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66% voter turnout
in Himachal polls

Voters holding their identification cards wait in a queue to cast their votes for the Himachal Pradesh Assembly elections, in Kullu on Saturday PTI

BJP looks to buck
anti-incumbency
trend to return to
power, Cong banks
on '10 guarantees'

PNS ■ SHIMLA

The voting for the high octane Himachal Pradesh Assembly elections concluded on Saturday and the EVMs and VVPATs have been sealed. Counting will be done on December 8.

Electors enthusiastically participated in the festival of democracy by casting their votes in the Assembly elections and the State recorded a voter turnout of 65.92 per cent, the Election Commission said, citing polling figures for the State where the ruling BJP and the Opposition Congress are locked in an aggressive fight.

Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Maneesh Garg said, besides the polling at the polling stations, more than 38,000 eighty plus, PwD and essential service voters have cast their vote through postal ballot. Postal ballots have been

issued to more than 1.26 lakh service voters and other polling staff.

He said the polling started at 8 am across the State and as per the reports received at State HQ, the approximate poll percentage in the State was 66 per cent.

The highest polling percentage of 77 per cent was reported from Shillai AC and the lowest polling percentage of 50.25 per cent was in Baijnath AC, as reported till 5 pm.

Voting began at 8 am on a slow note but picked up as the day progressed and the sun warmed the winter chill.

The Assembly election is a crucial test for the BJP which is hoping to beat precedent and return to power while the Congress has urged voters to go by tradition of voting out the incumbent.

Only around five per cent polling was recorded in the first hour, while till 11 am, it was 19.98 per cent. It notched up to 37.19 per cent by 1 pm and 55.65 per cent till 3 pm. Till 5 pm, a 65.92 per cent turnout was recorded, the Election Commission (EC) said. The highest polling of 72.35 per cent was recorded in Sirmour district followed by 68.48 per cent in Solan and 67.67 per cent in Una and 67.5 per cent in Lahaul and Spiti.

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Sunrise not far,
lotus will bloom in
Telangana: Modi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi speaks during a ceremony organised for the launch of multiple developmental projects, in Ramagundam on Saturday PTI

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday asserted that the "sunrise is not far and lotus (BJP's election symbol) will bloom in Telangana" as he pointed to the party's impressive show in the recent Munugode bypolls, where it lost to the Telangana Rashtra Samithi after a tough fight.

Besides his political engagements on the second day of his southern tour, the Prime Minister inaugurated various developmental projects worth ₹20,000 crore in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. While Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao (KCR) yet again chose not to receive the PM, his Andhra Pradesh coun-

terpart YS Jaganmohan Reddy stuck to the protocols.

In Ramagundam in Telangana, Modi laid the foundation stone and dedicated to the nation multiple projects worth over ₹9,500 crore and also visited the Ramagundam Fertilizers and Chemicals Limited (RFCL) plant while in Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh, the projects were worth over ₹10,500 crore.

Ahead of the 2023 Assembly elections in Telangana, Modi while addressing BJP workers indirectly targeted the TRS and KCR saying, "In the recent times, whatever bypolls were held, the message is loud and clear that the sunrise is not far."

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TMC Min in soup
for racist jibe at
Prez; BJP seeks
his ouster, arrestSAUGAR SENGUPTA ■
KOLKATA NEW DELHI

The BJP on Saturday demanded that West Bengal Minister Akhil Giri be sacked from Mamata Banerjee's Council of Ministers and arrested for his "racist, anti-tribal and anti-woman" remarks after he referred to President Droupadi Murmu's looks while delivering a speech attacking State Opposition Leader Suwendu Adhikari at Nandigram late on Friday evening.

A BJP East Midnapore leader filed an FIR at Nandigram police station against Giri, while the saffron party launched protest marches throughout the State demanding his arrest and removal from the Cabinet.

Adhikari on his part wrote a letter to Governor La Ganesan and said, "The Minister-of-State (Independent Charge), Department of Correctional Administration, Akhil Giri, has made insulting and derogatory comments on the President of the Republic of India, Droupadi Murmu. The President of India is the Constitutional head and Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Armed Forces. An insult to her is equivalent to insulting our country."

"They (TMC) cannot digest the fact that a tribal woman is now the President of India. BJP strongly condemns this."

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Kejriwal seeks
to crowdfund
Dilli Ki Yogshala
teachers' salary

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Saturday issued a WhatsApp number for the people to pledge their contribution to the salaries of yoga teachers under the "Dilli Ki Yogshala" programme.

Addressing a press conference, Kejriwal said that those who want to contribute to Yoga teachers' salary need to send a message on 7277972779 to confirm their willingness to contribute and also mention the number of teachers they want to fund.

Each yoga teacher under the scheme is paid ₹15,000 per month.

"Whosoever wants to fund the salaries can send a message on the number saying they want to contribute for one or two teachers... We will then give them the name of the teacher and ensure that they directly hand over the cheque to that teacher," the Chief Minister said, adding the contribution has to be in multiples of ₹15,000.

"Some people are willing to bear the whole cost of the free yoga programme, but I find joint support from the public more plausible. We have decided that together with the people of Delhi, we will not allow the yoga classes to shut under any circumstances. I will arrange the funds whichever way I can, but I will pay the teachers," Kejriwal said.

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India, Ukraine
discuss war,
N concerns,
resolutionPIONEER NEWS
SERVICE/AGENCIES ■ NEW
DELHI/PHNOM PENH

India and Ukraine on Saturday reviewed the war situation besides nuclear concerns, impact on fuel and fertilizers, supply chain and ways to end the conflict.

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and his Ukrainian counterpart Dmytro Kuleba discussed the gamut of issues as they met in Phnom Penh on the sidelines of Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)-India summit.

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CAPSULE

5.4-MAGNITUDE QUAKE
3RD IN WEEK JOLTS NEPAL

Kathmandu: A 5.4-magnitude earthquake jolted Nepal on Saturday, three days after a 6.6-magnitude tremor killed six people in the Himalayan nation and sparked panic among citizens. The epicentre of the earthquake was Patadebal of Bajhang, according to the National Earthquake Monitoring and Research Centre.

SHIP WITH 800 COVID
+VES DOCKED IN SYDNEY

Sydney: A holiday cruise ship carrying around 800 passengers with Covid-19 has docked in Sydney, Australia. The Majestic Princess cruise ship arrived at Circular Quay, having sailed from New Zealand.



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Kerala Govt sends ordinance sacking Guv Arif as Chancellor to Raj Bhavan

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

The ongoing war of nerves between Governor Arif Mohammed Khan and the CPI(M)-led Kerala Government took an interesting turn on Saturday as a representative of the Department of Law handed over the ordinance sacking the Governor from the position of Chancellor of the Universities in the State.

The Governor was not in Raj Bhavan when the ordinance was brought to his office by the Kerala Government representative. The ordinance becomes effective only after the Governor approves it with his signature. But the chances of Arif Mohammed Khan signing the law look bleak as he has said that he would not sit on a cause in which he himself is the topic as it is a violation of



natural justice. “I’ll go through the communication they send over and direct the same for the consideration of the Honorable President of India for her decision and directive,” he had told journalists the other day.

The Kerala Government proposes to appoint educational experts who are acceptable to the CPI(M) leadership and that is the reason behind the sudden move to get rid of the Governor from the Chancellor’s post. Interestingly, the Governor had volunteered to quit as Chancellor of the Universities at least four times in the past, but Chief Minister Pinarayi

Vijayan had pleaded with him not to quit and had assured him that there would not be any more intervention from the party or the Government in the autonomy of the Universities.

“In a democratic system, it would be ideal if the Governor puts his signature on the ordinance we have sent him. If he refuses to sign it, then we will consider of other options,” said higher education minister R Bindu, wife of polit bureau member A Vijayaraghavan.

Sources in the CPI(M) said that if the Governor refuses to toe the party line, a special session of the assembly would be convened for enacting law to remove the Governor from the post of Chancellors. Interestingly, that Bill too has to get the approval of the Governor to become a law.

School Education Minister Sivankutty, son-in-law of party’s ideologist late P Govinda Pillai, continued his

diatribes on Saturday also warning the Governor of dire consequences if he refuses to sign the bills sent by the LDF Government. “He will meet the same fate of C P Ramaswamy Aiyer, the former Diwan of Travancore who had to leave the State in ignominy after there was an attempt on his life for his decision not to join Indian Union in 1947,” said Sivankutty.

But Prof C I Issac, former member of ICHR and a leading historian said that Sivankutty was distorting facts. “The Travancore Royal Family itself has made it known that they were not interested in joining the Indian Union and wanted to remain as a stand alone republic. Ramaswamy Aiyer was merely following the diktat of the Royal Family and his communication with Sardar Patel, V P Menon and Lord Mountbatten are all in public domain,” said Prof Issac.

Yogi’s official Twitter account crosses 8 million followers

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

In yet another achievement for Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, his official Twitter handle @myogioffice has crossed the 8 million followers mark. The Twitter account of Yogi Adityanaths office is second in terms of the number of followers after the PMO. Besides, Yogi’s another Twitter handle @myogiadityanath has more than 2.25 crore followers.

It is noteworthy that Yogi’s popularity transcends borders and lately, his face has become a guarantee of victory for the Bharatiya Janata Party in elections, not only in UP but also in other states. Lakhs of people throng his public meetings to see and listen to him. He personally interacts with people and is available virtually 24x7.

Yogi is active on almost all



social media platforms and is far ahead of other chief ministers of the country, major leaders of opposition parties and even the world’s big leaders in terms of the number of followers on social media.

Yogi’s personal Twitter handle @myogiadityanath recently overtook that of former Congress president Rahul Gandhi (2.2 crore) in terms of the number of followers on Twitter. Chief opposition leader in Uttar Pradesh Akhilesh Yadav (1.76 crore) is already far behind Yogi on all social media

platforms, including Twitter.

The number of followers of Yogi Adityanath on Twitter is more than four times that of Priyanka Gandhi Vadra (51 lakh) and more than seven times that of Mayawati (29 lakh).

No chief minister or leader of any state is close to Yogi in terms of followers on Twitter. Yogi is seven times ahead of Sharad Pawar (27 lakh) and three times ahead of Mamata Banerjee (70 lakh). He has about 15 times more followers than Uddhav Thackeray (15 lakh), and five times ahead of Ashok Gehlot (43 lakh).

Yogi also has 60 lakh followers on Koo, the highest for any person so far on the app. On an average, six posts are shared daily from Yogi’s handle on the app. The chief minister Yogi made his debut on this app on February 9, 2021. According to the

management of the app, Yogi is followed by people from 28 states and more than 70 countries.

No politician or actor is close to Yogi in terms of popularity. Besides, the popularity of the CM Office UP account on this app is also no less. The account has more than 8.27 lakh followers.

Apart from Twitter and Koo, Yogi is also popular on social media networks like Facebook and Instagram. On Facebook, he has more than 73 lakh followers while on Instagram, he has more than 37 lakh followers. Yogi had shared 3,157 posts from this account till Saturday afternoon.

Yogi Adityanath’s office account on Twitter is the second largest after Prime Minister Modi’s office. The office accounts of other chief ministers are nowhere in the competition.

Dimple Yadav to file papers on Nov 14/15

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Dimple Yadav, the Samajwadi Party candidate from Mainpuri parliamentary constituency, is likely to file her nomination papers on November 14 or 15.

The bypoll to Mainpuri Lok Sabha seat has been necessitated by the death of Samajwadi Party founder Mulayam Singh Yadav who represented this constituency. SP district president Alok Shakyam on Friday had purchased the nomination papers from collectorate. Filing of nominations for the bypoll has started and November 18 is the last date. The polling for the by-election to Mainpuri Lok Sabha seat is



scheduled to be held on December 5 and counting of votes will be taken up on December 8. Mainpuri Lok Sabha seat has been electing Samajwadi Party candidates since 1996.

SP leaders consider Dimple Yadav, wife of party president Akhilesh Yadav, the best option to protect the Mainpuri bastion in the wake of the tough challenge posed by the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party in the recent by-elections held in the state.

Tej Pratap Yadav, the grandson of Mulayam Singh Yadav and former MP from Mainpuri , who was considered a strong candidate for the bypoll to Mainpuri seat before Dimple Yadav’s name was declared, said she would

get the support of the entire family as well as the party.

Dismissing speculation over the role of Akhilesh Yadav’s uncle and Pragatisheel Samajwadi Party (Lohia) chief Shivpal Singh Yadav in the crucial by-election, Tej Pratap Yadav said “the family is united”. He claimed that Shivpal Yadav and Akhilesh had a meeting in Lucknow on Thursday.

Tej Pratap Yadav said this would be the first election after Netaji’s (Mulayam Singh Yadav’s) demise in Mainpuri and the party wanted to register a big win as a tribute to him.

“We all will work harder than what we do during elections under normal circumstances. The eyes of the whole country are on this election,” he said.

Shivpal Yadav, who fell apart with Akhilesh Yadav after winning the assembly election from Jaswantnagar on Samajwadi Party ticket, when asked about Dimple Yadav’s candidature told reporters that “I have come to know of this through media.”

SRK stopped at airport over luxury watches, pays ₹6.83 lakh customs duty

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Bollywood actor Shah Rukh Khan was stopped by the customs officials for a few hours at the Mumbai airport in the small hours of Saturday over an Apple iWatch and six other high-end watch cases that he and those accompanying him were carrying in their baggage when they returned from Sharjah. He and team members were allowed to go after he paid Rs 6.83 lakh as customs duty.

Shah Rukh was stopped by the Air Intelligence Unit (AIU) of the customs department at a private terminal of Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport, when he arrived at 12.50 am by a private jet after attending the Sharjah International Book Fair 2022 yesterday, where he was honoured with the Global Icon of Cinema and Cultural Narrative Award for his contribution to international



cinema and culture.

The actor, his manager Pooja Dadlani and his other team were reportedly carrying an Apple iWatch and six other high-end cases of watches collectively worth Rs 17.86 lakh. The actor and his team members were allowed to go after they paid Rs 6.83 lakh in customs duty, which accounted for 38.5 per cent of the value of the goods.

An Apple Iwatch and six high-end watch cases were found in the baggage that his team members when the luggage underwent screening at the general aviation terminal where their private jet landed on its arrival from Sharjah at the airport.

Lotus will bloom...

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Darkness will vanish. Lotus will bloom everywhere in Telangana. Now, Telangana people want a Government that works for all the families of Telangana instead of a single family.” The BJP had won two Assembly by-polls in the last two years and put up a good show in the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation elections earlier. In Munugode, it lost by a little over 10,000 votes. Modi said the BJP workers together forced the entire State administration to focus on a single election.

Modi said he receives two-three kilos of “gaali” (abuse) everyday but his physical constitution converts it into “nutrition”. He said, “Some people, due to desperation, fear, and superstition will use abuses for Modi. I request you not to go astray with these tactics.”

After launching the projects, he pointed out that on one hand, the entire world is dealing with the corona pandemic and is getting affected by strenuous situations of war and military actions. “But among all of this experts are predicting that India is moving in the direction of becoming the third largest economy,” he said. “In the last 8 years,” the

Prime Minister informed, “the Central Government has already spent approximately Rs 10 lakh crore so that farmers are not burdened for fertilizers.” The Central Government has spent Rs 2.5 lakh crore so far this year to make cheap fertilizers available for the farmers of India, he added.

The Prime Minister lavished praise on the port city of Visakhapatnam and the “Telugu people” even as he said that India has become the center point to the world’s expectations and programmes like PM Gati Shakti were attracting more foreign investments into the country. “Integrated view is of prime importance for infrastructure development. Isolated view taken in the past has caused heavy losses to the country,” Modi pointed out.

Modi lamented the isolated approach to infrastructure development by the previous Governments which resulted in higher logistics expenses and created a dent in the supply chain. He informed that the Government adopted a new approach to infrastructure development as supply chain and logistics depend on multi-modal connectivity while focussing on an integrated view of development.

Maha ex-Min NCP’s Awhad released on bail

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Maharashtra’s former Minister and NCP leader Jitendra Awhad and 11 others were released on bail on Saturday, a day after he was arrested staging a protest and stalling the screening of Marathi film “Har Har Mahadev” at a Thane theatre recently.

Awhad and his 11 other supporters were produced before a Thane court which initially remanded them to judicial custody for 14 days. Later on they moved the same for bail. Awhad and others were released on bail against a cash surety of Rs 15,000 each.

It may be recalled that on November 7, Awhad and his supporters had stalled the screening of Marathi film ‘Har Har Mahadev’ at a multiplex theatre local at Viviana Mall. The Varatak Nagar police had registered an offence against Awhad and more than 100 others for their protest. Subsequently, Awhad and 11 others were arrested in connection with the crime.

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Shortened treatment regimens with bedaquiline effective in MDR-TB: Study

BISWAJEET BANERJEE ■ LUCKNOW

Highly anticipated result from Stage 2 of the STREAM randomised clinical trial, which was also carried out in India, has shown that new bedaquiline-containing shortened treatment regimens are both safe and effective in treating multi-drug resistant tuberculosis (MDR-TB), and also result in lower direct costs to patients.

The result was published in The Lancet on Friday. The report says that MDR-TB is resistant to two key medicines—isoniazid and rifampicin.

Until 2016, the recommended treatment for MDR-TB typically included 7,200 pills and 240 injections and took up to 24 months to complete. In 2017, STREAM Stage 1 confirmed that a 9-month treatment regimen was as effective as the longer regimen. Now, STREAM Stage 2 has demonstrated that both a fully-oral 9-month regimen and a 6-month injection-containing regimen have superior efficacy than the control regimen (the regimen evaluated in STREAM Stage 1).

“In STREAM Stage 2 we generated robust scientific evidence regarding the safety, efficacy and cost-effectiveness of two shortened regimens for MDR-TB, providing guideline development groups and national TB programmes with better information to



underpin their decisions about the most appropriate treatments for their populations,” said ID Rusen, senior vice-president, Vital Strategies, and sponsor for the STREAM trial.

“While we are pleased with the performance of the regimens tested in STREAM and the evidence generated, there is still an urgent need to build upon these results and improve the efficacy and safety of MDR-TB regimens available,” he said.

Despite recent advances in the MDR-TB research landscape, treatment guidelines have been based in large part on observational and non-randomised clinical trial data.

These results provide randomised clinical trial data to strengthen the evidence-base for treatment recommendations.

STREAM is the first large-scale, multi-country clinical trial to examine shortened regimens for multidrug-

resistant tuberculosis (MDR-TB). It is also the first phase III trial to test the efficacy and safety of bedaquiline, a new drug with a ‘novel mechanism of action’ within a shortened treatment regimen.

The STREAM clinical trial was conducted, with over 1,000 participants recruited from eight countries on three continents. Stage 2 of the trial was conducted in Ethiopia, Georgia, India, Moldova, Mongolia, South Africa and Uganda.

Stage 2 evaluated two new regimens – an all-oral 9-month regimen and a 6-month injection-containing regimen (both containing the new anti-tuberculosis drug bedaquiline) compared to a 9-month control regimen studied in Stage 1.

Importantly, an in-trial health economics component showed lower direct patient costs for both regimens while also identifying divergent health system costs between the two new regimens.

Kejriwal seeks to crowdfund...

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The Chief Minister also accused Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena and the BJP of “ruining the lives” of Delhiites by trying to stop the yoga classes and other works implemented by the AAP Government in the capital.

Kejriwal said, “It was very painful when they stopped the yoga classes. Nearly 17,000 people were attending those classes. They said they won’t pay the salaries of yoga teachers. Who stops people from doing yoga? It is a sin.”

The Government had on November 1 claimed that the LG had not approved the extension of ‘Dilli Ki Yogshala’ after October 31, but said the Government will ensure that the yoga classes did not stop.

66% voter turnout in Himachal...

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The high-altitude district of Lahaul and Spiti had recorded 21.95 per cent, the lowest, till 1 pm, but polling was brisk as the sun came out. Shillai recorded the highest 77 per cent turnout while Sarkaghat recorded the lowest 55.40 per cent, among the 68 Assembly constituencies in the hill State, the poll panel said.

Seraj constituency in Mandi district from where Chief Minister JaiRam Thakur is contesting and Sujapur recorded 74 per cent polling, according to the provisional figures. Among the other constituencies, Anni recorded polling of 63.65 per cent, Arki 66 per cent, Churah 60.83 per cent and Dalhousie 63 per

cent.

Chief Minister Thakur voted in Mandi along with his wife and daughters after offering prayers at a local temple, while Himachal Pradesh Congress chief Pratibha Singh and her son Vikramaditya Singh voted in Rampur.

Earlier in the day, the Congress leader along with her son paid obeisance at the Shani temple in Shimla. Former Chief Minister Prem Kumar Dhumal and his son and Union Minister Anurag Thakur voted in Hamirpur along with family members. Former Union Minister Anand Sharma voted in Shimla while CLP leader Mukesh Agnihotri and his family voted in Haroli, from where he is contesting.

IN-BRIEF

INDORE SET GREAT EXAMPLE ON CLEANLINESS: UNION MIN

Indore: “Pride of MP” award ceremony was organised in Indore on Saturday to encourage the IT companies in Madhya Pradesh. Union Minister for Entrepreneurship and IT Rajiv Chandrashekhar, who was chief guest on the occasion, said that Indore had set a great example for the whole country in terms of cleanliness. Madhya Pradesh has been fast emerging as an IT hub after education and a home to many big companies like TCS, Infosys, and Accenture, coming here and offering their services to many parts of India and the world.

DEDICATED 24/7 AMBULANCE SERVICE IN NOIDA

Noida: Fortis Hospital Noida has launched a dedicated ambulance service for stroke patients. The ‘Quick & Responsive Emergency Service’ has a dedicated helpline number – 0120 2400444 to help a patient reach the hospital within the golden hour. The first 4.5 hours are considered to be the most crucial or in other terms “golden” because stroke patients have a high chance of survival.



Spat over Suresh's lie test challenge to CM

AAP, BJP attack each other after conman's fresh charges

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The AAP and the BJP on Saturday sparred over Suresh Chandrasekhar's fresh allegations challenging Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and jailed AAP Minister Satyendar Jain to take a polygraph test with him.

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Saturday said the BJP should make conman Suresh Chandrasekhar its national president as he was speaking the same language as the saffron party. During a press conference, he said the BJP had brought Chandrasekhar into its fold as a star campaigner.

"The BJP demands my lie-detector test and even Suresh Chandrasekhar makes the same demand. They speak the same language. He is fully trained to join the BJP now," Kejriwal said.

Taking a dig at Kejriwal, Delhi BJP leader Ashish Sood said that Kejriwal's trouble has increased due to Suresh Chandrasekhar's fifth letter bomb. "In this, it has been revealed that for Kejriwal, who is fond of expensive watches, watches are brought from Dubai by private airjet. Not only this, Kejriwal also asked to publicize his dirty works in foreign newspapers through foreign PR companies to get accolades for himself.

Suresh alleged that 8.5 lakh US dollar and 15 per cent additional commission was given to the PR for promoting the Delhi school model story in the American news," Sood said. Earlier in August, The New York Times (NYT) published a front-page report lauding the



Arvind Kejriwal



Suresh Chandrasekhar

AAP-led Delhi government's much-touted education model.

The Delhi chief minister went on to add, "I have heard that Modi's roadshows are not drawing crowds.

They should bring Suresh Chandrasekhar to those roadshows. He has so many stories of how he cheated people that the crowd will just come to watch and listen to his stories. In fact, he should be made the BJP's national president.

"The BJP leader demanded from Kejriwal that when the thug of the country is ready to get the lie detector test done, what is the problem in getting Kejriwal to get the lie detector test done.

Sood said that Suresh Chandrasekhar has made many allegations in the five letters that came one by one, but Kejriwal has not yet responded to those allegations, while the swindler who made the allegations is ready to prove his point with all the evidence.

Earlier, Suresh has issued another press release challenging Kejriwal and jailed AAP minister Satyendar Jain to take a polygraph test with him. "I welcome the suggestion of polygraph test in regards to all my complaints and facts given

by me about AAP, Mr Satyendar Jain and Mr Arvind Kejriwal... am excited and extremely happy to give consent," he said in a handwritten letter.

The polygraph test must be conducted as a face-to-face confrontation conducted in the presence of all three together and the entire process be telecast live so that the whole country can watch the 'pandora's box of reality' of Mr Kejriwal and Mr Jain unfold in the open," Suresh said in a handwritten letter.

In addition, he urged the media to avoid from referring to him as a "conman," noting that he had not yet received a conviction in the fraud proceedings brought against him.

Suresh had earlier written to Saxena seeking a CBI probe against Kejriwal and others for alleged threat and corruption. He had alleged that Jain extorted Rs 10 crore from him in 2019 in exchange for his safety in prison.

He later issued a press release alleging that he had delivered Rs 50 crore to Jain at his farmhouse in Asola in 2016, after which Kejriwal and others met him at a hotel for dinner.

BJP declares 232 names for MCD elections

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi BJP on Saturday issued its first list of 232 candidates for election to the 250-ward Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) next month, the party said in a statement.

The names of 232 candidates were announced after the approval of party national president J P Nadda, said Delhi BJP general secretary Harsh Malhotra. Of the 232 candidates, 126 are women.

The BJP leadership has tried to accommodate all sections of the community which include 23 Punjabi, 21 Bania, 42 Brahmin, 34 Jat, 26 Poorvanchalis, 22 Rajput, 17 Gurjar, 13 Jatav, 9 Balmiki, 7 Sikh, 3 Muslim and one Jain.

The BJP has given tickets to several stalwarts who were denied tickets in 2017 due to a policy decision of not repeating any sitting councillor. It has also given ticket to several candidates who were contested the assembly polls in the past. The list include nine former mayors, 52 ex councillors, three doctors and three candidates who had contested Assembly polls in the past.

The BJP list showed that around 55 have been retained who have been contested in 2017 and won their seats. There are five candidates who had contested in 2012 but denied tickets in 2017.

The list include Rekha Gupta from Pitampura, Brahm Singh Tanwar from Okhla, Shyam Sharma from Hari Nagar, Shikha Sharma from Greater Kailash who had earlier contested for assembly seats in the past.

The party also given ticket to Balaji, Bhumihar, Dhanak, Dhobi, Kashyap, Kayastha, Koli, Kushwaha, Blacksmith and Saini community. The BJP has also given tickets many office bearers this time.

The BJP list also showed that the party has given ticket to 26 Poorvanchalis. The Poorvanchalis constitutes 25 to 30 lakh population, mostly in 1900 unauthorised colonies in Delhi. Political experts told



Harsh Malhotra

the pioneer that BJP list seems to be better if you compare to AAP list. It has also given tickets to turncoats who came from other parties to the BJP's fold in last few months. Most of those were Congress members. One of such leader Chandraprakash from Govindpuri joined BJP on Saturday itself. He was earlier with Congress. Interestingly AAP also gave tickets to 25 former Congress members.

According to BJP MLA Vijendra Gupta, the party has given ticket to strong faces and tried to accommodate all communities. "The party has given more than 50 per cent ticket to women this time.

To counter Arvind Kejriwal's charisma and and at the same time they tried to counter 15 year anti-incumbency, the party has given ticket to those who are active and strong in their areas," he said.

Taking it to Twitter, State BJP president, Adesh Gupta also commented, "Hearty congratulations to all the candidates of Bharatiya Janata Party, Delhi State for Delhi Municipal Corporation Election-2022. The efforts of the Godlike workers of the BJP family who have not been able to make it to the list this time will never fail, the lotus will bloom only because of your efforts."

'Kejriwal's education model advertisement propaganda'

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Lashing out at the AAP, the LBJP on Saturday termed the Kejriwal Government education model as "advertisement propaganda" saying that in the past eight years no permanent teachers are hired nor any new school has been constructed.

"Delhi's education is only being promoted through advertisements, whereas in reality out of 1027 schools of Delhi government, 853 schools do not even have a principal, nor do they have permanent teachers," said state BJP president, Adesh Gupta, while addressing the media.

Criticizing Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia,



Gupta said, "he is stopping the children of the poor from becoming doctors and engineers." Gupta said that instead of paying publications like the New York Times and Khaleej Times crores of rupees for advertising false propaganda about the Delhi education system, they should spend on improving the schools of the national capital which will

help the poor children of the city. "Out of the 1000 schools in Delhi, there are only 500 buildings to run them. Children are being taught in two shifts in government schools in Delhi.

The Kejriwal government had given a guarantee that it would give 500 new school buildings in Delhi, but in the last eight years the children have not even got the school buildings," he alleged.

Gupta said that Sisodia, who is accused number one in the liquor scam, has sold the right of poor children to study in private schools to rich. As many as 18,000 Economic Weaker Section seats are lying vacant in private schools in Delhi. Admission of poor is not being done in private schools.

Kejriwal biggest anti-Hindu, alleges BJP

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The BJP on Saturday stepped up its attack on Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, calling him the "biggest anti-Hindu". This comes after the AAP included former Minister Rajendra Pal Gautam in its list of star campaigners for the civic polls.

BJP spokesperson Gaurav Bhatia alleged whether it is Gautam or AAP's Gujarat leader Gopal Italia, their words against Hindu deities reflect Kejriwal's "poisonous" mindset. "The facts will show that Kejriwal is the biggest hate-monger and anti-Hindu who changes colour and becomes a 'chunavi' Hindu during elections," Bhatia said.

Gautam quit as minister in the Delhi government last month amid a row over attending a religious conversion event in which Hindu deities were allegedly insulted. On Friday, he was named as one of the

AAP's star campaigners for December's Municipal Corporation of Delhi elections. Bhatia also alleged that AAP leaders' anti-Hindu comments showed that the party and its leader (Kejriwal) were only interested in the votes of one community. He also claimed that the AAP-run government in Delhi gave funds to the Waqf Board and provided salaries to imams.

Showing a newspaper advertisement of the Delhi government on Diwali, Bhatia said, "You can see the photo of 'maha thug' here but no photos of Lakshmi, Ganesh despite demanding that images of the deities be printed in currency notes."

Bhatia had last week called Kejriwal a maha (great) thug after conman Suresh Chandrasekhar alleged that he was forced to bring 'over 20 people to contribute Rs 500 crore towards his party (AAP)'. The AAP has dismissed the charges. The BJP spokesperson

alleged that Kejriwal's actions exposed his "doublespeak" and "hypocrisy".

"In the past he said his grandmother told him that Lord Rama could not live in a temple constructed by dismantling a structure. Later, he went on to tell people that he would take them to a pilgrimage of Ayodhya to see the grand temple of Lord Rama being constructed there," he said. In Gujarat, Kejriwal made state unit chief Gopal Italia, who had said that women are "exploited" at temples, a star campaigner, Bhatia said.

"Why is it so that Kejriwal can find only such leaders like Gautam and Italia who hurt Hindu sentiments to make his party's star campaigners," he asked. The war of words between the AAP and the BJP has escalated in recent weeks with the two parties getting ready to slug it out in the Municipal Corporation of Delhi and Gujarat Assembly elections.



A worker inside the tunnel of the Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut RRTS corridor, in New Delhi on Saturday Ranjan Dimri | Pioneer

3 men held for robbing passengers in moving bus in Kalyanpuri area

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Three men were arrested for allegedly robbing passengers in a moving bus in East Delhi's Kalyanpuri area, police said on Saturday. The accused have been identified as Pradeep, 28, Sugam, 23, and Abhishek, 23, all residents of Kalyanpuri, they said.

Police were informed about a robbery near Chand cinema road in an RTV bus on Friday around 7 pm. They found the bus near Lal Bahadur Shastri Hospital, a senior police officer said.

Deepak, 25, one of the passengers, said that he had boarded the bus from Chand Cinema for Super Shine Chowk along with other passengers. Around 6.30 pm, when the bus reached

near 21 Block Kalyanpuri, three men armed with knives, boarded the bus and robbed several passengers of their mobile phones, purse, bags etc, the officer said. After the robbery, they de-boarded the bus and fled, police said. Police later arrested all three men on the basis of technical surveillance and information from their network.

Three knives, mobile phones, cash, purses and other robbed articles were recovered from their possession, Deputy Commissioner of Police (east) Amrutha Guguloth said. Pradeep was found involved in 16 cases of robbery, snatching and Arms Act, Sugam in four case of robbery, theft and Arms Act, and Abhishek was involved in six cases of robbery, snatching and theft, police said.

25-yr-old kidnaps infant for sacrifice to resurrect her dead father, arrested

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi police has arrested a 25-year-old woman in Southeast Delhi for allegedly kidnapping an infant to sacrifice him to bring her dead father to life. The child was recovered safely from the accused, identified as Shweta, a resident of Kotla Mubarakpur. According to police, this woman was previously involved in two cases of robbery and burglary.

On Thursday around 4 pm, an information was received that a two-month-old boy was kidnapped by an unknown woman from Garhi area, they said. A team com-



prising sub-inspector Rajinder Singh, head constables Ravinder Giri, Sher Singh, Sachin Saroha, Neeraj Kumar and Dinesh Kumar, and woman constable Poonam was formed to crack the case. The team was led by Amar Colony SHO Pradeep Rawat.

According to the police, the infant's mother informed that the kidnapper met her in

Safdarjung Hospital and introduced herself as member of NGO Jachcha-Bachcha care. Shweta promised to provide free medicine and consultation to the mother and the child.

Later, she followed them on the pretext of examining the newborn, police said. On Wednesday, the accused also came to the family's home at Mamraj Mohalla, Garhi, for the check-up of the baby. On Thursday, she came to their home again and convinced the mother of the child to hand over the infant for outing. The mother asked her 21-year-old niece to accompany Shweta, a senior police officer said.

The accused woman came

to Neem Chowk, Garhi and took the infant in her car with victim's niece Ritu. On the way, the kidnapper offered cold drink to Ritu, due to which she fell unconscious. Later, the kidnapper dumped Ritu in Ghaziabad, the officer said. Ritu informed her family about the abduction. Police checked the CCTV footage of the area and identified the vehicles registration number.

On Thursday around 4 pm, a tip-off was received that the kidnapper would come near Arya Samaj Mandir, Kotla Mubarakpur. Accused was nabbed in a raid and the infant was rescued safely, the officer said.

AAP releases final list of 117 candidates for municipal elections

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The AAP on Saturday released the final list of 117 candidates finalised for the upcoming Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) elections.

The party has given tickets to Shweta Khatri from Narela, Munesh Sharma from Kadipur, Deepa Khatri from Alipur, Ruby Rawat from Sant Nagar, Afreen Naz from Brij Puri, Sajid Khan from Kabir Nagar, Jaswant Singh from Saboli, Avdesh Choubey from Jhilmil, Mini Rathore from Azad Nagar, Jugal Arora from Krishna Nagar, Ramesh Pandit from Preet Vihar, Rekha Dikshit from Anarkali, Vinita Luthra from Yamuna Vihar, Rahul Jain from Anand Vihar, Hema Vohra from Jaitpur.

Apart from this Vineta Dedha from Kondli, Alka Dhingra from Moti Nagar, Sunita from Dwarka-C, Sudha Sinha from Dwarka-B, Ajay Rai from Mahavir Enclave, Anil Mittal from Rohini-C, Kuldeep Mittal from Rohini-E, Kiran from Delhi Gate, Rajesh Kumar from Mangolpuri, Anil Lakra from Mundka were facilitated with the party ticket on Saturday.

The AAP said that before giving the tickets, it conducted a survey of all the candidates

and took feedback from the local people upon their choice of candidates. The statement released by the party said that more than 20,000 party workers had applied to contest the MCD election on AAP's ticket.

It said that a meeting of the Aam Aadmi Party Political Affairs Committee (PAC) was held in Delhi on Friday regarding the upcoming MCD elections. There was a discussion over the party's surveys and election data in regard to finalization of the lists of candidates for the elections.

The AAP said that Kejriwal took the views of all PAC members regarding the elections and candidates and the first list was announced. It further said that the party has given weightage to the applicants who command a strong presence among the people of Delhi and workers who are constantly at the forefront of public service.

The AAP leaders said that the party has taken many safeguards in selecting eligible candidates. It had long sought applications from people interested in running for Municipal Corporation elections so that each applicant could be thoroughly scrutinized. The party conducted extensive surveys of those who applied for ticket.

DCW rescues trafficked Nigerian woman

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Commission for Women (DCW) along with city police and NGO Shakti Vahini has rescued a 20-year-old Nigerian woman who was trafficked to the national Capital from Nigeria, an official statement said on Saturday.

According to the statement, the commission received information from the NGO on Thursday about a woman trafficked to Delhi on October 24 on a tourist visa with the

promise of a job. However, she was held captive and her passport was taken away. Somehow, she managed to send her brother to her location in west Delhi's Tilak Nagar. Her brother then contacted the NGO, it said. A team of the commission, along with Delhi Police and the NGO, raided the place in Tilak Nagar and rescued the woman.

The woman told police that there were many other women in captivity of the traffickers, who were enticed away from African countries with promise of lucrative jobs and

forced into sex work, the statement said.

The DCW commission has issued a notice to city police and has sought an action taken report in the matter, and sought a copy of FIR along with details of people arrested, the statement said.

The commission has also sought details of efforts made by police to recover other women. In her statement, DCW chief Swati Maliwal stated, "We received the complaint of a Nigerian woman being kept captive by traffickers. Our team immediately

contacted Delhi Police and rescued her. We receive many cases of foreign nationals being trafficked in Delhi.

"Recently, a case regarding trafficking of Uzbek women was also received in the commission. The Delhi Police should conduct a thorough investigation of these international rackets and arrest the kingpins.

These rackets must be busted in order to save the lives of thousands of women being forced into commercial sexual exploitation and bonded labour by the traffickers."

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Entry tickets for the India International Trade Fair to be held from November 14-27 will be available at 67 metro stations. About 2,500 domestic and foreign exhibitors from several countries, including the UK and the UAE, will showcase their products during the 14-day fair at the Pragati Maidan.

India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO), an arm of the commerce ministry, said this year, Bihar, Jharkhand and Maharashtra are the 'partner

states' while Uttar Pradesh and Kerala are the 'focus states'. Overseas participation is from 12 countries, including Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bahrain, Belarus, Iran, Nepal, Thailand, Turkey, the UAE, and the UK.

The Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) said it will start selling ITIF entry tickets for 'business days' (November 14-18) from November 14 and for 'general public days' (November 19-27) from November 19. The ITIF entry tickets will be available at only 67 selected metro stations,

the DMRC said in a statement. The stations that would be selling the tickets are Shaheed Sthal New Bus Adda, Dilshad Garden, Shahdara, Seelampur, Inderlok, Netaji Subhash Place, Rohini West, Rithala, Noida City Centre, Mandi House, and Barakhamba station among others.

ITIF tickets will not be available for sale at the Supreme Court metro station, it said. This station falls next to Pragati Maidan. ITIF tickets for both business days as well as general days can be purchased from customer care centres of these

67 metro stations from 9 am to 4 pm on all days, the DMRC said. To cater to the rush during the trade fair, additional metro token counters, guards, officers and staff will be deployed at the Supreme Court metro station and other stations as required, a senior official said.

The ITPO organises the mega event and it was first held in 1979. The fair was not held in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It was the second time in history that the fair was not organised. The first time this happened was in 1980.

Prez Murmu to attend Janjatiya Gaurav Divas in J'khand on Nov 15

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

President Droupadi Murmu will attend a mega event in Ulihatu village in Jharkhand's Khunti district, the birth-place of revered tribal leader Birsu Munda, to mark the second Janjatiya Gaurav Divas on November 15, Union Minister Arjun Munda said on Saturday. The President after addressing the nation on the importance of the JJGD, will also virtually inaugurate 4 lane NH-33, Chhatti Bariatu Coal Mining project and Eklavya Model Schools in Jharkhand.

Last year, the Government had declared November 15 as 'Janjatiya Gaurav Divas' to mark the birth anniversary of the tribal leader and remember the contribution of tribal freedom fighters.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had led the first-year celebration of the Divas as part of Azadi ka Amrit



Mahotsav with the launch of the Birsu Munda Freedom Fighter Museum at Ranchi. Like last year, this year too ahead of the assembly polls in various States a string of programmes has been lined up during the event spanning 15 days.

The move is being seen as a ruling party BJP's strategy to woo the tribal community ahead of the polls in four Northern States. While Gujarat will be going to the polls later this year, elections in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh are due in early 2023.

The Ministry has also planned a string of cultural

events and workshops pan-India in coordination with State governments and State tribal research institutes to celebrate the Day.

"On the occasion of Janjatiya Gaurav Divas this year, the ministry in coordination with the Jharkhand government has planned a mega event at Khunti in the presence of the President," Munda, the Union tribal affairs minister, told reporters here on Saturday.

Vice President Jagdeep Dhankar will pay floral tributes at the statue of Birsu Munda at Parliament complex, he said. Informing about the various programmes planned for the D-Day Munda said that cultural programmes, seminars, workshops, essay, songs, dance, sport and painting competitions have also been planned across the country in coordination with state governments and tribal research institutes.

Governors of the various States will participate at the

inaugural session of the JJGD related events while freedom fighters, sports persons, artists from the tribal community will be felicitated for their contribution in the sector. Statues of freedom fighters will also be unveiled..

Munda also added that the celebration will also inspire all to work in the field of education, health for the tribals and also for the conservation of tribal culture and art.

TRIFED, an autonomous body under the Ministry has organized a host of pan India events in tribal products. "An Aadi Mahotsav will be held at the gramin Haat at various places in several States to showcase as well as help generate income of the tribals through their products," said Munda.

The event will be utilized for wider publicity of tribal oriented schemes and initiatives and maximize wider participation in developmental efforts of the Government.

CBI files chargesheet against 24 in J&K SI recruitment scam

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The CBI on Saturday filed a chargesheet against 24 accused persons, including then Commandant of BSF, an ASI and Constables of Jammu and Kashmir Police, officials of CRPF, a teacher and others in a case related to Sub Inspector recruitment scam in the Valley.

A case was registered on August 3 on the request of Jammu and Kashmir Government to investigate the allegations of irregularities in written examination conducted by Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board (JKSSB) on March 27 for recruitment of 1,200 Sub-Inspectors of police. The result of this examination was declared on June 4.

"The investigation was spread across several States involving analysis of voluminous technical data and examination of a large number of witnesses," the CBI said in a statement.

After registration of the

case, searches were conducted at 77 places including in Jammu and Kashmir, Haryana, Delhi and Bengaluru at the premises of accused and others including certain officials of JKSSB. As many as 20 persons were arrested and cash to the tune of Rs 61.79 lakh was recovered during the searches, it said.

During investigation, it was found that an accused Yatin Yadav, resident of Rewari, entered into conspiracy with others. In pursuance of the said conspiracy, another accused Pradip Kumar Katiyar (employee of Printing Press) stole the question paper of JKPSI examination and handed over the same to the former.

Further, the said accused contacted other accused persons to arrange candidates for sale of question papers. The other accused arranged candidates who were provided leaked question papers. In furtherance to conspiracy, candidates were taken to Karnal and provided leaked question



papers in lieu of money.

In the charge sheet the CBI has alleged that Yatin Yadav of Rewari had accessed the question paper through an Okhla-based printing press employee Pradip Kumar Katiyar, officials said.

Yadav used a network of middlemen and officials of Jammu and Kashmir Police and central paramilitary forces to target aspirants willing to cough up Rs 20-30 lakh to get through the recruitment process through which 1,200 posts in the Jammu and Kashmir Police were to be filled up, they further said.

Few accused of Jammu and Kashmir made arrange-

ments for providing leaked question paper to candidates at Gangyal, Jammu. It was further alleged that the accused distributed leaked question paper at the residence of a doctor (Dr Karnail Singh, Commandant Medical of BSF). It was also alleged that some candidates actively participated in the said conspiracy, it said.

Besides Dr Karnail Singh, Ashok Kumar, then ASI of Jammu and Kashmir police besides others have also been named in the chargesheet.

Further investigation is continuing to unearth larger conspiracy on other allegations leveled in the FIR, the agency added.

Jaishankar, Ukraine Min Kuleba discuss range of issues on sidelines of ASEAN

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE/AGENCIES ■ NEW DELHI/PHNOM PENH

India and Ukraine on Saturday reviewed the war situation besides nuclear concerns, impact on fuel and fertilizers, supply chain and ways to end the conflict.

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and his Ukrainian counterpart Dmytro Kuleba discussed the gamut of issues as they met in Phnom Penh on the sidelines of Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)-India summit.

Jaishankar later tweeted, "Pleasure to meet FM @DmytroKuleba of Ukraine. Our discussions covered recent developments in the conflict, the grain initiative and nuclear concerns."

Kuleba also took to Twitter to say he discussed bilateral cooperation and ways to end Russia's war on Ukraine. "I emphasized that Russia must

immediately cease deadly attacks, withdraw all troops from Ukraine, and commit to peace. We also focused on global food security," Kuleba tweeted.

India has said that the suspension of the Black Sea Grain initiative is expected to further exacerbate food security, and fuel and fertiliser supply challenges faced by the world, particularly in the global South. Russia suspended the initiative after an attack on its ships in the Ukrainian port of Sevastopol in the Crimean peninsula.

The Black Sea Grain Initiative is the agreement on the resumption of Ukrainian grain exports via the Black Sea amid the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war. The initiative resulted in the export of more than nine million tonnes of grains and other food products out of Ukraine.

Notably, Russia had declared that it was putting its

involvement in the deal on hold. However, Russian President Vladimir Putin later stated that Moscow would suspend, but not end, its involvement in the deal.

The deal provides for a safe humanitarian corridor for the export of Ukrainian grains through the Black Sea, to tackle rising food prices due to the geopolitical conflict grappling the 'breadbasket.'

Incidentally, Jaishankar last week met Russian foreign minister Sergey Lavrov in Moscow and called for early cessation of hostilities. He also said India has all along favoured dialogue and diplomacy to end the war. It was Jaishankar's first visit to Moscow since the Russian military action in Ukraine began in late February. However, Jaishankar and Lavrov have met each other five times this year.

India has not yet condemned the Russian invasion

of Ukraine and it has been maintaining that the crisis must be resolved through diplomacy and dialogue.

Since the Ukraine conflict began, Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke to Russian President Vladimir Putin as well as Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy a number of times.

During their bilateral meeting in October on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) in Samarkand, Modi pressed Putin to end the conflict in Ukraine soon, saying "today's era is not of war" even as he called for finding ways to address the global food and energy security crisis.

In a phone conversation with Zelenskyy on October 4, Modi said there can be "no military solution" and that India is ready to contribute to any peace efforts.

Jaishankar is accompany-

ing Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar, who is leading the Indian delegation to the ASEAN-India Commemorative Summit and the 17th East Asia Summit in the Cambodian capital.

This year marks the 30th anniversary of ASEAN-India relations and is being celebrated as the ASEAN-India Friendship Year. The ASEAN is an international organisation that has 10 member countries in Southeast Asia: Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam.

A joint statement issued after the ASEAN-India summit declared it reaffirms the importance of maintaining and promoting peace, stability, maritime safety and security, freedom of navigation and overflight in the region, and other lawful uses of the seas and unimpeded lawful maritime commerce and to

promote peaceful resolutions of disputes, in accordance with universally recognized principles of international law, including the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), and the relevant standards and recommended practices by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the International Maritime Organization (IMO).

The summit also declared to establish the ASEAN-India Comprehensive Strategic Partnership that is meaningful, substantive and mutually beneficial, and task our officials to follow up on its implementation; Jaishankar also met Singapore FM Vivian Balakrishnan and Indonesia's FM Retno Marsudi. "Great to see my friend FM Vivian Balakrishnan of Singapore. Always nice to exchange notes," tweeted Jaishankar. "Good to catch up with



my dear colleague FM Retno Marsudi of Indonesia. Wish her all the best for the upcoming G20 Bali Summit," added Jaishankar.

The External Affairs Minister is accompanying Vice President Jagdeep Dhankar who arrived in Cambodia on Friday to participate in the ASEAN India Commemorative Summit and the 17th East Asia Summit. This Summit is being

hosted by Cambodia under the theme A.C.T (Addressing, Challenging, Together). This theme is aiming to counter regional issues, seeking prosperity, growth and stability among the states, in accordance with the main theme of ASEAN. Cambodia has played an important role in India-ASEAN engagements, the 1st India-ASEAN Summit took place in 2002 during the first chairship of Cambodia.

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Modi Govt's 'silence' on SC release of Rajiv case convicts compromise with terrorist act: Cong

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Congress on Saturday alleged that the Modi Government's 'silence' on the Supreme Court order directing the premature release of the six remaining convicts in the Rajiv Gandhi assassination case is a



case of A G Perarivalan, one of the convicts in the case, is equally applicable in their matter.

Congress general secretary in-charge organisation K C Venugopal said there shouldn't be any sympathy towards terrorists.

The Modi government's "reprehensible silence" on the release of the culprits of Rajiv Gandhi's assassination is a "compromise with the terrorist act", Venugopal said.

And those who applaud the release of these terrorists are, indeed, indirectly embold-

ening them, he added.

His remarks came a day after Tamil Nadu's ruling DMK, which is a Congress ally, and main opposition AIADMK welcomed the Supreme Court ruling.

The Congress on Friday had termed "totally unacceptable and completely erroneous" the Supreme Court order directing the premature release of the six remaining convicts serving life sentence in the Rajiv Gandhi assassination case, and said the apex court has not acted in consonance with the spirit of India.



Nalini Sriharan, one of the convicts in the Rajiv Gandhi assassination case, being released from prison, in Vellore on Saturday. The Supreme Court directed the release of six convicts serving life sentence in the assassination case of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi on Friday

PTI

MHA to hold global anti-terror financing meet on Nov 18-19

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Union Home Ministry will host the 3rd Ministerial 'No Money for Terror' Conference on November 18 and 19 in New Delhi. The Conference aims to progress the discussions on combating terrorist financing held by the international community in the previous two Conferences in Paris (2018) and Melbourne (2019).

It intends to include discussions on technical, legal, regulatory and cooperation aspects of all facets of terrorism financing and attempts to set the pace for other high level official and political deliberations, focused on countering terrorist financing.

Home Minister Amit Shah will chair the global meeting. Discussions at the 3rd 'No Money For Terror' Conference will be focussed on global trends in terrorism and terrorist financing, use of formal and informal channels of funds for terrorism, emerging technologies and terrorist financing and requisite international co-operation to address related challenges. The Conference intends to bring together representatives of 75 countries and international bodies for extended deliberations over two days.

"Globally, countries have been affected by terrorism and militancy for several years. The pattern of violence differs in most theatres, but is largely engendered by a tumultuous geo-polit-



ical environment, coupled with prolonged armed sectarian conflicts. Such conflicts often lead to poor governance, political instability, economic deprivation and large ungoverned spaces. The involvement of a compliant State often exacerbates terrorism, especially its financing.

"India has suffered several forms of terrorism and its financing over more than three decades, hence it understands the pain and trauma of similarly impacted nations. In order to display solidarity with peace-loving nations and to help create a bridge for sustained cooperation on countering terrorist financing, India was host to two global events in October - the annual General Assembly of the Interpol in Delhi and a special session of the UN Counter Terrorism Committee in Mumbai and Delhi. The forthcoming NMFT Conference will further our efforts to build understanding and cooperation amongst nations," said Home Ministry in a statement.

IAF, French Air Space Force end Garuda-VII bilateral air exercise

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The seventh edition of the bilateral air exercise between the Indian Air Force (IAF) and the French Air and Space Force (FASF), "Exercise Garuda-VII" concluded at Air Force Station, Jodhpur on Saturday.

The FASF participated in the nearly 15-day long exercise with Rafale fighter aircraft and A-330 Multi Role Tanker Transport (MRTT) aircraft, while the IAF contingent comprised Su-30 MKI, Rafale, LCA 'Tejas' and Jaguar fighter aircraft. This fighter element was complemented by the IAF's Flight Refuelling Aircraft as well as Mi-17 helicopters and the newly



inducted LCH 'Prachanda,' IAF officials said here.

Exercise Garuda-VII provided the two Air Forces with the opportunity for professional interaction and sharing of operational knowledge and experience. With meticulous planning and execution of various phases of the exercise, personnel of the IAF and the FASF were exposed to realistic

air combat simulations and the associated Combat Support Operations.

This enabled the participating contingents to engage in wide ranging interactions, providing valuable insight into each other's best practices. The exercise also provided a platform for cultural exchange between the Air Force personnel of both the countries.

Ukraine works to stabilise Kherson after Russian pullout

AP ■ MYKOLAIV (UKRAINE)

The Ukrainian military carried out "stabilisation measures" near the southern city of Kherson on Saturday following the end of an eight-month occupation by Russian forces, a retreat that cast a further pall on President Vladimir Putin's designs to take over large parts of Ukraine.

Residents of Kherson, the only regional capital captured by Russia's military during the ongoing invasion, awoke from a night of jubilant celebrating that broke out in the city and surrounding areas after the Kremlin announced its troops had withdrawn to the other side of the Dnieper River. In a regular social media update Saturday, the General Staff of



Ukraine's armed forces said Russians were fortifying their battle lines on river's eastern bank after abandoning capital. About 70per cent of Kherson region remains under Russian control.

Ukrainian officials from President Volodymyr Zelenskyy on down cautioned that while special military units had reached Kherson city, a full deployment to reinforce the advance troops still was underway.

On Friday, Ukraine's intelligence agency said it thought some Russian soldiers stayed behind, ditching their uniforms for civilian clothes to avoid detection. "Even when city is not yet completely cleansed of enemy's presence, people of Kherson themselves

are already removing Russian symbols and any traces of the occupiers' stay in Kherson from the streets and buildings," Zelenskyy said in his nightly video address late Friday. Photos circulating Saturday on social media showed Ukrainian activists removing memorial plaques put up by occupation authorities Kremlin installed to run the Kherson region.

A Telegram post on the channel of Yellow Ribbon, a self-described Ukrainian "public resistance" movement, showed two people in a park taking down plaques picturing what appeared to be Soviet-era military figures. Moscow's announcement that Russian forces planned to withdraw across the Dnieper River, which divides both the Kherson

region and Ukraine, followed a stepped-up Ukrainian counteroffensive in country's south. In last two months, Ukraine's military claimed to have reclaimed dozens of towns and villages north of Kherson city, and Ukrainian General Staff said that's where the stabilization activities were taking place.

The Russian retreat represented a significant setback for the Kremlin some six weeks after Putin annexed the Kherson region and three others provinces in southern and eastern Ukraine in breach of international law and in face of widespread condemnation. The Russian leader unequivocally asserted illegally claimed areas as Russian territory. Russian state news agency TASS quoted an official in Kherson's

Kremlin-appointed administration on Saturday as saying that Henichesk, a city on Azov Sea some 200 kilometers south-east of Kherson city, would serve as region's "temporary capital" after withdrawal across the Dnieper.

Ukrainian media derided the announcement, with daily newspaper Ukrainskaya Pravda saying Russia "had made up a new capital" for the region.

Like Zelenskyy, Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba sought to temper excitement over invaded nation's latest morale boost., "We are winning battles on the ground, but the war continues," he said from Cambodia, where he was attending a meeting of Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

Biden: Climate efforts ‘more urgent than ever’ at summit



AP ■ SHARM EL-SHEIKH

President Joe Biden, speaking on Friday at an annual international summit on climate change, urged world leaders to "double down" on their resolve to fight global warming, saying Russia's invasion of Ukraine reinforces the need to push out fossil fuels.

"We can no longer plead ignorance to the consequences of our actions, or continue to repeat our mistakes," Biden said.

The president's brief attendance at the United Nations climate conference, known as COP27, was largely a victory lap as he emphasised new spending on clean energy initiatives that will "change the paradigm" for the United States and the rest of the world. But

Biden glossed over how he's pushed for more oil and gas production to bring down costs that have been politically troublesome at home, and fuelled the invasion of Ukraine by allowing Russia to fetch higher prices for its energy exports.

"This gathering must be the moment to recommit our future and our shared capacity to write a better story for the world," Biden said.

Biden spent just three hours in Egypt, including a meeting with the country's autocratic leader, President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi, before continuing on an around-the-world trip.

He arrived Saturday morning for his next stop in Cambodia, where he would participate in a meeting of Southeast Asian leaders, and then Indonesia for the annual

Group of 20 summit of the world's largest economies.

Biden left Washington late on Thursday buoyed by a stronger-than-expected showing by the Democratic Party in Tuesday's midterm elections, earlier congressional passage of the largest climate investment in US history and Russian military setbacks on the Ukrainian battlefield.

At the climate conference, Biden discussed a new supplemental rule that will crack down on methane emissions, expanding on a similar regulation his administration released last year.

United Nations climate talks near halftime with major issues unresolved

Shram El-Sheikh: As the UN climate talks in Egypt near half-way point, negotiators are working hard to draft deals on a wide range of issues they'll put to ministers next week in hope of getting a substantial result by end.

The two-week meeting in Sharm el-Sheikh started with strong appeals from world leaders for greater efforts to curb greenhouse gas emissions and help poor nations cope with global warming. (AP)

German leader Scholz says Iran can expect more EU sanctions

AP ■ BERLIN

German Chancellor Olaf Scholz strongly criticized the Iranian government Saturday for its bloody crackdown on protests in the country said Germany stands "shoulder to shoulder with the Iranian people."

Scholz said the ongoing protests sparked by the Sept. 16 death of 22-year-old Mahsa Amini following her detention by Iran's morality police were no longer "merely a question of dress codes" but had evolved into a fight for freedom and justice.

The protests have grown into one of the largest sustained challenges to Iran's theocracy since the chaotic months after its 1979 Islamic Revolution.

"We can barely begin to imagine how much courage this takes," Scholz said in his weekly video address. "More than 300 killed, dozens of death sentences and more than 14,000 arrests. So far. Those who demonstrate against oppression in Iran risk their lives, and often also the lives of their loved ones – and face the prospect of torture and decades in prison."

Hundreds of thousands of people in Germany with Iranian roots fear for their relatives and are "appalled and



disgusted by what the Mullah regime is doing to the demonstrators," the chancellor continued. "It is clear that the Iranian government is solely responsible for this spate of violence."

Scholz said Iran would receive additional sanctions for its brutal crackdown and its decision to send hundreds of drones to Russia for use in the war in Ukraine. European Union foreign ministers are expected to agree on additional sanctions when they meet on Monday.

Germany's foreign minister on Friday rejected a complaint by her Iranian counterpart that she was taking an "interventionist" stance over protests in Iran and pushed back against his pledge of a "firm" response.

Earlier this month, Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amirabdollahian warned his German counterpart, Annalena Baerbock, that she was taking

Ukraine FM: Moscow playing ‘hunger games’ with world

AP ■ PHNOM PENH

Ukraine's Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba pressed Southeast Asian countries for political and material support in his county's fight against Russia, while accusing Moscow on Saturday of playing "hunger games" with the world by holding up shipments of Ukrainian grain and other agricultural products.

Kuleba told reporters on the sidelines of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations summit that with a deal allowing Ukraine to export grain and fertilizer due to expire November 19, the world needed to pressure Russia not to object to its extension, saying Ukrainian products were critical in Africa and Asia.

More than just continuing the deal, however, Kuleba accused Russian inspectors of "quiet sabotage," saying they were intentionally dragging their feet in allowing shipments through.

Not only does Russia have "to remain part of the initiative, it also has to instruct its inspectors to act in good faith and to avoid any measures, any steps, that create obstacles and hinder the export of Ukrainian agricultural goods to the global market," he said.

"Russia should - must - stop playing hunger games with the world." Kuleba's country was invited to the ASEAN



summit for the first time this year and signed a peace accord with the group of nations with a combined population of nearly 700 million people.

Many of the member nations have thus far 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 favour of the UN General Assembly resolution condemning Russian aggression, with Vietnam and Laos abstaining.

Kuleba said signing the accord with ASEAN was a strong message of support from the group, though added that "the litmus test is the ... Voting in the UN General Assembly for resolutions related to Ukraine."

ASEAN is made up of Cambodia, the Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia, Laos, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, Brunei and Myanmar, though Myanmar's leaders are not being allowed to participate in the current meetings due to

ongoing violence in the country and its lack of effort in implementing the group's peace plan following the 2021 military takeover.

Kuleba said he is using the opportunity of the Phnom Penh summit as "an Asian tour," meeting with ASEAN members and non-members like Australia to plead for more political support, material aid - like transformers and generators to repair those destroyed in the fighting - and improvements of food security and trade.

He spoke on the day US President Joe Biden arrived at the talks, and met with Secretary of State Antony Blinken on the sidelines.

Blinken applauded Kuleba's efforts to keep drumming up assistance, assuring him that "support is strong around the world" for Ukraine.

Kuleba said it seemed "symbolic" that he had signed a strategic partnership with the US exactly a year before the accord with ASEAN.

"This just demonstrates how far we have gone after consolidating our position as a country belonging to the West," Kuleba said, according to a copy of his remarks provided by the US State Department.

In his earlier press conference, Kuleba said he had hoped to meet with China's foreign minister but was told he would not be present.

Sharif Govt trying to ‘cover up’ Imran’s assassination bid: PTI

Lahore: The Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) on Saturday dismissed the federal government's claim that the assassination attempt on party chief Imran Khan was a work of a "lone wolf", stressing that the Shehbaz Sharif-led administration with the help of its "handlers" were trying to cover up the crime.

"The Punjab government (of PTI-PMLQ) has formed a joint investigation team (JIT) to probe the high-profile case of the assassination attempt on Imran Khan in the Wazirabad area of Punjab. And facts will

come fore when it completes its investigation," party's Punjab President and Health Minister Yasmin Rashid told PTI. "The Shehbaz government is trying its best to cover up the crime through the agencies under him (like Intelligence Bureau)," Rashid said.

Reacting to a report by an "anonymous intelligence agency" presented to Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) led coalition government into assassination attempt on ousted prime minister, Rashid said: "No one can be fooled by

such cover-up attempts of the government." "An FIR should be registered against the three high-profile persons on the complaint of Imran Khan," the PTI member said.

The 70-year-old cricketer-turned-politician suffered bullet injuries in the right leg on November 3 when two gunmen fired a volley of bullets at him and others mounting on a container-mounted truck in the Wazirabad area of Punjab province, where he was leading a protest march against Sharif government. (PTI)

China tightens restrictions as rise in virus cases reported

AP ■ BEIJING

Everyone in a district of 1.8 million people in China's southern metropolis of Guangzhou was ordered to stay home for virus testing Saturday and a major city in the south-west closed schools as another rise in infections was reported.

Nationwide, a total of 11,773 infections were reported over the previous 24 hours, including 10,351 people with no symptoms. China's numbers are low, but the past week's increase is challenging a "zero-COVID" strategy that aims to isolate every infected person.

The quarantine for travellers arriving in China is to be shortened to a minimum of five days from seven as part of changes in controls announced Friday to reduce their cost and disruption.

Scientists repurpose cancer immunotherapy technique for variant-proof Covid treatment

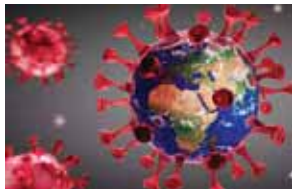
PTI ■ WASHINGTON

Scientists have adapted what is typically a cancer therapeutic technique, CAR-T cell therapy, for the purpose of eliminating the SARS-CoV-2 virus, according to a study.

The team of scientists at the nonprofit biomedical research institution, The Jackson Laboratory for Genomic Medicine, led by Derya Unutmaz, demonstrated several immuno-based strategies to explore the treatment and prevention of Covid-19.

The first immunotherapy method in the study, published in Clinical and Translational Immunology, focused on the spike protein present in SARS-CoV-2 and the receptor on the host cell, angiotensin-converting enzyme 2 (ACE2).

The spike protein is the molecule on the surface of the virus that is responsible for infecting healthy host cells.



The protein enters the cell via the ACE2 receptor, allowing the viral RNA to begin its takeover. In the Unutmaz study, T cells were engineered with anti-spike and anti-ACE2 CAR-T cells to target either the spike protein or the ACE2 receptor, with high specificity and efficiency across various infected cell types.

The second immunotherapy method provides an antibody-based means for preventing Covid-19 infection. T cells were engineered with a bispecific antibody fused with ACE2 to activate patient's own T cells to destroy infected cells that present the SARS-CoV-2 Spike protein on their surface.

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No need to change inflation target of 2-6%, says RBI Guv

‘Oct print to be lower than 7%’

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das on Saturday said there was no need to change the inflation target despite the central bank's failure to keep it below the 6 per cent upper tolerance level for 9 consecutive months while exuding confidence that the October print will be less than 7 per cent.

Inflation has been trending above the RBI's upper tolerance level of 6 per cent since January this year.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Act mandates that in the case of the inflation target not being met for three consecutive quarters, the central bank has to submit a report to the government explaining the reasons and detail the remedial actions



it will be taking to check the price rise.

Earlier this month, a special meeting of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) was held to finalise the report explaining the reasons for missing the inflation target for three quarters.

This was the first time since the onset of the Monetary Policy Framework which came into effect in 2016 that the RBI explained its actions in a report

to the government. Speaking at the HT Leadership Summit on Saturday, Das said there is no need to change the goal post for inflation targeting as higher than 6 per cent inflation would hurt growth.

As per the mandate given to the Reserve Bank by the Union Government, the central bank is required to ensure that retail inflation remains at 4 per cent with a margin of 2 per cent on either side.

India likely to remain fastest growing major economy: Shaktikanta

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Reserve Bank Governor Shaktikanta Das on Saturday exuded confidence that India will continue to be the fastest growing major economy with a likely growth rate of 7 per cent in 2022-23 on the back of strong macroeconomic fundamentals and financial sector stability.

Speaking at the HT Leadership Summit 2022, Das emphasised that the country's economy remains resilient, supported by the banking and non-banking sectors.

Das said the entire world has withstood multiple shocks. "I call it triple shocks of Covid-19 pandemic, then the war in Ukraine, and now the financial market turmoil."

The Governor said the financial market turmoil is mainly emanating from the synchronised monetary policy

tightening across the world by central banks, especially those in advanced countries, led by the US Fed, and the spillovers are being felt by the emerging market economies, including India.

He further said in this kind of successive turmoils, European Union is facing a recession situation, but there are possibilities that it will avoid that. The US is holding stable, but there are other countries where the growth has slowed down.

"So far as India is concerned, economy, overall macroeconomic fundamentals, the financial sector stability, all these aspects remain resilient. The banking sector that is the financial sector is stable because of all the parameters with regard to banking or the non-banking lenders or the other major financial sector players," he said.

India-US trade may reach \$500-600 bn by 2030: Goyal

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Saturday exuded confidence that the India-US bilateral trade in goods and services will reach USD 500-600 billion by 2030 as their relation continues to strengthen.

The trade between the two countries stands at about USD 175 billion at present.

On whether India will join the trade pillar of 14-member Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF), Goyal said it would depend on what India will get in return.

While 13 member countries have joined all four subjects — trade, supply chains, clean economy and fair economy— under IPEF, India has opted out of the trade pillar as of now. It has joined the other three subjects.

"With regard to joining the



500-600 billion by 2030, when our exports in goods and services will be USD 2 trillion each," Goyal said.

He was speaking at the Hindustan Times Leadership Summit 2022.

On a free trade agreement with the US, the minister said America is not looking for a new trade pact with any country. The US is looking at India as its friend and a trusted partner, he added.

The IPEF was launched jointly by the US and other partner countries of the Indo-Pacific region on May 23 in Tokyo. The 14 IPEF partners represent 40 per cent of the global GDP and 28 per cent of global goods and services trade.

The members include the US, Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam.

ITES Sept qtr PAT drops 20% to ₹140 cr

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

ITES Ltd, a public sector transport consultancy and engineering firm, has reported 19.6 per cent decline in consolidated profit after tax (PAT) at ₹140.20 crore for September quarter 2022-23.

The company had logged a PAT of ₹174.49 crore in the year-ago period, ITES said in a BSE filing on Friday.

Income dropped to ₹684.30 crore from ₹788.85 crore in the year-ago period.

"The trend of sequential growth as also seen vis-a-vis H1 (April-September) of the previous year continues despite a dip in the export stream of revenue.



"The results reiterate our core strength and the USP (unique selling point) of having a diversified business portfolio," Chairman and Managing Director Rahul Mithal said. ITES is a miniratna public sector enterprise and a leading player in the transport consultancy and engineering sector in the country.

IREDA Sept qtr profit rises 67% to ₹184 crore

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) on Saturday posted 67 per cent jump in net profit at ₹184.30 crore for September quarter 2022-23, mainly due to higher revenues.

In the year-ago period, the profit after tax was ₹110.27 crore, according to a statement from Ministry of New & Renewable Energy.

Gross income rose to ₹791.56 crore from ₹682.94 crore. IREDA's Net Non-Performing Assets (bad loans) were reduced to 2.72 per cent in the quarter under review from 4.87 per cent in the same period a year ago.

IT, BPM firms to see increase in hiring intent in next six months: Survey

PTI ■ MUMBAI

With IT and business process management (BPM) sectors witnessing a slump in hiring in September due to margin pressures, a study has revealed that 51 per cent respondents believe that there would be an increase in hiring intent in the next six months.

However, around one-third (34 per cent) respondents said there is going to be a decline in the hiring intent, while 15 per cent believe that it would be business as usual, according to the CIEL HR study.

The study is based on an online survey of 10,00,000 employees working in top 50 IT/BPM companies operating in India.

During the pandemic years, IT companies had hired massively to address the surge in demand driven by the wave of digital transformation across the globe, it noted.

Now that the demand has subsided, the companies are 'rightsizing' again, it said.



The study further revealed that the level of optimism in hiring intent was found higher among the respondents of smaller companies.

On the other hand, the majority of respondents from mid and large sized companies seemed to be more pessimistic about the hiring outlook.

On the job front, the study found that Bengaluru remained the 'hottest destination for IT and BPM talent', with 28 per cent of job postings for this region, followed by Delhi (14 per cent), Hyderabad (13 per cent) and Pune (12 per cent).

Out of the total job postings, foreign MNCs accounted for around 66 per cent of the jobs while Indian MNCs accounted for 18 per cent.

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Letter No. : 8214/58 C-03/2022
E-Tender Notice
Dated : 11/11/2022

The Superintending Engineer, 3rd Circle, Public Works Department Pithoragarh invites tender through E-Tendering (**Two Bid System**) in anticipation of Sanction on behalf of Hon'ble Governor of Uttarakhand for following works. All other information will be available from date **22-11-2022 at 5.00 Pm** onward on website <http://www.uktenders.gov.in>

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Cost of Tender (in Rs.)	Earnest Money (in Lac)	Validity of Tender (day)	Period of Completion (months)	Contractor's Category of Registration
1	Improvement and painting work of Tawaghat - Thanidhar motor road in assembly Dharchula of District Pithoragarh (Km 1.00 to Km 5.00) under State sector	5000.00 + 18% GST	5.30	120	12	Category 'B' and Above for Road works in any State Govt./ Govt. of India/ Govt. undertaking

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UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND HALF YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 2022

Sl. No.	PARTICULARS	Quarter Ended (Un-audited)			Half Year Ended (Un-audited)		Year Ended (Audited)
		30.09.2022 Reviewed	30.06.2022 Reviewed	30.09.2021 Reviewed	30.09.2022 Reviewed	30.09.2021 Reviewed	31.03.2022 (Audited)
1.	Total income from operations	208.41	252.46	178.09	460.87	301.86	784.27
2.	Net Profit for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and / or Extraordinary items)	5.77	14.69	18.45	20.46	40.92	61.83
3.	Net Profit for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	5.77	14.69	18.45	20.46	40.92	61.83
4.	Net Profit for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	4.32	10.93	13.78	15.25	30.42	45.89
5.	Total comprehensive income for the period (Comprising Profit for the period (after tax) and other comprehensive income (after tax))	4.35	10.99	13.89	15.34	30.64	46.05
6.	Paid up Equity Share Capital (Face Value Rs.10/-)	89.14	89.14	89.14	89.14	89.14	89.14
7.	Other Equity (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	-	-	-	-	-	190.38
8.	Earnings Per Share (Rs.10/- each)						
	Basic :	0.48	1.23	1.55	1.71	3.41	5.15
	Diluted :	0.48	1.23	1.55	1.71	3.41	5.15

NOTE : 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 are available on the Company's Website (www.pasupatiacrylon.com) and BSE Limited (www.bseindia.com) and National Stock exchange of India Limited (www.nseindia.com)

for Pasupati Acrylon Ltd.

(Sd/-)
Vineet Jain
Managing Director

Place : New Delhi
Date : 12th November, 2022

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EXTRACT OF THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND HALF YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 2022
Rs. In Lakh

Sl. No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended			Nine Month Ended		Year Ended
		September 30, 2022 Un-audited	September 30, 2021 Un-audited	June 30, 2022 Un-audited	September 30, 2022 Un-audited	September 30, 2021 Un-audited	March 31, 2022 Audited
1	Total income from operations	94.38	228.05	128.84	223.22	271.59	503.56
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(43.80)	5.21	(12.52)	(56.32)	(15.21)	(106.88)
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(43.80)	5.21	(12.52)	(56.32)	(15.21)	(106.88)
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(43.80)	5.21	(12.52)	(56.32)	(15.21)	(106.88)
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after Tax) and other Comprehensive income (after Tax))	(44.21)	5.05	(12.37)	(56.58)	(14.95)	(106.35)
6	Paid up Equity share capital (Face Value of Rs. 3/- each)	2,426.67	2,426.67	2,426.67	2,426.67	2,426.67	2,426.67
7	Other Equity						(5,246.45)
8	Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 3/- each)						
	Basic	(0.05)	0.01	(0.02)	(0.07)	(0.02)	(0.13)
	Diluted	(0.05)	0.01	(0.02)	(0.07)	(0.02)	(0.13)

NOTES:

1. These financial results have been prepared in accordance with Indian Accounting Standards (Ind AS) as prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with relevant rules issued thereunder and other accounting principles generally accepted in India. The above financial results of the Company for the quarter and half year ended September 30, 2022 has been reviewed by the Audit committee and approved by the Board of Directors at their meeting held on 12th November, 2022

2. The above is an extract of the detailed format of un-audited quarterly and half-yearly 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 un-audited quarterly and half-yearly Financial Result is available on the Stock Exchange's website : www.bseindia.com and also on the Company's website, namely : www.meyerapparel.com

For and on behalf of the Board
(Sd/-)
Gajender Kumar Sharma
CFO & Whole Time Director
DIN: 08073521

Place : Gurugram
Date: 12th November 2022

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Dear Members,

As you are aware Hon'ble High Court, Delhi has temporarily prohibited the business of Society from 22.03.2022 and in pursuance with the order neither any deposit is being accepted by the Society nor any new member is being made by the Society since 22.03.2022. But some mischievous persons have issued a circular in social media, misusing Sahara India Pariwar's letter head with forged signature of Saharasri by using the name of Society for adding more and more members in the Society, mentioning more and more benefits, which has no relation with the Society and Saharasri as he is not having any position in Society and is being circulated for committing fraud. A complaint has been filed in the National Cyber Crime Branch in this regard.

In the same context it is hereby informed that as soon as the Hon'ble High Court, Delhi lifts the prohibition from the Society, the Society will inform by its legal resources to accept new deposits from its esteemed members.

(Managing Director)
Sahara Credit Co-operative Society Limited

राष्ट्रीय स्वास्थ्य मिशन, मध्यप्रदेश
(लोक स्वास्थ्य एवं परिसर कल्याण विभाग, मध्यप्रदेश शासन)
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भोपाल (462003)

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विज्ञा.क्र./रा.स्वा.मि./मा संसा./सेल-1/2022/7838

भोपाल, दिनांक : 09.11.2022

राष्ट्रीय स्वास्थ्य मिशन, म.प्र. के अंतर्गत पर सविदा उप यंत्री (सिविल) के रिक्त पदों पर नियुक्ति के लिए आवेदन आमंत्रित करता हूँ यह अनुबंध 31 मार्च 2023 तक के लिये होगा, जिसे आगामी वर्षों की वार्षिक कार्ययोजना में स्वीकृत अनुसार नवीनीकृत किया जा सकेगा :-

क्र.	पदनाम	रिक्त पद	मासिक मानदेय	अनिवार्य शैक्षणिक योग्यता	आयु सीमा
1	सविदा उप यंत्री (सिविल)	55	30,000 रुपये प्रतिमाह	<ul style="list-style-type: none">सिविल इंजीनियरिंग में तीन वर्षीय पत्रोपाधि (डिप्लोमा)/सिविल इंजीनियरिंग में स्नातक अथवा समकक्षसिविल इंजीनियरिंग में तीन वर्षीय पत्रोपाधि (डिप्लोमा)/सिविल इंजीनियरिंग में स्नातक अथवा AMIE	21-43 वर्ष अधिकतम आयु सीमा में (अनुसूचित जनजाति, अनुसूचित जाति, अन्य पिछड़ा वर्ग, निशक्त जन/महिलाओं (अनारक्षित/आरक्षित) अधिकतम आयु सीमा में 5 वर्ष की छूट (01.01.2023 को स्थिति में)

आवेदन सेम्स लिमिटेड के वेब पोर्टल www.sams.co.in के माध्यम से किया जा सकता है, आवेदन के लिए लिंक दिनांक **14.11.2022** से उपलब्ध की जायेगी। ऑनलाईन जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि **09.12.2022** है। ऑफ लाईन आवेदन किसी भी स्थिति में मान्य/स्वीकार नहीं किये जावेंगे।

2. पद हेतु आरक्षण निम्नानुसार होगा :-

पद का नाम	सविदा रिक्त पदों की संख्या	अनारक्षित (27%)	आर्थिक रूप कमजोर से वर्ग (10%)	अनुसूचित जनजाति (20%)	अनुसूचित जाति (16%)	अन्य पिछड़ा वर्ग (27%)	रिक्तियों में मध्यप्रदेश की मूल निवासी दिव्यांगजन अर्थात्/यों हेतु आरक्षित पदों की संख्या (6%)
सविदा उप यंत्री (सिविल)	55	11	05	03	02	07	4

● दिव्यांगजन का आरक्षण क्षैतिजिक (Horizontal) के आधार पर 06 प्रतिशत का प्रस्ताव तैयार किया गया है। निःशक्तजनों के लिए कुल रिक्तियों में से 06 प्रतिशत पद निःशक्तजन के लिए आरक्षित है, जिस श्रेणी का निःशक्तजन इन पदों के लिए चयनित होगा उसे उसी श्रेणी हेतु मान्य किया जावेगा। यह पद प्रत्येक श्रेणी को बिना वर्ग/ओपन नियुक्तियों में सम्मिलित है।

3. निर्धारित प्रारूप में नहीं किये गए अथवा अपूर्ण आवेदन स्वयंमेव निरस्त माने जायेंगे।

4. अंतिम तिथि के पश्चात् प्राप्त होने वाले आवेदन पर विचार नहीं किया जायेगा।

5. मिशन संचालक, राष्ट्रीय स्वास्थ्य मिशन, म.प्र. किसी भी आवेदन को बिना कारण बताये स्वीकृत निरस्त करने अथवा प्रक्रिया को निरस्त करने का अधिकार होगा।

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दो गज की दूरी, मास्क है जरूरी।

ARGENTINA TAKING FEWER FORWARDS THAN BRAZIL TO WORLD CUP



AP ■ BUENOS AIRES

Argentina is taking nine defenders, seven midfielders and seven forwards to the World Cup in Qatar as coach Lionel Scaloni's team aims to build on its Copa America success.

Scaloni announced his 26-player squad — which contains two fewer forwards than the roster for traditional rival Brazil — in a video on Friday. He is scheduled to speak about his choices on Monday.

Argentina won the Copa America in 2021, its first major trophy in 28 years. The World Cup squad has 21 players from the Copa America.

Lionel Messi's team is unbeaten in 35 matches.

The 35-year-old Messi, who will play his fifth and likely last World Cup, is joined by other veterans including striker Ángel Di María (34), defender Nicolás Otamendi (34) and goalkeeper Franco Armani (36).

Argentina has also rejuvenated the team since the 2018 World Cup by including forward Lautaro Martínez, and mid-

fielder Enzo Fernández after only a couple of games for the national team. Fernández has quickly adapted to European soccer in his first season with Benfica.

Rodrigo de Paul, who will have the extra burden of protecting Messi, said on Instagram his dream of playing a World Cup had come true.

"I can't describe what one feels in being able to represent his country in a World Cup," he said. "But I can say that we will leave our souls for every Argentinian to be proud of how we hold our flag."

Manchester City striker Julián Álvarez was also chosen but Scaloni left out Atletico Madrid's Ángel Correa and Napoli's Giovanni Simeone, forwards who have had a good start to the season in Europe.

Midfielder Giovanni Lo Celso sustained a hamstring injury at the end of last month that ruled him out of the tournament. However, striker Paulo Dybala, who suffered a muscle injury in his left leg on Oct. 9, managed to return in time for the squad.

Argentina opens in Qatar against Saudi Arabia on Nov. 22. Mexico and Poland are also in Group C.

ARGENTINA:

Goalkeepers: Emiliano Martínez (Aston Villa), Gerónimo Rulli (Villarreal), Franco Armani (River Plate)

Defenders: Nahuel Molina (Atletico Madrid), Gonzalo Montiel (Sevilla), Marcos Acuña (Sevilla), Cristian Romero (Tottenham), Germán Pezzella (Real Betis), Nicolás Otamendi (Benfica), Lisandro Martínez (Manchester United), Nicolás Tagliafico (Lyon), Juan Foyth (Villarreal)

Midfielders: Rodrigo De Paul (Atletico Madrid), Leandro Paredes (Juventus), Alexis Mac Allister (Brighton), Guido Rodríguez (Real Betis), Papu Gómez (Sevilla), Enzo Fernández (Benfica), Exequiel Palacios (Bayer Leverkusen)

Forwards: Ángel Di María (Juventus), Lautaro Martínez, Joaquín Correa (both Inter Milan), Julián Álvarez (Manchester City), Paulo Dybala (Roma), Nicolás González (Fiorentina), Lionel Messi (Paris Saint-Germain).

Lyon draws with Nice 1-1 after Benzema shows off Ballon d'Or

AP ■ LYON

Karim Benzema returned and Alexandre Lacazette's late penalty rescued a 1-1 draw for Lyon against Nice to keep his team just ahead of the visitors in the French league.

Former Lyon forward Benzema, now playing for Real Madrid, was given a hero's welcome as he presented his Ballon d'Or to the home fans before kickoff.

Lacazette blasted the spot kick down the middle as Lyon supporters behind the goal were already celebrating the goal with a huge display of red pyrotechnics.

But the decision to award the penalty was debatable as TV replays showed Lacazette was already off balance and falling before the alleged contact from Jean-Clair Todibo. Todibo's and fellow defender Dante's protests were waved away.

It looked like Nicolas Pépé's



retaken first-half penalty would be enough for Nice.

The visitors missed early chances to score with Pépé having a goal ruled out for offside and Sofiane Diop blazing over from a good position.

Nicolás Tagliafico conceded a penalty for handball but Pépé saw his spot kick saved by Anthony Lopes. However,

Lopes was penalized for moving off his line and Pépé took his second opportunity to break the deadlock in the 38th.

Pépé flashed a shot wide of the far post early in the second half then Lyon finally began to threaten.

Lacazette's late penalty took his goal tally to nine this season for Lyon.



Liverpool boss Klopp issued one-game ban

AP ■ LIVERPOOL

Jurgen Klopp has been handed a one-match touchline ban after he was sent off in Liverpool's win against Manchester City last month. The English Football Association successfully appealed against the decision to only fine Klopp for his outburst at an official in the highly charged Premier League game at Anfield.

Klopp was initially fined 30,000 pounds by an independent regulatory commission over his conduct on Oct. 16.

The FA felt that was too lenient and an independent appeal board on Friday suspended Klopp from the touchline with immediate effect.

Gladbach dumps Dortmund into Bundesliga break with 4-2 loss

AP ■ BERLIN

Borussia Dortmund's trying week ended with a final sting when Jonas Hofmann led Borussia Mönchengladbach to a 4-2 rout of his former team in the Bundesliga.

It was Dortmund's second loss in four days after falling at Wolfsburg 2-0 on Tuesday, and it potentially leaves the team nine points behind leader Bayern Munich for the league's extended winter break. Bayern visits last-placed Schalke on Saturday.

Dortmund's pride was already hurt on Thursday when Mats Hummels and Marco Reus were left out of Germany's World Cup squad. Reus has been laboring with an ankle injury while Hummels, also 33, was omitted



to "give a younger player a chance," Germany coach Hansi Flick said. Dortmund sporting director Sebastian Kehl said Reus' absence was "completely stupid" and Hummels' omission "not easy to accept."

Hofmann, in contrast, was called up. He celebrated by sweeping in the opening goal in the fourth minute, set up by Lars Stindl by a clever throughball after the home team passed its way

through the static Dortmund defense. Julian Brandt equalized in the 19th after Jude Bellingham floated the ball over the defense. Brandt cushioned the ball with his right thigh before turning to volley it past Gladbach reserve goalkeeper Jan Olschowsky with his left boot.

But Gladbach wasn't done yet. Hofmann headed his second goal from Ramy Bensebaini's free kick in the 26th and Marcus

Thuram rounded the Dortmund keeper to make it 3-1 in the 30th.

Olschowsky denied Youssef Moukoko with the rebound falling to Gio Reyna, but Bensebaini somehow got back to prevent what looked like a certain goal.

Olschowsky again denied Moukoko before Niko Schlöterbeck finally scored for Dortmund in the 40th. Reyna went off at the break as Gladbach defender and United States teammate Joe Scally had the better of their pre-World Cup duel.

Hofmann set up Manu Koné to score right after the break. The former Dortmund winger thought he scored a hat trick only to see the goal ruled out by VAR for a Thuram foul on Hummels in the buildup.

Asian Championships: Shiva Thapa signs off with silver after sustaining injury

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Shiva Thapa's (63.5kg) Asian Championships campaign came to a bittersweet end after he was forced to withdraw from the final midway due to an injury, bowing out with an unprecedented sixth medal, a silver, in Amman, Jordan on Saturday.

The 28-year-old, who became the most successful male boxer in the tournament, sustained an injury in his right knee in the opening seconds of the second round of the light welterweight gold medal bout against Abdullaev Ruslan of Uzbekistan, suffering a RSC (Referee stops the contest) loss.

Thapa, seeded third, was trailing when the injury occurred. He had lost the fast-paced opening round 0-5.

In the opening three minutes, both the boxers had tried to assert their authority, even resorting to body blows with the Uzbek coming on top.

In the second round, while trying to make up ground, Thapa fell on the canvas after exchanging a few punches. He managed to rise up without any aid as the referee gave a count but the Indian looked in pain as play remained halted. Thapa then received medical attention as the ringside doctor examined his right knee.



Eventually the bout was called off as Thapa hobbled away. The seasoned boxer struggled to even stand up while the referee announced the winner.

The final will leave a bad taste, in an otherwise, flawless campaign by Thapa.

His haul now includes a gold (2013), three silvers (2017, 2021 and 2022) and two bronze medals (2015 and 2019).

With the silver, Thapa has overtaken Kazakh legend Vassiliy Levit, an Olympic silver medalist and two-time world bronze medal winner, who was the only other male pugilist with five Asian Championship medals.

Six-time world champions M.C. Mary Kom (7) and L. Sarita Devi (8) have more Asian medals than Thapa, with the latter having the distinction of claiming six successive, five of them gold, at the peak of her prowess.

Chawrasia and Madappa tied 30th as five Indians make cut in Cairo

PTI ■ CAIRO

Viraj Madappa and SSP Chawrasia were among five Indians who made the 36-hole cut at the USD 1.5 million International Series Egypt here.

Madappa (67-70) and Chawrasia (68-69) were the best Indians at tied 30th. The others to make the cut were Ajeetesh Sandhu (70-69) and S. Chikkarangappa (70-69), who were tied 46th, and Gaganjeet Bhullar (71-69) who was tied 61st.

Karandeep Kochhar (73-68), Saptak Talwar (73-68), Veer Ahlawat (69-72), Honey Baisoya (70-72) and Aman Raj (72-71) missed the cut, which fell at even par.

Chawrasia, starting on the 10th, had just one birdie on the 18th and 17 pars, while



Madappa had two birdies and two bogeys. Sandhu at 2-over with three holes left looked like he might miss the cut but then birdied his last three holes from seventh to ninth to ensure weekend action.

Bhullar, on the other, was well-placed but bogeys on fourth and eighth on his second nine made it tense for him but he made the cut on the line. Canadian Richard T. Lee

moved into the lead on day two, bidding to make amends for letting victory slip from his grasp last Sunday.

He shot a five-under-par 65 at Madinaty Golf Club to go to 11 under for 36 holes. He leads by one from American Andy Ogletree, who carded a 64. American Sihwan Kim is a shot further back following a 66 at the Asian Tour's first-ever visit to Egypt.

Two-time Japan Tour winner Jinichiro Kozuma is tied with Kim after shooting 64. Overnight leader Scott Hend from Australia had a disappointing day, shooting a 74 to sit seven off the pace.

Americans Jarin Todd (66) and Trevor Simsbly (67), Australia's Travis Smyth (67) and South African Jaco Ahlers (68) are three off the lead.



Vani best Indian at tied 13th place in Jeddah as all four make cut

PTI ■ JEDDAH

The Indian quartet of Vani Kapoor, Diksha Dagar, Amandeep Drall and Tvesa Malik made the cut at the Aramco Team Series - Jeddah.

Vani, who has been in good form of late as the season moves towards the closing stages, added 2-under 70 to her first round 3-under 69 and was 5-under to be tied 13th.

She was the best-placed Indian in the field at the Royal Greens Golf & Country Club.

Diksha (71-72), on the other hand, was tied 32nd and Amandeep (74-70) with two late birdies was tied 46th.

Tvesa (71-74) made things tough for herself with a double bogey on her last hole, but squeezed inside the cut line at 1-over and she was tied 56th.

Overall, in the individual competition, England's Charley Hull holds a one-shot lead heading into the final day after carding a bogey-free round of 7-under 65 to be nine-under-par.

at that point.

A birdie on third reversed the momentum and she closed with three birdies in a row. On the first day, she had four birdies in her first five holes and carded 3-under 69.

Diksha had just one birdie on 13th and one bogey on sixth in her 72.

Amandeep was even par through 12 holes with a total of 2-over and outside the cutline. But back-to-back birdies on fourth and fifth took her inside the line as she finished at 2-under for the day and even for 36 holes in tied 46th place.

Tvesa seemed to be making the cut comfortably before she gave away a double bogey on her last hole to just scrape in.

Defending champion Babnik was the only player able to match Hull on day two as she also produced a round of 7-under 65 with eight birdies and one bogey.

South Africa's Garcia and Spain's Ana Peláez Trivino are in a share of fifth place on seven-under with one round remaining.

In the team competition, Team Wolf with Christine Wolf, Laura Beveridge, Alexandra Swayne and amateur Raghdah Alessawi and Team Garcia with Nicole Garcia, Casandra Alexander, Tereza Melecka and amateur Sonia Bayahya finished tied at the top of the leader board at the conclusion of the 36-hole team event.

With both teams level on 29-under-par, they will playoff for victory at the conclusion of the third round tomorrow afternoon at Royal Greens Golf & Country Club.

Qatar hoping to show its soccer passion as World Cup host

AP ■ WASHINGTON

Qatar made a promise to fans 12 years ago when it started campaigning to host the World Cup: We love soccer just like you, so come and enjoy it with us.

The message acknowledged there would be skeptics that a tiny emirate whose team had never been to a World Cup — never played a qualifying game until 1977 — could match the passion for soccer's biggest event shown by the previous host at that time, Germany in 2006.

Some skepticism is still there on the eve of the tournament.

Doubts about LGBTQ fans being safe in a country where same-sex relations are criminalized and in the bemused reac-

tion provoked by Qatar's plan to pay expenses for about 1,500 fans to visit and be social media influencers.

The invited fans will go to the opening ceremony dressed in each team's colors and sing approved chants before Qatar plays Ecuador in the first game on Nov. 20, then stay for at least two weeks posting positive social media content while reporting trolls to tournament organizers.

Does Qatar "get" soccer culture enough to stage the biggest event in the world's favorite sport?

Absolutely, one local fanatic in Doha told The Associated Press.

"This whole country is going to turn into a festival — we are all aware of that," Hamad Al Amari, who watches Premier



League matches with a Liverpool fan group, said in a telephone interview. "It doesn't get any better than this."

A nation that's like a city-state — with about 350,000 citizens in a population of less than 3 million — will have its limits tested to cope with the 1.2 million visitors expected during the 29-day tournament.

Some will find themselves watching games in shopping centers, at alcohol-free joints like Lemon Café in the Tawar Mall favored by Al Amari's group of Liverpool fans.

"People who want to have

a pint (of beer) go to hotels. There are sports bars that understand it," he said, singling out Champions at a five-star Marriott hotel in West Bay.

There, a bottle of beer can go for 56 riyals (about \$15).

Budweiser, the World Cup beer sponsor, will be served through the evening at the official FIFA Fan Festival site, a 40,000-capacity area in downtown Al Bidda Park. It's also where Al Amari, a stand-up comedian, will work as an entertainment host.

The park and the extensive waterfront Corniche area, now closed to traffic, will be hubs for many fans.

Finding a secret spot off the beaten track to watch games will be tough, Al Amari said, and restaurants and shisha bars in the tight lanes of Souq Waqif

market will be in heavy demand.

"That's the hardest (place) to get a seat," he said. "They are more for the resident patrons who are always there and everyone knows where to sit."

Not all the demand will come from European fans, at least until the knockout rounds when fervor at home typically kicks in.

The Belgian soccer federation has reported selling hundreds, not thousands, of tickets from the 8% quota of stadium capacity each team gets.

In Switzerland, one of the wealthiest European nations, about half of its quota — 1,500 tickets — have sold for games against Cameroon and Serbia. More but not all were bought for the glamor game against Brazil.

HISTORY FAVOURS PAKISTAN, FORM IS WITH ENGLAND

PTI ■ MELBOURNE

A determined Babar Azam will be aiming to secure his seat beside the great Imran Khan in Pakistan cricket's Hall of Fame as his team takes on a formidable England in the T20 World Cup final here on Sunday.

The passage of 2009 champions into the final could even beat a Hollywood thriller script as they were down and out after the first week of the tournament with morale shattering defeats to arch-rivals India and Zimbabwe.

Pakistan raised hopes of a dramatic comeback in the second week of a tournament with a win over South Africa and a prayer on their lips for some divine intervention.

Just like in 1992, miracle happened when the Netherlands produced a performance for the ages to shock South Africa and out of nowhere, Pakistan were back in contention for a semifinal berth.

Critics say that in cricket, you never know which Pakistan turns on a particular day and the semifinal performance against a well rounded New Zealand side showed that when it comes to playing edge of the seat 'Russian Roulette', the 'Green Machines' are second to none.

But just like everyone wants a slice of '92 from Babar's team, the core of this current English team also has a date with history on this very Australian soil.



Seven years ago in 2015, this was the country where England's white ball cricket lay in tatters after they were dumped out of the competition at the group league stage by Bangladesh.

The white ball cricket transformation started with horses for courses approach by the ECB, leading to a sea change in the mindset and intent of the English players. That fearless approach was on full display against India on Thursday.

The Shaheen Shah Afridis, Mohammed Wasim Jr. And the Harris Raufs will need way more than just inspiration to get past the likes of Jos Buttler, Alex

Hales, Ben Stokes and Moeen Ali. These are all sought after practitioners of T20 cricket and all of them have abilities to silence the 80,000 odd Pakistan fans, just like they did with the bulk of the 42,000 Indian fans in Adelaide.

Can Afridi do a Wasim Akram when Buttler is batting or Babar and Rizwan take the game deep in their own style like Imran Khan and Javed Miandad did in that 1992 final.

Big matches always brings big performer to the centre stage and Stokes for one wouldn't mind a repeat of his 2019 Lord's performance to win the silverware.

The weather forecast predicts that the final could be marred by rain on both Sunday and the reserve day, which is Monday.

Unlike a normal T20 game which could be a minimum five-over contest, the event technical committee has kept provisions for minimum 10-overs a side contest with an early (3 pm Melbourne time) start on reserve day if needed.

On a spicy deck like the MCG, the presence of Mark Wood would have been an advantage but the tearaway quick's back isn't holding up well.

Despite the pasting he got

from Hardik Pandya, Chris Jordan is a fine T20 bowler in his own rights and would like to use his extensive BBL experience to get the better of the Pakistani batters.

If both batting units are taken into account, England with Hales, Buttler, Stokes, Phil Salt (in place of Dawid Malan), Harry Brook, Moeen Ali and Liam Livingstone look stronger on paper against Pakistan with Rizwan, Babar, Shan Masood, Mohammed Haris and Iftikhar Ahmed.

But on big days, it is not always the names that matter but also the mindset and temperament to last the distance.

If we win, it could inspire English football team in World Cup: Buttler

PTI ■ MELBOURNE

England's Jos Buttler would be a proud skipper if his men can win the T20 World Cup final against Pakistan on Sunday and inspire their footballing counterparts to pull off an encore in Doha next month.

Buttler, a champion batter, has lead his team to the summit clash in his maiden global meet as England skipper.

Asked if the football team can take a leaf out of the cricket team, the soft spoken skipper said: "Yeah, I certainly hope so."

"Sport is such a huge part of English culture, and getting behind teams in World Cups is certainly something I know happens a lot in England.

"Even though we're on the other side of the world, you can certainly feel that support," Buttler said on eve of the final against Pakistan.

England are clubbed with Iran, Wales and USA in group B of the FIFA World Cup.

"The images you see of the Euros, obviously, nothing will compete with football in our country. Of course the game is going to be on free-to-air television, which is fantastic, will bring new eyes to the game," said the skipper-keeper.

Buttler doesn't feel people



will be watching on the big screen at Trafalgar Square at 8 am British Standard Time but the TV sets will be switched on as there is a renewed interest in cricket after their 2019 World Cup win.

"We saw the benefit of that in 2019 with some of the images of people watching that game and Trafalgar Square being packed out and stuff."

"I am not sure they'll be getting up at 8:00 in the morning to get to Trafalgar Square, but I am sure there will be plenty back home wishing us well, as we do to the other teams that you mentioned who have got some big games ahead of themselves, as well."

Some Pakistani pacers will

be future greats. Just like a shrewd captain, Buttler was effusive in his praise for Pakistani pacers, calling them potential future greats.

"Obviously, Pakistan is a fantastic team. I think they have a very long history of producing excellent fast bowlers.

"I'm sure by the end of their careers, some of the guys who we'll play against will go down as some of the best bowlers Pakistan have produced. That's a huge part of why they get to a World Cup final."

Having played Pakistan in a seven match away series, Buttler is aware about the challenges.

"We expect a really tough challenge, as mentioned before. They're a team we've seen lots of in the recent past, and we've had some brilliant matches against them, played in a fantastic spirit, and I'm sure tomorrow will be no different," he said.

Buttler is big on team huddles in which he tries to send a few messages as per mood of the group.

"But the consistent message is always to take the game on. That's something we pride ourselves on as a group. We must try and play with a level of freedom and allow ourselves to express the huge amounts of talent that we have as a group."

Greg Barclay gets second term as ICC chairman, Jay Shah to head F&CA committee

PTI ■ MELBOURNE

New Zealand's Greg Barclay was on Saturday unanimously re-elected as chairman of the International Cricket Council (ICC) for a second two-year term.

Besides Barclay's re-election, BCCI secretary Jay Shah was elected as the head of ICC's all powerful Finance and Commercial Affairs (F&CA) committee at the board meeting.

Barclay was unopposed following the withdrawal of Zimbabwe's

Tavengwa Mukuhliani from the process, and the ICC Board reaffirmed its full support to the New Zealand to continue at the helm.

"It is an honour to be re-elected as the Chair of the International Cricket Council and I would like to thank my fel-

low ICC Directors for their support," said Barclay on his re-appointment.

"Over the last two years we have made significant strides forward with the launch of our global growth strategy that provides clear direction to build a successful and sustainable future for our sport.

"It is an exciting time to be involved in cricket and I look forward to continuing to work closely with our Members to strengthen the game in our core markets as well as grow it beyond that, ensuring more of the world can enjoy cricket."

Barclay, an Auckland-based commercial lawyer, was originally appointed as the ICC Chair in November 2020. He was previously the Chair of New Zealand Cricket (NZC) and was a director of the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup in 2015.



He being elected unopposed also means that he had the backing of the mighty BCCI in the 17-member board.

"I would like to congratulate Greg on his re-appointment as ICC Chair, as the continuity his leadership will provide is in the best interests of the sport. I

therefore decided to withdraw my candidacy," said Mukuhliani.

Jay Shah to head F&CA committee

Shah will have the responsibility of heading ICC's most important committee. At the major financial policy decisions are taken by the F&CA commit-

tee before it is ratified by the ICC board.

"Each and every member accepted Jay as the head of F&CA committee. This is an equally powerful sub committee apart from the ICC chair (Greg Barclay)," an ICC source told PTI on conditions of anonymity.

It includes the revenue sharing among the member nations and also the various major sponsorship deals that the global body inks through the year.

The F&CA committee is always headed by an ICC Board member and Shah's election makes it clear that he will represent the BCCI on the ICC Board.

The F&CA head's position used to be India's during the N Srinivasan era but during Shashank Manohar's tenure as ICC chairman, the BCCI's

power and might had significantly reduced.

In fact during the Committee of Administrators' tenure, there was a point when BCCI didn't even have any representation in the F&CA committee.

Former BCCI president Sourav Ganguly was a member of the F&CA committee till last year.

"India is a commercial hub of global cricket with more than 70 percent sponsorship coming from the region. It is imperative that an ICC F&CA should always be headed by BCCI," the ICC source said.

Ganguly to remain ICC Cricket Committee head Former India captain Ganguly, who completed his tenure as BCCI president last month, will remain the head of ICC's Cricket Committee.

Buttler picks SKY as his Player of Tournament

PTI ■ MELBOURNE

England captain Jos Buttler on Saturday picked India batter Suryakumar Yadav as his Player of the Tournament in the T20 World Cup.

Buttler chose to go with Suryakumar, who made a massive impact for India in the showpiece with his consistency, coupled with a high strike rate.

Suryakumar is the third-highest scorer in the tournament with 239 runs that came at a strike rate of 189.68, the best in the tournament.

Nine players have been shortlisted for the Player of the Tournament award by the ICC with those from England and Pakistan dominating the list.

There are three players from England, two each from Pakistan and India and one each from Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe.

"I think Suryakumar Yadav for me has been someone who's played with extreme freedom. He's been incredibly eye-catching to watch in such a star-stud-



ded line-up. To stand out the way he has is amazing," Buttler said ahead of his side's summit clash against Pakistan here on Sunday. Virat Kohli is the other Indian to feature in the list for his magnificent form in the tournament.

Kohli topped the run-scoring chart for India ahead of Suryakumar with 296 runs from six games at a staggering average of 98.66 and strike rate of 136.40. He also hit four half-centuries in the tournament.

Buttler, however, highlighted the role of two England players who stood out in the tournament and didn't forget to mention that they had another opportunity to be strong contenders for the award.

Kotian career-best 4/23 floors Bengal, Mumbai secure big win

PTI ■ RANCHI

Tanush Kotian grabbed a career-best 4 for 31 with his off-spin as Mumbai bowlers blew away the Bengal batting line-up before cantering to an eight-wicket win in a Group E match of the Vijay Hazare Trophy one-day tournament here on Saturday.

Fresh from his exploits in Mumbai's maiden Syed Mushtaq Ali T20 triumph, Kotian got down to business after his pace colleagues Tushar Deshpande (2/23) and Mohit Avasthi (1/29) handed Bengal early blows.

The 24-year-old Kotian and his spin partner Shams Mulani (2/14) bagged six wickets between themselves as Bengal were skittled out for a paltry 121 in 31.3 overs after Mumbai elected to field. Skipper Anjinkya Rahane anchored the Mumbai

chase with an unbeaten 59 from 72 balls (6x4, 2x6) to take the team home in 30.2 overs. Bengal speedster Mukesh Kumar (2/20) dismissed Mumbai openers Prithiv Shaw (26) and Yashasvi Jaiswal (10) for the addition of just 10 runs, but Rahane held their innings together in a match-winning 75-run unbroken partnership with wicketkeeper-batter Hardik Tamore (18 not out).



Ishant, Dhawan star in Delhi's win over Vidarbha

PTI ■ KOLKATA

Veterans Ishan Sharma and Shikhar Dhawan contributed to Delhi's five-wicket win over Vidarbha in their opening Vijay Hazare Trophy match here on Saturday.

Ishant (3/24) struck thrice as Delhi limited Vidarbha to 207 after opting to field in a Group B game.

Ganesh Satish top-scored for Vidarbha with 45 off 74 balls. Delhi chased down the target in 44.5



overs with Dhawan making 47 off 64 balls. Lalit Yadav stayed unbeaten till the end with 56 off 73 balls.

Dhawan, who plays only in ODIs for India, will captain the national team in the three games in New Zealand later this month.

Batting at number three, Yash Dhillu smashed 37 off 27 balls. **Brief scores:** Vidarbha 207 all out in 47.2 overs (Ganesh Satish 45; Ishant Sharma 3/24, Navdeep Saini 3/64). Delhi 208/5 in 44.5 overs (Shikhar Dhawan 47, Lalit Yadav 56 not out). Delhi win by five wickets.

Other teams can explore having different coaches across formats: Buttler

PTI ■ MELBOURNE

Indian cricket has always had one coach across formats but in England, it is practically impossible to have one coach manning three different teams, feels skipper Jos Buttler.

England have already enjoyed some success with Australian Matthew Mott as their white ball head coach and Brendon McCullum in charge of the Test squad.

In India, where Rahul Dravid is in charge, it is believed that communication becomes confusing with different coaches for white-ball and red-ball cricket.

Asked about the need of having separate coaches, Buttler was very clear about his stance.

"Yeah, I certainly see that as a possibility. I think the nature of the schedule of English cricket makes it near enough impossible for one man or woman to do



the whole job," Buttler said ahead of the T20 World Cup final.

He then elaborated why he feels the necessity for having two men at the helm.

"I think we play so much cricket and have so much travelling and time away, I think that's sort of become untenable really to have one coach."

Buttler feels other teams should seriously look at exploring different coaches option.

"Yeah, it's certainly something I think other teams may look at. It seems to be working well so far for English cricket, and hopefully that will obviously continue."

"I think even when sort of one person was in charge, you were sort of seeing them having to miss certain series or one of the assistants taking over for a little bit."

Buttler is very sure that if players know who all are in charge, it brings stability.

"Certainly in terms of the stability of the groups, I think it's a real plus that we know exactly who our coaching staff is, who our head coach is, and they have full ownership over that team."

Bali to be India's fielding coach in New Zealand

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Munish Bali has been named fielding coach for India's limited overs tour of New Zealand and will be part of the support staff headed by VVS Laxman. With the Rahul Dravid-led support staff being given a break post the T20 World Cup, Laxman will be the head coach on the tour beginning November 18 in Wellington. India will play three T20s and as many ODIs.

Bali, Hrishikesh Kanitkar (batting coach) and Sai Raj Bahutule (bowling coach) will be part of the support staff in New Zealand. All three coaches are based at the National Cricket Academy which is headed by Laxman.

Bali was also part of the India squad in Ireland and briefly in England earlier this year before the doing the home series against South Africa.

"All three will assist Laxman in New Zealand," said a BCCI official.

Punjab Kings confident that Dhawan-Bayliss duo will help them win maiden IPL title

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Punjab Kings co-owner Ness Wadia is hoping that the experienced captain-coach combination of Shikhar Dhawan and Trevor Bayliss will steer the franchise to a long awaited IPL title.

Since IPL's inaugural season in 2008, Punjab have made the final only once back in 2014. Inconsistency has cost them a play-off spot over the last four seasons, where they finished sixth.

Dhawan has replaced Mayank Agarwal as captain while Bayliss, who coached England to the 2019 World Cup title and KKR to two IPL titles, has replaced Anil Kumble. "The expectation from them is to take us to top four and



then hopefully win the Cup. Dhawan and Trevor's rich experience and knowledge should help us.

"It is a good combination. Trevor comes with a good track record with England and in the IPL. With all their experience combined, we are hoping it will culminate into results that Punjab need and deserve," said Wadia.

The co-owner said the team has to find a way to be more consistent. "It is not frustrating (the team's below par performances). It is a lot of learning. We have been millimetres away in the past and it involves little bit of luck as well and that has not gone our way in recent times. Consistency plays a big role. We surely need to be more consistent."



KHAN VS VIJAYAN

A THRILLING POTBOILER

Kerala is in the news over a bitter tussle between Governor Arif Mohammad Khan and Chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan. Not a day passes without ‘gunshots’ being fired from Raj Bhavan which are replied with a fusillade of missiles from the Chief Minister’s office, writes KUMAR CHELLAPPAN

Kerala is in a state of turmoil. The distance between Raj Bhavan at Vellayambalam and Cliff House, Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan’s fortified palatial mansion, has increased manifold over the last six months. Not a single day passes in the State without ‘gunshots’ being fired from Raj Bhavan which are replied with a fusillade of missiles from the CMO/A K G Centre (the imposing State Headquarters of the CPI(M) adjacent to the Kerala University office at the heart of the capital city. Last heard, the Kerala Government under Vijayan’s son-in-law Mohammed Riyaz are to stage a demonstration in front of Raj Bhavan on Tuesday against the alleged “high-handed” attitude of Governor Arif Mohammed Khan whom the Marxists describe as a “stooge” of the Sangh Parivar. There are reports that a former Home minister could join the siege of Raj Bhavan to add punch and spice to the event.

The State has never seen a situation like this though the Raj Bhavan had hosted the likes of V Viswanathan and N N Wanchoo (two widely respected and equally temperamental officers of the Indian Civil Service), P Sathasivam (former chief justice of India) and Sukhdev Singh Kang (another retired judge of the apex court). The only exception was Ram Dulari Sinha, appointed by the then Prime Minister Rajeev Gandhi and who held the Governorship from 1988 to 1990. The then chief minister E K Nayanar is reported to have shouted at her many times for delaying the Bills enacted by his government and sitting over the appointments made by the CPI(M) bosses to the universities as well as other quasi-judicial bodies.

Fortunately for Nayanar, with the change of Government in New Delhi in 1990, Sinha was called back and the V P Singh government appointed B Rachaiiah, a political lightweight from Karnataka as Governor. Not many people would remember Rachaiiah, who preferred to stay indoors and enjoy the salubrious environment of the Raj Bhavan. For that matter, most of the people do not remember the fact that V V Giri was the Governor of Kerala (1960-65) before he moved over to Delhi to take up the office of the vice president and then the President of India. Remember, Giri had occupied the Raj Bhavan when political shadow boxings between leaders like Pattam Thanu Pillai, R Shankar, P T Chacko were at their peak. Still, Giri managed to have an uneventful sojourn in Thiruvananthapuram except for his annual pilgrimage to Kottakkal Arya Vaidya Sala for the yearly Ayurvedic Rejuvenation Therapy, which he continued till he left the Rashtrapathi Bhavan.

Arif Mohammed Khan was a stranger to Kerala when he was appointed as Governor in

2019. Except for the people who followed the political unrest in New Delhi in the aftermath of the famous Supreme Court verdict in the Shah Bano Case. But Governor Khan made a lot of difference in the social sphere of the State. His visits to the houses of young ladies who were murdered/killed for dowry and the day-long fast he observed as a mark of respect to the young brides who lost their lives to the avarice of their in-laws made him a household name in the State. This Governor did not found solace and comfort in the opulence of Raj Bhavan. He interacted with people in all spheres of life.

Governor’s ties with Pinarayi Vijayan were never amenable, to say the least. Arif Mohammad Khan missed to opportunity to take a potshot at the Marxist government. The relation took a turn for the worse when the CPI(M) tried to extend the tenure of Kannur University Vice Chancellor Gopinath Ravindran, a committed Leftist. Though Ravindran, a historian reached the age of superannuation in 2020, the CPI(M) as well as Vijayan were adamant that his services should be extended for reasons known only to them. What went wrong is that there were many academics in Kerala and in the CPI(M) itself who were eyeing the post. The question being asked is what was the contribution of Ravindran in his tenure as vice-chancellor. Kannur University continues stagnating day by day and it may require an administrator-par-excellence to turn it around.

The tradition in Kerala has been that the ruling party at Thiruvananthapuram would appoint its nominees as vice-chancellors and faculty members. Both the CPI(M) and Congress do it when they are in power. When Nayanar became the chief minister in 1987, the then LDF Government brought U R Ananthamurthy as vice-chancellor of Mahatma Gandhi University. Though Ananthamurthy made a fortune, the standard of the University went down the drain from which it is yet to recover. Whether it is CPI(M) or the Congress, the post of vice-chancellors is partitioned based on caste, community, and religion. Even if the BJP comes to power in the State (though unlikely for the next many years), the situation could be the same. There are any number of Sangh Parivar members and Swayamsevaks waiting in the queue for the top job though they could be light years behind the qualifying standards.

On October 21, the Supreme Court declared as null and void the appointment of M S Rajasree, vice chancellor of Kerala Technical University for lacking the qualifying standards specified by the University Grants Commission. The vice-chancellors of other universities too were appointed in the same pattern by the LDF

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Government. Though the Governor had questioned the appointments of these persons, the chief minister had managed to win over the Governor and got the appointment cleared. But the Supreme Court verdict gave the Governor a chance for atonement, and he issued a show cause notice to the nine vice-chancellors asking them to furnish a reply why their services should not be terminated. The vice-chancellors have approached the Kerala High Court which has asked the Governor not to take any action till their pleas are disposed of.

What annoyed the Governor, according to Raj Bhavan sources, is that the Government took him for a ride. Not only vice-chancellors but faculty members and non-teaching staff too were appointed based on their political leanings. The district secretaries of the CPI(M) are the ones entrusted with the task of nominating candidates acceptable to the party. The higher education sector in Kerala is in a state of a sham as Ph.D degrees are awarded based on the political leanings of the scholars. Spouses of four Marxist bigwigs were appointed as associate professors even though they did not meet the minimum qualifications mandated by the UGC. Nepotism is not the prerogative of the CPI(M) alone. The precedent in Kerala has been like that for the last five decades.

The general feeling among people outside the State is that Arif Mohammed Khan is out to dethrone the LDF Government from office to anoint a BJP-led Government at Thiruvananthapuram. Easier said than done! Even Lord Ananthapadmanabha, the presiding deity of Padmanabhaswamy Temple as well as the capital city would not be able to do that, at least for the next hundred years. Governor Khan is not a fool to venture out with such a mission in his mind. People also forget the S R Bommai V Union Of India case in which the apex court ruled that the Legislative Assembly is the real battlefield to test the majority enjoyed by the State Government.

The major mistake by the Governor was his decision to speak to the Kerala media about the discrepancies in the appointment of vice-chancellors and other faculty members. In the past, no Governors have spoken to the media in the State. Had he allowed the Marxist leaders including the Chief Minister a free run, they would have fallen into a trap.

The latest development is the ordinance prepared by the LDF Government stripping the Governor from the post of Chancellor in the universities. There was a time when the Governor would have signed on the dotted line as he had made it clear that he was ready to quit as Chancellor, but the chief minister pleaded with him not to quit and also assured him that there would not be any more interventions

from the government. But this promise was forgotten by the Government as fast as it was made. The move to oust the Governor as Chancellor has a pinch of comedy in it. The Governor himself has to sign the ordinance/order and it is similar to a situation where the accused sitting as judge in his own case!

The Chief Minister and his cabinet colleagues repeat time and again that the Governor is bound to sign on whatever legislations and ordinances they send to him. But Article 163-(1)the Indian Constitution has a rider:

- There shall be a Council of Ministers with the Chief Minister at the head to aid and advise the Governor in the exercise of his functions, except in so far as he is by or under this Constitution required to exercise his functions or any of them in his discretion.
- If any question arises whether any matter is or is not a matter as respects which the Governor is by or under this Constitution required to act in his discretion, the decision of the Governor in his discretion shall be final, and the validity of anything done by the Governor shall not be called in question on the ground that he ought or ought not to have acted in his discretion.
- The question of whether any, and if so what, advice was tendered by Ministers to the Governor shall not be inquired into in any Court. (Ref: The Constitution of India: BARE ACT-PBB, New Delhi. Pages 62-63).

Nowhere in the Constitution, it is mentioned that the Governor has to sign on whatever legislation enacted by the Assembly. But the sad thing is that in Kerala one cannot explain this point to the Marxists for whom anything against their line of thinking is Fascism.

On whether the Government is bound to sign on whatever Bills sent to him by the Government, former union minister of law and justice Dr. Subramanian Swamy has this to say, said, “If the LDF Government sends him a Bill stating that Kerala has declared itself as an independent State and seceded from the Union of India, what do you think the Governor should do?” asked Dr. Swamy.

Controversies associated with the appointment of vice-chancellors is not confined to Kerala. In neighboring Tamil Nadu, the post of a vice-chancellor commands a premium of Rs 20-Rs 40 crores, according to former Governor Banwarilal Purohit who serves as Governor of Punjab now.

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ORIGIN OF ORCHA PAINTING

Konrad Seitz undertakes an interesting journey to discover the painting at the Bundelkhand royal courts of Orchha, Datia, and Panna and track the origin and source of creation of these exquisite paintings

Origins of Orchha painting: Orchha, Datia, Panna: Miniatures from the Royal Courts of Bundelkhand (1590–1850) Vol. 1 by Konrad Seitz is the first of the three volumes which is an improved and expanded edition of the author's two-volume, German-language book from 2015, Orchha, Datia, Panna: "Malwa"-Miniaturen von den rajputischen Höfen Bundelkhands, 1580–1820.

The series explores the unique features of the initial period of Orchha painting (1590–1605) and features in this volume over 100 images of exquisite miniature paintings from this school.

Author, Konrad Seitz says, 'This book reveals the Orchha school not only as the earliest Rajput school, but also as the only one that in its initial period preserved the indigenous Indian style'

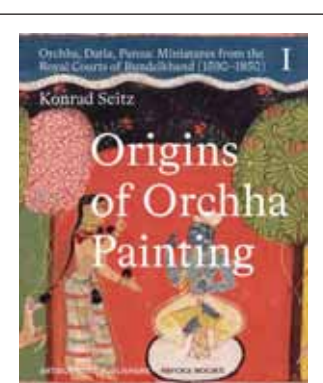
This book about miniature painting at the Bundelkhand royal courts of Orchha, Datia, and Panna offers a new insight into the origin and source of creation of these exquisite paintings, and seeks to



dispel earlier misconceptions about their provenance. The miniature school of Bundelkhand that first developed at Orchha was the earliest and most Indian of all the Rajput schools, and at the time of its founding the only one to practice a purely indigenous style of painting, "untainted" by the naturalism of imperial Mughal painting.

The author's interpretations and stylistic analyses of over 240 paintings from his collection, many of them published here for the first time, shed light on the school's development from the late sixteenth century to the early days of British rule.

The book also introduces readers to the conceptual world of Rajput miniature painting and the rasa aesthetic that anticipates the modern reception aesthetic. Origins of Orchha Painting, the first volume of the series "Orchha, Datia, Panna: Miniatures from the Royal Courts of Bundelkhand (1590–1850)," deals with the founding period of Orchha painting, the years 1590–1605, and how it derived from pre-Mughal Early



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Rajput painting, which flourished at the Tomar court of Gwalior from around 1460 until the downfall of the Hindu kingdom in 1518. The subsequent volumes, Stylistic Trends in Bundelkhand Painting, analyze how this Rajput school developed during the period

1605–1635 and spread to Datia after the disintegration of Orchha in 1635 and later to Panna, the Bundela state of Chattrasal, in the 1680s. Bundelkhand painting ended with Chattrasal's death in 1731, and it was only after a long interruption, in the beginning of the nineteenth century, that the school experienced an Indian summer at the court of Datia during the period of British suzerainty.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Author, Konrad Seitz, lived in India for many years, including from 1987–1990 as German ambassador. He and his wife, Eva Seitz, rank among the most important private collectors of Indian miniature painting worldwide. Their readiness to share their collection with art lovers all over the world both in publications like this one and through major donations to museums has done much to enhance our appreciation of the marvels of Indian painting.

Through a Looking Glass

Aruna Chakravarti's latest collection of short stories Through a Looking Glass comes after a series of highly acclaimed novels, the last two of which are Suralakshmi Villa and The Mendicant Prince, writes ANTARA DATTA

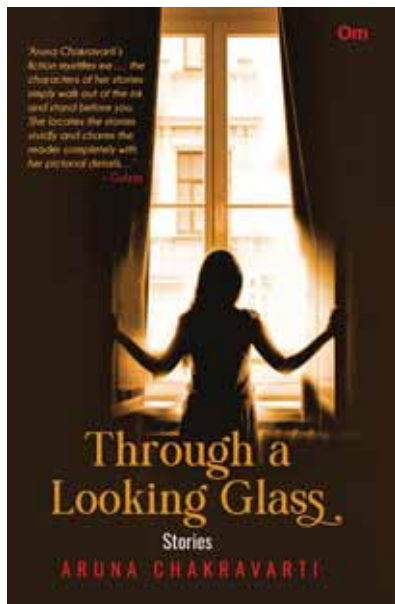
Though the age of long fiction continues to gather many readers and laurels, in these days of compulsive distractions, the short story beckons the reader with compressed satisfaction. Aruna Chakravarti is among those greats who are equally consummate as a novelist and a short story writer.

Her latest collection of short stories *Through a Looking Glass* comes after a series of highly acclaimed novels, the last two of which are Suralakshmi Villa and The Mendicant Prince. The range of her creative interest is staggering, ranging from literary translations to historical fiction to meditations on contemporary life. The common thread running through all her writing is the exploration of lives of women, their stories told with profound tenderness and attention.

Consisting of nine stories, *Through the Looking Glass* brings together Aruna Chakravarti's abiding interest in women's lives and her inimitable ability to raise moral questions. Almost all the stories are about women who transgress conventional norms, often leading to tragic consequences, their energies threatening to incinerate moribund societal customs and expectations that constrict women's freedoms and desires.

'Mobile Mataji', set in a mofussil town in Bengal, evokes the dark world of women desperate for motherhood, their obsession exploited by a demonic god-woman, leading to an indefensible act of cruelty.

Written from the perspective of a writer who chances upon a childhood



Author : Aruna Chakravarti
Publisher: Om Books International
Pages:215

friend, "Perceptions', is about women who negotiate the demands of domesticity and suppressed needs, their bodies, and minds marked by burdensome secrets that splinter their lives. At the end of the story, the narrator- the author says- "...I don't see them as suffering women. They had suffered, yes, but flashing unquenched defiance to the stars that controlled their fates, they had battled and resisted their destinies..."

Stories like "Satwant Chachi" and the eponymous "Through a Looking Glass" are set in politically turbulent and traumatic historical times. Satwant Chachi, which is one of the best in the collection, unravels, ever so subtly, the life of a young widowed mother who silently fights predatory sexual advances with her steely resolve, and her single-minded determination to ensure a good life for her children. But as time takes a toll on her sanity and frays her moral fiber, her children taken away by ill fortune, the city and country conflagrate into riots and conflict.

'Through a Looking Glass' revisits the trauma of Partition through the flashes of memory of its protagonist Mrs. Das, now old and fading. Chakravarti brilliantly weaves the story of the nation with the lives of ordinary women- the losses, the memories, the scars, the resilience, and the tragedies.

The collection has a remarkably diverse cast of characters in terms of community, class, and background. "Crooked House" and "Princess Poloumi", are narrated by women who are conflicted between the demands of

old loyalties and friendships and their changed circumstances. The stories examine the moral dilemma of maintaining relationships across classes, the most difficult barrier to overcome in our society.

These stories are too close to the bone, forcing us to confront our own compromised moralities, the corruptions that privilege brings, and the limits of our empathy. Those who get left behind or destroyed by the ravages of time, history, and personal weakness- where do they go? These questions are evoked through the intimacies of female friendship. The narratives reveal the generational entitlements accorded to men by society and how women struggle to imagine their individual destinies, and their courageous attempts to claim their bit of the sky.

Aruna Chakravarti's creative canvas is vast. She has written large and complex histories of princes and poets, of the best of times and the worst of times, but what makes her writing exceptional is her ability to notice and shine a light on the dark corners of forgotten rooms, the memories tied in knots at the end of saris of remarkable and ordinary women, in the night –time stories told to children, and journals that lay unread and moldy. In her writing, it's the women, who are the biggest archive of history. Through a Looking Glass is a living, throbbing, and unforgettable testimony of our contemporary.

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Kalinga Literary fest to honor writers from India and Nepal

The Kalinga Literary Festival has announced to bestow Nepal Yashaswi Book Awards on 15 writers in 15 different categories from 2023.

From next year, the organization will award this title to two writers from India and Nepal.

"From the next edition, Kathmandu-Kalinga Literary Festival will introduce Nepal Yashaswi Book Awards to 15 writers in 15 categories. The awards are given in various categories including fiction and non-fiction books, poetry, books in translation, business and strategic affairs, environmental, biographical and autobiographical, children, sports, lifestyle and emerging trend books," the official release by the organizers of the festival stated.

Over 400 writers, artists, performers and performers will join the annual festival announced for the three days of September 2023.

Under the festival, the authors will be taking part in a host of conversations, workshops, debates, panel discussions, straight talks, and more. The organizers have released a three-day-long schedule with a star lineup of international and national writers.

The festival is organized by Yashaswi Pragya Pratishthan, Himalayan Diary Pvt Ltd, Nepal and Kalinga Literary Festival from India.

As per the organizers, the books will be selected from those submitted and nominated by publishers, and writers across all categories and the winners will be felicitated and awarded during the annual Kathmandu – Kalinga Literary Festival.

The award consists of a prize, a trophy and a specially designed citation for display on the award-winning books.

"The Kathmandu – Kalinga Literary Festival will strengthen the cultural dialogue, religious as well as literary perspective and prolonged relations between Nepal and India," the organizers stated in the release.

Legendary writers from India like Ashok Vajpayee, Arun Kamal, Ranjit Rae, Anand Nelkanthan, OM Tanvi, Gagam Gill, Malini Awasthi, Dr Sudha Gopalakrishnan, Ashok

Maheswari (MD Raj-kamal Prakashan), Satyanand Nirupam (Editorial Director, Rajkamal Prakashan Group), Noted Bollywood actor, Lyricist Piyush Mishra, took part from India in this year's edition.

Moreover from Nepal, noted poet and folklore expert Tulasi Diwasa, acclaimed writer, Journalist Kanak Mani Dixit, noted artist Ragini Upadhyay, Maya Thakuri, Dr Jagman Gurung, Dinesh Adhikari, Prof Gopal Bhandari, Yuvraj Ghimire, Prof Basudev Tripathi, Dharendra Premarashi, Nayan Raj Pandey, Ashes Malla and others joined the festival.

"The purpose of the award is to contribute to debates and discourses in the national and global public sphere and encourage more thoughtful, reflective, unique and inspiring contributions. There will be dedicated sessions on these books by the authors and erudite reviewers to enrich the intellectual discussion at Kathmandu-Kalinga Literary Festival," Rashmi Ranjan Parida, founder and director of Kalinga Literary Festival, said in a statement.

"Kathmandu – Kalinga Literary Festival will showcase literature, music, dance, poetry and other art forms. It will be a lifetime experience the lovers of literature, Music, Dance, art, and poetry. The Festival will celebrate the long-standing ties between Nepal and India in the context of the emerging global cultures," said KLF Founder and Director, Rashmi Ranjan Parida.

Annual Kalinga Literary Festival and Mystic Kalinga Fest celebrate the creative spirit of India and commemorate the literary diversity it offers, bringing it into conversation with the best minds in the world of literature within and outside of Odisha and India.

Authors, academics, policymakers, literary-cultural, political and social activists, lawmakers, government officials, corporate leaders, spiritual thinkers, students and people from all walks of life participate in the vibrant atmosphere of the festival and exchange opinions on their favourite authors and works.

(ANI)

Michelle Obama lays bare her moments of despair

Michelle Obama said she struggled with a "crushing sense of hopelessness" after the 2020 presidential election that was brought on by the death and isolation of the COVID-19 pandemic, a summer of political and racial unrest and the insurrection at the US Capitol.

"I was in a low place," she said. Then she got an idea.

"Everyone was searching for some answers of how to cope. And for some reason they were asking me, What do you do? I had to start thinking about that," the former first lady told People magazine in an interview pegged to Tuesday's release of her second book, "The Light We Carry: Overcoming in Uncertain Times."

She is set to open a six-city book tour in Washington on that day.

In the book, former President Barack Obama's



wife, who is one of the world's most famous women, tells how she steadies herself during these anxious times and how she works at overcoming her lifelong fear of change and doubts about herself.

"Over the 58 years that

I've lived, I can look back and I can say, This is how I deal with fear. These are the things I say to myself when I need to pick myself up. This is how I stay visible in a world that doesn't necessarily see a tall Black woman," she said. "This is

how I stay armored up when I'm attacked. The book is that offering."

"I think people learn not through edit, but through stories," she said. People posted a report on the interview on its website on Thursday, and it will appear

in the magazine's Nov. 21 issue, available nationwide on Friday.

Mrs. Obama, the mother of Sasha and Malia Obama, opens up in the book about everything from how awkward it is to make new friends to her experiences with racism, marriage, parenting and even menopause.

She also writes about leaning on a "kitchen table" of close girlfriends, led by her 85-year-old mother, Marian Robinson. The group includes Kathleen Buhle, a hiking and yoga pal who is the ex-wife of President Joe Biden's son Hunter and the mother of Maisey Biden, Sasha Obama's best friend.

In 2018, Mrs. Obama released her best-selling memoir, "Becoming," and embarked on a U.S. and international book tour to promote it. The book has sold more than 17 million copies worldwide, surpassing

the sales of any memoir by a previous first lady or modern president, including her husband.

In her new book, the former first lady describes looking in the mirror and only seeing her flaws, and how she practices being kind to herself.

She said she also copes by indulging in what her husband calls "lowbrow TV."

"You name it, I watch it," she said, naming HGTV, anything on the Food Channel and dating shows like "Married at First Sight" among her viewing choices.

The former first lady described herself as an informed citizen who reads the newspaper, gets briefs, sits with her husband every night and knows what's happening in the world.

But she said that "when I'm by myself, I need to be able to turn my head off and think about wallpaper."

(AP)

SDGs achievements: Rectify calibration errors

Many people wanted to feel that some good would come out of the horror, that we would as a species somehow learn virtuous lessons and emerge from the cocoon of the lockdown as splendid New Age butterflies and create kinder, gentler, less greedy, more ecologically wise, less racist, less capitalist, more inclusive societies. This seemed to me, still seems to me, like Utopian thinking....The world's power structures and their beneficiaries would not easily surrender to a new idealism.

— Salman Rushdie in *Languages of Truth*

As a man's life and some of the anecdotes in his life are yoked forever, here is one from me. In April 2022, Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi, invited me to give a speech on "*The Impact of Books on my Life*". A few days later, I was discussing the event with a gentleman, who, on being told, given my inclination towards abnormal psychology, of two of a few selected books: Vladimir Nabokov's "*Invincible Dreams*" and Carl Jung's "*Essays on Contemporary Events*", with his somber and sane look described these "as knotty and anfractuous and such books cannot influence a normal person's life".

While I looked aghast at the length and breadth of his judgmental indulgence, he advised me to read simple African poetry. Forthright as I know him, my search for African poetry led me to a poetry anthology where I found a poem titled "Growing Up" by a young, woman poet from Namibia, Julia Amukoshi. Her simple, innocent rural voice and sonorous honesty in her depiction are catchy: "*Dust used to be my natural make-up and the wind my professional hair stylist/Water and I were enemies/I dripped with sweat after playing, and running around was my best friend/I never understood why my natural scent was so resented/But oh well! Eventually, I found myself growing up.*"

Her lines lament natural resources deprivation and environmental degradation. While one may keep exploring

sequestered ramifications of the gentleman's observations "knotty, anfractuous... normal person", certainly such anecdotes have attributes to set the ball rolling. Onto the principal theme.

An attempt is made here to ruminate over the concepts of quality of life, its ingredients and possible inclusion of natural resources as one of the major indices influencing quality of life. Let us peep briefly into the last four decades with a view to see the evolution of these concepts. At the World Institute for Development Economics Research (WIDER), Helsinki, in July 1988, Professors Martha Nussbaum and Amartya Sen organised a conference to deliberate upon issues like what is meant by "quality of life", and the requirements in terms of social policy for improving it. Economists use a crude measure of per capita income as indicative of human welfare. This approach suffers criticism in as much as this single measure is insufficient and there is a need to assess a number of distinct areas of human life in determining how well people are doing. The conference in Helsinki suggested, inter alia, that we should instead measure people's capabilities, that is, whatever they are able to do and that too in different areas of life. That was an important way of encouraging debate on the issue of improving quality of life with a view to pep up awareness among stakeholders.

It is unfortunate that economic growth models we rely on while framing our beliefs about economic prospects or otherwise miserably fail to recognise our dependence on nature. Quality of life and natural resources are incontestably correlated. For instance, restoring a degraded woodland adds to the quality of life or less polluted air quality or removal of heaps of garbage adds charm to quality of life. The significance of this correlation did not dawn upon the organisers at Helsinki. That was to happen later in terms of what came to culminate into Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Some explo-

ration into the realm of theory will do no harm. Rather it will facilitate quick and correct absorption of pragmatic problems. A must to get to solutions fast.

When we think of the quality of life of a nation or people, we come across questions involving, inter alia, the distribution of available resources and how they affect people's lives. One has to know about indices like life expectancy, health care, medical services, education: nature and quality both. A basket of health services may be perfectly suitable for a thirty-year-old young person, while it may be totally unsuitable for a seventy-year-old person. Though goods and services are essential for expansion of capabilities of people, their value rests on what people can do with these.

Let us reflect on the complex decisions public policy must make, for example, concerning health, and the distribution of the goods connected with health. The assessment of women's quality of life is an important area in the developing world. As a lifetime of deprivation and lack of education can play havoc with women's desires: restricted and limited, one usually observes a very large gap in a woman's actual ability to function in a variety of ways.

In economic literature, there has been increasing acceptance about a person's life as a combination of various doings and beings, generically called functioning. Adequate nourishment and being disease-free are elementary matters for a person while others may be more complex, such as having self-respect, preserving human dignity, taking part in the life of the community, and so on. Yet another term economists use is "capability" of a person which refers to the various alternative combinations of functioning, any one of which the person can prefer to have. In this sense, the capability of a person corresponds to the freedom of choice as regards leading one kind of life or another. This is a sophisticated and all-encompassing definition of quality of life which ultimately implies



expansion of human capabilities.

However in all discussions about quality of life, nature has all along remained external. Economic models of development have excluded the crucial role natural resources occupy in the economy. Of late, economists have started providing new perspectives on the role of natural resources in the economy. For example it is commonly accepted that growing urbanisation accompanying economic growth has created a distance between people and the natural world. Economists identify three categories of assets that can be called capital goods: produced capital, human capital and natural capital. Nature is now treated as an asset with a rider that assets are renewable such as fisheries (self-regenerative) or non-renewable (fossil fuels, minerals). The sum of the accounting values of a society's capital goods is known as inclusive wealth. By wealth we mean not only the accounting price of produced capital and human capital, but also of natural capital. Thus the study of the class of assets called Nature and its relation to the other assets like produced capital and human capital has merited serious attention in the recent past. SDGs (2015) harp on this novel approach which is clear from identified seventeen goals: No poverty, zero hunger, good health and well-being,

quality education, gender equality, clean water and sanitation, affordable and clean energy, decent work and economic growth, industry innovation and infrastructure, reduce inequalities, sustainable cities and communities, responsible consumption and production, climate action, life below water, life on land, peace, justice and strong institutions and partnership for the goals. We get a combined glimpse of produced capital, human capital and natural capital in these goals.

In India, SDGs are fulfilled by the State Governments through their own budget or by way of transfer of funds by Government of India as grants-in-aid and or directly to the executing agencies, for implementation of Central schemes etc, executed by the State machinery.

As we intend to discuss about evaluation of relevant SDGs having a bearing on natural resources and environment and its contribution to quality of life, various financial statements of State Governments can be useful in working out financial achievements under relevant SDGs having a bearing on natural resources through the exercise of mapping which in turn necessitates a clear understanding of SDGs dealing with environment and natural resources. Mapping will help in determining budgetary alloca-

tions and expenditure incurred against these which can be attributed to goals pertaining to environment and natural resources. Thus the role various State Governments discharge in building natural capital and its contribution to quality of life can be fathomed.

Various agencies, institutions, economists, social scientists, policy analysts, and the ilk having the task of carrying out appraisals and impact analysis have a pivotal role to play not only in evaluating quality of life owing to investments made in a given period but now, in view of shift towards natural resource accounting, more importantly in estimating the contribution of budgetary allocations towards and expenditure incurred on relevant goals to enhancement or diminution of quality of life.

It will involve in-depth evaluation and impact analysis of both budgetary allocations and expenditure incurred following a well-proven mechanism of appraisals and evaluation. Fundamental strategy should aim at making forays into relationship of money spent, its impact on natural resources related SDGs and finally the impact of both on quality of life keeping in view goal indicators and targets. Counterfactuals as used in economics can lend a helping hand too if used prudently and logically.

It is a fact that the contribution of different SDGs to expansion of capabilities may vary gigantically with a number of parameters: social relations, sex, education, class background, natural disasters and a variety of other interrelated factors, for example, labour power is the only endowment for a landless labourer whose fortunes are determined by working of labour markets or Covid-19 like situation causing what Christopher Bliss calls, "flight" as contrasted with migration. (Those interested in this distinction may refer to my essay "*Covid plight: Opportunity for rebirth of humanity*" published in my book *The Descent: Essays and Critiques*). Yet one cannot

remain oblivious of an important aspect. While, if we treat natural resources as a form of public good, what will be more important to know is ownership of improved supply rather than total improved supply as a consequence of investments in SDGs. Complexities apart, one can think of a few likely outcomes. Degradation of natural resources rural population face increases time needed for their daily household production. Delay in obtaining drinking water owing to acute water scarcity adversely affects daily wages.

Money spent has failed to address the quality and sustainability of water resources. Expenditure under SDGs has helped reduce the contribution of contributing factors to over exploitation of natural resources. There is reduction in human induced changes in climate resulting in less disruption in natural resources. Progress made towards sustainable forest management is not in harmony with money expended. Such an evaluation of relevant SDGs and their impact on expansion of capabilities will act as an authentic assessment which can be of multiple use. These will show, inter alia, if various State Governments are working in tandem with the Union Government to achieve national implementation of SDGs.

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PERSPECTIVE

Cleaning up cyber safety image sullied by aliens

It's important to reveal names of people who break laws, but it's even more crucial to put a bigger lens on the rich and the powerful who commission unethical cyber activities by employing cyber talent from countries like India



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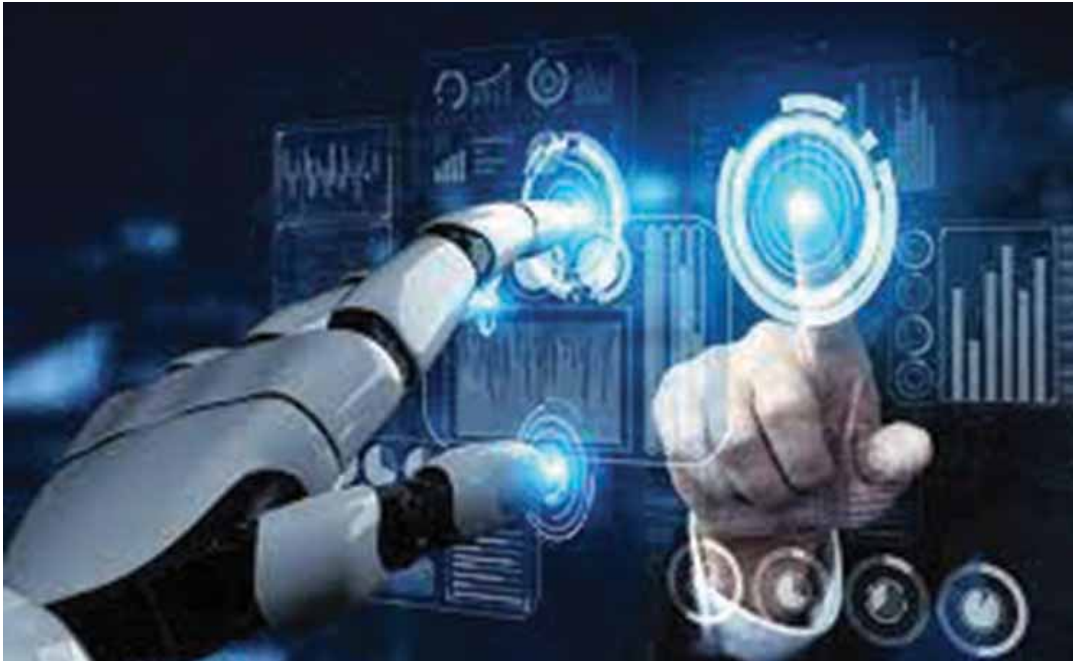
For a long time, Indian cyber investigators and researchers were disregarded by the global intelligence community and the western media despite India's prowess in advanced cyber abilities and a massive talent pool.

However, in the past decade, India's growing rivalry with China and Pakistan has witnessed the emergence and involvement of patriotic non-state actors wanting to help their country compete with hostile neighbours. Ethics has become secondary to them. Money is inconsequential. Securing the national interest is the only goal for them.

Generally, many Indian cyber professionals earn millions protecting national and foreign corporations and global tech giants from cyber-attacks. Tech wizards like Anand Prakash reported over 90 bugs to Facebook alone, with many more to Twitter, Google, Dropbox, Adobe, eBay, Paypal and others.

But that does not interest the western media, which gives it minimal coverage. Of late, "negative journalism" sells and media houses, particularly foreign, tend to perceive India only through the lens of rape, poverty, caste, cows, rising Hindu nationalism, and now, cybercrime. Using denigrating terms like "hack-for-hire" to describe the Indian cyber investigation community reeks of double standards, largely ignoring such incidents in their own backyard. Could it also be an attempt to weaken India's cyber apparatus? Is it all a big lie? This imbalance has led to conflict of opinion between the truth about India and the international media's image of it.

Foreign correspondents do valuable work, but in the newspaper business, you sell stories and to do that, you have to peddle a "certain" narrative. It seems they feel that a nar-



rative of outrage is a bestseller.

For instances, rape stories, communal scuffle, incidents of cyber investigation, or crime, can make into international dailies or prestigious international news agencies like Reuters or AFP. Similarly recently Indian or Indian-ethnicity-run global training institutes have also been in focus, especially Appin, Koenig Solutions and CEH.

Koenig's claim to fame includes training Snowden among other ethical hackers. To my knowledge, Appin's case is an interesting one. Appin knowledge solutions ran between 2004 and 2013 and is survived by a large number of franchisee training centres, which continue to operate long after the parent company closed its training business.

Founded by six friends from the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)

and Delhi College of Engineering (DCE), the company was ranked among the top five training institutes in India, along with NIIT and Aptech, and focused on training in niche technology like cyber security, robotics, programming with advanced net, among others.

In its heyday, it had over 140 training centres in India and Africa, over 600 employees, and it received recognition from then President of India Dr APJ Abdul Kalam for training the youth. Research shows its alumni are placed in various government bodies, Indian conglomerates and MNCs.

A search on India's number one job portal with Appin as keyword revealed over 2,30,000 job-seekers who were trained at Appin. After the closure of the company in 2013, the founders moved on and went on to

found companies of their own. Its senior management, which comprised several Indian defence officers and former senior employees of MNCs like Honda and American Express also established their own companies.

However, Appin has been in the news recently for the wrong reasons. An ongoing case in Europe, now popularly known as the Azima vs Dechert case, highlighted the role of three alleged Indian hackers working for either side. All of them are former Appin students.

A British wire agency has been found to be carrying out an investigation on a story for which a few of their reporters signed into a job portal as recruiters to gather data and information, a clear violation of policy for any portal, sources informed on condition of anonymity.

After collecting the data, they started reaching out to former Appin students through calls and messages at odd hours, sometimes even enticing them with rewards. The association, representing Appin training institutes, upon receiving complaints of harassment and disturbance, has reportedly filed complaints with several press associations, and even law enforcement agencies.

The British and the Swiss media, the two centres of private corporate intelligence, have also conducted operations to show the dark side of Indian private industry. More often than not, their lack of understanding of the Eastern world makes their research conflicting and unjust. A story around the Indian hacker community published recently by a British media outlet highlighted how two journalists, posing as ex-MI6 investigators, approached a couple of fairly unknown hackers seeking their services.

Obviously, they were attempting to extract information. It's almost funny how an assessment of India as a whole is based on some fascinating bytes and mysterious stories told by hackers looking to make money in dollars inside fancy lobbies and hotel rooms.

Without getting into details, in an article in the Swiss media, a journalist filed a story merely on the testimony of an individual whom the article itself refers to as a spin doctor, who was allegedly involved in helping a key suspect of the Union Carbide Bhopal gas tragedy flee India.

The word hacker in western media represents a hoody-wearing figure, a dark-web criminal. Some may very well be plying their trade in the most unethical of manners, but generally speaking, Indian cyber

experts haven't been found to be involved in hacking western corporations, governments and banks. They haven't yet been found to be involved in extortion and ransom rackets. The private hacking industry in India sees itself as digital Sherlock Holmes. Their clients are generally western journalists, ex-police officers and lawyers, who work on extortion cases, corporate frauds, murder and other related cases.

While it's important to name such people who break laws, it's even more crucial to put a bigger lens on the rich and the powerful who commission such cyber activities by employing cyber talent from countries like India. With so much talent to pick from, it is the demand for such cyber activities that needs to be looked into seriously.

Some NGOs have also started noticing this trend and are working in this direction. India is currently considered to have a less mature cyber warfare armoury and capability than the "Big Six" — China, North Korea, Russia, Israel, the UK, and the US — but this may change over time since its capability is growing.

India's New Education Policy (NEP) will likely make India more powerful than China and the US in terms of gaining the capacity to generate world-class IT human resources.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi wants to start coding for kids from Class six. While his aim is to help India achieve progress through innovation and skill development, he would know that quite a few would stray and enter a domain that will always remain dark and mysterious.

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