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## Jain's 'massage' video inside Tihar sparks row

BJP files police plaint  
against Jain, Kejriwal;  
jailed Min's team  
seeks contempt  
action against ED

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

A massive face-off between the BJP and the AAP erupted on Saturday. The BJP filed a police complaint against jailed Delhi Minister Satyendar Jain and Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal after a purported video of Jain getting massage inside his cell in Tihar Jail got leaked and went viral.

In response, Jain's legal team moved a special court seeking contempt action against ED alleging that it leaked the CCTV video despite their undertaking given in court. Special Judge Vikas Dhull issued notice to the ED and will hear the matter on November 21.

Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Sisodia accused the BJP of leaking Jain's videos and claimed that he was undergoing physiotherapy for a spine injury. Sisodia said Jain had "fallen down in the jail and was injured" for which he was receiving treatment. "Anyone can fall ill and need treatment,



Deputy Chief Minister of Delhi Manish Sisodia addresses a Press conference in New Delhi on Saturday

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even someone in jail. But, to do dirty politics on someone's illness...Only the BJP can do this," Sisodia said, adding, "Jain was admitted in hospital and had undergone two surgeries. Doctors also recommended regular physiotherapy."

"Now you release video of it and make fun of it. Aren't you ashamed?" the Deputy CM asked.

"They (BJP) are losing the MCD and Gujarat polls and that is why they are resorting to such cheap theatrics. They should fight the polls to the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) on issues," he

said.

Sunil Gupta, former PRO of Tihar Jail, however, was quoted by news agency ANI saying the video makes it clear that co-prisoners were giving the Minister a massage.

"The massage that he was being given inside the cell is not permissible under jail rules. As far as physiotherapy is concerned, in every jail, there's a physiotherapy centre where massage can be given by a physiotherapist or a trained expert," he said.

In the meanwhile, jailed conman Suresh Chandrasekhar released another

letter claiming Jain called him at 2 o'clock in February 2017 seeking his help to convert \$20 million in Indian rupees and bitcoin. He claimed Jain told him the money had to be collected from his business associates who run a famous distillery in Bengaluru.

Jain mentioned that the amount was being given to AAP and insisted it be converted and sent to Delhi by 11 am, Chandrasekhar alleged.

Several video clips showing Jain getting body massage in Delhi's Tihar jail have gone viral. In the videos, the AAP leader can be seen lying on a bed and getting a foot and hand massage from a man in Tihar Jail. A bunch of bottled water is also visible in one of the videos. In one video, the man can be seen giving a bundle of documents to Jain.

The AAP leader can be seen in the video reading some documents and a man in a white T-shirt massaging his legs. The Delhi Prisons department comes under the AAP-led city Government. The video also shows three other people in his cell besides the masseur on another day. The videos surfaced days after Enforcement Directorate told the court that Jain is getting VIP treatment in jail.

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## Kashi-Tamil Sangamam holy, unique: Modi

RAMATMA SRIVASTAVA ■ VARANASI

Throwing light on the tradition of remembering 12 Jyotirlingas after waking up in the morning, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on Saturday, said we start our day by remembering the spiritual unity of the country but there had been lack of efforts to strengthen this tradition and heritage of thousands of years.

"The Kashi-Tamil Sangamam will become a platform for this resolution today while making us realise our duties and becoming a source of energy to strengthen national unity. India is a nation which has lived a natural cultural unity for thousands of years," he said. While kicking off the month-long Kashi-Tamil Sangamam in Amphitheatre Ground of Banaras Hindu University here, Modi said every confluence of culture and traditions is celebrated and revered in India and added that in reality, it is a celebration of India's might and characteristics, thus making the Kashi-Tamil Sangam unique.

Speaking about the connection between Kashi and Tamil Nadu, the Prime Minister said on one hand, Kashi was the cultural capital of India whereas Tamil Nadu



Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrives for the inauguration of Kashi Tamil Sangamam, in Varanasi on Saturday

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and Tamil culture was the centre of India's antiquity and pride. He said the Kashi-Tamil Sangamam was equally holy as it engulfed endless opportunities and strength in itself.

Clad in traditional white kurta and dhoti of Tamil Nadu, the Prime Minister said that Kashi and Tamil Nadu were timeless centres of Indian culture and civilisation and both Sanskrit and Tamil were one of the most ancient languages that existed.

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## Shah: India pushing for permanent secretariat for 'No Money for Terror'

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday exhorted countries to adopt a strategy of "Trace, Target and Terminate" for economic crimes, and identify and act against institutions radicalising the youth.

He announced that India is pushing for a permanent secretariat here for "No Money for Terror", a multilateral counter-terrorism financing agency.

While delivering his concluding remarks at the closing session of 3rd No Money For Terror (NMFT) Conference (Counter-Terrorism Financing) here, the Home Minister said during these two days of the conference, the delegates discussed emerging trends in terror financing, misuse of new emerging financial technologies, and international cooperation in the field of terror financing to effectively achieve the objective of No Money for Terror.

During the deliberations, India has sensed the need for permanency of this unique initiative of NMFT, in order to sustain the continued global focus on countering the financing of terrorism and now the time is ripe for a permanent Secretariat to be established.

"In order to take this thought forward, the Chair Statement includes the offers to



Union Home Minister Amit Shah speaks during the third 'No Money for Terror' Ministerial Conference on Counter-Terrorism Financing, in New Delhi on Saturday

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establish a Permanent Secretariat in the country and shortly, India will circulate a discussion paper to all Participating Jurisdictions for their valuable comments," he said.

"Cyberspace today has become a major battleground in the fight against terrorism. There have also been multiple changes in Weapons Technology too and these 21st century lethal technologies and drone technologies are also accessible to terrorists now," he said.

The growing links of terrorism with organised crimes such as narcotics, crypto-currency, and hawala, have increased the possibility of terror financing manifold, he said.

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## US cites Modi's example on giving immunity to Saudi Crown Prince

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

With the US Government facing criticism for giving immunity from prosecution to Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Salman, it has said even Prime Minister Narendra Modi was accorded the same protection. The Joe Biden Administration has drawn ire for giving immunity to the Saudi Prince over the alleged killing of journalist Jamal Khashoggi in which he is an accused.

Asked about this protection, US State Department Principal Deputy Spokesperson Vedant Patel said Modi was among those who had received similar protection.

"This is not the first time that the United States has done this. It is a longstanding and consistent line of effort. It has been applied to a number of heads of state previously," Patel said.

"Some examples: President Aristide in Haiti in 1993, President Mugabe in Zimbabwe in 2001, Prime Minister Modi in India in 2014, and President Kabila in the DRC in 2018.

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## Aftab's CCTV clip with bag seen, cops suspect Shraddha's body parts

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Police on Saturday got hold of a CCTV footage of Aftab Poonawala of October 18 (last month) when he is seen carrying a bag which cops believe has victim Shraddha Walkar's body parts. The police is said to have also recovered three more bones in the Mehrauli forest that could reportedly belong to the victim.

Meanwhile, the police team that is in Palghar for further investigation of the case has recorded the statements of Rahul Roy and Godwin — two of Shraddha's friends. The team is also trying to trace Aftab's family but their whereabouts are yet to be found.

The CCTV footage shows Aftab carrying a bag and moving out of a lane near his house in Chattarpur, Mehrauli.

Although it's difficult to see his face, police, however, have claimed that the man in the footage is Aftab. This is the first visual CCTV footage that has come to light. The Delhi Police sources said they will interrogate Aftab in connection with the CCTV footage and if he was carrying the dismembered body parts of Shraddha.



Aftab Poonawala, accused of killing Shraddha Walkar, seen walking outside his home carrying a bag early morning last month

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A Delhi Police team is in Manikpur in Palghar district's Vasai, which is the native area of the victim and where the couple had stayed before shifting to the national Capital. As per the police official, Walkar had sought their assistance in 2020 after she was beaten up by Aftab near Vasai, and the duo had helped her at the time.

Giving details of these two witnesses, the official said one of them is a rickshaw driver and the other is currently unemployed. The four-member Delhi Police team, which landed in Mumbai on Friday, had earlier recorded the statement of Shraddha's friend Laxman Nadar, the official said.

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## Batra 1st Indian woman to win medal in Asian Cup Table Tennis

PTI ■ BANGKOK

Manika Batra became the first Indian paddler to win a medal in the ITTF-ATTU Asian Cup after shocking world number six Hina Hayata of Japan in the bronze play-off here on Saturday.

The world number 44 defeated Hayata 4-2 (11-6, 6-11, 11-7, 12-10, 4-11, 11-2) to achieve the incredible feat.

Besides the historic bronze, Manika will also carry home USD 10,000 for her efforts. "This win is a huge one for me, defeating the top players. I enjoyed playing and fighting well against them to achieve a fantastic result. I will continue putting the extra yard in all my future tournaments. I expect all of you to extend your full support," said an emotional Manika.

Earlier in the day, Manika lost 2-4 (8-11, 11-7, 7-11, 6-11, 11-8, 7-11) to the second-seeded Mima Ito in the semifinals. Despite Ito beginning shakily, the Japanese ended strongly and subdued the Indian player with a percentage play befitting her reputation and rankings.



## CAPSULE

## EX-BUREAUCRAT ARUN GOEL APPOINTED EC

New Delhi: Former bureaucrat Arun Goel was on Saturday appointed as Election Commissioner. A Punjab cadre officer of the 1985 batch, Goel will join Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar and Election Commissioner Anup Chandra Pandey in the poll panel. His appointment was announced by the government in a press statement.

## RADISSON BLU HOTEL OWNER FOUND DEAD

New Delhi: The owner of a prominent hotel in Kaushambi Ghaziabad was found dead in his flat in Delhi's Akshardham on Saturday. The deceased, identified as Amit Jain who owns the Radisson Blu hotel located in Ghaziabad's Kaushambi, was found hanging.

## Veteran actor Tabassum dies of cardiac arrest

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Veteran actor Tabassum, known for her work as a child artiste in several Hindi classics and also as host of popular Doordarshan talk show "Phool Khile Hain Gulshan Gulshan", has died after suffering a cardiac arrest, her son Hoshang Govil said on Saturday. She was 78. Govil said his mother had been admitted to a hospital here for the past few days. On Friday, she suffered two cardiac attacks and passed away at night.



## FIFA prez scolds World Cup critics

AP ■ DOHA

Gianni Infantino said he feels gay. That he feels like a woman. That he feels like a migrant worker. He lectured Europeans for criticising Qatar's human rights record and defended the host country's last-minute decision to ban beer from World Cup stadiums.

The FIFA president delivered a one-hour tirade on the eve of the World Cup's opening match, and then spent about 45 minutes answering questions from media about the Qatari government's actions and a wide range of other topics.

"Today I feel Qatari," Infantino said Saturday at the start of his first news conference of the World Cup.



Dancers perform at a fan zone ahead of the FIFA World Cup, in Doha, Qatar on Saturday

AP

"Today I feel Arab. Today I feel African. Today I feel gay. Today I feel disabled. Today I feel a migrant worker."

Infantino later shot back at one reporter who noticed he left women out of his unusual declaration.

"I feel like a woman," the FIFA president responded.

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# Need to learn to trust district judiciary, says CJ

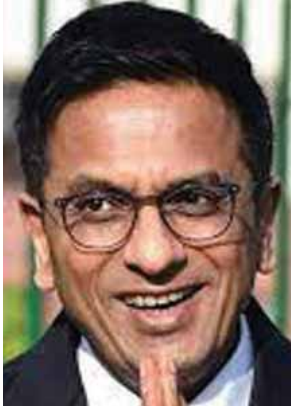
PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud on Saturday stressed the need to learn to trust the district judiciary, saying it would truly answer the needs of common citizens who seek access to justice.

Justice Chandrachud, the 50th CJ, said the district judiciary is as important in the affairs of the nation's judicial system as is the Supreme Court and high courts.

Speaking at a function organised by the Bar Council of India (BCI) to felicitate him on being appointed as the CJ, Justice Chandrachud talked about the use of technology in judiciary, district judiciary, judicial infrastructure, legal education and women in the judicial system.

The CJ said an



independent bar is inextricably linked with the independence of judiciary and the reason for that is as judges "we have no personal defence or a platform to defend ourselves".

Justice Chandrachud said district judiciary is the first point of interface between the

judiciary and common citizen. "So the process of dispensing justice is so intrinsically human that we have to learn to trust our district judiciary because it is when we learn to trust our district judiciary that we will truly answer the needs of our common citizens who seek access to justice," he said, adding, "The way we look at district judiciary affects deeply our own personal liberty as citizens."

The CJ said the higher judiciary is getting "flooded" with bail matters because of the reluctance at the grassroots level to grant bail. "And why judges at the grassroots are reluctant to grant bail, not because they don't have the ability, not because the judges at the grassroots don't understand the crime," he said, adding there is a "sense of fear" among the judges at the

grassroots that if he grants bail "will somebody target me tomorrow on the ground that I granted bail in this heinous case". "This sense of fear nobody talks about but which we must confront because unless we do that we are going to render our district courts toothless and our higher courts dysfunctional," he said.

Why should one distrust any person who grants relief to a citizen, he asked.

He said much has to be done for improving the service conditions of the district judiciary. "But above all, we have to bring to our district judiciary a sense of dignity, a sense of self-worth, a sense of confidence in their own respectability, which is why I always say our district judiciary is not a subordinate judiciary," he said.

## Pak infiltrator killed along LoC in Nowshera

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ JAMMU

A Pakistani infiltrator was killed along the Line of Control in the Nowshera sector of Rajouri district late Friday night. According to a Jammu based Defence Spokesman, "an infiltration bid was foiled in the Nowshera sector on the intervening night of 17/18 at around 11.00 pm". The infiltrator was killed while he was negotiating a minefield in the forward area. The Defence spokesman said, the dead body of the infiltrator was recovered along with warlike stores on Saturday.

Meanwhile, the mortal remains of the three Indian soldiers, killed in the snow slide in North Kashmir's Kupwara district were being dispatched to their native places after completing the

necessary legal formalities. The three soldiers who were part of a patrol party near the LoC in Machhal Sector, Kupwara, were hit by a massive snow slide while they were shifting another soldier diagnosed with hyperthermia.

The soldiers who sacrificed their lives in the line of duty have been identified as Gunner Souvik Hazra, Lance Naik Mukesh Kumar and Naik Gaikwad Manoj Laxman Rao.

According to a Srinagar based Defence Spokesman, Naik Gaikwad Manoj Laxman Rao was forty one years old and had joined the Army in 2002. He belonged to Village Chunchkade, Post Dhule, Tehsil, Dhule District in Maharashtra. The braveheart is survived by his wife. Lance Naik Mukesh Kumar was twenty two years old and had joined the Army in 2018.

## Activist Navlakha walks out of prison, to stay under house arrest

PTI ■ MUMBAI



Gautam Navlakha, an accused in Elgar Parishad-Maoists links case, was released from prison on Saturday evening and taken to a building in Navi Mumbai where he will be living under house arrest for a month.

His release from Talaja prison in Navi Mumbai after more than two years came nine days after the Supreme Court earlier this month granted his plea seeking house arrest on medical grounds.

Navlakha, 70, walked out prison around 6 pm. A police team took him to a building in Belapur-Agroli area of Navi Mumbai where he would be staying. Earlier in the day, judge Rajesh Katariya of the special court for National Investigation Agency (NIA) cases here issued his 'release memo'. The ground-plus-two Comrade B T Randive Building belongs to the Communist Party of India (Marxist) and houses a public

library on the ground floor. The 70-year-old activist who claims to be suffering from multiple ailments was in jail since April 2020 after his arrest in the 2017-18 case.

On November 10, the Supreme Court, in response to his application, directed that he be put under house arrest for a month with certain conditions. The order should be implemented within 48 hours, the court said. But the NIA, which is probing the Elgar case, moved the apex court again contending that Navlakha, being a charge-sheeted accused in a case involving threat to the national security and integrity, did not deserve any relaxation.

## J&K police conduct raids in connection with journalists being threatened

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ SRINAGAR

Sleuths of Jammu and Kashmir police on Saturday conducted surprise raids across one dozen locations in order to track down the footprints of perpetrators behind issuing terror threat to some of the Kashmir based journalists.

The police teams seized mobile phones, laptops, memory cards, pen-drives & other digital devices, documents, bank papers, rubber stamps, passports, other suspect papers, cash, Saudi currency etc. during the raids.

A case vide FIR No. 82/2022 under relevant sections of law has already been registered in Police station Sherghari against terror handlers, active terrorists & terrorist associates of proscribed terror outfit Lashkar-e-Tayyeba



(LeT) & its offshoot The Resistance Front (TRF) for online publication & dissemination of direct threat letters to Journalists & reporters based in Kashmir.

The raids were conducted by a 4/5 member team of JKP cops and the same was supervised by SP South City, Srinagar Lakshya Sharma.

According to a statement issued by the Jammu and Kashmir police, "houses of fugitives Sajjad Gul, Mukhtar Baba, active terrorists of proscribed terror outfit LeT (TRF) and other suspects in Srinagar, Anantnag and Kulgam districts were also raided. The premises which were

raided and searched belong to Mohd Rafi at Nigeen, Khalid Gul at Anantnag, Rashid Maqbool at Lal Bazar, Momin Gulzar at Eidgah, Basit Dar at Kulgam, Sajjad Kralyari at Rainawari, Gowhar Geelani at Soura, Qazi Shibli at Anantnag, Sajjad Sheikh @Sajjad Gul at HMT Srinagar, Mukhtar Baba at Nowgam, Waseem Khalid at Rawalpura and Adil Pandit at Khanay Srinagar.

During the search, all the legal formalities were followed professionally and consequent to the searches some suspects have been brought for examination and questioning, the police spokesman said.

As the investigation in the instant case is in full swing the police have requested the general public to bring any information that is relevant to this case in the notice of Srinagar Police.

## G20: India plans Science-20, side events next year

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India will host a meeting of science ministers from G-20 member nations at Coimbatore in July next year during its presidency of the grouping of the world's 20 major developed and emerging economies.

Besides the Science-20 Summit with the theme 'Disruptive Science for Innovative and Sustainable Growth', the science administrators will also host the "Research Innovation Initiated Gathering (RIIG) on the theme Research and Innovation for Equitable Society.

Science and Technology Minister Jitendra Singh on Saturday chaired a meeting of six science ministries and departments to review the preparations for the S-20 summit.



A number of side events related to the Science-20 and RIIG meetings have been planned across the country to showcase India's rich cultural heritage and diversity, an official statement said.

The Science-20 Secretariat will be chaired by Vijay P Bhatkar, the architect of the PARAM series of supercomputers with Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India Prof Ajay K Sood and noted structural chemist Gautam Desiraju as eminent members of the Secretariat.

## Kashi-Tamil Sangamam...

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In Kashi, we have Baba Vishwanath, while in Tamil Nadu we have the blessings of Lord Rameshwaram and both Kashi and Tamil Nadu are immersed in Shiva," he said, adding that it be music, literature or art, Kashi and Tamil Nadu had always been a source of art.

"Kashi and Tamil Nadu are marked as the birthplaces and workplaces of India's finest acharyas and one can experience similar energies in these both places," he said, adding that even today, the relevance of Kashi Yatra comes up during the traditional Tamil marriage procession.

Modi underlined that unending love for Kashi from Tamil Nadu signifies the feeling of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat which was the way of life of our ancestors.

The Prime Minister remembered Tamil Nadu's scholars Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, Rajeshwar Shastri, Pattaviram Shastri who

lived in Kashi and said that there was also Kashi Kaam Koteswar Panchayatan Mandir which was a Tamilian temple on the banks of Harishchandra Ghat besides the 200-year-old Kumarswamy Matt and Markandeya Ashram on Kedar Ghat.

"Many people from Tamil Nadu have been living near the banks of Kedar Ghat and Hanuman Ghat, and have made immense contributions towards Kashi for several generations," Modi said while linking the cultural and spiritual relation between Kashi and Tamil Nadu.

He added that the great poet and revolutionary Subramania Bharathi hailed from Tamil Nadu but lived in Kashi for many years and the BHU has established a chair dedicated to Subramania Bharathi.

He said that the Kashi-Tamil Sangam was taking place during the Azadi Ka Amrit Kaal and hoped that in this Amrit Kaal, all resolutions would be fulfilled by the unity of the whole country.

## FIFA prez...

From Page 1

Qatar has faced a litany of criticism since 2010, when it was chosen by FIFA to host the biggest soccer tournament in the world. Migrant labourers who built Qatar's World Cup stadiums often worked long hours under harsh conditions and were subjected to discrimination, wage theft and other abuses as their employers evaded accountability, London-based rights group Equidem said in a 75-page report released this month. Infantino defended the country's immigration policy, and praised the government for bringing in migrants to work.

"We in Europe, we close our borders and we don't allow practically any worker from those countries, who earn obviously very low income, to work legally in our countries," Infantino said. "If Europe would really care about the destiny of these people, these young people, then Europe could also do as Qatar did.

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## Aftab's CCTV clip with bag seen...

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The Delhi Police has also recovered a sharp object from Aftab's flat which it suspects may have been used to chop Shradha's body.

As for the latest recovery in Mehrauli forest, sources said the police have found a big bone that appeared to be like a femur bone (also called the thigh bone, which is the longest bone of the body) during searches. They found bones like radius-ulna (bone between the wrist and elbow), patella (knee cap) and a femur.

Sources said the recovered bones have cut marks. They

said they were cut with a big sharp weapon. However, police officers are unsure if the bones were Shradha's. Police said the picture will be clear only after the Forensic Science Laboratory investigation

The police have also taken possession of all the clothes from accused Aftab's house in South Delhi and they will be sent for forensic examination. Sources further added that police have not recovered the clothes the two were wearing on May 18, the day the crime was executed. "The police has taken possession of all the clothes present in Aftab's house.

These include Shradha's clothes too. They will be sent for forensic examination," sources said. On Saturday, the Delhi Police searched for the murder weapon at a forest in Gurugram using a metal detector, but returned empty-handed after one-and-a-half-hours.

Meanwhile, the narco analysis test of the accused is most likely expected at Dr Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hospital in Rohini on Monday. A team of Delhi Police has also contacted Shradha's friends in Mumbai and recorded the statements.

## Jain's 'massage'...

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Responding to the leaked videos, BJP IT chief Amit Malviya tweeted, "Despite being in jail for last five months, Jain continues to be a Minister in Arvind Kejriwal's Cabinet. He has been provided a masseur, TV, bed, bottled water and all facilities, in gross violation of jail rules. Why would Kejriwal not sack him? What is he scared of?"

BJP national spokesperson Gaurav Bhatia, questioned Kejriwal's silence over the issue of VVIP culture. "The AAP has become Spa-Massage Party," he said while addressing a Press conference on Saturday citing the videos that went viral on social media and challenged Kejriwal to explain Jain's conduct in the jail. "Where is Kejriwal hidden now? Jain can be seen enjoying massage and meeting visitors in his cell in total violation of rules and prison laws. This VVIP culture in jail is dangerous for democracy," Bhatia said.

"It seems that the man who comes to massage Jain is sent by Kejriwal. In a video, the man can be seen giving a bundle of documents to Jain which he then checks. The documents were given on the

directions of Kejriwal," Bhatia said. The police complaint was filed by BJP leaders Pravesh Sahib Singh Verma, Manjinder Singh Sirsa and Tajinder Singh Bagga against the Chief Minister Kejriwal, Jain and Tihar officials for "blatantly misusing authority" in this regard.

Congress national spokesperson Alka Lamba also lashed out at the AAP and questioned why Kejriwal had not yet removed Jain from his post. Referring to the video, Lamba said it looked less like a jail barrack and more like a hotel room. "Kejriwal should answer what is his compulsion that he has not yet sacked his reference Minister Jain from the post? If you look at the viral video, it looks less like a jail barrack and more like a hotel room," Lamba said. Lamba further alleged that with the kind of facilities being provided to Jain in jail, "it is confirmed that the allegations levelled against him by a thug (like) Sukesh Chandrashekar seem to be true".

According to Tihar jail sources, the video is old. The jail authorities have already taken action against concerned officers and jail staff.

## US cites Modi's example on giving immunity to Saudi Crown...

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"This is a consistent practice that we have afforded to heads of state, heads of government, and foreign ministers," he said. India is yet to give any comment on these remarks.

As Chief Minister of Gujarat, Modi was placed on visa ban by the US in 2005 over allegations in the wake of riots in the state in 2002.

Until his election as Prime Minister in 2014, the US maintained that there is "no change in its policy", even after the United Kingdom and the European Union ended their boycott.

This is a consistent practice that we have afforded to heads of state, heads of government, and foreign ministers, Patel said.

The Biden administration on Thursday said the Saudi Prince has immunity from a lawsuit over the murder of Jamal Khashoggi, drawing immediate condemnation from the slain journalist's former fiancée.

## ED chargesheets several office bearers of PFI

PNS ■ NEW DELHI



The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Saturday filed a chargesheet against several office bearers of Popular Front of India (PFI) before a special court here.

The chargesheeted accused are President Perwez Ahmad, General Secretary Mohammad Ilias, and Officer Secretary Abdul Muqet of PFI Delhi.

According to the ED chargesheet, the accused persons have revealed that they have played an active role in bogus cash donations on behalf of PFI and in claiming and projecting PFI's unaccounted cash raised through unknown and suspicious sources as untainted and legitimate.

The ED filed the chargesheet before a special court here.

"Fresh complaint under section 44 r/w section 45 of Prevention of Money Laundering (PML) Act for the commission of an offence under section 3 r/w section 70 of PML Act has been filed. It be checked and registered. Put up for consideration before the

concerned court on November 21, 2022," the court noted.

The ED also alleged that the PMLA investigation has revealed that as a part of a criminal conspiracy hatched by PFI office bearers over the past many years, suspicious funds from within the country and abroad have been raised by PFI and related entities and have been clandestinely remitted to India in a concealed manner and deposited in their bank accounts over the years.

"These funds have been raised as a part of the scheduled offence of criminal conspiracy. The funds so raised or collected by PFI are thus nothing but proceeds of crime which they have layered, placed and integrated through their numerous bank accounts as well as those of their members or sympathizers. Thus PFI and its related entities have been involved in the continuous

offence of money laundering over the years," ED alleged.

The agency had alleged that Perwez Ahmad was part of a criminal conspiracy since 2018. "He admitted to having looked after the collection of funds in Delhi. Investigation revealed that such fund collection exercise was a sham and was falsely projected to be received from PFI sympathizers whereas statements of individuals, projected as contributors, revealed that these transactions were bogus. Hence, cash from suspicious sources was nothing but proceeds of crime generated out of criminal conspiracy," it said in its chargesheet.

"The non-cooperative and evasive attitude of Perwez Ahmad along with his deliberate attempts to avoid joining the investigation in light of the fresh evidence viz. the statement of so-called donors and the evidence seized from various locations during searches, in this case, create further suspicion about his activities and involvement in money laundering activities," ED further alleged.



# ED leaked ‘massage’ footage to media, alleges Jain

## ON JAILED MINISTER JAIN’S PLEA, JUDGE SEEKS ED’S RESPONSE BY MONDAY

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Jailed AAP Minister Satyendar Jain on Saturday moved a court seeking contempt proceedings against the Enforcement Directorate for allegedly leaking CCTV footage to the media in which he is seen receiving massage inside Tihar Jail.

Special Judge Vikas Dhull issued a notice to the ED on Jain’s plea, asking the agency to file its response by Monday.

Jain’s legal team alleged that ED has leaked the CCTV video despite the undertaking given in the court. In his plea, the AAP leader has accused the ED of leaking the CCTV footage “despite an undertaking given in the court” that no material related to the case will be divulged to the media.

“Special court issues contempt of court notice to ED on Satyendar Jain’s application for leaking Tihar CCTV footage to BJP & others. The court will



hear on Monday how did BJP get the confidential footage and why it was circulated ?” Satyendar Jain’s lawyer Mohd Irshad tweeted.

A CCTV video of Delhi minister Satyendar Jain getting a full body massage in Tihar Jail emerged on social media on Saturday morning - two days after demands to shift the minister from the prison were raised by the BJP.

The purported CCTV footage dated September 13 shows the minister lying on his bed and reading some papers while a man sitting next to him is seen massaging his foot. The leaked videos have creat-

ed a political storm in the national capital, as the opposition BJP lashed out at the AAP, questioning the chief minister Arvind Kejriwal’s silent on the issue.

In another video, shared by BJP national spokesperson Shehzad Poonawalla on his official Twitter handle, a man is massaging the Delhi minister’s legs and back before proceeding to give him a full head massage.

Earlier during a bail hearing, the ED had accused Jain of getting special treatment inside the jail. The court had earlier ordered the ED as well as Jain’s legal team to not leak any content of affidavits or video related to the case to the media, and had taken their undertakings in that regard.

The court had, however, refused to put any restriction on, or pass any direction to the media. The court had on November 17 denied bail to Jain and two others in the case.

## Kejriwal, Mins consider themselves above law: BJP

### Delhi BJP leaders accuse AAP of carrying out illegal activities in jail

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

BJP MP Parvesh Sahib Singh Verma, along with his party colleagues, Manjinder Singh Sirsa and Tajinder Pal Bagga lodged a police complaint against jailed AAP leader Satyendar Jain and Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, accusing them of carrying out “illegal” activities in the jail.

“After watching the video of Jain taking a massage at Jail, it’s clear that Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and his



Ministers consider themselves above the law. This is the only reason that they keep asking to put them in jail because they know that they will be getting the same VVIP treatment behind the bars as well,” said Verma, while addressing the media.

Lashing out at Deputy CM

Manish Sisodia over his remarks that Jain has been arrested under false charges, Singh said that the court has denied the bail of Jain two days ago and Deputy CM should apologize for raising questions on the decision of the court.

“He also accused the investigating agencies of catching

Jain under baseless allegations, but what Sisodia forgot is that the video of the Jail in which Jain is right now coming directly under the Kejriwal government,” said West Delhi MP. “Sisodia also said that Jain is getting physiotherapy treatment instead of massage, but after watching the video

one could easily differentiate between the Massage and the treatment.

According to the dietician of the house, especially meeting the family members in the jail, eating home-cooked food inside the jail, and talking to the people with video conferencing, is not the way that a common man serves his Jail time,” Verma added.

Bagga took a dig at Sisodia for defending Jain, saying he has fought with his physio-therapist as to why he was not given foot and head massage for his spinal injury.

A video purportedly from Jain’s cell was played in a press conference by the BJP where the party’s national spokesperson Gaurav Bhatia termed the AAP as a “Spa Massage” party. Several other videos were also shared on social media.

## BJP's bigwigs to hold 14 roadshows today in city

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

In the run-up to the MCD polls, the BJP bigwigs, including national president Jagat Prakash Nadda, Union Cabinet Ministers and Chief Ministers, will on Sunday hold 14 roadshows in as many districts of the national Capital to campaign for the party.

All the 14 roadshows will be held from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. BJP is focusing on region wise campaigning with dedicated leader to get more and more votes in favour.

Nadda will campaign in Badarpur at 5 pm along with the South Delhi MP, Ramesh Bidhuri, while Union Minister Hardeep Singh puri will be seen at Mangolpuri conducting a roadshow for party. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and West Delhi MP Parvesh Sahib Singh will hit road together at Uttam Nagar and Vikas Puri to make their party win in MCD elections for fourth consecutive time. Ministry Of Earth



Sciences, Dr Jitendra Singh will be conducting the roadshow in the Greater Kailash along with the Union Minister of State for External Affairs and Culture of India, Meenakshi Leekhi at 4 pm, following which MoS will also be campaigning for the party at Karol Bagh at 5:30 pm. Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat will be seen in Mehrauli at 5:30 pm on Sunday.

## Cong releases manifesto, vows to clear landfill sites

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Congress on Saturday released its manifesto for the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) promising to control pollution, doubling the income of municipalities and clearing all three landfill sites if voted to power in the civic body.

Bringing down the level of air and water pollution is the party’s top-most priority, followed by “restoring communal harmony” in the union territory and doubling the income of municipalities to meet their responsibilities. “We will regularise existing Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) employees, fill the vacant posts

and generate more employment. As per the National Green Tribunal (NGT) direction, unprocessed wastes ‘Kude ka Qutub minar’ at three landfill sites will be removed. We will also focus on sustainable solid waste management to maximise recycling and minimise ‘waste’ for landfills,” the manifesto said.

The Delhi Congress has also promised a drainage master plan for the civic body in sync with other public authorities to eliminate drain water. “We will also improve the quality of civic amenities, especially for the bastis of scheduled castes and minorities, JJ Clusters and unauthorised colonies.

## Owner of prominent hotel in Kaushambi found dead in flat

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The owner of a prominent hotel in Kaushambi Ghaziabad was found dead in his flat in Commonwealth Games Village in Delhi’s Akshardham on Saturday. The deceased, identified as Amit Jain who owns Radisson Blu hotel located in Ghaziabad’s Kaushambi, was found hanging in his flat.

As per early probe, the business man is suspected to have committed suicide. No suicide note was recovered from body or nearby. Jain is said to have owed massive debts to banks.

Police received information about the suicide via a PCR call made to Mandawali police station. A senior police officer said during enquiry, it was revealed that Jain had come to his house at CWG village in morning after having breakfast at his new house in Noida. Jain was planning to shift to Noida with his family.




## Don Bosco Institute's students, staff beat pregnant dog to death

**New Delhi:** Around 25 students and staff members suspected to be of Don Bosco Technical Institute in South East Delhi allegedly ganged up against a pregnant street dog and bludgeoned her to death after torturing her, officials said on Saturday.

After the video of the gruesome killing which happened in a park surfaced on social media, New Friends’ Colony Police registered an FIR in the matter.

According to complaint, two brothers of institute were also allegedly present under instructions from senior staff.

The disturbing video shows an all male gang of students cornering scared dog inside a tin shed on institute’s campus which is entered by a student with a rod in his hand, and the remaining students egging him on from outside, they said. **SR**



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# Rebel candidates on dozen seats worry for BJP in Gujarat

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Rebel candidates of the BJP in about a dozen seats in Gujarat that would go to polls on December 1 and December 5 have made the ruling party anxious as those denied party tickets have not retracted despite the intervention of the central leaders.

While former Chief Minister Vijay Rupani and Finance Minister Nitin Patel had in advance announced their decision of “not contesting” the 2022 Assembly elections and made space for fresh faces, other BJP state leaders have not been so ‘magnanimous’ and refused to back out.

Even though the success history of rebel candidates in the elections in Gujarat is quite thin, the ruling BJP is worried about their vote-nibbling potential in this election where the victory margin- in a triangular contest- could be much



lower than the 2017 Assembly polls.

The BJP rebels have not withdrawn their candidature despite missives from the Central leaders and Home Minister Amit Shah himself holding a long meeting at Gandhinagar to work out ways to pacify them.

Rebels are contesting in 12 seats against the official BJP nominees.

Altogether 42 sitting BJP MLAs had been denied tickets, including five ministers from

Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel's cabinet as well as assembly Speaker Nimaben Acharya.

What has angered 'rebels' further that the BJP's candidates list included over a dozen Congress turncoats. Protests broke-out in Gandhi Nagar and Chorysai constituency in Surat where sitting MLAs were not approved for the party ticket.

Applying ‘winnability’ criteria, the BJP axed the long-time MLAs but this time round the latter refused to sit

down and refused to comply with the commands of the ‘central leadership’ as was the case during the previous assembly polls.

The rebel BJP leaders include six-time Waghodia MLA Madhu Srivastava and tribal leader Harshad Vasava, who will be contesting from the Nandod (ST) seat. Vasava has been a two-time MLA from here.

The rebellion in Vadodara district has been most visible with the sitting Waghodia MLA

and strongman Madhu Srivastava, who was dropped in favour of district unit president Ashwin Patel, went publicly attacking the BJP central leadership.

Srivastava did not meet state minister Harsh Sanghani, who visited Vadodara to calm down the disgruntled party MLAs.

Similarly, other BJP leaders Dinesh 'Dinu Mama' Patel and Satish Nishaliya, former MLAs for Padra and Karjan respectively also refused to meet the

state minister for the 'Peace talk'. Dinesh Patel, the chairman of Baroda Dairy is fighting elections as an Independent from Padra. He has said he was upset that the BJP had chosen Padra municipality corporator Chaitanya Singh Zala, his rival.

PM holds road show as BJP makes bid to bring back ‘double-engine’ Govt

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday held a “road show” in Vapi city of Valsad district in Gujarat and addressed a public rally at Jujuva village in a bid to repeat the “double engine” Government in Gujarat.

The Prime Minister who started his day from Arunachal Pradesh inaugurating an airport there and thereafter opening the ‘Kashi-Tamil Sangamam’ in his home constituency at

Varanasi, led a ‘road show’ in Vapi to give a big push to the BJP in Gujarat.

Thousands of BJP workers lined-up on both sides of the road to greet Modi chanting ‘Modi-Modi’. The Prime Minister waved-back at BJP supporters wearing red caps and carrying small Modi cutouts.

Later in the night, he addressed a public rally in Gujarati and appealed voters to bring back the BJP to power again “to ensure the state and country’s continuous develop-

ment for next 25 years.”

He said 20 years ago there was not a single educational institution in Valsad which he said “is now having dozens of educational engineering and medical institutions”

Modi is to hold close to 25 rallies, crisscrossing the state in the next fortnight. It will be a three-day schedule for Modi in his home state starting Saturday.

During his visit, the Prime Minister will be addressing rallies in different districts of the state to scale-up BJP’s cam-

paign for the next month’s Assembly elections.

During his last visit on November 6, Modi had addressed a rally at Kaprada in Valsad district and attended a mass marriage function in Bhavnagar. On Sunday Modi will visit Somnath Temple and then address four rallies in the Saurashtra region

in Veraval, Dhorarji, Amreli and Botad in Gujarat.

The region is known as Congress bastion. On Monday, Modi will hold three rallies in

Surendranagar, Bharuch and Navsari. While Bharuch was the constituency of the former Congress strongman Ahmed Patel, the BJP state president CR Paatil who hails from Navsari, has been winning his Lok Sabha seat with one of the top margins across the country.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah and BJP president JP Nadda have been addressing a series of rallies in the constituencies falling in the first phase of Gujarat poll scheduled on December first.

# Need for int’l watchdog to monitor nations financing terror: Shah to FATF chief

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

In an indirect reference to Pakistan, Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday told the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) chief T Raja Kumar that there is a need for the international watchdog on terror financing and money laundering to continuously monitor the tendencies of some countries to sponsor terrorism.

Shah's meeting with FATF chief was one among the number of bilateral meetings he had on the sidelines of the two-day 'No Money For Terror' (NMFT) conference.

"In the bilateral meeting with FATF President, Shri T Raja Kumar, Home Minister @AmitShah while appreciating the role of FATF, emphasised that there is need for FATF to continuously monitor the tendencies of some of the countries to sponsor terrorism," Amit Shah's office tweeted.

Kumar lauded the initiative taken by India for hosting the 'No Money For Terror' (NMFT) conference and expressed the willingness of FATF to work closely on Anti-Money Laundering/Combating the Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT) issues under India's G-20 priorities.

At the conference, Kumar



also called for a push to tackle terrorist financing and warned that Islamist extremist and far-right terrorist groups are using covert methods to transfer funds, including the use of crypto assets, the FATF tweeted.

FATF had only recently removed Pakistan from the list of countries under “increased monitoring” (Grey List).

For his part, Nigerian Minister of Interior Ogbeni Rauf Aregbesola met Shah and discussed several crucial issues, including political, trade and commerce, defence, capacity building, development partner-

ship, consular issues etc.

"Nigerian Minister appreciated India's support in all aspects including regional and multi-lateral fora and fondly recalled Nigerian President Buhari's defence training in India in 1973. Looking forward to closely working with Nigeria on issues of mutual concern," Shah's office said in another tweet.

Shah also met Binalf Andualem, Minister of Peace, Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and discussed bilateral, multilateral and regional issues of mutual interest.

"The Minister thanked India

for its continued support through trade and commerce, capacity building and people-to-people contact. Both nations agreed to cooperate in fighting the menace of terrorism and extremism," Shah's office said in yet another tweet.

The dignitaries are here to attend the third 'No Money for Terror' Ministerial Conference on Counter-Terrorism Financing hosted by the Ministry of Home Affairs.

The conference is being attended by 450 delegates from over 75 nations and international organisations.

# India will never give up on quest to ensure justice: Jaishankar

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

India along with other like-minded partners will fight terrorism and will never give up on the quest to ensure justice, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said here on Saturday. He also stressed the need for an “undifferentiated and undiluted” approach to dealing with terrorism and urged nations to rise above political divides to address the peril in apparent reference to Pakistan and China.

Underlining the country's resolve to face the scourge of terrorism, Jaishankar said the scale and intensity of terrorist threats have increased in recent years due to the continued tendency of some to use terrorism as a tool of state-craft and the willingness of others to justify and obfuscate that.

Addressing the 'No Money for Terror' conference, the minister said "Terror is terror and no political spin can ever justify it. The world needs to rise

above political divides to address this peril. The battle against terrorism must be fought resolutely on all fronts, in all situations and at all places.”

Cautioning about the challenge, Jaishankar said the terror threat has increased as terrorists tend to access advancements in technology more readily than law enforcement and security systems.

He cited the resurgence of radical ideologies and their more seamless spread, along with motivational messages, inter-penetration and inter-dependence of globalization that opens up new vulnerabilities, including in financial transactions, as the reasons for the growing scope, scale and intensity of terror threats in recent years.

Jaishankar said greater competition among states was also exploited by terrorists including the emergence of ungoverned and under-governed spaces.

It was important that all



states collectively follow an undifferentiated and undiluted approach to terrorism, the minister said. "The challenge, however, is that while the bad guys think global and lateral, the good guys still think national and vertical," he said.

Jaishankar said India, under its Presidency of the Security Council, will organise a briefing on 'Threats to International Peace and Security caused by Terrorist Acts: Global Approach to Counter Terrorism - Challenges and Way Forward'

on December 15' in New York.

The minister said it was essential to encourage a “whole of the government” approach at home and a “whole of the world” approach abroad.

He said this can be achieved through sharing real-time information, exchange of evidence, and witness statements, adopting effective procedures for bringing them to justice through prosecution or extradition, freezing of financial assets of terrorists and preventing their movement through their territories.

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The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the ICICI Bank Limited (“**ICICI Bank**”) under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (“**Act**”) and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, (“**Rules**”) issued a demand notice dated December 13, 2021 calling upon the M/s Cellugen Biotech Private Limited, Mr. Firodosh Rohinton Mahuvawalla (“**Borrower / Security Providers / Personal Guarantors**”) (hereinafter referred as “**Obligors**”) to repay the entire outstanding amount under the facility sanctioned to M/s Cellugen Biotech Private Limited as particularly mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 2,10,39,140.39 (Rupees Two Crore Ten Lakh Thirty Nine Thousand One Hundred Forty and Paise Thirty Nine Only)** as on November 29, 2021 together with further interest, default/penal interest and other charges thereon till the date of realization (“**Outstanding Dues**”), within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.  
The Obligors having failed to repay the Outstanding Dues, notice is hereby given to the Obligors as mentioned hereinabove and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the Secured Asset (as more particularly described herein below) in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said **Rules** on this **16th day of November, 2022**.  
The Obligors in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the Secured Asset and any dealings with the Secured Asset will be subject to the charge of ICICI Bank for an amount of **Rs. 2,30,88,380.40 (Rupees Two Crore Thirty Lakh Eighty Eight Thousand Three Hundred Eighty and Paise Forty Only)** as on November 01, 2022 together with further interest, default/penal interest and other charges thereon till the date of realization.  
The Obligors attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the Secured Asset.

**Description of the Secured Asset**  
**Commercial property located at 405-B, 4th Floor in the scheme name “Benison Complex” located in the land bearing R.S. No. 83, 84, 85, 142 and 143 of Mouje Jetalpur on which Harihbhakti Colony is organized and out of the said revenue survey, R.S. No. 83A is bifurcated, which is in T.P Scheme No. 14, F.P. No. 7 bearing Tenure- C in the City Survey No. 1864, Vadodara, Gujarat- 390 007 admeasuring buildup area of 1,240 Sq Ft. and carpet area of 1,177 Sq. Ft. in the name of Mr. Firodosh Rohinton Mahuvawalla**  
**Bounded by:**  
**North:** Ramp  
**South:** Office No. 405-A  
**East:** Main Road (40 Mtr)  
**West:** Margin  
**Date :** November 16, 2022  
**Place:** Vadodara  
**Sd/- (Authorized Officer)**  
ICICI Bank Limited

# Winter Session of Parliament from Dec 7-29

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Winter Session of Parliament will be held between December 7 and 29 with the BJP-led government and the Congress-led Opposition all set to lock horns again on a variety of issues, including price rise and unemployment.

The session will start a day before the counting of votes in the Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh Assembly elections and results will set the tone for the 17 sittings spread over 23 days that will conclude just before the new year.

And the House begins on the day when counting for the Municipal polls for Delhi is



scheduled.

Besides this will be first session when a massive padyatra led by Congress leader Rahul Gandhi is being undertaken and by that time it will complete half way mark of the 3500 km Bharta Jodo Yatra .

Price rise, unemployment and the economic situation are likely to be the key themes for the Opposition.

## Ex-IAS officer Goel appointed Election Commissioner



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Retired Punjab cadre IAS Officer of the 1985 batch, Arun Goel, has been appointed as an Election Commissioner ahead of the crucial Assembly polls in Gujarat.

The third post in the election watchdog had been vacant for nearly six months. Goel will join Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar and Election Commissioner Anup Chandra Pandey in the poll panel.

The President is pleased to appoint Shri Arun Goel, IAS (Retd.) (PB: 1985) as the Election Commissioner in the Election Commission with effect from the date he assumes the office," Ministry of Law and Justice said in a press communique.

Once he joins his new responsibility, Goel would be in line to be the next chief election commissioner after the incumbent demits office in February 2025.Goel will demit office in December 2027 on attaining the age of 65 years.

# Even Indira's critics recognise her ‘all-inclusive patriotism, her staunch secularism’, says Sonia

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Former Congress president Sonia Gandhi on Saturday said former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi left an indelible mark on the country and even her critics recognise her commitment to “all-inclusive patriotism, her staunch secularism” and empathy for the poor.

Sonia was speaking at an event to present the 2021 Indira Gandhi prize for peace, disarmament and development. She said those who have received the award have exemplified the values Indira Gandhi cherished, the ideals she espoused, and the causes she championed.

The award was given to 'Pratham', a non-governmental organisation working for providing quality education to all children.

"Every once in a while institutions and organisations too are recognised for their contributions in areas very close to her (Indira Gandhi's) heart. Today is one such occasion," Sonia Gandhi said.

The prize was presented by former vice president M Hamid Ansari to the NGO for its pioneering work over more than 25 years towards seeking to ensure every child has access to quality education, for its innovative use of digital technology

to deliver education, for its programmes to provide skills to young adults and for its regular evaluation of the quality of education and timely response in enabling children to learn during the Covid-related school closures.

"Indira Gandhi left an indelible imprint on our country. She continues to be applauded and admired for her numerous achievements. Even her critics recognise that there was an unchanging core to her personality, that defined who she was and what she did - that is, her fierce commitment to an all-inclusive patriotism; her staunch secularism; her indomitable courage and fortitude; her empathy for the poor and instinctive rapport with the people," she said.

"Her unwavering support to self-reliance in all fields, especially in science and technology; her firm belief in the value of education as an instrument of social emancipation and empowerment; and her passionate conviction in environmental conservation and protection of biodiversity, even as India strove for a faster pace of economic growth," the former Congress chief said.

Sonia Gandhi, who is the chairperson of Indira Gandhi Memorial Trust and Chairperson, said Indira Gandhi would have been



pleased that this prize for 2021 is recognising work done in the field of education.

"As she once said, 'Education is a means to place at the service of common people scientific and other knowledge that is acquired, and not just a means of earning a livelihood'. Literacy, she stressed frequently, is not enough; she quoted Swami Vivekananda's

exhortation that what is important is not what one knows, but what one becomes, and I quote, 'We must have life-building, man-making, character-making education.'"

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and Rajasthan chief minister Ashok Gehlot were also present at the function, besides a host of other Congress leaders.



# ‘We survived’: Kherson comes alive after Russian withdrawal

AP ■ KHERSON (UKRAINE)

A week since the southern Ukrainian city of Kherson was liberated, residents can't escape reminders of the terrifying eight months they spent under Russian occupation: missing people, mines everywhere, closed shops and restaurants, a scarcity of electricity and water — and explosions day and night as Russian and Ukrainian forces battle just across the Dnieper River.

Despite these hardships, Kherson residents are expressing a mix of relief, optimism, and even joy - not least because of their regained freedom to express themselves at all.

"Even breathing became easier. Everything is different now," said Olena Smoliana, a pharmacist whose eyes shone with happiness as she recalled



Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky gives a speech to the media in Kherson, southern Ukraine, Ukraine's retaking of Kherson was a significant setback for the Kremlin and it came some six weeks after Russian President Vladimir Putin annexed the Kherson region and three other provinces in southern and eastern Ukraine in breach of international law and declared them Russian territory

AP/PTI

the day Ukrainian soldiers entered the city. Kherson's population has dwindled to around 80,000 from its prewar level near 300,000, but the city is slowly coming alive.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy triumphantly walked the streets on Monday, hailing Russia's withdrawal - a humiliating defeat for Russian President Vladimir Putin - as the "beginning of the end of the war."

People are no longer afraid to leave home, or worried that contact with Russian soldiers might lead to a prison or torture cell.

They are gathering in city squares - adorned with blue-and-yellow ribbons on their bags and jackets - to recharge phones, collect water, or talk with neighbours and relatives. "If we survived the occu-

pation, we will survive this without any problems," said Yulia Nenadyschuk, 53, who had been hunkered down at home with her husband, Oleksandr, since the Russian invasion began but now comes downtown every day.

The worst deprivation was the lack of freedom to be yourself, which was like being in a "cage," she said. "You couldn't say anything out loud, you couldn't speak Ukrainian," said Oleksandr Nenadyschuk, 57. "We were constantly being watched, you couldn't even look around."

Residents of Kherson talk about the "silent terror" that defined their occupation, which was different than the devastating military siege that turned other Ukrainian cities - such as Mariupol, Sievierodonetsk, and Lysychansk - to rubble. Russian

forces entered Kherson in the early days of the war from nearby Crimea, which it illegally annexed in 2014, and shortly after that, it was occupied.

People mostly communicate in Russian in Kherson. Early on in the war some residents there were tolerant of neighbours who sympathised with Russia, but over the past nine months there has been a palpable shift, said Smoliana, the pharmacist.

"I'm even ashamed to speak Russian," she said. "They oppressed us emotionally and physically." Many people fled the city, but some just disappeared. Khrystyna Yuldasheva, 18, works in a shop across street from a building Russian police used as a detention centre and where Ukrainian officials are investigating allegations of torture and abuse.

## Explosion kills at least 9 on Russia's island of Sakhalin

**Moscow:** A gas explosion in an apartment building Saturday killed at least nine people, including four children, on the island of Sakhalin in far eastern Russia, according to local authorities.

A section of the five-story building in the town of Tymovskoye collapsed after a gas cylinder exploded in one of the apartments at around 5:30 am Moscow time, authorities said. Rescue teams were searching for more victims under the rubble, Sakhalin Governor Valery Limarenko wrote on Telegram. (AP)

# North Korea's Kim boasts new ICBM as America flies bombers



AP ■ SEOUL

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un boasted that a recently tested intercontinental ballistic missile is another "reliable and maximum-capacity" weapon to contain US military threats, state media reported on Saturday.

The United States responded to the North's weapons launch by flying supersonic bombers in a show of force.

The North's Korean Central News Agency said Kim oversaw the launch of the Hwasong-17 missile, a day after its neighbours said they had detected the launch of an ICBM that showed a potential to reach anywhere in the United States.



KCNA said Kim observed the launch with his wife Ri Sol Ju and their "beloved daughter" as well as senior officials. State media photos showed Kim walking hand-in-hand with his daughter, who was clad in a white coat, together watching a huge missile loaded on a launch truck.

It's the first time for North Korea to publish the photo of Kim's daughter. Observers say

Kim observing a weapons launch with his family suggests that he is emboldened by his advancing nuclear program. Friday's launch was part of the North's ongoing barrage of missile tests that are seen as an attempt to expand its arsenal and boost its leverage in future diplomacy.

Some foreign experts said the Hwasong-17 missile is still under development but is the North's longest-range ballistic weapon designed to carry multiple nuclear warheads to defeat US missile defence systems.

KCNA said the missile fired from Pyongyang International Airport travelled up to a maximum altitude of about 6,040 kilometres and flew a distance of about 1,000 kilometres before it landed on the preset area in international waters off the country's east coast.

"The test-fire clearly proved the reliability of the new major strategic weapon system to be representative of (North Korea's) strategic forces and its powerful combat performance as the strongest strategic weapon in the world," KCNA said.



## French-speaking nations hold summit in Tunisia

AP ■ TUNIS (TUNISIA)

Leaders of French-speaking countries gathered on Saturday on a Tunisian island to discuss debt relief, migration, food and energy shortages, with a soaring cost of living across Africa, Europe and the Middle East due to war in Ukraine as the backdrop.

French President Emmanuel Macron, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and the presidents of six African nations were attending the 18th annual meeting of the 88-member International Organization of Francophonie, which promotes relations among nations that use French as their primary language.

European Council President Charles Michel also was in Tunisia for the two-day summit, the organisation's first gathering in three years following pandemic lockdowns and travel restrictions.

Louise Mushikiwabo, the group's secretary-general and Rwanda's former foreign minister, said the participants plan to issue a final declaration on major political, social and economic issues after the summit ends on Sunday.

They will also focus on "ways to boost the use of the French language around Europe and in international institutions as its use declines compared to English", Mushikiwabo said.

## VP Harris meets with China's Xi in bid to 'keep lines open'

AP ■ BANGKOK

US Vice President Kamala Harris spoke briefly with Chinese leader Xi Jinping on Saturday in another step toward keeping lines of communication open between the two biggest economies.

Harris and Xi exchanged remarks Saturday while heading into a closed-door meeting at the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum's summit in Bangkok.

"I greeted President Xi before the APEC Leaders Retreat," Harris wrote on Twitter. "I noted a key message that President Biden emphasized in his November 14 meeting with President Xi: we must maintain open lines of communication to responsibly manage the competition between our countries."

Their exchange closely echoed Biden's comment to Xi



at a meeting between two leaders earlier in week about China and U.S. Keeping lines of communication open. A brief statement from China's Foreign Ministry also referenced Biden-Xi meeting at Group of 20 summit in Bali, Indonesia.

## Israeli airstrikes on Syria kill 4 soldiers, injure 1

AP ■ BEIRUT

Israeli airstrikes hit central and coastal regions of Syria early Saturday, killing four soldiers and wounding one, the Syrian military said.

State media quoted an unidentified Syrian military official as saying that Israeli warplanes flying over the Mediterranean fired missiles toward military positions in coastal and central Syria.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, an opposition war monitor, reported that load explosions were heard in the coastal province of Latakia as well as Hama and Homs regions in central Syria. It gave no further details. Israel has carried out hundreds of strikes on targets inside government-controlled parts of Syria in recent years, but rarely acknowledges or discusses such operations.

## Nepal set for national and provincial elections today



PTI ■ KATHMANDU

Nepal will hold national and provincial elections on Sunday which the Nepali Congress-led ruling coalition is expected to win but unlikely to provide much-needed political stability in the country sandwiched between India and China.

More than 17.9 million people are eligible to vote in seven provinces across the Himalayan nation. The polling will start at 7 am local time and close at 5 pm. Out of a total of 275 members of the federal Parliament, 165 will be elected

through direct voting, while the remaining 110 will be elected through a proportional electoral system. Similarly, out of a total of 550 members of the Provincial Assembly, 330 will be elected directly and 220 will be elected through the proportional method.

The counting of the votes will begin soon after the polling ends but the final results can take a few days.

Political observers closely watching the elections have predicted a hung parliament and a government that is unlikely to provide the required political stability in Nepal.

Political instability has been a recurrent feature of Nepal's Parliament since end of the decade-long Maoist insurgency, and no prime minister has served a full term after the civil war ended in 2006. The frequent changes and fighting among parties have been blamed for a slow economy.

# Maldives Min: negotiators reach deal on climate fund

AP ■ SHARM EL SHEIKH (EGYPT)

Negotiators say they have struck a potential breakthrough deal on the thorniest issue of United Nations climate talks, creation of a fund for compensating poor nations that are victims of extreme weather worsened by rich nations' carbon pollution.

"There is an agreement on loss and damage," which is what negotiators call the concept, Maldives Environment Minister Aminath Shauna told The Associated Press on Saturday.

It still needs to be approved unanimously in a vote later today. "That means for countries like our we will have the mosaic of solutions that we



have been advocating for." Saturday afternoon's draft proposal came from the Egyptian presidency. A second overarching document from the climate talks leadership ignores India's call to phase down oil and natural gas, in addition to last year's agreement to wean the world from "unabated" coal.

According to the draft of the compensation proposal - the issue is called "loss and damage" in negotiations parlance - developed countries would be "urged" to contribute to the fund, which would also draw on other private and public sources of money such as international financial institutions.

## Differences intensify in Pak Govt over appointment of new Army chief

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

Differences seem to have intensified in the Pakistan government over the appointment of the new Army chief with top brasses of the ruling coalition making contradictory statements on the key issue.

The appointment of a successor to Army chief General Qamar Javed Bajwa, 61, who is set to retire on November 29, is an administrative matter. Under the law, the incumbent prime minister is empowered to select any one of the top three-star generals.

But politically it means installing someone who may pull the strings and even determine the fate of the person who appointed him. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Friday initiated the keenly anticipated consultations with his govern-



ment allies on the all-important appointment of a new Army chief, even as Defence Minister Khawaja Asif revealed that a name would be announced by Tuesday or Wednesday, the Dawn News reported on Saturday.

Interestingly, Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah said consultations had been completed and the new Army chief would be appointed in a day or two.

PUBLIC NOTICE				
		Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd, 3rd Floor, Plot No- 23, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh, Delhi- 110005		
The following borrower/s have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loans facility obtained by them from the Bank and the loans have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). A notice was issued to them under Section 13 (2) of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act-2002 on their last known addresses, however it was not served and hence they are hereby notified by way of this public notice.				
Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Property Address of Secured Asset / Asset to be Enforced	Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Bhavna Kherra, Manoj Jacob, Flat No.1405 Tower E Ajnara, Grand Heritage Sec 74 Noida Delhi/ A/c No. LBNOD00004479642	Flat No.301, Floor 3 Plot No. Sc 01 A1 Sikka Kimaantra Greens Sector 79 Noida Gautam Buddha Nagar.	06-Sep-2022 Rs. 10,61,410/-	06-06-2022
2.	Ganesh Upadhyay, Geeta Upadhyay, Rz- 50, E-1 Vashist Park Pankha Road, Opposite Desu Colony Delhi/ A/c No. LBDEL00000817131	Flat No.B-802, 8th Floor, the Punjab National Bank Employees, CGHS Ltd., Plot No.11, Sector- 4, Phase- 1, Dwarka, Delhi.	06-Sep-2022 Rs. 13,61,909/-	06-06-2022
3.	Kaushal Sharma, Renu Sharma, H No.304 Ground Floor Sec- 11 Vasundhra Ghaziabad Ghaziabad/ A/c No. LBDEL00001977334	M-1202, 12 Th Floor, Plot No.1, Tower - M, Plot- GH-01, Sector-143, Noida.	06-Sep-2022 Rs. 15,69,875/-	08-06-2022
4.	Komal Sharma, Chirag Sharma, Pramod Singh, A 20 Mig Pocket 00 Ground Floor, Rohini Sector 02 Malti Devi School, North West Delhi West Delhi 110085/ A/c No. LBDEL00004859962	No. E/104, Khasra No.1010, 1011 and 1012, Village Noor Nagar (Raj Nagar Extension), Block No. E, Upper Ground Floor, Ghaziabad.	06-Sep-2022 Rs. 24,54,942/-	25-06-2022
5.	Manju Kumari Jha, Saroj Kumar Jha, H No. B 415 S/F Chattarpur Ext Near, JVTS Garden Chatter Pur Delhivits Garden Chatter Pur Delhi New Delhi Delhi/ A/c No. LBDEL00004866759	Flat No. K 904, the Roselia, 9th Floor, Sector- 95A, Tower- K, Gurgaon.	06-Sep-2022 Rs. 15,74,048/-	06-05-2022
6.	Mohit Singhal, Suman Singhal, R/2/123 Raj Nagar Ghaziabad Ghaziabad/ A/c No. LBGHZ00002865303	H.no M-146, Ground Floor, Sec-23 Sanjay Nagar, Ghaziabad.	06-Sep-2022 Rs. 10,91,710/-	30-10-2021
7.	Narender Kumar Sharma, Madhuri Sharma, Flat No. C-704 Shiksha Niketan APPTT, Vasundra, Sec-5 Vasundra Ghaziabad/ A/c No. LBDEL00002217220	Flat No- UDNA010001, Udan Tower A-01, Ground Housing Pocket- GH 6, Sector- 22, Jaypee Greens Sports City East, Gautam Budh Nagar, Noida	06-Sep-2022 Rs. 6,82,898/-	03-06-2022
8.	Prakash Chandra Joshi, Rama Joshi, Block No.4 H No.369 Khichadipur Khichdi Pur Trilok Puri East Delhi New Delhi Delhi/ A/c No. LBDEL00005042703	Block K Flat No. K-1106 11th Floor Diya Green City, Raj Nagar Extn. Ghaziabad.	06-Sep-2022 Rs. 16,90,552/-	03-06-2022
9.	Ramta Chowdhary, Kuldeep Raj, 6-E Lal Nagar, Nr PPR Market Jalandhar, Punjab, 145003 Jalandhar 145001 Pathankot/ A/c No. LBGUR00004483154	Flat No.17017, Block No.17, Zara Aavaas, 1st Floor, Sector-104, Gurgaon, Haryana.	06-Sep-2022 Rs. 17,10,025/-	09-08-2021
10.	Rohit Kaushik, Ruchika Vats, B- 35, BSF Apartment, Sec P1, Greater Noida, Noida/ A/c No. LBND000002176627	Flat No.851 8th Floor, Tower G, Gaur Atuliyam, Plot No. GH 01A, Sector Omicron I, Greater Noida.	06-Sep-2022 Rs. 23,56,238/-	13-06-2022
11.	Sulochana Jha, Dev Shankar Jha, B-429 1st Floor Avantika Sec-1 Rohini Delhi/ A/c No. LBDEL00003081733	Flat No.0803, 12th Floor, Tower 12, Village Naurangpur, Supertech Basera, Sector- 79 And 79B, Manesar Urban Complex, Gurgaon.	06-Sep-2022 Rs. 13,46,474/-	31-01-2021
12.	Upendra Kumar Prusty, Subhashree Sahoo, Plot No.232 Block B Dda Plots, Amberahi Village Sec-19 Dwarka, New Delhi Delhi/ A/c No. LBDEL00004557606	Flat No.1304, 13th Floor, the Express Park View-2-tower- K, Plot No. Gh-03, Sector- Chi- V. G. Noida Gautam Buddha Nagar.	06-Sep-2022 Rs. 27,63,360/-	05-04-2022
13.	Vinod Kumar, Anuradha Tomar, Nagarro Software Pvt Ltd, H No. S 36 Sec 22A Gurgaon Gurgaon/ A/c No. LBGUR00002893460	Flat No. J 31, 3rd Floor, 63 Golf Drive Tower 9, Sec 63A, Gurgaon.	06-Sep-2022 Rs. 4,22,444/-	03-06-2022
14.	Shakuntala Devi, Sandeep Dutt Sharma, WZ-190 Lajwanti Garden Delhi/ A/c No. RBDEL00001865448	Flat No. Wz-190, Lajwanti Garden, Plot No-15 (With Roof Rights), Khasra No.212, Villagr Nangal Raya, New Delhi.	06-Sep-2022 Rs. 4,19,907/-	30-06-2022
15.	Hemant Prakash, Darshana H Prakash, 590 Sector- A Pocket B- Cvasant Kunj South West Delhi Delhi/ A/c No. LBGUR00002071252	Dda Mig, Flat No.590, Second Floor, Sector-A, Pocket B And C, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi.	06-Sep-2022 Rs. 71,37,451/-	11-07-2022
16.	Satish Kumar, Prabha, 965, Sector- 15, Vasundhara. Ghaziabad/ A/c No. LBGHZ00000818051	Plot No.4C, Vartalak Society, Vasundhara, Ghaziabad.	07-Oct-2022 Rs. 45,75,529/-	05-01-2008
17.	Satish Kumar, Rameshwari Devi, C-399 Brij Vihar Near Mother Dair Yghaziabad Uttar Pradesh/ A/c. LBDEL00001115129	B-47, Gf- ii, Ramprastha ,ground Floor (Rear Rh Side), Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh- 201002 .	07-Oct-2022 Rs. 4,97,155/-	06-07-2022
18.	Inder Jesh Sharma, Rajni Sharma, 8/60, Sec- III Rajendra Nagar Sahibabad, Near National Public School Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh/ A/c No. LBND00001206697	Flat No. UG 2, Upper Ground Floor, Plot No.7/66, Block No.7, Sector 5, Rajender Nagar, Rajender Nagar, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh- 201001.	07-Oct-2022 Rs. 4,16,298/-	30-07-2022
19.	Deepak Singh Karki, Kamla Karki, 1465, Park View Apartments, Sector 29 Noida/ A/c No. LBND00001905517	Flat No. KS3-16- 602, Kassia Jaypee Greens Sports City, Sdz Sec- 25 Gautam Budh Nagar Noida.	07-Oct-2022 Rs. 6,90,328/-	11-07-2022
20.	Deepak Singh Karki, Kamla Karki, 1465, Park View Apartments, Sector- 29 Noida/ A/c No. LBND00001907449	Flat No. KS3-16 601, Kassia Jaypee Greens Sports City, Gautam Budh Nagar Noida.	07-Oct-2022 Rs. 6,41,802/-	11-07-2022
21.	Arun Kumar, Parveen Kumar, Santosh, D 6 68 Rohini Sector 6, Avantika North West Delhi/ A/c No.LBDEL00005156619	Lig Flat No.769, Second Floor, Block- Gh 01, Pocket- 1, Garima Apartment Sector- 29 Delhi.	07-Oct-2022 Rs. 17,79,088/-	31-10-2020
22.	Garima Sharma, Prasoon Kumar Malviya, H No- Se 73 Shastri Nagar Ghaziabad/ A/c No.LBGHZ00003092485	Plot No- Cp 17, Govindpuram, Ghaziabad.	07-Oct-2022 Rs. 12,60,661/-	02-07-2022
23.	Gurmukh Jethwani, Mark Hotels & Resorts P Ltd, 48A Dr Sundari Mohan Avenue Opp- Ladies Park Kolkata Kolsur/ A/c No. LBND00002095180	Flat No- MA- C-2305, 23rd Floor, Sector- C, Ajnara Ambrosia, Plot No. GH-01, Sector- 118, Noida.	07-Oct-2022 Rs. 17,62,305/-	11-07-2022
24.	Kusha Charan Swain, Sradhanjali Swain, House 6/2/29 Ground Floor Sector 6 Vaishali Ghaziabad/ A/c No. LBGHZ00002360284	Flat No.1602, 16th Floor, Block- B, Gayatri Aura Tower, Plot No. GH011, Sec- 01 Greater Noida.	07-Oct-2022 Rs. 17,03,919/-	04-07-2022
25.	Mithlesh, Babita, I -2/96 Sangam Vihar, New Delhi New Delhi/ A/c No. LBDEL00004531652	Lig Flat No.26, First Floor, Sector G-8 Pocket- 3, Block- F4 Narela Delhi.	07-Oct-2022 Rs. 8,48,791/-	03-06-2022
26.	Pappu Kumar Singh, Soni Kumari, P 158 Gali No.7, 7 Bihari Colony Shahdra 7 Bihari Colony Shahdra Delhi/ A/c No. LBDEL00002373347	Lig Flat No.4, Ground Floor, Block- D11, Pocket- 3 Sec- 34 Rohini Delhi.	07-Oct-2022 Rs. 10,77,793/-	08-06-2022
27.	Rahul Bhardwaz, Soni Bhardwaz, HNO- B-129, 2nd Floor, Sai Kunj, New Palam Vihar, PH-3 Gurgaon/ A/c No. LBGUR00003513243	Flat No.601, 6th Floor, Expressway Towers, Tower-1 Sector-109 Gurgaon.	07-Oct-2022 Rs. 11,31,746/-	04-07-2022
28.	Renu Kumari Gupta, Praveen Kumar, Faridpur Uttar Tola, Jamjournungar, Bihar, 811214 Munger- 811214, Jamalpur/ A/c No. LBGUR00003194908	Flat No.205, 2nd Floor, Arawali Homes, Tower- 8 Village Kaika, Sector- 4 Sohna Gurgaon.	07-Oct-2022 Rs. 13,78,584/-	06-07-2022
29.	Sachin Kumar, Manju., House No.150 F-Block Street No.82 Mahavir, Enclave Part 3 D K Mohan Garden West Delhi/ A/c No.LBDEL00005107646	Flat No. H- 314, Oxirich Sanskriti- 2 Tower- Henna, Sec- 33 Bhiwadi.	07-Oct-2022 Rs. 8,03,572/-	04-07-2022
30.	Harsh Kumar, Harish Kumar, Balaji Tours & Packages Pvt Ltd, Hansu, Bina Devi, Flat No.9515 FF S/F Duplex Sec-c PKT- 9, Vasant Kunjdelhi/ A/c No. LBDEL00002009026/ LBDEL00002009029	Flat No.9515 Duplex FF & SF, Sector- C Pkt-9 Catego, Vasant Kunj Delhi, Delhi.	20-Sep-2022 Rs. 1,39,95,770/- & 49,92,309/-	31-07-2020
The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above borrower/s and/or their guarantors (as applicable) are advised to make the payments of outstanding within period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice else further steps will be taken as per the provisions of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.				
Date : November 19, 2022			Authorized Officer	
Place : Delhi/NCR			ICICI Bank Limited	



# Export duty on steel, iron ore cut; tax on raw material imports hiked

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The government has cut the export duty on steel products and iron ore with effect from Saturday in order to provide a fillip to the domestic steel industry and boost exports.

Besides, import duty on anthracite, coking coal and ferronickel — used as raw material in the steel industry - has been hiked, as per a finance ministry notification issued late on Friday.

The export duty concessions and import tax have been restored after a gap of six months. In May, the tariffs were tweaked in the wake of a sharp and steady rise in prices of steel and in order to augment the availability both of finished steel as well as raw materials required for steel manufacture.

With effect from Saturday, exports of specified pig iron and steel products as well as iron ore pellets will attract 'nil' export duty.

Also, export duty on outward shipment of iron ore lumps and fines with less than



58 per cent iron content will be 'nil'.

In the case of iron ore lumps and fines with more than 58 per cent iron, the rate of duty will be 30 per cent.

As per the notification, import duty on anthracite/PCI, coking coal and ferronickel has been hiked to 2.5 per cent, while for coke and semi-coke it has been raised to 5 per cent, from 'nil' earlier.

The duty cut follows a meeting of Steel Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia with Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman earlier this week.

## Steel industry welcomes duty cut on steel exports

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The government's decision to remove export duty on steel items will boost demand for steel, industry members said on Saturday.

The government has cut the export duty on steel products and iron ore with effect from November 19, 2022 -- six months after imposition of the levy on May 21.

As per a finance ministry notification issued late night on Friday, exports of specified pig iron and steel products as well as iron ore pellets will attract 'nil' export duty. "It will be a big sentimental booster to revive domestic steel demand, particularly when the global steel demand is on a steep decline," Seshagiri Rao, Joint MD, JSW Steel & Group CFO said.

The meeting was attended by Revenue Secretary designate Sanjay Malhotra, among other senior officials.

The finance ministry had in May hiked the export duty on pig iron and steel products to 15 per cent from 'nil', a move which was intended to discourage exports and increase domestic availability to help lower prices.

The tax on export of iron ores and concentrates was hiked to 50 per cent from 30 per cent, while on iron pellets a 45 per cent duty was imposed.

# Forex kitty swells by \$14.72 bn to \$544.72 bn

PTI ■ MUMBAI

India's foreign exchange reserves soared by USD 14.72 billion to reach USD 544.72 billion for the week to November 11, making it the steepest accretion since August 2021.

However, the reserves have fallen by over USD 110 billion since March as the RBI has been propping up the rupee amid global volatility.

According to the latest weekly data from the Reserve Bank, the forex kitty swelled by USD 14.72 billion to USD 544.72 billion for the week to November 11. The reserves were at USD 529.99 billion as of November 4.

Of the total addition, the value of foreign currency assets, which is the largest component of the reserves, rose by USD 11.8 billion to USD 482.53 billion for the reporting week.

Foreign currency assets consist of the effect of appreciation or depreciation of non-US currencies like the euro, pound, and the yen held in the foreign exchange reserves.

Gold reserves increased by USD 2.64 billion to USD 39.70



million. In the week to October 21, the reserves had fallen by USD 117.93 billion to USD 524.52 billion.

The reserves had climbed by USD 16.7 billion in the week to August 27, 2021, but the addition included USD 12.6 billion of one-time Covid restructuring support from the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

According to a treasury head at a private sector bank, the record USD 14.7-billion surge is due to the impact of an estimated USD 8 billion worth of recent overseas currency purchases by the RBI. The

sharp jump is also driven by a softer dollar and changes in the central bank's forward book.

According to the Reserve Bank's weekly statistical supplement, despite the massive accretion in the reporting week, the forex kitty is still down from around USD 630 billion at the beginning of this year. The reserves peaked in September 2021 at over USD 642 billion.

The RBI has sold a portion of the reserves to prevent a sharp fall in the rupee since the Ukraine war began.

The Reserve Bank has sold USD 10.36 billion worth of foreign currency on a net basis in September. The rupee tumbled from around 79.5 per dollar to over 81.5 in September. It plunged to a record low of 83.29 in October.

The rupee climbed 2.3 per cent between October 21 and November 11, and closed at 81.74 on Friday, down 10 paise.

The rupee logged its first weekly fall in four weeks due to weakness in Asian currencies. The domestic unit declined by 96 paise or 1.18 per cent in the week to Friday.

## Yatra Online gets Sebi's nod to float IPO

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Yatra Online Inc said its Indian subsidiary Yatra Online Ltd has received capital markets regulator Sebi's clearance to float an initial public offering (IPO).

The proposed IPO comprises a fresh issue of equity shares worth up to Rs 750 crore by Yatra India and an offer for sale (OFS) of up to 9,328,358 equity shares, according to the draft red herring prospectus (DRHP).

As part of the OFS, THCL Travel Holdings Cyprus Ltd and Pandara Trust - Scheme I through its trustee Vistra ITCL (India) would offload shares.

Yatra Online Ltd has received the final observation letter dated November 17 from Sebi in connection with its DRHP filed in March, the Nasdaq-listed Yatra Online Inc said in a statement.

In Sebi's parlance, receiving an observation letter implies its go ahead to float the IPO. The proposed IPO can open for subscription within a period of 12 months from the date of issuance of the observation letter, the statement noted.

## Bharat Electronics signs joint development agreement with IIT Madras

PTI ■ BENGALURU

Navratna defence PSU Bharat Electronics Ltd (BEL) has signed a Joint Development Agreement (JDA) with the Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT-M) for co-operation in the field of Quantum Science and Technology.



The complementary strengths and capabilities of BEL and IITM in the area of Quantum Science Technology development, Bengaluru-headquartered BEL said in a statement.

# ‘India to be world’s 2nd largest economy by 2050’

## To add a trillion dollar to GDP every 12-18 months, says Gautam Adani

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Asia's richest man Gautam Adani on Saturday said India, which took 58 years to become a trillion dollar economy, will add an equivalent sum to GDP every 12-18 months and will be the world's second largest economy by 2050.

Speaking at the 21st World Congress of Accountants here, he said back-to-back global crises have challenged several assumptions, including that China should adopt western democratic principles, secular principles are universal, the EU would stay together, and that Russia would be forced to accept a reduced international role.

"This multilevel crisis has shattered the myth of a unipolar or a bipolar world of superpowers that could step in and stabilize global environments," he said.

"In my view - in this emerging multipolar world -



superpowers will need to be those that take responsibility to step in and help others in a crisis and not bully other nations into submission, those that keep humanity as their foremost operating principle."

A superpower, he said, must also be a thriving democracy and yet believe that "there is no one uniform style of democracy."

"The style of capitalism that drives growth for the sake of growth and ignores the social fabric of a society, is rightfully facing its greatest pushback ever," he said.

Adani, 60, said the foundations of India's increasing economy might have become relevant and a majority government has given the nation the ability to initiate several structural reforms in the political and administrative sys-

tem. "It took us 58 years to get to our first trillion dollars of GDP, 12 years to get to the next trillion and just five years for the third trillion.

"Given the pace at which the government has been executing a vast multitude of simultaneous social and economic reforms, I anticipate that within the next decade, India will start adding a trillion dollar to its GDP every 12 to 18 months - thereby putting us well on track to be a USD 30 trillion economy by 2050 and with a stock market capitalization that will possibly exceed USD 45 trillion," he said.

India is currently the world's fifth largest economy with a gross domestic product (GDP) of USD 3.5 trillion. In comparison, the US is a USD 23 trillion economy with a stock market capitalization ranging from USD 45 to 50 trillion.

"A country, crushed and drained by its colonial rulers, today stands on the cusp of an extraordinary growth and is the only major country on a path to emerge as a high-income nation without compromising its democracy and diversity," he said.

# ‘Air India to introduce premium eco-class in few long haul flights’

## Airline works on ways to expand market share, global market: Campbell Wilson

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Air India will be introducing a premium economy class in some of its long haul international flights next month, its chief Campbell Wilson said on Saturday as the Tata group-owned airline works on ways to expand its market share as well as the global network.

In his speech at an event by the JRD Tata Memorial Trust here, Wilson said the airline will increase its market share to at

least 30 per cent in domestic and international routes.

The airline is implementing a long-term revival plan and over the next five years, it aims to grow its wide-body and narrow-body fleet as well as expand the global network.

"The short-term actions have been to replace carpets, curtains, seat cushions and covers. To fix defective seats and inflight entertainment systems as fast as supply chains will allow. And where parts are no longer available in the market, to work with the likes of Tata Technologies to design and manufacture parts ourselves.

"We've recently completely revamped the domestic inflight menu, and will be doing likewise, as well as launching premium economy



on certain long haul international flights next month," the Air India CEO and MD

said. According to Wilson, the airline has restored nearly 20 aircraft that had been ground-

ed for years due to lack of parts and money. Leaving aside cabin interiors, this has required

## The Office Pass to open new co-working centre in G'gram

## Total capacity to expand 2,700 seats in 13 centres

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Coworking operator The Office Pass will open a new centre in Gurugram this month with a capacity of 100 desks as part of its expansion plan. The company has 12 co-working centres in Delhi-NCR comprising of 2,600 desks

and its capacity will reach 2,700 seats spread over 13 facilities.

The new office will be launched in Unitech Cyber Park, Sector 39, Gurgaon. The Office Pass said in a statement.

This will be the company's 11th office in Gurugram and third one in Cyber Park complex. With this opening, it will have a capacity of 1,200 seats in Cyber Park complex itself.

"As companies move away from traditional leases and people prefer to work from an

office close to their place of residence, we are experiencing good demand for our neighborhood coworking model," said Mr Aditya Verma, Founder & CEO, The Office Pass (TOP).

Besides Gurugram, The Office Pass has one centre each in Noida and South Delhi. "This expansion will strengthen TOPs dominant position further and will make it the largest Coworking operator in Delhi NCR with 13 operational offices," the statement said.

## Gem, jewellery exports decline 15% to ₹25,844 cr in Oct: GJEPC

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The gem and jewellery exports declined 14.64 per cent in October at Rs 25,843.84 crore due to seasonal trend as manufacturing activities are limited or closed during Diwali, GJEPC said on Saturday.

In October 2021, the exports stood at Rs 30,274.64 crore, the Gem and Jewellery Export Promotion Council (GJEPC) said in a statement. India's robust gem and jewellery export performance in the first 6 months of 2022-

23 helped maintain growth for the period April-October, despite a sharp dip in exports last month, GJEPC noted.

The decline in exports in October or November is a seasonal trend as manufacturing activities are either limited or units are closed because of Diwali, it stated.

"We had witnessed the usual pre-Diwali buzz as factories in India rushed to complete export orders in time for Thanksgiving and Christmas. The temporary closure of units, and absence of workers during

Diwali usually results in a decline in exports post Diwali," GJEPC Chairman Vipul Shah said. The upcoming holiday season in the West and the Chinese New Year will give a boost to exports in November and December, he said.

"Also, trade shows like IIJS Signature 2023, Hong Kong Show 2023, and VicenzaOro Winter 2023 will aid in exports of gems and jewellery to key markets. I am confident that we are on course to achieve our export target of USD 45.7 billion for 2022-23," he stated.



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Transfer of Equity Shares of the Company to Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA)

This notice is published pursuant to the provisions of the Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (Accounting, Audit, Transfer and Refund) Rules, 2016, as amended ("the Rules"). The Rules, amongst other matters, contain provisions for transfer of all shares in respect of which dividend has not been paid for seven consecutive years or more in the name of the Investor Education and Protection Fund (IEPFA) Authority. The Company has uploaded full details of such shareholders and shares due for transfer to IEPF Authority on its website at [www.arogranite.com/Investor\\_Relations](http://www.arogranite.com/Investor_Relations). Shareholders are requested to refer to our website [www.arogranite.com/Investor\\_Relations](http://www.arogranite.com/Investor_Relations) to verify the details of the shares liable to be transferred to IEPF Authority.

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# MANIKA BATRA WINS HISTORIC BRONZE AT ASIAN CUP TT

PTI ■ BANGKOK

Manika Batra became the first Indian padder to win a medal in the ITTF-ATTU Asian Cup after shocking world number six Hina Hayata of Japan in the Bronze play-off here on Saturday.

The world number 44 defeated Hayata 4-2 (11-6, 6-11, 11-7, 12-10, 4-11, 11-2) to achieve the incredible feat. Besides the historic Bronze, Manika will also carry home \$10,000 for her efforts.

"This win is a huge one for me, defeating the top players. I enjoyed playing and fighting well against them to achieve a fantastic result. I will continue putting the extra yard in all my future tournaments. I expect all of you to extend your full support," said an emotional Manika.

Earlier in the day, Manika lost 2-4 (8-11, 11-7, 7-11, 6-11, 11-8, 7-11) to the second-seeded Mima Ito in the semifinals.

Despite Ito beginning shakily, the

Japanese ended strongly and subdued the Indian player with a percentage play befitting her reputation and rankings.

Manika's fighting qualities came to the fore in the fourth game of the Bronze-medal playoff when she was down in the dumps, with the fourth-seed Hayata holding the upper hand with four game points at 10-6.

That was when Manika launched herself, using all the tricks in her bag, attacking the flanks with crispy forehands, including some counters that brooked no challenge, and using the backhand punches to good effect and with precise placements.

At deuce, the Japanese had the service, but an unforeseen fault — Hayata's service hit the net, and the ball dropped on her side to go down — enabled Manika to go up with a luck point (11-10) and take the winning point when she had the service back with her.

However, the Japanese ran with a good lead in the next to reduce the mar-



gin. But Manika changed her strategy in the sixth game, attacking from the word go and allowing her opponent the first point at 3-1. She claimed another point at 5-2, but that was all she could manage.

With frustration setting in, the Japanese became more error-prone, unable to keep the ball on the table even as Manika went from strength to strength to finish the game 11-2.

On her way to the bronze, Manika upset world number 7 Chen Xingtong from China in the round of 16, then accounted for 23-rd ranked Chen Szu-Yu 4-3 of Taipei in the quarterfinals.

Manika on Friday ensured the best finish by an Indian in the 39-year-old history of the Asian Cup after Achanta Sharath Kamal and G Sathiyan had finished sixth in 2015 and 2019 respectively.

The \$200,000 event featured the top 16 players in the men's and women's singles from the continent based on world rankings and qualifications.

## Qatar faces acid test in World Cup opener



AP ■ DOHA

Qatar will finally get their home World Cup under way on Sunday, 12 years after the nation's successful bid put into motion wide-ranging preparations which cost billions of dollars.

It is widely accepted the Gulf state has spent \$200 billion on hosting football's biggest event and Qatar will get its first glimpse at the final product at the Al Bayt Stadium in Al Khor when the hosts take on Ecuador.

Organisers say that 2.9 million of the 3.1 million tickets have been sold and they will be expecting a 60,000 sell-out on Sunday.

The home team's players have also been preparing tirelessly, spending months outside Qatar in isolated training camps, in an attempt to reach the knockout phase on their World Cup debut.

"Our situation is different (compared to other teams) and we have to work with what we've got," coach Felix Sanchez

told a press conference on the eve of the tournament.

"It's true it's a massive sacrifice, many time away from our families and abroad and this shows the commitment of the players to compete and it all starts tomorrow."

The Group A match, which was moved forward from Monday to allow Qatar to play in the opening game, will be an acid test for the hosts both on and off the pitch.

FIFA and the tournament organisers will be hoping the

kick-off can help put several controversies in the shade.

Qatar has faced criticism over its human rights record and the environmental fallout from holding the event.

FIFA president Gianni Infantino had called on World Cup teams to "focus on football" in a letter earlier this month and accused critics in Western countries of "hypocrisy" on Saturday.

**'WE'LL BRING 'A' GAME'**

Qatar will be wary of following the dozen years of work

and spending with the embarrassment of becoming only the second host country to crash out in the first round.

To avoid joining South Africa in that exclusive club, Sanchez's men have been tasked with getting out of a group also containing European giants the Netherlands and African champions Senegal.

A win against the less-fancied Ecuador would make those next two matches appear less daunting.

"On paper, they (Qatar's three opponents) should get the three points, but we of course are here to show our people that we can be a competitive team," said Sanchez.

"We'll bring our 'A' game and play our football, and try to bring joy..."

"We know that it will be a great challenge for us but we're very eager to play this match and are very happy to be here."

Qatar have improved on the pitch since winning the World Cup bid, beating Japan in the 2019 Asian Cup final and finishing third in the Arab Cup last year.

Results have slipped in recent months, though, with a 1-1 draw against Jamaica and 3-0 defeat by Croatia's Under-23 team particularly disappointing.

Ecuador will be no pushovers after coming through the notoriously difficult South American qualifying.

"We think we have the same chance as Qatar for this opening match," said Ecuador's Brighton midfielder Moises Caicedo.

"We know how Qatar play, they're strong, they're powerful. I know this will be a very difficult game tomorrow."

After the tumultuous build-up, capped by Friday's surprise U-turn on the sale of beer in stadiums, Qatar's players will be aiming to take the limelight and ease the scrutiny on off-field issues.

## Australia tour great opportunity to test ourselves ahead of WC: Harmanpreet

PTI ■ BENGALURU

The upcoming tour of Australia is a good opportunity for the Indian men's hockey team to reassess its strengths and weakness ahead of the FIH World Cup at home in January, said seasoned dragflicker Harmanpreet Singh.

A 23-member Indian team left for Australia on Saturday for a five-match series beginning in Adelaide on November 26 as part of preparation for next year's World Cup in Bhubaneswar and Rourkela from January 13 to 29.



"I think this is a great opportunity for us to test ourselves and the level we are at ahead of the World Cup,"

"Australia is one of the top contenders for the title, and playing against them will definitely help us in the lead up to the tournament," Harmanpreet, who will lead the side in Australia, said.

"I think we haven't gone back to Australia after the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games in 2018. As a team, we are excited and happy to play in Australia which offers unique playing conditions."

India will play back-to-back matches on November 26 and 27, followed by games on November 30, December 3 and 4.

"These matches will be a true test of our fitness levels. Every game will be high in intensity and will draw focus on recovery process after each game. Every player will be looking to bring his 'A' game against Australia ahead of the final team selection for the World Cup," said defender Amit Rohidas.

## 2018 debacle still fresh in our minds: Sumit

PTI ■ BHUBANESHWAR

The quarterfinal exit in the last edition still bothering the players, the Indian men's hockey team is determined to finish on the podium at the FIH World Cup to be held in January next year, said Olympic Bronze medallist midfielder Sumit.

In the 2018 edition of the World Cup hosted in Bhubaneswar, India lost 1-2 to eventual runners-up Netherlands to crash out of the tournament.

But the Indians will get yet another shot at world glory before home crowd as the showpiece will be jointly hosted in Bhubaneswar and Rourkela from January 13 to 29 next year.

"I still remember the 2018 Hockey World Cup when we lost in the quarterfinals and every time I go back to Bhubaneswar, it reminds me of that loss. The target of our team is to finish on the podium of the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's

World Cup 2023," said Sumit on Hockey Te Charcha — a podcast series initiated by Hockey India.

"Our practice has been going on really well. We played good hockey in all four matches of FIH Pro League, so, our preparation has been on the right track."

Sumit said India's upcoming tour of Australia is really important in terms of preparation for the World Cup.

"The Australia tour is really important before the FIH World Cup. Australia is a really strong team, we will get good competition from them and it will be a confidence booster for us to play against such a strong team before the big tournament," Sumit said.

"We will learn a lot from playing against Australia and our team will try to execute the plans we have made for the World Cup during the series. The upcoming tour will really help us to prepare for the mega-event."

## Real Kashmir win 2-0 as I-League returns to valley



PTI ■ SRINAGAR

Passion was high and the excitement grew greater with each minute as locals came out in huge numbers to support Real Kashmir FC in their I-League match against Rajasthan United FC here — the first such game in the valley since the COVID-19 outbreak.

The synthetic turf at the TRC Grounds — the venue of the game — came alive after three years as football supporters filled up the stands on a chilly Saturday afternoon.

The match — won by RKFC 2-0 — was the first high-profile game in the valley since the outbreak of COVID-19.

As the players took to the ground, the spectators cheered for their team. The match referee's whistles could hardly be heard amid the applause, drum-

beats and whistles, and the occasional boos for the opponents.

The match had its moments — power-packed volleys, numerous headers, heated arguments between players, unruly scenes, as well as injuries.

There was no dull moment in the game and the crowd loved every single minute, with the cold conditions failing to dampen their spirit. They backed the RKFC players, sometimes tried to act like coaches, telling the players what to do.

With the crowd backing them to the hilt, the RKFC players kept the pressure on the visiting team throughout the game. Their defence was strong, and the attack stronger.

The team did not disappoint its supporters as it struck one past the rival team goal-keeper in the 21st minute through

Moro Lamine, the 28-year-old Ghanaian centre-back, as the crowd stood on its feet.

The teams changed ends, but RKFC continued with their impressive ways. The Real Kashmir continued to dominate the match and struck again in the 77th minute through Jerry Pulamte. Not only did the second goal break the back of the visiting team, it sent the spectators into a state of frenzy. The cheering grew louder and the atmosphere became electric.

The Real Kashmir FC flags flew high, the drum beats got louder and sloganeering shriller.

The acceptance of an imminent defeat could be sensed among Rajasthan players as they dropped their shoulders. When the referee signalled the end of the game, the Real Kashmir players rejoiced, and so did the crowd.



## Ravina among three boxers to progress into quarters

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Reigning Asian youth champion Ravina (63kg) showed her class and prowess to sail into the quarterfinals of the IBA Youth Men's and Women's World Boxing Championships in La Nucia, Spain.

Ravina defeated Hungary's Varga Franciska Rozi in the round-of-16. The Indian pugilist dictated the terms right from the start and landed punches throughout the first round.

The second round began in the same manner as Ravina kept on dominating her opposition. As a result, the referee had to stop the contest and the Indian boxer emerged victorious.

The other women boxer in action — Kunjarani Devi Thongam (60kg) — also moved into the last-8 stage after blanking Spain's Horche Martinez Maria 5-0 in a one-sided affair.

Among the men boxers, Mohit (86kg) moved into the

quarterfinals after his opponent Tomas Lemanas of Lithuania got disqualified in the second round.

Sahil Chauhan (71kg) entered the pre-quarterfinals after comfortably defeating Azerbaijan's Daniel Holostenco 5-0 in a round-of-32 bout.

Nikhil (57kg) and Harsh (60kg) lost their respective round-of-32 bouts. The former lost 1-4 to Kazakhstan's Kalinin Ilya while the latter had to suffer a referee stopping the contest (RSC) defeat against Erik Lsrayelyan of Armenia.

Nine Indians, including three women, will be in action in the last-16 stage on Sunday. Vishvanath Suresh (48kg), Jadumani Singh (51kg), Ashish (54kg), Vanshaj (63.5kg), Aman Rathore (67kg) and Deepak (75kg) will fight in the men's section. Bhawna Sharma (48kg), Tamanna (50kg) and Huidrom Griyiva Devi (54kg) will take the ring in the women's quarterfinals.

## Rublev overcomes Tsitsipas to reach ATP semis in Turin



AP ■ TURIN

Andrey Rublev rallied to upset second-seeded Stefanos Tsitsipas and reach the final four of the ATP Finals on Friday.

Rublev won 3-6, 6-3, 6-2 to reach the semifinals for the first time. He will face third-seeded Casper Ruud.

Novak Djokovic plays Taylor Fritz of the United States in the other semifinal. The five-time champion will have to recover swiftly after a grueling dead rubber victory over Daniil Medvedev that lasted more than three hours.

"On the physical side, I'm not worried because... I worry just depletes you of the vital energy you need," Djokovic said. "If something happens tomorrow in a good or bad way, it happens, and I have to deal with it then."

"I'm going to do everything I possibly can today with my

physio, with myself, with my team in order to get the good rest, the good recovery... I've had many cases in my life before where I managed to recover very quickly. Hopefully that's going to be the case again."

Djokovic is aiming to equal Roger Federer's record six titles at the elite, season-ending event. Djokovic's last title was in 2015.

With a win and a loss apiece in the group, it was a winner-takes-all match for Rublev and Tsitsipas.

Rublev threw his racket down in frustration after losing a game on his serve early in the opening set. But he was all smiles at the end as he crouched down seemingly in disbelief when Tsitsipas hit a return into the net to hand him the match.

"I didn't give up. I kept fighting and playing," Rublev said. "I lost my emotions a bit when I lost a stupid game at 40-0 in the first set."

"But then I just kept fighting. I thought I would have chances if I just gave my best. I managed to turn the match around and I am happy to be in the semis."

After starting strong, Tsitsipas faded and made errors including a double fault in the penultimate game to give Rublev his second break of the final set and leave him serving for the match.

Earlier, Djokovic clearly pushed himself to the limits as he beat the already-eliminated Medvedev to maintain his perfect record in the tournament.

Though he was already through to the semifinals, Djokovic was playing for pride and ranking points, plus the chance to earn USD 4.7 million if he wins the trophy undefeated in Turin.

He was visibly shaking during changeovers in the third set as he battled to win 6-3, 6-7 (5), 7-6 (2).



# INDIA FACE NZ IN 2nd T20I TODAY

PTI ■ MOUNT MAUNGANUI

Bhuvneshwar Kumar faces an arduous challenge of remaining relevant in shortest format as a young Indian team, seeking some game time, is expected to face tough resistance from New Zealand in the second T20 International here on Sunday.

The series-opener in Wellington was abandoned due to inclement weather and the Indian players must be itching to get onto the park which, inarguably, has the most scenic backdrop.

Ironically, the region where the ground is located is known as 'Bay of Plenty' and Indian cricket at this point has plenty to ponder as far as its approach in T20 format is concerned.

While the Sky Stadium was shorter in terms of dimensions, the Indian team will have to make adjustments as the 'Bay Oval' ground has bigger side boundaries and is an open ground unlike Wellington.

## BHUVI CONUNDRUM

On this tour, the presence of a near 33 year-old Bhuvneshwar is one such dilemma that the team management might have to handle. There are some probing questions and quicker the answers are sought, better it would be for Indian cricket.

Is Bhuvneshwar going to be around for the T20 World Cup in 2024 with a sharp decline in his pace? Does he have enough time to work around his issues as he is not potent enough on good batting tracks? Not many T20Is are lined-up next year



and he is largely becoming a single-format player, so where does it leave him?

At this moment, all the answers seem to be in negative and hence a question arises whether playing the senior-most pacer would be akin to taking away an opportunity from a youngster to get into the groove.

It is a double-edged sword that interim head coach VVS Laxman and captain Pandya

will be facing. Not playing Bhuvneshwar when he is on the cusp of a personal milestone (4 more wickets for highest tally of 40 in a calendar year) might leave him demoralised.

Most of his 36 wickets have come in bowler-friendly conditions and against lesser opponents. On slightly flatter wickets and against better batting attacks, Bhuvneshwar has come a cropper.

But playing him will be a missed opportunity for the team management to check out on how the pair of Umran Malik and Mohammed Siraj would match up against the might of players like Finn Allen, Glenn Phillips and Devon Conway in pressure situations.

Umran, India's fastest bowler by a distance, needs to be groomed. Pakistan has shown with Haris Rauf, Shaheen Shah

Afridi and Naseem Shah as to what extreme pace can do.

## CHOICE OF OPENER?

The moment Rishabh Pant was named the vice-captain of the team for the T20I series, it was a given that he would be opening but whether Shubman Gill with his new found confidence in this format or the specialist Ishan Kishan will pair up is there to be seen.

In case of Kishan, who has

had troubles against genuine pace and swing is preferred, then there will be two left-handers at the top while Gill's presence will make it a left-right combination.

The other factor would be the choice between KKR skipper Shreyas Iyer, not exactly a fast starter in T20Is and the dynamic Deepak Hooda, who can also bowl wicket-to-wicket tight off-breaks.

To accommodate both Hooda and Shreyas, Kishan will then needed to be dropped from the playing XI. Sanju Samson and skipper Pandya are the two batters along with Suryakumar Yadav, who would play the role of enforcers as well as finishers.

## CHahal VS PHILLIPS

Glenn Phillips, one of the most exciting T20 batters in recent times, will have a battle in hand when the wily Yuzvendra Chahal gets his first game in many moons after being inexplicably benched by regular head coach Rahul Dravid throughout the T20 World Cup.

But the last completed T20I match at this ground witnessed Phillips score 108 off 51 balls with as many as eight sixes against a quality West Indies attack.

With Ravichandran Ashwin's T20I career all but over, Washington Sundar will be getting a long run as a specialist off-spinner while Harshal Patel will also get game time to get back his rhythm which deserted him just before the World Cup. Arshdeep Singh as a left-arm seamer looks a sure-shot starter in next two games.

# Everyone needed a break: Ashwin defends Dravid's absence from NZ tour

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Veteran India off-spinner R Ashwin has defended India head coach Rahul Dravid's absence from the New Zealand tour, saying the support staff "needed a break" after putting in extensive work in preparation for the T20 World Cup.

Days after Dravid's predecessor Ravi Shastri had questioned why an India coach would need a break when they get "two-three months" off during the IPL, Ashwin said that the coaching staff was physically and mentally burned out.

Former India batter and current National Cricket Academy (NCA) head VVS Laxman is in charge of the Indian team in New Zealand in Dravid's absence.

"I will explain why Laxman has gone there with a completely different team because even that could be interpreted differently," Ashwin said on his YouTube channel.

"Rahul Dravid and his team put in extensive hard work ahead of the T20 World Cup — right from planning. Since I saw this from close quarters, I'm saying this.

"They had specific in-depth plans for each venue and each opposition. So they would have been under not only mental but also physical burnout, and everyone needed a break.

"As soon as the New Zealand series ends, we have the Bangladesh tour. That's why we have a different coaching staff led by Laxman for this tour."



Dravid, one of India's greatest batters, was given a rest after the T20 World Cup as Laxman became India's stand-in coach for the tour of New Zealand, with Hardik Pandya taking over as captain for the T20I series.

India qualified for the semi-finals of the T20 World Cup in Australia after winning four out of five group matches, but were humiliated by eventual champions England.

Dravid had been also rested for a tour of Zimbabwe earlier this year.

India's ongoing tour of New Zealand comprises three T20Is and three ODIs. After that, India will be in Bangladesh for three ODIs and two Tests, and Dravid will be back for that tour.



# Oz win ODI series against Eng

AP ■ SYDNEY

Australia wrapped up the three-match ODI series with a comprehensive 72-run win over England at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Saturday.

Chasing 281 to level the series after Australia won the first match in Adelaide on Thursday, England appeared well on track as Sam Billings and James Vince shared a 122-run partnership for the fourth wicket. But once Vince was trapped lbw by stand-in Australian captain Josh Hazlewood for 60, the English imploded, losing 4-13 to virtually hand the Australians the match.

On a tricky wicket at the SCG, Steve Smith continued the form he showed in Australia's six-wicket win in Adelaide with a hard-fought 94 to help Australia to 280-8.

The target always looked difficult on a surface that was playing slow with the occasional bad bounce.

"It looks easy to bat on when a partnership is going," Hazlewood said of the surface.

"But you're only a wicket

away from causing a collapse on such a pitch. I was very happy with 280."

England got the worst possible start to the run chase when Jason Roy tickled Mitchell Starc's second delivery down the leg side to keeper Alex Carey.

Three balls later Starc got the key wicket of Dawid Malan with an almost unplayable ball that pitched on leg stump then swung back to take the top of off, leaving England staggering at two wickets for no runs.

Phil Salt and Vince kept playing with the aggression that the England white-ball teams are renowned for, and took the score to 34 after five overs.

But Salt tried one big shot too many, stepping away to try and smash Hazlewood over cover only to miss the ball and see it cannon into his stumps.

Any hopes Australia may have had of crashing through the England batting lineup were dashed by Vince and Billings.

The two mixed caution with aggression as they took the score to 156 before Vince was trapped by Hazlewood as he tried to hoist the Australian skip-

per over the square leg boundary. England captain Moeen Ali came in and smashed leg spinner Adam Zampa for a four and a six, then missed a top spinner and was bowled.

At 168-5 after 28.3 overs, Australia were back in control and they tightened their grip one run later when Zampa bowled Billings for 71.

England wickets kept tumbling as Starc (4-47), Hazlewood (2-33) and Zampa (4-45) wrapped up the English tail.

"We were in a good position with the bat but we lost wickets," Ali said. "The wicket actually got easier to bat on but we lost wickets — it's just one of those things. "They bowled well in that phase and the pressure got to us. If you lose wickets regularly, you're not going to win many games."

Earlier, Smith's 94 from 114 balls anchored the Australian innings after Hazlewood won the toss and decided to bat.

Hazlewood was brought into the side for captain Pat Cummins, who was rested with an eye to the upcoming Test series against the West Indies.

# WHAT SURYA DOES, I CAN'T EVEN DREAM OF DOING: GLENN PHILLIPS

PTI ■ MOUNT MAUNGANUI

He is a T20 ace in his own right but New Zealander Glenn Phillips says he can't even "dream" of pulling off some of the incredible shots that Suryakumar Yadav plays with ease.

Surya, world No. 1 T20 batter, will square off against Phillips' New Zealand in the second game here at the Bay Oval, a ground where the Black Caps dasher has fond memories of scoring a 46-ball hundred.

"He (Surya) is absolutely incredible. The things that he does I wouldn't even dream of

doing. I would love to try but we have very different games. The wrist strength that he's got to be able to hit balls for six in extremely awkward areas is a talent you rarely see," Phillips was quoted as saying in stuff.Co.Nz.

Phillips also mentioned that the "high risk-high reward game" that is played by him and Surya also keeps opposition in the game as they have the danger of getting out if some of those adventurous shots aren't executed properly.

"I have got my strengths and he has got his and we go about our jobs in different ways. And the way we both play presents



opportunities for the opposition to get us out as well. It's part of the risk and reward of middle order cricket in T20."

nificant strike-rate of 186.

Phillips is eighth in the ICC's T20I batters' list and has scored 650 runs at a strike-rate of 158 plus.

Phillips is fearing that on good batting tracks like Bay Oval (Mt Maunganui) and McLean Park (Napier), Surya's strike-rate would soar even higher.

"I could easily see (Surya's) strike rate being even higher here than it was in Aussie, with the slightly smaller grounds and the pitches very similar, potentially a bit bouncier with a bit more grass on them. It's going to be very interesting what sort of strike rates we see here."

# Sports Ministry approves foreign training camps for Neeraj, three others

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The sports ministry has approved Olympic Gold medalist Neeraj Chopra's proposal to train at Loughborough University in the UK.

Star javelin thrower Neeraj, along with coach Klaus Bartonietz and physiotherapist Ishaan Marwaha, would be training at Loughborough for 63 days and are set to leave for the UK later this week.

Besides Neeraj, the government's Mission Olympic Cell (MOC), in its 86th meeting Friday, also cleared the proposals for shuttler Kidambi Srikanth, wrestler Deepak Punia, and javelin thrower and Commonwealth Games medalist Annu Rani.

The approximate cost for the training of all the above-mentioned athletes would be around Rs 94 lakh which would be cleared under the sports ministry's National Sports Development Fund (NSDF).

Srikanth, along with his coach and physiotherapist will be training at Prisma Sports Club in Jakarta for 29 days. Punia will be with his physiotherapist in Michigan for 34 days, while Annu Rani will be training with her physiotherapist at Leichtathletik-Gemeinschaft (LG) Offenburg,



Germany under coach Werner Daniels who had earlier also trained Neeraj.

Funding for these would be provided under the Sports Authority of India's (SAI) Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) and would cover the player and their support staff's flight, accommodation, local travel, and food costs among other expenditures.

TOPS will also provide each athlete an out-of-pocket allowance of \$50 per day for any other expense they might incur during their stay.

# Meltwater Champions Tour Finals: Erigaisi beats Anish Giri

PTI ■ SAN FRANCISCO

Indian Grandmaster Arjun Erigaisi scored a 2.5-1.5 win over Dutch GM Anish Giri in the fifth round of the Meltwater Champions Tour Finals here on Saturday.

Teenage GM R Praggnanandhaa was involved in an intense battle with Poland's Jan-Krzysztof Duda with the match ending 3.5-3.5 after the players shared honours in the four rapid games, two blitz and an armageddon game.

Erigaisi's win over Giri was his second and took him to six points along with 17-year old Indian compatriot Praggnanandhaa.

He won the first game in 56 moves with white pieces and the second in 44 with black.

A 36-move draw saw Erigaisi sealing his second win, a day after beating Azerbaijan's Shakhriyar Mamedyarov 3-1.



The Praggnanandhaa-Duda encounter was a thriller. The highly-rated Pole won the first game before the teenaged Indian star levelled by taking the second in 53 moves.

A similar pattern was repeated with Duda and Pragu taking the third and fourth games respectively with black pieces. The Indian won the first blitz tie-break game only to see his opponent level things with a 41-move win.

In the Armageddon (sudden-death game), Duda and Pragu battled it out for 90 moves before peace was signed.

# Delhi crush Sikkim by 10 wickets to keep knock-out hopes alive

PTI ■ KOLKATA

Part time off-spinners Lalit Yadav and Nitish Rana shared six wickets amongst themselves as Delhi thrashed minnows Sikkim by 10 wickets in Vijay Hazare Trophy here on Saturday to keep their slim quarter-final hopes alive.

Having lost back-to-back games, Delhi were on the money at the CC&FC ground here as Sikkim were bundled out for 76 in 34.4 overs.

Rana (3/12 in 6 overs), Yadav (3/12 in 8 overs) along with specialist off-break bowler Shivank Vasisht (1/16 in 6 overs) shared bulk of the spoils after Delhi elected to field on a track which is known for being tacky.

Needing to up the run-rate, the normally stodgy Dhruv

Shorey (43 not out, 28 balls) and all-rounder Kunwar Bidhuri (33 not out of 28 balls) knocked off the runs in just 9.2 overs notch up the team's third win in five games. While Shorey's innings had eight fours, Bidhuri hit three fours and two sixes.

With 12 points and a net run-rate of +0.622, Delhi are now placed fourth in the group behind Assam (16 points, NRR +1.776), Karnataka (16 points, NRR +1.674) and Jharkhand (16, NRR +1.547), all of whom have four wins in their kitty.

In the other matches of the group, Jharkhand crushed Meghalaya by 192 runs while Rajasthan beat Vidarbha by six wickets. The fourth match in this group had Assam upsetting the mighty Karnataka by six wickets, riding on Swarupam Purkayastha's century.

## UNADKAT SHINES

**New Delhi:** Left-arm pacer Jaydev Unadkat produced an inspired show with the ball to hand Saurashtra an eight-wicket win over Himachal Pradesh and help consolidate their position at the top of Group A.

Unadkat (5/23) returned with a five-wicket haul and along with Chetan Sakariya (2/30) wreaked havoc with the new ball to bundle out Himachal for a paltry 130 in 36.4 overs after electing to bowl.

Saurashtra chased down the total with consummate ease, reaching 134 for two in 27.2 overs.

In the other Group A matches, Hyderabad defeated Manipur by seven wickets, while Gujarat also beat Tripura by seven wickets, and Chandigarh



prevailed over Uttar Pradesh by six wickets in a high-scoring game.

## MAHA, MUMBAI WIN

**Ranchi:** Rahul Tripathi's superb knock of 111 was the corner-

stone of Maharashtra's 61-run win over Services in a Group E match.

Services won the toss and sent the opposition into bat and saw Tripathi come up with a ton. The right-handed batter Tripathi and his 140-run stand for the third wicket with captain Ankit Bawane (73) powered the Maharashtra innings.

Though they appeared to lose steam towards the end and lost a few wickets, Maharashtra still ended up with a huge score of 304 for 8 in 50 overs.

Shubham Rohilla (114, 102 balls, 13 fours, 3 sixes) came up with a power-packed effort for Services but it was not enough as the other batters failed to make substantial contributions.

In another match, Mumbai romped to a seven-wicket win over Mizoram, reaching the target of 192 in 22.3 overs after



I love games. When I first saw 'Celebrity Family Feud,' I literally, in all caps, emailed my team and was like, 'Why am I not on this?'  
—Carly Chaikin



# WORLD CUP FRENZY SWEEPS QATAR

World Cup soccer beginning Sunday has created quite frey in the Arab world. Here is a piece by EDDIE PELLIS (AP) on how Qatar’s event denounced for ‘washing’ country’s image.

Qatar’s decision to launch itself into hosting the 2022 World Cup was a head-scratcher from the start. Why, some wondered, would a Middle Eastern emirate with fewer than 3 million people and little soccer tradition want to host the sport’s biggest event? Skeptics say the country wanted to use the prestige of the World Cup, which starts Sunday, to remake its image as a natural-gas producer with a shaky human-rights record. They viewed the move, which will cost the country some \$220 billion, as a classic case of “sportswashing” — using sports as a forum to cast a country or company as different than many perceive. It is hardly a new concept, and Middle Eastern money has long been a major player. Qatar has extensive international connections through its diplomacy and other efforts. Where many see Qatar and other rich nations spending money to join the global elite, others see nefarious attempts to hide undesired reputations. “The Qatar World Cup kickstarted discussion about sportswashing and human rights in football and it has been very steep learning curve for us all,” Norway soccer federation president Lise Klaveness said at a recent Council of Europe event. Germany’s interior minister also expressed concern about bringing the event to Qatar, saying “no World Cup takes place in a vacuum.” “There are criteria that have to be kept to, and then it would be better not to award to such states,” minister Nancy Faeser said last month in a move that sparked diplomatic tensions. Qatar’s leader, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, has fought back, saying the country “has been subjected to an unprecedented campaign that no host country has ever faced.” The World Cup is just one way Qatar is using its massive wealth to project influence. By buying sports teams, hosting high-profile events, and investing billions in European capitals — such as buying London’s The Shard skyscraper — Qatar has been integrating itself into international finance and a network of support. Paris-Saint Germain (PSG) of Ligue 1 is owned by the emir of Qatar. His 2011 purchase came a year after Qatar won the right to host the World Cup. For many, it felt like it was scripted to show that the country has soccer bona fides. Some of PSG’s players are among the world’s most famous — Neymar, Kylian Mbappé and Lionel Messi — and all will be in the World Cup.

Christian Pulisic is the first American to play in and win a Champions League final and he was already a three-time U.S. Soccer Federation player of the year. He is on Premier League team Chelsea, which was owned by a Russian oligarch, Roman Abramovich. Abramovich was widely hailed as that team’s savior during his 19 years of club control but put the team up for sale this year due to sanctions related to his country’s invasion of Ukraine. The new LIV Golf league is bankrolled by Saudi Arabia’s sovereign wealth fund, which also owns another Premier League team, Newcastle, while defending English champion Manchester City was bought by the Abu Dhabi royal family in 2008. Some of those teams’ best players, including Kevin de Bruyne, Kieran Trippier and Bruno Guimarães, will play for Belgium and England and Brazil in the World Cup. None of these players, or owners, received the same sort of public condemnation as those in golf who left the PGA Tour to play for LIV. Just as was the case when the soccer teams were purchased, there has never been any mystery about who funded LIV, which has brazenly branded itself as a disruptive force in golf that will change the sport for the better. According to the CIA, journalist Jamal Khashoggi was killed on the orders of Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Salman in 2018. The Saudi Public Investment Fund’s involvement became more of a lightning rod when Phil Mickelson said out loud what many already felt. “They are scary (expletives),” the six-time major champion said in a much-cited interview with golf writer Alan Shipnuck of the FirePit Collective. Families of 9/11 victims became vocal critics of LIV golf, pointing out Saudi Arabia’s shaky human-rights record and the country’s connection to the attacks. “Despite (his) being truthful, it’s not good for Mickelson’s image,” said Jamal Blades, a soccer-loving London tech firm manager who occasionally blogs about sports and recently completed his master’s degree in sports business and innovation. “But sportswashing takes place all over the world in some form, where there are people, or governments, or businesses attaching themselves to big and small events everywhere.” One high-profile advertiser, the U.S. Department of Defense, was looking for some positive publicity and a tie-in with the NFL, but the deal inadvertently triggered a public-relations problem when quarterback Colin Kaepernick took a knee during “The Star-Spangled Banner.”

QATAR’S LEADER, SHEIKH TAMIM BIN HAMAD AL THANI, HAS FOUGHT BACK, SAYING THE COUNTRY “HAS BEEN SUBJECTED TO AN UNPRECEDENTED CAMPAIGN THAT NO HOST COUNTRY HAS EVER FACED.” THE WORLD CUP IS JUST ONE WAY QATAR IS USING ITS MASSIVE WEALTH TO PROJECT INFLUENCE. BY BUYING SPORTS TEAMS, HOSTING HIGH-PROFILE EVENTS, AND INVESTING BILLIONS IN EUROPEAN CAPITALS — SUCH AS BUYING LONDON’S THE SHARD SKYSCRAPER — QATAR HAS BEEN INTEGRATING ITSELF INTO INTERNATIONAL FINANCE AND A NETWORK OF SUPPORT

## Don’t curb human right

German soccer federation president Bernd Neuendorf has criticized FIFA for its attempts to restrict national teams’ political activities when it comes to human rights. Speaking at Germany’s first news conference in Qatar ahead of the World Cup, Neuendorf said on Friday he was particularly annoyed by FIFA president Gianni Infantino’s letter two weeks ago urging teams to “focus on the football” and leave political issues aside. “That the topic of human rights should now no longer play a role, that we are now concentrating here on football only, that irritated us to a certain extent and disturbed us,” Neuendorf said. He added the federation had to send a signal to show it will not be silenced. Neuendorf also referred to FIFA’s decision to ban the Denmark team from bearing the slogan “Human Rights For All” on training jerseys. “That was declared as a political statement and therefore prohibited,” Neuendorf said. “We’re not talking about a political decision that can be made one way or the other with a slogan like ‘Human Rights For All.’ It’s about human rights. And human rights are universal and binding all over the world.” Neuendorf said Germany was cooperating with other European federations who want their captains to wear an armband with a rainbow heart design during World Cup games to protest against discrimination. “It’s not a political statement, because it’s a statement for human rights,” said Neuendorf, who added if it was banned, “I would be quite prepared to accept a fine as well.”

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“When (a company) wants to be the official sponsor of a team or a league, what they are trying to do is create an affinity to improve the reputation of (the company) and get sports fans to think of (that company) in some way other than as a commodified producer of” what that company sells, said Stephen Ross, the executive director of the Penn State Center for the Study of Sports in Society. Russian leader Vladimir Putin and his Chinese counterpart, Xi Jinping, used the occasion of the Winter Olympics in Beijing to hold a summit and show solidarity this year. Later in those games, IOC president Thomas Bach showed up with Chinese tennis player Peng Shuai to watch Eileen Gu, an American-born freestyle skier who was competing for China, win her first gold medal. Peng’s public appearance came after her safety had been in question for months following her appearing on social media to accuse a former top-ranking Chinese official of sexual assault. Heads turned when the Asian Winter Games announced it would hold the 2029 version of its event in Saudi Arabia, a desert country that is spending some \$500 billion to build a winter resort it claims will be environmentally sustainable. The Saudis have also held golf, tennis and Formula One events in their country despite having little tradition in those sports. “The Saudi case is almost like the quintessential case of success for sportswashing,” Ross said of the country that led the world by exporting \$95.7 billion in crude petroleum in 2020. Qatar, which also shares the world’s largest underwater natural-gas field with Iran, wanted to get into the act, too. It hosted world gymnastics and track titles, both of which were preludes to the World Cup, which is costing the country an estimated \$220 billion. The country might be banking on the reality that, regardless of the issues that dog a host in the lead-up, most worldwide sporting events are ultimately judged by the quality of the event itself. The country recruited hundreds of fans to receive free trips to the World Cup in exchange for promoting positive content on social media about the event and the host. With the World Cup approaching, human rights and corruption allegations have emerged as prime topics, and figure to remain that way until the championship trophy is awarded on Dec. 18. Whether that’s fair depends whom you ask.



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