with climate change, switch to cleaner energy and finally mobilisation of resources for adaptation and mitigation.

At the ongoing UN climate summit in Egypt, India has also pointed out that the commitment of USD 100 billion made at COP15 in Copenhagen 2009 by developed countries was minuscule given the scale of needs. Rich countries, however, have repeatedly failed in delivering this finance.

Developing countries, including India, are pushing rich countries to agree to a new global climate finance target - also known as the new collective quantified goal on climate finance (NCQG) — which they say should be in

trillions as the costs of addressing and adapting to climate change have grown.

At a high-level Ministerial dialogue on NCQG at COP27 on Wednesday, India highlighted that climate actions to meet the Nationally Determined Contributions' (NDC) targets require financial, technological, and capacity-building support from developed countries, people aware of the developments said.

Citing the work of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), India said rich countries are the major contributors to the carbon stock in the atmosphere, clearly underlying the importance of the core principles of the UNFCCC and its Paris Agreement — equity and Common but Differentiated Responsibilities and Respective Capabilities (CBDR-RC).

CBDR-RC acknowledges the different capabilities and differing responsibilities of individual countries in addressing climate change.

"As such, the provisions and principles of the convention and its Paris Agreement should guide the discussions and outcomes of the NCQG to ensure an equitable result that enables climate action in developing countries," it said.

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India priority, wait time for US visas to fall: Embassy

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The long wait for the US visa is expected to see a significant fall by summer of 2023. "India is number one priority for Washington (for issuance of visas). Our aim is to bring the situation to the pre-Covid-19 level by the middle of next year," a US embassy official said here.

India has been one of the very few countries where applications for US visas saw a major upswing after the Coronavirus-related travel restrictions were lifted.

Considering the long wait time for grant of visas, the US is also rolling out a series of initiatives, including hiring of more personnel and increasing the "drop box" facilities, the official said.

The official said the US has already identified H (H1B) and L category visas for Indians as its priority and nearly 1,00,000 slots were released recently for those wanting to renew the visas. The wait time for certain categories has already been brought down to around nine months from earlier 450 days. The official said the wait time for B1, B2 (business and tourism) visas is also being brought down from around nine months.

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Why Jacqueline not arrested yet? Court raps ED's pick-&-choose

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

A Delhi court on Friday lambasted the Enforcement Directorate (ED) for adopting a pick-and-choose policy, and asked why the agency had not arrested actor Jacqueline Fernandez despite issuing a Look Out Circular (LOC) against her in a ₹200 crore money laundering case involving conman Sukesh Chandrashekar.

Special Judge Shailendra Malik, who had earlier granted Fernandez interim bail, reserved order for Friday on the bail plea of the actor after hearing arguments from the lawyers representing Fernandez as well as the ED.

On the ED's submission that Fernandez can escape the country easily as she is not short of money, the court questioned why the actor was not arrested so far.

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Elgar Parishad case: SC OK's Navlakha's plea for house arrest

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Thursday allowed house arrest of activist Gautam Navlakha, lodged in Navi Mumbai's Talaja prison in connection with the Elgar Parishad-Maoist link case, due to his deteriorating health.

A bench of Justices KM Joseph and Hrishikesh Roy rejected the objection raised by National Investigation Agency's (NIA) against Navlakha's house arrest plea and noted that he has been in custody since April 14, 2020, and prima facie there is no reason to reject his medical report, putting several conditions for the initial house arrest of 30 days in Mumbai.

The apex court observed that Navlakha does not have any criminal background except this case and even the Government of India had appointed him as interlocutor to hold talks with Maoists.

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Lalu to get kidney from his daughter Rohini

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Ailing Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) patriarch Lalu Prasad's Singapore-based daughter will donate a kidney to her father, a close family member said on Thursday.

Lalu, 74, returned last month from Singapore where he had gone for treatment of his kidney problems.

The RJD president, who has been suffering from multiple health problems, was advised a kidney transplant.

His daughter Rohini Acharya, based in Singapore, has stepped in to give her father a new lease of life, a family member told PTI.

Lalu, who is currently in Delhi, is out on bail. He has been jailed for his involvement in fodder cases and has been hospitalised several times in Delhi and Ranchi for treatment. It is not clear where and when the kidney transplant surgery will happen. Doctors at AIIMS, where he was treated earlier, said they are not aware of the development.

NCP leaders join Rahul in Bharat Jodo

PTI ■ Nanded

Prominent Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) leaders joined the Rahul Gandhi-led "Bharat Jodo Yatra" of the Congress here this afternoon on the fourth day of its Maharashtra leg.

State NCP chief Jayant Patil, Baramati MP Supriya Sule and party leader Jitendra Awhad joined Rahul after he resumed his foot march from Deglur Naka.

The security personnel of Rahul are facing a tough time handling the crowd. The Congress leader stopped several times along the route to greet people. He shook hands with the waiting crowd and also clicked photos with children.

The Congress and the NCP had shared power for 15 years in Maharashtra from 1999 to 2014. The two parties were also allies in the Shiv Sena-led MVA Government that was in power from November 2019 till June 29 this year when it collapsed following a revolt within the Shiv Sena.

India humiliated out of T20 World Cup



Indian players walk from the field after the T20 World Cup cricket semifinal between England and India in Adelaide, Australia, on Thursday. England defeated India by ten wickets

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PTI ■ ADELAIDE

A thoroughly professional England annihilated an out-of-sync India by 10 wickets to sail into the World Cup final as Alex Hales and Jos Buttler's relentless hitting mortified Rohit Sharma's clueless

attack here on Thursday. England seemed to have saved their best for the grand stage as they reduced the semifinal to a lop-sided affair, courtesy a splendid bowling effort which they complemented with some breathtaking stroke-making.

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HARASSED BY SCHOOL FOR FEES, BOY KILLS SELF Ghaziabad:

A Class 8 student allegedly hanged himself in his room with his father claiming that his son took the step after being harassed in school for not submitting his fees, police said on Thursday. The incident took place at Shibban Pura Colony in Sihani Gate police station.

NINE INDIANS AMONG 10 KILLED IN MALDIVES FIRE Male:

Nine Indians were among 10 people who died early on Thursday when a major fire broke out in the garage below a cramped living quarters that housed foreign workers here in the Maldivian capital, authorities said.

DIMPLE YADAV TO FIGHT MAINPURI LS BYPOLL Lucknow:

Samajwadi Party on Thursday announced the name of party chief Akhilesh Yadav's wife Dimple Yadav as its candidate for Mainpuri parliamentary seat, which fell vacant after the death of its patron Mulayam Singh Yadav.

NCR-PULSE

RAI INAUGURATES AAP'S WAR ROOM FOR MCD ELECTIONS



New Delhi: AAP's Delhi unit convener Gopal Rai on Thursday inaugurated the party's war room for the upcoming MCD elections from where it will conduct, among others, the nomination process and social media campaigns for the polls.

ANGANWADI UNION TO BOYCOTT MCD ELECTIONS

New Delhi: A union of Anganwadi workers here on Thursday announced that it would boycott the upcoming Municipal Corporation of Delhi elections and campaign against the BJP and the AAP over the 'abrupt' termination of 884 of their counterparts. The 250-ward Municipal Corporation of Delhi goes to polls on December 4 and the results will be declared on December 7.

RTU ORGANISING VISHWARANG FROM NOVEMBER 14

New Delhi: The Rabindranath Tagore University is organizing an art and cultural festival 'Vishwarang' from 14th -20th November 14 to 20, 2022 with its creative grandeur and dignity. This is the fourth edition drenched in the diverse colours of literature, culture, and arts.Santosh Choubey, Director of Vishwarang and Chancellor of Rabindranath Tagore University said, "we aim to bring more people together, with the ambition to increase and grow cultural awareness and the legacy of the rich heritage of India and celebrate it across the world."

PRATISHTHA- GLOBAL IIT ROORKEE ALUMNI MEET ON NOV 25

New Delhi: To commemorate its 175th years of establishment of IIT Roorkee on November 25, 2021, the IIT Roorkee Alumni Association (IITRAA) organised 'Pratistha- A Global IIT Roorkee Alumni Meet', in association with the Delhi-NCR chapter on November 5th, 2022 at AICTE Convention hall, Vasant Kunj New Delhi. The event featured a number of technical presentations on the future of energy, alternative energy sources, etc., the introduction of the Alumni Relay App, numerous start-up pitches, as well as entertaining activities like the Kavi Sammelan. Sushil Chandra, former Chief Election Commissioner, was the event's chief guest, and Pankaj Kumar, director of offshore ONGC, and Ajay Singh, director of Vision IAS, Ayush Gupta Director HR GAIL India were as guests of honour. The event will was presided over by Lt. Gen. Vishambhar Singh, President of the IITR Alumni Association.

DELHI TRANSCO TO ESTABLISH GIS SUBSTATIONS IN CITY PARTS

New Delhi: Delhi Transco Limited is going to establish GIS substations in different parts of the city to further augment its transmission network. These substations will be established at Budella, Dwarka, Badarpur, Harsh Vihar, Maharani Bagh, Sarojini Nagar, Bhartal and Gopalpur with an investment of around Rs 1200 crores.

DCW FOR COMMITTEE FORMATION OVER POOR INVESTIGATION

New Delhi: Delhi Commission For Women (DCW) on Thursday sought the formation of a high-level committee to examine issues leading to the acquittal of convicts by the Supreme Court in the 2012 gangrape and murder case of a teen. DCW chief Swati Malviwal in her letter to the Union home secretary called the acquittal a result of 'poor investigation' and 'problems in trial'. In the letter, Malviwal stated that even when the forensic evidence incriminated the accused persons, the callous manner in which various processes were followed raised an element of doubt which ultimately benefitted the accused persons.

Elgar Parishad case: SC OK's...

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Putting a number of conditions, including a deposit of Rs 2.4 lakh as expenses of security, the top court directed that the order to place the 70-year-old activist under house arrest for a month in Mumbai should be implemented within 48 hours.

"Trial of the case is unlikely to take place in the near future. Even the charges have not been framed. It is not in dispute that apart from this

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Andaman ex-CS held for raping woman

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Former Andaman and Nicobar Chief Secretary Jitendra Narain has been arrested for gang raping a 21 year old woman alongwith other accused. Top sources said that soon after a local session court in Andaman and Nicobar rejected the anticipatory bail application Narain in a gang rape case. Soon after the verdict, a team of policemen reached a private resort where Narain is staying and took him to the Police Line amid heavy security.

A special investigation team questioned Narain, a senior IAS officer, thrice in connection with the case. The SIT was constituted to probe allegations that a 21-year-old woman in Andaman and Nicobar Islands was lured to the chief secretary's home by promising a government job and then raped by top officials including Narain there. Narain approached the ses-



sions court after the Supreme Court on Monday said, "We are of the considered opinion that interest of justice would stand served by directing Respondent No. 2 (Narain) to make an application before the jurisdiction court to apply for anticipatory bail, as no useful purpose will be served by entering into the controversy at this stage and adjudicating the same on merits."

The FIR was registered on October 1 when Narain was posted as the chairman and managing director of the Delhi Financial Corporation. The MHA suspended him on October 17 with immediate effect. The MHA also stated that the government commit-

Thakur gives final push to BJP prospects in HP

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ SHIMLA

On the last day of campaigning for Himachal elections, Union Minister Anurag Thakur gave a final push to the BJP's prospects. The Information & Broadcasting minister did back to back public meetings in Shimla Rural, Kasauli, and held road shows in Sujanpur and Hamirpur.

During the meetings, Thakur made special mentions of the all-round development of Himachal by the 'dou-



ble engine' government. He said, "The hour of decision has come for us. The people of Himachal have made up their mind. Once again, a 'double engine' sarkaar is going to be formed in the state.

Talking further of the BJP's development push, Thakur said, "The work of projects

ted to 'ensuring zero tolerance towards indiscipline acts by its officials, irrespective of rank and status, especially involving dignity of women'. "An FIR has been registered and action in the criminal case is being taken separately by the SIT of Andaman & Nicobar Police," read the MHA statement.

Narain has also written to the MHA claiming he was in Delhi on an official tour on April 14 when the first alleged assault took place. In the October 5 letter, the officer stated that he was in Delhi between April 11, 2022, and April 18, 2022 and has given details of his tour.

The first alleged sexual assault, according to the woman's complaint, took place on April 14, 2022, and the second on May 1, 2022. In the letter, he provided file notings regarding travel outside Port Blair, flight details including PNR Number and boarding pass and bills of his stay at Andaman Nicobar Bhawan in New Delhi to buttress his claim.

which were pending for years were started and delivered in record time. We delivered basic facilities like door-to-door electricity and toilets to ambitious projects like Atal-Tunnel. Due to the far-sighted vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, a network of roads, bridges and connectivity has been laid in the most difficult terrains of Himachal. Not only this, unprecedented progress has also been made in the field of education and health, from prestigious institutions like AIIMS to Kendriya Vidyalayas and IIIT all of them are now

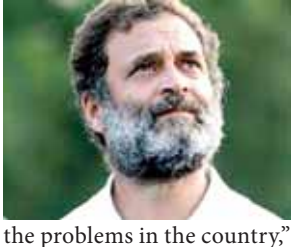
Demonetisation, faulty GST have broken back of economy: Rahul

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

As the leaders of his party's Ally Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) leaders joined him in "Bharat Jodo Yatra" in Nanded district, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Thursday night came down heavily on Prime Minister Narendra Modi over demonetisation and faulty GST which had resulted in a massive unemployment problem in the country.

Addressing a large public rally at Nanded on the 64th day of the Yatra, Rahul tore into Modi on his disastrous economic decisions like demonetisation and introduction of GST in five forms with a maximum tax of 28 per cent which had not only back of the Indian economy but had also diminished employment opportunities in the country.

"For the first time in the country's history, farmers are being asked to pay taxes, GST has been levied on fertilisers. GST being levied on each and every item, thus increasing



the problems in the country," Rahul said.

Charging that the government was facilitating "two to three" big industrialists corner almost entire money, Rahul said: "No money for education, loans of farmers are not being waived, no jobs for workers, no wages under MNREGA. Small and medium industries have been completely destroyed. Demonetisation and faulty GST have broken the back of Indian economy. This has resulted in massive unemployment in the country."

Castigating Modi for his false claims that demonetisation of Rs 1000 and Rs 500 currency notes would eliminate black money in the country, Rahul said: "Modi said that if the demonetisation does not eradicate black

money, hang me... he shed tears and indulged in theatrics. Tell me after six years of demonetisation, has the black money been eradicated in the country?"

Newly elected Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge, senior Congress leaders Digvijay Singh, former chief minister Ashok Chavan, State Congress president Nana Patole, State NCP president Jayant Patil and Party MP Supriya Sule were among others present at the rally.

Earlier on Thursday, State NCP chief Jayant Patil, Baramati MP Supriya Sule and party leader Jitendra Awhad joined Rahul Gandhi when he resumed his foot march from Degloor Naka on the 64th day of his hatra.

On Friday, Shiv Sena leader Aaditya Thackeray will join Rahul Gandhi in Bharat Jodo Yatra."

The Bharat Jodo Yatra" will cover two districts - Nanded and Hingoli - in Marathwada region and three districts-- Washim, Akola and Buldhana - in Vidarbha region in Maharashtra.

Kerala removes Guv as Chancellor...

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The government order states that in accordance with the University Grants Commission (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations of 2019, the MoA, rules and regulations of the Kerala Kalamandalam deemed university stand amended and the conditions with regard to the post of Chancellor are also modified.

According to the modified clauses, "Chancellor means the Chancellor appointed by the sponsoring body" and that

"the Chancellor shall be an eminent person in the field of Art and Culture appointed by the sponsoring body".

The rule regarding the tenure of the Chancellor was also amended.

The amended clause on tenure states that "the Chancellor shall hold office for a term of five years from the date of assuming office and shall be eligible for reappointment for one more term, provided no person shall be eligible to hold the office on attaining the age of 75 years".

India

pushes...

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"The ambitious goal set down by the developing countries requires substantive enhancement in climate finance from the floor of USD 100 billion per year. The mobilisation of the resources needs to be led by the developed countries and should be long-term, concessional, and climate-specific with equitable allocation between adaptation and mitigation projects," the Indian delegation said during the meeting.

The Standing Committee on Finance has estimated that resources in the range of USD 6 trillion to USD 11 trillion are required till 2030 to meet the targets set by developing countries in their NDCs and other communications including the Needs Determination Reports. "Clearly, the need for climate finance is immense even when estimates have not completely captured the identified needs, especially that for adaptation," the Indian side said.

India priority...

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The official also said India is expected to move to the number two place from current number three in terms of the number of visas being issued by the US. Currently, Mexico and China are ahead of India.

The official said priority is also being accorded to cut the waiting time for the students' visas, especially for those looking for renewal of their visas. The process used to apply for renewal of a US visa without the visa interview is known as the drop box facility.

Broadly, the applicants having a US visa within a span of the last four years are eligible for drop box facility. The US issued around 82,000 visas in the last one year. "We are looking at 1.1 to 1.2 million visas to Indians by next summer," said the official.

The Bureau of Consular Affairs is responsible for issuing visas. Due to covid affecting visa operations and revenues, the bureau had to right size. Once visa applications, including from India, registered a huge jump, it has been working to increase staffing.

India humiliated...

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It was Hardik Pandya (68 off 33 balls), whose fearless hitting took India to 168 for six but it was just about a par-score at the Adelaide Oval.

England captain Buttler (80 not out) set the tone with three boundaries off Bhuvneshwar Kumar's opening over but it was Hales (86 not out off) who butchered the Indian attack into submission with India badly missing a leg-spinner in its line-up.

England prevented an India-Pakistan final by achieving the target in just 16 overs. The England opening duo gave India's star-studded lineup a lesson in how to build a T20 innings: that there is only one way, the offensive way.

It was one match that was decided in Powerplay as India managed only 38 runs in six overs as the archaic style of safety-first approach hurt them terribly.

In complete contrast, England's top order which looked shaky throughout the league stage, smashed 63 in their six overs.

The match was won and lost then and there.

"Pretty disappointed how it turned out today. We batted well at the back end to get that score. We were not up to the mark with the ball. It was definitely not a wicket where a team can come and chase it down in 16 overs. With the ball we couldn't turn up today," Rohit said.

"When it comes to knock-out stages, it's all about handling the pressure. Depends on the individual as well. You can't teach anyone to handle pressure. When these guys play the playoffs in the IPL and all that, those are high-pressure games, and they're able to handle it."

Hales hit as many as seven sixes in his 47-ball knock and his approach showed that there were no demons in the track. He deployed the old-fashioned 'Sanath Jayasuriya school' of hitting in the first six overs.

When Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma were batting, they were looking to hit through the line unlike Hales and Buttler.

Why Jacqueline...

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The agency told the court that it has issued an LOC on airports to stop the actor from leaving the country.

"Why haven't you (ED) arrested Jacqueline yet during the investigation despite issuing an LOC? Other accused are in jail. Why adopt a pick-and-choose policy," the court asked the probe agency.

The accused has sought bail, saying there was no need for her custody since the investigation is already complete and the chargesheet has been filed.

The court had on September 26 granted interim bail on a personal bond of Rs 50,000.

On August 31, the court had taken cognizance of a supplementary chargesheet filed by the ED and asked Fernandez to appear before the court.

Fernandez, who was summoned by the ED several times in connection with the investigation, has been named as an accused for the first time in the supplementary chargesheet.

BJP drops...

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Addressing a joint press conference, Union Ministers Mansukh Mandviya, Bhupendra Yadav, and State BJP chief CR Patil announced the names of the candidates. Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel will contest the elections from the Ghatlodiya constituency. The BJP released its first list of 160 candidates out of a total of 182.

Bhupendra Patel contested elections for the first time in 2017. His Assembly segment is part of Union Home Minister Amit Shah's Gandhinagar Lok Sabha constituency.

Gujarat Home Minister Harsh Sanghavi will contest the election from the Majura constituency.

Sensing anti-incumbency in the Home State of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah, the BJP has sought to make way for the fresh faces with seniors like former CM Vijay Rupani and

Finance Minister Nitin Patel "volunteering" not to contest Assembly poll.

The BJP has heralded a "generational shift" in its Gujarat unit with the party dropping more than three dozen of its sitting MLAs and several veteran leaders bowing out of the upcoming electoral contest, said Gujarat BJP president C R Patil.

Patil claimed that the AAP was not on the ground and, at best, will collect some votes of other parties, eventually helping the BJP. The Assembly elections will see a bipolar contest between the BJP and the Congress, he said.

"Thirty-eight MLAs have been replaced.... BJP usually changes 20 per cent of its MLAs. In electoral democracy change is necessary, otherwise it will lead to stagnation. We have given tickets to several youngsters. This list shows a generational shift in Gujarat BJP," Patil said.

Excise Policy leaked to liquor firms: ED

34 people in PMLA case changed 140 mobile phones with intention to destroy digital evidence, ED tells court

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Excise Policy, scrapped over allegations of corruption, was allegedly “leaked” to certain liquor manufacturers before being made public, the ED told a PMLA court here on Thursday.

The central agency said told the court that a probe by it found that all the 34 accused/suspects in the money laundering case linked to the Excise Policy, including Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia, changed 140 mobile phones worth Rs 1.20 crore with the intention to destroy digital evidence. Besides Rs 100 crore kickbacks were paid to officials by liquor cartels.

The ED said this to a special PMLA court after it arrested two executives — Benoy Babu, Delhi regional head of French wine company Pernod Ricard, and P Sarath Chandra Reddy, whole-time director of Aurobindo Pharma Ltd.

“The Delhi Govt/Excise Department under the influence of accused persons allowed the formation as well as operation of cartels even when enough information was available on public platforms to indicate cartelisation by majority of the licence holders.

This was done in exchange of bribes and kickbacks to Delhi excise officials and the members of the Delhi govt...,” the agency alleged while seeking the remand of the two.

The ED said several people questioned by it during the course of investigation “have revealed that bribes to the tune of Rs 100 crore had been given in advance for undue benefits to select business groups to

operate in the Delhi Excise Policy 2021-22.” “It has also been found that kickbacks and bribes were demanded and taken by the excise officials of Delhi for opening of retail shops in Delhi.”

The agency said “34 important persons involved/suspected to be involved in the excise scam have changed a total 140 phones (valued at about Rs 1.20 crore) with intention to destroy digital evidence during the relevant period.

“These persons include all the main accused, liquor barons, senior Government officials, Excise Minister of Delhi (Manish Sisodia) and other suspects. The timing of change of phone indicates that these phones were mostly changed just after the scam surfaced,” the ED alleged.

The agency claimed it has evidence that the policy was “leaked” to certain liquor manufacturers on May 31 last year while it was made public over a month later on July 5, 2021. The agency also alleged that a “large number” of approvals to L1 wholesalers were given by excise officials “beyond working hours or late at night”.

Benoy Babu, the ED alleged, played a “crucial role in perpetuating the Delhi liquor scam” and that he colluded with Sameer Mahandru and others to create a “nexus of manufacturers-wholesalers-retailers to gain market share by unethical means.”

“Analysis of the email dump of Benoy Babu revealed that he was in possession of the excise policy much before the same was made public and also that he was aware of day-to-day developments happening in

Sisodia sought copies of Excise Policy, tender documents: Raj Niwas

AAP: L-G is making baseless allegations to defame Deputy CM

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Under the scanner in the Excise Policy case, where he is the main accused, Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia’s alleged attempt to seek copies related to the “formation of the Excise Policy and tender documents” through his Officer on Special Duty (OSD) (OSD) MK Nikhil has put him in a spot.

Sources in Raj Niwas alleged the Law Department has denied him the documents citing that he was the accused number 1 in the case that is being investigated by the central agencies and he cannot use the powers vested in him as a Minister under Transaction of Business Rules, 1993, Delhi Government, in this case to seek the papers.

Delhi Government sources, however, termed the allegations as baseless and said that this matter in question has no substance. “All their investigations and raids on Manish Sisodia have already failed. The L-G is making baseless allegations to defame Sisodia,”

policy formulation,” it said. It



they added. Sources in Raj Niwas alleged that Sisodia directed his OSD Nikhil to write to the Excise Commissioner and ask for “photocopies and scanned copy (in a pen drive) of files and documents related to the formation of Excise Policy 2021-22 and related tender documents immediately.”

“Hon’ble Deputy Chief Minister has desired the photocopies and scanned copy (in a Pen Drive) of files and documents related to formation of Excise Policy 2021-22 and related tender documents.

It is, therefore, requested to kindly provide the above documents immediately 3879/EC 2019/22,” stated the letter written by the Nikhil on September 30. The Excise Department has handed over the files to the CBI and their copies to ED for the ongoing investigations. After the department received the note, it sought permission



of the Finance Department, which asked the Law Department of Delhi Government, if the papers could be given to Sisodia. “Since the matter is under investigation by various agencies like CBI, Enforcement Directorate (ED), EOW, Income Tax and name of the concerned Minister (Sisodia) is reflected as accused No. 1, the normal procedural of Transaction of Business Rules (which empower a minister to call for papers from any department for his information), would not be applicable in this case,” stated the law Department, while denying the paper to Sisodia.

Sources in Raj Niwas added that the Law Department also opined that “Excise Department may seek permission of the concerned investigating agency, which has taken the original files, to supply the record/copies ...”

‘Babus paralysing implementation of policies, projects of Delhi Govt’

Spurred by Delhi L-G, bureaucrats not cooperating with elected Govt, not attending calls or meetings, says Sisodia in SC affidavit

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In the ongoing dispute between the Union Government and the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP)-led Delhi Government regarding control over services in the national Capital, Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia has filed an affidavit in the Supreme Court saying that bureaucrats are not cooperating with the elected Government, thereby, paralysing the implementation of policies and projects in the city.

In the affidavit, Sisodia said that bureaucrats have stopped attending meetings called by AAP Ministers and have stopped answering phone calls by Ministers and these issues have become more acute with the appointment of the current Lieutenant-Governor (L-G) of Delhi, VK Saxena in May this year.

The affidavit was filed in the ongoing dispute in the Supreme Court between the Central and Delhi Governments regarding which Government has administrative control over the transfers

and postings of officers in Delhi. This is a direct consequence of a notification issued by the Central Government on May 21, 2021 due to which civil servants are not answerable to the elected Government of Delhi but to the Central Government currently ruled by the BJP.

“First, the Lieutenant - Governor has de facto created an unelected machinery of governance in the NCT that runs parallel to the elected Government of NCT Delhi; second, the L-G has consistently stalled and impeded the functioning of the elected Government of NCT of Delhi, by exercise of powers of veto and non-concurrence that do not constitutionally vest in him,” Sisodia said in the affidavit.

The affidavit further stated that the L-G was stalling and impeding the functioning of the elected Government of NCT of Delhi, by neither following the aid and advise of the Council of Ministers nor referring the matter to the President on account of difference of opinion and instead exercising de facto of powers of veto and non-concurrence that do not constitutionally vest in the L-G’s office.

The affidavit also listed out several examples of civil servants refusing to take calls from Ministers or even respond to verbal requests for official discussions.

“For instance, the Principal Secretary (Finance) has refused to take the calls of the Deputy Chief Minister/Finance Minister (Sisodia), or come to this office, to discuss important matters pertaining to the Finance Department. The above illustrative instances clearly highlight that it has become a common practice for civil servants to treat the elected Government with an alarming degree of laxity and contempt,” Sisodia’s affidavit read. “It must be borne in mind that the Ministers are elected representatives of the people, and it is through the Ministers that civil servants can be held accountable to the people,” it added.

Additionally, Sisodia took exception to the frequent transfers of department heads, which he said left “large gaps in the policy implementation of the Government”; as well as the many vacancies within the Government due to the failure of “those responsible” to make the appointments.

Sisodia filed the affidavits in two separate cases. The first relates to the tug of war between the Union and Delhi Governments over the control of bureaucrats, while the second matter pertains to the 2021 Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Act, which gives an upper hand to the L-G in the matters of administration of Delhi.



Cong rubbing salt into wounds of Sikh victims of 1984 Delhi riots: BJP

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A political controversy has erupted over the inclusion of 1984 riots accused senior Congress leader Jagdish Tytler in the list of 40 members for the Pradesh Election Committee for Delhi Municipal Corporation Polls (MCD).

The BJP has lashed out at the Congress leadership for accommodating the former Union Minister in the Pradesh election committee for the MCD polls and accused the Congress of rubbing salt into the wounds of Sikhs by appointing Jagdish Tytler in the party’s election committee .

“The Congress party has always had visceral hatred for the Sikh community and today they are ‘defending, justifying and rewarding’ those involved in the anti-Sikh riots in 1984,” BJP national spokesperson Shehzad Poonawala said. “This is not Rahul Gandhi’s ‘Pyar Ki Rajniti, this is Nafrat Ki Rajniti’ (politics of hatred). The Congress must apologise for this kind of rubbing of salt into the wounds of the Sikh riots victims,” he claimed.

“Ahead of MCD polls - To rub salt into wounds of 1984 Sikh Genocide Victims Congress elevated Jagdish Tytler into Pradesh Election Committee - first defended Sajjan Kumar, then they promoted Tytler & Rajiv Gandhi had even justified 1984 by saying ‘Bada Ped’ #CongressHatesSikhs,” Poonawala said in a tweet.BJP leader Manjinder Singh Sirsa also attacked the Gandhi family, accusing it of giving ‘special favours’ to the riots accused.

BJP spokesperson RP Singh levelled a serious charge against Tytler and said the 1984-riot was a preplanned conspiracy and would have happened had Prime Minister



Indira Gandhi wouldn’t be assassinated. “@INCIndia rubs salt on wounds of Sikhs of 1984 carnage by inducting Jagdish Tytler in their Delhi State Election Committee. It shows that they have no repentance of what Rajiv Gandhi and his team did in 1984,” he tweeted. “Whenever elections are announced, Congress embraces leaders responsible for the murder of Sikhs during the anti-Sikh riots of 1984.

They have shown this time and again. There is nothing new in this. The main reason behind this is that Congress is unable to leave the leaders they had used in the 1984-riots.

If they ignore these leaders, they will reveal the truth of the riots and secondly the party is trying to buy votes by creating controversies,” said BJP spokesperson Manjinder Singh Sirsa.

Meanwhile, former AICC Secretary Jai Kishan criticized the BJP for making an issue of Tytler. “He is a senior leader.

Whenever election comes, they raised the issue of 1984 and Tytler,” he added. The Congress on Thursday constituted various panels for the upcoming elections to the MCD.

Being threatened for expose’, CRPF men hit me, shift from Tihar: Suresh

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

In his latest letter written to Delhi Lieutenant-Governor VK Saxena, jailed conman Suresh Chandrasekhar said he was receiving threats for the revelations he made and sought transfer from Tihar jail to any other jail in the country “to ensure safety of his life and limbs”. In the letter, Suresh alleged that he was being assaulted by CRPF personnel inside the jail.

He refuted the charges of choosing the time of elections for pressing these allegations against AAP to corner it and said that he came out as he couldn’t bear the constant threat and pressures within the jail, not for “someone or anyone” who is pushing him to do so.

“I hereby am giving this press statement as AAP is trying to fight me and provoke me with the war of words instead of answering the truth of all

that I have said and asked in my previous press releases and complaints to L-G,” the letter said. “Since last one week, after my complaint to L-G office in regards to AAP and its leaders Arvind Kejriwal and Kailash Gahlot and Satyendar Jain, I have been receiving severe threats of all forms from Jail administration which is directed by Jain and Kejriwal,” said the Mandoli jail inmate in a letter addressed to L-G on November 7.

“For the last 24 hours the Jail superintendent and other officials have been putting an immense amount of pressure on me and harassing me. Apart from this Mr Satyendar Jain is sending me offers for compromise, which if I fail to accept me and my wife will be tortured to death,” stated the letter.

“Deputy Superintendent of jail-16 Dinesh is threatening my wife to ask me to withdraw all charges against AAP. Dinesh Previously has received

₹5 lakhs as protection in money. Sir as all Jail administration is surprisingly being controlled by Jain and mainly Kejriwal. As multiple Jail staff are being investigated as well as arrested in my case all of them are targeting me, mainly the Delhi Government controlled by AAP as the Jail works on their instructions.”

“Kindly transfer me and my wife to any close jail which is not controlled by AAP till the completion of investigation, urgently as Delhi Jail administration is completely controlled by AAP,” he claimed in his letter. “In the interest of justice...Kindly transfer us to UP or Haryana or Uttarakhand Jail till all enquiries are completed...We are under grave danger because of AAP, Jain, Kejriwal and the Delhi Jail administration of Tihar and Mandoli Jails.

They are so brazen that despite the Supreme Court order, I was again assaulted,” the letter alleged.

DDA miffed by cost overruns in T3 drainage upgradation work

Authority may move court for compensation from Kejriwal

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The Delhi Development Authority (DDA) may move court seeking compensation from the Kejriwal Government for the cost overrun of the works related to upgradation and enhancement of the drainage system at the premier Terminal 3 of the Indra Gandhi International (IGI) Airport and the adjoining



ing sectors of Dwarka.

Last year, the DDA had faced flak from the public and residents in the area for heavy water-logging in the airport and adjoining area causing

inconvenience to the flight passengers. Sources said that while the work has now finally started at the airport following constant intervention by Lieutenant Governor VK

BJP releases manifesto for Delhi MCD elections

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The BJP on Thursday released the manifesto for the forthcoming MCD polls in Delhi promising houses for slum dwellers, improving the civic amenities , strengthening the civic body, ensuring proper disposal of garbage among other things. The manifesto, called the ‘Vachan Patra’, (pledge letter) was unveiled by BJP’s Delhi unit president Adesh Gupta along with party MP Manoj Tiwari and other leaders. Gupta, while releasing the manifesto said, “With a promise to allot houses to slum dwellers, we have come up with this Vachan Patra which has details of the allottees.”

The two-page ‘Vachan Patra’ which has the photos of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, BJP national president JP Nadda and Delhi unit chief Adesh Gupta, said, “Jahan jhug-ji wahan makan”. It also has a ‘Scheme Registration Form’ attached, asking for people’s

details like their Aadhaar number, name, and father’s name among others.

The ‘vachan Patra’ has a form which they will fill and the BJP workers will submit them to the departments concerned and the slum dwellers will get houses, said North East Delhi MP Manoj Tiwari.

Tiwari said Delhi chief minister is going to announce the AAP’s 10 promises to people before the MCD elections and questioned what happened to party’s earlier poll promise “One of AAP’s promise was to make Delhi garbage free but Kejriwal government did not provide funds to the municipal corporations and made it impossible for them to work,” Tiwari claimed.

Delhi BJP is pledging to provide Pucca houses (flats) to people living in slums at same place, Sood said. “This is not just a guarantee or promise because it has been done by Prime Minister and 3024 flats are provided to slum dwellers.

Nomination for MCD elections will be closed on Nov 13: SEC

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The State Election Commission (SEC) has announced that filing of nominations for the forthcoming Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) elections will be closed on November 12 and 13, as per the DMC (Election of Councilors) Rules, 2012.

The SEC also appointed senior government officers as General Observers and senior financial functionaries as Expenditure Observers for the ensuing smooth and equitable polls.

This decision was taken in a meeting headed by the State Election Commissioner Vijay Dev on Thursday.

Saxena, the DDA has decided to take legal action against the State Government for sitting over the work-related file for the last two years. “After completion of survey and other ground exercises, the DDA moved for permission of tree translocation and related afforestation on November 2, 2020. However, despite the DDA fulfilling all requisite formalities that include financial compensation as well as providing land for compensatory afforestation, the Environment & Forests Department, headed by Minister Gopal Rai kept sitting on the application for granting permission for works to be commenced on this critical

project of National importance,” said the sources.

When repeated requests did not elicit any positive response from the Chief Minister, at the behest of the LG, the DDA filed a Writ Petition in the High Court seeking a direction to the Department of Environment, GNCTD, to grant permission for the project. It was only with the favourable court order and constant nudging by the LG, permissions were finally granted to DDA on August 8.The work is being constantly monitored by the LG. In a recent visit to the area, several residents of neighbouring Dwarka Sectors met the LG detailing the severe problem of flooding

faced by them every year. The LG has now directed the senior DDA officials to complete works well within time so that problems of flooding do not take place at the Airport as well as in the affected residential Sectors of Dwarka, in the next monsoon season.

A source said that “unjustifiable, inordinate and obstructionist delays of more than two years by the Environment & Forests Department, GNCTD, headed by the Kejriwal Government, had withheld works, tenders amounting to Rs. 69.72 crore for which, had been awarded by the DDA way back in February, 2020. But the work started from this month only.

NIA raids 43 places in Coimbatore blast case

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The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Thursday conducted searches at 43 locations in eight districts of Tamil Nadu, including, Chennai, Coimbatore, Thiruvallur, Tiruppur, Nilgiris, Chengalpattu, Kanchipuram and Nagapattinam and one location in Kerala's Palakkad district.

The case relates to a bomb blast in a car laden with explosives in front of Kottai Eswaran Temple of Coimbatore district at around 4 AM on October 23. "According to preliminary investigations, the accused, Jamesha Mubeen, after taking bayath/oath to ISIS, was planning to carry out a suicidal attack and cause extensive



damage to symbols and monuments of a particular religious faith and with the intention to strike terror among a particular section of community," the NIA said in a statement.

The case was initially registered as FIR No. 207/2022 dated October 23 at Police Station Ukkadam, Coimbatore district, Tamil Nadu and re-registered by NIA on October 27. During the searches, digital

devices and incriminating documents were seized from the houses of the suspects. Six accused persons have been arrested in this case so far.

"The accused persons had conspired with the deceased Jamesha Mubeen to procure different chemicals and other ingredients for fabrication of Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs), including a Vehicle-borne IED, from online shopping platforms to commit sensational terrorist acts," the NIA said, adding, further investigation in the case is in progress.

The searches were carried out by a team that arrived from Chennai and Kochi at over 30 places in Coimbatore including Kottaimedu, Ukkadam, Ponvizhanagar and Rathinapuri as part of the

State-wide searches at 45 locations. The city police which investigated the case had seized 75 kg of explosives, documents from Jameesha Mubeen, who died in the explosion on October 23 including the drawing of a flag resembling that of ISIS and wordings like those who touched Allah's name will be uprooted.

Police also arrested six associates of Mubin, who had helped him to purchase explosives on an e-commerce platform and transport them from his rented house to another house. The explosion was termed a 'Lone wolf' attack. The targets of the searches were said to be some suspects who had connections with a few banned organizations, officials said.

SC to set up Bench to hear Gyanvapi case today



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The Supreme Court agreed to set up a Bench on Friday to hear the Gyanvapi-Kashi Vishwanath case in which the Hindu side has sought extension of an order by which protection of an area where a "Shivling" was found in Gyanvapi premises was ordered.

A bench headed by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud on Thursday took note of the submissions of advocate Vishnu Shankar Jain, appearing for some Hindu devotees, that the May 17 order of the apex court granting protection was expiring on November 12 and it needed to be extended. "We will constitute a bench at 3 pm tomorrow," the CJI said.

While mentioning the plea for urgent hearing, Jain said the order of protecting the area would be expiring.

On being inquired about the fate of the plea of mosque committee challenging the maintainability of petition of Hindu devotees, the lawyer said the trial court had rejected it and an appeal is pending in the Allahabad High Court.

On May 17, the top court had passed an interim order directing the district magistrate of Varanasi to ensure protection of the area inside the Gyanvapi-Shringar Gauri complex where a 'Shivling' was said to be found in the survey.

The apex court had also allowed Muslims to offer namaz in Gyanvapi mosque. On November 8, fast track court at Varanasi postponed till November 14 its judgement on a separate plea seeking permission to allow worship of the 'Shivling' claimed to have been found in the mosque complex.

On April 26, a lower court (civil judge-senior division) that was earlier hearing a plea by a group of women seeking permission for daily worship of idols of Hindu deities on the mosque's outer walls had ordered a videographic survey of the Gyanvapi complex and the Hindu side had claimed the Shivling' was found during the exercise.

However, the Muslim side has maintained that the object was part of the water fountain mechanism at the 'wazookhana reservoir where devotees carry out ablutions before offering namaz.

The Supreme Court had transferred the case from the civil judge (senior division) to the district judge on May 20, saying looking at the "complexities" and "sensitivity" of the issue, it is better if a senior judicial officer with an experience of over 25-30 years handles the case.

District judge A K Vishwesh is hearing another case demanding a survey of closed underground places in Gyanvapi premises. This case will be heard on November 11.

Heritage tag for Ram Sethu: SC slams Centre, gives it 4 weeks to reply to Swamy plea



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Expressing displeasure over the delay, the Supreme Court on Thursday granted four weeks' time to the Centre to file its response to BJP leader Subramanian Swamy's plea seeking a direction that the Ram Sethu be declared a national heritage monument. "Why are you dragging your (Centre) feet," observed Chief Justice DY Chandrachud.

The bench also comprising Justices Hima Kohli and JB Pardiwala was told by Swamy that it was a small matter where the Centre was supposed to either say "yes" or "no" to the submission. "The counter affidavit (reply) is ready.

We will have to get instructions from the Ministry," the counsel for the Centre said while seeking time for filing the response.

"Let the counter affidavit be filed within four weeks with a copy to be served to the petitioner (Swamy). The rejoinder, if any, be filed within two weeks thereafter," the bench

said in its order.

Earlier on August 3, a bench headed by then CJI N V Ramana, since retired, had said it would list for hearing the plea of Swamy. Ram Sethu, also known as Adam's bridge, is a chain of limestone shoals between Pamban Island, off the south-eastern coast of Tamil Nadu, and Mannar Island, off the north-western coast of Sri Lanka.

The BJP leader had submitted that he had already won the first round of the litigation in which the Centre accepted the existence of Ram Sethu.

He said the Union Minister concerned had called a meeting in 2017 to consider his demand but nothing happened subsequently.

The BJP leader had raised the issue of declaring the Ram Sethu a national monument in his PIL against the controversial Sethusamudram Ship Channel project, initiated by the UPA-I government.

The matter reached the apex court, which in 2007 stayed work for the project on the Ram Sethu.

India hit by Russia-Ukraine war: Rajnath

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The ongoing Ukraine conflict has adversely impacted India as the war has disrupted international energy supply thereby making fuel import more expensive, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said here on Thursday.

He also called for concerted international effort to meet the threat of cyber attacks and information warfare.

Underlining these crucial factors, Rajnath said when peace and security of any region is threatened, then the entire world feels its impact in multiple ways.

India does not believe in a world order where a few countries are considered superior to others, he said and noted that the possibility of a global framework could be envisaged if security becomes a truly collective enterprise. Addressing the National Defence College(NDC), he said, "The recent Ukrainian conflict showed how its ripple effects could adversely impact the whole world.

Together, Russia and Ukraine export nearly a third of the world's wheat and barley, but this conflict had prevented grain from leaving the 'breadbasket of the world' and led to food crisis in various African and Asian countries.

"The conflict has also



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh during the convocation ceremony of National Defence College, in New Delhi on Thursday PTI Photo

fuelled an energy crisis in the world. In Europe, oil and gas supply has been dwindling. India has also been affected as the Russia-Ukraine war led to a disruption in international energy supply, making the energy import much more expensive," he said.

Describing the vulnerability of critical infrastructure to cyber-attacks as a big concern, Rajnath said sectors such as energy, transport, public sector services, telecommunications, critical manufacturing industries and interconnected financial systems are prone to such threats.

He was of the view that information war has the potential to threaten the political stability of a country.

He pointed out that the organised use of social media and other online content generation platforms is engineering the opinion and perspective of the masses.

He cited the example of deployment of information war in the Russia-Ukraine conflict and said social media has served as a battleground for both sides to spread competing narratives about the war and portray the conflict on their own terms.

Rajnath also threw light on the narrowing gap between

internal and external security and said new dimensions of threats are being added with changing times and difficult to classify.

The NDC was established in 1960. Considered the highest school of strategic learning in the country, it is a premier Inter-Services academic institution under the Ministry of Defence, responsible for training and grooming of senior officers (of Brigadier equivalent rank) of the Indian Armed Forces, Civil Services as well as from friendly foreign countries.



Scroll of Honour for NSA

New Delhi: NSA Ajit Doval has been conferred with the 'Scroll of Honour' by the NDC. Doval received the award when he visited the institute in the national Capital on Wednesday. He is an alumnus of the NDC. Doval spoke on the subject 'India@2050: Potential & Relevance'. PNS



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Union Home Minister Amit Shah and BJP national president JP Nadda during the Central Election Committee meeting of the BJP, at the party headquarters in New Delhi on Wednesday PTI Photo

Asia must tap into its solar potential: CREA analyst

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

In the first half of 2022, solar generation helped India save \$4.2 billion in fuel costs and 19.4 million tonnes of coal that would have, otherwise, further stressed an already strained domestic supply, as per a report released on Thursday.

Prepared by energy think tank Ember, the Centre for Research on Energy and Clean Air and the Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis, the report said that five of the top 10 economies with solar capacity are now within Asia, including India, China, Japan, South Korea and Vietnam.

The contribution of solar generation in seven key Asian countries — India, China, Japan, South Korea, Vietnam,

the Philippines and Thailand - avoided potential fossil fuel costs of around USD 34 billion from January to June 2022, the report said. This is equivalent to 9 percent of total fossil fuel costs during this period, it added.

"In India, solar generation avoided \$4.2 billion in fuel costs in the first half of the year. It also avoided the need for 19.4 million tonnes of coal that would have further stressed an already strained domestic supply," the report stated.

CREA's Southeast Asia Analyst Isabella Suarez said Asian countries need to tap into their massive solar potential to rapidly transition away from costly and highly-polluting fossil fuels.

The potential savings from existing solar alone are enormous, and expediting their

deployment alongside other clean energy sources such as wind, will be crucial for energy security in the region. While ambitious targets are important, follow through will be the key thing to watch moving forward, she said.

Vibhuti Garg, Director, South Asia at Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis said reliance on imports of coal and gas in the last few months has proven to be expensive and unreliable.

"Transition to renewable energy such as solar can help reduce the overall system costs and also reduce burden to consumers by lowering tariffs. For energy security and economic reasons, it makes sense for India and rest of Asia to redirect investments towards building renewable energy ecosystem," she said.

7 held in J&K Police recruitment scam

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The CBI has arrested seven accused persons, including, a Head Constable and three Constables of CRPF, an Assistant Sub Inspector of Jammu and Kashmir Police and private persons in an on-going investigation of a case related to Jammu and Kashmir Police Sub Inspector Recruitment Scam.

The seven arrested accused are being produced before the Court of Chief Judicial Magistrate (CJM), Jammu, the CBI said.

The arrested accused are Head Constable, CRPF, Pawan Kumar and Constables Amit Kumar Sharma, Atul Kumar and Sunil Sharma besides ASI, J&K Police, Jaisuriya Sharma. The private persons arrested are Tarsem Lal, resident of Pathankot (Punjab) and Asheesh Yadav of Rewari

(Haryana).

The CBI had registered a case on August 3 on the request of Jammu and Kashmir Government against 33 accused including then Medical Officer, BSF Frontier Headquarters, a Member of JKSSB and an Under Secretary, Section Officer (both of JKSSB) besides a former official of CRPF.

An ASI of J&K Police, owner of a coaching centre, Akhnoor; private company based at Bengaluru, private persons and unknown others were also booked on the allegations of irregularities in written examination for the posts of Sub-Inspectors in the J&K Police conducted by J&K Services Selection Board (JKSSB) on March 27.

The results were declared on June 4. There were allegations regarding malpractices in the examination. The J&K

Government had constituted an Inquiry Committee to look into the allegations.

It was alleged that the accused persons entered into conspiracy amongst officials of JKSSB, Bengaluru-based private company, beneficiary candidates and others, and caused gross irregularities in conduct of written examination for the posts of Sub-Inspectors.

It was further alleged that there was an abnormally high percentage of selected candidates from Jammu, Rajouri and Samba districts. Violation of rules by JKSSB was allegedly found in assigning the task of setting the question paper to a Bengaluru-based private company.

Investigation has revealed that the alleged payment of Rs 20 to 30 lakh by willing candidates and their families to the accused for accessing the question paper before commence-

ment of the examination.

Searches were earlier conducted at various locations in several States including Jammu and Kashmir, Haryana, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh and Karnataka at the premises of accused (retired and serving officials) and other persons which led to recovery of a large number of incriminating documents and digital evidence, the CBI has said.

It was found during investigation that the said accused in conspiracy with others including their relatives allegedly leaked the question paper, solicited candidates for sale of leaked question paper, received/collected huge cash around twenty lakh and transferred the same to different bank accounts.

Out of 13 accused arrested earlier, nine are presently in judicial custody and four are in police custody.

IN SHORTS

PM TO ATTEND G20 IN BALI ON NOV 14-16



New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit the Indonesian city of Bali from November 14 to 16 to attend the G20 summit, the MEA announced on Thursday. India will assume the Presidency of the powerful grouping from the current chair Indonesia on December 1.

VEERANGANA SEWA KENDRA LAUNCHED

New Delhi: In an effort to address the grievances of veermaris (widows of martyrs), the Indian Army on Thursday launched a single-window redressal facility at the Delhi Cantonment named "Veerangana Seva Kendra". It will be available as a service on the Indian Army Veterans Portal www.indianarmyveterans.gov.in.

MEA IN TOUCH WITH KIN OF EX-NAVYMEN IN QATAR

New Delhi: MEA spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said here on Thursday the Indian government is in touch with the families of eight ex-Indian Navy personnel in custody in Qatar. He also said the government is trying for consular access to them adding "We've been trying to resolve this. I wouldn't like to talk about legal issues without knowing full details."

WE'RE IN TOUCH WITH DETAINED SAILORS

New Delhi: The MEA on Thursday said all efforts are on for an early resolution of the issue of 16 Indian sailors now in detention in Equatorial Guinea. MEA spokesperson said the government is aware of the consular issue. "We're in touch with detained sailors." They are reportedly in the custody of the Guinea Navy for the last 90 days.

NIRAV PLEA REJECTION BY UK COURT HAILED

New Delhi: India on Thursday said it welcomes the United Kingdom High Court's decision to dismiss an appeal against extradition of Nirav Modi. Giving this reaction a day the British court rejected the appeal, the ministry of external affairs also said here "We will continue with our efforts to get back Nirav Modi as well as other economic offenders so that they are brought to justice."

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No red wave

Biden’s party did manage to avert what the Democrats feared—landslide by Republicans

The Bharatiya Janata Party loves to keep political debate tethered to emotive issues. The final results of the mid-term polls in the United States are yet to come as these lines are being written, but one thing was clear: there was no ‘red wave.’ It was not that the Republicans had managed to convince Americans about the genuineness of their conservative agenda. This was despite low approval ratings for President Joe Biden and his suboptimal performance. Inflation is soaring; it was 7.9 per cent, though was much less than 9.1 per cent in June. This has led to an increase in interest rates. Living standards have been going down. The Heritage Foundation, a leading think tank, estimates that the average American’s annual income has decreased over \$4,200 since Biden took office. In comparison, his predecessor Donald Trump’s record was sterling, with median household income, at \$68,700 in 2019, being the highest since 1967 when it was first measured. And the 2019 number was inflation-adjusted. The poverty rate fell to the lowest level of 10.5 per cent in 2019. During the first three years when Trump was president, the unemployment rate hit a 50-year low. Evidently, the Covid pandemic badly hit not just the Americans and people around the world but also his presidency. His policies helped everyone in the country but thought leaders, including the mainstream media, intensely disliked him and whatever he did. Biden was the beneficiary, but he has kept blundering from one issue to the other. His policies have mostly brought pain to his people. This explains his low ratings.

A single factor explains his unpopularity and various failings: dominance of the Left in the Democratic Party. It has resulted in insane movements like ‘defund the police’ (leading to rise in crimes in many parts, especially those under Democrats) and energy dependence (under Trump, the US had become a net energy exporter). This has resulted in high fuel prices and, as a cascading effect, high inflation. All this because Biden has been following the radical climate change agenda. But sometimes in politics, as in life, nothing succeeds like a failure. Well, his party’s performance in mid-terms cannot be called a success but it did manage to avert what pundits predicted and the Democrats feared—a red wave. No party has got a majority in any chamber of Congress, though the Republicans have more seats in both. In the Senate, they have 49 members, whereas the Democrats have 48; in the House of Representatives, the corresponding numbers are 209 and 191. The mid-term results are especially discouraging for Trump, as many of the Republicans he supported lost. This may hurt his chances to run for the 2024 presidential election. That may not be very good for India, for Trump was favourably disposed towards Delhi than Biden is.



Free for all in Kerala

The Governor’s faux pas has caused unnecessary confusion and chaos in the state

Kerala Governor Arif Mohammed Khan turning out to be a one-man army against the CPI (M)-led Government. The opposition Congress party finds itself caught between a Scylla and Charybdis situation as it cannot support the BJP-Government appointed Governor or the CPI(M), the Grand Old Party’s main rival in the State. On Monday the State witnessed the Kerala media playing the role of court jesters with the Governor asking the representatives of the CPI (M) and Jamaat-e-Islami mouthpieces to get out of his session with journalists. Adding insult to the injury was a CPI(M) honcho’s comment that the media was tarnishing his party’s image.

The PinarayiVijayan-led CPI(M) returned to power with an increased majority in the 2021 assembly election. Vijayan is the monarch of everything that he surveys. Though haunted by Central agencies like the Enforcement Directorate, CBI, and the Customs and facing allegations ranging from gold smuggling, FERA, FEMA, and a host of corruption cases, Vijayan decimated the Congress-led UDF and the BJP in Kerala, establishing himself as the unquestioned leader of the CPI(M). There are reports that he may find himself as the Opposition’s Prime Ministerial candidate at the right moment after the 2024 Lok Sabha election.

But the second term of Vijayan will be remembered for his “battle royale” against the Governor which he could have avoided with his political acumen. It is an open secret in Kerala that the CPI(M) would appoint only party nominees as vice-chancellors. Candidates for other posts too would be selected from the list of names given by the district secretaries of the party and this has been the precedent for decades. The Governor should have been told by his advisers that this was the tradition in Kerala. The present stand-off between Governor and the Government could have been avoided had the former turned Nelson’s eye towards it. The Governor by asking two media houses to get out from his press meet gave immortality to two non-entities in the media landscape of the State. Interestingly, the average Keralite has not taken these two media houses seriously. The new generation of media professionals in Kerala is not familiar with the maxim “Nemo debetesse Juxda in propria causa”, which means no man shall be a judge in his cause. A popular news channel’s scribe was heard during his reporting that the Governor needs psychiatric treatment. This is the classic fence eating the crop syndrome.

Economic super power in the making

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The Indian nation is at a crossroads. While the world is going through a phase of undeclared economic recession, worsened and complicated by Covid-19 and now by the protracted war between Russia and Ukraine, India’s economy is stable and growing the fastest. But our economic progress is far below our true potential.

India is a gifted nation from the point of view of natural resources and bounties as it shows a latent potential and promise for high growth-even in the adverse circumstances outlined above. The inherent potential for the explosive growth of the economy is even today strikingly visible.

The slowdown in India’s economic growth from 2018 onwards was seen in the wake of persisting clear deficits and lingering gaps in infrastructural facilities, the slowdown in consumer and industrial demand as also a sharp decline in manufacturing output. It is also not difficult to see that India has not achieved substantially on the economic front - in terms of parameters of growth employment generation, manufacturing, and exports.

Systemic changes are meant the changes in our constitution and the governance frameworks that derive from the constitution. Our vertical hierarchy type bureaucracy is by far the worst type of system for the administrative functioning of governments and governmental institutions of a sovereign nation. It is exploitative and attaches to the senior members more authority and less accountability. This type of bureaucratic structure was devised by the British to continuously plunder India and, alas, this structure is being followed by the extant governments even seven decades after independence.

We are certainly not seeing the best from our PSUs whose share in our economy is 15 per cent but who drive the growth of small and medium enterprises significantly. Some of them like BHEL have lost heavily on the order book while others like MTNL and VSNL have gone



deep into the red.

The fallouts of the wrong structure of governments are not confined to PSUs. They percolated deep down into private sector business houses controlled by them and the whole set of SMEs (small and medium enterprises) governed by them.

Despite what the ruling NDA says, the government is also in the business--of governance. Yes, the business of governance is not profit-centered. But it needs essentially the same techniques and methodologies that are employed in the commercial world of profit. It needs perseverance, honesty, transparency, and accountability to serve its purposes well. It needs professionally sound, foolproof systems that will establish discipline and efficiency. It needs economic and fiscal discipline like any commercial business. Changes and reforms, howsoever well-intentioned, will deliver beneficial results only if the implementing laws and machinery are appropriate. These are the very reasons for the failure of the government to attract FDI and Indian private sector investment for Make in India. Regrettably, the Swadeshi bandwagon of RSS was given a go and foreign companies like Amazon continued to devour the domes-

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE WORST LAYOFF EVER

Sir —The worst lay-off in the global tech industry by Meta, which saw 11,000 employees being shown the door or sacked, has hit India teams too. In one of the worst lay-offs ever in the tech industry after Twitter — which saw 90 per cent of India’s team being sacked — Meta Founder and CEO Mark Zuckerberg fired about 13 per cent of the global workforce and extended the hiring freeze through Q1 2023.

The layoffs impacted the Meta India team across verticals, although the exact number of affected employees could not be ascertained it is a very big figure. Meta will have up to 400 employees in the country, and its business is doing relatively well. According to business intelligence platform Tofler, the net profit of Facebook India Online Services, the registered entity of Meta, jumped to Rs 297 crore in FY22 in comparison to Rs 128 crore in FY21, while its revenues grew 56 per cent to Rs 2,324 crore in FY22 from Rs 1,485 crore in FY21. Last week, Meta announced that its India head, Ajit Mohan, decided to step down from his role at the company.

BhagwanThadani | Mumbai

PAKISTAN’S UNEASE

Sir — Pakistan is in relentless unease, to differing degrees to stay undeveloped. The feudal roots go deep in Pakistan and rivalry has transcended time. Vendetta is cyclical and a change of guard at the highest Pak echelon, be it civilian or the army seldom led to improved stability. Its trust in the military chief has always been belied. Despite coming into existence 75 years ago, Pakistan is still endeavoring for an authentic and real democracy. From weak political parties to unsteady institutions and a lack of political awareness, Pakistan covers it all.

Upon the creation of Pakistan, its constituent assembly was set up for drawing up the constitution and serving as a legislature under the parliamentary system. Regardless of these critical obligations, the assembly failed deplorably.

Broadcast in national interest

is public property and needs to be used in the best interest of the society.

This move by the central government is highly appreciable. Television channels have to board cast according to guidelines on topics of national significance and social relevance, particularly in eight areas which include education and the promotion of literacy, agriculture and rural development, health and family welfare, science and technology, the welfare of women, welfare of the weaker segments of society, and protection of the environment. However center might have incorporated areas like consumer awareness, the welfare of Transgender, empowerment of persons with disabilities also. Further, it’s good that the new guidelines have exempted categories like sports channels where it is not feasible to obey the guidelines related to the obligation of public service broadcasting.

Vijaykumar H K | Raipur

There was an inordinate delay on framing the constitution as legal standards for the state’s functions and division of power were not clearly set out, leading to political unrest. Thus bypassing general elections the members of the constituent assembly were unrepresentative of the Pakistani population in an abject lack of democratic process. From the very beginning, its democracy was indifferent to result in a weak democratic system. Pakistan has long been led by circumstances and very seldom by its leaders. As popular movements are absent, Pakistan will remain impoverished under a fresh set of PMs, Army Chiefs acquired from time to time.

R.Narayanan | Mumbai

KERALA GOVERNOR FIGHTS STATE GOVT

Sir — The Kerala Governor Arif Mohammad Khan is not fighting the media, but correcting the wrong practices of the party lenient, two political channels, Kairali and Media One. He had invited all the media but stubbornly denied only the two. He didn’t allow them

in a press briefing he addressed on Monday in the Guest house. The Governor is the Chancellor of universities including General universities, Agricultural universities, Technical universities, and Medical universities. Also, the Chancellor has the power to appoint vice-chancellors through certain norms. Himmathai to saamneaa... This phrase was to be adopted by the Governor because the chief minister is promoting law-breakers and mocking democracy by insulting the ruler of the nation, and the Constitution of India.

It is not good to blame the Governor who wants to correct the illegalities of the Government, but the ruling party for which any means are good to reach their partisan ends. Party people are posted in jobs, not through the Public Service Commission but by the party people, who act as the people of law, manhandling the protesters themselves.

TV Jayaprakash | Palakkad



Moreover, Chinese exports still thrive on high subsidies by their government. China is also suffering from the heavy costs of coal imports due to its rising prices and this situation has created a power crisis leading to shut down of many industrial units in recent times. India is at an advantageous position regarding its manufacturing cost competitiveness vis-à-vis China today. This provides verily the best situation for India to exploit.

Many strategic steps can be suggested to give a boost to India’s economy in various sectors. Investment in value-added food and agro items, in our traditional healthcare system of Ayurveda, and tourism will pay us rich dividends considering their potential in the current global scenario. But the bottom line is that we must reform our systems of administration and judiciary in line with the radical constitutional reforms cited above.

With such changes, we shall see a new India emerge fast which would be the leading economic superpower- and not for the first time in global history.

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SOUND BITE

Serving the ordinary citizen is my priority...My work, not words, will speak.

Chief Justice of India
—DY Chandrachud

I think that Elon Musk’s co-operation and/or technical relationships with other countries is worthy of being looked at.

US President
—Joe Biden

I want to clear one thing. I saw a lot of articles describing my condition as life-threatening. The stage I’m in, it’s not life-threatening. At the moment, I’m not dead yet.

Actor
—Samantha Ruth Pabhu

There is no clear or outright favourites for the second semi-final. Both teams are equally good. For India, the performance of the top order will be crucial.

Former Chairman of Selector
—MSK Prasad

I hold that both accused (Sanjay Raut and PravinRaut) are basically arrested illegally. Both of them are entitled to parity in view of disparity made by the ED in not arresting the main accused.

Judge Special court, Mumbai
—MG Deshpande

FIRST COLUMN

INDIA NOW SEEN AS A PEACE BROKER

G20 Presidency gives India opportunity to end war in Ukraine



KUMARDEEP BANERJEE

A couple of news articles in the US-based prominent news outlets suggest a change in the headwinds in the western narrative of war in Ukraine. India, which was seen as a key ally to Russia in its unilateral war, is now being touted as a probable peace broker. The articles quote the role India has played silently at key flash points during the nearly nine month old war. First, India is said to have influenced Russia to lift the blockade on grain ships from Ukraine and ensured that millions of tons of grains were released for world consumption. Similarly, India has also been credited to be the back-room peacemaker, avoiding a catastrophic nuclear blow up when Russia was shelling the Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant in Ukraine.

This backhanded acknowledgement of India's autonomous foreign policy on most global affairs in the current play of events shows New Delhi has managed to sell its version of the story to the US audience, even though Europe may still have its own version of the reality. These articles also come at a time when Indian external affairs minister S Jaishankar was on a two day visit to Russia (after his last trip in July 2021), a first bilateral visit from a high ranking Indian official, since Russia marched its troops into Ukraine in February 2022. Jaishankar during the visit met his counterpart Sergey Lavrov and deputy prime minister of the Russian federation Denis Manturov. In the run up to Jaishankar's visit to Russia, Lavrov had said that both countries shared similar positions on most pressing global issues and also in their adherence to international law and UN charter (which has been under severe criticism by the west, due to Russia's unilateral military move in Ukraine).




He added that both India and Russia stood for a more just and equal polycentric world order. The Ministry of External Affairs statement read that the visit focused on regional and international developments and on bilateral economic cooperation across domains. Clearly, Ukraine was the key topic of discussion with Russia and its impact on a huge chunk of nations representing the global south, whose key spokesperson is India. The war in Ukraine, completing nearly a year, has eroded political and economic capital for almost all parties involved. Even though US has been steadfast in its support for the cause of Ukraine citizens, and has been bankrolling their right to defend, against a bully, chinks are emerging in the narrative.

The US consumers facing a historic 40 years high inflation, primarily driven by record gas prices at fuel stations, melt down in the tech sector, have started to question the validity of writing off billions of dollars to Ukraine. The midterm results in the US have further complicated President Joe Biden's ability to keep funding the war. Europe is also waking up from the deep shock of having faced physical war in its backyard after the Second World War. Russia, the aggressor, has managed to hold its ground despite the sanctions imposed by western nations but its supreme leader, President Vladimir Putin, is far from being the heroic figure he had set out to establish. The nine-month war has deeply eroded Russia's military equipment and personnel, much of which will take decades to be refurbished. His initial target of winning Ukraine in a couple of months and installing a Russia-friendly government in Ukraine within a couple of weeks, has stretched on for months, slowly gnawing at his public image. India is all set to take on the presidency of prestigious G20 next month and one of the key highlights could be brokering peace in Ukraine.

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The veneer of Indian democracy falling off



BISWAJEET BANERJEE

A cult system has arisen in which the supreme leader becomes the embodiment of the nation

This is election time again in India. Himachal Pradesh and Gujarat will go to polls early next month. There will be the municipal corporation elections in Delhi and the general election in 2024 in which Prime Minister Narendra Modi will seek re-election for the third time in a row.

As is the tradition in India, surveys are out on different platforms – television channels, social media, and YouTube – with everyone coming up with their predictions. The majority of the predictions say that the Bharatiya Janata Party will return to power in Himachal Pradesh and Gujarat and even Modi will comfortably return to power after the 2024 general elections.

Is this continuous success of a political party in an electoral battle good for democracy in a country like India? This question is being discussed everywhere, be it a roadside eatery or a barber's salon. The question agitating minds is whether the continuous success of a political party in elections because of the absence of an effective opposition is a good sign of democracy.

History is replete with examples of how India preserved its democracy after it attained freedom which was marked by a bloody Partition. In the last 75 years, India has been able to hold on to democracy despite widespread illiteracy, a high rate of poverty, and the prevailing social ills like the caste system. Such has been the odds against India that a section of western commentators believes that if democracy can make it in India, it can make it anywhere.

Ironically, India has stuck to democracy while country after country has fallen into the hands of autocrats and tin-pot dictators. We have an example of Pakistan, our neighbouring country, which attained freedom with us, but it juggled between democracy and self-claimed dictators, who were puppets in the hands of the army.

Why did India survive and continue to be the flag-bearer of democracy? Simple, because of its people. It is the people's intensity and power to question which has kept democracy afloat in India. The people believe in the power of the ballot in bringing change and they have brought changes, not once, but many times.

In earlier years, Indian democracy was marked by a free press, enlightened citizens, and a vibrant civil society that always added sheen to the majestic grandeur of democracy. The world is changing, and so are the democratic norms. The space to question authority is fast shrinking. Political parties are to be blamed for this. This is no secret that almost all political parties revolve around a single personality—which generally revolves around a family. This straightjacketed political system has even prevented political parties from raising the issues which concern the masses. They talk about the issue which



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revolves around the person who heads the party in question.

This trend has given rise to the cult system. The supreme leader becomes the embodiment of the nation and the main custodian of national interest. Since Narendra Modi-led Bharatiya Janata Party has come to power, politics now revolves around Modi. The opposition leaders claim that before Modi there was a free press, an active culture of public debate, and a reasonably free judiciary. But now, the opposition is stymied and its leaders are harassed through raids conducted by the Central Bureau of Investigations and the officials of the Enforcement Directorate. But the same opposition is silent when wades of currency notes are recovered from the residence of opposition leaders during such raids by the ED or the CBI.

Cult politics is not new to India. It was also witnessed when Congress was in power and Indira Gandhi was the prime minister of the country. As prime minister, Indira Gandhi was known for her political intransigence and unprecedented centralisation of power.

This super success brought a dark phase too as India Gandhi declared an Emergency from 1975 to 1977 during which basic civil liberties were suspended and the press was censored. Widespread atrocities were committed during the Emergency. Opposition leaders were arrested under the draconian law called the Maintenance of Internal Security Act (MISA). It was a controversial law passed by



the Indian Parliament in 1971 giving the administration and Indian law enforcement agencies very broad powers – indefinite preventive detention of individuals and search and seizure of property without warrants in the name of threats to national security.

Once again the people displayed the inherent democratic power they have and voted the Indira Gandhi-led Congress government out of power. In the elections of 1977, Indira Gandhi even lost her election from Rae Bareilly. Democracy means power coming to where the people are. But what is happening today is that people are coming to where the power is. This has led to the creation of power centers in politics, and in turn, it has given rise to the political cult system. In this system, political parties have become bodies without organs. The system lacks internal metabolism but the leaders project it muscular through social media campaigns or the media. This is a fact that nowadays, common men do not swarm to political rallies being addressed by leaders. The event is choreographed in such a way that makes people believe that it was a great success.

Politics has become nastier and murkier where public debates are reduced to toxic discourses. During television debates, the crescendo of abuse of political rivals is alarming. The spokespersons of political parties deliberately use insulting words against their rivals.

In this scenario, people are fast losing their power to say 'no' — a word that is the symbol of resistance and this resistance is the bedrock of democracy. The 'adda' or the coffee house culture has vanished where youth used to share a free flow of ideas. The discussions used to be lively where voices of dissent were without any fear and prejudice. What India is witnessing today is the emergence of a band of followers who find no ill in the system. They have lost the power to question the leaders or the administration because in modern-day politics loyal soldiers are showered with perks in form of 'offices' or resources.

This is happening because there is no opposition at the national and state levels of politics. Whoever is in power has systematically worked to decimate the opposition. With non-existent opposition, the ruling party is having a field day, which is symbolized in its winning elections, be it at the national level where Modi returned to power or in the state elections of Uttar Pradesh, Bengal, Goa, Haryana, and Bihar where the respective ruling parties retained power. The only exception was Punjab and Rajasthan.

The veneer of Indian democracy is falling apart. People need a space to air their views, criticize government decisions and the media should report without fear and ill will. It is the responsibility of political parties, particularly the ruling party, to provide that space, otherwise it would be a requiem for grand Indian democracy.

POINTCOUNTERPOINT

THE HEIGHT OF THE MOUNTAINS OF GARBAGE ONLY INCREASED UNDER AREAS OF THE MCD DESPITE THE BJP PROMISING TO REDUCE WASTE FROM LANDFILL SITES.

— AAP LEADER

ATISHI MARLENA



AAP AND KEJRIWAL ARE INSULTING, MCD SANITATION WORKERS WHO COME ON DUTY AND COLLECT 11,000 METRIC TONNES OF GARBAGE FROM OUR HOUSES.

—BJP DELHI CHIEF

ADESH GUPTA

Climate activists: “Adults aren’t listening”

The young climate activists are frustrated with the indifference of officials who only give lip service to the cause and do nothing

The climate change generation is saying officials are talking too much, listening too little and acting even less. And they are fed up. “Instead of talking about how to solve the climate crisis, they negotiate about how to continue polluting,” said Mitzy Violeta, a 23-year old indigenous activist from Mexico. “Youth movements are realising the solution isn't going to be in international gatherings,” like the one taking place in Egypt.

“We're upset with the inaction that's being done,” said Jasmine Wynn, 18, of the environmental group Treeage.

With decades of warmer and extreme weather ahead of them, young climate activists envision a future that has them frustrated and anxious,



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according to more than 130 activists questioned by The Associated Press.

Most of them said they think their strikes and protests are effective. But lately in high-profile, attention-grabbing actions, a handful of activists have gone beyond skipping school to targeting art work, tires and fossil fuel depots.

Experts and funders expect these in-your-face actions to escalate.

“They will do whatever is non-violently necessary. They're on fire,” said Margaret Klein Salamon, a clinical psychologist who runs the Climate Emergency Fund that financially backs some of the in-your-face protest events. “They're so passionate. Some of that comes from

youth, sure. But it is powered by reality, by having a sort of confrontation with the truth.”

At one of the more traditional protests in New York City in September, 14-year-old Truly Hort said she was scared about the future: “I've always had all these dreams, and now I'm like God, I can't do that.”

The trouble, she said, is that leaders talk about what they hope to do, “but it's not a lot of people taking action.”

But protesting only does so much, Dec-Prat said: “I honestly feel that adults aren't listening.”

Governments and international organisations are advancing too slowly to fight climate change, many of those interviewed said about climate conferences. A vast

majority of activists asked agreed with Greta Thunberg's characterisation of climate negotiations as all talk and no action, or “blah blah blah,” as the Swedish activist put it in a speech last year.

“So rather than just making noise to contribute to the blah blah blah, make noise for action. I think that has to be the critical thing,” said 25-year-old Jevanic Henry of St. Lucia in the Caribbean. “We are driving action.”

“Money doesn't matter because we're not going to have anywhere to live,” said Aniva Clarke, a 17-year old activist from Samoa. “And that's probably the biggest issue that a lot of world leaders aren't really focusing on.”

While many youth activists don't feel they are being listened to, United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres credited the world's youth for spurring negotiators to do more.

University of Maryland social scientist Dana Fisher, who studies the environment movement and youth activists, said, “young people have gotten a lot more say than they did in any other time during my adult life,” Fisher said. “I think a lot of them felt like because they were invited and given these opportunities that meant everybody's going to snap and change policy.”

And she said that's not what happens, which then causes them to get frustrated.

Speaking at a London cultural event, Thunberg said annual climate conferences

like the one in Egypt will not bring about meaningful change. “Unless, of course, we use them as an opportunity to mobilise,” she said, “and make people realise what a scam this is and realise that these systems are failing us.”

One of the most prominent youth climate activists, Vanessa Nakate of Uganda, has been both on the outside as a protestor starting the Rise Up Movement and later inside as a UNICEF ambassador on climate change.

“The question should be like, what should the leaders do? I've done activism, I have realised the youth have done everything,” Nakate told The Associated Press.

And there's little doubt about who young activists

think needs to foot the bill in the fight against climate change: wealthy, industrialised nations that historically have emitted more greenhouse gases than poorer ones. Rich countries have pledged to pay poor ones to adapt against the hurricanes, droughts and floods made worse by climate change, but so far they've not fulfilled their USD 100 billion promise.

While investors on Wall Street continue pouring money into funds that call themselves 'green', many young climate activists blame free-market capitalism itself for adding heat-trapping gasses to the atmosphere — something that adult analysts and officials often ignore as a factor.

RUSSIA SAYS RETREAT FROM KEY CITY BEGUN BUT UKRAINE CAUTIOUS

AP ■ KYIV

Ukrainian officials acknowledged that Russian troops had no choice but to flee a key southern city but stopped short of declaring victory in Kherson on Thursday even after Moscow said it began a retreat that would represent a humiliating defeat in the grinding war.

It was difficult to know what was happening in the strategic port city, from which tens of thousands have fled in recent weeks. Some Western observers, including the highest-ranking U.S. Military officer, said they believed the Kremlin's forces have been forced to pull out — though a full withdrawal could take some time.

Ukrainian officials have warned for weeks that any announcement of a Russian retreat should be treated skeptically. They have accused Moscow of plotting to lure Ukrainian troops into an ambush and said Russian sol-



diers have donned civilian clothes in an effort to melt into the city's population.

But on Thursday, Ukraine's armed forces commander-in-chief, Valeriy Zaluzhny, said that "the enemy had no other choice but to resort to fleeing," since Kyiv's army has "destroyed logistical routes and supply system, disrupted the system of the enemy's military command" in the area.

Still, he said that Ukrainian military could not confirm or deny that Russian forces were indeed withdrawing from Kherson as the Russian Defense Ministry reported Thursday. The ministry said there was a "maneuver of units of the Russian group" to the opposite side of the Dnieper River from where Kherson lies, a day after ordering a withdrawal.

But another senior Ukrainian official offered another reason to be wary of any pull-back: Presidential adviser Mykhailo Podolyak alleged Russian forces had laid mines throughout Kherson, saying they wanted to turn it into a "city of death."

Moscow took Kherson soon after the invasion on Feb. 24 — the only provincial capital it has captured — and illegally annexed the wider region of the same name in September.

A forced pullout from the city would mark one of Russia's worst setbacks and recapturing Kherson could allow Ukraine to win back lost territory in the south, including Crimea, which Moscow illegally seized in 2014. A Russian retreat is also almost certain to raise domestic pressure on the Kremlin to escalate the conflict.

Ukrainian officials have been cautious throughout the war in declaring any victories against a Russian force that at least initially outgunned and

outmanned them. But their outright skepticism of Russia's announcement of a withdrawal was unusual.

Army Gen. Mark Milley, chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, said a day earlier that he believed a retreat was underway.

"The initial indicators are they are in fact doing it. They made the public announcement they're doing it. I believe they're doing it in order to preserve their force to reestablish defensive lines south of the (Dnieper) River, but that remains to be seen," he said at The Economic Club of New York.

Milley said Russia had amassed 20,000 to 30,000 troops in Kherson and a full retreat could take several weeks.

One analyst noted that the Ukrainian army has been systematically destroying bridges and roads for several months, making a quick transfer of Russian troops from one side of the river to the other an impossibility.

Putin won't attend upcoming G-20 summit

AP ■ JAKARTA

Russian President Vladimir Putin will not attend the Group of 20 summit in Indonesia next week, an Indonesian government official said on Thursday, avoiding a possible confrontation with the United States and its allies over his war in Ukraine. Luhut Binsar Pandjaitan, the chief of support for G-20 events, said Putin's decision not to come was "the best for all of us."

US President Joe Biden, Chinese President Xi Jinping and other world leaders are to attend the two-day summit that starts next Tuesday.

The summit would have been the first time Biden and Putin were together at a gathering since Russia invaded Ukraine in February. Indonesian President Joko Widodo is hosting the event on the island of Bali.

"It has been officially informed that Russia's President Vladimir Putin will not attend the G-20 summit, and will be



represented by a high-level official, and this has been discussed by President Joko Widodo and Putin in previous telephone conversations," Pandjaitan said after meeting security officials in Denpasar, the capital of Bali.

"Whatever happens with Russia's decision, it is for our common good and the best for all of us," added Pandjaitan, who is also the coordinating minister of maritime affairs and investment.

He said earlier that Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov

will lead the Russian delegation. Pandjaitan did not know why Putin decided not to come but said "maybe it's because President Putin is busy at home, and we also have to respect that."

Pandjaitan confirmed the same reason may be keeping Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy at home as well.

Widodo earlier this year travelled to Kyiv and Moscow in an effort to get the two leaders to sit down in Bali and make peace.

Russian Foreign Ministry and Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov confirmed later on Thursday that Lavrov will head Russia's delegation at the G-20 summit instead of Putin. He did not give a reason.

Putin's decision not to attend the summit comes as Russian forces in Ukraine have suffered significant setbacks.

Russia's military said it will withdraw from Kherson, which is the only Ukrainian regional capital it captured and a gateway to the Russian-occupied Crimean Peninsula.

Ukraine boosts Southeast Asia ties with peace accord

AP ■ PHNOM PENH

Ukraine signed a peace accord Thursday with Southeast Asian nations, a largely symbolic act that comes as Kyiv seeks to shore up international support in isolating Russia.

Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba signed the "Treaty on Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia" as the annual summit of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations got underway in Phnom Penh.

The ASEAN summit kicks off a series of three top-level meetings in Asia, with the Group of 20 summit in Bali to follow and then the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation forum in Bangkok. They come as Russia seeks new markets for its energy products to avoid



Western sanctions following its invasion of Ukraine.

As a group, the ASEAN nations, with a combined population of nearly 700 million, have been reserved in their stance toward the invasion, condemning the war but generally trying to avoid assigning blame. Eight of 10 ASEAN countries did vote in favor of the U.N. General Assembly resolution condemning Russian aggression, with Vietnam and Laos

abstaining.

Member state Singapore has taken the strongest stance, imposing unilateral sanctions on Russia, while Cambodia has been increasingly supportive of Ukraine in its ASEAN chairmanship.

In an early November call with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, Cambodian President Hun Sen stressed the need for an end to the war "so that Ukraine can regain peace, stability, territorial integrity and development," according to Hun Sen's office.

"Cambodia is against the aggression, the threat of or use of force over sovereignty and the territorial integrity of an independent state, and does not support the secession or the annexation of territory by other countries," Hun Sen said.

Japan, US hold joint arms drills amid China, N Korea worry

AP ■ TOKYO

Japan and the United States began a major joint military exercise on Thursday in southern Japan as the allies aim to step up readiness in the face of China's increasing assertiveness and North Korea's intensifying missile launches.

The biennial "Keen Sword" drills kicked off at a Japanese air base in southern Japan and will also be held in several other locations in and around Japan through November 19.

About 26,000 Japanese and 10,000 American troops, as well as 30 vessels and 370 aircraft from both sides, are to participate in the drills, according to the Japanese Defence Ministry.

Australia, Britain and Canada will also join parts of the drills, it said.

Joint field trainings that include amphibious landing exercises are planned on south-



western Japanese remote islands, including Tokunoshima, Amami and Tsutarajima, as Japan has been bolstering its defence capability in the region amid growing tensions over China.

China has reinforced its claims to virtually the entire South China Sea by constructing artificial islands equipped with military installations and airfields. Beijing also claims a

string of islands that are controlled by Japan in the East China Sea, and has stepped up military harassment of self-ruled Taiwan, which it says is part of China to be annexed by force if necessary.

The joint exercise also comes on the heels of intensifying missile firings by North Korea, which has launched more than 30 of them this year, including one on Wednesday that fell in the sea between the Korean Peninsula and Japan.

Last month, an intercontinental ballistic missile flew over northern Japan.

Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, citing worsening security in the region, has pledged to substantially increase Japanese military capability and possibly allow preemptive strike capability to attack enemy missile launch sites from afar.

The plans are expected to be included in a revised national security strategy and mid-to long-term defence guidelines later this year.

A move to develop strike capability is a major shift for Japan's self-defence-only principle, though the country has rapidly expanded its military's role and capability in the past decade to work more closely with the United States and other partners in the region and Europe.

Bao Tong, prominent Chinese liberal voice, dies at 90

AP ■ BEIJING

Bao Tong, a leading voice for political reform in the Chinese Communist Party who was purged after the bloody 1989 Tiananmen Square crackdown, has died at age 90.

Son Bao Pu said in a tweet that his father passed away peacefully on Wednesday morning. Bao had been living in a Beijing suburb under tight police supervision. Bao Tong joined the Communist Party as an underground member prior to its 1949 seizure of power under Mao Zedong, and rose to be a top aide to former Communist Party general secretary Zhao Ziyang, who was deposed after expressing support for the student-led protests.

After the June 3-4 1989, army assault on the protesters, Zhao was placed under house arrest, while Bao spent most of the rest of his life in prison or under some form of detention.

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER , CONSTRUCTION WING
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Letter no. 2331/Nivida-Anubandh/Loahaght/ 27 Dated: 9-11-2022

E-Tender Notice

1. Name of the work :- Construction of building for Forest chowki at Kakrali First beat Compartment No- A Under Sharda Raji, Tanakpur District - Champawat

2. Estimated Cost :- Rs. 79.91 Lakh

3. Period of Completion :- 12 Month

4. Date and Time of availability of Bid documents in the portal:- 10.11.2022 (10.00 hrs)

5. Online Bid submission: End date :- 30.11.2022 (17.00 hrs)

6. Date & Time of Technical bid Opening :- 03.12.2022 (11.00hrs)

7. Name and Address of the Officer inviting bid :- General Manager (Kumaon), Nirman Wing, Uttarakhand Pey Jal Nigam, Haldwani.

8. Pre-bid meeting details (if required) Date & Place :- 17.11.2022 (11.00hrs) Project Manager Construction Unit Uttarakhand Peyjal Nigam, Loahaghat (Champawat).

9. For further details, details of subsequent Amendment / correction documentation etc. may be obtained from the e-Procurement portal www.uktenders.gov.in

GENERAL MANAGER

PUBLIC NOTICE

I,Omama Balakrishnan, W/o. Mr. Balakrishnan P. K. R/o. 684, Gali No. 13, Near Durga Builder, Shyam Colony, Sehatpur, Faridabad Haryana-121003 do hereby publically announce that the General Power of Attorney have executed in my name by the original Allottee Mr. Ramji Lal, S/o. Raj Pati Lal, R/o. M/s. Shashank Poly Plast (P) Ltd. B-107, Sector-6, Noida (UP) in respect of Flat No.91A, B-10A, Udaigiri-1, Sector-34, Noida the said G.P.A. was registered before Sub-Registrar, Noida on 19/07/1995 Agreement to sale not registered. Now the said Flat is going to transfer in the name of Mr.Balakrishnan, S/o. Shri Kumar N. on the basis of G.P.A. so, anyone have any objection in this regard, then he/she may lodge their objection before the U.S.D., Housing Depths of Noida Authority within 30 days from the date of this Publication.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Name of work and its location:-	30-Elect-48-T-2022-23-E3 Electrical work for provision of pit lights inside the washing cum pit lines & sick line pits of coach care center Anand Vihar
Approx cost of the works in:-	Rs. 65.01 lacs
Address of the office :-	Sr. Divit Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi.
Bid Security :-	Rs. 130000.00
Date & time of submission of tender :-	02.12.2022, 12.00 Hrs.
Opening of tender :-	02.12.2022, 12.00 Hrs.
Website & notice board :-	www.ireps.gov.in & Sr. Divit. Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi.

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Extract of the statement of Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter ended September 30, 2022

Sl. No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended 30.09.2022	Quarter Ended 30.09.2021	Year Ended 31-03-2022
		(Un-audited)	(Un-audited)	(Audited)
1	Total Income from operations	15.42	152.67	215.36
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax	10.93	31.42	81.73
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax	9.38	23.9	67.53
4	Equity Share Capital	1303.4	1303.4	1303.40
5	Reserves excluding Revaluation Reserve	-	-	82.49
6	Earnings Per Share (EPS) (of Rs. 2/- each)			
	Basic	0.01	0.04	0.1
	Diluted	0.01	0.04	0.1

Notes:-
The above is an Extract of the Detailed Format of Quarterly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The Full Format of the Quarterly Financial Results is available on the Website of Bombay Stock Exchange at www.bseindia.com & on Company website at www.cubical90.com.
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PLACE : DELHI.

EU pledges \$250 mn to Moldova to tackle acute energy crisis

AP ■ CHISINAU (MOLDOVA)

European Union Commission President Ursula von der Leyen paid an official visit to Moldova on Thursday, where she announced a 250 million-euro (-dollar) support package to help the small nation overcome an acute winter energy crisis amid Russia's war in Ukraine.

The EU chief said that Moldova, which neighbours Ukraine, will receive 100 million euros in grants and the same amount again in loans from the 27-nation bloc to help it meet its gas needs this winter, starting January 1.

An additional 50 million euros will help the country's most vulnerable citizens, she said.

"European solidarity with the Republic of Moldova is unshakable," von der Leyen said at a news conference in the capital, Chisinau, after meeting with pro-Western President Maia Sandu.

"We assure you that we will do our best to help you through this crisis."



Moldova, which has a population of about 2.6 million, is entirely dependent on Russia for its natural gas.

But Russia has used that dependence to pressure the country over its alignment with the West and in recent weeks halved its gas supplies, triggering an unprecedented energy crisis as winter begins to grip.

Sandu has said that Moscow's decision to reduce supplies amounts to "political blackmail" in the country where household energy tariffs have increased six-fold in the past year amid skyrocketing inflation.

"We are facing the worst

energy crisis in three decades," Sandu said on Thursday. "A crisis in which energy resources are being used as weapons against democracy."

"Only together, in solidarity, will we be able to survive the coming winter and preserve our freedom and a peaceful and democratic future," Sandu added.

In June, Moldova was granted EU candidate status, but the country likely won't obtain full membership for years, since it is conditional on a series of reforms in areas such as tackling corruption, organised crime and strengthening human rights and the rule of law.

"We want to bring Moldova into the safe and prosperous space of the European Union," Sandu said, "where human life and freedom are supreme values ... and states are not attacked for the development path they choose."

Von der Leyen also said on Thursday that a donors' meeting will be held in Paris later this month, to help Moldova purchase energy resources.

Lankan Prez opposed to outside intervention; invites Tamils to resolve issues internally

PTI ■ COLOMBO

President Ranil Wickremesinghe on Thursday said Sri Lanka does not need outside intervention in its internal affairs, as he invited the country's Tamil minority parties to hold talks next week to resolve some of the outstanding issues they faced.

"I invite all of you to have talks next week and settle all outstanding issues before the 75th anniversary of independence," Wickremesinghe told the Tamil party lawmakers while addressing Parliament.

Sri Lanka will be celebrating its 75th anniversary of independence from Britain on February 4, 2023.

"We don't need others to intervene in our country's matters. We can solve our issues and that's what we are attempting to accomplish," Wickremesinghe said, without naming any country.



that had resulted in the release of some of the Tamil prisoners who had been held due to links with the LTTE acts of terror.

"We discussed the issues of the people in the North. Already, we have released some of the prisoners and there are several others to be released," Wickremesinghe said.

The government released several Tamil prisoners last month who had been held under the draconian Prevention of Terrorism Act (PTA) without a charge over decades.

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EXTRACT OF STANDALONE AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULT FOR THE QUARTER AND HALF-YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2022

Sl. No	Particulars	Quarter Ended 30.09.2022	Year Ended 31.03.2022	Quarter Ended 30.09.2021
		(Audited)	(Audited)	(Audited)
1	Total Income from operations	3,850.06	22,610.14	6,582.72
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	30.40	1,077.57	589.69
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	30.40	1,077.57	589.69
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	68.48	890.59	496.25
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	68.48	901.61	499.40
6	Paid up Equity Share Capital	1,530.00	1,530.00	1,530.00
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the previous year		18,112.19	
8	Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)-			
1. Basic:		0.45	5.89	3.26
2. Diluted:		0.45	5.89	3.26

Notes:-
The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly/Annual Financial results filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly/Annual Financial results is available on the websites of the Stock Exchange(s), www.bseindia.com, and www.nseindia.com and the Company's website www.arotile.com.

For & on behalf of the Board

Sd/-
Sunil Kumar Arora
Managing Director
DIN: 00150668

Place : HOSUR, TAMILNADU
Date : 10.11.2022

Government of Jammu & Kashmir
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER MECHANICAL HOSPITAL AND CENTRAL HEATING DIVISION SRINAGAR

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Gist of e-tender

NIT No: MHCHD/TS /2022-23/138/e-tendering
Dated:- 07.11.2022

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J&K UT e-tenders are invited from Registered OEM (Original Equipment Manufacturer)/OEA (Original Equipment Assembler) or experienced registered contractor having executed similar work for the below mentioned work.

Name of Work	Est. Cost (Rs. in Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (In rupees)	Time of completion (in Days)	T.S No	Position of AAA	Earnest Money (in Rs.)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of High-Pressure Booster Pump Assembly for filling of Oxygen cylinders including operation and maintenance for a period of 02 years at one of the Hospitals of Directorate of Health Services, Kashmir.	93.00	2000	30	MED/K/ TS/92, Dt: 12/10/ 2022	MED/K/ TS/11, Dt: 12/10/ 2022	1,86,000

1. Downloading of Bids:- The NIT Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in from 07.11.2022 (18.00 hrs) and can be downloaded from 07.11.2022 (18.00 hrs).

2. Uploading:- The bidders shall deposit their bids in electronic format on the above web site from 08.11.2022 (10.00 hrs) to 16.11.2022 (14.00 hrs) in two (02) covers.

3. Opening of Bids:- The bids received upto due date and time shall be opened on 16.11.2022at 16.00 hrs or any date convenient to the Department.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
MHCHD, Srinagar

DIPK- 13118/22

US PLAN TO TAP BUSINESSES FOR GREEN FINANCE MEETS RESISTANCE

AP ■ SHARM EL-SHEIKH (EGYPT)

When it comes to helping poor nations cope with climate change, the United States government left its wallet at home. So it hopes its friend, big business, can help pick up the tab.

Unable to persuade Congress or the American public to spend billions of dollars more a year in climate financial aid, the US government is trying to make it easier for private corporations to send cash to the developing world in exchange for looking green at home.

The plan, announced Wednesday by US climate envoy John Kerry at the COP27 climate summit in Egypt, essentially amounts to tapping private funds to finance developing nations' transition to clean energy by selling "high quality" carbon credits to companies trying to make their carbon emissions "net zero."

"Our intention is to put the carbon market to work, to deploy capital otherwise unemployable, to speed the transition from dirty to clean power," and replace dirty coal-fired power plants with renewable energy sources, Kerry said at a launch event.

But the idea faced stiff resistance from environmental groups and climate experts, who said it would give polluters a license to keep polluting. It came a day after the United Nations warned about shady carbon credits that businesses count on to meet their net-zero targets.

Underscoring the opposition, an activist heckled Kerry as he launched the plan, accusing him of "promoting false solutions," before security guards pushed him away. At this year's COP summit, poorer nations have lambasted wealthier ones for not putting up enough money to finance their so-called green transition.



The developing world needs hundreds of billions of dollars to help them ditch coal, oil and natural gas, but the United States Congress has been reluctant to spend much in financial aid.

"If we don't find more money ... We ain't going to get this done," Kerry said of the fight against climate change.

Kerry's proposal is dubbed the Energy Transition Accelerator and is backed by two major philanthropies, The Rockefeller Foundation and the Bezos Earth Fund. They hope it could unlock \$100 billion or more in financing for green projects by 2030. Kerry said he wants to have it up and running

by next year's COP meeting.

Details about how it will work are still sparse, but under the plan, verified greenhouse gas emission reductions would be generated that could then be sold as carbon credits. Kerry said there's been "strong interest" to buy them from corporations including PepsiCo and Microsoft.

There would be "strong safeguards" on who could buy the credits, Kerry said. Buyers, "not including fossil fuel companies," will need a goal for getting to net-zero carbon dioxide emissions and a science-based interim target on the way to meeting that goal, he said. The credits can't be used as substitutes for making deep cuts to their own emissions but as an extra boost to those efforts.

Unlike other carbon credits criticized as prone to abuse, these credits would only be allowed to be used to phase out coal power plants in developing nations and creating more

renewable power and would be time limited, Kerry said. That, he said, would be "guardrails against abuse."

Carbon credits have evolved into a multibillion-dollar market for companies, governments and individuals who want to reduce their carbon footprint. But they've also become a source of controversy among environmental and climate activists, who say they're problematic because there's no guarantee they'll deliver on reducing emissions.

The basic idea is that emissions from polluting human activities can be offset elsewhere, either through farming practices that store carbon, planting trees, or by capturing climate-changing gases from smokestacks and other equipment.

These activities are monetized and sold as offsets and are popular with companies making them a part of their net-zero plans.

Nothing like this has happened since Civil War: Biden on Jan 6



PTI ■ WASHINGTON

change around the world. A whole lot would change."

"So, they're very concerned that we are still the open democracy we've been and that we have rules and the institutions matter. That's the context in which I think that they're looking at: Are we back to a place where we are going to accept decisions made by the Court, by the Congress, by the government, et cetera?" he said.

Biden said 'MAGA Republicans' are a minority of the Republican Party. "I think the vast majority of the members of the Republican Party, we disagree strongly on issues, but they're decent, honorable people. We have differences of agreement on issues."

"I worked with a lot of these folks in the Senate and the House for a long time. They are honest, and they're straightforward. They're different than mine, but they're decent folks," he said.

"And so, I think that the rest of the world is looking at the United States. I guess the best way to say this is to repeat what some of you've heard me say before," he noted.

"The first G7 meeting ... I sat down at a roundtable with the six other world leaders from the European Union, the ... And said, 'America is back.' And one of them turned to me and said, 'For how long? For how long?' It was a deadly earnest question: 'For how long?'" he said.

Record five Indian-American lawmakers elected to US House, several others win from State

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

A record five Indian-American lawmakers from the ruling Democrat Party, including Raja Krishnamoorthi, Ro Khanna, Pramila Jayapal and Ami Bera have been elected to the US House of Representatives, while several others were elected in state legislatures, in one of the most polarised midterm elections in the country.

Indian-American entrepreneur-turned-politician and Democrat Shri Thanedar became the first India-American to win the Congressional elections



from Michigan, pipping Republican candidate Martell Bivings. Thanedar, 67, currently represents the third district in the Michigan House.

In the eighth Congressional District of Illinois, Raja Krishnamoorthi, 49, was re-

elected for the fourth consecutive term by a comfortable margin.

He defeated his Republican opponent Chris Dargis.

In Silicon Valley, Indian-American Ro Khanna, 46, defeated his compatriot

Republican opponent Ritesh Tandon in the 17th Congressional District of California.

Chennai-born Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal, the only Indian-American woman lawmaker in the House of Representatives, defeated her GOP rival, Cliff Moon in the 7th Congressional District of Washington State.

Bera, 57, is the longest serving Indian-American in the Congress. He has been representing California's 7th Congressional District since 2013.

Bera has defeated Republican Tamika Hamilton.

Imran's party resumes stalled long march

PTI ■ LAHORE

Tens of thousands of supporters of Imran Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) on Thursday gathered at the site in Wazirabad in Punjab province where an assassination attempt was made on the former prime minister last week as the party resumed its stalled long march to Islamabad in presence of its top leaders.

The 'Haqeeqi Azadi' (real freedom) march, demanding fresh general elections, was sus-

pended following the attack on 70-year-old Khan on November 3.

Khan suffered bullet injuries in the right leg when two gunmen fired a volley of bullets at him and others standing on a container-mounted truck in the Wazirabad area, where he was leading the march.

He underwent surgery for bullet injuries at the Shaikat Khanum Hospital owned by his charitable organisation. He is advised to take rest for four to six weeks by doctors.

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Notice is hereby given to the General Public on behalf of HDPC Bank Ltd. that Mr. Anil Kumar Khurana is owner of Entire Upper Ground Floor, and First Floor without roof rights (said floor) built on Property No. C-19, admeasuring 350 sq. yds. Situated in the area of Village Khajala, Boli Colony known as Shah Nagar, Delhi, vide a registered Relinquishment Deed dated 09.09.2021, registration No. 9443, executed by Mr. Sash Khurana, Mr. Madan Gopal Khurana, Mr. Rajesh Khurana. All persons are hereby informed that: above mentioned owner want to take a Loan from HDPC Bank Ltd. against Entire First floor, of the said property, if anybody has any objection's upon the ownership of Mr. Anil Kumar Khurana in respect of the said first floor, its sale / Mortgage/Litigation, and any kind of dispute, kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address within 07 days of the present.
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Suvrat Singh Tomar
Advocate

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Another quake hits Nepal

PTI ■ KATHMANDU

A 4.1-magnitude earthquake hit western Nepal on Thursday, a day after a powerful 6.6-magnitude earthquake jolted the Himalayan nation, which killed six people and sparked panic among citizens.

According to the National Earthquake Monitoring & Research Centre, the earthquake occurred at 5.13 am on Thursday, with its epicentre at Kada area in Khaptad Chhedaha rural municipality of Bajura district, situated 750 km from Kathmandu.

The Center said that the latest quake is not the aftershock of the Gorkha Earthquake of 2015 but a fresh earthquake.

No loss of lives were reported so far. Wednesday's earthquake occurred at 2:12 am with its epicentre at Khaptad National Park in the Doti district of the quake-prone Himalayan nation, damaging scores of houses and sparking panic among the people who were sleeping.

Kenya to spend USD 37 million on sending forces to Congo

AP ■ NAIROBI

Kenya's parliament has approved the deployment of nearly 1,000 troops for a new regional force in eastern Congo amid questions about the USD 37 million cost for the first six months of the mission.

A parliament committee report says the money will be spent on equipment, allowances and operations for the more than 900 troops joining the East African Community Regional Force that will support Congolese forces against armed groups.

Opposition lawmakers questioned why Kenya is spending so much money on the regional mission while the country faces its own security issues. Kenya also faces rising inflation and a high public debt.

Kenyan President William Ruto last week called the mission "necessary and urgent" for regional security. Violence by



armed groups in eastern Congo has led to a diplomatic crisis between Congo and neighbouring Rwanda, which accuse each other of backing certain groups.

The Kenyan forces will be based in Goma, eastern Congo's largest city.

The regional force, agreed

upon by heads of state in June and led by a Kenyan commander, also has two battalions from Uganda, two from Burundi and one from South Sudan.

There is a possibility that international financing may be secured for the mission, the committee report said.

Climate Migration: Açaí growers flee salty Amazon water

AP ■ MACAPA

Where the mother of all rivers meets the Atlantic Ocean in coastal Brazil, it's not a single channel, instead it braids around 230 kilometers of islands including the Bailique Archipelago.

A native of the mouth of the Amazon, Elielson Elinho, 31, knows that the struggle between the majestic river and the ocean shapes life in these islands. So much so that early this year, his family sensed that the sea was winning, and that it was time to

leave. The Amazon River discharges one-fifth of all the world's freshwater that runs off land surface.

Despite that force, the seawater pushed back the river that bathes the archipelago for most of the second half of 2021, leaving thousands scrambling for drinking water.

"We had to travel upriver by boat for two hours to fetch sweet water. And sometimes it tasted salty even going that far," Elinho told The Associated Press in his home in Macapa city, where he has lived since



strength that, in some places, it turns into a single giant wave of up to 4 metres, a phenomenon known as pororoca. The advance of seawater typically occurs in Bailique during the dry season when the Amazon River's flow diminishes.

Last year, the seawater pushed upriver for longer, around five months. The water tasted saltier and for the first time in several decades, it reached the whole archipelago, eight islands, where about 14,000 people live spread across 58 villages.



Eight Indians among 10 killed in Maldives garage fire: Indian High Commission official

PTI ■ MALE

Eight Indians were among 10 dead early on Thursday, when a fire broke out in the garage below a cramped living quarters that housed foreign workers here in the Maldivian capital, an Indian High Commission official said.

The fire broke out in the M. Nirufeli area near the Maaveyo Mosque around 12:30 am, according to news portal SunOnline international.

"Ten people were confirmed dead, of which eight were Indian nationals. We are yet to ascertain the nationalities of the two other victims," Ramdhir Singh, Welfare Officer working in the Indian High Commission here told PTI.

In a tweet earlier, the Indian High Commission said, "We are deeply saddened by the tragic fire incident in Malé which has caused loss of lives, including

reportedly of Indian nationals. We are in close contact with the Maldivian authorities".

The garage is located on the ground floor, while the first-floor housed migrant workers.

The living quarters had only a single window, the report said.

The Maldives National Defence Force Fire and Rescue Service said 28 people were evacuated from the building, the report said.

Seven of them were found dead, while two were taken to the Indira Gandhi Memorial Hospital with severe burns, it said.

The fire was doused at 04:34 am, it added. Two fires were reported at the garage, the last of which took place two months back, the report added.

Foreign workers constitute about half of Male's 250,000-strong population, who are mostly from Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

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No. 818 Date: 10.11.2022
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Office of the (Executive Engineer (Civil-II) Lakhwar Multipurpose Project, Lakhwar Bhawan, Dakpathar, Dehradun invites online bids from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below:
Tender No:- 05/EE (Civil-II)/LMP/2022-23
Name of work/supply/services etc.: Construction of 04 nos. Type A Residential Building for Lakhwar Multipurpose Project at Dakpathar.
Estimated cost: ₹ 1,87,14,407.00 (Excluding GST)
Date of availability of bid document on website: 10:30 hrs of 11.11.2022
Last date for submission of bids on website: 17:00 hrs of 02.12.2022
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UTTARAKHAND PEYJAL NIGAM,
E-32 JUDGE FARM HALDWANI, DISTT.- NAINITAL (PIN 263139)
Letter no. 2328/Nivida-Anubandhi/Lohaghat/ 24 Dated: 9-11-2022
E-Tender Notice
1. Name of the work :- Construction of Multi Storey Parking at TRC, Champawat, District- Champawat
2. Estimated Cost :- Rs. 309.81 Lakh
3. Period of Completion :- 12 Month
4. Date and Time of availability of Bid documents in the portal:- 10.11.2022 (10.00 hrs)
5. Online Bid submission: End date :- 30.11.2022 (17.00 hrs)
6. Date & Time of Technical bid Opening :- 03.12.2022 (11.00hrs)
7. Name and Address of the Officer inviting bid :- General Manager (Kumaon), Nirman Wing, Uttarakhand Pey Jal Nigam, Haldwani.
8. Pre-bid meeting details (if required) Date & Place :- 17.11.2022 (11.00hrs) Project Manager Construction Unit Uttarakhand Peyjal Nigam, Lohaghat (Champawat).
9. For further details, details of subsequent Amendment / correction documentation etc. may be obtained from the e-Procurement portal www.uktenders.gov.in
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UTTARAKHAND PEYJAL NIGAM,
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Letter no. 2329/Nivida-Anubandhi/Lohaghat/ 25 Dated: 9-11-2022
E-Tender Notice
1. Name of the work :- Construction of Multi Storey Parking at TRC, Lohaghat, District- Champawat
2. Estimated Cost :- Rs. 199.12 Lakh
3. Period of Completion :- 12 Month
4. Date and Time of availability of Bid documents in the portal:- 10.11.2022 (10.00 hrs)
5. Online Bid submission: End date :- 30.11.2022 (17.00 hrs)
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Letter no. 2330/Nivida-Anubandhi/Lohaghat/ 26 Dated: 9-11-2022
E-Tender Notice
1. Name of the work :- Construction of Parking at nagar Palika Parishad Lohaghat District- Champawat
2. Estimated Cost :- Rs. 87.24 Lakh
3. Period of Completion :- 12 Month
4. Date and Time of availability of Bid documents in the portal:- 10.11.2022 (10.00 hrs)
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EXTRACT OF THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND HALF YEAR ENDED 30.09.2022 (Rs. in Lakhs)				
Sr. No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended		Half Year Ended
		30.09.2022 Unaudited	30.09.2021 Unaudited	30.09.2022 Unaudited
1	Total Income from Operations	86.76	71.65	106.16
2	Net Profit/(Loss) from Ordinary Activities for the Period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	83.40	68.23	99.49
3	Net Profit/(Loss) from Ordinary Activities for the Period before Tax(after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	83.40	68.23	99.49
4	Net Profit/(Loss) from Ordinary Activities for the Period after Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	65.68	65.18	102.18
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(693.38)	1,506.16	(2,755.16)
6	Equity Share Capital (Face Value of Rs.10/-)	222.39	222.39	222.39
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserves as shown in the Balance sheet of previous year)			
8	Earning Per Share (EPS) Face value of Rs.10/- each, (for Continuing and discontinuing operations) Basic & Diluted:-	2.95	2.93	4.59
Notes: 1. The Unaudited financial results of the Company for the Quarter and Half year ended 30th September, 2022 have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and subsequently approved by the Board of Directors in their meeting held on November 10, 2022. The financial results have been subjected to Limited Review by Statutory Auditors of the Company. 2. The above is the extract of the detailed format of Unaudited Financial Results for the quarter and half year ended September 30, 2022 filed with the Stock Exchanges under regulations 33 of the SEBI (Listing and other disclosures Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of Unaudited Financial Results for the quarter and half year ended September 30, 2022 are available on the Stock Exchange website i.e. www.sebindia.com and Company's website: http://www.ownmahar.com Kovalam/investor.php For Kovalam Investment and Trading Co. Ltd., Sd/- (JaiKaran Singh) Manager				
Date: 10.11.2022 Place: Ludhiana				

Current account deficit likely at 3%: SBI report

PTI ■ MUMBAI

State Bank of India has pencilled in lower current account deficit at 3 per cent for this fiscal as against the minimum consensus of 3.5 per cent, citing rising software exports, remittances and a likely USD 5-billion jump in forex reserves via swap deals.

Every USD 10 increase in crude prices impacts the Current Account Deficit (CAD) to the tune of 40 basis points while the same on fuel inflation is 50 bps and also results in 23 bps decline in growth, according to Soumyakanti Ghosh, the chief economic advisor at SBI.

CAD has a counter cyclical shock absorber, he said in a report on Thursday.

Exchange rate is the major contributor to software exports growth and 40 per cent of its variation is explained by



exchange rates. “If we translated these numbers in actual terms, every Re 1 fall against the dollar leads to an increase in software exports by USD 250 million”. This, along with an expected USD 5 billion-forex reserve accrual by way of swap transactions and higher remittances, will cap CAD at 3 per cent of GDP as against the average lowest level projected for the year at 3.5 per cent, Ghosh said. The strong remittances and software exports have lowered CAD by 60 bps in the June quarter, adding that if this trends continued in the September quarter, then CAD would be below 3.5 per cent in the second quarter and at 3 per cent in the full fiscal.

Benchmarks extend losses for 2nd day as auto, finance wiken

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The BSE Sensex tumbled 420 points to finish below the 61,000-mark on Thursday, tracking weakness in auto, finance and energy counters amid widespread selling pressure in global markets.

A depreciating rupee further weighed on sentiment, traders said.

Declining for the second straight session, the 30-share BSE benchmark ended 419.85 points or 0.69 per cent lower at 60,613.70. The index moved between a high of 60,848.73 and a low of 60,425.47.

On similar lines, the broader NSE Nifty fell 128.80 points or 0.71 per cent to end at 18,028.20.

Axis Bank was the biggest laggard among Sensex constituents, shedding 3.54 per cent, followed by Bajaj Finserv, Titan, M&M, Bajaj Finance, IndusInd Bank, PowerGrid and Maruti.

In contrast, HDFC twins,



Bharti Airtel, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Dr Reddy's and HUL were the gainers, climbing up to 1.13 per cent.

The market breadth was negative, with 24 of the 30 Sensex counters closing lower. “Following sluggish global markets, the cautious mood persisted in the domestic market. Losses on the Dalal Street were led by profit booking in auto and PSU banks, while selling in mid and small caps followed the trend.

Investors around the globe are awaiting US inflation data, which is expected to slow for the fourth month, which can have a positive lead,” said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services.

Laws aiming at public welfare need of hour, says Speaker Om Birla

PNS ■ KATTANKULATHUR

Loksabha Speaker Om Birla vouched for greater participation of people and youngsters in the process of administration while delivering the graduation day address at the convocation of SRM Institute of Science and Technology on at Kattankulathur near Chennai on Thursday.

Over 7,125 students from the disciplines received degrees during the convocation, while 208 were awarded medals.

India is moving ahead in all spheres, it is shedding its image of the colonial past which was not people-centric, he said and



added that there is a change in the way things are done, laws are being made which are more centered around the welfare of the people at large, he said as the auditorium was filled with thunderous applause.

There is more need for laws whose objective is the welfare of the public at large, it is here the larger scope for participation of youth exists, said the Speaker.

Govt ropes in Indian missions abroad, global retail supermarkets to promote millet exports

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The government has formulated a strategy which includes involvement of Indian missions abroad as well as global retail supermarkets

Carrefour and Walmart to promote exports of millets.

As part of the strategy, Indian missions abroad would be roped in for branding and publicity of domestic millets.

Rupee falls 30 paise to close at 81.77 against US dollar

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The rupee depreciated by 30 paise to close at 81.77 (provisional) against the US dollar on Thursday, as participants remained cautious ahead of the release of the US inflation data.

Forex traders said a weak trend domestic equities also

weighed on investor sentiments.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the local unit opened at 81.61 and witnessed a high of 81.54 and a low of 81.92.

Finally settled at 81.77 against the American currency, registering a fall of 30 paise over its last close of 81.47.

“Rupee came under pressure in the first half of the session ahead of the US inflation number that will be released today. Expectation is that inflation could come in lower and that could keep gains capped for the dollar,” said Gaurang Somaia, Forex & Bullion Analyst, Motilal Oswal Financial Services.

Gold gains ₹135; silver drops ₹250

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Gold rallied by ₹135 to ₹51,898 per 10 gram in the national capital on Thursday amid a rise in price of the metal in international market, according to HDFC Securities.

In the previous trade, the yellow metal had settled at ₹51,763 per 10 gram.

Silver, however, dropped by ₹250 to ₹61,618 per kg.

“Gold traded steady above the USD 1,680 level as market participants remain cautious ahead of the key US inflation report to gauge the pace of the Federal Reserve's future interest rate hikes,” said Navneet Damani, Senior VP – Commodity Research at Motilal Oswal Financial Services.

In the international market, gold was trading in the green at USD 1,709 per ounce while silver was flat at USD 21.05 per ounce.

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13	BALI NAGAR, NEW DELHI [DL]	ASHISH KUMAR MISHRA	XXXXXXXXXXXX5363	195981.00	5-FEB-22	71.00
14	BALI NAGAR, NEW DELHI [DL]	RANVEER KUMAR	XXXXXXXXXXXX3835	78376.50	3-SEP-22	36.70
15	DARYAGANJ, DELHI [DL]	SURINDER KAUR	XXXXXXXXXXXX2169	846762.00	26-JUL-22	263.69
16	FARIDABAD [HR]	AJAY NARULA	XXXXXXXXXXXX8760	671861.00	22-JUN-22	228.40
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37	KISHANGANJ OD DL	SATISH KUMAR PANDEY	XXXXXXXXXXXX3598	27637.90	18-JUL-22	10.50
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INDIA HUMILIATED, ENGLAND CRUISE INTO WORLD CUP FINAL

PTI ■ ADELAIDE

A thoroughly professional England annihilated an out-of-sync India by 10 wickets to sail into the World Cup final as Alex Hales and Jos Buttler's relentless hitting mortified Rohit Sharma's clueless attack here on Thursday.

England seemed to have saved their best for the grand stage as they reduced the semi-final to a lop-sided affair, courtesy a splendid bowling effort which they complemented with some breathtaking stroke-making.

It was Hardik Pandya (68 off 33 balls), whose fearless hitting took India to 168 for six but it was just about a par-score at the Adelaide Oval.

England captain Buttler (80 not out) set the tone with three boundaries off Bhuvneshwar Kumar's opening over but it was Hales (86 not out off) who butchered the Indian attack into submission with India badly missing a leg-spinner in its line-up.

England prevented an India-Pakistan final by achieving the target in just 16 overs.

The England opening duo gave India's star-studded line-up a lesson in how to build a T20 innings: that there is only one way, the offensive way.

It was one match that was

decided in Powerplay as India managed only 38 runs in six overs as the archaic style of safety-first approach hurt them terribly.

In complete contrast, England's top order which looked shaky throughout the league stage, smashed 63 in their six overs. The match was won and lost then and there.

"Pretty disappointed how it turned out today. We batted well at the back end to get that score. We were not up to the mark with the ball. It was definitely not a wicket where a team can come and chase it down in 16 overs. With the ball we couldn't turn up today," Rohit said.

"When it comes to knock-out stages, it's all about handling the pressure. Depends on the individual as well. You can't teach anyone to handle pressure. When these guys play the playoffs in the IPL and all that, those are high-pressure games, and they're able to handle it."

Hales hit as many as seven sixes in his 47-ball knock and his approach showed that there were no demons in the track. He deployed the old-fashioned 'Sanath Jayasuriya school' of hitting in the first six overs.

When Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma were batting, they were looking to hit



through the line unlike Hales and Buttler.

Against lesser opposition like Bangladesh, they could make it up with a total of 168 but it was never enough for a side like England which has

reinvented the grammar of T20 batting.

Bhuvneshwar and Arshdeep Singh didn't get enough swing up front and team management's fascination to play Axar Patel (0/30 in 4

overs) and Ravichandran Ashwin (0/27 in 2 overs) ahead of Yuzvendra Chahal back-fired badly.

The success England spinner Adil Rashid (1/20 in 4 overs) on the same track added

insult to the injury.

By the time, Buttler hit Mohammed Shami (0/39 in 3 overs) down the ground for one of his three sixes, the Adelaide Oval stands wore a desolate half-empty look.

And the over-throws and the dropped catch by Suryakumar Yadav typified a day when everything that could go wrong went wrong for India.

This Indian team never had all its bases covered and paid the price.

But even in this defeat, the T20 captain-in-waiting Pandya revelled in the role of a finisher with a sensational knock that gave India a chance to fight.

Virat Kohli (50 off 40 balls) occasionally displayed his regal array of strokes but it was the flamboyant Baroda man whose unbelievable end-over pyrotechnics took India to a fighting total, which had looked distinctly impossible after the first 10 overs.

In the last four overs, India scored 58 runs, courtesy four fours and five astonishing sixes from Pandya with a drop-dead gorgeous flick behind the square off Chris Jordan (3/43) being the stand out one.

KL Rahul's (5) abject failure against bigger teams looked even more pronounced as Chris Woakes exposed his shortcomings with extra bounce in the second over.

But if India scored at least 20 runs less, blame it on skipper Rohit Sharma (27 off 28 balls) and the first 10 overs that yielded only 62 runs. In a semifinal, consuming 42 dot

balls (effectively 7 maiden overs) doesn't paint a pretty picture.

Had it not been for the sixes that Hardik hit off Sam Curran (0/42) and Jordan, India would have ended with a below-par score as Kohli, despite his fourth half-century in the tournament, couldn't up the ante.

There are times it seems that Kohli is on a mission to be better than the best. The six over extra cover off Woakes was simply unbelievable. The head position, the stillness and transfer of weight, everything in sync.

There was a short arm bowler's back-drive over Liam Livingstone's head even as Rohit struggled at the other end.

The back-to-back boundaries off Curran through mid-wicket region and similar shot over extra cover for a one-bounce boundary of Jordan's deliveries were the only three convincing shots from the India skipper.

Not even the slog sweep for four off Rashid looked like he was in control and the final outcome wasn't certainly what people expected in a big-ticket game from Rohit.

Pandya came to India's rescue and changed the complexion of the innings.

You can't teach anyone to handle pressure: Rohit

PTI ■ ADELAIDE

India skipper Rohit Sharma on Thursday said that his players crumbled under pressure in a high-stakes T20 World Cup semifinal against England.

He blamed their insipid bowling performance for the humiliating 10-wicket loss.

Defending 169, Indian bowlers cut a sorry figure as England openers Alex Hales and Jos Buttler made a mockery of the chase, completing the task with four overs to spare.

"Pretty disappointed how it turned out today. We batted well at the back end to get that score. We were not up to the mark with the ball. It was definitely not a wicket where a team can come and chase it down in 16 overs. With the ball we couldn't turn up today," Rohit said at the post-match presentation.

"When it comes to knock-out stages, it's all about handling the pressure. Depends on the individual as well. You can't teach anyone to handle pressure. When these guys play the playoffs in the IPL and all that, those are high-pressure games, and they're able to handle it."

"The way we started with the ball was not ideal. We were a little nervy."

Hales and Buttler didn't put a foot wrong and the India skipper praised the English openers for their flawless knock.

"You got to give credit to their openers, they played really well. I thought it swung a bit in the first over, but not from the right areas. We know the runs are scored square of the wicket, we were aware about it."

"When we won the first game, it showed a lot of character. The game against Bangladesh, it was a tricky one. I thought we held our nerve and kept executing our plans. Couldn't do that today."

England skipper Jos Buttler lauded the team for scripting a remarkable turnaround after the shocking loss to Ireland



early in the tournament.

"The character we have shown since then (England's loss against Ireland) - it has been amazing. We came here very excited, there was a very good feeling," he said.

"Everyone from 1 to 11 - stood up today. We always want to start fast and aggressive. Rashid was batting at 11, that's incredible to know that we have such depth."

Buttler, who had the best view as Hales went hammer and tongs, praised his opening partner for his breathtaking knock.

"Hales used the dimensions well and he has shown his form. He was brilliant today. It's important to enjoy this, it was a brilliant performance from us," he said.

Chris Jordan did most of the damage, returning with 3 for 43 after coming into the semifinals as a replacement for an injured Mark Wood.

"We need to give special credit to Jordan, to bowl three overs at the death coming into the semi-final, it was a tough job. He handled the pressure towards the end pretty well, especially bowling against a world class player like Hardik Pandya,"

Buttler said.

Hales, who was adjudged the Player of the Match, for his scintillating 47-ball knock, said it was a "special knock" and the "best night of his career" as he never expected to play in another World Cup.

"It will be right up there for sure (referring to a perfect innings). Huge occasion, India in a semifinal of a World Cup, really happy with the way I played and it is as special as it gets," said Hales, who hit four boundaries and as many as seven sixes.

"This is one of the best grounds to bat in especially in the powerplay, a really good surface and great value for good cricket shots, this is a ground I have good memories of and enjoy batting here."

Hales had joined the England team for this World Cup after a three-year exile following his failed recreational drug test in 2019.

"I never thought I would play in a World Cup again, so to get the chance is a very special feeling, in a country (Australia) that I love and spend a lot of time in, tonight is one of the best nights of my career."

Experts slam India's 'timid' Power-play approach

PTI ■ ADELAIDE

Former cricketers Shane Watson, Wasim Akram and Nasser Hussain slammed India's 'timid' batting approach following team's embarrassing exit from the T20 World Cup, here on Thursday.

England hammered India by 10 wickets with Alex Hales and Jos Buttler striking powerful half-centuries.

As it was the case in the Group stage, India played conservatively in the powerplay managing only 38 runs while England's approach was the opposite as they raced to 63 in six overs.

Ahead of the T20 World Cup, India had adopted a more aggressive batting approach but the likes of Rohit Sharma and K L Rahul were unable to unleash themselves on the big stage.

There was a sense of deja vu with India's abject surrender though they had exited from the previous edition 12 months ago in round one itself.

"India were too timid with the bat. Unfortunately, Rohit and KL have not been able to take the game on in the first six overs. They have got the firepower but you have to take the game on in T20 cricket," former Australia all-rounder Watson told Star Sports.

"Hardik was able to take the game on but India should have attacked 6-8



overs earlier."

As England skipper Buttler hit the winning six, Nasser Hussain on air remarked: "India were timid upfront and England have taken them down."

Former Pakistan captain Wasim Akram said India's slow start cost them the game.

"Their start was slow and they could not recover from that. 190 probably would have been a good total on

this wicket. They accelerated late, if it wasn't for Hardik Pandya, India would not have even got a respectable total.

"Their captain (Rohit) looked out of touch and then of course Virat got his fifty but he took 40 balls to do that. That was the difference," Akram told A Sports.

Former India selector Sarandeep Singh too gave his assessment on the game.

India 'outclassed, outplayed' by Buttler-inspired England: Dravid

AP ■ ADELAIDE

India coach Rahul Dravid admitted his side were comprehensively outplayed by a Jos Buttler-inspired England in Adelaide.

"Obviously disappointed to finish in the semi-finals. Probably would have certainly liked to go a couple of steps further. But yeah, just outplayed, outclassed today," Dravid told reporters.

"They were the better team in all departments really. The scoreline showed that."

India topped Group 2 with four wins out of five matches.

"Even in this tournament, I think we've had our moments," said Dravid.

"There's been some real individual quality from a lot of our players, shown some real good skills. But on the day we were just not good enough here."

Buttler set the tone with three fours off the first over from Bhuvneshwar Kumar and added five more plus three sixes in his 49-ball innings, the third taking England to the winning line.



"He's a very dangerous player, and we knew that," said Dravid.

"We knew the key to the game obviously was to try and break that opening partnership as early as we could."

"Class players like that, both Buttler and Hales, I thought their partnership was fantastic today. They just put the pressure on us, never let that go."

"Buttler (is) one of the most dangerous T20 players going around."



CSA to review debacle, hit 'reset button' ahead of ODI WC

PTI ■ JOHANNESBURG

Cricket South Africa will form a panel to "clinically review" their early ouster from the T20 World Cup in Australia and the focus would be on hitting the reset button ahead of the ODI showpiece in India next year, director of cricket Enoch Nkwe has said.

"It is important that we review what has happened. We are in the process of putting a panel together to ensure the review is very clinical," Nkwe was quoted as saying by ESPNcricinfo after the team's arrival from Australia.

"But the focus is hitting the reset button and not dwelling on the past. It's important that we close a chapter and look at what lies ahead."

The CSA official further said the main focus going forward would be to provide the best possible support to win an elusive World Cup in the ODI format next year in India.

"There will be a clear strategy going forward. How do we prepare better for the upcoming

World Cups. "There's a lot of work behind the scenes and what we are all working towards is getting our national teams to reach No.1 and win World Cups. We are now at the point where we can make a difference and that will be our focus."

"There're so many opportunities as an organisation to change it all. Hopefully next year we can be in a different position celebrating our team winning a World Cup," he added.

Always a pre-tournament favourite, the Proteas have never managed to make the final in either ODI or T20 format of the World Cup.

In ODI format, they have lost at semifinal stages in 1992, 1999, 2007 and 2015. They were also knocked out twice in the semifinals of the T20 World Cup in 2009 and 2014.

Nkwe however stood by his side and said: "We will always take full accountability. When the results are poor, there will be fingers pointed at the organisation in terms of what has happened in the past and whether there was enough support."

"Whether the team loses or wins, we are always going to be supporting the team and asking ourselves questions about what more we can do."

Indian women's team to play tri-series in SA

PTI ■ JOHANNESBURG

India will feature in a women's T20I tri-series, involving hosts South Africa and the West Indies from January 19 to February 2, as part of the teams' preparation for the 2023 T20 World Cup, which will be hosted in the African nation.

All the matches of the tri-series will be held at the Buffalo Park Cricket Stadium in East London.

West Indies are the 2016 T20 world champions, while India finished runners-up in the 2020 edition of the women's event.

All the teams will play two T20I matches against each other in a battle for a place in the final, before they switch their focus to the World Cup,

to be held from February 10 to 26 in Cape Town, Paarl and Gqeberha.

India will face South Africa in the tri-series opener on January 19, followed by matches against West Indies (January 23), South Africa (January 28) and again the Caribbean side (January 30).

The final is scheduled for February 2.

Schedule:
January 19, 2023: India vs South Africa
January 21, 2023: South Africa vs West Indies
January 23, 2023: India vs West Indies
January 25, 2023: South Africa vs West Indies
January 28, 2023: India vs South Africa
January 30, 2023: India vs West Indies

Williamson wants to continue in all formats despite yet another WC debacle

PTI ■ SYDNEY

New Zealand captain Kane Williamson has no plans to give up any format of the game despite losing a chance to lift the T20 World Cup title for the second consecutive year.

Williamson's place in the T20 squad will come under review after the right-hander looked far from fluent in the ongoing showpiece, as New Zealand returned empty-handed from a fifth successive white-ball World Cup, despite making the semifinals in all of them.

"Yeah, I certainly love playing in all the formats. There's a lot of cricket, and so that needs to be managed a little bit," the 32-year-old said.

"It's a changing landscape

with players all around the world at the moment, and we've seen it in our camp, as well.

"After these sorts of events you sort of sit down and give yourself a chance to reflect and sort of look at what's coming up," he added.

New Zealand were on course of entering a second straight T20 World Cup final before Pakistan dashed their dreams. In the last edition in the UAE, the Kiwis lost to Australia in the title clash.

New Zealand also reached the final of the last two ODI World Cups in 2015 and 2019 but fell short.

"Yeah, to me it's about the game, the performance, and that's certainly what we look at. That's the frustrating thing for



me today (Wednesday). If you get beaten playing your best cricket, then you certainly have to accept that," Williamson said.

Asked about New Zealand's continuous failure in the title clash of a World Cup, he said:

"We've played in a number of different finals and put out really good performances, probably good enough to win, and either got met by a side that's played a little bit better or a side that's played about equal, you know, however it looks."

"The picture is big. You play a number of tournaments. Yeah, you want to win some, but you finish a tournament, you certainly just start focusing on the next one."

"To me it comes down to the cricket, and that's where we put our focus. The environment, how well we're tracking, and there's been a lot of good stuff. The journey was good, a lot of good cricket, but you've got to continue as you go into the business end."

CHELSEA, ARSENAL, SPURS OUT OF LEAGUE CUP

AP ■ LONDON

Manchester City increased the pressure on Graham Potter with a 2-0 win over Chelsea to progress to the last 16 of the League Cup on Wednesday as Arsenal and Tottenham crashed out.

The Gunners were beaten 3-1 at home by Brighton, while Spurs laboured to a 2-0 defeat at Nottingham Forest despite starting Harry Kane.

Holders Liverpool also survived a scare as they needed penalties to see off League One Derby after a 0-0 draw at Anfield.

City won the battle of two much-changed sides at the Etihad as two goals in five second-half minutes from Riyad Mahrez and Julian Alvarez put Pep Guardiola's men through to the next round.

Mahrez curled in a brilliant free-kick from the edge of the box to break the deadlock after a tight first 45 minutes.

Alvarez then made the most of another chance to start ahead of Erling Haaland by tapping in his third goal in as many games at the back post after Mahrez had been denied.

Arsenal are keeping City off the top of the Premier League, but will not be adding their first League Cup since 1993 after Brighton continued their impressive turnaround under Roberto De Zerbi.

Eddie Nketiah's fine finish put the hosts ahead at the Emirates but a slip from goalkeeper Karl Hein on his Arsenal debut gave Danny Welbeck the chance to level from the penalty spot against his old club.

Kaoru Mitoma's powerful finish turned the tie around before Tariq Lamptey slotted home 19 minutes from time.

England manager Gareth Southgate may have been dismayed by the sight of Kane starting at the City Ground the night before he names his World Cup squad.

The England captain did finally get a rest for the final half-hour, but only as Antonio Conte seemingly threw in the towel with his side 2-0 down.



Renan Lodi cut inside on to his weaker right foot to fire in a brilliant opener early in the second half before Jesse Lingard headed in his first goal for Forest.

KELLEHER LIVERPOOL'S HERO

Caoimhin Kelleher was Liverpool's hero as he was for much of last season's competition as the Reds' stand-in goalkeeper saved three Derby penalties.

Jurgen Klopp made 11 changes and

it showed as a youthful side struggled to make their possession count.

Roberto Firmino and Darwin Nunez failed to find a winner after being introduced with 25 minutes to go and Firmino rounded off a bad week after being left out of the Brazil World Cup squad by blasting his penalty over the bar in the shootout.

But Kelleher, who scored the winning penalty in last year's final, made sure Liverpool progressed.

Newcastle also needed penalties to

get past Crystal Palace after a 0-0 draw at St James' Park.

Nick Pope will be in Southgate's squad for Qatar and showed he can be called on if needed in a shootout by saving three of Palace's five spot-kicks.

Neither goalkeeper managed to save any of the 20 penalties at the London Stadium as Blackburn dumped out West Ham.

The tie was level at 2-2 after 90 minutes as Ben Brereton Diaz equalised two minutes from time for Rovers.



Mallorca sink Atletico, Real Sociedad beat Sevilla

AP ■ MADRID

Atletico Madrid continued their dismal form with a 1-0 defeat by Real Mallorca on Wednesday, leaving them sixth in La Liga and searching for answers.

Kosovan powerhouse Vedat Muriqi's 16th minute strike was enough to inflict a fourth league defeat of the season on Diego Simeone's visitors, who are 13 points behind leaders Barcelona.

Atletico, knocked out of the Champions League, are winless in five games and at their lowest ebb since Simeone arrived in December 2011.

Meanwhile Real Sociedad moved third with a 2-1 win at struggling Sevilla, who had two men sent off in the first half.

With Atletico's defence in disarray, the persistent Muriqi sent Mallorca ahead, finishing from close range for his eighth league goal of the season, meaning only Barcelona striker

Robert Lewandowski has scored more in La Liga.

Alvaro Morata thought he had put Atletico level with a sharp finish moments later but the forward was marginally off-side and the goal was disallowed.

Atletico created nothing of note after that, while at the other end the silky Kang-in Lee caused problems, while Muriqi remained a menace.

The striker set up Amath Ndiaye on the break towards the end but Jan Oblak produced a fine save to deny the Senegalese winger.

Mallorca goalkeeper Predrag Rajkovic made a stunning reaction save to deny Morata near the end as Atletico tried and failed to salvage even a point.

Axel Witsel's 95th minute overhead kick looked like it could fly in but Rodrigo Battaglia headed it to safety in a thrilling finale, with the home side celebrating a rise to 10th.

Union back to second in Bundesliga

AP ■ BERLIN

Unheralded high-flyers Union Berlin nipped past Freiburg into second in the Bundesliga on Wednesday as Xabi Alonso's Bayer Leverkusen continued their upwardly mobile trajectory since the 2010 World Cup winner's arrival as manager last month.

Union relinquished a lead they had held since September at the weekend after a lopsided loss to Leverkusen, with Bayern Munich resuming their customary place at the head of the Bundesliga table.

But a 2-2 draw with Augsburg coupled with Freiburg's 3-1 loss at RB Leipzig saw them back into second on goal difference ahead of their last run out before the World Cup hiatus next weekend - against Freiburg.

Union's Dutch-Surinamese forward Sheraldo Becker has played a pivotal role in the side's table-storming form.

And he secured Union's early opener only for Florian Niederlechner to level a minute later.

Kevin Behrens had Union back in front but Niederlechner struck again as half-time approached for the draw.

Freiburg, who were the unbeaten table-toppers of their Europa League group, came unstuck at Leipzig, with Christopher Nkunku on the scoresheet for the visitors. He leads the Bundesliga scoring charts on 12 goals.

In the evening's early kick-off Alonso's Leverkusen followed up their weekend demo-



lition of Union with a comeback from behind 2-1 win in the Rhine derby at Cologne.

Cologne took the lead on the half-hour through an unlikely source — Benno Schmitz.

A spectacular strike - "hang it in the Louvre" the club tweeted - was the defender's first goal in 100 matches for the club, and his first since 2014.

Nadiem Amiri levelled for Leverkusen on 65 minutes from a deflected free-kick with French forward Moussa Diaby, author of a quick-fire double in Sunday's 5-0 rout of Union,

securing the victory minutes later. This fourth success of the campaign lifted Alonso's side up to 13th, two points behind Cologne.

Elsewhere, Eintracht Frankfurt beat Hoffenheim 4-2 and Schalke edged Mainz 1-0.

With this weekend's programme of matches the last of 2022 it is Bayern Munich, who routed Werder Bremen 6-1 on Tuesday, who will go into the new year as league leaders with an unassailable four-point lead before their closing match of the year against Schalke on Saturday.

Varane and Giroud named in France squad for WC

AP ■ PARIS

France coach Didier Deschamps included Raphael Varane in his World Cup squad on Wednesday despite the defender's recent injury problems, while in-form striker Olivier Giroud was also called up.

Deschamps selected 25 of a possible 26 players for the tournament in Qatar, where France will attempt to become the first team to defend their World Cup title since Brazil in 1962.

Eleven members of the 2018 title-winning squad return, including captain Hugo Lloris and reserve goalkeeper Steve Mandanda, along with Kylian Mbappe and Antoine Griezmann.

Karim Benzema, who has missed a series of games for Real Madrid this season because of injury, is set for his first World Cup appearance since 2014.

Paris Saint-Germain centre-back Presnel Kimpembe was picked despite thigh and Achilles problems that have limited him to five appearances since the start of September.

'UNFIT' LUKAKU IN BELGIUM SQUAD

Romelu Lukaku was selected in the Belgium squad for the World Cup announced on Thursday despite coach Roberto Martinez admitting the Inter Milan striker was "medically unfit".

Lukaku has played just twice for Inter since the end of August because of a hamstring injury. He returned briefly in October but suffered a recurrence of the



problem.

"Romelu is medically unfit, I think that's quite clear," Martinez said as he revealed his 26-man squad for Qatar.

"Romelu is at the moment receiving treatment and is entering that period that until the 22nd of November -- 24 hours before our first game -- he has the opportunity to get himself fully fit."

FIFA will allow teams to replace players unable to compete because of injury or Covid-19 up to 24 hours before their first match at the World Cup.

Lukaku is Belgium's all-time top scorer with 68 goals in 102 appearances.

The 29-year-old has endured a difficult past 18

months after he rejoined former side Chelsea at the start of last season in a club-record £97 million transfer.

After falling out of favour at Stamford Bridge, Lukaku returned to Inter on loan in the summer but has been limited to three starts in his second spell in Italy.

Martinez conceded last month there were also question marks over captain Eden Hazard, who has played a total of 229 minutes for Real Madrid this season.

"Nobody is trying to look away from the reality. Eden hasn't played consistently for a long, long time," Martinez told state broadcaster RTBF.

"Another question is can he

play for 90 minutes? Can he play seven games in a short period of time?"

Kevin De Bruyne, Thibaut Courtois, Axel Witsel, Jan Vertonghen and Toby Alderweireld were all key parts

of the team that finished third in Russia four years ago.

Belgium start their Group F campaign against Canada on November 23. They will also face Morocco and 2018 runners-up Croatia.

Injured Mueller 'never better prepared' for WC: Flick



AP ■ MUNICH

Germany coach Hansi Flick said star forward Thomas Mueller "has never been so well prepared before for a World Cup" when announcing his selection on Thursday.

Flick selected Mueller, 33, in his 26-man squad despite the Bayern Munich forward missing eight matches and playing less than 60 minutes in total since late September.

Flick said he was confident Mueller would arrive at Germany's pre-World Cup training facility in Oman "in full fitness". Mueller, who won

the World Cup in 2014 with Germany, will play in the showpiece event for the fourth time in Qatar.

Mueller has been left out of Bayern's squad for Saturday's match against Bundesliga bottom side Schalke with a back complaint.

Bayern manager Julian Nagelsmann said "I would just like to let him rest before the World Cup... (and) heal completely" when explaining Mueller's absence from the side.

Germany play their first match of the World Cup against Japan on November 23.

Nadal, Swiatek to begin 2023 at United Cup in Australia

AP ■ SYDNEY

Rafael Nadal and Iga Swiatek will kick off their 2023 seasons at the United Cup in Australia, a new mixed teams event, but a host of top 10 players are skipping the tournament.

The United Cup, with US\$15 million in prize money and rankings points at stake, has replaced the men's ATP Cup and will be held in Brisbane, Perth and Sydney as a key build-up to the Australian Open Grand Slam.

Eighteen countries will compete across 11 days from December 29, with each team comprising four men and four women with 500 WTA and 500 ATP rankings points available.

"The playing group is very excited about the United Cup, and that's confirmed in the high quality and calibre of those who've committed to the event," tournament direc-

tor Stephen Farrow said Thursday.

"We are delighted with the depth and breadth of the teams, and we can look forward to many exciting matchups and lots of entertaining tennis."

World number two and 22-time Grand Slam winner Nadal — the defending Australian Open champion — will headline Spain's team along with 13th-ranked Paula Badosa. But Spanish world number one Carlos Alcaraz will not take part.

Top-ranked Swiatek will spearhead Poland alongside Hubert Hurkacz while world number three Jessica Pegula is on a United States team that also features Madison Keys, Taylor Fritz and Frances Tiafoe.

A resurgent Caroline Garcia, fresh from beating Aryna Sabalenka to win the season-ending WTA Finals on Monday, is the big-name player for France.



Sixth-ranked Maria Sakkari is the only other woman in the top 10 taking part, in a strong Greek team

seeded one with world number three Stefanos Tsitsipas.

The likes of top-10 players Sabalenka, Ons Jabeur and

Coco Gauff have opted to begin their seasons at other events, likely the Adelaide International, a joint ATP-WTA tournament that runs at the same time.

Other notable United Cup entries include Norwegian world number four Casper Ruud, Germany's Alexander Zverev, who is planning a return to the courts in December from a serious ankle injury, and Australian showman Nick Kyrgios.

Brisbane, Perth and Sydney will each host two groups of three countries in a round-robin format from December 29 to January 4 with ties comprising two men's and two women's singles matches and one mixed doubles.

Group winners in each city will play off for one of three semi-final spots in Sydney, with the next best performing team from the group stages joining them.

SENEGAL TO GAMBLE ON MANE FITNESS

AP ■ DAKAR

Sadio Mane will be included in Senegal's squad for the World Cup despite suffering a leg injury this week, a source within the country's football federation said on Thursday.

"One thing is certain, Sadio Mane will be on the list tomorrow," the source said, with coach Aliou Cisse set to announce his squad on Friday.

Mane, who finished second in this year's Ballon d'Or voting behind Karim Benzema, limped off during Bayern Munich's 6-1 win over Werder Bremen on Tuesday.

He was diagnosed with an injury to his right fibula. Bayern said he would undergo further tests in the coming days.

According to the source, Mane "remains calm, he's pro-



fessional, he knows that injury is part of the job."

The 30-year-old scored the winning penalty as Senegal won their first Africa Cup of Nations title in February, beating Egypt in a shootout in the final.

Mane also converted the decisive spot-kick in the World Cup play-off the following month as Senegal again defeated Egypt on penalties.

He has been ruled out of Bayern's final game before the World Cup against Schalke on Saturday.

The Senegal team doctor, Manuel Afonso, has flown to Munich to assess the extent of Mane's injury.

But Senegal hope their talisman will be fit in time for their opening game of the tournament on November 21 against the Netherlands.

The Lions of Teranga will also take on hosts Qatar and Ecuador in Group A.

Mane, the two-time African player of the year, is pivotal to the African champions' hopes of progressing to the knockout stages.