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## Shraddha's 13 body parts found: Police

Victim's father seeks death for Aftab for 'love jihad'

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Amid public scrutiny of the Shraddha murder case, the Delhi Police on Tuesday went about recreating the crime scene and dozens of cops spent nearly three hours combing the forest areas in South Delhi's Chhatrapur.

The police teams collected 13 body parts of the 35 pieces of victim Shraddha Walkar on the basis of information provided by his killer live-in partner Aftab Ameen Poonawala. The murder weapon is still missing. The case is likely to be transferred to the crime branch.

According to the police, the body parts recovered on Tuesday from different areas will be sent for DNA analysis. If remains are confirmed to be of a human, they would be matched with the DNA of the father of the victim.

The CBI's forensic team too reached Delhi's Mehrauli police station to examine the fridge, where the victim's body pieces were stored.

Head of the Department of Crime Scene Management at FSL Rohini Sanjeev Gupta said a two-member team of experts on Saturday visited the scene of crime and collected at least seven-eight bone pieces along with blood stains.

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Police personnel at Mehrauli forest area amid investigation in the murder case of Shraddha Walkar, in New Delhi on Tuesday

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## Dating app under lens; Aftab lured girls to flat as victim's body parts lay in his fridge

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi police are likely to approach authorities of the online dating app Bumble through which Aftab Poonawala and Shraddha Walkar met.

The police are also probing if Aftab lured other girls to his flat when body parts of Shraddha were stored in his fridge.

"We want to access his account to analyse his profile and know how many women he was in contact with and screen the chats to understand his psyche. Based on the pro-

file analysis we will also be approaching those people with whom he was in contact with and inviting them to the same residence where he had killed the woman," a police official said.

Aftab and Shraddha met on the dating app "Bumble" while both were working in Mumbai. It is reliably learned that Aftab was dating other girls on the dating app Bumble and at least one of them visited him in his residence in Mehrauli, Delhi, when Shraddha's body parts were in the fridge.

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Killer got 'knife' wound treated in May, he was aggressive: Doc

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

A doctor who treated Aftab Poonawala, the accused of the gruesome murder of his live-in partner Shraddha Walkar, revealed that the accused had visited him in May, the same month he had chopped the woman in 35 parts, for treatment of a wound and he was confident but also very arrogant and aggressive during his treatment.

Dr Anil Kumar Singh revealed that the accused showed up at the hospital with a wound on his right forearm that he claimed was from a knife while cutting fruits.

Further during the conversation, he revealed that he was able to identify the accused after coming across the news of Shraddha's murder. Notably, Dr Singh was the one who identified the accused when the Delhi Police approached him for questioning.

"In May, he (Aftab) came in the morning hours. My assistant told me that one person has come with an injury. When I saw him, I found it was not a deep injury but a superficial one. The underlying structure was intact. When I asked him how he sustained this injury, he replied he cut himself while he was cutting fruits," the doctor said.

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## Modi advocates Ukraine war ceasefire, nonstop fuel supply

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SERVICE/AGENCIES ■  
NEW DELHI/BALI

With the Ukraine conflict unraveling tales of horror and triggering economic crisis across the globe, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday advocated a return to the path of "ceasefire and diplomacy" to resolve the war.

He also opposed any restrictions on the supply of energy amid the West's call against procurement of discounted Russian oil and gas. India is a major importer of Russian oil.

Stressing upon the issue of unhindered fuel supply, the Prime Minister said India's energy-security is also important for global growth as it is the "world's fastest growing economy".

Addressing the G-20 summit session on food and energy security at Bali, Modi said, "We must not promote any restrictions on the supply of energy and stability in the energy market should be ensured."

Modi made these observations in the presence of top G-20 leaders, including US President Joe Biden and UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak. Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov also attended the summit representing President Vladimir Putin.

Expressing concern over the raging conflict, the PM said climate change, the Covid-19 pandemic, the developments in Ukraine and the global problems associated with it have caused havoc in the world and lamented that the global supply chains are in "ruins".

Referring to India's upcoming G-20 presidency, Modi



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Chinese President Xi Jinping at the Welcoming Dinner during G20 Leaders' Summit, at the Garuda Wisnu Kencana Cultural Park, in Badung, Bali, Indonesia, on Tuesday

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said he was confident when the leaders of the grouping meet in the "holy land of Buddha and Gandhi, we will all agree to convey a strong message of peace to the world."

Participating in the session on food and energy security, the Prime Minister highlighted the implications of global problems and said there is a crisis of essentials and essential goods all over the world and that the challenge for the poor citizens of every country is "more severe" today.

Modi's call for not putting any restrictions on energy supplies came amid the West's call against procurement of Russian oil and gas in view of Moscow's invasion of Ukraine.

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## Modi, Xi shake hands first since LAC face-off

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NEW DELHI/BALI

Amid lingering tension between the two countries at the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Ladakh for the last two years, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping on Tuesday shook hands at a side event at the G20 Summit in Bali, Indonesia, on Tuesday.

The two leaders met at the welcome dinner hosted by Indonesian President Joko

Widodo for G20 delegates.

While Modi is set to have bilateral meetings with several world leaders on Wednesday on the sidelines of the G-20 summit, there was no official word on such a meeting with the Chinese President.

In September, Modi and Xi came face-to-face at the summit of the SCO in Samarkand for the first time since the LAC face-off but there was no report of a handshake or exchange of pleasantries between them.

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## India climbs two spots to rank 8th in climate goals

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NEW DELHI

Indicating that India's green measures like cutting on emissions and the increasing use of renewable energy are delivering results, a new study has noted that the developing nation climbed two spots to rank eighth out of 63 in the Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2023.

India also earned a high rating in the GHG Emissions and Energy Use categories, while it got a medium rating in Climate Policy and Renewable Energy sections, as per the report prepared by three environmental non-governmental organisations that track climate performance of the European Union and 59 countries, which together account for over 92 per cent of the greenhouse gas (GHG) emis-



sions in the world.

The rankings by German watch, New Climate Institute and the Climate Action Network are based on how well the countries are doing to halve their emissions by 2030 — an essential aspect to keep the 1.5-degree Celsius goal within reach and prevent dangerous climate change.

The CCPI, which has been published since 2005, aims to enhance transparency in inter-

national climate politics and it enables comparison of individual countries' climate protection efforts and progress.

The report leaves the first three places empty as "no country performed well enough in all index categories to achieve an overall very high rating". It puts Denmark in fourth place, followed by Sweden and Chile.

China, which is the world's biggest polluter now, fell 13 places to 51st in this year's CCPI and received an overall very-low rating due to plans for new coal-fired power plants.

The US rose by three ranks to the 52nd place. Iran (63rd), Saudi Arabia (62nd) and Kazakhstan (61st) fared the worst. The report said India is "on track" to meet its 2030 emissions targets, compatible with a well-below 2-degree-Celsius scenario.

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## Why Morbi bridge contract given sans tender, asks HC

PTI ■ AHMEDABAD

The Gujarat High Court on Tuesday heard a suo motu PIL on Morbi bridge tragedy and asked the State Government as to how no expression of interest was tendered, and how the "largesse of the state" was given to an individual without floating a tender.

The collapse of the British-era suspension bridge on the Machchu river in Gujarat's Morbi district on October 30 claimed 135 lives, including women and children.

Hearing the suo motu PIL, the high court wanted to know from the State Government as to whether a 2008 MoU and 2022 agreement with the Ajanta Manufacturing Private Ltd (Oreva Group) imposed any conditions regarding fitness certification and if so, who was the competent authority required to do so.

"This agreement is one-



and-a-quarter page agreement, absolutely without any conditions. This agreement is by way of an understanding, largesse of the state for ten years, and no tenders floated, no expression of interest," a division bench of Chief Justice Aravind Kumar and Justice Ashutosh Shastri observed.

"After that term was over on June 15, 2017, what steps were taken by the state government or Morbi municipality to float a tender? How come no expression of interest was tendered, and how the largesse of the state was given to an individual without floating a tender...Why have you still not superseded the municipality?" the court asked.

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## World Cup marks Qatar's feat to shed shadow of turmoil

PTI ■ DUBAI

Hosting the World Cup marks a pinnacle in Qatar's efforts to rise out of the shadow of its larger neighbours in the wider West Asia, where its politics and its upstart ambitions have brought both international attention and regional ire.

The road to the tournament — and Qatar's increased prominence on the global stage — has been fuelled by the country becoming one of the top exporters of natural gas.

That newfound wealth built the stadiums that fans will fill for the tournament, created the Arab world's most recognised news network, Al Jazeera, and enabled Doha's diplomatic outreach to the wider world.

But that rise has not been without intrigue. A palace coup in 1995 installed a more assertive ruler in the country, who used Qatar's wealth to



back the Islamists who emerged stronger amid the 2011 Arab Spring protests — the same figures his fellow Gulf Arab leaders viewed as threats to their rule.

A yearslong boycott of Qatar by four Arab nations that began in 2017 nearly sparked a war.

And while the overt tensions have eased in the region, Qatar likely hopes the World Cup will serve to boost its standing as it balances its relations abroad to hedge against any danger to the country in

the future. "They know there are these potential threats; they know they are very vulnerable," said Gerd Nonneman, a professor of international relations and Gulf Arab studies at Georgetown University in Qatar.

"Anything they can do to have an international network of if not allies, at least a sympathetic element, they will."

Qatar, a little larger than Jamaica or just smaller than the US State of Connecticut, is a peninsular nation that sticks out into the Persian Gulf like a thumb. It shares 60-kilometres border with Saudi Arabia, a nation 185 times larger, and sits just across the Gulf from Iran.

Through its sovereign wealth fund, Qatar owns London's famed Harrods department store, Paris Saint-Germain soccer club and billions of dollars in real estate in New York City.

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## CAPSULE

### SENSEX RISES 248 POINTS, CLOSES AT ALL-TIME HIGH

**Mumbai:** Market benchmark Sensex climbed 248 points to close at its all-time high of 61,872 on Tuesday, propped up by robust fag-end buying in banking and energy stocks amid a positive trend in global equities.

### JACQUELINE GETS BAIL IN MONEY LAUNDERING CASE

**New Delhi:** A Delhi court on Tuesday granted regular bail to actor Jacqueline Fernandez in a ₹200 crore money laundering case involving conman Sukesh Chandrashekar, saying the fact that the accused was not arrested during the investigation makes it a case for grant of bail.



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■  
NEW DELHI

The world's population touched 8 billion on Tuesday, a remarkable milestone for humanity that added one billion people in the last 12 years alone. India is expected to surpass China as the world's most populous nation by next year.

India is the largest contributor to the milestone, having added 177 million people, while China, whose contribution to the next billion in the global population is projected to be in the negative, the UN said.

The population prospects report had said India's population stands at 1.412 billion in 2022, compared with China's 1.426 billion. India is project-

ed to have a population of 1.668 billion in 2050, way ahead of China's 1.317 billion people by the middle of the century.

The world population numbered under one billion for millennia until around 1,800, and that it took more than 100 years to grow from one to two billion.

The fact that the last one billion count came in just 12 years shows the population boom across the globe during the last one decade.

The global population is projected to surpass nine billion around 2037 and 10 billion around 2058, according to UN estimates

"8 billion hopes. 8 billion dreams. 8 billion possibilities. Our planet is now home to 8 billion people," the United Nations Population Fund



(UNFPA) tweeted.

"As we become 8 Billion Strong, @DieneKeita explains how a world of 8 billion is a global success story. Together we can build a world that allows 8 billion of us to thrive," it said in another tweet.

"The growth of our population is a testament to human-

ity's achievements, including reductions in poverty and gender inequality, advancements in health care and expanded access to education," the UNFPA said.

"These have resulted in more women surviving childbirth, more children surviving their early years, and longer,

healthier lifespans, decade after decade," it said.

World population is projected to reach a peak of around 10.4 billion people during the 2080s and to remain at that level until 2100, said the World Population Prospects 2022 released by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division in July this year.

The year 2023 could well be a landmark year for India as it is projected to overtake China as the world's most populous country with prospects to reap the demographic dividend as the median age of an Indian this year was 28.7 years, compared to 38.4 for China and 48.6 for Japan against a global value of 30.3 years, according to official data.

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## BLESSING IN DISGUISE

○ The good news is that India's population growth appears to be stabilising. The Total Fertility Rate — more or less the average number of children born per woman — has declined from 2.2 to 2.0 at the national level. A total of 31 States and Union Territories (constituting 69.7 per cent of the country's population) have achieved fertility rates below the replacement level of 2.1

○ The main reasons for decline in fertility include: Increase in adoption of modern family planning methods (from 47.8 per cent in 2015-16 to 56.5 per cent in 2019-21) and a reduction in unmet need for

family planning by 4 per cent points over the same period. This indicates significant improvements in access to family planning related information and services. In summary, it shows that India's national population policies and health systems are working.

○ India is a youthful nation with the largest cohort of young people anywhere in the world, with major potential to achieve its demographic dividends. While many parts of the world are ageing, India's youthful population can be a global resource to solve global problems



NCR-PULSE

**37 L OPTED FOR ELECTRICITY SUBSIDY**  
**New Delhi:** More than 37 lakh consumers have opted for subsidy under the Delhi government's free electricity scheme, officials said. Tuesday was the last date to apply for the subsidy scheme. Earlier this month, the Delhi government extended the last date to apply for the power subsidy from October 31 to November 15. The scheme, so far available to all, will now be provided to only consumers applying for it. The total number of consumers who applied for the subsidy was 37,13,179 by Tuesday afternoon. The number could go up slightly by the end of the day, the officials said.

**NURSING CONFERENCE NURSICON 2022 HELD**  
**New Delhi:** The 9th annual nursing conference Nursicon 2022 organised by Department of Nursing at Rajiv Gandhi Cancer Institute and Research Centre (RGCI) commenced on Tuesday in an international format with faculty drawn from hospitals in US and Malaysia besides representatives from all the leading hospitals in India, including Tata Memorial, AIIMS and RML Hospital. Nursicon stands out in the country as one of the largest conferences dedicated to nursing care for oncology, said Lt Col Madhumita Dhali, Director of Nursing, RGCI.

**DELHI RANKS 11, MUMBAI 76 ON HEALTH INDEX**  
**New Delhi:** Residents of Gujarat's Vadodara, on average, have the healthiest hearts out of all Indian cities, according to a large-scale study by health-tech firm Healthians. Vadodara scored 7.5 on a scale of 10 for heart health, beating second-placed Ludhiana by a wide margin. Delhi is 11th and Mumbai ranks 76 on the health index, said Deepak Sahni, Founder & CEO of Healthians.

**IRCTC to improve catering services on trains, give travellers customised food**

**PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI**

Very soon, Indian railway passengers will be able to 'customise' their meal preferences on board — from ordering local cuisines enroute the journey to special food for infants or for that matter, even meal requirements for the diabetics.

Further allowing flexibility to the existing system where you can also decline meals served on board the elite trains like Rajdhani, Shatabdi, Tejas and also make available pizzas, burgers, garlic breads etc during the journey, the Ministry of Railway has given a go ahead to its catering arm IRCTC to customise its menu to include local and regional cuisines as well as food suitable for diabetics, infants and health aficionados.

**Global syndicate making fake drugs in Delhi busted**

**STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI**

The Delhi police crime branch claimed to have busted an international syndicate which was manufacturing fake life saving drugs. With the arrest of seven people, Delhi police crime branch has seized fake medicines of international brands valued at Rs eight crore.

"We have also seized a huge quantity of loose medicines, packets, packaging material and machinery equipment," a senior official said.

The accused were identified as Pabitra Narayan Pardhan, Shubham Manna, Pankaj Singh Bohra, Ankit



Sharma alias Anku alias Bhajji, Ram Kumar alias Harbir, Aekansh Verma and Parbhat Kumar.

Crime Branch DCP Ravindra Yadav said: "There were some vital inputs at ISC Crime Branch, Delhi regarding involvements of an international gang in manufacturing-cum supplying spurious life saving cancer drugs. These individuals were indulged in inter-state dealings and pan-India involvement in supplying counterfeit life saving drugs, since long.

**Suitcase with body stuffed inside found at Jalandhar railway station**

**PTI ■ CHANDIGARH**

The body of an unidentified man was found stuffed inside a suitcase outside a railway station in Punjab's Jalandhar on Tuesday, said police.

The police said they received information about an abandoned red colour suitcase lying outside the Jalandhar Railway station at around 7 am.

The body has not been identified yet, they said.

While scanning the CCTV footage, the police found a man leaving the bag outside the station, they said, adding that further investigation is underway.

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# Army grapples with task of logistics for jawans in winter

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU



Ahead of the 17th round of talks between India and China, aimed at breaking the ice to ensure withdrawal of troops from the two left over friction points at Demchok and Depsang in eastern Ladakh sector, senior army officers deployed in the cold desert region have been grappling with the challenge of organising logistics for every foot soldier for the long winter season ahead.

Maintaining supply lines and ensuring logistics support to over 50,000 troops is going to be a herculean task for the third consecutive year. The two sides have been locked in the military standoff on the Line of Actual Control (LAC) since May 2020.

On the ground the troops of the Indian army are racing against time to further beef up their defences as the harsh winter season has already set in the high altitude region.

So far talks at the diplomatic and military levels have yielded positive results and led to de-escalation of tensions following clashes at the Galwan

## Defences being strengthened amid tensions in Ladakh

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

In an effort to maintain operational readiness in the backdrop of tension at the border in Ladakh, the Army is further strengthening its defences there by planning to build fortified bunkers, observation posts and forward ammunition depots. These steps will ensure safety to frontline troops and maintain unhindered supply of weapons and ammunition.

Some of the main features of the infrastructure projects include 3-D printed permanent defences that can withstand a direct fire by a T-90 tank from mere 100 metres, sources said here on Tuesday.

Moreover, modern and state-of-the-art habitat and technical storage have been constructed in Eastern Ladakh in the last two years to cater to 22,000 troops besides approximately 450 tanks,

armoured personnel carriers and guns. These are movable habitats, many of which have also come up as high as 18,000 feet.

The stress is now on construction of permanent defence structures to ensure preparedness. These defences are 3D printed and have undergone various trials, sources said.

They said the product has been made by start-ups of ex-students under the guidance of IIT, Gandhinagar. These defences will come up along the entire Line of Actual Control (LAC) facing China. The nearly 4,000 km long LAC stretches from Ladakh in the west to Arunachal Pradesh in the east.

The project is set to take off next year once the winter subsidies, sources said, adding the maximum weight of each part is 40 kg and that a team of two to three soldiers could set it up easily.

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"However, the renewable energy pathway is not on track for the 2030 target," it said.

Since the last CCPI, India has updated its Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) and announced a net-zero target for 2070. Net zero means achieving a balance between the greenhouse gases put into the atmosphere and those taken out.

The NDCs are national plans to limit global temperature rise to well below 2 degrees Celsius, preferably to 1.5 degrees Celsius in accordance with the Paris Agreement.

In August, India released its updated NDCs and now stands committed to reducing emissions intensity of its GDP by 45 per cent by 2030 from the 2005 level.

It aims to achieve about 50 per cent cumulative electric power installed capacity from non-fossil fuel-based energy resources by 2030. These NDCs are, however, contingent on delivery of finance and technology transfer.

Despite India's medium rating in the Renewable Energy category, the country has included renewable targets in its updated NDC.

## Aaftab got...

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I did not have any doubt as it was a small clean knife cut," said Dr Singh.

He said 28-year-old Aftab was a very bold and confident person when he met him for the first time during the treatment.

"Two days ago, police brought him to my hospital and asked whether I treated this guy. I recognised him and said yes. "He was very aggressive and restless when he came for the treatment. He looked in to my eyes while speaking. He was very bold and confident. He was speaking in English and told me he was from Mumbai and came to Delhi as the city has good opportunities in the IT sector," Dr Singh said.

## Cops analyse killer's social media AC...

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Police are also trying to get in touch with the Aftab's friends and will probe whether he was in a relationship with multiple women after killing Shraddha or he was cheating on her when they were together. "We will approach some of his friends whom he met before being in a relationship with the woman," the official said, adding, his social media account is also being analysed to get details about their common friends.

## World soars to 8 bn; India to...

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According to UNEPA estimates, 68 per cent of India's population is between 15-64 years old in 2022, while people aged 65 and older were seven per cent of the population.

As per UN estimates, over 27 per cent of the country's population is between the ages of 15-29 years. At 253 million, India is also home to the world's largest adolescent population (10-19 years).

The UNFPA has noted that India has its largest ever adolescent and youth population. According to UNFPA projections, India will continue to have one of the youngest populations in the world till 2030 and India is experiencing a demographic window of opportunity, a "youth bulge" that will last till 2025.

For its part, China, which is weighed down by a rapidly increasing ageing population is projected to enter a "severe ageing" phase in 2035 with 400 million people above 60 years, mainly blamed on its decades old one child policy.

China's old age population reached 267 million by last year accounting for 18.9 per cent of the population, Wang Haidong, director of the National Health Commission's Department of Aging and Health said.

It is estimated that the elderly population will top 300 million by 2025 and 400 million by 2035, he said in September according to Chinese official media reports.

The size of China's senior population and its proportion of the total population is expected to peak around 2050, posing huge challenges to the

provision of public services and to the national social security system, Wang said.

On the one hand China is rapidly ageing and on the other its population is in decline due to falling birth rates and rising concerns over the future availability of the labour force, the main driver of the economic growth of the Communist nation.

China's population grew by less than half a million-last year to 1.4126 billion as the birth rates fell for the fifth consecutive year, stoking fears of a looming demographic crisis and its adverse impact on the world's 2nd largest economy.

Since last year China allowed Chinese couples to have three children and announced a number of incentives to encourage people to have more children.

## World Cup marks Qatar's feat to shed...

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That wealth comes from its sales of liquified natural gas through an offshore field it shares with Iran, most of it going to Asian nations such as China, India, Japan and South Korea.

That spigot of wealth began flowing in 1997, just after two major events that shook Qatar.

The first, Iraq's invasion of Kuwait in 1990 and the subsequent 1991 Gulf War, saw Doha and other Gulf Arab nations realise the need for long-term American military presence as a hedge, said Kristian Ulrichsen, a research fellow at Rice University's Baker Institute.

Qatar built its massive Al-Udeid Air Base, which is home to some 8,000 American troops and the forward headquarters of the US Military's Central Command today.

The second event that shook Qatar took place in 1995,

when Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani seized power in a bloodless coup from his father who was in Switzerland. Sheikh Hamad later put down a 1996 coup attempt by his cousin.

Under Sheikh Hamad and flush with cash, Qatar created Al Jazeera, the satellite news channel that became known worldwide for airing statements from al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden.

The US railed against the channel after the American-led invasion of Iraq in 2003, though it provided the Arab world something beyond tepid state-controlled television for the first time.

In December 2010, Qatar won its bid to host the 2022 FIFA World Cup. Just two weeks later, a Tunisian fruit seller set himself on fire in protest and ultimately died of his burns —

lighting the fuse for what became the 2011 Arab Spring.

For Qatar, it marked a crucial moment. The country double-downed on its support of Islamists across the region, including Mohammed Morsi of the Muslim Brotherhood who would be elected president in Egypt after the fall of the long-time autocrat Hosni Mubarak.

Doha poured money into Syrian groups opposing the rule of Bashar Assad — with some funding going to those that America later described as extremists, like the Islamic State group.

Qatar long has denied funding extremists, though it does maintain relations with the Palestinian militant group Hamas that rules the Gaza Strip, working as an interlocutor with Israel. But analysts say there was a recognition that things may have moved too fast.



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## Hang Aaftab for 'love...

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"These exhibits were handed over to the Investigating Officer. We are yet to receive the exhibits from police. A DNA analysis will be done to establish the identity of the woman," he said. Blood samples of the woman's parents would also be collected for DNA analysis.

The police said they will take Aaftab to some other places in the city too in pursuit of recovering Shraddha's body parts and are also likely to approach dating App Bumble, on which the duo met. Shraddha's father has, meanwhile, demanded death penalty for the victim and alleged it to be case of "love jihad".

The police also took Aftab to the shop, from where he claimed to have bought the tools to cut up Shraddha's body. CCTV footage of that day is no longer available, though Aftab claimed he bought the knife used in the crime from the shop along

with garbage bags.

As the accused with his face covered with a white cloth and surrounded by police personnel, was taken to the woods, camera crews and journalists jostled with each other for his "shot".

"The crime scene was recreated to understand and ascertain the sequence of events that led to the heinous crime and how he managed to locate the spots where different pieces could be dumped without inviting public glare," a senior police official said.

Meanwhile, a Delhi doctor who treated Aftab, said the accused had visited him in May, the same month when Walkar was killed, for treating a wound. Dr Anil Kumar recalled Aftab was very aggressive and restless when he had come to him for treatment and when he asked him about his injury, he claimed he got hurt while cutting fruit. He added it was not a deep injury but a superficial one.

## Modi advocates Ukraine...

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On the Ukraine conflict, Modi referred to his repeated call for resolving the crisis through talks. "I have repeatedly said that we have to find a way to return to the path of cease-fire and diplomacy in Ukraine. Over the past century, the Second World War wreaked havoc in the world," he said.

"After that, the leaders of that time made a serious effort to take the path of peace. Now it's our turn. The onus of creating a new world order for the post-Covid period lies on our shoulders," he noted.

The Prime Minister said the need of the hour is to show "concrete and collective resolve" to ensure peace, harmony and security in the world.

"I am confident that next year when the G20 meets in the holy land of Buddha and Gandhi, we will all agree to convey a strong message of peace to the world," he said.

"Climate change, the Covid pandemic, the developments in Ukraine, and the global problems associated with it. All these together have caused havoc in the world. Global supply chains are in ruins," Modi said.

"There is a crisis of essentials, essential goods all over the world. The challenge for the poor citizens of every country is more severe. Everyday life was already a struggle for them," he said.

Various parts of the world are facing the challenge of food security triggered by the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Ukraine is a major producer of wheat and the halt in its exports of the staple food has triggered its shortage globally.

Modi said the poor do not have the financial capacity to deal with the "double whammy. Due to the double whammy, they lack the financial capacity to handle it. We should also not hesitate to acknowledge that multilateral institutions such as the UN have been unsuccessful on these issues," he said.



# Delhi gearing up for G-20 Summit

Beautification work of 8-km stretch from Dhaula Kuan to IGIA to be ready by Nov-end

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Beautification work of an eight km stretch of road from Dhaula Kuan to Indira Gandhi International Airport is expected to be completed by November end, ahead of the first visit by an official delegation associated with the G-20 Summit. India will assume the presidency of the influential group for a year from December 1, 2022 to November 30, 2023.

The makeover plan, that includes aesthetic upgrading of the stretch by way of uniform colour patterns on flyovers and Footover Bridges, horticultural overhaul through flowering plants to achieve a stepped three-coloured pattern, general cleanliness and symmetric installation of fountains and big lion statues, is almost complete.

The works completed so far include covering of open drains, overall sprucing up of the stretch by repairing the pavements, central verges and dividers, planting 30,000 seasonal flowers or plants and painting flyovers in a new red



and white colour scheme instead of the earlier black and white with approval of the Central Road Research Institute.

"The makeover and beautification works on the stretch of road from IGI Airport to Dhaula Kuan and beyond, on the Sardar Patel Marg, is being personally supervised on a weekly basis by Lieutenant-Governor VK Saxena, and the work is going on in earnest. It is expected to be completed by

the end of November, well in advance of the first visit by an official delegation related to the G-20 Summit on December 1," sources at Raj Niwas said.

"This has been made possible by seamless coordination between L-G and various implementing agencies including the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD), the Public Works Department (PWD), Delhi Development Authority (DDA), the Delhi Jal Board (DJB) and the New Delhi

District, apart from various corporate houses who have chipped in through their CSR funds," the sources added. "It also includes installation of aesthetically-designed view cutters with 'Charkha' and the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' logo at different locations," the source said. Eight lion statues are being installed at different locations across the Capital. Six of the lions have been carved out of white marble. They are six feet tall and weigh two



tonnes. Two statues were manufactured out of black stone. They are 13 feet high and weigh 14 tonnes, said sources.

As many as 15 fountains are also being positioned at various locations in Delhi such as the crossing from Aerocity towards T-3 and on the junction of T-3, T-1, Dwarka among other places in the city.

# Maid attacked by dog to get ₹2 lakh compensation

Consumer forum orders Gurugram civic body to cancel licences of owners of 11 foreign dog breeds

STAFF REPORTER ■ GURUGRAM

The District Consumer Dispute Redressal Forum on Tuesday ordered the Municipal Corporation of Gurugram (MCG) to give interim compensation of Rs 2 lakh to a woman who was injured after being attacked by a pet dog in August.

The forum also said if the MCG wants, this compensation amount can be recovered from the dog owner. On August 11, victim Munni, who works as a domestic help in the locality, was attacked by Vinit Chikara's dog while she was on her way to work with her sister-in-law.

She had suffered critical injuries on her head and face and was referred from the civil hospital in Gurugram to Delhi's Safdarjung Hospital. In the FIR registered at Civil Line police station, the dog's breed was



mentioned as 'Pitbull'. Later, the owner informed that the breed is a 'Dogo Argentino'. The forum directed the MCG to take the dog into custody and cancel Chikara's licence to own a dog with immediate effect. It also directed to ban 11 foreign breeds and instructed MCG to keep all strays in pounds after taking them into custody.

The forum also directed MCG to formulate a policy for pet dogs within three months. "In the interest of justice an amount of Rs 2 lakh is ordered to be paid as compensation by way of interim relief by the MCG to the victim who is stated to be a very poor lady doing the household works in the houses of others," the order read. "It is further made clear that the owner of the dog had blatantly violated the law of the land and rules for having kept

the banned breed of dog i.e. Dogo Argentino as a pet dog, so the MCG is put at liberty to recover the amount of Rs 2 lakh from the owner of the dog," it said.

Sandeep Saini, a lawyer had filed a complaint in the consumer court on behalf of the victim, under the Consumer Protection Act 2019, in which compensation of Rs 20 lakh was demanded and the MCG and dog owner Chikara was made a party.

After hearing all the parties, the consumer court of Sanjeev Jindal on Tuesday issued orders to completely ban 11 dangerous breed dogs in the district along with an order to pay interim compensation to the victim.

"As per the notification of the Government of India dated 25.4.2016 the following pet dogs of foreign breeds are hereby completely banned with immediate effect: American Pit-bull terriers, Dogo Argentino, Rottweiler, Neapolitan mastiff, Boerboel, Presa Canario, Wolf dog, Bandog, American Bulldog, Fila Brasileiro and Cane Corso," the court order read.

# 2,585 nominations for civic body polls: SEC

SAURAV GUPTA ■ NEW DELHI

The State Election Commission (SEC) on Tuesday informed that a total of 2,585 nominations of 2021 candidates have been received for the forthcoming Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) election.

With 24 nominations, Bapraula ward is at the top of the list where the maximum number of people have applied. Similarly, there are five wards that received only five nominations each for the MCD polls.

A total of 1249 candidates of the BJP, Congress, and AAP along with the other parties and independent candidates filed the poll papers, said the senior official of the State Election Commission, Delhi.

Informing about the development; the official said that while from Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) 423 candidates submitted their nomination, while 149 Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) candidates enrolled for the polls.

"On November 14, 334 candidates from the Indian National Congress (INC) have filed their nomination and 492 candidates from the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) have submitted the papers," they said.

"From Communist Party of India five candidates have filed nomination and nine submissions received from Communist Party of India (Marxist)," they said.

A total of 33 candidates enrolled from the Nationalist Congress Party to contest the municipal election and five have submitted their papers from All India Forward Bloc, stated Sources.

"Papers of 20 were received from the All India Majlis-e-Itehadul Muslimeen, while five candidates have applied for the nomination from the Communist Party of India (Marxist- Leninist)," they informed.

"From Indian Union Muslim League two people have applied for enrollment and the papers of 31 candidates were received from the Janata Dal (United)," they said.

"The nomination documents of one, four, and one candidate were received from the Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas), Rashtriya Janata Dal, and Samajwadi Party respectively," they told. A total num-

ber of 507 candidates filled their nomination on Monday to contest the forthcoming civic elections independently, taking the tally to 2012, said Sources.

In Baprola, 24 nominations, which was the highest number of papers received by the Returning officer, while Anarkali, Sarita Vihar, Andrews Ganj, Raghunagar, Mangolpuri-B, Pooth Kalan ward received the lowest number of nominations, which is five, said Sources, giving the details of the nominations, as per ward.

"Total of 2585 nominations of 2021 candidates have been received by Returning Officers in 250 MCD Wards for the forthcoming elections," they added.

According to a senior SEC official, "Process for receipt of nominations went completely smoothly and elaborate arrangements had been put in place at all Returning Officers headquarters, being the last day for Nominations.

District Magistrates, Deputy Commissioner of Police, and Deputy Commissioners of MCD had made coordinated arrangements for traffic circulation, parking, and basic facilities." "Due to a single day rush, the process of nominations who had arrived by 3 pm continued till late evening," he said.

"Around 40 candidates have filed their nomination till last week on Friday, out of which the majority was independent," he added.

To facilitate the candidates in filling the nomination, 68 returning officers, each in charge of three to six wards in the city, were appointed by the SEC.

The date set for filling the nomination was set from November 7 to November 14, by the State Election Commission (SEC). The scrutiny of nominations will be completed by the Commission by November 16.

The MCD polls will be held on December 4. The counting of votes will take place on December 7.

In the civic elections 2017, the people of the city handed over the power of the MCD to the BJP, winning 181 seats out of the total 272, while the AAP has been victorious in 49 wards and the congress came last scoring 31 seats.

# AAP, BJP release theme song for MCD elections

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

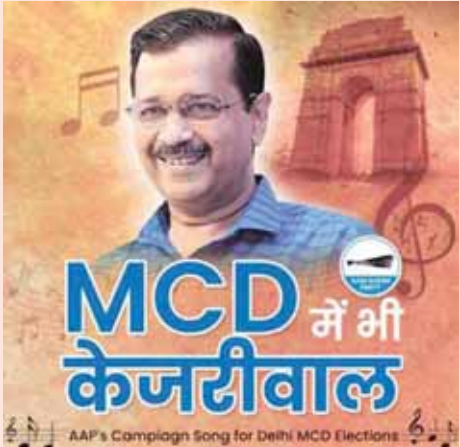
The AAP and BJP on Tuesday launched their theme songs for the forthcoming Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) elections. The AAP launched its theme song titled, 'Janta Ki Taiyyari Hai, Kejriwal Ki Baari Hai'. The party's theme song has been sung by the AAP's Timarpur MLA Dilip Pandey while the BJP released its campaign song, titled 'BJP ka Matlab Sewa Hai', sung by Manoj Tiwari.

The "Kejriwal in MCD" slogan is resonating everywhere and this is reflected in the song, said Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia at the launch of the song.

"People are saying that we gave an opportunity to Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and he ensured that we got good Government schools, hospitals, free bus rides for women in Delhi Transport Corporation buses and the Government has been working with honesty, said Sisodia.

"The BJP was given the opportunity to run the MCD and they gave garbage mountains and stray animals roaming the lanes. What was the advantage of giving BJP an opportunity in the MCD for 15 years?" Sisodia asked.

Sisodia, who convened a meeting of AAP candidates on



Monday night, also told them, "You have to conduct a dress rehearsal for a *padayatra* in advance. Every step should be well coordinated. You should hold four-five public meetings every day."

On the other hand, the BJP's released its campaign song, highlighting the services performance of the Narendra Modi Government and party-governed corporations during Covid-19 and attacking the AAP on "pollution and corruption".

The song is sung by MP Manoj Tiwari and narrates the "reality of Delhi" and the BJP's "victory" for the MCD polls, the party's Delhi unit chief Adesh Gupta said at the launch event.

The song's opening line



"BJP ka matlab sewa hai" is followed by how the Modi Government at the Centre "served people during the pandemic, providing them with food and saving them by coming out with vaccines".

It also mentioned the efforts of the erstwhile BJP-ruled municipal corporations to remove garbage collection points in residential areas and lowering the heights of landfill sites.

The song also narrates how the Modi government worked for Delhi's development, including expansion of the Metro network and construction of a tunnel near Pragati Maidan. Through the song, the BJP also accuses the Delhi Government of turning the Yamuna River

into a "drain" and converting Delhi into a "gas chamber". It also claimed that had the three BJP-ruled municipal corporations not been there, the AAP Government would have opened liquor shops in every street.

Tiwari said the main theme of the song '*Sewa hi Vichar, Nahi Khokhle Prachar*' (service is ideology, not hollow publicity) is the view expressed by BJP President JP Nadda.

A famous Bhojpuri actor and singer, Tiwari said song, his 5,025th one, reflected the pain of Delhi.

Ramvir Singh Bidhuri, the Leader of Opposition in Delhi Assembly, said the song would help the BJP win 200 of the 250 wards.

# URJA: MCD should publish roadmap for 100 days

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The United Residents' Joint Action (URJA) has listed some of the key demands including ward level waste management, pollution monitoring, increasing green cover and ending encroachments for the civic body elections in Delhi.

The 250-ward Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) goes to polls on December 4 while the results will be declared on December 7. Mentioning some of the "demands", URJA members said the MCD should publish a roadmap in the first 100 days

to achieve citizen demands over the next five years with measurable, time-bound and ward-specific goals.

"The MCD must publish regular reports on progress of the roadmap, budget allocated and expenditure and conduct a publicly-available performance audit by the CAG (Comptroller and Auditor General of India)," URJA chief Atul Goyal said.

Goyal added that the MCD must engage in local area planning at the ward level and coordinate with residents' welfare associations under a Public-Private Partnership model to constitute a well-resourced

Residents' Ward Committee within three-to-six months to increase transparency, accountability, citizen participation and optimum utilisation of funds.

"The governments only engage in blame game and the citizens suffer. We don't want an MCD that is not people-centric. There's a need to come up with local-level as well as ward-level planning," he said.

The demands listed by URJA also include zero-tolerance on encroachment of public land, walkways and illegal constructions, sanitation and waste management and decongestion of roads.

It also wants a blueprint to be declared by each municipal department on its respective targets, budget provisions and phase-wise execution to accomplish the goals of sustainable and progressive development.

"Some other demands are implementation of measures to make Delhi dust free, increase in the city's forest cover, which has been static at 21 per cent since 2015, and rejuvenate all water bodies and wetlands.

All municipal services passed on to the state should be professionally represented by the MCD," URJA said in its list of demands.

# My head hangs in shame, says Delhi HC CJ over non-payment of relief to kin of sewer death victims

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

My head hangs in shame," the Delhi High Court Chief Justice said on Tuesday, lamenting the "complete unsympathetic attitude" of the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) towards the families of two people who died inside a sewer this year.

The high court, which was annoyed over non-compliance with its October 6 order by which DDA was directed to pay

₹10 lakh compensation each to families of deceased, said it had asked authorities to pay the amount to victims' kin as they had lost their sole bread earners in incident. Pursuant to the high court's direction, DDA Vice Chairman Manish Gupta was present at the hearing.

A sweeper and a security guard had died on September 9 in Outer Delhi's Mundka area after they inhaled toxic gases inside a sewer. The incident occurred when a sweeper had

gone down to clean the sewer and fainted. A security guard who rushed to his rescue also fell unconscious, and both died.

The high court, which was hearing a public interest litigation (PIL) initiated by court on its own based on a news report of incident, expressed displeasure over non-payment of ₹10 lakh each by DDA to victims' families and said "not even a single penny" was released by authority. It, however, noted that as a part of a separate com-

pensation, the Delhi government has paid ₹1 lakh each to two families and remaining ₹9 lakh will be paid to them within 15 days.

"We are dealing with people who are working for us so that our life is made comfortable. And this is manner and method they are being dealt with by authorities. Very unfortunate," a bench of Chief Justice Satish Chandra Sharma and Justice Subramonium Prasad said.

# SC to hear plea of Chintels residents on valuation of flats

PNS ■ GURUGRAM

The Supreme Court will hear on November 21 a plea of residents of a Chintels Paradiso Society building, part of which collapsed killing two women in February, challenging the administration's valuation report of their flats, according to the petitioners.

The society's resident welfare association (RWA) on Monday said in the interim appeal, the residents have also sought a stay on the Gurugram Deputy Commissioner's (DC) order to the builder to negotiate with Tower-D homeowners issues such as compensation, or reconstruction or rebuilding flats for them, within 60 days.

"Lawyer Prashant Bhushan, appearing on behalf of the residents, filed the petition in this regard before the Supreme Court on Monday, and appealed for an immediate hearing. The hearing is fixed for November 21," the association's president Rakesh Hooda said.

The residents have also challenged the report of a special investigation team (SIT) constituted by the administration to probe the February incident. Sandeep Kumar, one of the residents, said as there

are "gross gaps and irregularities in the SIT report and valuation report shared by the DC office, we seek a stay order on the 60-day window for negotiation of Tower-D residents till either compensation or reconstruction option is finalised".

The residents in their plea also demanded reconstruction or rebuilding safe homes for them in the shortest possible time and alternative accommodation with rental compensation till their homes are handed back to them or compensation with an amount based on market value to buy a new home of similar size, specification and location.

On Monday, which was the third day of residents' protest on the issues, Hooda said their demonstration will continue till they get justice.

The magisterial inquiry into the Chintels Paradiso tower collapse found both the developer and the flat repairing contractor responsible for the incident.

Two women were killed after the dining room floor of a sixth-floor apartment of Tower-D in Sector 109 came down on February 10, triggering the collapse of roofs and floors directly under it, till the first floor.







# Have to free Indian edu from Sangh, says CPM

Yechury kicks off demo seeking Guv Arif's sacking

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

The bugle for Lok Sabha election 2024 has been sounded by the CPI(M) on Tuesday from the elegant square in front of Thiruvananthapuram Raj Bhavan. Sitaram Yechury, the CPI(M) all India General Secretary flew down to the capital city to inaugurate the party's demonstration demanding the sacking of Governor Arif Mohammed Khan whom the party commissar described as the stooge of the Sangh Parivar. "This mammoth rally is the ultimatum to the Sangh Parivar and Prime Minister Narendra Modi who are out to infiltrate into the higher education centers of India to influence the minds of the youngsters with reactionary curriculum. The

Sangh Parivar elements have taken control of Jawaharlal Nehru University. Jamia Milia Islamia, Aligarh Muslim University, Central Universities across the country which were centers of excellence till 2014. We have to get these institutions liberated from the shackles of the Saffron brigade," said Yechury in his battle cry.

The CPI(M)'s glamour boy asked the people not to believe even a single word spoken by Prime Minister Modi. "He is repeating what Adolf Hitler did in Germany before the Second World War. Hitler created a wrong notion among the Germans that they were the blessed people with high intelligence and asked them to finish off other people. The Germans believed him and paid a high price for their thoughtlessness," declared the CPI(M) boss.

The demonstration and laying in siege to Raj Bhavan was held in the backdrop of the deteriorated ties between Arif Mohammed Khan and the



CPI(M). The LDF Government led by Pinarayi Vijayan has clipped the wings of Governor Khan by ousting him from the post of Chancellors in the universities in the State. Yechury declared that there was nothing surprising in the ouster of the Governor from the post of Chancellor. "Arif Mohammed Khan is holding the Chancellor's post because of the goodwill of the CPI(M). There is no doubt that he should go," declared Yechury.

All constituent units of the LDF were in attendance to hear and applause the speech delivered by Yechury. "All of you should bear in mind that India is not one country as

claimed by Modi. The Prime Minister does not know about India and that is why he goes around the world claiming credit for everything," said Yechury.

Though the CPI(M) had claimed that more than a lakh people would take part in the demonstration, police sources said that there were 25,000 people. In a show of solidarity with the party who wants to oust the Governor, thousands of workers from Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Programme joined the demonstration. They were transported to Raj Bhavan from far away places like Kannur and Kasaragod.

# Cong gives list of 40 star campaigners for Gujarat

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Congress on Tuesday released a list of 40 star campaigners, which includes former party presidents Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi and party general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra. Newly elected Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot and Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel are among the other prominent names on the list. The list also includes former deputy chief minister of Rajasthan Sachin Pilot who is not on very good terms with Gehlot who is currently the monitoring the assembly elections of Gujarat due in first week of December.

Rahul Gandhi, who's name also figured as star campaigners in the just concluded polls in Himachal Pradesh, did not campaigned there but sources in the party said the Lok Sabha MP is scheduled to conduct a couple of road shows in the poll bound Gujarat which also hap-



pens to be the home state of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Former chief ministers of Madhya Pradesh, Digvijaya Singh and Kamal Nath, are also scheduled to campaign in Gujarat where state leaders have shouldered most of the campaign efforts so far. Kanhaiya Kumar, who joined the Congress last year, will also campaign for the party.

The list of star campaigners also features around 11 leaders from the state, includ-

ing Gujarat Pradesh Congress Committee (GPCC) president Jagdish Thakor and Leader of Opposition Sukhram Rathva. One of the names missing from the list of star campaigners is that of Shashi Tharoor who last visited Gujarat while contesting the polls for the post of party president last month. Election to the 182 Assembly seats in Gujarat will be held in two phases, on December 1 and 5, while the results will be out on December 8.

## Chronically depressed girl student kills self in AMU hostel

PNS ■ ALIGARH

A Class 12 student of Aligarh Muslim University's Abdullah Girls College committed suicide by hanging herself in her room in the girls' hostel on Monday. Investigation revealed that the student was depressed for the past several years and was undergoing treatment. Tired of this disease, she took her life.

The girl's family had also reached here from Bijnor Najibabad late in the evening, and were not ready to allow the police to get the post-mortem of the girl conducted.

Four other girl students also stay in the same room with her. According to the events, a program was organized in the college campus in which she was to participate. But she wrote an application for the warden/class teacher citing ill health and sought permission to go to JN Medical College.

On getting permission, she went back to the room and committed suicide. Her fellow students found her hanging when they returned.

# Shraddha redux: UP girl's chopped body found in well

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Close on the heels of a sensational killing of a girl in the national Capital, a similar murder took place in Azamgarh where the body of the victim was recovered in several pieces on Tuesday morning. After brutally killing the girl and chopping her body into pieces, the killer dumped the body into a well.

The local police rushed to the spot along with senior officers and took out the body pieces and sent them for autopsy. Further investigations are being made to identify the victim and to arrest the killer.

The incident came to light when the people of the village came out of the village for their farming work. During this,



someone looked into a well at the roadside and saw the mutilated body of a young girl lying in it. The villagers informed the police about the incident. On getting information, the police rushed to the spot.

According to reports, some villagers in Gauri Ka

Pura of Paschimpatti village in Azamgarh district reached the well on Tuesday morning and were shocked to see some pieces of a body inside the well. They immediately called the police who took out all the pieces and later suspected it to be a woman, probably in their

mid-twenties. The girl's head, arms and legs were chopped off. There were no clothes on the body of the deceased and it appeared that she was gang-raped before being killed. A watch was also found in one of the hands of the girl. Station House Officer Yogendra Bahadur Singh said it appeared that the victim was killed two days ago but they were waiting for a post-mortem report besides trying to ascertain the identity of the victim.

Meanwhile, a woman and her daughter were found murdered in their home in Ghaziipur district. Both were probably killed some time on Sunday night and the victims were found dead on Monday morning.

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

After many months Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Tuesday directly targeted Prime Minister Narendra Modi for not releasing funds to her State and wondered whether she would have to catch his feet to get the MNREGA and other funds released. Speaking in a meeting at Jhargram the Chief Minister said "despite repeated requests to the Prime Minister, funds legally due to the State have not been released ... these are not personal funds ... they do not come from anyone's zamindari (landed estate) ... they are taxpayers' money and rightfully belong to the people of Bengal who are being deprived of what is legally theirs."

She said that those who were at the helm in the Centre should "either release the funds

or step down from power... I have several times written to them and requested them for funds ... now will I have to catch their feet to get these funds released ... they will not do any kindness to us by release the funds ... this is our right to get what is rightfully ours."

Banerjee has of late --- particularly after the stepped up actions of ED and CBI in the State --- refrained from making adverse remarks against the Prime Minister. Instead she has often found praising him while holding Home Minister Amit Shah for conspiring against Bengal and the Trinamool

Congress.

Saying that either the Centre should release the money or they should stop collecting Goods and Services Tax. "What is the point in giving GST if we do not get our share from it ... either they should release the funds or they should stop claiming GST," Banerjee said.

Banerjee was visiting the tribal-dominated Jhargram district for the first time after her ministerial colleague Akhil Giri kicked up a storm a few days ago by making disparaging remarks against President Droupadi Murmu for which the Chief Minister had to

make a public apology. Taking a swipe at the Centre for withholding hundred-days funds for several months --- a development that had irked lakhs of people in the villages ahead of next year's panchayat elections --- Banerjee said "the poor people are suffering and the government has held back the MNREGA funds ... why should they deprive the poor people of their basic needs ... what is their fault," wondering whether there was an erosion in the democratic values in the country. "Are we living in a democracy? ... Has India become a one-party rule?" she asked.

# Yogi launches 233 projects worth ₹575 cr in Sonbhadra

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Tuesday said the tribal communities would no longer remain deprived but get all their rights in Uttar Pradesh, including housing, water, and power among others. Greeting citizens on the occasion of 'Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas' to celebrate the birth anniversary of Birsu Munda in Sonbhadra, the CM said: "The tribal communities were always neglected by the pre-



Musahar, Buiya, Ahariya or any other caste or tribe, they will be given land patta (record of rights) under the Forest Rights Act, 2006 and housing under PM Awas Yojana or CM Awas Yojana."

The chief minister launched 233 projects worth Rs 575 crore and distributed 'land pattas'. He also launched a coffee-table book based on 12 tribes. Earlier, he performed 'annaprashan' for a few young children and also visited an exhibition of local goods.

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Extract of the Standalone Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter and half year ended 30th September, 2022									
Sr. No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended 30.09.2022	Quarter Ended 30.06.2022	Quarter Ended 30.09.2021	Six Months Ended 30.09.2022	Six Months Ended 30.06.2021	Year Ended 31.03.2022	(Rs. In Lacs)	
		Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited		
1	Total Income from operations (net)	40.61	5.11	56.74	45.72	117.45	206.43		
2	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period (Before Tax and after exceptional items)	20.56	(19.81)	34.46	0.75	67.09	100.72		
3	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after Extraordinary items)	20.56	(19.81)	25.36	0.75	50.59	93.15		
4	Total comprehensive income for the period (comprising profit/(loss) for the period after tax and other comprehensive income after tax	20.56	(19.81)	25.36	0.75	50.59	93.15		
5	Equally Share Capital	1440.03	1440.03	1000.03	1440.03	1000.03	1440.03		
6	Earning per share (before extraordinary items) (of Rs. 10/- each) Basic Diluted	0.143 0.122	(0.138) (0.118)	0.254 0.254	0.005 0.004	0.506 0.506	0.647 0.554		
7	Earning per share (after extraordinary items) (of Rs. 10/- each) Basic Diluted	0.143 0.122	(0.138) (0.118)	0.254 0.254	0.005 0.004	0.506 0.506	0.647 0.554		
Note : The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly/Annual Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly/Annual Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange websites. (www.bseindia.com) and company website www.mymoneyviews.com									
For and on behalf of the Board of Directors Sd/- Sanjai Sethi Managing Director DIN : 00350518									
Place : Delhi Dated 14/11/2022									

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Statement of Unaudited Standalone Financial Results for the Quarter and Half Year Ended on 30 <sup>th</sup> September, 2022 (Amount in Rs. Lakh)			
Particulars	Quarter Ended 30.09.2022 (Unaudited)	Quarter Ended 30.09.2021 (Unaudited)	Year Ended 31.03.2022 (Audited)
Total income from operations (net)	4.10	4.57	13.02
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	0.13	2.33	(4.27)
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before Tax, (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	0.13	2.33	(4.27)
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after Tax, (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	0.13	2.33	(4.27)
Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	0.13	2.33	(4.27)
Equity Share Capital	296.23	296.23	296.23
Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)			
Earnings Per equity Share (of Rs.10/each) (for continuing and discontinuing operations)			
(a) Basic:	0	0.08	-0.14
(b) Diluted:	0	0.08	-0.14

**Notes :**


1. The above result was taken on record by the Board of Directors in the meeting held on 14th day of November, 2022.

2. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Unaudited Standalone Financial Results for the Quarter and Half Year Ended on 30th September, 2022 filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulations 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligation and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

3. The full format of the Un-Audited Annual Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange website ([www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com)) and Company's website i.e. [www.sidhgroup.in](http://www.sidhgroup.in).

**For and on behalf of the Board of Directors**  
**SIDH AUTOMOBILES LIMITED**  
Sd/-  
**(ANIL SHARMA)**  
**MANAGING DIRECTOR**  
DIN: 02928210

Date: 14.11.2022  
Place : Delhi



Branch Office: ICICI Bank Limited, 3rd Floor Shal Tower, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh, Delhi-110005

**PUBLIC NOTICE - TENDER CUM E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET**

[See proviso to rule 8(6)]

**Notice for sale of immovable assets**

This E-auction Sale notice for sale of Immovable assets is being issued by ICICI Bank Ltd. (on underlying pool assigned to ICICI Bank by Dewan Housing Finance Ltd.) in relation to the enforcement of security in respect of a housing loan facility granted pursuant to a loan agreement entered into between DHFL and the following borrower(s) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Ltd. will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of E-Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Mrs. Manorama Devi (Borrower), Mr. Rakesh Kumar (Co-Borrower) QZDWA00005021560	Dda Janta Flat No-198, 3rd Floor, Pocket-7, Phase-1 Nasir Pur, Dwarka Delhi Area: 236.81 Sq.ft.	Rs.15,20,071/- as on as on November 9, 2022	Rs. 11,70,000/- Rs. 1,17,000/-	November 24, 2022, From 11:00 AM to 01:00 PM	December 08, 2022, From 11:00 AM Onwards

The online auction will take place on the website of e-auction agency M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited (URL Link-<https://disposalhub.com>). The Mortgagees/noticee are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till **December 07, 2022 before 5:00 PM** failing which, this secured asset will be sold as per schedule.

The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) to ICICI Bank Limited, 3rd Floor Shal Tower, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh, Delhi-110005 on or before **December 07, 2022 before 5:00 PM** and thereafter they need to submit their offer through the above mentioned website only on or before **December 07, 2022 before 5:00 PM** along with scan image of Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. Kindly note, in case prospective bidder(s) are unable to submit their offer through the website then signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at ICICI Bank Limited, 3rd Floor Shal Tower, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh, Delhi-110005 on or before **December 07, 2022 before 5:00 PM**. Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalised/Scheduled Bank in favour of "ICICI Bank Limited" payable at Delhi.

For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the E-auction or submission of tenders, kindly contact ICICI Bank Limited on 8126013708/7304914763.

Please note that Marketing agencies 1. M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited., 2. Auggeo Assets Management Private Limited, have also been engaged for facilitating the sale of this property.

The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit [www.icicibank.com/n4p4s](http://www.icicibank.com/n4p4s)

Date : November 16, 2022 Place : Delhi/ NCR

Authorized Officer ICICI Bank Limited



Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd, 3rd Floor, Plot No- 23, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh, Delhi- 110005

**SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE**

Whereas

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Nishant Verma/ Astha/ LBMRT00005674558	Flat Built Over Plot No.131, Green City, Khasra No. 328, Village Vidhyapur Saiyabad, Pargana Jalalabad, Tehsil Modinagar, District Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh/ November 10, 2022	January 29, 2022 Rs. 23,09,629/-	Ghaziabad/ Meerut/ Modinagar

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date : November 16, 2022 Place: Ghaziabad

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1.	Pushpendar Choudhary/ Rajeev Kumar Shrivastav/ LBDEL00002478709	Flat No- 1103, 11th Floor, Tower-A, Alpine Heights, Hounslow Builders, Main Delhi Road, Opp Rajwada Farm House Rithani Meerut/ November 11, 2022	April 30, 2019 Rs. 25,08,795/-	Delhi/ Meerut
2.	Praveen Thakur/ Sachin Thakur/ LBDEL00002392530	Flat No.601 6th Floor Ark Residency, E-block, Commercial Plot Pocket E Shardhapuri Phase 2, Meerut, Uttar Pradesh/ November 11, 2022	March 25, 2021 Rs. 37,36,600/-	Delhi/ Meerut

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Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Number (Loan Account Number (DHFL Old LAN & ICICI New LAN)	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Neera/ Jyoti (19600043191 & QZGRN00005035500)	Property No RZ 136,2nd Floor, Front Side Kh No 616 & 617, Village Nasirpur, Kailash Puri, Palam Colony, Delhi/ November 10,2022	June 03, 2021 Rs 31,74,268/-	Delhi/ NCR
2.	Gaurav Madan/ Pallavi Madan (26600001228 & QZDEL00005017511)	Prop No- 24-A, Old Plot No-24, 1st Flr, Rear Side Without Roof, B/k- B-1, Gali No. 5 Kh No.104/13, Vil- Palam, Rajapuri Uttam Nagar, Delhi November 10,2022	June 03, 2021 Rs. 17,39,592/-	Delhi/ NCR

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PAPER WITH PASSION

# Perils of realpolitik

By welcoming Rajiv’s killers, Tamil Nadu politicians are playing a very dangerous game

R P Ravichandran, one of the killers of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, wants the people of north India to regard him and his fellow assassins as “victims instead of terrorists or killers.” As if north India and south India were two different nations, with Rajiv being from the north and his killers from the south! Ravichandran and his thuggish LTTE cronies would like us believe that they were and are the champions of Tamils, if not the entire south India, but facts suggest otherwise. First, on May 21, 1991, it was not just Rajiv who was murdered but also over a dozen Tamils. Second, such was the revulsion against the LTTE-friendly DMK that in the Assembly polls next month, it was thoroughly trounced. The DMK-led alliance got just seven seats, whereas the coalition headed by the AIADMK and comprising the Congress got 225 out of 234 seats, the biggest electoral victory for an alliance. It was not that the DMK was a small party; the DMK-led had won a landslide in 1989, the DMK alone winning 150 seats. And Ravichandran has the cheek to portray himself as a “victim.” Yet, this should not surprise us. After all, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin welcomed the Supreme Court’s decision to release the six convicts including Nalini Sriharan. He hailed the judgment as “a historic foreword to democratic principles.”

Stalin’s reaction was in tune with his Government’s and his party’s pro-assassins stand. The DMK has long campaigned for the release of the killers. When one of them, AG Perarivalan, was released in May, Stalin felicitated him. It is disheartening to know that the release of Rajiv Gandhi’s was supported by all political parties, except the Congress and Bharatiya Janata Party, in Tamil Nadu. In fact, even the Gandhi family wanted to forgive the killers, but the grand old party as a whole didn’t pay homage to cheap sentimentalism and opposed the release. One wonders what happened to the anti-LTTE mood in the State in the last 31 years. How did the pro-LTTE parties become popular in the State? The DMK and other TN parties might be accused of appealing to the basest instincts of the masses, but sadly they are not the only ones doing that. For instance, the BJP did not cover itself in glory when its leaders felicitated the released convicts of the Bilkis Bano rape and murder case. It is unfortunate that we don’t see any red lines in the Indian political arena. Anything goes: murderers of a prime minister can be lauded; rapists and murderers can be honoured. Over a period of time, politics and morality had become estranged with each other; now they have parted ways. The champions of realpolitik snigger at any mention of ethics in politics. They have a point: it is impossible for a practice politician to stick to their principles and beliefs all the time. But, at the same time, it is also harmful to banish all ideals and values from politics.

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Devotees ride on boats during sunset at Sangam, in Prayagraj

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# A peep in deep space

Human curiosity has no bonds, it leads to new discoveries enhancing understanding of universe

In a rare find and something thought of as near impossible, the scientists have been able to get a glance at a galaxy just behind ours. Scientists have discovered a huge “extragalactic structure” hidden behind the Milky Way known as the “zone of avoidance” (ZoA) because it is shadowed by our own galaxy’s opaque bulge. The discovery has far-reaching implication in astronomical studies as it would help fill in this shadowy part of the cosmic map which have not been observed so far. Our galaxy, the Milky Way, is distributed inside a thin plane that circles around a central bulge that contains a supermassive black hole. The galactic plane has numerous constituents’ including stars, dust, and gas that block our view. Though scientists have been able to peep through the zone of avoidance (ZoA), a region that obscures 10 to 20 percent of the sky, most of this region remains out of view. A team led by Daniela Galdeano, an astronomer at the National University of San Juan in Argentina, report the discovery of “a new galaxy cluster, behind the Milky Way bulge,” which helps to complete “the picture of the large-scale structure in this still a little explored area of the sky.”

It is incredibly difficult to find galaxies behind the galactic plane, because of the high density of stars and also the obscuration by dust along the line of sight, and this looked like one of the most prominent candidates. One of the biggest implications of this finding is the possibility of not one or two but several galaxies being hidden behind dark spots The team estimated that the cluster contains about 58 galaxies, but it will take more observations to be sure of its mass and contents. The discovery of this cluster offers an exciting glimpse behind the Milky Way, and scientists will need to continue pulling back this curtain to understand our place in space. It is indeed a great achievement that can open the door for several other related discoveries and enhance the knowledge of the universe and what is hidden behind it. But for that to happen large investments would have to be made in making finer equipment which often is not available. This is so true of our country where fundamental research is still in infancy. Scientists work hard to enhance human knowledge but their names seldom become popular. It is about time that we gives due respect and honour to scientists and researchers and make them role models along with the cinema and sports stars.

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# Vintage Hawksley thriller arrives

Against the background of the war in Ukraine, a new thriller containing international geo-political tensions and intrigue

A journalist can and often does become a person for all seasons: politician, diplomat, teacher, and of course a best-seller author of fact and fiction. Humphrey Hawksley — HH to some — is in that class. Besides he is a delightful person to know, a great raconteur.

What a cracker of a book-Ice Islands.

First, a disclaimer: Humphrey is a dear friend. But that notwithstanding, I have great respect for him as a reporter. His work as a BBC foreign correspondent has taken him all over the world with postings in Beijing, Hong Kong, Manila, Delhi, and Colombo. He has contributed to ABC, National Public Radio and other networks in the United States and global publication of his work includes the Financial Times, New York Times, Yale Global, Nikkei Asian Review, and others. So he’s no stranger to superpower rivalry, intrigue, and backstabbing — he’s reported on it extensively. Ice Islands may be fiction. But it has the hallmark of authenticity. The inside story of the Ukraine military campaign must have sub-plots inspired by his works.

Hawksley’s protagonist is the hard-as-nails Rake Ozenna who comes from the Alaskan island of Little Diomed right on America’s border with Russia. Little Diomed, I learnt, is a craggy, rough island with a population of around eighty Indigenous Alaskans living less than three miles across a narrow stretch of water from a Russian military base. Rake is a Major belonging to the Alaska National Guard. He is tasked with breaking into the Kato family, a Yakuza crime organization that is turning Japan against the United States. The weak link is Sara Kato, the family’s rejected daughter, whom Rake plans to turn into an informant. He is to approach her at a peace conference on the Finnish Aland Islands in the Baltic Sea. As Rake flies in, assassins murder a delegate who turns out to be the secret son of the Russian president. (We know this.) Sara is



implicated. Rake is ordered to get Sara out and keep her safe. The action moves from the Baltic Sea through Washington D.C. to Hokkaido in northern Japan against a broader context of the unresolved dispute between Russia and Japan over the Kuril Islands or Northern Territories.

Sara is not the only female interest in the story: Rake’s old girlfriend, Carrie surfaces as the mental health therapist who analyses Sara (and Rake as well, much to his discomfiture). Rake’s boss Harry Lucas and his ex-wife Stephanie are also important arms of the plot, which has, as its subtext, an American President, John Freeman, who is at war with his executive. Rake has to navigate this maze, and take care of the charge under his protection, who is deeply conflicted — she has an elder brother whom she both adores and loathes. HH’s description of the murder of Sara’s twin brother Kazan — ritual murder carried out by the eldest, Michio, described in grisly detail, because Kazan is considered simply not ‘strong’ enough — sickens and revolts Sara. And yet, it is her family. Rake, himself from a dysfunctional family, empathizes.

Ice Islands is full of impressive technical detail

FIRST, A DISCLAIMER: HUMPHREY IS A DEAR FRIEND. BUT THAT NOTWITHSTANDING, I HAVE GREAT RESPECT FOR HIM AS A REPORTER. HIS WORK AS A BBC FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT HAS TAKEN HIM ALL OVER THE WORLD

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### ECONOMIC CRISIS AND G20 SUMMIT

Sir — In the background of ongoing global economic crisis and Russia Ukraine war, the 17th summit of G20 has gained additional importance. As the group is more concerned with economic issues than political, it's expected that substantial outcomes would emerge from the Summit.

The face-to-face meeting between the Government heads of China and America would ease the global crisis if both nations soften their respective stances. India, being the president of G20 for the year 2023, will have greater responsibility to bring all the nations to negotiating table to think and act global.

DVG Sankararao | Vizianagaram

### GROWING ATROCITIES ON WOMEN

Sir — News of atrocities on girls is a regular and almost everyday affair in India (someplace or the other). Every male wants his mother, sisters to be safe and out of harm’ reach... happy without exploitation. Then he must feel the same good vibes for other females too.

More than just having helplines, women welfare team and laws, what is required in India are:- 1) Educating boys and males on different types of problems females and girls suffer physically and many other ways. 2) Even the US is gradually going for separate classrooms and benches for girls in educational institutions ... and separate sitting rooms for females in offices. 3) Teaching self defence skills such as karate, judo and taekwondo to all females, including young girls; 4) Girls and indeed all females need to be trained about good touch and bad touch and the elders informed about bad touch; 5) Train regularly males and females in every office and educational Institute on no jungle law of exploitation of the weak, only one-on-one team’s happy development management and joyful success solutions ... good words, deeds and implementation. Life is temporary; 6) How to decently propose love or marriage to members of

### Team Anna’s anti-BJP movement



At last Anna Hazare’s secretary Kalpana Inamdar said that Team Anna will launch an agitation against the BJP if the party does not fulfill promises it made to the people after its 2014 victory. She said that the BJP has failed to fulfill all its promises despite being voted into power by the people with a thumping majority. Inamdar, at a press conference organised by the Rashtriya Kisan Manch here, said that the people trapped in the web of corruption and inequalities supported Anna in all his agitations in the year 2011 and, as a consequence, brought the

BJP to power as an alternative to the Congress.

But in the last eight years of the BJP’s tenure, the condition of the country’s rural areas has worsened. Corruption has increased in the country, industrialists are looting the wealth of the villages, and the Government is silent. Despite Anna Hazare writing letters several times, it is incomprehensible to not take the schemes on the ground as promised by the Central Government at the Centre. If the Central Government does not take steps to fulfill the promises made before the elections, then Team Anna will again work to make the public aware and oust the BJP from the Government. Rashtriya Kisan Manch president Shekhar Dixit said that it is easy to get votes by dividing people in the name of religion, but working on ground for the same people is beyond the ken of the BJP. With this, at last Anna Hazare has woken up from eight years of sleep..

Bhagwan Thadani | Mumbai

the opposite gender and take their yes or no with equanimity; 7) all should enjoy life without sadism, harm, exploitation, atrocities, hurting words and deeds; 8) Married or unmarried, sex or friendship should be only via mutual consent; 9) Even girls, females should not insult, dominate or diatribe, rather they should maintain safe distance without scope for over-friendship or attractions.

Madhav P | Secunderabad

### RECOGNISE THE GOOD SAMARITANS

Sir — It is laudable that the Madras High Court has directed the Tamil Nadu Government to regularise the services of the doctors who were appointed on contract basis during the pandemic. There can be no second opinion about the selfless yeomen service rendered to the COVID19-afflicted persons by the doctors, including those who were hired on a contract basis even while they risked their life. We also know that some of the doctors lost their precious life as sacrificial lambs in the process of their ded-

icated duty to the affected.

This being the truth, the TN Government should have taken a decision of gratitude and confirmed all those doctors without forcing them to approach the Court for redressal. Hope the State Government would honour their selfless services at least now as directed by the High Court.

This however is also true for the rest of the country. Hundreds and thousands of doctors and corona warriors did a great job in saving lives in the pandemic risking their own but they got a raw deal from the government as well as the society. Many of individuals spent their life savings in organizing ambulances and oxygen services but they remain unsung heroes who just did their work silently. Now juxtapose the politicians who did little or nothing but were all over the media.

Shalini Gerald | Chennai

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ASHOK K MEHTA

Admiral uncle, Artyom Semenov, a specialist in submarine technology. Semenov is hoping to use Carrie to transfer some highly classified state secrets to the West. The operation is botched amid indications that the British embassy in Moscow has been compromised, leading to frantic efforts on Carrie’s part to stay alive. Rake goes to her rescue.

Comparisons are odious. But you can spot Stieg Larsson here, with flashes of Robert Ludlum (who specializes in the central theme of anarchy and chaos), Lee Child of Jack Reacher fame, and also a bit of James Bond. But running through all that is a seam of philosophy and tenderness. He describes a relationship, is not quite extinguished: ‘He rested a hand on each knee, giving her a look which even now melted something deep and undefinable inside her. It wasn’t love. It wasn’t sexual attraction. It was something magazines would find a name for one day.

Read Ice Islands. It is ....satisfying. (The writer, a retired Lt Gen, was Commander, IPKF South, Sri Lanka, and founder member of the Defence Planning Staff, currently the Integrated Defence Staff. The views expressed are personal)

During the Bali summit, I will have extensive discussions with other G20 leaders on key issues of global concern, such as reviving global growth, food and energy security, environment, health and digital transformation

Prime Minister —Narendra Modi



As of now, our defenders are on the outskirts of the city. But special units are already in the city.

Ukraine President —Volodymyr Zelensky

I look upon the responsibility of being my parents’ son very differently from how the world perceives it...

Actor —Abhishek Bachchan



It was unfortunate but it’s ok. You have made me happy because Pakistan put up a marvellous fight tonight. India’s bowling couldn’t save them from this England batting line-up, they couldn’t take one wicket.

Former Pakistan cricketer —Shaib Akhtar

Pandit Nehru rejected Maharaja Hari Singh’s plea to accede to India not just once but thrice.


Union Law Minister —Kiren Rijju



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VILLAGES LACK SPORTS GROUNDS FOR GIRLS

Gender bias is prevalent in remote villages of Uttarakhand



GARIMA UPADHYAYA

Not much attention is given here [Kapkot, Uttarakhand] to girls' participation in sports. There are many girls in the village, who can bring laurels to Uttarakhand in national and international tournaments if they are given the chances and facilities," said Mamta and Pooja, a duo from Dhurkot Village in Bageshwar district in Uttarakhand.

Lack of a proper playground with adequate facilities is a major problem in several places in Bageshwar. As a result, youth, especially girls, face a lot of difficulties in practicing and making their careers in sports. Moreover, even with the presence of a ground, girls are barred from using the ground, as playgrounds predominantly become spaces for boys in villages.

Dhurkot Village, which is situated on the banks of the river Saryu, is 25 kms from Bageshwar in Uttarakhand. The population of this village is about 5,000. But being in a hilly area, there is a lack of a playground in the village. Although it affects both boys and girls in developing their skills, boys have the option to travel and access a proper field, whereas girls are not allowed to travel far from their villages to play.

"There is a ground available about three kms away from the village, where boys easily go to practice, but it is not easy for girls to go there every day. The locals do not take this issue very seriously," said Deepa Devi, an Asha worker from the village.

Echoing similar sentiments, Sita Devi, the village head, said, "The



absence of a playground in the village is a big drawback. It has the most negative effect on girls. Not only is their physical development curbed, but their talents are also suppressed. Despite taking this issue to the local administration several times, our effort has not been successful."

Although schools provide grounds for sports, girls are not encouraged to play or given sufficient time to hone their skills. "The only place where we can practice is our school. But even that right is not with us. We are given the chance to practice only one day prior to the tournaments, whereas boys practice for months," rued Prema Gariya, a 16-year-old girl from the village.

In India, 29 per cent of women take part in sports in comparison to 42 per cent men, according to a report. A little more than 33 per cent of respondents consider sports like boxing, kabaddi, and weightlifting inappropriate for girls and women. They believe sports are unsafe for girls and that women cannot play at all times. So far, the southern states of India, such as Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, have shown the highest participation of women in sports and physical activities.

Supporting how women are restricted from playing due to gender inequality, Neelam Grundy, a social worker from Bageshwar, reflected on the effect it has on the holistic development of children. "Sports are imperative in building qualities like leadership, decision-making skills, and teamwork. But without any space to build these qualities or support from families, how can girls inculcate these qualities," Neelam said.

The notion that sports are more appropriate for men results in all the discrimination against girls. Although we have come a long way in terms of women's participation in sports globally, there is a need to focus on the remote villages where a horde of talents lies.

*(The author is a student of class 12 from Kapkot, Bageshwar: Charkha Features)*

# RBI should pause rate hikes, boost growth



UTTAM GUPTA

Since inflation is driven primarily by supply-side factors, the RBI should avoid too many interest rate hikes

In 2016, the Government had put in place an institutionalised framework, the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC), to formulate monetary policy and determine the key interest rates. It mandated the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to fix rates, especially the repo rate or RR (interest rate at which the RBI lends to banks), in such a manner as to maintain inflation—as represented by the consumer price index (CPI)—within the target range of 4 per cent (+/- 2 per cent) for a five-year period ending March 31, 2021 (the mandate has now been extended for further five years ending March 31, 2026).

In the case of a failure to maintain the inflation target for three consecutive quarters, the central bank, under section 45ZN of the RBI Act, is required to submit a report to the government explaining the reasons and spelling out the remedial actions it would be taking to check the price rise. For the first time ever, this situation has arisen during 2022 as the CPI has remained above the higher end of the range i.e. six per cent for three consecutive quarters beginning January 2022.

Inflation has a devastating effect on stakeholders across the board -- eroding the purchasing power, especially of the poor and unemployed; millions of depositors, particularly those who are totally dependent on interest income for their livelihood; increasing pressure on industries to grant wage hikes and the government whose budget is destabilized due to sharp increase in expenditure on welfare schemes such as fertilizer, food subsidies etc.

The CPI, which was well within the target of 4 per cent (+/- 2 per cent) until 2021, spurted in the beginning of 2022 and has ruled consistently above six per cent. It is supply-driven, being the result of geopolitical tension and disruption in global supply chains (caused primarily by the Ukraine War), and resultant steep increase in prices of commodities, most importantly food, fuel and fertilizers.

Broadly speaking, the RBI has three policy instruments in its armory to deal with inflation. First, it can increase RR. A hike in RR implies that the banks will have to pay a higher interest rate on the money they borrow from the RBI. This will force them to charge more from their customers if only to recover the higher cost of their funds. Faced with higher borrowing cost, individuals, businesses/firms, etc., will borrow less from the banks, leading to contraction in demand.

Second, it can increase the cash reserve ratio (CRR). CRR is the percentage of a bank's total deposits that it needs to maintain with the RBI as liquid cash; the bank does not earn interest on this liquid cash, nor can it use this for investing and lending purposes. An increase in CRR produces a similar effect as a hike in RR by reducing the quantum of funds available for onward lending.



GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN SUCH MEASURES AS DIVERSIFYING SOURCES OF SUPPLY (FOR INSTANCE, MORE OIL FROM RUSSIA), REDUCTION IN IMPORT DUTY ON VEGETABLE OILS, AND CUT IN CENTRAL EXCISE DUTY (CED) ON PETROL AND DIESEL. MORE SUCH MEASURES ARE NEEDED

*(The author is a policy analyst)*



Third, it can raise the reverse repo rate (RRR). RRR is the interest rate banks get on their surplus funds parked with RBI. A hike in this rate will make it more attractive for the former to park their surplus funds with the latter, thereby dissuading them from pumping more money in the economy, which in turn moderates demand.

The RBI has deployed all three instruments. Since May, the RBI has delivered a cumulative increase of 1.9 per cent in RR in four rounds (0.4 per cent in May 2022 and 0.5 per cent each in June, August and October). Today, RR is 5.9 per cent up from four per cent prior to May 2022. Besides, in May 2022, the RBI raised CRR from four per cent to 4.5 per cent and RRR from subsisting 3.35 per cent to 3.75 per cent.

The RBI has also made a shift from an 'accommodative' policy stance adopted since June 2019 to one what RBI Governor Shaktikant Das described as 'withdrawing accommodation' in the policy review announced in June 2022. While, an 'accommodative' stance points towards a cut in RR and increase in credit availability, withdrawal from this stance connotes more hikes in RR and less cash with the banks.

All these measures are aimed at making access to institutional finance 'difficult' and 'costly'. But, how does it help in combating inflation which is essentially supply driven? Look at the cost of fuel. India imports 85 per cent of its crude requirement and close to 55

per cent of natural gas (NG), both being the basic ingredients for making a whole range of products viz. petrol, diesel, LPG, CNG, PNG, ATF, etc. A major disruption in supplies from the war region has led to their skyrocketing international prices impacting our import cost. The current NG price at over \$50 per million Btu and crude oil hovering around \$100 per barrel is five times the respective level prevailing in April 2020.

Another major source of inflation is food. The spurt in its price too has a lot to do with disruption in supplies caused primarily by seasonal factors (for instance, the impact on wheat crop during Rabi 2021-22 triggered by unusually high temperature). This is getting exacerbated by high diesel cost (also triggered by supply side factors) leading to higher cost of transportation. In such a scenario, measures on the demand side are of little help.

The central bank often talks of anchoring 'inflationary expectation' which it seeks to rein in by adopting a tight monetary policy. The underlying premise here is when prices rise, people think that more of it will come in future; so they tend to buy more than their current consumption/use for stocking. This inflates the demand thereby accentuating the price rise.

The assumption is far-fetched. Is it possible for a truck owner to stock diesel? Can a car owner buy petrol more than what the fuel tank can accommodate? The answer is

a categorical 'no'. The situation in food is no different. No household can buy food in quantity more than its current requirement. Even if consumers were to go for stocking (theoretical), they would be doing so with their own surplus money; it would be too much to expect them to do it with funds borrowed from banks. So, the fact of credit availability being tight will have little relevance.

To conclude, in the present extraordinary times wherein inflation is driven primarily by supply-side factors, the RBI should avoid banking too much on monetary policy instruments. Yet, if it pursues this course, it could pose a serious risk to growth due to rise in lending rate, increase in EMIs of millions of borrowers and higher cost loans to industries especially MSMEs.

In the October 2022 meeting of the MPC, two members were against continuing with an aggressive policy stance. The RBI should go with their view, refrain from further increase in interest rates and ensure adequate liquidity in the system. At the same time, there should be greater focus on supply side management.

Already, the Modi Government has taken such measures as diversifying sources of supply (for instance, more oil from Russia), reduction in import duty on vegetable oils, and cut in central excise duty (CED) on petrol and diesel. More such measures are needed.

AKHIL GIRI IS A MINISTER IN HER (MAMATA) GOVERNMENT. THEY MAY SAY A LOT ABOUT THE SC-ST IN PUBLIC BUT THIS IS THEIR ACTUAL SENTIMENT — BJP MP LOCKET CHATTERJEE



HE (SUVENDU ADHIKARI) SAYS I AM NOT GOOD-LOOKING. WE RESPECT THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT (OF INDIA). BUT HOW DOES OUR PRESIDENT LOOK? — TWC MINISTER AKHIL GIRI

# Long Live the Liberal Order

No matter how chaotic the world today might look, the liberal world order is the only way forward

The recent meeting between US President Joe Biden and Chinese leader Xi Jinping on the sidelines of the G20 summit in Indonesia underscored the importance of the liberal international order. Both countries made a firm commitment to work together on a range of issues and emphasized the healthy spirit of competition. This development, apart from concurrent events, do indicate that although the liberal order appeared to be showing signs of fatigue, earlier this year, it has found relevance once again.

In February this year, when the world was slowly emerging from the horrors of Coronavirus and its ensuing global economic dis-



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ruptions, the international community found itself grappling with a monumental challenge. Russia's invasion of Ukraine with tacit support from China reignited a recurrent theme in the international relations discourse. And how can one forget China's spectacular failure and futile attempt to bully Taiwan after Nancy Pelosi's visit which raised global alarms.

Then Xi Jinping's self-awarded third term as President added to the woes. In the G20 summit, China highlighted a range of issues, but stressed that Taiwan is the very bedrock of the bilateral ties between the US and China. America will take cognizance of China's views but it will align its

interest with other allies.

Proponents of the liberal order who frequently emphasise that the international regime is rule based found themselves in a quandary. With Russia's special military operation in Ukraine, a euphemism for war, raised questions about the validity of the liberal order. Its theoretical underpinning was weakening.

Russia may have ratcheted up tensions but its ability to do so for a prolonged period always had constraints. The Russian withdrawal from Kherson has been humiliating for Moscow. With Ukraine regaining lost territory, systematic weaknesses in Russia's purportedly expansive military apparatus have

come to light. Veiled threats of a 'nuclear option' are cowardly. Both the US and China understand this position but the latter has not mentioned it explicitly in the joint statement issued in Bali. The perils of such a scenario are clearly catastrophic but the aftermath will be debilitating and hasten Russia's global isolation further.

The world has changed considerably since the height of the Cold War, where we lived in a bi-polar world. The economic interdependence between countries is substantial and there is clearly a limit to the unabated abuse of power by Russia other nations can tolerate. The drone strikes on civilian areas, the destruction of energy infrastructure all

point to an incoherent approach Russia adopted which seems to be crumbling now. With winter approaching Russia's military personnel will begin to feel the added pressure of a prolonged invasion. The domestic support for the war is waning.

America is clearly the shining light in a world beset by war and conflict. Beijing seems determined to question the world order. What it clearly lacks is legitimacy. Its internal working apparatus is opaque and human rights violations in Tibet, Hong Kong and Xinjiang are rampant. The issue of human rights was emphasized by the US in the G20. A country with blatant disregard to the democratic

ideals the world cherishes cannot fulfil the role of a true power. The image Beijing portrays is one of fear and tyranny; not respect and responsibility.

When Russia launched devastating strikes, the realists, who argued that nation states are in constant struggle with each other to defend their own economic interests, found themselves in a comfortable position to spearhead their arguments. They felt emboldened. Many nations found themselves in a veritable dilemma. Who should they side with? Should economic interest like energy, which Russia produces in colossal amounts, take the backseat?

There is also no need for India to choose sides. We

have our own independent foreign policy which is tailored to the needs and aspirations of a burgeoning economy. But will the prominence of Russia fade in India's calibrated decisions? It does seem plausible.

For now, it is safe to assume that the recent over-reactions to global events in no-way undermine the legitimacy of the liberal order. But if history is an indicator, international relations have always been fraught with surprises. They have always been chequered. The lingering debate between those who espouse a liberal order and the ones who call the international environment anarchic seems to be favouring the former; at least for now.



# G-20 TO HOLD TOUGH ON RUSSIA, URGE END TO UKRAINE WAR

AP ■ NUSA DUA (INDONESIA)

Leaders of the world's largest economies appeared ready on Tuesday to convey a

strong message from most condemning Russia's invasion of Ukraine, as President Joe Biden and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy pressed

the group to maintain pressure on Moscow over its nine-month war that has devastated Ukraine and roiled the global economy. A draft declaration by lead-

ers of the Group of 20 major economies under discussion on Tuesday echoes the condemnation of Russia's war on Ukraine by the United Nations, while



acknowledging differing views among members.

The careful wording of the statement reflects tensions prevailing at the gathering, which includes leaders from Russia and China, and the challenge facing the US and its allies to isolate Russian President Vladimir Putin's government as some nations seek to avoid becoming entangled in antagonisms between the big powers.

Still, it would be a strong rebuke of the war that has killed thousands, heightened global security tensions and disrupted the world economy if adopted in

its current form, particularly since China and India abstained from condemning Russia's aggression in the March UN resolution.

The statement seen on Tuesday by The Associated Press "deplores in the strongest terms the aggression by the Russian Federation" and "demands its complete and unconditional withdrawal from the territory of Ukraine."

The G-20 draft statement also noted there were different views on the situation and sanctions against Russia, saying that the G-20 was not the forum for

resolving security issues.

The push for a strong statement against Russia came as the summit was touched by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen tested positive for COVID-19 after his arrival in Bali and said he was returning home.

So far, no other leaders are known to have tested positive, though many of those in Bali also attended meetings with prime minister just days ago during a summit of the Association of Southeast Asian nations. Biden skipped out on an evening gala for the leaders hosted by Indonesian President Joko Widodo, to attend to unspecified matters.

Biden sent his regrets to Widodo and said he would attend a planned tree planting with fellow G-20 leaders on Wednesday, according to a White House official.

The official, who was not authorised to comment and spoke on the condition of anonymity, noted it had been a "full day" for the president but insisted that Biden's absence was not related to COVID-19.

Russian Foreign Minister

Sergey Lavrov, who led the Russian delegation to the summit, denounced the Biden administration push to condemn Moscow.

"All problems are on the Ukrainian side that categorically refuses to hold any talks and comes up with conditions obviously unrealistic and inadequate to this situation," Lavrov said.

In a video address to the summit, Zelenskyy joined Biden in trying to persuade the G-20 to further isolate Russia diplomatically and economically, despite a souring global financial outlook that has tested many nations' resolve.

Inflation and slowing economies are weighing on countries that have imposed penalties on Russia for starting the war. Higher costs for energy and food have destabilised business activity around the world, as much of Europe prepares to brave the winter without imports of Russian natural gas.

In opening the summit, Widodo impressed on the gathering what's at stake. "If the war does not end, it will be difficult for the world to move forward," he said.

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STATEMENT OF STANDALONE FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND HALF YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022							
(All amounts in Indian Rupees in lakhs unless stated otherwise)							
Sr. No.	Particulars	Quarter ended September 30, 2022 (Unaudited)	Quarter ended June 30, 2021 (Unaudited)	Quarter ended September 30, 2020 (Unaudited)	Half year ended September 30, 2022 (Unaudited)	Half year ended September 30, 2021 (Unaudited)	Year ended March 31, 2022 (Audited)
1	<b>Income from operations</b>						
	(a) Revenue from real estate operations	958.80	2,882.28	2,911.51	3,841.08	5,697.92	11,609.28
	(b) Other Operating revenue	26.03	123.47	86.71	149.50	121.48	207.43
	<b>Total income from operations</b>	<b>984.83</b>	<b>3,005.75</b>	<b>2,998.22</b>	<b>3,990.58</b>	<b>5,819.40</b>	<b>11,816.71</b>
2	<b>Expenditure</b>						
	(a) Cost of land/ development rights	-	-	268.00	-	404.93	404.93
	(b) (Increase)/ decrease in project work in progress	184.65	2077.9	679.75	392.44	2,161.18	679.26
	(c) Project approval charges	16.30	701.39	351.20	717.69	354.21	4,198.70
	(d) Employees cost	327.47	339.52	305.87	666.99	588.07	1,208.51
	(e) Depreciation and amortization expense	49.52	44.16	47.50	93.68	94.19	197.60
	(f) Subcontractor, material and labour charges	158.92	554.54	388.10	713.46	414.74	895.30
	(g) Other expenses	204.15	240.90	230.03	445.05	397.04	1,820.59
	<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>941.03</b>	<b>2,088.30</b>	<b>2,270.45</b>	<b>3,029.31</b>	<b>4,414.36</b>	<b>9,404.89</b>
3	<b>Profit/(loss) from operations before other income, finance costs (1-2)</b>	<b>43.81</b>	<b>917.45</b>	<b>727.77</b>	<b>961.27</b>	<b>1,405.04</b>	<b>2,411.82</b>
4	Other Income	85.53	211.80	252.44	297.33	452.23	757.68
5	<b>Profit/(loss) from operations before finance costs and exceptional items (3+4)</b>	<b>129.34</b>	<b>1,129.25</b>	<b>980.21</b>	<b>1,258.60</b>	<b>1,857.27</b>	<b>3,169.50</b>
6	Finance costs	768.41	784.15	685.67	1,552.56	1,501.80	2,949.52
7	Exceptional items	-	-	-	-	-	-
8	<b>Profit/(loss) from operations before tax (after exceptional items) (5-6-7)</b>	<b>(639.07)</b>	<b>345.10</b>	<b>294.54</b>	<b>(293.96)</b>	<b>355.47</b>	<b>219.98</b>
9	<b>Tax expense</b>						
	Current tax expense	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Deferred tax expense/(credit)	1.10	81.38	141.07	82.48	352.06	322.03
	Income tax for earlier years	66.06	-	-	66.06	-	(218.40)
10	<b>Net Profit / (loss) for the period (8-9)</b>	<b>(706.23)</b>	<b>263.72</b>	<b>153.47</b>	<b>(442.50)</b>	<b>3.41</b>	<b>116.35</b>
11	Other Comprehensive Income/ (loss) (net of tax)	1.14	(0.11)	2.73	1.03	5.46	13.67
12	<b>Total Comprehensive Income/ (loss) for the period (10-11)</b>	<b>(705.09)</b>	<b>263.61</b>	<b>156.20</b>	<b>(441.47)</b>	<b>8.87</b>	<b>130.02</b>
13	Paid-up equity share capital (face value of Rs. 10 per share)	11.90	11.90	11.90	11.90	11.90	11.90
14	Paid-up debt capital / outstanding debt (refer note 4 and 7)	-	4,600.00	4,600.00	-	4,600.00	4,600.00
15	Net worth (refer note 9)	27,798.89	26,872.33	26,487.62	27,798.89	26,487.62	26,608.74
16	Debt redemption reserve	-	216.40	18.86	-	18.86	135.20
17	Capital redemption reserve	321.70	321.70	321.70	321.70	321.70	321.70
18	Earning Per Share (EPS)*						
	Basic (in Rs.)	(593.47)	221.59	128.96	(371.84)	2.86	9775
	Diluted (in Rs.)	(593.47)	221.59	128.96	(371.84)	2.86	9775
19	Debt Equity Ratio (refer note 9)	0.71	0.86	0.96	0.71	0.96	0.92
20	Debt Service Coverage Ratio (refer note 9)	0.04	0.54	0.48	0.26	0.48	0.48
21	Interest Service Coverage Ratio (refer note 9)	0.14	1.57	1.50	0.85	1.30	1.14
*Not annualised, except year-end Basic and Diluted EPS							

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2022		
(All amounts in Indian Rupees in lakhs unless stated otherwise)		
	As at September 30, 2022 (Unaudited)	As at March 31, 2022 (Audited)
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Non Current Assets</b>		
Property, plant & equipment	958.19	996.67
Right-of-use assets	237.71	296.29
Other intangible assets	3.33	3.54
Rights in development properties	133.10	133.10
Deferred tax assets (net)	211.15	293.98
Tax assets (net)	454.80	493.12
Financial assets		
Investments	1,224.90	1,224.90
Other financial assets	1,502.51	1,654.85
Other non current assets	283.84	299.29
	<b>5,010.53</b>	<b>5,395.74</b>
<b>Current assets</b>		
Inventories	49,562.53	49,954.95
Financial assets		
Trade receivables	1,707.71	2,836.50
Cash and cash equivalents	779.41	1,783.05
Bank balances (other than cash and cash equivalents)	2,278.39	3,501.05
Loans	1,624.88	1,619.12
Other financial assets	2,507.07	2,647.38
Other current assets	2,810.57	2,038.35
	<b>61,270.56</b>	<b>64,380.40</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>66,281.09</b>	<b>69,776.14</b>
<b>Equity and liabilities</b>		
<b>Equity</b>		
Equity share capital	11.90	11.90
Other equity	27,786.99	26,596.84
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>27,798.89</b>	<b>26,608.74</b>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>		
Financial Liabilities		
Borrowings	7,958.28	18,254.22
Lease liabilities	137.81	187.84
Other financial liabilities	950.08	937.11
	<b>9,046.17</b>	<b>19,379.17</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Financial Liabilities		
Borrowings	14,806.57	8,952.68
Trade payables	-	-
-total outstanding dues of micro enterprises and small enterprises	0.78	15.75
-total outstanding dues of creditors other than micro enterprises and small enterprises	1,802.95	1,122.43
Lease liabilities	102.13	100.81
Other financial liabilities	616.43	653.55
Provisions	931.53	996.37
Other current liabilities	11,75.64	11,946.64
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>29,436.03</b>	<b>23,788.23</b>
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>	<b>66,281.09</b>	<b>69,776.14</b>

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW		
(All amounts in Indian Rupees in lakhs unless stated otherwise)		
	For the Half year ended on September 30, 2022 (Unaudited)	For the Half year ended on September 30, 2021 (Unaudited)
<b>A. Cash flow from operating activities :</b>		
Net profit/(loss) before tax	(293.99)	355.47
<b>Non - cash adjustments to reconcile profit/(loss) before tax to net cash flows</b>		
Depreciation and amortisation	93.68	94.19
Profit on sale of property, plant and equipment	(34.54)	(6.02)
Finance cost	1,552.56	1,421.10
Excess provision/liabilities written back	(132.45)	(166.19)
Dividend income	-	(125.00)
Interest income	(128.54)	(150.36)
Balances written off	-	1.12
<b>Operating profit before working capital changes</b>	<b>1,056.72</b>	<b>1,424.31</b>
Movements in Working Capital :		
(Decrease)/ increase in trade payables	665.55	224.65
(Decrease)/ increase in other financial liabilities	(24.15)	7.34
(Decrease)/ increase in provisions	68.65	1.63
(Decrease)/ increase in other current liabilities	(771.00)	224.48
Decrease/ (increase) in trade receivables	1,128.79	535.32
Decrease/ (increase) in inventories	392.42	2,161.18
Decrease/ (increase) in non-current financial assets	(1,019.41)	(208.49)
Decrease/ (increase) in current financial assets	292.65	(437.72)
Decrease/ (increase) in other assets - (current and non-current)	(762.53)	(718.82)
<b>Cash from operations</b>	<b>1,027.69</b>	<b>3,215.88</b>
Less: Direct taxes paid (net of refund)	(27.38)	(45.27)
<b>Net cash flow from/ (used in) operating activities (A)</b>	<b>1,000.31</b>	<b>3,170.61</b>
<b>B. Cash flow from investing activities :</b>		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(2.33)	(28.73)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	39.46	718
Dividend received	-	125.00
(Investment in)/ redemption proceeds from fixed deposits	1,222.66	(649.61)
Interest received	128.54	150.36
<b>Net cash flow from/ (used in) investing activities (B)</b>	<b>1,388.33</b>	<b>(395.80)</b>
<b>C. Cash flow from financing activities :</b>		
Proceeds from long term borrowings- Secured	-	1,415.33
Repayment of long term borrowings-Secured	(4,457.42)	(2,548.61)
Repayment of deferred payment liability	(286.79)	(807.24)
Proceeds from short term borrowings	2,968.35	-
Repayment of short term borrowings - Unsecured	-	(25.81)
Payment of lease liability- principal portion	(48.71)	(57.79)
Payment of interest on lease liability	(15.15)	(6.07)
Finance cost paid	(1,552.56)	(1,332.97)
<b>Net cash flow used in financing activities (C)</b>	<b>(3,392.28)</b>	<b>(3,363.16)</b>
<b>D. Net (decrease)/ increase in cash and cash equivalents (A+B+C)</b>	<b>(1,003.63)</b>	<b>(588.35)</b>
<b>E. Cash and cash equivalents as at the beginning of the period</b>	<b>1,783.05</b>	<b>1,407.32</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents as at the end of the period</b>	<b>779.41</b>	<b>818.97</b>
<b>Components of cash and cash equivalents</b>		
Cash on hand	2.82	2.26
Balance with scheduled banks - on current accounts	776.59	255.68
Balance with scheduled banks - on deposit accounts	-	561.03
<b>Total cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>779.41</b>	<b>818.97</b>

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## Strike on Kyiv as Ukraine probes reports of Russian torture

AP ■ KYIV

Strikes hit residential buildings in the heart of Ukraine's capital on Tuesday, authorities said.

Further south, officials announced probes of alleged Russian abuses in the newly retaken city of Kherson, including torture sites and enforced disappearances and detentions.

Video published by a presidential aide showed a five-story, apparently residential building on fire in Kyiv. The city mayor said three residential buildings were struck and that air defence units shot down other missiles. Vitali Klitschko added on his Telegram social media channel that medics and rescuers are being scrambled to the sites of the attacks.

The strikes followed air raid sirens in the capital and break what had been a period of comparative calm since previous waves of drone and missile attacks several weeks ago.



The strikes also follow what have been days of euphoria in Ukraine sparked by the retaking of Kherson. The southern city, however, is without power and water and the head of the UN human rights office's monitoring mission in Ukraine, Matilda Bogner, on Tuesday decried a "dire humanitarian situation" there.

Reports of abuses are also emerging in newly liberated Kherson areas now that Russian troops have gone.

Speaking from Kyiv, Bogner said her teams are looking to travel to Kherson to try to verify allegations of nearly 80 cases of enforced disappearances and arbitrary detention it has turned up in the area and "understand whether the scale is in fact larger than what we have documented already."

The head of the National Police of Ukraine, Igor Klymenko, said authorities are to start investigating reports from Kherson residents that Russian forces set up at least three alleged torture sites in now-liberated parts of the wider Kherson region and that "our people may have been detained and tortured there". "Mine clearance is currently underway. After that, I think, today, investigative actions will begin," he said on Ukrainian TV.

## Russian airstrikes reported in cities across Ukraine

AP ■ KYIV

Ukrainian authorities reported waves of Russian airstrikes across the country on Tuesday, from east to west, including attacks in Kyiv that struck residential buildings and, elsewhere, attacks on energy facilities that knocked out power.

The barrage of strikes came as air raid alerts were issued across Ukraine. They followed what have been days of euphoria in Ukraine after one of its biggest military successes so far of the nearly nine-month Russian invasion — the retaking last week of the southern

city of Kherson.

As its battlefield losses mount, Russia has in recent months increasingly resorted to targeting Ukraine's power grid, seemingly hoping to turn the approach of winter into a weapon by leaving people in the cold and dark.

Among regions where officials reported strikes were Lviv, Zhytomyr, Khmelnytskyi and Rivne in the west, and Kharkiv, Ukraine's second largest city in the northeast.

Several missile strikes also hit Kryvyi Rih, President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's native city, according to its mayor, Oleksandr Vilkul.

**Singhal Hospital Public Notice**

Singhal Hospital, C-40, Street No.9, Sadh Nagar, Palam Colony, New Delhi-110045 is going to destroy the IPD cases records from date 1st January 2006 to 31st December 2015 except M.L.Cs, Death, Neonatal & Paediatric cases. Patients or attendants who want to claim should contact hospital within a month from the date of notification. After 15.12.2022 the hospital is not responsible to any query.

Contact Numbers 7834979993.  
By Order of Management

**FORM NO. 5 DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL**

600/1, University Road, Near Hanuman Setu Mandir, Lucknow-226007  
(Area of Jurisdiction-Part of Uttar Pradesh)

**Summons for Filing & Appearance by Publication**  
O.A. No. 417/2022  
Date:03/11/2022  
(Summons to defendant under section 19(3) of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 read with Rules 12 and 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules, 1993)

ICICI BANK LTD. ...Applicant  
Versus  
TANMOY CHATTERJEE AND OTHERS ...Defendants

To,  
Defendants:-  
1. TANMOY CHATTERJEE S/o. BIMALA KANTA CHATTERJEE R/o. Flat No.-61, Hewo Apartment, Sec. 31, Gurgaon, Haryana  
**Also at:** Flat No. 1902, Novena Green, 19th Floor, Plot No. Cp-Gh-05b, Tower A, Sec. Techzone-IV, Greater Noida, Noida-201307.  
2. TANDIRMA NAG W/o. TANMOY CHATTERJEE R/o. Flat No.-61, Hewo Apartment, Sec. 31, Gurgaon, Haryana  
**Also at:** Flat No. 1902, Novena Green, 19th Floor, Plot No. Cp-Gh-05b, Tower A, Sec. Techzone-IV, Greater Noida, Noida- 201307.  
3. DSD HOMES PVT. LTD. Corporate Office at: G-4, Ground Floor, Sachdeva Corporate Tower 17th, DDA Community Centre, Karkardooma, Delhi- 110092.

In the above noted application, you are required to file in Paper Book form in two sets along with documents and affidavits (if any), personally or through your duly the authorized agent or legal practitioner in this Tribunal, after serving copy of the same on the applicant, or his counsel/duly authorized agent after publication of the summons, and thereafter to appear before the Tribunal on 11/01/2023 at 10.30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decide in your absence.

**Registrar Debts Recovery Tribunal, Lucknow**

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UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022 (Rs. in million)							
S. No.	Particulars	Quarter ended 30 Sept 2022	Quarter ended 30 June 2022	Quarter ended 30 Sept 2021	Half year ended 30 Sept 2022	Half year ended 30 Sept 2021	Year ended 31 March 2022
		Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
1	Total Income from Operations	3,725.96	2,756.11	3,231.13	6,482.07	8,136.88	25,486.65
2	Net profit/(loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	(1,010.59)	(936.56)	(830.79)	(1,947.15)	(1,088.90)	1,894.47
3	Net profit/(loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	(1,010.59)	(936.56)	(830.79)	(1,947.15)	(1,088.90)	1,894.47



# GOP on cusp of retaking House control with slim majority

AP ■ WASHINGTON

Republicans have already won control of the House late Monday, just one victory shy of the 218 seats the party needs to secure a majority, narrowing the path for Democrats to keep the chamber and raising the prospect of a divided government in Washington.

Democrats have already won control of the Senate, securing 50 seats with a runoff in Georgia next month that could give President Joe Biden's party an additional seat. The GOP came into the election needing to gain a net of just five seats for House control. Nearly a week after the midterm elections, Republicans were closing in on the majority, giving conservatives leverage to blunt Biden's agenda and spur a flurry of investigations. But a slim numerical advantage will pose immediate challenges for GOP leaders and complicate the party's ability to govern.

The full scope of the party's majority may not be clear for several more days — or weeks — as votes in competitive races are still being counted. Still, the party was on track to achieve 218 with seats in California and other states still too early to call.



Even barely achieving 218, though, means Republicans will likely have the narrowest majority of the 21st century. It could rival 2001, when Republicans had just a nine-seat majority, 221-212 with two independents. That's far short of the sweeping victory Republicans predicted going into this year's midterm elections, when the party hoped to reset the agenda on Capitol Hill by capitalizing on economic challenges and Biden's lagging popularity.

Instead, Democrats were able to largely blunt an expected big GOP election, holding on to moderate, suburban districts from Virginia to Minnesota and Kansas. The results could complicate House GOP leader Kevin McCarthy's plans to become speaker as some conservative members have questioned whether to back him or have imposed conditions for their support.

## Trump prepares to launch third campaign for White House

AP ■ PALM BEACH (US)

Former President Donald Trump is preparing to launch his third campaign for the White House on Tuesday, looking to move on from disappointing midterm defeats and defy history amid signs that his grip on the Republican Party is waning.

Trump had hoped to use the GOP's expected gains in last week's elections as a springboard to vault himself to his party's nomination by locking in early support to keep potential challengers at bay.

Instead, he now finds himself being blamed for backing a series of losing candidates after disappointing results in which Democrats retained control of the Senate and House control remains too early to call.

"Hopefully, tomorrow will turn out to be one of the most important days in the history of our Country!" Trump wrote on his social media network on Monday.

## Afghanistan regrets deadly border shooting incident: Taliban

AP ■ ISLAMABAD

Taliban expressed regret on Tuesday for a shooting incident that killed a Pakistani soldier over the weekend and led to the closure of a main border crossing. Chaman, in Pakistan's southwestern Baluchistan province, is the most important border point for trade between the two countries.

Taliban-appointed spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid said Afghanistan "expresses regret" for the incident and has appointed a high-level committee to investigate it. He said the border guard was shot dead by an unknown person.

"The security institutions of the Islamic Emirate are trying to pay serious attention to prevent such incidents from happening again," Mujahid said. The frontier between Pakistan and Afghanistan has seen similar shooting incidents before at Chaman, Torkham and other crossing points.

## Amid tensions with China, Taiwan shows off military drones

AP ■ TAICHUNG (TAIWAN)



Taiwan displayed its self-developed drone technology Tuesday, amid rising concerns over China's threats to use force to assert its claim to the self-governing island republic.

The National Chung-Shan Institute of Science and Technology, which develops military technology, offered a rare look at the Jian Xiang drone designed to destroy enemy radars, and other unmanned combat aerial vehicles. A dozen of the single-use drones, officially termed loitering munitions, are carried on a truck. Launched with a built-in rocket, they are guided by a propeller engine before crashing into their targets.

Any country that is "confident in itself" will come up with strategies and develop defense technologies, said Chi Li-ping, director of the institute's Aeronautical System Research Division.

Unmanned combat aerial vehicles are "a future trend", Chi said. "This is why we are doing research about it and laying out some strategies."

Taiwan's army began taking delivery last month of the first of 100 helicopter drones ordered from the institute. Chi emphasised their importance in relaying images to the army's command and communication systems for analysis and forwarding to combat units. Taiwan has also developed the Teng Yun, which resembles the American MQ-9 Reaper unmanned aerial vehicle and can stay aloft for up to 24 hours.



## B'desh issues directives to navigate through challenges next yr

IANAS ■ DHAKA

Amid an ongoing economic crisis, the Bangladesh cabinet has issued half a dozen directives for the country to navigate through the domestic and external challenges posing serious threats to the macroeconomic stability next year.

After a cabinet meeting on Monday with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, Cabinet Secretary Khandker Anwarul Islam told journalists that the directives include on relaxation of taxes on food imports, augmenting food production domestically and sending more skilled manpower abroad, reports Xinhua news agency.

The meeting instructed relevant authorities to ensure more inflow of foreign direct investment as well as remittances.

Maintaining adequate food storage ahead of 2023 was the other very important directive from the cabinet meeting, said Anwarul Islam.

After reviewing the international situation, according to the official, the cabinet said that 2023 is very likely to be a critical year because of interest rate hikes by the US Federal Reserve, the Russia-Ukraine war and the slump in food production in parts of the world.

# Nepalese parties fail to meet women quota in elections

PTI ■ KATHMANDU



Although the Constitution of Nepal guarantees a 33 per cent representation of women in all three tiers of the government, no political party has fulfilled that criteria while fielding candidates for the November 20 general elections.

The mandatory constitutional provision however is honoured while picking up names under the proportionate representation system.

As women are heavily under-represented in all political bodies in Nepal, the Constitution, which came into effect in 2015, made a mandatory provision of providing adequate representation to them through this fast-track formula, pointed out constitutional expert Dinesh Tripathi.

Among the major political parties, the CPN-Maoist Centre has offered the highest number of tickets to women candidates contesting for the House of Representatives (HoR), the percentage of which comes to around 28 per cent, close to the mandatory 33 per cent mark,

pointed out Sunil Manandhar, Politburo member of CPN-Maoist Centre.

Former deputy Speaker Onsari Ghartimagar is contesting the election from Kathmandu — 2 Constituency, while former Science and Technology Minister Kalpana Dhamala is contesting the election from Kathmandu — 9 constituency.

Similarly, Manushi Yami Bhattarai, daughter of former Prime Minister Baburam Bhattarai, is contesting the election from Kathmandu -7 constituency while Anjana Bishankhe is contesting the election from Kathmandu — 10 constituency.

## Palestinian kills 2 Israelis, wounds 4 in West Bank stabbing

AP ■ JERUSALEM

A Palestinian killed two Israelis and wounded four others in an attack in a settlement in the occupied West Bank on Tuesday before he was shot and killed by Israeli security personnel, Israeli paramedics and Palestinian officials said. The Magen David Adom paramedic service confirmed the two were killed in the settlement of Ariel. The four wounded were hospitalised in serious condition.

It was the latest attack in a wave of Israeli-Palestinian violence this year that has seen Palestinian attackers target Israeli civilians and near nightly Israeli arrest raids that have fuelled unrest in the occupied territory. The Israeli military said the Palestinian first attacked the Israelis at the entrance to the settlement's industrial zone, then proceeded to a nearby gas station and stabbed more people there. The army said the man then stole a car, intentionally collided with a car on a nearby highway and struck another person, before fleeing the scene on foot.

It said the attacker was shot by a soldier, and that troops were searching the area for additional suspects.

## 110 Rohingya flee Myanmar, land in Indonesia by boat

AP ■ BANDA ACEH (INDONESIA)

More than 100 Rohingya Muslims travelling in a boat for more than a month were found along the coast of Indonesia's Aceh province on Tuesday, the latest group of refugees believed to be making hazardous sea voyages from Myanmar.

Local fishermen saw the 110 Rohingya early in the morning at a beach in Meunasah Baro village. They included 65 men, 27 women and 18 children, according to Herman Saputra, the Muara Batu police chief.

Local authorities were collecting data from the refugees to determine their circum-



stances. They were reported to be weak and hungry and were moved to a community hall in the village for health checks until authorities decide where to accommodate them.

Muhammad Amin, one of the refugees, said before they were aiming for Malaysia as their final destination.

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RO. No. 836 Date: 15.11.2022

**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**

Office of the Executive Engineer, PCM(GV), Mayapur, Haridwar invites sealed & separate tenders from interested bidders. Brief summary of tenders are given below:-

**1. Tender Notice Reference:**

**NIT No.- 19/2022-23/EE/PCM(GV)/Mayapur:-** Annual M&R Work of Chilla Power House at Chilla for the Year 2022-23.

**NIT No.- 20/2022-23/EE/PCM(GV)/Mayapur:-** Annual M&R Work of Type-III & IV Residences at Chilla Colony for the year 2022-23.

**2. Estimated Value of Tenders:-** Rs. 24,99,618.26 and 24,90,612.80 respectively.

**3. Date of availability of bid document on website:-** 16.11.2022 from 11:00 Hrs.

**4. Last Date for Submission of Tender:-** 07.12.2022 upto 13:00 Hrs.

For eligibility criteria and full and further details kindly visit our website. The tender can be downloaded from our website i.e. <http://ujvn.com> and tender cost shall be paid at the time of submission of the tender.

**Executive Engineer, PCM (GV), Mayapur, Haridwar**

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I, SANDEEP AGGARWAL S/o SHRI RAJ KUMAR AGGARWAL R/o HOUSE No.742, SECTOR-11-B, CHANDIGARH-160011, inform that I have lost my original documents: (i) Transfer of membership letter issued by office of the Registrar of the co-operative society, dated: 25.09.1996 and (ii) Mutation letter issued by DDA, vide letter No. F5(1015) 99/GH/DDA/2582, dated: 20.03.2007 and N.C.R., dated:13.11.2022. Related to my FLAT BEARING No.A-73, ON SEVENTH FLOOR, RETREAT CO-OPERATIVE GROUP HOUSING SOCIETY LTD., BUILT ON PLOT No.20, KNOWN AS RETREAT APARTMENTS, I.P. EXTENSION, PATPARGANJ, DELHI-110092.

**SANDEEP AGGARWAL**

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CIN No:- L24302DL1973PLC189662

**Extract of Unaudited Standalone and Consolidated Financial Results for the Quarter and Half Year Ended 30th September 2022**

(Rs. in Lakhs)

S. No.	Particulars	Standalone						Consolidated					
		Quarter Ended			Half Year Ended			Quarter Ended			Half Year Ended		
		30th September 2022	30th June 2022	30th September 2021	30th September 2022	30th September 2021	31st March 2022	30th September 2022	30th June 2022	30th September 2021	30th September 2022	30th September 2021	31st March 2022
		Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
1	Total Income from Operations	3,235.65	3,441.64	2,858.21	6,677.29	5,494.79	11,792.71	3,241.24	3,432.32	2,961.26	6,673.56	5,636.45	12,083.96
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	315.16	610.00	58.44	925.16	95.53	957.11	303.54	582.43	24.09	885.97	55.90	926.47
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	315.16	610.00	58.44	925.16	95.53	957.11	303.54	582.43	24.09	885.97	55.90	926.47
4	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	224.90	446.75	39.65	671.65	67.15	677.68	212.65	418.50	3.97	631.15	24.81	642.06
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	224.90	446.75	39.65	671.65	67.15	671.71	204.03	407.38	5.97	611.41	20.57	642.06
6	Paid-up equity share capital (Face value Rs. 10/- each)	1,025.48	1,025.48	1,025.48	1,025.48	1,025.48	1,025.48	1,025.48	1,025.48	1,025.48	1,025.48	1,025.48	1,025.48
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the previous year	-	-	-	-	-	4,453.49	-	-	-	-	-	3,970.01
8	Earnings Per Share (after extraordinary items) (of Rs.10/- each)												
	(a) Basic (Rs.)	2.19	4.36	0.39	6.55	0.65	6.61	2.07	4.08	0.04	6.15	0.24	6.26
	(b) Diluted (Rs.)	2.19	4.36	0.39	6.55	0.65	6.61	2.07	4.08	0.04	6.15	0.24	6.26

**Notes:-**

1 The Above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly/Half Year ended Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The Full Format of the Quarterly/Half Year ended Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange websites. ([www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com)) and the company's website ([www.sunilhealthcare.com](http://www.sunilhealthcare.com)).

2 As the Company's business fall within a single primary business segment viz. sale of capsule, the disclosure requirement of Indian Accounting Standard (Ind AS-108) "Operating Segments" prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with the relevant rules issued thereunder, is not applicable.

3 The above results were reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors in their respective meetings held on November 14, 2022.

4 The figures for the previous periods have been regrouped/ rearranged, wherever considered necessary, to conform current period classifications.

**Place : New Delhi**  
**Date : 14/11/2022**

Anil Khaitan  
Chairman Cum Managing Director  
DIN 00759951

**PRAKASH INDUSTRIES LIMITED(PIL) (MINING DIVISION) BILASPUR (C.G.)**

Ref No.PIL/BSP/MD/2022-23/ DATE: 16-11-2022

**TENDER NOTICE NO.01/2022-23**

Sealed Tenders are invited from the reputed, competent, experienced, resourceful & bonafide agencies for undertaking following work at "Bhaskarpara Coal Block" of M/s. Prakash Industries Limited located at Village - Bhaskarpara, Tehsil-Bhayathalan, District-Surajpur, Chhattisgarh-497231.

**SCOPE OF WORK:-**

<b>Description</b>	Hiring of Heavy Earth Moving Machinery (Excavators, Drills, Dozers, Dumpers/Tippers, Graders, Water Sprinklers etc.) for removing overburden & dumping at specified sites and extraction & transportation of coal upto Coal Depot within Mining Lease Area.
<b>Quantity of Coal to be extracted</b>	At present 1.0 MTPA. Likely to be enhanced to 2 MTPA (Lead 0 to 1.5 km.).
<b>Cost of Tender Document</b>	INR 5.00 Lacs Per set (Five Lacs only)
<b>EMD</b>	INR 100.00 Lacs (One Hundred Lacs only)
<b>Estimated Cost</b>	INR 6000 Lacs (Six thousand Lacs) per annum
<b>Duration of Contract</b>	72 (Seventy-two) Months

Validity of the quoted/negotiated rates should be minimum one Hundred and Eighty (180) Days from the date of opening of Part-I of the Tender document. However, the management may seek extension of validity if so required. The bidders will be bound to extend the validity, if so required by PIL.

Tender Documents shall be made available on payment of the cost of Tender Documents in the form of bank Draft (in favour of Prakash Industries Limited) between 16/11/2022 to 16/12/2022 during working hours from 11.00 AM to 5.00 PM (till 3 PM on 16/12/2022 from the office of the Sr. GENERAL MANAGER (COMMERCIAL), PRAKASH INDUSTRIES LIMITED, A-9, SHATABDI NAGAR, BEHIND SONGANGA COLONY, SEEPAT ROAD, BILASPUR - 495006 (C.G.). PHONE:- +91 7752 258480, +91 983051093.

Tender documents part-I & part-II duly filled in all respects along with EMD amount can be submitted in the sealed envelopes either by Registered/Speed Post or can be submitted by hand in the Tender Box kept in the office of Director (Corporate Affairs), Prakash Industries Limited, Bilaspur up to 3 PM on 16/12/2022. Technical bids will be opened on 16/12/2022 at 5.00 PM and price bids will be opened on 21/12/2022 at 11.00 AM in the office of the Director (Corporate Affairs), Prakash Industries Limited, A-9, Shatabdi Nagar, Behind Songanga Colony, Seepat Road, Bilaspur- 495006 (C.G.). Phone: +91 7752 258480, +91983051093 in the presence of participating Tenderers or their authorized representatives, if any.



# Sensex to close at lifetime high

## Rises 248 points

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Market benchmark Sensex climbed 248 points to close at its all-time high of 61,872 on Tuesday, propped up by robust fag-end buying in banking and energy stocks amid a positive trend in global equities.

A strengthening rupee, encouraging domestic inflation data and unabated foreign capital inflows further bolstered sentiment, traders said.

After a see-saw session, the 30-share BSE Sensex rose 248.84 points or 0.40 per cent to settle at 61,872.99 -- surpassing its previous closing peak of 61,795.04 on November 11. During the day, the index witnessed a high of 61,955.96 -- its 52-week intraday high -- and a low of 61,436.90. The broader NSE Nifty advanced



74.25 points or 0.41 per cent to finish at 18,403.40.

"Following gains in global equities, early losses in the domestic market were reversed, with banking stocks steering the recovery. Food and commodity price declines have helped to keep domestic inflation below 7 per cent.

"Although the CPI has continued to remain above the RBI's tolerance limit of

6 per cent, it is estimated that it will begin to fall within the range from Q1 FY24," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services.

PowerGrid topped the Sensex gainers' chart, rising 2.20 per cent, followed by ICICI Bank, Bharti Airtel, UltraTech Cement, SBI, Dr Reddy's, Titan, M&M and HDFC Twins.

In contrast, Bajaj Finserv, ITC, Reliance, Sun Pharma and Nestle India were among the laggards, shedding up to 0.76 per cent.

In the broader market, the BSE mid-cap gauge climbed 0.08 per cent and small-cap index ended marginally higher by 0.01 per cent. Among sectoral indices, oil & gas climbed 0.99 per cent, telecommunication jumped 0.79 per cent, auto (0.75 per cent), bankex (0.70 per cent) and utilities (0.53 per cent). FMCG, industrials, capital goods, metal and realty were among the laggards.

## Biggest iPhone manufacturing unit coming up near Hosur

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The biggest unit to manufacture Apple iPhone in India is coming up near Hosur in Bengaluru, which will employ around 60,000 people, Telecom and IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said on Tuesday.

While speaking at the Janjatiya Gaurav Divas ceremony, Vaishnaw said that six thousand tribal women residing near Ranchi and Hazaribagh have been trained for making iPhones.

"Apple's iPhone is now getting made in India and it's the biggest plant in India is being set up at Hosur near Bengaluru. 60,000 people work in a single factory. The first 6,000 employees of these 60,000 employees are our tribal sisters from places nearby Ranchi and Hazaribagh. Tribal sisters have been trained to make Apple iPhone," the minister said.

Apple has outsourced the manufacturing of iPhone enclosures to Tata Electronics, which has a plant at Hosur.

The company gets iPhones manufactured by electronics giants - Foxconn, Wistron and Pegatron in India.

# Mining industry seeks regulatory flexibility to increase contribution to GDP

PTI ■ KOLKATA

The mining industry seeks flexibility in the regulations if India aims for a high contribution from this sector to its growth trajectory, a senior official from Vedanta said.

The Centre was planning to increase the contribution of the mines and minerals sector towards the country's GDP to 2.5 per cent by 2030 by enhancing the ease of doing business. Now, other than coal and petroleum, the share is just 0.9 per cent.

"India is not at the top in the concentration of natural resources of the world. If the country is thinking about becoming a factory of the world, then it has to be flexible in its regulations and should take merit-based decisions," Vedanta group CEO Sunil Duggal said.

Addressing the curtain raiser for the CII organised 16th edition of the Global Mining Summit (GMS) and



International Mining Machinery Exhibition (IMME), Duggal stated that in some cases land which has turned "arid" is still marked as forest and a lot of time is consumed in that process.

He also suggested that the government must encourage more startups in the exploration and related activities for minerals.

Duggal also indicated that the government must look at the risk and rewards in this sector more liberally to attract private investments.

## Exports decline sharply by 17% to \$ 29.78 bn in October; trade deficit widens to \$ 26.91 bn

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India's exports entered negative territory after a gap of about two years, declining sharply by 16.65 per cent to USD 29.78 billion in October, mainly due to global demand slowdown, even as trade deficit widened to USD 26.91 billion, according to data released by the commerce ministry on Tuesday.

Key export sectors, including gems and jewellery, engineering, petroleum products, ready-made garments of all textiles, chemicals, pharma, marine products, and leather, recorded negative growth during October.

Imports during the month under review rose by about 6 per cent to USD 56.69 billion on account of increase in the inbound shipments of crude oil and certain raw materials such as cotton, fertiliser and machinery. During April-October 2022, exports recorded a growth of 12.55 per cent to USD 263.35 billion. Imports rose 33.12 per cent to USD 436.81 billion.

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Statement of Standalone Financial Results for the Quarter and Half Year ended 30 Sept 2022					
(Rs. in lakhs)					
Sl. No.	Particulars	3 months ended		Half Year ended	
		30-09-2022	30-09-2021	30-09-2022	30-09-2021
		(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
1	Total Income from Operations (Net)	4,482.15	6,315.67	11,837.44	11,210.72
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	106.04	326.72	315.15	633.68
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	106.04	326.72	315.15	633.68
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	108.56	255.80	265.39	494.27
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	108.56	255.80	265.39	494.27
6	Paid Up Equity Share Capital	1,273.95	1,273.95	1,273.95	1,273.95
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the previous year	-	-	-	-
8	Securities Premium Account	240.00	240.00	240.00	240.00
9	Net Worth	5,240.72	4,648.27	5,240.72	4,648.27
10	Paid up Debt Capital / Outstanding Debt	9,020.01	9,315.59	9,020.01	9,315.59
11	Outstanding Redeemable Preferences Shares	-	-	-	-
12	Debt Equity Ratio	1.70	2.00	1.70	2.00
13	Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each) (before and after extraordinary items)				
	1. Basic:	0.85	2.01	2.08	3.88
	2. Diluted:	0.85	2.01	2.08	3.88
14	Capital Redemption Reserve	-	-	-	-
15	Debenture Redemption Reserve	-	-	-	-
16	Debt Service Coverage Ratio	1.23	3.64	1.17	3.92
17	Interest Service coverage Ratio	2.01	4.07	2.30	4.45
Note: The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Financial Results filed with the Bombay Stock Exchange 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 websites of the Bombay Stock Exchange i.e. www.bseindia.in and on web site of the Company i.e. www.ashnoortext.com					
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Sd/- Suneel Gupta Managing Director DIN - 00052084					
Place : Gurugram, Haryana Date : 14-11-2022					

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Notes: (1) The above standalone financial results of Alpha Corp Development Private Limited ("the Company") have been prepared pursuant to the requirements of Regulation 52 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ("SEBI (LODR)"), as amended and in accordance with Indian Accounting Standards ("Ind AS") specified under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 (the "Act"), read with Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015, as amended. (2) The above unaudited standalone financial results of the Company have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at their respective meeting held on November 14, 2022. (3) In line with the provisions of Ind AS - 108 "Operating Segments" and basis the review of operations being undertaken by the senior management, the operations of the Company primarily fall under "real estate development", which is considered by the management to be the only reportable operating segment. (4) Paid up Debt Capital represents: a) 4,600 Series A Fully Paid, Rated, Listed, Secured, Redeemable, Non-Convertible Debentures of Rs. 100,000 each amounting to Rs. 4,600 lakhs. The Series-A Non-Convertible Debentures were secured by way of first ranking exclusive charge over Amritsar MIP project land, receivables from sale of Amritsar MIP project and Fatehabad project, Insurance receivables- Penguin and Ambrose, the escrow accounts and monies lying to credit thereof. The proceeds have been utilized for the purpose as mentioned in the offer documents and there is no material deviation in the utilization of the proceeds. (5) As per the relevant terms and conditions of Information Memorandum (IM), the annual interest payable to the Series ANCD holders had got revised to 0.001% effective January 31, 2019 once FSI approval ("Milestone") was achieved by the Company's erstwhile wholly owned subsidiary company- Ruchi Malls Private Limited. As confirmed by the debenture trustee vide letters dated April 26, 2022 and October 04, 2022, pursuant to discussions between the Debenture Holders and the Company, the Debenture Holders had agreed to waive the interest on the Series ANCDs for the period November 16, 2021 to November 15, 2025 alongwith the redemption premium payable as per the terms of IM upto the period ending November 15, 2025 and the impact thereof for the period upto September 30, 2022, has been duly accounted for in these standalone financial results. (6) India Ratings had assigned IND BBB-Stable rating for Non-Convertible Debentures vide letter dated July 11, 2022. (7) During the quarter ended on September 30, 2022, the Company has entered into an agreement with Non Convertible Debenture (NCD) holders for early redemption of NCDs vide Settlement Agreement dated September 28, 2022 between the Debenture holders, the Company and the existing equity shareholders. Pursuant to the said settlement agreement, the 4,600 Series ANCDs have been redeemed at discount for an aggregate amount of Rs 2,859.35 lakhs as against the face value of Rs 4,600 lakhs. Differential amount of Rs 1,641.65 lakhs has been credited to "Other equity" as per the provisions of Ind AS 109 - Appendix - D - Extinguishing Financial Liabilities with Equity Instruments. Subsequent to the period end, the Company has filed relevant forms with Registrar of Companies for release of charge created over the assets of the Company. (8) There is no investor grievance pending or received during the period under review. (9) Disclosures as per Regulation 52(4) of SEBI (LODR) Regulations 2015 are as under:							
Particulars	Quarter ended			Half Year ended		Year ended	
	September 30, 2022 (Unaudited)	June 30, 2022 (Unaudited)	September 30, 2021 (Unaudited)	September 30, 2022 (Unaudited)	September 30, 2021 (Unaudited)	March 31, 2022 (Audited)	
Interest service coverage ratio	0.09	1.57	1.50	0.83	1.32	1.14	
Operating margin (%)	6.16%	35.74%	34.02%	28.64%	32.08%	28.1%	
Net profit margin (%)	71.59%	8.20%	4.72%	(11.23%)	0.08%	0.93%	
Debt service coverage ratio	0.02	0.54	0.48	0.25	0.47	0.48	
Debt equity ratio	0.71	0.86	0.96	0.71	0.96	0.92	
Capital redemption reserve	32170	32170	32170	32170	32170	32170	
Debenture redemption reserve	-	216.40	18.86	-	18.86	135.20	
Net worth	27,763.88	26,872.33	26,487.62	27,763.88	264,87.62	26,608.74	
Current ratio	2.08	2.69	3.20	2.08	3.20	2.71	
Long term debt to working capital	0.62	0.58	0.59	0.62	0.59	0.60	
Bad debts to accounts receivable ratio (%)	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	
Current liability ratio	0.77	0.57	0.48	0.77	0.48	0.55	
Total debts to total assets	0.30	0.34	0.38	0.30	0.38	0.35	
Debtor's turnover	0.55	1.30	0.68	1.74	1.33	3.16	
Inventory turnover	0.01	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.12	

Ratios have been computed as follows: a) Interest service coverage ratio= Earnings before finance costs, tax and depreciation/finance costs, b) Operating margin: (profit before tax+ Finance costs)/Revenue from operations c) Net profit margin: Net profit for the period/year/Revenue from operations d) Debt service coverage ratio= Earnings before finance costs, tax and depreciation/finance costs + principal repayment of paid up debt capital (during the period) e) Debt equity ratio = paid up debt capital/ equity, where \* Equity represents issued, subscribed and paid up share capital, equity component of compulsory convertible preference shares and reserves and surplus \* Reserves and Surplus includes capital reserve, securities premium and retained earnings \* Paid up debt capital represents long term and short term borrowings excluding deferred payment liabilities f) Net worth represents Equity g) Current ratio: Current assets/ Current liabilities h) Long term debt to working capital: Long term borrowings/Current assets- Current liabilities i) Bad debt to accounts receivable ratio: Bad debts/ Average trade receivables j) Current liability ratio: Current liability/Total liabilities k) Total debts to total assets: Debt/ Total assets l) Debtor's turnover: Revenue from operations/ Average trade receivables (10) During the year 2009, the Company had received a demand for Rs. 1,440 lakhs from Municipal Corporation, Amritsar ("MC") towards the levy for Change in Land Use Fee (CLU fees) in relation to Company's erstwhile retail mall at Amritsar that had got transferred to the Resulting Company, pursuant to Composite scheme of arrangement as approved by the Honourable High Court of Punjab and Haryana vide order dated March 31, 2017. The Honourable High Court of Punjab and Haryana ("Hon'ble High Court") vide its order dated March 3, 2010 had adjudicated that the existing equity shareholders, Pursuant to the said settlement agreement, the 4,600 Series ANCDs have been redeemed at discount for an aggregate amount of Rs 2,859.35 lakhs as against the face value of Rs 4,600 lakhs. Differential amount of Rs 1,641.65 lakhs has been credited to "Other equity" as per the provisions of Ind AS 109 - Appendix - D - Extinguishing Financial Liabilities with Equity Instruments. Subsequent to the period end, the Company has filed relevant forms with Registrar of Companies for release of charge created over the assets of the Company. (8) There is no investor grievance pending or received during the period under review. (9) Disclosures as per Regulation 52(4) of SEBI (LODR) Regulations 2015 are as under:

(11) The Code on Social Security, 2020 ("Code") relating to employee benefits during employment and post-employment, received Presidential assent in September 2020. The Code has been published in the Gazette of India, however, the date on which the Code will come into effect is yet to be notified and the final rules/interpretation are yet to be issued. The Company will assess the impact of the Code when it comes into effect and will record any related impact in the period the Code and rules thereon becomes effective. (12) The Hon'ble High Court of Delhi vide its order dated February 17, 2020, had approved the scheme of compromise and arrangement proposed by proposers of A N Buildwell Private Limited ("ANB"), wherein Alpha Corp Development Private Limited had agreed to revive ANB's Spire Woods real estate project situated in Gurugram by taking over the construction and development of such project. Subsequently, the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi vide its order dated March 17, 2021 approved the execution of the Joint Development Agreement (JDA), between the proposers, ANB and the Company that sets out the terms and conditions for the proposed collaboration. The effective date of the transaction is subject to certain substantive actions including regulatory approvals, whereupon the transaction would qualify for accounting as per Ind AS, notified under section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013. (13) Pursuant to the order dated June 8, 2021 of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT), Alpha Corp Development Private Limited along with its 3 wholly owned subsidiary companies is implementing the approved Resolution Plan for acquisition of Copia, Sapphire and Techzone real estate projects of Earth Infrastructure Limited ("EIL") which was under Corporate Insolvency Resolution process as per the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code 2016 (including all amendments for the time being in force). As per the approved Resolution Plan, the Company through its 3 wholly owned subsidiary companies has to undertake the development of the 3 real estate projects and deliver the units to the project allottees, as per the terms of such plan. The transaction requires certain substantive actions to be taken whereupon the same would qualify for accounting as per Ind AS, notified under section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013. (14) Previous period figures have been regrouped / re-classified wherever necessary, to conform to current period's classification in order to comply with the requirements of the amended Schedule III to the Companies Act, 2013.

For Alpha Corp Development Private Limited  
Neeraj Goyal, Director (DIN: 09894757)

PLACE: GURUGRAM DATE: NOVEMBER 14, 2022

## ‘SERCs must comply with Electricity Act-2003 provisions, principles laid down by SC’

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Ministry of Power (MoP) has written to all the State electricity regulatory Commission on non-compliance of the provisions of the Electricity Act, Tariff Policy and directions of Appellate Tribunal for electricity (APTEL) and Supreme Court on the issue of on non-cost reflective tariffs and liquidation of the regulatory assets.

As per the Electricity Act, 2003 and the Revised Tariff Policy, 2016, the tariff is required to be cost reflective. It mandates that Regulatory Assets (RA) shall not be created and where it has been created, a trajectory has to be laid down for recovery thereof, along with carrying costs within a specified period.

The letter cites the APTEL order directing the State Commissions that in determination of ARR/tariff, no revenue gaps are to be left and Regulatory Asset(s) should not be created and where it has been created, the recovery of the Regulatory Assets should be a time bound one and within a period not exceeding three years at the most and preferably within the Control Period.

Carrying cost of the Regulatory Asset(s) should be allowed to the utilities in the ARR of the year in which the Regulatory Asset(s) are created to avoid problems of cash flow to the distribution licensee.

Recently, the Supreme Court upheld the above directions of APTEL by dismissing a batch of civil appeals filed by the DERC and observed that the appellant has to comply with the directions issued by the Appellate Authority, namely, Appellate Tribunal for Electricity.

## WhatsApp India head Abhijit Bose, Meta's Public Policy head Rajiv Aggarwal resign

PTI ■ NEW DELHI


WhatsApp India head Abhijit Bose and Meta's public policy head Rajiv Aggarwal have resigned from their positions, social media major Meta said on Tuesday.

The development comes within a week of Meta announcing 11,000 lay-offs across the globe. The company has given charge of Meta India Public Policy to Shvinnath Thukral who is currently serving as Director of WhatsApp Public Policy in India. "I want to thank Abhijit Bose for his tremendous contributions as our first head of WhatsApp in India. His entrepreneurial drive helped our team deliver new services that have benefited millions of people and businesses. There is so much more WhatsApp can do for India and we're excited to continue helping advance India's digital transformation," Will Cathcart, Head of WhatsApp, said in a statement.

Bose had joined WhatsApp as the first country head of the company in India in February 2019.

**BUSINESS BRIEF**

**PAINTING COMPETITION ON ENERGY CONSERVATION**



**New Delhi:** PFC organised an on-the-spot 'State Level Painting Competition' on 14th November, 2022 for 110 selected school children at VishwaYuvak Kendra, New Delhi. The competition was first conducted at school level in which around 7.5 lakhs students from 900 schools participated. A duly-constituted Jury selected 110 students out of this and they participated in the State Level Painting Competition. Post the competition, the Winners and Runners-up were felicitated with prize money & certificates. R.S. Dhillon, CMD, PFC was the chief guest at this event. Parminder Chopra, Director (Finance), R.R. Jha, Director (Projects), Simmi R. Nakra, CVO, PFC and senior officials of PFC, BEE and Delhi Education Department were present during the occasion.

## SpiceJet shares settle marginally lower

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Shares of SpiceJet on Tuesday recovered most of the early lost ground and ended marginally lower.

In morning trade, the stock fell over 4 per cent after the firm reported widening of net loss to Rs 837.8 crore in the three months ended September. The stock after a weak beginning declined 4.24 per cent to Rs 37.20 during the day on the BSE. It later settled at Rs 38.75 apiece, a marginal dip of 0.26 per cent.

In volume terms, 3.49 lakh shares of the firm were traded during the day on the BSE.

On Monday, SpiceJet had reported widening of net loss to Rs 837.8 crore in the three months ended September, as record fuel prices and depreciating rupee caused turbulence for the budget carrier.

## Gold gains ₹294; silver climbs ₹366

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Gold rallied by Rs 294 to Rs 53,275 per 10 gram in the national capital on Tuesday amid rise in prices of the metal in international market, according to HDFC Securities.

In the previous trade, gold had closed at Rs 52,981 per 10 gram. Silver also climbed Rs 366 to Rs 63,148 per kilogram. In international market, gold was trading in the green at USD 1,780 per ounce while silver was up at USD 22.14 per ounce. "Comex gold prices are hovering near three-month highs. Rising US interest rates weighed heavily on metal markets this year, as higher yields on treasuries ramped up the opportunity cost of holding non-yielding assets," said Vinay Rajani, Research Analyst at HDFC Securities.



# DJOKER TO GET VISA FOR 2023 AUS OPEN

AP ■ MELBOURNE

Former world number one Novak Djokovic will be granted a visa to play in the 2023 Australian Open, local media reports said Tuesday, despite his deportation from the country ahead of this year's tournament in January.

The Australian government had decided to grant the unvaccinated Serb a visa for the Grand Slam contest, overturning a three-year ban after his ejection from the country, said national broadcaster ABC and other domestic media.

Australia's immigration ministry and Tennis Australia were asked by AFP to comment on the reports.

This year's championship was overshadowed by nine-time Australian Open champion Djokovic being put on a plane on the eve of the contest after a high-stakes legal battle over his visa status.

Djokovic's three-year ban can be overturned at the discretion of Prime Minister Anthony Albanese's centre-left government, which is different to the conservative coalition in power when he was kicked out.

Over the past month there have been hints that the Australian government might have a change of heart.

"Nothing official yet," Djokovic



told reporters after winning his opening match at the ATP Finals in Turin on Monday night.

"We are waiting. They are communicating with the government of Australia. That's all I can tell you for now."

## 'LOVE TO COME BACK'

Last month, Australian Open chief Craig Tiley said he had spent time with Djokovic recently and the Serbian wanted to return for the first major of the year in January in Melbourne.

"What we're saying at this point is that Novak and the federal government need to work out the situation. And then we'll follow any instruction after that," Tiley told The Age newspaper at the tournament's official launch.

"I did spend some time with Novak at the Laver Cup. We spoke generally. He said that he'd obviously love to come back to Australia but he knows it's going to be an ultimate decision for the federal government.

"He's accepted that position. It's a private matter between them."

Opposition politician Karen Andrews, who was home affairs minister when Djokovic was deported, argued that he should not be given special treatment.

"It would be a slap in the face for those people in Australia who did the right thing, got vaccinated, did everything they needed to do, if all of a sudden Novak Djokovic is allowed back into the country simply because he is a high-ranking tennis player with many millions of dollars," she told ABC radio last month.

Djokovic arrived in Melbourne in January for the first Grand Slam of the year claiming he had obtained a medical exemption to enter the country without being vaccinated as he had recently recovered from Covid-19.

But Australian border officials said he did not meet requirements to be exempted from strict vaccination rules, his visa was cancelled and a protracted legal appeal failed.

Australia has since lifted its requirement for visitors to show proof of vaccination against Covid.

## Novak dispatches Tsitsipas in ATP Finals opener

AP ■ TURIN

Novak Djokovic had enough of an edge at the beginning and the end as he beat Stefanos Tsitsipas 6-4, 7-6 (7/4) on Monday in the ATP Finals, a defeat that ended the Greek's hopes of finishing the year at number one.

Djokovic is ranked just eighth in part because he missed two majors over his vaccination status, starting the year by being thrown out of Australia ahead of the Australian Open.

In Turin, Djokovic is chasing a record-equalling sixth title in the season-ending event, previously known as the Masters Cup, that brings together the season's top eight fit players.

The Serbian broke Tsitsipas in the opening game and was not threatened on his own serve as he took the first set. "The first game was very important to break his serve," Djokovic said. "Starting with a break of serve is obviously a huge boost in confidence and a relief as well because we both knew it would be a tight match."

Tsitsipas managed the only break point of the second set, in the fourth game, after two Djokovic double faults, but the Serbian steadied and held serve.

In the tie break, the Serbian raced to a 5-1 lead. Tsitsipas delayed the

inevitable by taking three points before Djokovic took his first match point.

"I held my serve really well throughout the match," said Djokovic. "I played a great tie-break, very solid all the way through."

The Tsitsipas loss means the injured Carlos Alcaraz will end 2022 at the top of the rankings unless Rafael Nadal, who lost his opening match on Sunday, can win the tournament.

Tsitsipas, who is 24, cannot collect enough points to reach number one even if he rebounds to win the tournament.

"I deeply believe that I can reach that spot one day," he said. "I'm not really that much in a rush, to be honest. Of course, it would have been better if it happened this week."

Djokovic is tied on five titles in the event with Pete Sampras and Ivan Lendl. Only Roger Federer, on six, has won more.

"All the players said it. Every match is finals here, there's no clear favorites to be honest," said Djokovic. "You got to be really sharp from the start."

The two-set victory put Djokovic atop the Red Group ahead of the day's other winner, No. 7 Andrey Rublev of Russia, who beat his compatriot Daniil Medvedev 6-7 (7/9), 6-3, 7-6 (9/7)..

## Messi cautious over Argentina WC chances

AP ■ BUENOS AIRES

Lionel Messi says he is cautious over Argentina's chances as he prepares to lead the team at the World Cup, seeking to crown a glorious career by lifting the trophy in Qatar.

The South American side have won the trophy twice -- in 1978 and 1986 -- with Messi a defeated finalist in 2014.

"We are very excited," Messi said in an interview with CONMEBOL, the South American football federation.

"We have a very nice group that is very eager, but we think about going little by little. We know that World Cup groups are not easy."

Argentina's opening match

at the World Cup is on November 22 against Saudi Arabia in Group C, which also includes Mexico and Poland.

They will play a final friendly on Wednesday in Abu Dhabi against the United Arab Emirates.

"We hope to start the World Cup in the best way to face everything that comes after," said Messi, who joined the rest of the squad in Abu Dhabi on Monday.

The Paris Saint-Germain forward highlighted the strengths of the team led by Lionel Scaloni and the advantage of having an established squad, who triumphed at last year's Copa America.

"The more you play and the more time you spend on the



pitch, the more you get to know each other," he said. "We know each other's characteristics and what is best for each moment."

The forward said he doubted there would be a surprise

winner of the World Cup.

"Whenever we talk about candidates, we always talk about the same teams," he said. "If I have to put some above others I think Brazil, France and

England are a little bit above the rest.

"But the World Cup is so difficult and so complicated that anything can happen."

Messi, who is likely playing his last World Cup at the age of 35, said he had fully adapted to life in Paris after a difficult first year following his move from boyhood club Barcelona.

"After that year-long process, which took a long time, today I am happy where I am living and my family and I are enjoying ourselves in Paris," he said.

Messi played for PSG on Sunday before joining his Argentina teammates in Abu Dhabi, where he took part in a training session open to the public.

## Ronaldo says Man United owners 'don't care' about club

AP ■ MANCHESTER

Cristiano Ronaldo say Manchester United's owners the Glazer family "don't care" about how successful the Premier League giants are on the pitch in another salvo against the club.

The five-time Ballon d'Or winner has been a peripheral figure this season under new manager Erik ten Hag and was disciplined for refusing to come on as a substitute.

But the Portugal superstar had returned to the side in recent weeks and even captained the Red Devils in a 3-1 loss at Aston Villa.

However, the 37-year-old was absent from the squad in Sunday's 2-1 victory over Fulham in United's final match before a six-week break for the World Cup.

In an explosive interview with TalkTV on Sunday Ronaldo, who made his name at Old Trafford, said he felt "betrayed" by United and that he believed senior club figures were trying to oust him.

In another part of the interview released on Monday he continued to wage war on the club where he made his name during his first stint at Old Trafford from 2003 to 2009.

The forward, who returned to the club last year, said he does not speak to the Glazers, the



Americans who have owned United since 2005, and they do not have the club's best interests at heart.

"The Glazers, they don't care about the club... professional sport. As you know, Manchester is a marketing club," he said.

"They will get money from the marketing -- the sport, it's, they don't really care, in my opinion.

"The fans, they're always right. I think the fans should know the truth, should know that the players want the best for the club. I want the best for the club. This is why I came to Manchester United."

Ronaldo won three Premier League titles and the Champions League during his first stint at United but the club have not won any silverware since 2017.

Ronaldo said there were "some things inside the club" that were preventing United from competing with rivals Manchester City and Liverpool and it would be hard for them to return to the top in the next few years.

He has also rounded on former team-mates Wayne Rooney and Gary Neville after criticism from the pair.

"People can have (their) own opinion but they don't really know what's going on. For example, inside the training ground and Carrington or even my life," he said.

"They have to listen to my point of view as well. Because it's easy to criticise but if you don't know the whole story, it's easy. "They are not my friends," Ronaldo explained in his interview why he did not go on United's pre-season tour to Australia in July.

He revealed partner Georgina Rodriguez and baby daughter Bella Esmeralda were hospitalised with a "big problem", only a matter of months after the death of their newborn son, but said he was not fully believed by the United hierarchy.

"I am never, ever going to change the health of my family for a football," he said. "Never. Now or 10 years behind or forward and it is something that really hurt me because they doubt my words."

## BWF World Tour Finals relocated to Bangkok

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The upcoming BWF World Tour Finals have been shifted from Guangzhou to Bangkok due to COVID-19 and will begin on December 7, a week earlier than originally scheduled, the world badminton body announced on Tuesday.

The tournament, which was slated to start on December 14, was postponed due to stadium availability issues.

The season-ending event will now be held at the Nimibutr Arena in Bangkok from December 7 to 11. 'BWF in consultation with the Chinese



Badminton Association (CBA) agreed to relocate the HSBC BWF World Tour Finals 2022 due to the various challenges brought about by the current pandemic situation," the BWF said in a statement.

"BWF would also like to thank the Badminton Associa-

tion of Thailand for providing a replacement location for the HSBC BWF World Tour Finals 2022 at such late notice."

BWF added that it will confirm the list of qualified athletes for the tournament on November 22 after the conclusion of the ongoing Australian Open. HS Prannoy will be India's only representation at the World Tour Finals. Double Olympic medallist PV Sindhu, the only other Indian shuttler to qualify for the season-ending event, had pulled out of the tournament on Sunday as she is yet to fully recover from a stress fracture on her left ankle.

## Vishwanath opens India's campaign in style

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Asian youth champion Vishwanath Suresh claimed a thrilling win over Ireland's Patsy Joyce Thady to open India's campaign on a winning note at the IBA Youth men's and women's World Boxing Championships in La Nucia, Spain on Tuesday.

The 17-year-old Chennai boxer shifted gears impressively in the deciding three

minutes after an intensely fought first two rounds to emerge winner by a split 3-2 decision in the men's 48kg category.

Indian boxers produced a historic show in the last edition of the prestigious event when they clinched 11 medals, including eight gold. This year's 25-member contingent consists of 13 men and 12 women pugilists.

The tournament will go on till November 26.

## ALEKHINE: AN UNMATCHED GENIUS

In our series 'Champion Born This Month', I have the pleasure of writing a story on the "Genius of Chess combinations", a world champion who got more 'First Brilliancy Prizes' than any other player and a player who 'terrorised' the Chess world for almost two decades by his brilliant combinations and apt comments. Yes, it is none other than the great Alexander Alekhine!

Alexander Alexandrovich Alekhine was born into a wealthy Russian family in Moscow on October 31, 1892. He was introduced to Chess by his mother Anisya and his elder brother Alexei [who also played Chess tournaments.

Alekhine's motherland Russia, has had a long Chess history. The first Chess book in Russia 'Pravila dlia Shashechnoi Igry' (Rules for the Game of Chess) can be traced back to the year 1791! Though Russia flourished in Chess in the 19th Century, their champions Alexander Petrov and Mikhail Chigorin were unable to match their German contemporaries Adolf Anderssen and Wilhelm Steinitz. After Chigorin, it was Alekhine who became the strongest player in Russia and started making regular appearances in Chess tournaments in Europe.

In St. Petersburg International Chess tournament April-May 1914, Alekhine took third place, behind Emanuel Lasker (then World Champion) and José Raúl Capablanca (next world champion).

Tsar Nicholas II, a great Chess lover, was so impressed by young Alekhine's play that he chose to include Alekhine (alongwith Dr Emanuel Lasker of Germany, Jose Raul Capablanca of Cuba, Dr Sigbert

Tarrasch of Germany and Frank James Marshall of USA) for a new title 'International Chess Grandmaster'. (These five all time great players are known as 'Five original Grandmasters'.)

World War I and the Soviet revolution completely changed the International Chess scenario. Chess in Germany suffered a setback while things improved considerably in the Soviet Union due to patronage by the Communist Party of the USSR. As per the stories narrated by Alexander Alekhine subsequently, he was jailed by the new Soviet administration for belonging to aristocracy but was soon released as they saw a 'potential world Chess champion' in him. [Alekhine indeed won the World Chess Crown in 1927 and retained it till his death (1946) except a short period 1935-1937, to become the first one in the legacy of Soviet Chess World Champions] Alekhine's contemporary

players called him "Genius of Chess combinations" as they were bewitched by his sparkling combinational ideas.

It took some time for even the Chess strategists to realise that Alekhine's combinations were always based on a very solid positional foundation. Sacrifices and sudden tactical blows made his strategic ideas far more effective, practical and powerful. Alekhine was, in fact, the founder of a universal playing style, where strategic and tactical means are fully integrated into a general long term game plan. Alekhine was a true master of all departments of Chess. He often boasted "In order to beat

Alekhine, one has to outplay him thrice in a single game, in opening, in middlegame and in endgame". Perhaps an exaggeration but true to a great extent. Though Alekhine's strongest point was his middlegame, he had exceptional flair in the opening phase and as well as in the endgame technique.

Alekhine started his association with Chess as a Chess journalist. He was a truly multi-faceted personality. His annotations were often full of sarcastic humour. Once, in order to describe his opponent's poor position, he wrote "Black's position is perfectly balanced; it is weak on the King's side and equally so on the Queen's!" His brilliant combinations often demoralised his opponents who usually attributed their loss to bad health on the day. Alekhine's famous quote 'I am yet to beat a player who is physically fit!' was aimed against such opponents. Here are some of his quotes which will help the reader to understand how passionate he was about Chess.

"I believe that true beauty of Chess is more than enough to satisfy all possible demands."

"Chess first of all teaches you to be objective."

"Chess is not only knowledge and logic."

"A lifetime in not enough to learn everything about Chess".

I personally consider Alekhine to be the most intelligent person among the Chess players of all times. Probably he wasn't a Genius but with his IQ and logical thinking prowess, he was considered the most fearful

opponent for almost three decades.

Today I have chosen a positional game by Alekhine, played against another Chess strategist, Grandmaster Akiba Rubinstein. Despite it's 'non flashy nature', this game, too, earned a 'First Brilliancy Prize' for Alekhine.

1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 e6 3. c4 a6 4. c5? Nc6?!

Black wants to make use of the 'tempo' a7-a6 by planning ...e6-e5. (White's option Bb5 has been eliminated.) Alekhine immediately guesses Black's plan and takes immediate measures. One important quality of Alekhine is that he always guessed opponents' intentions and take adequate measures immediately.

4...b6 was called for, leading to an even game. The game could go 5.cxb6 c5! (The strategic motif discovered by Wilhelm Steinitz.) 6.Nc3 cxd4 7.Na4 etc.

5.Bf4! Nge7 6.Nc3 Ng6 7.Be3! 7.Bg3 e5 8.e3! was a slower way to take advantage of space advantage.

7...b6?!

Now that the ...e6-e5 break was not possible, Black decided on the other strategic plan but this plan met with a most unexpected offensive by White.

8.cxb6! cxb6

Black seems to be doing very well, White has problem with completion of development of the King Bishop. But Alekhine had planned an unexpected way to improve his position, a way approved by the top engines today, after 99 years!! 9.h4!! Bd6?!

This leads to a strategically lost

position. 9...Be7 10.h5 Nh4 was necessary. But not 9...h5?! due to 10.Bg5 Be7 11.e3 f6 12.Bd3 Kf7 13.Qb1!

Nf8 14.Bf4 when White has a dominating position.

10.h5 Nge7 11.h6 g6 12.Bg5 0-0 Impossible is 12...Bb7? 13.Bf6 Rg8 14.Ng5! Qd7 15.Nxb7 0-0-0 16.Ng5 when Black can resign.

13.Bf6 Alekhine, while explaining the confusing opening play by White, writes "Out of 13 moves, White has moved the 'c' Pawn thrice, the Queen side Bishop four times and the 'h' Pawn thrice. Yet he isn't far from winning. Black's moves ...a6, ...Nge7-Ng6-Nge7, have led to irreparable weakness in his camp and this factor turns out to be much more serious than White's lack of development."

Such a hypermodern approach to Chess strategy was Alekhine's greatest contribution to Chess.

Black is indeed in a zugzwang! 13...b5 14.e3 Bd7 15.Bd3 Rc8 Black has almost no productive moves but Rubinstein seems to be defending stubbornly.

However, Alekhine launches the final assault with energetic play.

16.a4!

White plays energetically to fatally weaken Black's Queen side.

16.e4 was also strong, as Alekhine points out, but the text doesn't permit any counterplay.

16...b4 17.Ne2 Qb6 18.Nc1! Heading for 'b3'.

18...Rc7 19.Nb3 Na5 Black, who is eager to rid the White Knight at 'b3' with the useless Na5, meets with a nasty

surprise. 20.Nc5! Black committed a serious tactical inaccuracy here but the position was hopeless for him anyway. 20...Nc4?!

Black can't take the powerful White Knight on 'c5'. For example, 20...Bxc5?! 21.dxc5 Qxc5 22.Bd4!

Qc6 23.Ne5 Qb7 24.Ng4! Typical Alekhine, he always succeeded in shifting his aggression at the enemy King in most unexpected manner! 24...f5 25.Nf6+ and White wins. The best option was 20...Bc8 though after 21.Ne5! Nec6 22.Ng4! Black would have been totally crushed.

21.Bxc4! dxc4 The last piece exchange has resulted in Black losing the control of 'e4' square, which proves extremely significant. 22.Ne5!!

Once again the strongest! The contemporary players claimed that 22.Ne4 was stronger but as today's engines point out, this continuation would have reduced White's advantage considerably after 22...Nd5 22...Bxe5

22...Nc8 fails 23.Nxc4 Qc6 24.Nxd6 Qxd6 25.Be5 etc.

23.Bxe7!? Bd6!

Rubinstein defends correctly. Not 23...Re8? 24.dxe5 Rxe7 due to 25.Ne4! and Black loses by force

in all possible defensive possibilities. For example, 25...f5 26.Qd6! Bc6 27.Nf6+ Kf7 28.Qd8! Be8

29.Nxb7 Rcd7 30.Ng5+ Kg8 31.h7+ Kh8 32.Nf7+! etc.

24.Bxf8 Bxf8 25.Nxd7 25.Rc1! was better. Perhaps

Alekhine overlooked a combination here. 25...Bxc5 26.dxc5 Qxc5 27.Rh4! c3 28.Qd4! Qxd4 29.Rxd4 cxb2 30.Rxc7! b1Q+ 31.Rd1 Qxd1+ 32.Kxd1 Bxa4+ 33.Kd2 Be8 34.Ra7!

25...Rxd7 26.a5, Qc6 27.Qf3 Rd5 28.Rc1!

It wasn't easy to play this position against Rubinstein, a true master of endgame and technique. Black's Queen side majority had to be checked.

28...Qc7 29.Qe2! c3 30.bxc3 bxc3 31.Qxa6 Rxa5 32.Qd3 Ba3!

32...Ra3 was inadequate due to 33.0-0! Bxb6 34.Rc2 Bf8 35.Rfc1 Bb4 36.Rb1! etc.

33.Rc2 Bb2

Perhaps a mistake or two in mid-dlegame by White have led to a defensive setup which looks like a fortress but Alekhine breaks Black's defence effectively and efficiently.

34.Ke2!

34.0-0?! would have caused some anxious moments after 34...Rh5!

34...Qc6 35.f3 f5 36.Rb1 Qd6 37.Qc4 Kf7 38.Qc8 Qa6+ (Forced.) 39.Qxa6 Rxa6 40.e4

g5 41.Kd3 Kg6 42.d5! fxe4+ 43.fxe4 exd5 44.exd5 Ra4 45.Rd1! Kxh6? 46.d6 Kh5

47.d7 Ra8 48.Ke4 Rd8 49.Kf5!

Alekhine had a unique quality of shifting his attack from one side to another in no time, something which no other player has ever succeeded at.

49...Kh4? 50.Rh1+!

Black resigned The finish would have been 50.Rh1+ Kg3 51.Rh3# Checkmate!

Commentary by Alekhine in "My best games 1908-1923"

(Pravin Thipsay is International Chess Grandmaster and Arjuna Awardee.)



# BRAVO, WILLIAMSON, POORAN RELEASED AHEAD OF IPL AUCTION

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

IPL giants Chennai Super Kings on Tuesday ended their hugely successful 11-year association with legendary all-rounder Dwayne Bravo while Sunrisers Hyderabad released star batter Kane Williamson ahead of the cash-rich league's mini auction.

Tuesday was the last date to announce the full list of players retained and released by the teams ahead of the mini auction, scheduled to be held on December 23 in Kochi.

The day started with Mumbai Indians' longstanding West Indian all-rounder Kieron Pollard announcing his retirement from the IPL, only to be drafted as the five-time champions' batting coach.

Mumbai Indians have released as many as 13 players.

In other big movements, Punjab Kings have released their last edition's captain Mayank Agarwal, while West Indies skipper Nicholas Pooran was released by Sunrisers Hyderabad.

Besides Bravo, CSK have also decided to let go of England's death-overs specialist Chris Jordan, a move that might surprise some.

CSK chief executive officer Kasi Viswanathan said, "It's a very tough call. As far as retention is concerned and releasing of players, you know that CSK has always been very passionate with the players, and they have also been contributing to the franchise. It becomes very difficult for us to decide while releasing the players.

"The contribution they have made to CSK will always be cherished and we know that if there is an opportunity for any of them to come back, they will be back in CSK colours."

As far as CSK's captaincy is concerned, Kasi made it clear that their talisman Mahendra Singh Dhoni will lead the side.

"Everybody knows that Thalaiva (Dhoni) will lead the side and he will do his best and the team will do well," he said.

Meanwhile, Delhi Capitals have released four players which include Indians Mandeep Singh, KS Bharat and Ashwin Hebbar and New Zealand wicketkeeper-batter Tim Seifert.

The Delhi Capitals have also traded all-rounder Shardul Thakur to Kolkata



Cummins decides to give IPL a miss



PTI ■ MELBOURNE

Australia's Test and ODI captain Pat Cummins on Tuesday decided to miss next year's Indian Premier League due to a "packed" international calendar.

Having made his IPL debut in 2015, Cummins has played 42 games in the world's biggest T20 league. He had taken seven wickets in five games last season at an average of 30.29 and a high economy rate of 10.69.

"I've made the difficult decision to miss next years IPL. The international schedule is packed with Tests and ODI's for the next 12 months, so will take some rest ahead of an Ashes series and World Cup.

"Thanks so much to @KKRiders for their understanding. Such a terrific team of players and staff and I hope I can get back there ASAP," Cummins tweeted.

Australia's busy 2023 Test cricket schedule involves a Border-Gavaskar Trophy in India (February-March) and Ashes in England from June 16 to July 31 while the 50-over World Cup will be held in India in October-November next year.



## Pollard calls time on IPL career, to remain with MI as batting coach

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

One of the most accomplished names in T20 cricket, Kieron Pollard, on Tuesday called time on his IPL playing career after 13 seasons with league giants Mumbai Indians.

The 35-year-old wanted to carry on playing for a few more years but decided to retire from IPL after discussion with the five-time champions.

Pollard, who has 3412 IPL runs in 189 matches, had made his MI debut back in 2010. However, his strong association with the franchise remains as he will be the team's new batting coach.

"It hasn't been the easiest decision to make as I intend to keep playing for a few more years, but following discussions with Mumbai Indians have decided to call time on my IPL career," said Pollard in a statement.

"I understand that this incredible franchise which has achieved so much needs to transition and if I'm no longer to play for MI then I cannot see myself playing against MI either. 'Once an MI always an MI'. Pollard, however, will be playing for MI-owned franchise in the inaugural International League T20 in the United Arab Emirates.

"This is not an emotional goodbye to MI however as I have agreed to take up the role of batting coach in the IPL as well as play with MI Emirates.

"This next chapter of my career is genuinely exciting and allows me to transition myself too from playing to coaching. I am immensely proud, honoured and blessed to have represented the biggest and most successful team in the IPL for the past 13 seasons.

"It was always an aspiration to play for this fantastic team and although I will miss the buzz of the IPL you get as a player, I take comfort in knowing that I have been fortunate enough to have played with some of the best players in the world in front of our passionate fans."

Besides five IPL titles, Pollard also helped MI win two Champions League titles in 2011 and 2013. At MI, he will replace Robin Singh as batting coach. The other IPL stars who have represented one franchise include Virat Kohli, Jasprit Bumrah, Sunil Narine and Lasith Malinga.

As MI finished last earlier this year, it became clear that the most successful IPL franchise needed a change in direction. Pollard too had an ordinary season, managing 144 runs in 11 games.

## England hopeful of Stokes' 'unretirement' from ODIs

PTI ■ MELBOURNE

England are hopeful star all-rounder Ben Stokes will "unretire" from ODI cricket in time for the defence of their 50-over World Cup in India next year.

Stokes played a vital role in England's recent World Cup final wins.

While he scored an unbeaten 53 against Pakistan in the T20 World Cup final on Sunday, he had remained unbeaten on 92 against New Zealand during the summit clash of the 50-over marquee event in 2019.

However, the 31-year-old Test skipper announced his retirement from the 50-over format earlier this year, saying playing three formats had become "unsustainable" for him.

Matthew Mott, who took over as England's white-ball coach in May, hopes to persuade Stokes to reverse his ODI retirement.

"When he spoke to me about his ODI retirement one of the first things I said was that I'd back any decision he made. But I said to him he didn't necessar-



ily have to retire - he could just not play 50-overs for a while," Mott told reporters.

"I did say you could always unretire.

"That's his decision. It's going to be a World Cup year and we don't play much T20 cricket for a while but it will be a decision that's up to him," he added.

Mott said the all-rounder is vital cog in the England's scheme of things in white-ball cricket.

"The more we can get him is great. He's doing an amazing job with the Test captaincy but he is a very big cog in the wheel when he comes back to white-ball.

"He's a three-dimensional player and he has so much to offer.

"In this team he was the glue - I think we have a lot of guys who can do extraordinary things but he was the player you knew that if he was in you'd win the game," he added.

Stokes is expected to enter his name in the IPL auction, to be held in Kochi on December 23.

## Guptill, Boult dropped for series against India

PTI ■ WELLINGTON

The seasoned Martin Guptill and Trent Boult were on Tuesday dropped from New Zealand's squad for the home limited overs series against India, beginning here on November 18.

Opener Guptill has been dropped to accommodate rising star Finn Allen while New Zealand Cricket (NZC) decided to give others an opportunity in the six-match series ahead of Boult, who has opted out of a central contract with the board.

Allen is primed to face India for the first time after being confirmed in both BLACKCAPS squads for the series.

The 23-year-old Allen has already played 23 T20s and eight ODIs, amassing five half-centuries and a hundred.

In Boult's absence, Tim Southee, Matt Henry (ODIs only), Lockie Ferguson, Blair Tickner and Adam Milne form the pace attack.

Milne is in line to play his first ODI since 2017, building on his return to the T20 International arena during the recent Tri Series and last year's T20 World Cup in the UAE.

Head coach Gary Stead said it was never easy leaving out the experience of Boult and Guptill but the team had to keep looking ahead.

"When Trent opted out of his NZC contract in August, we indicated that priority would be given to those players with either central or domestic contracts, and that's been the case here," he said in a



statement.

"We're all aware of Trent's world class ability, but at this time - as we build towards more global events, we want to give opportunities and experiences to others.

"The emergence and success of Finn at the top of the order in white-ball cricket means a guy of the class of Martin Guptill misses out - that's just the nature of high performance sport," he added.

For both New Zealand and India, the

preparation for the ODI World Cup next year will begin with the series.

"With the 50-over World Cup less than a year away we're keen to give Finn every opportunity to keep gaining ODI experience, especially against quality opposition such as India.

"The message to both those players (Boult and Guptill) is that there's a lot of international cricket ahead and the door is certainly not closed to them," said Stead. The tour begins with a three-game

T20 International series across Wellington (Nov 18), Tauranga (Nov 20) and Napier (Nov 22), before moving into the ODI series across Auckland (Nov 25), Hamilton (Nov 27) and Christchurch (Nov 30).

The one-day series could see Southee become the fifth New Zealander to claim 200 ODI wickets, with the 33-year-old's tally poised on 199.

Tom Latham returns as the ODI wicket-keeper with Devon Conway continuing behind the stumps for the T20 side.

Kane Williamson will captain both sides with the T20 squad assembling here on Wednesday.

All-rounder Jimmy Neesham has been excused from the squad for the third ODI as he prepares for his wedding, with Henry Nicholls the replacement for the final match in Christchurch.

In the absence of senior players, Hardik Pandya will lead the Indian T20 side and Shikhar Dhawan will captain in ODIs.

**T20 squad:** Kane Williamson (C), Finn Allen, Michael Bracewell, Devon Conway (WK), Lockie Ferguson, Daryl Mitchell, Adam Milne, Jimmy Neesham, Glenn Phillips, Mitchell Santner, Tim Southee, Ish Sodhi, Blair Tickner.

**ODI squad:** Kane Williamson (C), Finn Allen, Michael Bracewell, Devon Conway, Lockie Ferguson, Daryl Mitchell, Adam Milne, Jimmy Neesham, Glenn Phillips, Mitchell Santner, Tim Southee, Tom Latham (WK), Matt Henry.

# Rajasthan trounce Delhi by 52 runs; K'taka, Vidarbha & Assam too win

PTI ■ KOLKATA

Kunal Singh Rathore's fluent kifty was well complemented by a clinical bowling effort as Rajasthan notched up a comfortable 52-run win over Delhi in a Group B match of the Vijay Hazare Trophy here on Tuesday.

Sent in to bat, Rajasthan were reduced to 7 for 2 in three overs and even though Abhijeet Tomar (33), Mahipal Lomror (35) and skipper Ashok Menaria (31) tried to resurrect the innings, none of them could push the pace as Delhi managed to take wickets regularly.

However, Rathore, coming in to bat at number 7, slammed a 75-ball 70, innings that was laced with seven boundaries and four maximums and took Rajasthan across the 200-mark.

Chasing, Delhi struggled in the face of some quality bowling and lost half their side for 50 runs in the 15th over.

fours, but after he was back in the dugout in the 38th over, Delhi folded for 166 in 42.1 overs.

In other matches, Karnataka defeated Jharkhand by six wickets, riding on skipper Mayank Agarwal's 63-ball 53 and some splendid bowling display led by Vasuki Koushik (3/18).

Vidarbha also had an easy outing as they claimed a seven-wicket win over Sikkim in another group B match. Assam also registered a massive 164-run win over Meghalaya with Mukhtar Hussain (47, 3/19) producing a sensational all-round show at Calcutta Cricket and Football Ground.

**TN BEAT CHHATTISGARH Bengaluru:** Tamil Nadu defeated Chhattisgarh by 14 runs for their second win in Group C.

Sent into bat by the opposition captain Harpreet Singh Bhatia, TN openers B Sai Sudharsan (121, 109 balls, 10 fours, 4 sixes) and N Jagadeesan

(107, 113 balls, 10 fours, 2 sixes) put on 233 in 34.5 overs to help them post 340 for six in 50 overs.

Up against a mammoth target, Chhattisgarh skipper Harpreet Singh (121, 129 balls, 11 fours, 2 sixes) and Amandeep Khare (115, 99 balls, 5 fours, 5 sixes) mounted a superb fight-back, adding 214 runs in 199 balls to keep the team in the hunt. But the rest of the batters could not rise to the challenge and the team eventually fell short by 14 runs.

In another match, Andhra trounced Arunachal Pradesh by 261 runs with Abhishek Reddy (136) and skipper K S Bharat (100) playing key roles and Kerala scored over Goa thanks to Rohan Kunnummal's superb 134.

**RAMANDEEP BAGS HAT-TRICK**

**Mumbai:** Medium pacer Ramandeep Singh rattled Baroda with a hat-trick and powered Punjab to a nine-wick-



et win in their Group D match.

Opting to bat, Baroda were skittled out for 81 in 20.4 overs with Ramandeep wrecking havoc during a dream spell of 4-0-17-5, while left-arm spinner Abhishek Sharma picked up 3/17. In reply, Punjab cruised to the target in 12 overs to seal their second win in as many matches. Opener Prabhismaran Singh led their chase with an unbeaten 62 from 48 balls.

**HYD PIP SAURASHTRA**

**New Delhi:** Skipper Tanmay Agarwal led from the front with a 119-ball 124 as Hyderabad put up a strong batting display to beat Saurashtra by five wickets in Group A match.

Chasing a challenging 313, Hyderabad responded in style as Agarwal and Rohit Rayudu put up a strong 214-run opening stand and batted till the 35th over.

But the duo departed in quick succession in the 35th over and the match hung in balance

with Hyderabad needing 34 in 35 balls when Ravi Teja got out for a 23-ball 34.

But Tilak Varma played an useful knock of 45 from 36 balls (2x4, 2x6) before Tanay Thyagarajan and Mickil Jaiswal sealed the win with seven balls to spare.

Put in to bat, Saurashtra posted a challenging 312 for nine with wicketkeeper-batter Harvik Desai anchoring their innings with a 120-ball 102.

**PONDICHERRY WIN**

**Ranchi:** An unbeaten ton by Paras K Dogra (129 not out off 121 balls) and half-centuries from K B Arun Karthick and Ankit Sharma helped Pondicherry beat Services by five wickets in a Group 'E' match.

In another match, Azim Kazi's knock of 106 (97 balls, 7 fours, 4 sixes) enabled Maharashtra to notch a three-wicket win over Bengal.

Services had beaten Mumbai on Sunday.