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World looking at mother of democracy India: PM

Judiciary taking many steps to ensure timely justice: Modi

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said the Constitution is a commitment, pledge, and belief that has made India the "Mother of Democracy" and maintained that the judiciary is taking many steps to ensure timely justice.

Speaking at the Constitution Day celebrations in the Supreme Court, Modi said the entire world is looking at India which is witnessing rapid development and economic growth.

"We the People in the Preamble of the Constitution is a commitment, pledge and belief that has made India the Mother of Democracy," said the Prime Minister. He also stated, "Laws are being made easier and accessible for the common citizens and the judiciary is taking many steps to ensure timely justice."

Modi launched new initiatives under the e-court project, which provides services to lit-



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Chief Justice of India Justice DY Chandrachud at the launch of the new initiatives under e-court project, during the Constitution Day celebrations in the Supreme Court, in New Delhi on Saturday. Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju is also seen

igants, lawyers and the judiciary through information and communication technology-enabled courts. The initiatives launched by Modi included "virtual justice clock", "JustIS" mobile app 2.0, digital court and "S3WaaS".

"We the people' in the Preamble is a call, an oath and a trust", Modi said, adding that "in the modern time, the Constitution has embraced all the cultural and moral emotions of the nation".

He said, "Identity of India as the mother of democracy needs to be further strength-

ened". Since 2015, Constitution Day is being celebrated on November 26 to commemorate the adoption of the Constitution of India by the Constituent Assembly in 1949.

The Prime Minister also noted the importance of the Constitution Day in the year of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsava. He paid tributes to Babasaheb Dr BR Ambedkar and all the members of the Constituent Assembly.

Remembering the dark day in the history of India when the country is celebrating the momentous occasion of

Constitution day, the Prime Minister recalled that on November 26, India faced the biggest terrorist attack in its history by the enemies of humanity. Modi paid his tributes to the ones who lost their lives in the dastardly Mumbai attacks.

Crediting the Constitution for the success, the Prime Minister referred to the first three words of the Preamble, "We the People", saying, "This spirit of the constitution is the spirit of India, that has been the mother of democracy in the world."

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ED attaches 40% share of Unitech project in Noida

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The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has provisionally attached 40 per cent share of a hotel project (1,40,000 Sq Ft FSI Space) within the upscale Commercial Centre, Garden's Galleria, Noida in connection with a money laundering case against the real estate major Unitech and its promoters.

The attached asset worth ₹65.32 crore was owned by Unitech's Ranchero Services Limited, Cyprus, which is a Benami overseas company of Unitech promoters.

An investigation by ED revealed that Unitech Group had invested the "Proceeds of Crime" to the tune of USD 8 million through a Benami company Ranchero Services Limited, Cyprus, into Unitech Hotels Private Limited in 2007-2008, the agency said in a statement.

"Investigation revealed that Ranchero Services Limited, Cyprus, is owned by Unitech promoters and was being managed through an overseas trust on their behalf," the ED said in its statement.

During the investigation, the ED arrested five Unitech promoters/directors Sanjay Chandra, Ajay Chandra, Ramesh Chandra, Preeti



Chandra, and Rajesh Malik.

Till now, the ED has filed two prosecution complaints or chargesheets and the PMLA court has taken their cognizance.

The agency has attached domestic and overseas assets worth ₹1,132.55 crore through 16 provisional attachment orders, including the current one.

The attachments include assets of Carnoustie Group, Shivalik Group, Trikar Group besides the properties of the shell, Benami, and personal companies of Chandras, and others.

Total proceeds of crime worth over ₹6,500 crore have been detected till now in this case. Further investigation is in process, the agency added.

India's cashew king latest among many to shut biz in Kerala

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ KOCHI

The political turmoil and industrial unrest haunting Kerala have hastened the exit of many industrial groups, both big and small, from the State. The latest to join the bandwagon of entrepreneurs leaving the State for good is Beta Group, owned by J Rajmohan Pillai, which is into the production of packaged food products like Nut King.

The year 2021 has seen the exit of more than a dozen major units from the State as the proprietors downed the shutters and left for the oil-rich West Asian countries.

The Beta Group hailing from the family of late K Janardhanan Pillai, labelled as India's cashew king has shut down all its cashew processing factories numbering around 100 and is moving to little-known Guinea-Bissau, a West African country.

"We will set up Guinea-Bissau's largest cashew processing and export unit which will provide jobs to at least 2,000 people in the near future itself."

"The agreement signed between Beta Group and the Guinea-Bissau Government mandates that the Group would invest \$100 million over the next five years," Dr



Rajmohan Pillai with Prime Minister of Guinea-Bissau Nuno Gomes Nabiam

Rajmohan Pillai, chairman, Beta Group, told *The Pioneer* over telephone from Bissau.

The Beta Group's decision to shift its operation to the African country comes at a time when entrepreneurs are leaving the State en masse fearing the high handed attitude of trade union leaders who have become a law unto themselves.

Though Dr Pillai described the decision to shift Beta Group was in response to the irresistible invitation from the Guinea-Bissau Government led by Prime Minister Nuno Gomes Nambam, corporate leaders in Kerala said on condition of anonymity that situation in God's Own Country was not conducive for investment or expansion.

"When trade union leaders call the shots on issues like who should be included in the list of workers and who should be kept away, it is a signal to the entrepreneurs to move out," said a senior corporate honcho.

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Pro-Pak slogan in Bharat Jodo doctored video maker booked

PTI ■ RAIPUR

The Chhattisgarh Police have registered a case against a man for posting a doctored video on social media of pro-Pakistani slogans being raised during the Congress' "Bharat Jodo Yatra", an official said on Saturday.

A member of the Congress legal cell lodged a complaint in Raipur on Friday, following which an FIR was registered against the man, who hails from neighbouring Madhya Pradesh, said police. In his complaint, a member of the Congress legal cell alleged that the accused had posted a doctored video of the yatra on his Twitter handle, in which pro-Pakistan slogans were raised.

An offence has been registered under section 504 (intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of peace) and other relevant provisions of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and a probe has been launched, the official said.

UCC, 1L Govt jobs, ₹10K cr for agri infra in BJP's Guj pledge

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Uniform Civil Code, one lakh Government jobs for women, ₹10,000 crore for Agri-marketing infra, blue economy industries corridor, and financial assistance to EWS/OBC students are among the main points of the BJP Gujarat manifesto released on Saturday by party's national president JP Nadda and Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel.

The manifesto called the "Sankalp Patra" also promised free education to girls from pre-primary to post-graduate level. In the manifesto released at Gandhinagar, the BJP also promised 1 litre of edible oil four times a year and 1 kg subsidised chana per month at subsidised rates through the PDS system to the people of Gujarat.

Setting up an anti-radicalisation cell is another promise of the BJP.

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Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel, BJP national president JP Nadda and State party chief CR Patil during release of the party manifesto for Gujarat polls, in Gandhinagar, on Saturday

2 CRPF jawans on poll duty shot by colleague in Guj

Porbandar: Two jawans of the CRPF were killed and two others were injured after their colleague opened fire over some issue in a village near Porbandar in Gujarat on Saturday evening, officials said.

Veteran actor Vikram Gokhale passes away

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Veteran actor and thespian Vikram Gokhale — known for his stellar performances in films like Mazrathi film "Natsamrat" and films like "Hum Dil De Chuke Sanam", "Bhool Bhulaiyaa", "Agneepath" and "Khuda Gawah" — died at the Deenanath Mangeshkar Hospital in Pune on Saturday.

He was 77 and is survived by his wife and two daughters.

A versatile actor who acted in films, dramas and television serials in both Hindi and Marathi languages, Gokhale had acted in more than eighty films, more two dozen television serials and innumerable plays in a career lasting for nearly five decades.

Gokhale had been admitted to the Deenanath Mangeshkar Hospital in Pune earlier this week. His condition had deteriorated during the last few days. He was on ventilator support for a few days. At one stage, a rumour had spread that he had passed away, a news report that his family members denied.

Arabs burying hatchet at World Cup!

AP ■ DOHA

For a brief moment after Saudi Arabia's Salem Aldawsari fired a ball from just inside the penalty box into the back of the net to seal a World Cup win against Argentina, Arabs across the divided West Asia found something to celebrate.

Such Arab unity is hard to come by and fleeting when it arrives. But Qatar's hosting of the World Cup has provided a moment where many in the Arab world have rallied by Doha and the Saudi team's win. "All Arabic countries are celebrating because one Arab team won," said 27-year-old Saudi Rakan Yousef after Arab fans congratulated him in Doha, Qatar, on the Green Falcons' win.

"Even the emir of Qatar attended our match. ... There's this feeling now that we are all brothers. That's why I'm speechless."

The Arab world's division



Saudi Arabia players and their head coach Herve Renard applaud fans at the end of the World Cup soccer match against Poland, at the Education City Stadium in Al Rayyan, Qatar, on Saturday. Poland beat Saudis 2-0

start even with the Arabic language. Spoken Arabic changes regionally, with the Berber-infused Arabic of North Africa, the rapid-fire Egyptian heard in movies and television comedies, the soft Levantine drawl and the guttural dialect of the Gulf Arabs.

Religion is another differentiator — there are Muslims, both Sunni and Shia with sub-groups within, and minority Christians, Druze, Baha'i and others. Different views on religion and regional rivalries bleed into conflicts, such as the ongoing war in Yemen. Oha

But despite an attempt by al-Qaida to stir up extremists, the month-long World Cup in energy-rich Qatar so far has seen unity among the Gulf Arab nations. Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman and Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sissi, the heads of state in two countries that only some two years ago had boycotted Qatar, attended the tournament's opening match.

Dubai's ruler, Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, called Qatar's hosting of the tournament "a milestone for all Arabs" and also attended the opening. That feeling was shared by others as well.

"We are proud to be here for the first World Cup in an Arabic country," Morocco coach Walid Regragui said.

Jordan's Foreign Minister Ayman Safadi similarly praised Qatar while dismissing the criticisms of journalists — and by extension, rights groups.

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Class XII student dies in clash between 2 groups of students

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A class XII student died during a clash between two groups of students of two private schools in Vibhuti Khand police station area on Saturday afternoon. Both the schools are located at a stone's throw from each other. However, police said that the cause of death could not be ascertained and that they were waiting for the autopsy report to register a case in this connection. The deceased, identified as Ansh Tiwari of Gomti Nagar, was a student of Lucknow Public School and his father is employed with the UP Police. He was friends with Shivam Jaiswal, who is a student of Royal Mount Academy, and had a rivalry with some students of class X in his school. In an e-bite, DCP (East) Prachi Singh said Ansh had gone to Royal Mount Academy on being asked by Shivam and he was found lying uncon-

scious on the roadside after the brawl ended. "Since the doctors and the police team didn't find any injury marks on the body of Ansh, the cause of death is still uncertain. We have sent the body for autopsy and further action will be taken consequent to the report," Singh said. As per reports, Shivam was abused by some students of class X of his school during a verbal spat on Friday and he felt humiliated. To teach his rivals a lesson, he sought support from his friends Ansh Tiwari, Saurabh Yadav and Anshuman Singh (all students of class XII, LPS), and asked them to meet him outside Royal Mount Academy. Around 2:15 pm on Saturday when the school got over, Shivam joined his supporters outside. When Shivam spotted one of his rivals, he ran towards him and soon it was a free for all. As the Royal Mount

Academy's administration came to know about the incident, some of the teachers reached the scene. Some of the commuters also stopped by and separated the warring groups. The police said some commuters spotted Ansh lying unconscious and rushed him to RML hospital where he was pronounced dead. "Prima facie, no injuries were detected on the body it did not appear that Ansh died of injuries he may have suffered during the clash," a police spokesman said. However, sources said the rivalry between Shivam and some of the class X students of his school cost Ansh's life. "Shivam and some students of class X were at loggerheads for quite some time. As Shivam used to be bullied, he sought the help of his friends but the fight took an ugly turn and claimed a life," the sources said. Meanwhile, a 22-year-old

BCom student reportedly ended his life in Thakurganj area on Saturday. Vikas Gupta, who was a resident of Thakurganj, was found hanging at his room in the house. According to police, the Vikas was a third-year BCom student. He was home alone at the time of incident as his family had gone to attend a wedding ceremony. Bereaved father Raju Gupta, who runs a paan shop, told the police that he, along with his wife, had gone to the wedding and came back around 4:30 am. He said he repeatedly knocked the door but got no response. He tried calling Vikas but the calls went unanswered. With the help of neighbours, he broke open the door, only to find Vikas hanging from the ceiling. A police team reached the spot and sent the body for autopsy. The police said they searched the house but no suicide note was recovered.



Governor Anandiben Patel and others with medal winners at the Lucknow University convocation on Saturday

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Constitution Day celebrated

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Different government departments organised programmes to celebrate Constitution Day in Lucknow on Saturday. In the Lucknow division of Northern Railway, officials and staff read out the Preamble to the Constitution of India in the presence of member of Railway Board (Operations and Business Development) Sanjay Kumar Mohanti, DRM (NR) SK Sapra, and DRM (NER) Aditya Kumar. In a similar function, senior divisional personnel officer Amit Kumar Pandey, along with employees, read the Preamble to the Constitution of India at the DRM office. A similar function was organised at the Varanasi Junction (Cantt) railway station, Sultanpur, Amethi, Ayodhya Cantt, Barabanki, Unnao Prayag, Ayodhya, Jaunpur, Sultanpur and Rae

IN THE LUCKNOW DIVISION OF NORTHERN RAILWAY, OFFICIALS AND STAFF READ OUT THE PREAMBLE TO THE INDIAN CONSTITUTION

Bareilly railway station. Meanwhile, conducted an inspection to take stock of the ongoing development of railway stations and expansion of passenger amenities in the Lucknow division of NER and also the redevelopment work project at the Lucknow Junction. He was accompanied by DRM (NER) Aditya Kumar, ADM (Operations) Shishir Somvanshi and other senior officials. At the Lucknow Junction, he inspected circulating and cabway areas, station platforms, con-

course area and luxury travel lounge. Mohanti also discussed the ongoing projects at the Lucknow Junction, security and safety of passengers, timely run of trains and other issues. He later held a joint review meeting at the auditorium of the DRM (NR). He later inspected Charbagh railway station too. The Preamble to the Constitution of India was also read out by Director-General, RDSO, Sanjiv Bhutani in the mini-conference hall. A webinar on 'Constitution and Fundamental Duties' was also organised in which a lecture was delivered by law officer Akhilesh Upadhyay on 'Constitutional values and fundamental principles of Indian Constitution'. Meanwhile, Modern Coach Factory, Rae Bareilly, organised an exhibition showing portraits of the great leaders who contributed to the making of the Constitution.

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COFAS INAUGURATED

The four-day International Computer Olympiad, 'COFAS-2022', organised by City Montessori School, Rajendra Nagar Campus I, was inaugurated at the Kanpur Road auditorium on Saturday. The chief guest on the occasion was Minister of State (Independent Charge), Transport, Dayashankar Singh. He inaugurated the event by lighting the lamp of learning. Participating teams from various countries introduced themselves amidst educational-cultural items presented by CMS students. The minister said computer and science should be adopted by all fields of knowledge to be able to keep pace with the world. CMS founder Jagdish Gandhi said that the event is designed to set a milestone to achieve world unity and world peace for the

students of India and abroad.

PARENTS' DAY

City Montessori School, Aliganj Campus I, celebrated 'Annual Parents' Day' at the Gomti Nagar Extension audi-



7-year-old girl gangraped

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

A 7-year-old girl was gangraped after being kidnapped from a wedding venue in Banthra on the intervening night of Friday and Saturday. She was also beaten with belts. Her condition was said to be critical at a hospital where she was admitted. Police swung into action and arrested one of the accused while the other managed to escape. The arrested accused was identified as Anuj Rawat (21) while the absconder as Rameshwar. Both the accused had been hired for light and music at the wedding venue.

The victim is a native of Sitapur and she was with her parents who came to Lucknow for the wedding. According to the police, the minor girl's parents were enjoying themselves when Rawat and Rameshwar spotted her around 1:30 am. They lured the girl on some pretext and took her along to a secluded place around 300 metres away from the venue. They then took turns in raping her. As the girl cried in pain, the accused thrashed her with belts to silence her. In the meantime, the girl's parents started searching for the girl and informed police

when they could not find her anywhere around the wedding venue. The cops combed the area around the wedding venue after collecting details related to the girl and spotted a bike on the roadside. The team entered the bushes, only to find the girl and the accused there. However, Rameshwar managed to escape while Rawat was arrested from the spot. The police took the girl to the Sarojini Nagar CHC and after preliminary treatment, her parents took her to a private hospital. The girl's father works with a private firm in Sitapur while her mother is a homemaker.

A spokesman said several teams had been formed to track down the absconder. Doctors attending to the girl said the girl has bite marks on several body parts and cut wounds on hands. Meanwhile, two car-borne men attacked an advocate with a knuckle-duster in an incident of road rage in Ghazipur police station area on Friday morning. Reports said Varun Pratap Singh of Jankipuram was going towards the high court and he took the Gomti embankment road to reach his destination. As his car hit another vehicle, one person punched him with the knuckle duster in his hand.

'Pak terror orgs enemies of Shias, India'

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Shia religious leaders and Sintellectuals from different parts of the country gathered for the '4th Ahl-e-Bait Conference' at Shia Degree College in Lucknow on Saturday. They unanimously condemned terrorism and sent across the message of communal harmony. The religious leaders and intellectuals said terrorist organisations in Pakistan are enemies of Shias and also enemies of India. The clerics who came to Lucknow on the All-India Shia Hussaini Fund's invitation also paid tributes to the victims of 26/11 terror attack in Mumbai. They demanded that terrorists like Hafiz Saeed be hanged. It was said in the conference that after destroying Iraq and Syria, the ISIS was now targeting Iran. Addressing the conference, Maulana Yasooob Abbas said



Religious leaders attending the '4th Ahl-e-Bait Conference' at Shia Degree College in Lucknow on Saturday

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extremists are enemies of humanity and education. "This is why Al-Qaeda targeted educational institutions and school-going children in Afghanistan," he added. Maulana Saif Abbas said that the Shia religious places and programmes were being targeted around the world as the Shia community has always been against terrorists.

"Conspiracies against the Shia community and India are hatched in Lahore, Pakistan," he added. He also urged people to boycott the lectures of clerics and orators who preach extremism. Maulana Zaheer Abbas, who came from Mumbai, said inviting extremists like Zakir Naik to the FIFA World Cup in Qatar is condemnable. "Zakir

Naik's lectures are anti-Islam and anti-Quran, and encourage terrorism," he said. Maulana Ejaz Athar said Pakistan and Saudi Arabia support and fund terrorist organisations like Al-Qaeda and Sipah-e-Sahaba. He said 'azadari' is always targeted by terrorist organisations because it gives people the courage to fight against terrorism.

Rahul uniting people: Jayant

Meerut (PTI): RLD president Jayant Chaudhary on Saturday praised Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, saying that he is working to unite people. He was responding to a question on Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra. He, however, did not say anything about participating in the march. "Rahul Gandhi is working hard and doing a good job. His Bharat Jodo Yatra is against communalism and he is working to unite people," Jayant said while talking to the reporters here. On the Khatauli by-election slated for December 5, Chaudhary said, "It is a big election and we are campaigning at the micro-level, we are getting people's support. Till November 28, the Rashtriya Lok Dal leader said, he would visit 85 villages and distribute voter's slips from house to house. It is not clear whether Akhilesh Yadav will visit Khatauli for campaigning, he said.

Work on setting up integrated Indo-Nepal checkpoint begins

Maharajganj (PTI): Work on setting up an integrated check post for smooth movement of cargo and passenger vehicles has started on the India-Nepal border in Uttar Pradesh's Maharajganj district, an official said on Saturday. District Magistrate Satyendra Kumar said the integrated checkpoint, the first one in the state, would come up in Sonauli, the international exit point of the Buddhist circuit of Maharajganj. The land port is close to Lumbini, the birthplace of Gautam Buddha and a popular Buddhist tourist hub in Nepal. It will be developed on the basis of the criteria of making passengers and tourists coming from abroad get good facilities in Sonauli. The integrated checkpoints are being built on either sides of the Indo-Nepal border to systematise the movement of cross-border cargo trucks by

bringing customs and immigration facilities under one roof, Kumar told PTI. In 2004, the Indian government had approved the construction of an integrated checkpoint in Sonauli, the DM said. He added that the construction of the boundary wall started under the supervision of the home ministry near Kevataliya Tola

of Sheikhfarendra village near Sonauli town, around 300km northeast of Lucknow. Parking of 5,000 vehicles will be possible in the checkpoint, which will have export and import cargo-handling facilities like warehousing, including refrigerated cargo facilities, medical, plant and animal quarantine areas.

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Duration	: 2 years
Qualification	: M.A./M.Sc. in Psychology course from a University recognized by the UGC With minimum 55% marks for UR & EWS and 50% marks for SC, ST & OBC in aggregate.
GROUP B	
3. M.Phil. in Psychiatric Social Work	: 15 seats (UR-06, EWS-01, OBC-05, SC-02, ST-01) (PwD-01)
Duration	: 2 years
Qualification	: Masters in Social Work course from University recognized by the UGC with minimum 55% Marks for UR & EWS and 50% marks for SC, ST and OBC in aggregate.
GROUP C	
4. Diploma in Psychiatric Nursing	: 23 seats (UR-10, EWS-02, OBC-06, SC-03, ST-02) (PwD-01)
Duration	: One year
Qualification	: 'A' Grade Certificate or Diploma in General Nursing and Midwifery.

Group A & B: Selected candidates will get scholarship of Rs. 25,000/- per month.
Group C: Selected candidates will get scholarship of Rs. 2500/- per month.
The application form is to be submitted electronically ONLY on internet through CIP website: www.cipranchi.nic.in on or before December 31, 2022. Hard copy of the application form will not be entertained. Online Payment fee of Rs. 1000/-** for Unreserved, EWS and Rs. 500/-** for OBC, PwD, SC and ST candidates. (**Transaction charges will be extra from the above-said fee structure via Debit Card, Credit Card, UPI Payment, Net Banking & Mobile Wallets.) Please note that the examination fee is non-refundable.
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UP eyes huge investment from America in GLS

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ LUCKNOW

Set to become the growth engine of India's development, the state of Uttar Pradesh, through the Global Investors' Summit-2023, is expected to receive huge investment from America in nine sectors, including information technology, agriculture, among others.

According to Invest UP, the nodal agency of GIS-2023, the state is eyeing massive investment from top American companies. The government has sent invitations for UPGIS 2023 to a large number of US companies. Apart from this, government officials are also in constant contact with various trade organisations of America, from which encouraging responses have been received.

Sectors that have received special interest from US companies include IT and electronics, agriculture and food processing, defence and aerospace, pharmaceutical and medical devices, energy, retail and automobiles.

Moreover, a large number of venture capitalists are also willing to invest in UP. The state has the maximum number of over 90 lakh micro, small and medium enterprise (MSME) clusters, where continuous contact is being made at the government level with American venture capitalists to invite investment. Investment is expected to stop the migration of youth from the state to other places in search of employment and it will also aid in star-

tups flourishing.

Communication is being established with companies like Apple, Microsoft Corporation, Alphabet (Google), Amazon, Meta, Visa, Intel, Cisco, Oracle and Adobe. Agro and Food Processing companies include Archer Daniels Midland (ADM), Syngenta, Bureau Veritas, Cortiva Agriscience, Neutrino, Indigo and Pioneer.

The aero and defence companies include BAE Systems, Safran SA, Raytheon, Northrop Grumman, GE Aviation, General Dynamics Corporation, Lockheed Martin Corporation, United Technology Corporation (UTC), Airbus SE and the Boeing Company.

The pharma and Medical companies with which communication is being established include Johnson & Johnson, Pfizer Inc., Merck & Co., Abbv Inc., Bristol Myers Squibb, Abbott Laboratories, Amgen, Gilead Sciences, Eli Lilly & Company and Biogen.

In the energy sector, the companies with which communication is being established include Exxon Mobil Corporation, Chevron Corporation, Nextera Energy, General Electric, Conco Phillips, Dominion Energy, Duke Energy Corporation and The Southern. The venture capital companies include DCM Venture, Greylock Partners, Insight Venture Partners and Union Square Venture while in the retail sector, communication is being established with

Walmart, Amazon, Costco Wholesale and The Home Depot. The automobile companies General Motors, Ford Motor, BMW, Volkswagen, Tesla, Deere & Co, Pescar Inc and Nissan Motors.

The government is also in communication with business organisations including US Small Business Administration (SBA), National Women's Business Council, SCORE Business Mentoring, Veterans Business Outreach Center (VBOC). Alos, US Chamber of Commerce Small Business Council, US Export Assistance Center, United States Minority Chamber of Commerce, Entrepreneur Organization, National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB), International Franchises Association (IFA), National Restaurant Association, National Retail Federation, American Marketing Association (AMA), United States Telecom Association.

The Yogi Adityanath government has appointed a team of officers to gather investment from American companies in Uttar Pradesh. In these, two officers above the level of secretary, two officers from IT and Electronics and Health departments, one officer from the Planning department, and one officer from the Industries department have been appointed. Apart from this, one officer from the CM's office and three officers from Invest UP have been asked to work in mission mode to finalise deals with American companies.

Yogi holds massive roadshow

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Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath held a massive roadshow in Viramgam assembly constituency of Gujarat during an election campaign for Bharatiya Janata Party candidate Hardik Patel on Saturday amid chants of 'Yogi, Yogi', showering of flower petals and the sound of trumpets.

Yogi also greeted the people of Gujarat and shook hands with them as they raised saffron flags, chanting 'Jai Shri Ram'.

Yogi also garlanded the statue of Iron Man Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and made way for an ambulance despite the presence of a huge crowd during the road show, evoking tremendous applause from the people.

The crowd, which consisted of workers and local people, including women, stood on rooftops, vehicles and walls to catch a glimpse of Yogi Adityanath and recorded the moment on their mobile phones during the road show. Yogi also did not disappoint them and greeted everyone with a smile.

The local police had to struggle a lot to control the enthusiastic crowd. Songs on Lord Ram kept playing during the roadshow. The people of Gujarat also welcomed Gorakshpeethadhiswar to the state through these songs.



Maya targets govt over rising inflation

Lucknow (PNS): Former chief minister of Uttar Pradesh and Bahujan Samaj Party supremo Mayawati on Saturday targeted the government over rising inflation and unemployment.

In a tweet, she said that in the helpless life of poverty and backwardness prevailing in the country, inflation and unemployment added more trouble. Mayawati said that instead of answering this question of the public and finding solutions, the ruling party leaders remained silent. "Why so?" she asked.

She said in her second tweet that flour had also become very expensive in a year and its price had reached about Rs 37 per kg. "Due to this there is restlessness, frustration and despair among the people. In such a situation, the biggest demand of the time is for the government to leave its carelessness and negligence etc.," she said. In her third tweet, Mayawati said that in a country with a huge population like India, the disturbing poverty, unemployment, inflation, etc., which were prevalent for years, were no longer the real political and electoral concerns. She said that the government needs to find a suitable solution for this.

UP to develop auto and EV hubs

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In order to grow the state's economy to \$1-trillion, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has decided to transform western and central Uttar Pradesh into a hub for auto, electric vehicle and supporting parts industries.

In a high-level meeting, Chief Minister Yogi pointed out that the auto and electric vehicle industries in western and central UP already had ample resources and they just needed to be pushed further because the demand for electric vehicles in the auto industry was expanding fast.

As a result of this, employment will also be available on a large scale in this industry.

In the auto industry, the Growth State Value Addition (GSVA) of UP was 1.5 billion dollars in 2019, which can be increased to five billion dollars in the next five years, according to a report.

In western and central UP, 9,000-10,000 acres of land will be needed for the development of the industry and the Yogi government will spend 19-20 billion dollars on this. At the same time, auto parts and electric vehicles made here will be supplied to the UK, the USA, Australia and South Asia. There is a lot of demand for batteries for two and three wheeler e-vehicles.

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Along with this, the expressway is available for the export of equipment of these industries. At the same time, to promote exports, the Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor can be easily developed here and connected to the expressway.

The Yogi government has chosen Agra, Shahjahanpur, Aligarh, Prayagraj, Saharanpur and Etawah to boost the MSME sector, while Gautam Buddha Nagar, Ghaziabad, Lucknow, Hapur, Kanpur

Nagar, and Meerut have been chosen for the construction of big enterprises to encourage the auto industry.

To develop western UP as an original equipment manufacturing belt and create a trillion-dollar economy for the state, sufficient resources are already on hand.

On the other hand, central Uttar Pradesh is very suitable for the most important metal industry for the auto industry as well as other industries related to it. For these industries, the MSME sector already exists; it just has to be given a bigger shape.

Adityanath said in the meeting that attention must be

paid to ancillary and downstream sectors associated with the automotive sector in order to expand the auto zone and automotive industry in western UP.

For this, green zones will need to be created for rubber processing, plastic, metal, machinery, glass and ancillary sectors of electric vehicle original equipment manufacturers.

"Additionally, the state's electric vehicle charging network has to be expanded," the chief minister said.

The electric vehicle industry concentrates on EV charging, research, and product design. Battery, battery chemical, cell manufacturing, fuel and welding have an important role in this.

Casting, welding machine operators, electric car assembly technicians, as well as heat treatment technicians, will be most required in such a case. Maximum employment will be available on these posts.

Regarding this, it has been said in a survey report that in the year 2017, 60,000 to 70,000 people got employment in this sector, but due to its expansion, 90,000 to 1.10 lakh employment opportunities will be available every year in the next five years.

Yogi said that two and three wheeler EV vehicles and EV parts made in central and western UP would be supplied to the UK, the USA, Australia and South Asia.

These countries are most favourable for the supply of EVs and EV parts.

Corruption, support to terror in genes of Cong and AAP: Yogi

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ LUCKNOW

In a blistering attack on Aam Aadmi Party and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Saturday, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said on Saturday that the "sample" from Delhi was an avowed supporter of terrorism, who suspected the valour of the forces during India's surgical strike in Balakot and asked for proofs despite the fact that Pakistan admitted the loss caused due the attack.

Holding three rallies in the districts of Gironmath, Bhavnagar and Amreli in poll-bound Gujarat, Yogi said that AAP was against the construction of Ram temple in Ayodhya and that its government in Delhi abandoned people during the COVID-19 pandemic and they had to rush to Uttar Pradesh for treatment.

Yogi said that under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, the country was making rapid strides in development and prosperity while ensuring inclusive progress and security of the citizens.

He pointed out that India's global prestige had shot up under Modi's leadership, adding that the country had defeated the United Kingdom which ruled India for nearly 200 years to become the fifth largest economy and was also leading G20, the group of 20 most powerful nations that controlled 80 per cent of the world's resources.

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"Those who cannot handle Delhi, what can they do in Gujarat?" he quipped.

The UP chief minister said that both Congress and AAP did not respect people's faith, nor could they provide security, development and prosperity to the nation and its people, and urged people to reject them. He added: "Corruption and supporting terrorism is in their genes."

Taking a dig at former Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, Yogi said that he was against the reconstruction of Somnath temple for fear of losing Muslim vote bank and it was only because of a leader like Vallabhbhai Patel that the temple could be rebuilt.

He also paid tributes to Hamirji Gohil for sacrificing his life for the reconstruction of the temple.

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preparation of the final draft of the Constitution as Constitution Day to make every citizen realise that a citizen did not only have rights but also had a duty towards the country.

Paying tributes to Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar, Yogi said that Congress did not pay due respect to him and to Vallabhbhai Patel. He remarked that the BJP government headed by Modi had got a huge statue of Vallabhbhai Patel built and had also developed five places associated with Babasaheb as 'Panch teerth'.

Praising the prime minister further, Yogi said that when Modi was the chief minister of Gujarat he ensured that riots and curfews stopped and when he became the prime minister he did not allow terror attacks on Indian soil.

Criminals were active as 'mini CMs' during SP rule: Pathak

Lucknow (PNS): Uttar Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Brajesh Pathak said that during the tenure of the previous Samajwadi Party government in Uttar Pradesh, criminals were active as "mini chief ministers" in every district.

Addressing meetings in Kusmara and Karhal while campaigning for the Bharatiya Janata Party's Mainpuri bypoll candidate Raghuraj Singh Shakya, Pathak said as soon as the BJP came to power, action was taken against criminals as a

result of which they either landed behind bars or fled the state. Karhal is one of the assembly segments of Mainpuri Lok Sabha constituency and is represented by SP chief Akhilesh Yadav.

The bypoll to Mainpuri Lok Sabha seat, slated for December 5, was necessitated following the death of SP founder Mulayam Singh Yadav. The SP has fielded Akhilesh Yadav's wife Dimple Yadav from the seat. "During the SP government, criminals enjoyed political patronage and

used to raise slogans such as 'khali plot hamara hai', and they had 'become mini-chief ministers in every district,' Pathak said. This time the people of Mainpuri are not going to vote for a family but for development being done by the BJP governments at the Centre and in the state, the deputy chief minister said.

Pathak said that Akhilesh Yadav and his entire family were holding street meetings to seek votes from those whom they neglected during their rule.

29 cows found dead in closed container

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As many as 29 cows were found dead in a closed container stranded near the national highway in Mathura district, police said.

The police found the stranded container in which 29 cows were found dead while one cow was found alive. Mathura Circle Officer, Refinery, Harshita Singh, said the driver of the container was absconding. "We received information that a closed container was standing near the national highway in Mathura district. Twenty-nine cows were found dead in the container while one cow was found alive. The driver is absconding. A case has been registered," the CO said, adding that investigation was underway.

Meanwhile, a 33-year-old man died when a motorcycle on which he was riding pillion collided with a vehicle in Sultanpur district, police said on Saturday. Narendra Verma and another man were returning after attending a wedding on Friday night and were going to meet their relative, an officer said.

The rider lost control over the motorcycle and it dashed into a vehicle in Motiganj area. Verma died, while the motorcycle rider escaped unhurt. Gosaiganj police station inspector Raghavendra Rawat said.

The body was sent for autopsy, he added.

Dimple's phone call to Shivpal made him campaign for her

Lucknow (PNS): Pragatisheel Samajwadi Party (Lohia) president Shivpal Singh Yadav revealed the reason why he decided to campaign for Dimple Yadav in the Mainpuri bypoll.

Although his relationship with his nephew Akhilesh Yadav is strained, a phone call by Dimple Yadav (Akhilesh's wife) changed his mind and he decided to campaign for her.

"Daughter-in-law called me and said, uncle, I will contest (the bypoll), come with us," to which I told her to remain my witness and if Akhilesh does anything wrong again, to stand by me.... We will now remain together," Shivpal Yadav said while addressing an election meeting in Mainpuri on Saturday.

Shivpal Yadav's support plays an important role in the campaign as the Samajwadi Party is facing a stiff challenge from Raghuraj Singh Shakya of the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party. Shakya has been fielded by the saf-ron party to exploit the rift in the Yadav family as he is a former Shivpal loyalist. The recent bonhomie between Akhilesh Yadav and Shivpal Yadav, the fourth such instance since they parted ways six years ago, assumes significance as both have been sharing a strained relationship with each other since 2016.

The problems between them led Shivpal Yadav to float the PSPL in 2018. He even contested the 2019 Lok



Sabha polls from Firozabad against the SP. For the Uttar Pradesh assembly polls held earlier this year, Akhilesh Yadav had formed an alliance with Shivpal Yadav but gave him only one seat - Jaswantnagar - from where the veteran leader contested on the SP symbol.

However, after the poll results, the relations between the two soured once again and Shivpal Yadav was also seen siding with the BJP, especially during the presidential election. While the veteran leader complained about his "neglect" in the SP, Akhilesh Yadav on several occasions highlighted his uncle's hobnobbing with

the saffron party.

Indicating that the younger generation of the Yadav family had to look after the party affairs now, Shivpal Yadav said, "We will contest one or two more elections."

"That is why it is a question of my reputation too. In the absence of Netaji (Mulayam Singh Yadav), it is a question of my prestige as well. That is why I request all of you with folded hands to start campaigning," he said.

The Mainpuri bypoll is scheduled to be held on December 5 and the counting of votes will be taken up on December 8.

Mystery shrouds death of iron smelting factory manager

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In a tragic mishap, the manager of an iron smelting factory died when he fell into the blast furnace under suspicious circumstances at Dhaulana in Hapur district on Friday.

Shortly before he fell into the furnace, the manager allegedly had a scuffle with the factory owner over some issue. After getting information, police rushed to the spot to investigate the matter.

"The deceased Anurag Tyagi, 40, was a resident of Ghaziabad and he was working as a manager at the Dhaulana factory situated at Uttar Pradesh State Industrial Development Corporation area in Hapur district," police said.

"We have obtained information from other factory workers about the cause of the manager's death. A forensic team has also been pressed into service to lift evidence from the spot. We were told by the factory workers that the manager fell into the blast furnace and died. But we are probing the case from all angles," the police added.

On the other hand, the kin of the deceased created a ruckus at the factory when they came to know about the death of the factory manager.

Additional Superintendent of Police, Mukesh Kumar Mishra, said, "Mystery shrouded the death of the factory manager. What led to his falling into the blast furnace is under investigation. Strict legal action will be taken against those found guilty."

Massive fire in Meerut sugar mill; chief engr charred alive

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ LUCKNOW

A fire broke out in a sugar mill in Meerut in which an officer also died.

Fire tenders reached the spot after the fire broke out in the mill. Fire brigade personnel were trying to douse the fire when reports last came in.

Reports said that a massive fire broke out at Mohiuddinpur Sugar Mill in Meerut district on Saturday. The news of the fire created panic among the people in and around the mill.

Chief Engineer Narendra Kumar died in the fire. The fire was so fierce that all efforts to extinguish it were unsuccessful. Meanwhile, someone informed the fire brigade about the fire. Fire brigade teams reached the spot on getting information.

Nine fire-tenders were rushed to the sugar mill from Mawana, Ghantaghar and Partapur to control the fire.

Fire Officer RK Singh said the loss caused by the fire could not be assessed at the moment.

"Fire brigade teams are engaged in extinguishing the fire. The fire will be brought under control soon. If needed, preparations have been made

to get fire vehicles from other districts as well. Everyone has been alerted," he added.

Meanwhile, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath expressed deep sorrow over the death of an officer due to fire in Mohiuddinpur Sugar Mill in Meerut. Wishing peace to the departed soul, the chief minister expressed condolences to the bereaved family members.

Additional chief secretary (sugar) was instructed to immediately go to the spot and investigate the cause of the fire.

Meanwhile, in a shocking incident in Aligarh, an uncontrolled car crushed six people of the same family, including an eight-year-old child, who were returning from a wedding ceremony.

They had just stepped out of the gate of the wedding lodge on GT Road in Bannadevi police station area when suddenly an uncontrollable car ran over them. The injured were admitted to JN Medical College hospital where 8-year-old Gullu alias Rohan died during treatment. A case was registered on behalf of the deceased's uncle Javed in this regard at Bannadevi police station.

Bouncer killed in celebratory firing

BJP leader arrested

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Police have arrested the BJP leader Ramji Gupta for his involvement in the killing of former Minister UP and Bouncer Mohd Sadiq during celebratory firing in a marriage function in Royal Garden Marriage Hall near Tatmil Chauraha under Rail Bazar police station late Friday night. The incident had taken place during celebratory firing in the marriage of BJP leader's younger brother.

Police immediately took the issue in cognizance and lodged a case against the BJP leader Ramji Gupta and arrested him on Saturday morning.

It may be recalled that in the marriage ceremony of former district treasurer of BJYM Ramji Gupta's younger brother Rajat, resident of Sutarkhana, being organised late Friday night, former Mister UP and seven-time Mister Kanpur bodybuilder and Bouncer Mohd Sadiq was also present. During celebratory firing, Mohd Sadiq had sustained bullet injury. He was immediately taken to hospital where doctors declared him dead. Police came across the incident and apprised their higher officers. Under the latter's directives, police lodged a case against the BJP leader Ramji Gupta and



File photo of BJP leader Ramji Gupta arrested on Saturday morning.

arrested him on Saturday morning. According to ADCP (East) Manish Sonkar, on the basis of CCTV footage, Bouncer Mohd Sadiq was killed during celebratory firing by the BJP leader Ramji Gupta. Hence, he had been arrested and further penal action was being initiated against him, he said. "During the celebratory firing in a marriage ceremony organised in Royal Garden Marriage Hall, Bouncer Mohd Sadiq had sustained the bullet injury. He was declared dead at the hospital. Local police immediately rushed to spot and initiated action against the guilty and arrested him. Instructions have been issued to examine the licence of the marriage hall and send a letter to other departments concerned", said the Commissioner of Police BP Jogdand.

Annual sports & PT display held

PNS ■ KANPUR

The Station Commander, Cantonment, Kanpur, Brigadier Nanda Kumar K, while inaugurating the annual sports and PT Display of the Primary Wing of St Mary's Convent High School on Saturday lauded the efforts of the students and inspired them to work hard to achieve their goals. He said physical activity played a vital role in developing the brain and supporting essential mental functions. He said it also led to improved motor skills, such as hand-eye co-ordination, better thinking and prob-



Station Commander, Cantonment, Kanpur, Brig Nanda Kumar K, felicitates the annual sports and PT display winners on Saturday.

lem-solving, stronger attention skills and improved learning. He

said St Mary's Convent is among one of the finest institutions of

the city and as per the famous adage 'Silent waters run deep' it stood true to the maxim. He said schools that struck a perfect balance between academics and co-curricular activities always rose to the topmost rung of the success ladder. He said girls today stood at par with men in defence forces and the schools like SMC foster courage, optimism and confidence in girls by shaping and polishing them to become ideal individuals for the future. The Principal of the school, Sr Prabha CJ, said SMC has always prided itself on the self set standards of excellence be it academics.

NSS volunteers read out preamble to Constitution

PNS ■ KANPUR

Incharge Dr Saba Yunus.

On the occasion of Indian Constitution Day, NSS volunteers of Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Kidwai Nagar, after getting themselves registered on the indicated website of the government, read out the preamble to Indian Constitution on Saturday.

Thereafter, they got the certificate from the government. The proceedings were conducted under the supervision of the NSS Unit

ATHLETICS: Under the aegis of Athletics Kanpur, the 7th district level athletics competitions of ICSE/CBSE Board schools would be organised here at the OEF stadium on November 29.

Students of ICSE/CBSE schools of Kanpur district will take part in the competitions for onward selection of the district team, said the press release of President Rakesh Singh issued on Saturday.

Take up problems of industrialists on top priority, DM tells officials

PNS ■ KANPUR

The Kanpur District Magistrate, City, Visakh G Iyer, while chairing the Zila Udyog Bandhu meeting at the Collectorate directed the officials to ensure that the problems of the industrialists and entrepreneurs should be taken up on top priority and setting withing the stipulated time frame. He said the Industrial area of the city had umpteen problems and complaints regarding them had already been put up thus the onus rested on the district administration to ensure that it was addressed in the right earnest.

The member Merchants Chamber of Uttar Pradesh brought to fore the complaint that to obtain the online

NOC from the Fire Fighting Department there was some problem in submitting the online form through the website. The DM then directed that CFO to arrange for an interactive meeting so as to settle all the problems and said the progress of it need to be informed at the earliest.

Similarly the IIA representative informed that there were massive encroachment on the land belonging to the Irrigation department and the PWD department from Panki Site 1 canal culvert to CTI crossing. He also made a representation for the widening of the road on both the sides. The DM directed the PWD department to send a proposal for the widening of the road to the government and make necessary efforts for its sanction as well. The Dadanagar Industrial



District Magistrate, City, Visakh G Iyer, addressing a Zila Udyog Bandhu meeting at Collectorate.

Area brought to fore the issue of frequent tripping from the three feeders, H-1, Polymer and Ispatnagar. The

Kesco officials informed that a 20 MPA sub station was proposed and tentatively it was to become function-

al in one year and once this was completed this problem of tripping will be sorted out.

The members also complaint the issue of heavy vehicle of private travel agencies parking on the road. The DM directed that the illegally parked vehicles be identified and action be taken against them. The members also complained the illegal encroachment of scrap dealers and they were the main reasons for the theft in industrial area.

The police was directed to ensure that these encroachments were removed and action taken against them. Prominent others who took part in the meeting were CDO, Sudhir Kumar, ADM (LA) Deputy Commissioner Industry and officials of various other departments.



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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY(IES)

Sale Notice for sale of immovable properties as per proviso to Rule 8(6) and Appendix-IV A (Under Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002)

Whereas the undersigned being one of the Authorized Officer of the Shubham Housing Development Finance Company Limited (hereinafter called the Company) under the Securitisation of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (The Act) and in exercise of powers conferred upon the undersigned by Section 13(2) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (The Rules) issued demand notices calling upon the borrowers, whose names have been Indicated in Column (C) below on dates specified in Column (D) written against each of them, calling upon them to repay the outstanding amount indicated in column (E) below within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken voluntary surrendered/possession of the property mortgaged with the company, described in column (F) herein below, to recover the said outstanding amount, in exercise of powers conferred on me under section 13(4) of the Act read with Rule 9 of the Rules on the date mentioned in column (H).

The Borrower in particular and the public in general be hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties mentioned in Column (F) below and any dealings with these properties will be subject to the charge of the Shubham Housing Development Finance Company Limited for an amount mentioned in Column (G).

Now, the borrower and the public in general is hereby also informed that the said properties would be sold by public auction on date, time and venue as specified in Column (K) against each of the property by inviting bids in the sealed envelopes as per the procedure and terms and conditions stated below:

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A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
1.	KAN_1602_052891	Rehan Ahmad, Rahnuma Begum, 77/76 Coolie Bazar Kanpur Nagar Uttar Pradesh - 208001	19-11-2019	Rs. 7,47,835/-	Flat Situated At Third Floor At H.No.80172, Part Cooperganj Kanpur Nagar Uttar Pradesh 208001	Rs. 12,08,962/-	03-02-2020, SYMBOLIC	Rs. 7,57,944/-	Rs. 75,794/-	15-12-2022 11:00 A.M. to 02:00 P.M. Office No. 108 First Floor, Vaishali Archade, 6 Park Road, Lucknow-226001
2.	OKANI905 000005019 956	Mohd Javed, Sama Parveen, Parvej Akhtar Raza, 117/832 B Block Kakadev Naveen Nagar Kanpur Nagar Uttar Pradesh - 208025	22-05-2021	Rs. 9,11,071/-	House No. 117P/832 A, Constructed at Part of Arazi No. 832, situated at Vinayakpur, Kakadeo, Kanpur Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-208020	Rs. 9,22,818/-	19-08-2021, SYMBOLIC	Rs. 38,88,000/-	Rs. 3,88,800/-	15-12-2022 11:00 A.M. to 02:00 P.M. Office No. 108 First Floor, Vaishali Archade, 6 Park Road, Lucknow-226001
3.	KAN_1405_021583	Yusuf Khan, Jaberiya Khatoon, 133/5 New Babu Purwa Kalony Near - Chalis Dukan Market Uttar Pradesh -	22-05-2021	Rs. 7,04,627/-	Pvt Plot No 39, Situated At Part Of Arazi No 271/2, Sanigwan, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh - 208021	Rs. 9,40,092/-	19-08-2021, SYMBOLIC	Rs. 15,84,000/-	Rs. 1,58,400/-	15-12-2022 11:00 A.M. to 02:00 P.M. Office No. 108 First Floor, Vaishali Archade, 6 Park Road, Lucknow-226001
4.	OKANI902 000005017 788	Sita Ram, Reena, 58 Shiv Katra kamapur Harjendar Nagar Kanpur Nagar -208007	22-04-2021	Rs. 7,09,560/-	Pvt Plot at Arazi No 96/2, Mauja Ahirwan, Kanpur, Dehat, Uttar Pradesh	Rs. 9,64,572/-	26-07-2021, SYMBOLIC	Rs. 11,23,920/-	Rs. 1,12,392/-	15-12-2022 11:00 A.M. to 02:00 P.M. Office No. 108 First Floor, Vaishali Archade, 6 Park Road, Lucknow-226001
5.	OKANI906 000005021 026	Sandeep Gupta, Milheesh Kumari, Omesh Kumar Gupta, 111/86, Ashok Nagar Kanpur - 208012	22-04-2021	Rs. 24,86,226/-	House No. 103/338-B (Admeasuring Area- 62.774 Sq. Meter), Colony Ganj, Kanpur Nagar, Dehat, Uttar Pradesh	Rs. 34,91,018/-	26-07-2021, SYMBOLIC	Rs. 48,60,720/-	Rs. 4,86,072/-	15-12-2022 11:00 A.M. to 02:00 P.M. Office No. 108 First Floor, Vaishali Archade, 6 Park Road, Lucknow-226001
6.	KAN_1505_040030	Yishnu Kumar Saini, Vijeta Saini, Plot No. 50, Scheme No. 1, Block-A, Siddharth Nagar, Gooba Garden, Bairy Akbarpur Bangar, Kanpur Uttar Pradesh - 208019	06-07-2020	Rs. 3,66,830/-	Plot No. 50A, Siddharth Nagar, Gooba Garden Bairy Akbarpur, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh - 208019	Rs. 5,66,523/-	24-09-2020, SYMBOLIC	Rs. 11,62,872/-	Rs. 1,16,287/-	15-12-2022 11:00 A.M. to 02:00 P.M. Office No. 108 First Floor, Vaishali Archade, 6 Park Road, Lucknow-226001
7.	KAN_1412_031728	Prabhu Dayal, Pappu Sharma, 550, Dwedi, Chauraha, Salia Madia, Thana, Samadhi Chauraha, Naubasta, Kanpur-208027, U.P.	15-07-2016	Rs. 8,76,578/-	Plot No. 4, Situated at part of Arazi No. 282 Mauza Bagan, Kanpur Nagar-208001, U.P.	Rs. 29,36,033/-	21-02-2017, SYMBOLIC	Rs. 4,32,900/-	Rs. 43,290/-	15-12-2022 11:00 A.M. to 02:00 P.M. Office No. 108 First Floor, Vaishali Archade, 6 Park Road, Lucknow-226001
8.	OKAN2002 000005026 834	Chandan Singh, Surbhi Singh, Rented 305, 1850, KDA Colony Area Bingswan Nabasta Shiya Ram Valtika Kanpur Nagar Uttar Pradesh -208021	28-06-2022	Rs. 6,11,511/-	Part of Arazi No. 206 mi, Mauza Bingsawan Plot Situated at Kanpur Nagar Uttar Pradesh-208021	Rs. 6,67,229/-	07-09-2022, SYMBOLIC	Rs. 9,55,200/-	Rs. 95,520/-	29-12-2022 11:00 A.M. to 02:00 P.M. Office No. 108 First Floor, Vaishali Archade, 6 Park Road, Lucknow-226001
9.	LKW_1401_016025	Govind Chandra, Ram Dulari, House No-3 Vill- Pamedhiya Thana, Aseewan Dist- Unnao Lucknow Uttar Pradesh -226003	29-12-2021	Rs. 7,04,509/-	Plot No- 3, Kh No-1455, Vill- Para Lucknow Uttar Pradesh- 226017	Rs. 7,87,138/-	10-03-2022, SYMBOLIC	Rs. 17,28,000/-	Rs. 1,72,800/-	15-12-2022 11:00 A.M. to 02:00 P.M. Office No. 108 First Floor, Vaishali Archade, 6 Park Road, Lucknow-226001
10.	OLKW1703 000005004 580	Shadma Akhtar, Ayasha Parvin, House On Part Of Plot No 13new Sardar Nagar Balagan Lucknow- 226001	22-04-2021	Rs. 5,36,059/-	House On Plot No-13, KA Bhag, Kh No- 850, 843/1 And 851, KA Mini, New Sardar Nagar, Ward- Kanhaiya Madhopur Mari Mata Mandir Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh	Rs. 6,24,693/-	26-07-2021, SYMBOLIC	Rs. 15,40,800/-	Rs. 1,54,080/-	15-12-2022 11:00 A.M. to 02:00 P.M. Office No. 108 First Floor, Vaishali Archade, 6 Park Road, Lucknow-226001
11.	LKW_1603_054113	Rizwanul Hoda, Noorul Hoda, H.No. 638/22, Sheela Vihar Farid Nagar Indira Nagar Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh - 226016	22-07-2021	Rs. 8,46,976/-	Plot No- 40, At Kh No-571 Takrohi Ward- Shaheed Bhagat Singh, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh- 226016	Rs. 8,91,618/-	12-10-2021, SYMBOLIC	Rs. 16,70,400/-	Rs. 1,67,040/-	15-12-2022 11:00 A.M. to 02:00 P.M. Office No. 108 First Floor, Vaishali Archade, 6 Park Road, Lucknow-226001
12.	LKW_1602_051443	Nagma Hashmi, Sikander Haroon, 628/2347B, Near Vikas Bhawan Sarvodaya Nagar Indira Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh - 226016	22-07-2021	Rs. 17,30,101/-	Flat No-101 At First Floor Inshad Apar, Tinent Picnic Spot Road, Khurram Nagar, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, -226016	Rs. 22,02,925/-	12-10-2021, SYMBOLIC	Rs. 30,49,200/-	Rs. 3,04,920/-	15-12-2022 11:00 A.M. to 02:00 P.M. Office No. 108 First Floor, Vaishali Archade, 6 Park Road, Lucknow-226001
13.	OLKW1611 000005003 071	Razia Begam, Mohd Firoz, 556/2, KA Sujanpura Alam Bagh, Lucknow Uttar Pradesh - 226006	22-05-2021	Rs. 8,96,877/-	H.No. 556/KHA/8, at Sujanpura Ward - Babu Kunj, B Baril, hana Alam Bagh Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh- 226005	Rs. 12,14,986/-	19-08-2021, SYMBOLIC	Rs. 38,83,680/-	Rs. 3,88,368/-	15-12-2022 11:00 A.M. to 02:00 P.M. Office No. 108 First Floor, Vaishali Archade, 6 Park Road, Lucknow-226001
14.	OLKW1702 000005004 161	Sanjay Kumar, Priti Sharma, SS- 335, Sector - B, Azad Nagar Campwell Road Balagan Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh -226003	22-05-2021	Rs. 5,15,443/-	SS-335, Sector - B, Azad Nagar Campwell Road Balagan Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh- 226003	Rs. 7,53,399/-	19-08-2021, SYMBOLIC	Rs. 18,63,936/-	Rs. 1,86,393/-	15-12-2022 11:00 A.M. to 02:00 P.M. Office No. 108 First Floor, Vaishali Archade, 6 Park Road, Lucknow-226001

15.	LKW_1508_044279	Gyan Chandra Kaushal, Neelam Kaushal, H.No-503/121-6, Rajiv Gandhi Nagar Baraouliya - 226001	22-04-2021	Rs. 10,10,356/-	H No- A-7 at Plot No- 42, 8-43 Part Land, Kh No-173 Shivor, Lucknow, 226001, Uttar Pradesh	Rs. 13,54,313/-	26-07-2021, SYMBOLIC	Rs. 16,38,000/-	Rs. 1,63,800/-	15-12-2022 11:00 A.M. to 02:00 P.M. Office No. 108 First Floor, Vaishali Archade, 6 Park Road, Lucknow-226001
16.	OLKW1706 000005006 618	Shyam Kumar Singh, Babita Singh, H.No.11/1031 Indra Nagar Ram Sagar Pandey Dwar Sec 11 Lucknow - 226016	22-04-2021	Rs. 9,79,124/-	House No. 4, Plot No.4, Part Mirjulia of Khasra/ Gata No. 659/38, admeasuring area 530 Sq ft. Situated at Gram Mohalla Madiyaon, Pargana Mahona, Tehsil-Bakshi Ka Talab, District-Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh	Rs. 13,16,457/-	26-07-2021, SYMBOLIC	Rs. 10,83,600/-	Rs. 1,08,360/-	15-12-2022 11:00 A.M. to 02:00 P.M. Office No. 108 First Floor, Vaishali Archade, 6 Park Road, Lucknow-226001
17.	LKW_1509_045399	Anjane Kumar, Sanju, E- 524/9, Sec-11 Pathar Kazi Masjid Rajajipuram Uttar Pradesh- 226017	22-04-2021	Rs. 8,15,759/-	House No-13, At Plot No- 42 And 43 Part, Land Khasra No-173 Mirjulia, Bhaisora Pargana Tehsil And Distric, Lucknow, 226020, Uttar Pradesh	Rs. 11,12,903/-	26-07-2021, SYMBOLIC	Rs. 16,38,000/-	Rs. 1,63,800/-	15-12-2022 11:00 A.M. to 02:00 P.M. Office No. 108 First Floor, Vaishali Archade, 6 Park Road, Lucknow-226001
18.	OLKW1907 000005021 288	Mohd Shameem, Shaista Shameem, M 21, Shop No. Basement Goli Market Mahanagar Gac Market Chauraha Lucknow Uttar Pradesh -226006	28-06-2022	Rs. 13,85,526/-	Shop No.02, M-21 Basement, Gole Market, Mahanagar, Lucknow Uttar Pradesh- 226001	Rs. 14,83,723/-	07-09-2022, SYMBOLIC	Rs. 31,68,000/-	Rs. 3,16,800/-	29-12-2022 11:00 A.M. to 02:00 P.M. Office No. 108 First Floor, Vaishali Archade, 6 Park Road, Lucknow-226001
19.	OLKW1610 000005002 315	Sanu Sanu, Taj Mohammad, 307 SA Bangarwa -2 Ram Saneri Ghat, Barabanki Uttar Pradesh -226001	24-02-2022	Rs. 7,06,291/-	Part of Plot No- 22, Kh. No. 473 at Vill- Barraua Husan Badi , Ward- Kanhaiya Madhopur Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh- 226003	Rs. 8,31,924/-	12-05-2022, SYMBOLIC	Rs. 92,16,000/-	Rs. 92,160/-	15-12-2022 11:00 A.M. to 02:00 P.M. Office No. 108 First Floor, Vaishali Archade, 6 Park Road, Lucknow-226001
20.	OLKW2008 000005029 271	Rajesh Kumar, Legal Heirs (Deceased EKTA) House No 14, Sharma City, Takrohi Bazar, Sector 11 Indira Nagar, Lucknow - 226017	24-02-2022	Rs. 40,65,514/-	House No. 6, On Plot No.6 Khasra No. 94, Sharma City, Takrohi, Ward Shaded Bhagat Singh, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh- 226017	Rs. 45,68,586/-	12-05-2022, SYMBOLIC	Rs. 68,50,880/-	Rs. 6,85,088/-	29-12-2022 11:00 A.M. to 02:00 P.M. Office No. 108 First Floor, Vaishali Archade, 6 Park Road, Lucknow-226001
21.	OLKW1701 000005009 420	Shamsho Joha, Surulaya, Gram Bhat Gaon Bhat Gaon Bhatgaon Lucknow -226001	27-09-2021	Rs. 18,78,581/-	House No. AMC/649/1 Khasra No. 699/1, VA 829 Ka Min, Situated at I N Road, Azad Nagar Chhillavna, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh- 226001	Rs. 19,07,127/-	16-12-2021, SYMBOLIC	Rs. 29,88,000/-	Rs. 2,98,800/-	29-12-2022 11:00 A.M. to 02:00 P.M. Office No. 108 First Floor, Vaishali Archade, 6 Park Road, Lucknow-226001
22.	LKW_1603_053075	Rehan Ahmad, Abdullah Khan, 335/18, Mahmood Nagar Akbari Gate Lucknow Uttar Pradesh -226003	20-04-2022	Rs. 15,07,160/-	A Flat No. 402, at Vth Floor G 1148 Sq Ft in a Residential Apartment constructed over Property Plot No. 7, Lucknow Uttar Pradesh-226003	Rs. 15,94,016/-	30-06-2022, SYMBOLIC	Rs. 34,89,920/-	Rs. 3,48,992/-	29-12-2022 11:00 A.M. to 02:00 P.M. Office No. 108 First Floor, Vaishali Archade, 6 Park Road, Lucknow-226001
23.	OVRN1911 000005024 699 & OVRN1902 000005011 312	Sanjay Kumar Agrawal, Tanu Shri Agrawal, Lane No. 11 Gulmohar Apartment Flat No. 45 Nirala Nagar Mahmood Ganj Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh -221010	28-06-2022	Rs. 25,17,506/-	Flat No. 45, 4th Floor Rudra Gulmohar Plot No. 93 Mahauza Shivpurwa Pargana Dehat Amana Ward Dashawamedh Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh - 221002	Rs. 42,97,624/-	07-09-2022, SYMBOLIC	Rs. 29,63,200/-	Rs. 2,96,320/-	29-12-2022 11:00 A.M. to 02:00 P.M. Plot No 18-A, 23, Civil Lines Station, Civil Lines, Back of MAX Show Room, and Front of Rudra Enclave Housing Allahabad -211001
24.	OKAN1808 000005014 546	Abdul Mazed, Gulam Rasool Qadri, 105/443 Plot No 1 Bhawnaspura Kanpur Kanpur Haliv Primary School Kanpur Nagar Uttar Pradesh - 208003	20-04-2022	Rs. 12,81,892/-	Flat No. 103, First Floor 105/443 Plot No 1 Bhawnaspura Kanpur Kanpur Haliv Primary School Kanpur Nagar Uttar Pradesh - 208003	Rs. 13,25,764/-	30-06-2022, SYMBOLIC	Rs. 15,79,200/-	Rs. 1,57,920/-	29-12-2022 11:00 A.M. to 02:00 P.M. Office No. 108 First Floor, Vaishali Archade, 6 Park Road, Lucknow-226001
25.	KAN_1502_034275	Mohd Shamshad, Rakulya Khatoon, 62, EWS KDA Colony Jajmau Kanpur, U.P. - 208010	28-06-2022	Rs. 11,93,015/-	H.No.44/EWS Yojna 39, KDA Colony Jajmau Kanpur, U.P. - 208010	Rs. 13,03,328/-	07-09-2022, SYMBOLIC	Rs. 22,14,400/-	Rs. 2,21,440/-	29-12-2022 11:00 A.M. to 02:00 P.M. Office No. 108 First Floor, Vaishali Archade, 6 Park Road, Lucknow-226001

Note: To the knowledge of the company, there is no encumbrance on the above properties. Terms and conditions of auction sale notice

TERMS & CONDITIONS OF PUBLIC AUCTION- PROCEDURE AND TERMS & CONDITIONS OF PUBLIC AUCTION BY INVITING BIDS:

- The properties at Serial No. 1 to 7 & 9 to 17 & 19 can be inspected on 12.12.2022 and Properties at Serial No. 8, 18 & 20 to 25 can be inspected on 26-12-2022 respectively from 11.00 A.M. To 2.00 P.M.
- Sale is subject to the conditions prescribed in SARFAESI Act/Rules 2002 and the terms and conditions mentioned hereunder as also subject to conditions in the offer/bid documents to be submitted by the intending/participating bidders.
- The bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope to the office of undersigned along with a Demand Draft/Pay Order towards the Earnest Money Deposit favouring Shubham Housing Development Finance Company Limited, payable locally. The Earnest money deposit shall not carry any interest. Along with Bid form the proposed bidder shall also attach his/her identity proof KYC norms and proof of residence such as copy of the passport, Aadhar Card, election commission card, ration card, driving license etc, and a copy of the PAN card issued by the Income tax department.
- Last date to submit the bid along with Earnest Money Deposit on or before 14-12-2022 for Properties Serial No. 1 to 7 & 9 to 17 & 19 and 28-12-2022 for Properties at Serial No. 8, 18 & 20 to 25 between 11.00 A.M. To 4.00 PM respectively.
- In no eventuality the property would be sold below the reserve price indicated against each of the property.
- On the date of sale all the, bids so received would be opened and the bid of the highest bidder, provided it is above the reserve price, may be accepted by the company. However the bidders personally present at the auction site shall have the right to further enhance their bid price, subject to a minimum of Rs. 5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand Only) and in the event of higher bid price being offered the company shall have the right to accept the same. Thereafter, the Purchaser will be required to pay Deposit of 25% (Twenty-five percent) of the sale price, after adjusting the earnest money deposit. Immediately after the fall of hammer with the undersigned upon receipt of said amount the company will confirm the acceptance of the bid. The request for extension of time may be allowed by the Authorised officer at his sole discretion subject to such terms and conditions as may be deemed at and proper by him. In the event the highest bidder fails to tender 25% of the bid amount immediately at the fall of hammer then the earnest money deposited by the highest bidder will be forfeited and the property would be offered to the second highest bidder. The balance amount of the purchase price shall be paid by the Purchaser to the undersigned on or before the fifteenth day of confirmation of the sale of the said property or such extended period as maybe agreed upon in writing by the parties. In default of payment & within the time as mentioned above, the company shall be at liberty to forfeit the Earnest Money Deposit and/or any other deposit made by the purchaser and proceed with re-auction of the Property. That defaulting purchaser shall forfeit all claims to the property or to any part of the sum for which may be subsequently sold.
- All the payments shall be made by the purchaser by means of the Demand Draft/Pay Order favouring Shubham Housing Development Finance Company Limited.
- On receipt of the sale in full, the company shall be issuing a Sale Certificate in favour of the Purchaser and would hand-over the possession of the property to the Purchaser without any liability/claim against the company.
- The said Immovable Property described in the Schedule shall remain and be at the sole risk of the Purchaser in all respects including loss or damage by fire or theft or other accidents, and other risk from the date of the Confirmation of the sale by the undersigned authorised officer. The Purchaser shall not be entitled to annul the sale on any ground whatsoever.
- The Demand Draft/Pay Order deposited towards the earnest money shall be returned to the unsuccessful bidders.
- For all the purposes sale of these Properties is strictly on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" AND WITHOUT ANY RECOURSE BASIS". The Company is not aware of any encumbrances of any nature whatsoever on the aforesaid properties.
- All expenses relating to Stamp Duty, Registration Charges, Transfer Charges and any other charges in respect of the above referred property shall be borne by the Purchaser.
- The Authorised officer is not bound to accept the highest offer or any or all offers/bid(s) and the company reserves its right to reject any or all bid(s) without assignment any reasons thereof.
- No person other than the bidders themselves or their duly authorised representative shall be allowed to participate in the sale proceedings.
- In case all the dues together with all cost charges and expenses incurred by the company are tendered or settled by the name borrower at any time before the date fixed for sale for the property, under Sec13(8) of the Act, then the property will not be sold and all the bids received from the prospective bidders shall be returned to them without any liability/claim against the company.
- This notice is also a notice to above said Borrowers under Rule 8(6) and Appendix IVA of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules 2002 to the Customer at their respective address as mentioned in Column # "C" & "F".
- For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the Secured Creditor's website i.e. www.shubham.co.
- For further information, clarity or any assistance, same can be

BJP will win Mainpuri by-election: Maurya

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Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya on Saturday exuded confidence over the victory of the BJP in the by-election on Mainpuri parliamentary constituency and said that the party would also win the forthcoming urban civic polls like it had registered in assembly elections.

Having an informal hat with the media persons at Circuit House, Maurya, who is also party in-charge of Varanasi for the forthcoming urban civic polls, said that like the Azamgarh and Rampur, the BJP would also win Mainpuri by-poll which had vacated after the demise of the patriarch of Samajwadi Party Mulayam Singh Yadav. Despite the SP Chief Akhilesh Yadav and former state minister Shivpal Yadav joining hands brushing aside their differences, the BJP will win the by-election of Mainpuri parliamentary constituency, Maurya exuded confidence.

The BJP will also register victory in the forthcoming urban civic polls like the saffron brigade had registered victory in the assembly elections, Maurya claimed. The party will contest the forthcoming urban civic polls seriously like it takes all the election, he said. The Dy CM



Dy CM Keshav Prasad Maurya inaugurating booth level party workers meeting.

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expressed concern over the boat tragedy and said that the injured would be given the best treatment.

He was in the city to review the preparations for the forthcoming urban civic polls and held a meeting with the ward level party workers besides the office-bearers of party district and city units at a lawn in Piplani Katra here. He gave some mantras to the party leaders and workers to ensure the victory in the forthcoming

civic urban elections and said that they should start the preparations for the election right from now.

The party has set a target of cent per cent result in the forthcoming urban civic polls, he said while addressing the ward level workers at a meeting in Piplani Katra and laid an emphasis on establishing direct dialogue with the voters. The Dy CM exhorted the workers to visit from door to door to get favor of the people by apprising

them of the party policies and the works done by the government in the state and at the Centre. The performance of the party which was in previous elections, should be made better in the forthcoming polls, he said adding that it is also possible but there is only need of materialising the party strategy effectively.

Later, the Dy CM visited Shri Kashi Vishwanath Mandir and performed puja of Baba Vishwanath.

Boat tragedy averted

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A major boat tragedy was averted on Saturday as a boat ferrying 34 passengers from South India turned turtle in the mainstream of Ganga at Darbhanga Ghat but all the passengers were safely rescued barring two who sustained injuries and were admitted to the Sir Sunderlal Hospital in BHU. The police took the boatman in their custody for interrogation.

According to the information, a group of 34 people including women boarded the boat of boatman Amit Sahani at Kedar Ghat in the morning. When the boat was going across the river from Darbhanga Ghat, the water started seeping inside the boat through the hole in its bottom. Due to this, the boat disbalanced and the boatman found it hard to have command of the boat.

It led to panic among the passengers and in the meantime, a couple P Adinarayan and his wife P Vijaya were said to jump from the boat in panic and the boat overturned. It was said that the boatman also



The DM S Rajlingam visited the BHU hospital to take care of the couple who sustained injuries after they jumped into a river from a boat.

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escaped from the spot by jumping into the river. All the passengers were said to be from Rajamandri in Andhra Pradesh.

After hearing an alarm from the passengers, the boatmen and personnel of Jal Police reached the spot immediately and rescued all.

The injured couple was rushed to the divisional gov-

ernment hospital in Kabirchaura from where they were referred to the Sir Sunderlal Hospital in BHU where their condition was stated to be out of danger.

The District Magistrate (DM) visited the hospital in BHU and took the welfare of the admitted couple and assured them of all possible help in their treatment.

The Commissioner of Police A Satish Ganesh also assured that the couple would face no problem in the treatment.

In the meantime, the police took the boatman in their custody. It was said that the boat was not in good condition and despite this, the boatman allowed 34 passengers to board on it.

Constitution Day celebrated

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The Banaras Locomotive Works (BLW) on Saturday celebrated Constitution Day at the reception hall of the administrative building here.

The Principal Chief Manager (Material) Rajnish Gupta read out the preamble of the Indian Constitution and administered the oath of respecting the Constitution to the officers and employees. He also apprised of the objective, fundamental duties and constitutional values of the Constitution in detail.

We all should respect the national anthem, national flag and constitutional ideals & institutions of the country by following the Constitution and maintain the sovereignty, unity and integrity of the country, he said, adding that we should have feeling of harmony and fraternity which should be beyond to the discrimination based on religion, language & class and should give up such customs which are against the respect of women. We should develop the spirit of scientific view, humanism and knowledge-attainment, he said further. The Senior DGM Vijay and other officers also administered oath to the staff of various workshops.

Meanwhile, the Postal department celebrated the day at its Varanasi Circle office and all the post offices. The Post Master General of Varanasi

Circle KK Yadav read out the preamble of the Indian Constitution with the staff and expressed their respect to the values inculcated in the Constitution. Indian Constitution is not only the biggest Constitution of the world but also a unique document of democratic history of the world, Yadav said, adding that our Constitution shows the way of prosperity with right to equity and democratic views. The assistant director of the department Ram Milan, Brajesh Sharma, accountant Mahendra Pratap Verma, Srikant Pal and others were present on the occasion.

Meanwhile, the Varanasi, Division, North-Eastern Railway (NER) on Saturday celebrated Constitution Day at the office of Divisional Railway Manager (DRM) in Lahartara, here.

The DRM Ramashray Pandey along with the officers and employees of the railway read out the preamble of the Indian Constitution and expressed their resolution to the Constitution. The preamble of Indian Constitution is "We the people of India, having solemnly resolved to constitute India into a Sovereign, Socialist, Secular Democratic Republic and to secure to all its citizens: Justice social, economic and political; Liberty of thought, expression, belief, faith and worship; Equality of status and of opportunity and

to promote among them all Fraternity assuring the dignity of the individual and the unity and integrity of the Nation in our Constituent Assembly this twenty-sixth day of November, 1949, do Hereby adopt, enact and give to ourselves this Constitution."

The preamble of the Indian Constitution was also read out at all the stations, units and sub-divisional offices of the division and various programs were also organised to commemorate the adoption of the Constitution. The senior divisional engineer (coordination) Rakesh Ranjan, senior divisional signal & telecommunication engineer Rajat Priya and divisional personnel officer Vivek Mishra were among those who were present on the occasion.

395 CANDIDATES DECLARED SUCCESSFUL: A total of 395 candidates qualified the physical test of the first phase of the 21-day long recruitment process of Agniveer under the Agniveer Recruitment on the tenth day on Saturday at Ranbankura Stadium of 39 GTC in Cantonment area here. The first phase of Agniveer Recruitment will conclude on December 6. The Army Recruitment Office is conducting the recruitment.

A total of 7,360 candidates from Nizamabad, Mehnagar and Sagri of Azamgarh district were invited to appear at phys-

ical tests for various posts in the army. But a total of 5,842 candidates appeared and out of them, merely 395 candidates succeeded. Under the guidance of senior army officers, the physical and medical tests of candidates were conducted under the first phase of the recruitment.

It is learnt that a total of 1,43,286 applicants of 12 districts including Varanasi, Gorakhpur, Deoria, Mau, Ballia, Azamgarh, Ghazipur, Jaunpur, Chandauli, Mirzapur, Bhadohi and Sonbhadra have applied for the tests of the first phase of the recruitment. The maximum 1,18,136 youths have applied for the post of Agniveer General Duty, while a total of 11,259, 10,623 and 3,268 youths have applied for the post of Agniveer Technical Store Keeper, Agniveer Tradesman and Agniveer Technical respectively. Traffic restriction was imposed on some routes which approach to the Cantonment area and under which, no vehicle was allowed to ply towards Cantonment Board from Valmiki tri-junction and Sharda motor training school tri-junction.

No vehicle was also allowed to ply towards Cantonment Board from Nehru Park tri-junction, JHV Mall and Phulwaria over-bridge. The police personnel were deployed at various places to ensure the smooth traffic.

Yogi govt determined to make Mahakumbh 2025 grand

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ PRAYAGRAJ

Mahakumbh 2025 the world's largest gathering, will once again be organized on the holy banks of Ganga, Yamuna and invisible Saraswati. This time the Mahakumbh will be held in the year 2025. There will be a spiritual gathering on the banks of the Sangam for a month. The outline for the preparation of the Mahakumbh has already started being prepared. The Yogi Adityanath government of UP is determined to make Mahakumbh grand.

Every year in Prayagraj, Magh Mela is organized for a month on the sands of Sangam. Ardh Kumbh is organized every six years and Kumbh Mela is organized every 12 years. In this, crores of devotees from all over the country come to take holy dip in the confluence of Ganga and Yamuna. At the same time, tourists from all the countries of the world also come here.

It may be pointed out here that Rs 6800 crore will be spent in setting up the Kumbh Mela. In 2019, Rs 4200 crore was spent.

This time 40 crore devotees are estimated to come, in 2019, 24 crore devotees came. The area of ??Maha Kubh will be increased by 10 to 15 percent.

Compared to last time, preparations are on to set up Mahakumbh on 3700 hectares of land. Last time Mahakumbh was established in 3300 hectares.

This time 25 pontoon bridges will be built, whose number was 22 last time. This



Labourers building a pontoon bridge on the Ganga river for the upcoming Magh Mela in Prayagraj

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time 23 sectors will be made instead of 20.

This time 20,000 security personnel will be deployed, which was 15,000 last time. Instead of 4000, this time there will be 10,000 volunteers.

In addition to this, 22 thousand sanitary staff will be deployed for cleanliness in Mahakumbh. Last time their number was 16 thousand. In addition, the operation of 500 shuttle buses will be done. In the last Kumbh, 300 shuttle buses were plied. Mahakumbh will have 20 major entrances and preparations are on to make 54 big parking lots.

Mahakumbh 2025 will also be unforgettable with Mahadivya and Mahabhavya. The whole world will see the splendor and glory of India in this Mahakumbh. This biggest religious gathering of the world will be a symbolic festival of

Uttar Pradesh of new India.

In a high-level meeting held recently, the Chief Minister said that the organization of the divine and grand Kumbh 2019 has given Uttar Pradesh a unique identity on the global stage. UNESCO declared it an intangible cultural heritage of the world. The expectations of the whole world are attached to the upcoming Mahakumbh, therefore, for the 24 crore people of the Mahakumbh state, this event has been made a symbol of the new Uttar Pradesh of New India, showcasing Uttar Pradesh's administrative capacity, cultural prosperity and tourism facilities to the whole world.

There is an opportunity to present it as a symbol. Recognizing this opportunity, in the next two years, all the departments should get

involved in the work, showing excellent ability to execute projects under teamwork, exemplary project management.

Emphasizing on the quality and timeliness of the works in the tenders of Mahakumbh Mela, the Chief Minister said that strict action will be taken against the officials who show laxity in this regard.

He directed that a committee should be constituted under the chairmanship of the Divisional Commissioner and monitoring of the projects should be done every week.

All the projects should be linked to the online system. He instructed to start work on all long-term projects after taking approval soon. He said that no negligence should be done in this, so that the work can be completed on time.

Lawyers stage protest against attack on advocate

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ PRAYAGRAJ

The lawyers of the Prayagraj District Court created a ruckus on Saturday. Lawyers staged a protest on the road against the attack on the advocate over land dispute. During this the road was blocked. The police officers who reached the spot pacified the lawyers by giving assurances. Commuters had to face trouble during the road jam. People were relieved when the police lifted the jam.

On Saturday, lawyers blocked the Kutchery Road in protest against the attack on advocate Ram Asare over land dispute. Along with this, question marks were also raised on the functioning of the police. Traffic was disrupted for a

long time due to the blockade of the lawyers. The police officers somehow pacified them by persuading them and got the jam opened.

It may be pointed out here that advocate Ram Asare, a resident of Jhansi, Gangapur, is having a dispute with some people regarding the land. The opposition thrashed him for the same. It is alleged that the attackers also took away their money and other people including the uncle who came to intervene were also indecently assaulted.

In this incident, the police did not take the expected action, due to which the enraged lawyers of the court created a ruckus on the road on Saturday. The lawyers raised

slogans against the police and demanded action against the opposition. The CO and Inspector of Colonelganj reached the spot along with the force and gave assurance to the lawyers, somehow pacifying the matter by persuasion.

SWEETS SHOP GUTTED: A massive fire broke out late on Friday night at Bikaner Mishthan Bhandar, located in Jhansi, Gangapur of Prayagraj. This created panic among the people. The fire brigade personnel who reached the spot brought the fire under control after about four hours of hard work. However, by then goods worth lakhs of rupees had been gutted. The reason for the fire is said to be a short circuit. The employees present in

Bikaner Mishthan Bhandar in Jhansi late on Friday night saw the smoke rising. Before he could understand anything, the flames started rising. At first the employees tried to control it but when they did not succeed, they informed the fire brigade.

CFO said- Shortly there the Chief Fire Officer (CFO) Dr. RK Pandey reached the spot with the team of Fire Brigade. Fire personnel started the work of extinguishing the fire. The fire was brought under control after about four hours of hard work. CFO Dr. RK Pandey said that Bikaner Mishthan Bhandar caught fire due to a short circuit. The fire has been brought under control. However investigation is on.

Commissionerate system to ensure better policing

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ PRAYAGRAJ

The commissionerate system will speed up the investigation of cases, due to which people will get relief. With the disposal of pending investigation, their quality will improve. This will greatly benefit the complainants. Along with this, the workload on the police officers will also reduce.

With the increase in the number of officers, there will be distribution of investigation of cases, due to which it will be easier to supervise them. Police will be able to settle even small cases quickly. The Thanedar or CO will not have to wait for the proceedings to reach the Magistrate's office. Police also get judicial powers. After this, in many cases like the Goonda Act, Gangster, Breach of Peace, there is no need of any Magistrate to bail or restrict them or to take action.

In the commissionerate system, an officer of the rank of ADG or at least IG will be in charge of the district. There may be around 10-12 or more IPS officers below that. Monitoring, planning and coordination is better with the increase of senior police officers. Along with this, there is more alertness in the police.

Being a senior IPS, the commissioner can keep his post firmly till the administration. At a level like Chief

Secretary or DGR, it is not possible for an SSP rank officer to put forth his point strongly at times. Former IG Range KP Singh said that retired police officers have also welcomed the commissionerate. Former IG Range KP Singh said that commissionerate is already in force in many states. In the new system, the police officers will not have to wait for the orders of DM or SDM. Many times reports are sent to cancel the license of the firearm, but it remains pending. Now this will not happen. Along with cancellation, an arms license will also be available soon. Work also gets done in a better way. In the commissionerate system, there is a need to take care of other facilities including the resources of officers. Former IPS Lalji Shukla says that this system is from before independent India. This system has been very effective in other cities including Madras, Bombay, Delhi and it has received a good response. With the curbing of crime, the difficulties of law and order are easily solved.

IG Dr. RK Singh said best wishes for the implementation of the Police Commissioner system in Prayagraj. This system will improve law and order. There will be speed in the disposal of pending investigations and the change in the working style of

the police will give relief to the common citizens. SSP Shailesh Kumar Pandey said that the Commissionerate will definitely tighten the legal noose on crime and criminals. There will be further improvement in law and order. Better supervision will bring quality in the investigation of cases. Traffic and other problems will be solved quickly. Police commissioner system is a rule to be implemented in a city with a population of 10 lakhs. For this, the committee constituted by the Ministry of Home Affairs had sent its report to the Central Government in the year 2005. Earlier, according to the sixth report of the National Police Commission published in the year 1983, it was decided to implement the Police Commissioner system in cities with a population of five lakhs or more. It is known that the Police Commissioner system was implemented by the British Government in the then Bombay, Calcutta and Madras cities before the Police Act 1861 came into existence. While the Police Commissionerate in the country's capital Delhi was implemented in the year 1977-79.

CONSTITUTION DAY CELEBRATED: On the occasion of Constitution Day, various programs were organized at North Central Railway Headquarters. The

Constitution of the newly independent nation was adopted, enacted and given to us in the Constituent Assembly on 26 November 1949. On this occasion, the Preamble was recited by Mr. Satish Kumar, General Manager, North Central Railway, Prayagraj in the august presence of Principal Chief Personnel Officer Mr. Ajay Kumar Srivastava, along with other Principal Heads of Departments, senior officers and railway personnel. A rally was also organized on this occasion. Rally was flagged off by Mr. Satish Kumar, General Manager, North Central Railway. A large number of officers and railway employees enthusiastically participated in the rally, holding banners and posters related to Constitution Day. On this occasion, under the chairmanship of Shri Ajay Kumar Srivastava, PCPO/NCR a discussion and quiz competition on the topic "Constitution and We" was organized. In quiz competition Mr. Ajay Kumar Sinha, Chief staff & Welfare Inspector, got first place, Mrs. Preeti Kumari, Chief staff & Welfare Inspector got second place, Ranjeev Kumar, Chief staff & Welfare Inspector and Mr. Mahendra Chaudhary, Chief staff & Welfare Inspector got third place and Mr. Dalip Singh, staff & welfare Inspector got the consolation prize.

SC order to pay imams salaries violation of Constitution: CIC

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Central Information Commission has said the 1993 Supreme Court order allowing remuneration to imams in mosques was in "violation of the Constitution" and besides setting a "wrong precedent", has become a point of unnecessary political slugfest and social disharmony.

Information Commissioner Uday Mahurkar, while hearing an RTI application filed by an activist demanding details of salaries to imams by the Delhi government and the Delhi Waqf Board, also observed that the order violated constitutional provisions that say "taxpayers money will not be used to favour any particular religion".

The Supreme Court in 1993 on a petition from the All India Imam Organisation had directed the waqf board to

give remuneration to imams in mosques managed by it.

He has directed that a copy of his order be sent to the Union law minister with suitable action to ensure enforcement of provisions of articles 25 to 28 of the Constitution in letter and spirit to keep all religions on par in terms of monthly remuneration to priests of different religions at the cost of the public exchequer -- both central and states -- and also other matters.

"Further with regard to the judgment by the Supreme Court in the case between the 'All India Imam Organisation and... Vs Union Of India And Ors' on 13 May, 1993, that opened the doors to special financial benefits from public treasury to only imams and muezins in mosques, the commission observes that the highest court of the country in violation of the provisions of the



Constitution, particularly Article 27, which says tax payers money will not be used to favour any particular religion," Mahurkar said.

"The commission notes that the said judgment sets a wrong precedent in the country and has become a point of unnecessary political slugfest and also social disharmony in the society," the information commissioner said.

He also directed the Delhi Waqf Board to pay a compensation of Rs 25,000 to RTI

activist Subhash Agrawal for the loss of time and resources in chasing the response to his application. The activist was not being able to get a satisfactory response to his application.

"It is necessary to go into the history when it comes to giving special religious benefits to the Muslim community by the State. A religious (Islamic) nation Pakistan was born out of the demand of a section of Indian Muslims for partition of India along religious lines.

Despite Pakistan choosing to be a religious (Islamic) nation, India chose a Constitution guaranteeing equal rights to all religions," Mahurkar said.

"It is necessary to note here that it was the policy of giving special benefits to the Muslim community before 1947 that played a key role in encouraging pan-Islamic and fissiparous tendencies in a section of Muslims, ultimately leading to the nation's partition," he said.

So giving remuneration to imams and others only in mosques, amounts to "not just betraying the Hindu community and members of other non-Muslim minority religions, but also encouraging pan-Islamist tendencies amongst a section of Indian Muslims which are already visible", the information commissioner said.

Steps such as giving special religious benefits to the Muslim

community only like the one taken up in the present matter, in fact, severely affects inter-faith harmony as they invite contempt for the Muslims as a whole from a section of ultra nationalist population, Mahurkar said.

He said the Delhi Waqf Board (DWB) gets an annual grant of around Rs 62 crore from the Delhi government while its own monthly income from independent sources is just around Rs 30 lakh.

"So the monthly honorarium of Rs 18,000 and Rs 16,000 being given to the imams and muezins of DWB mosques in Delhi is being paid by the Delhi government virtually from the taxpayer's money which in turn is in sharp contrast with the example quoted by the appellant in which the priest of a Hindu temple is getting a paltry Rs 2,000 per month from the trust controlling the said temple," he said.

Mahurkar said those who justify such steps in the name of protection to religious minorities raise a question that if a particular religious minority has a right to protection, the majority community too has a right to protection in a multi-religious country where it is incumbent that the rights of the members of all religions are protected equally in the interest of inter-faith harmony and unity of the nation.

He said Delhi Waqf Board initially denied salaries to imams but later in a revised reply said it is only an honorarium, not a salary.

"The commission observes that there was a clear attempt to hide the information in the initial period by a play of words which showed complete lack of transparency on the part of the respondent authorities in a case which in turn affects the provisions of the Constitution, and also social harmony and

uniform applicability of laws for all religions in keeping with the constitutional direction that citizens of all religions be treated equally," he said.

Mahurkar directed the Delhi Waqf Board and the office of the Delhi Chief Minister to provide responses to the RTI application of Agrawal.

The orders of the commission, the highest body to decide appeals and complaints under the RTI Act, are often challenged in high courts through writ petitions.

The government through an amendment in the RTI Act had diluted perks, salaries and tenure of information commissioners from being on par with central election commissioners or to that of bureaucrats serving at their pay scale. The fixed tenure of five years given to an information Commissioner in the RTI Act was also reduced to three years.

BSF shoots down Pak drone in Amritsar

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Border Security Force (BSF) on Saturday shot down a drone coming from Pakistan along the frontier in the Amritsar Sector.

At about 7.45 pm on Saturday, the BSF troops deployed at the border heard the buzzing sound of a suspected drone entering from Pakistan into the Indian side in Daoke village under Amritsar. "As per drill, the troops tried to intercept the suspected drone by firing. Bullet hit the Drone due to which it fell down on the ground. The whole area was cordoned off and police as well as concerned sister agencies were informed," the BSF said in a statement.

During the initial searches, the BSF party recovered one quadcopter DJI Matrice 300 RTK (Chinese drone) in partially damaged condition lying in the farming field ahead of border fencing near Daoke village.



"Alert troops of BSF were once again able to capture a drone and foiled smuggling attempt," the paramilitary said.

Before the latest incident, Punjab has witnessed 215 flights this year. In Jammu, about 22 drone flights have been noticed.

The BSF detected about 79 drone flights along the India-Pakistan international border in 2020 which jumped to 109 last year and more than doubled this year with 267 sightings.

BSF Director General Pankaj Kumar Singh has been

record saying the paramilitary has been "bombarded" by the onslaught of drone flights from across the Pakistan border on the western front, and instances of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) or drones bringing drugs, arms and ammunition more than doubled in 2022 in contrast to the previous year.

To tackle the menace, the BSF has established a state-of-the-art drone forensics laboratory at a camp here to study the flight patterns and take remedial measures. Earlier, the DG had said the results of the drone forensics lab have been encouraging

Will walk on road for unity till every word of Constitution upheld: Rahul

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Leading the Bharat Jodo Yatra, former Congress president Rahul Gandhi on Saturday asserted he will walk on the road to unity till every word of it is upheld. The day is being observed as Constitution Day to commemorate the adoption of the Constitution of India by the Constituent Assembly in 1949.

"I will walk that road long enough until every word of our Constitution is upheld, and every citizen stands protected by fairness and justice," Rahul Gandhi said on Twitter.

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said the Constitution is a means of living and its spirit remains the same always, while party leader Kharge recalled the words of Babasaheb Ambedkar to say, "The Constitution is not just a document of lawyers, but it is a means of living and its spirit remains the same always."

"We remember the valuable contribution of all the

great leaders of the Constituent Assembly. Best wishes to all the citizens of the country on Constitution Day," the Congress chief said in a tweet message.

November 26 is observed as Constitution Day since 2015. Earlier, the day was observed as Law Day. Congress chief spokesperson Jairam said the Sangh Parivar and Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) ignored or misused the Constitution but are now indulging in the "gimmick" of celebrating Constitution Day.

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"The (Rashtriya Swayamsevak) Sangh and BJP have absolutely no faith in the Constitution," said Ramesh amid his party's Bharat Jodo Yatra which was passing through Manihar in Madhya Pradesh's Khargone district. "These people, who ignore

and misuse the Constitution, are today involved in the gimmick of celebrating Constitution Day," said Ramesh, Congress's media head. The ideology to which Prime Minister Narendra Modi belongs played no role in the framing of the Constitution, he said. "After Independence, the Sangh and Hindu Mahasabha were against the Constitution," he claimed.



Rahul interacts with ragpicker

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Former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi on Saturday interacted with a woman ragpicker as his Bharat Jodo Yatra passed through a town in Khargone district of Madhya Pradesh during which she told him about the issues she and her family faced, including lack of basic amenities such as electricity and water.

Congress general secretary

in-charge of Uttar Pradesh Priyanka Gandhi along with her husband Robert Vadra and son Raihan, who were scheduled to participate for two days in the Yatra, continued even on third day on Saturday.

The yatra reached Mhow, the birthplace of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar in the evening.

After an overnight halt, the yatra began from Mortakka in Khandwa district in the morning. When it was passing through Barwaha town in

Khargone, Rahul Gandhi met 45-year-old ragpicker Shannu and her family members, who were part of the crowd standing along the road.

"We are poor and make a living through ragpicking at various places. We live in a hut, which doesn't even have electricity and water," she told Rahul Gandhi during their interaction. The woman and her family members said that their voice was not being heard.

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WORLD LOOKING AT MOTHER OF DEMOCRACY INDIA: PM

The Prime Minister expressed happiness that as the mother of democracy, the country is strengthening the ideals of the constitution and pro-people policies are empowering the poor and women of the country.

Referring to his emphasis on duties in his Independence Day speech, the Prime Minister said it is the manifestation of the spirit of the constitution. Terming the Amrit Kaal as 'Kartavya Kaal', the Prime Minister emphasised that in the Azadi Ka Amrit Kaal when the nation is completing 75 years of Independence, and as we embark on the journey for the next 25 years of development, the mantra of duty towards the nation is first and foremost.

"The Azadi Ka Amrit Kaal is the time for duty towards the country. Be it people or institutions, our responsibilities are our first priority," the Prime Minister remarked.

He underlined that by following one's 'kartavya path' the country can attain new heights of development. The Prime Minister informed that in a week's time, India is going to attain the G20 Presidency, and stressed the need to promote the prestige and reputation of India in the world as a team. "It is our collective responsibility," he added. "The identity of India as the mother of democracy needs to be further strengthened."

Underlining the youth-centric spirit, the Prime Minister said the constitution is known for its openness, being futuristic and its modern vision. He acknowledged the role and contribution of youth power in all aspects of India's growth story. Stressing the need to increase awareness about the Constitution of India among the youth for a better understanding of topics like Equality and Empowerment, the Prime Minister recalled the time "when our constitution was drafted and the circumstances that stood before the country".

"What happened in the debates of the Constituent Assembly at that time, our youth should be aware of all these topics", he pointed out. He further added that this will increase their interest in the constitution. The Prime Minister pointed out that India had 15 women members in the Constituent Assembly and referred to women like Dakshayani Velayudhan among them who came out of an underprivileged society to reach there.

The Prime Minister lamented that the contributions of women like Dakshayani Velayudhan are rarely discussed, and informed that she made important inter-

ventions on many subjects related to Dalits and labourers.

Modi gave examples of Durgabai Deshmukh, Hansa Mehta and Rajkumari Amrit Kaur, and other women members who also made significant contributions to issues related to women. "When our youth will get to know these facts, they will find the answers to their questions", he continued, "It will build loyalty towards the constitution which will strengthen our democracy, our constitution, and the future of the country."

Chief Justice of India, Dr DY Chandrachud, Union Minister for Law and Justice, Kiren Rijiju, Justices of Supreme Court of India, Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul and Justice S Abdul Nazeer, Union Minister of State for Law and Justice, Prof. S P Baghel, Attorney General of India, R Venkataramani, Solicitor General of India, Tushar Mehta and President of Supreme Court Bar Association, Vikas Singh were those present on occasion among others.

INDIA'S CASHEW KING LATEST AMONG MANY TO SHUT BIZ IN KERALA

The cashew processing units employing more than two lakh workers have gone bust following the resistance by trade unions in introducing automation systems. "There are no worthwhile profits from this sector. Since it is a labor-intensive industry, we were able to give jobs to thousands," said Dr Pillai.

Cashew and coir industries, the main livelihood of lakhs in the southern district of Kerala have been shifted to other States because of the apathy of policymakers to change with the times.

The Vizhinjam trans-shipment container port near the capital city of Thiruvananthapuram has been held back as the Archdiocese of Latin Christians and fishermen have declared war against the project owned and executed by the Adani Group.

Leaders of the agitation charge that the livelihood of thousands of fishermen would be affected if the Port was allowed to come up at Vizhinjam. Though Dr Pillai was not willing to criticise the State Government, he pointed out that investors and entrepreneurs set up business units based on the industrial policies of the Government. "If you take stock of the number of industries that were set up in the State since 2016, the result would be disappointing. Other than a few start-up units, nobody is willing to invest in Kerala," he said.

Nuno Gomes Nabiam, Prime Minister of Guinea Bissau, in his social

media note has expressed his happiness to welcome old friend Rajmohan Pillai to the country which has 2.23 lakh hectares of cashew farms.

UCC, 1L GOVT JOBS, ₹10K CR FOR AGRI INFRA IN BJP'S GUJ PLEDGE

Besides, the manifesto promised to implement the Gujarat Recovery of Damages of Public and Private Properties Act.

The Act aims to recover damages done to public and private properties by anti-social elements during riots, violent protests, and unrest.

"We always do what we say and it is our specialty that we also do what we have not said (in the manifesto)," Nadda said at the launch.

The party said it will also launch Gujarat Olympics Mission and create world-class sports infrastructure with an aim to host the Olympic Games in 2036, as per the manifesto. The manifesto also mentioned converting 20,000 government schools into schools of excellence with a budget of Rs 10,000 crore in the next 5 years.

Gujarat will have elections in two phases on December 1 and 5. The counting of votes will take place on December 8. Gujarat is the fourth state where the BJP has spoken about implementing the UCC. Earlier, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Assam, and Karnataka had promised the UCC. In the manifesto, the BJP has assured to make Gujarat number one in the country in civil aviation, modernise the State police force, and bring Rs 5 lakh crore of foreign investment in the next five years. It has promised that the amount of medical insurance coverage under the Ayushman Bharat scheme would be doubled from Rs 5 lakh to Rs 10 lakh. Another highlight of the BJP manifesto is on tribal development. For the all-around socio-economic development of tribals in Gujarat, BJP said it will spend RS 1 lakh crore under the 'Vanbandhu Kalyan Yojana 2.0'.

Amid the debate on the need to do away with "revadi" culture, both the BJP and Congress as well as AAP have tried to outscore each other in promising doles to the voters.

The Congress has promised 10 lakh jobs in Government and semi-Government departments, free medical treatment of up to Rs 10 lakh, LPG cylinder at Rs 500, 300 units of free electricity every month, unemployment

allowance of Rs 3,000 per month, Rs 2,000 pension to divyangs, widows, senior citizens, and needy women, and waiver of loans of up to Rs 3 lakh of all fishermen.

The AAP has also promised free water to farmers, Rs 3,000 unemployment allowance, and a waiver of electricity bills.

Nadda said his party will also set up two Sea Food Parks (one each in South Gujarat and Saurashtra), build India's first Blue Economy Industrial Corridor and strengthen fishing-related infrastructure (jetties, cold supply chain, and mechanisation of boats) if voted back to power, said the BJP chief. The BJP has been ruling Gujarat for last 27 years and is currently locked in a keen triangular contest with the Congress and the AAP.

ARABS BURYING HATCHET AT WORLD CUP!

"Qatar did a tremendous job organizing a World Cup. ... Qatar never claimed it was perfect," Safadi said.

"We have differences in opinion, we have differences in views but that should not take away from the fact that Qatar has really put together a World Cup that is unique in every sense of the word." But the biggest surprise came two days later as Saudi Arabia stunned Argentina by winning their opener in the tournament, with Aldawsari doing a cartwheel and a flip. Qatar's ruling emir, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, attended the match and wore a Saudi flag around his shoulders.

One veteran Saudi sports journalist, Majed al-Tuwaijri, even wept on air after the match.

"This is the most beautiful and important moment in my life and my 30-year media career," he said, his voice choking up.

"I find myself failing to express myself because of the complexity of my feelings toward this great historical victory."

Saudi Arabia's King Salman declared on Wednesday a public holiday to commemorate the win. In the kingdom and outside of it, people cheered and waved the country's green and white flag to celebrate.

The Saudi flag itself carries two images that show its complicated place in the wider Arab world. It bears a white sword and the Arabic inscription of the shahada, a Muslim declaration of faith: "There is no god but Allah; Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah."

Prez Murmu, Shah, Rajnath pay homage to 26/11 Mumbai terror attack victims

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President Droupadi Murmu, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Home Minister Amit Shah and External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Saturday paid homage to the victims of 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks in 2008.

President Murmu said in a tweet message, "We share the enduring pain of their loved ones and families. Nation pays homage to the security personnel who fought valiantly and made supreme sacrifice in the line of duty."

External affairs minister S Jaishankar paid tribute by sharing a nearly two-minute long video, highlighting his statements from last month's memorial event by the UN Security Council held at Mumbai's Taj Hotel's lobby. The hotel was one of the sites targeted by the terrorists in 2008.

"Terrorism threatens humanity. Today, on 26/11, the world joins India in remembering its victims. Those who planned and oversaw this attack must be brought to justice. We owe this to every victim of terrorism around the world," Jaishankar tweeted along with the video.

India is working with sev-



eral countries whose citizens had lost their lives in the 2008 Mumbai Terror Attack, said External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, adding that it will make sure that real perpetrators do not escape.

"It's an occasion where the entire country remembers it. I want to underline how strongly we feel about it and determined we are to complete the process of justice," Jaishankar said.

"Today is the anniversary of the 26/11 terror attack in Mumbai. Even after so many years, the people who planned and oversaw it have not been punished. They have not been brought to justice. This is something which we give utmost importance to," the External Affairs Minister added.

Defence minister Rajnath Singh said he "salutes the memory of all those who lost their lives in this incident". "My heartfelt tributes to the

security personnel who sacrificed their lives while fighting this attack. This country has not forgotten the incident of 26/11, nor will it ever forget," his tweet read.

Union home minister Amit Shah also paid his "heartfelt tributes to those who lost their lives in the 26/11 Mumbai attacks". "I...remember and salute our brave security personnel who made the supreme sacrifice fighting the terrorists. Today gives a message to the whole world to fight unitedly against terrorism," he tweeted.

The 2008 Mumbai attacks lasted for four days till November 29. Over 150 people were killed during these attacks, which included civilians as well as police personnel, and even foreign citizens. More than 300 people were wounded in the attacks.

As many as 10 members of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) sneaked into Mumbai via the Arabian Sea and carried out coordinated attacks in multiple locations across the financial capital of India. Besides Taj Hotel, the Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus, the Leopold Cafe, the Nariman House and the Oberoi Trident were other places where the attacks took place.

US scientists develop mRNA-based vaccine against all types of influenza

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Scientists from the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania in the US have developed an mRNA-based vaccine against all 20 known subtypes of influenza virus, which provided broad protection from otherwise lethal flu strains in initial tests.

This may serve as a general preventative measure against future flu pandemics in the near

future, according to the researchers.

The "multivalent" vaccine, described in a paper published in Science, uses the same messenger ribonucleic acid (mRNA) technology employed in the Pfizer and Moderna SARS-CoV-2 vaccines.

This mRNA technology that enabled those Covid-19 vaccines was pioneered at Penn.

Tests in animal models showed that the vaccine dramatically reduced signs of illness

and protected from death, even when the animals were exposed to flu strains different from those used in making the vaccine.

"The idea here is to have a vaccine that will give people a baseline level of immune memory to diverse flu strains so that there will be far less disease and death when the next flu pandemic occurs," said study senior author Scott Hensley, a professor of Microbiology at the Perelman School of Medicine.

INDIAN BATTING NEEDS FRESH APPROACH TO SAVE SERIES

PTI ■ HAMILTON

India would expect a better approach from skipper Shubman Gill in the Powerplay overs when the team clashes with New Zealand in the do-or-die second One-Day International here on Sunday.

The Seddon Park is a three-way open ground but is known for being one of the batting friendliest tracks in New Zealand where willow wielders would get value for their shots.

Dhawan (72 off 77) and Gill (50 off 65 balls) added 123 in their opening stand but on a small Eden Park ground, a score of 306 for 7 was at least 40 runs short of par score.

The bowlers could be taken to task for conceding those runs in just over 47 overs, the buck actually stops at the main batters since if it was not for Washington Sundar's brilliant cameo, India would not have touched the 300-run mark.

It was largely due to the safety-first approach of the Indian openers during the first 10 Powerplay over where the runs did not come at a desirable pace.

Moeen Ali in a recent interview to PTI spoke how in earlier times, teams followed Australian template in white ball cricket and now it is the English way that is being aped by the teams.

And that is where India is lagging behind as it could score only 40 runs in the first Powerplay overs in Auckland.

Sample another piece of statistic which will give an idea that the problem lies in the general outlook of Indian top-order batters across limited overs formats (not just Rohit Sharma, KL Rahul or Virat Kohli).

Dhawan hit 72 off 77 balls that had 13 fours. So effectively, he scored 52 runs in boundaries in 13 deliveries. He scored another 20 runs in 64 deliveries and out of which 44 were dot balls as he was unable to get going in the Powerplay.

As the skipper struggled, at the other end, Gill didn't do his overall averages any harm by stacking up another half-century, but the pace of his innings was also a debatable one.

His 50 was scored in 65 balls with three sixes and a boundary. This means 22 runs were scored from four deliveries. He scored



the remaining 28 runs from 61 deliveries.

The same approach of just building the foundation and leaving the heavy-lifting for the back-end has cost India a T20 World Cup but strangely even as personnel changed in ODIs for this series, the approach has remained archaic.

With so many players jostling for opening slots, it is imperative that the players score heavily so that the numbers can't be ignored when the new selectors prune the pool to around 20, at least three to four months before the 50-over marquee event.

While Dhawan will certainly open with Rohit in Bangladesh next month, there aren't any guarantees that Shubman will be able to retain his place in the playing XI as Rohit will come back as an opener. KL Rahul might take Suryakumar Yadav's (rested for next series) middle-order slot.

Rishabh Pant has a way better ODI strike-rate and average compared to T20Is but the vice-captain of this series needs to be more consistent in order to keep the big gloves away from

Sanju Samson and Ishan Kishan, who are definitely close on his heels. As Virender Sehwag, few weeks earlier had said that Pant needs to decide first what will be his style of batsmanship.

At the moment, the marauder from Rourkee seems to be in a state of limbo: whether to attack or defend. Sooner he gets his bearing, better it will be for the ODI core team.

BOWLERS NEED TO FIND FULLER LENGTHS

At Eden Park which has short and weird dimensions, Indian pacers bowled way too short. They will need to find a way to counter Tom Latham and Kane Williamson, who have both been consistent against India over the years in this format.

While Umran Malik was impressive bowling northwards of 145 clicks, Arshdeep Singh despite his ability to get the swing struggled for pace and Shardul Thakur was generally erratic.

Toss will be an important factor as batting becomes easier at the Seddon Park as the evening wears on.

Akashdeep scores hat-trick but sloppy India lose 4-5 to Aus

AP ■ ADELAIDE

Akashdeep Singh's hat-trick went in vain as India conceded two late goals to lose 4-5 against Australia in the high-scoring first hockey Test of the five-match series here on Saturday.

Akashdeep Singh (10th, 27th, 59th) scored thrice while skipper Harmanpreet Singh (31st) converted a penalty corner for India.

Australia's goals were scored by Lachlan Sharp (5th), Nathan Ephraums (21st), Tom Craig (41st) and Blake Govers (57th, 60th) who found the back of the Indian net twice from penalty corners towards the fag end of the match.

The second match of the series will be played on Sunday.

Australia started on an attacking note and took the lead as early as in the fifth minute with Sharp slotting home past India custodian PR Sreejesh with his very first touch of the match.

The Indians responded within minutes with Amit Rohidas creating a great move from the left flank but his ball was intercepted inside the circle by the Australian defence.

Akashdeep equalised for India in the 11th minute after Hardik Singh made a wonderful interception to create the opportunity.

Six minutes into the second quarter, Australia restored their lead, courtesy poor defending from the Indians as they failed to clear a cross and Ephraums got a smart deflection to put the ball into the net.

Akashdeep once again came to India's



rescue and scored with a fierce reverse hit in the 27th minute to level the scores.

Just at the stroke of half-time, Australia got a penalty corner but India's second goalkeeper Krishan Bahadur Pathak was alert to avert the danger.

A minute after the change of ends, Harmanpreet gave India the lead for the first time in the match, scoring from a penalty corner. The Indians then secured back-to-back penalty corners but wasted both. In the 41st minute, the Kookaburras secured another penalty corner and Craig scored from a rebound after Sreejesh saved the initial drag-flick.

The home team continued to press hard and secured a handful of penalty corners but failed to cash in on the opportunities.

India were sloppy on the turf in the last five minutes of the game as Jarnanpreet Singh got an unnecessary green card, leaving his side a man down for the rest of the game.

Australia took full advantage of the situation and secured another penalty corner which was converted by Govers with a powerful flick.

But Akashdeep levelled the scores a minute from the final hooter, scoring from a goalmouth melee.

But poor defending from the Indians inside their own circle cost them as Australia earned two more penalty corners and Govers once again found the net with the second attempt to hand the home team a 1-0 lead in the series.

India lose bronze medal play-off to Spain

PTI ■ JERUSALEM

India lost 1-3 to Spain in the tie-break after the two-round bronze medal play-off ended in a tie at the FIDE World Team chess Championship here on Saturday. In both the rounds, the teams played out 2-2 draws. But Jaime Santos Latasa and David Anton Guijarro defeated Vidit Santosh Gujrathi and Nihal Sarin respectively in the blitz tie-break to give Spain the advantage.

S L Narayanan drew with Alexei Shirov and Abhijeet Gupta held Miguel Santos Ruiz in the other games. This gave Spain victory by a 3-1 margin early on Saturday. In the first round, Gujrathi, playing with black, drew Santos Latasa while Sarin signed peace with Guijarro in the last game of that match. The two other games Narayanan vs Daniil Yuffa and Gupta against Santos Ruiz too ended in draws.

The pattern was repeated in the second round too as games on all the four boards involving the same players ended in draws.

Spain took the tie-break for a 4-2 victory and win its first-ever medal in a team competition. Meanwhile, China beat Uzbekistan 4-0, winning the two rounds by a similar 2.5-1.5 scoreline.



Australia beat Croatia 2-1 to reach Davis Cup final

AP ■ MALAGA (SPAIN)

Australia had to fight back twice to reach its first Davis Cup final in 19 years after beating Croatia 2-1. Lleyton Hewitt's team recovered from losing the first singles on Friday. Then the Australian doubles pair battled back from a set down in the decider.

Australia won its 28th and last title in 2003. It has finally got back to the final. "I am so proud. Australia has a really rich history in this competition," said Hewitt, who played a record 43 Davis Cup ties for Australia from 1999-2018.

"We have been fortunate to win it all on a number of occasions a long time ago. And I

know what it meant to me as a player to play a final, and I am glad these guys can play it."

Borna Coric put Croatia ahead by beating Thanasi Kokkinakis 6-4 6-3, but Alex de Minaur leveled after defeating Marin Cilic 6-2 6-2 to send it to the doubles.

Jordan Thompson and Max Purcell then secured the semi-final win against Nikola Mektic and Mate Pavic by 6-7 (3) 7-5 6-4. "This is what this team is about, that never-say-die attitude," De Minaur said.

Canada will face Italy on Saturday in the other semifinal.

In the opener, Kokkinakis struck 11 aces, but Coric was able to break him once in each set.

"On my serve, I felt like it was an ace or he put it back on my toes," Kokkinakis said.

Cilic, who was on the Croatia team that won the title in 2018, committed 10 double faults. That erratic serve helped De Minaur break Cilic four times and level his head-to-head record with the former US Open winner at two wins each.

Thompson and Purcell bettered the more experienced pair of Mektic and Pavic, both ranked in the top 10 in doubles. Thompson and Purcell combined for 13 aces, broke the Croats twice, and never dropped a service game to come back after losing the first-set tiebreaker. Two-time winner Croatia was the runner-up last year.

India clinch gold medals at Youth World Boxing Championships

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Indian boxers Vishwanath Suresh, Vanshaj and Devika Ghorpade lived up to their favourites tag, registering commanding victories to clinch gold medals at the IBA Youth Men's and Women's World Championships 2022 in La Nucia, Spain.

Chennai-born Vishwanath handed India their first gold at the prestigious championships after thrashing Ronel Suyom of Philippines without breaking a sweat in the men's 48kg final.

This came after Bhawna Sharma bagged a silver medal in the women's 48kg category, losing 0-5 loss against Uzbekistan's Gulsevar Ganieva in the opening match of the day. Ashish (54kg) was the other Indian to

finish with a silver medal. He went down 1-4 against Japanese pugilist Yuta Sakai in a thrilling final.

Devika, who hails from Pune, added a second gold to India's tally, beating England's Lauren Mackie in the women's 52kg final. Youth Asian champion Vanshaj wrapped up the day in style for India by winning ta third gold.

The confident Sonipat-based boxer made light work of Demur Kajaja of Georgia in the men's 63.5kg summit clash.

With 11 medals, India topped in the on-going edition of the event, followed by Uzbekistan (10), Ireland (7) and Kazakhstan (7).

This year's championships witnessed participation from



close to 600 boxers from 73 countries. India's eight medals in the women's section is also the highest for any country.

Having already won three gold medals, Ravina (63kg) and Kirti (+81kg) will look to add two more yellow metals to India's kitty when they fight in the women's final on the last day of the competition.

Ravina and Kirti will be up against Megan deCler of Netherlands and Ireland's Elizabeth D'Arcy respectively.

Besides three gold and two silver on the penultimate day, India's tally also includes four bronze medals coming from Tamanna (50kg), Kunjarani Devi Thongam (60kg), Muskan (75kg) and Lashu Yadav (70kg), who lost in the semifinals.

Government to establish dietary supplements testing labs: Sports Secretary

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

To prevent "inadvertent" use of prohibited substances by the athletes, the government will establish laboratories for testing dietary supplements, sports secretary Sujata Chaturvedi said on Saturday.

Many sports persons, after failing dope tests, have claimed that they ingested prohibited substances 'inadvertently' through dietary supplements.

Chaturvedi emphasised on having regulated testing facilities for the dietary supplements.

"We recently entered into an MoU with the National Forensic Science University, Ahmedabad and the Food Safety Standards

Authority of India, for a lab to help with the dietary supplement testing," Chaturvedi said at a function organised by FICCI.

"We are now heading towards a completely revamped national anti-doping programme housed in our National Anti-doping Agency," Chaturvedi said during the TURF2022 & India Sports Awards event.

In August, the Parliament passed the National Anti-Doping Bill which seeks to provide a statutory framework for the functioning of the National Anti-Doping Agency and the National Dope Testing Laboratory. Chaturvedi said the country's overall sports development has been on the right path

this year and that they are working on starting women's leagues in a big way.

"We've had archery, football and various other sports coming into these leagues. I can assure you it's going to be a huge deal in the coming years because we support inclusion in sports."

Legendary long jumper Anju Bobby George underlined the unique potential of sports in empowering women.

"Women in sports defy the perception that they are weak or incapable," she said.

"In many countries, it has been seen that sport can be a force to amplify human voice and tear down gender barriers and discrimination."

UP THRASH DEPLETED MUMBAI BY 8 WICKETS

PTI ■ AHMEDABAD

Uttar Pradesh took full advantage of an under-strength Mumbai side as they romped home by eight wickets in a lopsided pre-quarterfinal match of the Vijay Hazare Trophy here on Saturday.

UP bowlers, led by pacers Shivam Mavi (4/41) and Kartik Tyagi (2/43) and ably assisted by left-arm spinner Shiva Singh (2/43), restricted Mumbai to a below-par 220 all out on a fine batting pitch.

The chase was a cakewalk as keeper-opener Arjun Juyal (82 off 103 balls) anchored it with useful contributions from fellow opener Madhav Kaushik (46 off 75 balls) and skipper Karan Sharma (42 not out off 38 balls).

UP won the match with 26 balls to spare and will now face Maharashtra in the quarterfinal.

For Mumbai, missing out flamboyant opener Yashasvi

Jaiswal and the dangerous Sarfaraz Ahmed (both on India A tour of Bangladesh) due to national commitments did have its effect as neither Prithvi Shaw (10) nor skipper Ajinkya Rahane (26 off 39 balls) could make a difference on the big day.

While Shaw was cleaned up by Mavi as he tried to play across the line, Rahane loosely drove away from his body to a fuller 'fifth off-stump' line delivery from Tyagi. Mumbai were at one stage tottering at 94 for five after spinners Shiva and Shivam Sharma dismissed Arman Jaffer (32) and Suved Parkar (13) with arm balls.

Suved was gone trying to cut a delivery close to the stumps while Jaffer played to the wrong line and was out LBW.

However, Mumbai's crisis man Shams Mulani (51 off 70 balls) and keeper-batter Hardik Tamore (53 off 67 balls) added 103 runs for the sixth wicket

which helped the current Syed Mushtaq Ali T20 champions cross the 200-run mark.

But once Tamore was out trying to hit a second six off Shiva, the last five Mumbai wickets fell for a mere 23 runs with no resistance from the lower order. With no scoreboard pressure on them, UP opens Madhav and Aryan added 119 runs in 25 overs to set the tone. Aryan was more attacking with 10 boundaries while his partner had three fours and a six to his credit.

In fact, Priyam Garg (39 not out) and skipper Karan added 63 runs for the unbroken third wicket stand in just under 12 overs to knock off the required runs with minimum fuss.

Brief Scores:

Mumbai: 220 all out in 48.3 overs (Hardik Tamore 53, Shams Mulani 51, Shivam Mavi 4/41, Shiva Singh 2/43, Kartik Tyagi 2/43).



Uttar Pradesh: 221 for 2 in 45.4 overs (Aryan Juyal 82, Madhav Kaushik 46).

J&K KNOCK OUT KERALA, MAKE DREAM QUARTERFINALS

Jammu and Kashmir extended

their dream run in the Vijay Hazare Trophy to the quarterfinals as they knocked Kerala out from the tournament with a seven-wicket win, here on Saturday.

In-form Aqub Nabi led the show with his career-best haul

of 4/39, helping J&K skittle out Kerala for a paltry 174 in 47.4 overs after they opted to field in their first-ever Vijay Hazare Trophy knockout match.

In reply, J&K cantered home in 37.5 overs with Shubham Khajuria (76) and Qamran Iqbal

(51) setting up win with their 113-run opening stand in 21.4 overs.

In the form of his life, Khajuria smashed six sixes and five fours in his 61-ball knock, which was his fourth half-century on the trot this season.

However, he was run out for a second consecutive time as J&K lost three wickets for the addition of just 32 runs. But there was no scoreboard pressure and Henan Nazir and Fazil Rashid sealed their sixth win from seven matches this season.

J&K will now face group B toppers Assam in their quarter-final here on Monday.

The J&K pace trio of Nabi, Yudhvir Singh (2/16) and left-arm pacer Mujtaba Yousof (1/37) accounted for seven batters as Kerala struggled to get going.

Opener Vinoop Maoharan top-scored for Kerala with a 81-ball 62 but Yudhvir dismissed

him to trigger the collapse in the 32nd over, before Nabi wreaked havoc with a dream spell.

With 12 wickets apiece from seven matches, Nabi and Yudhvir have done exceptionally well for J&K this season.

The Ajay Sharma-coached side had upset reigning Ranji champions Madhya Pradesh, chasing down a massive 343 with two wickets in hand.

They also defeated Baroda, Odisha and Nagaland with little fuss.

Their only defeat came against group D toppers Punjab as they finished second in the league stage.

Brief Scores

Kerala: 174 all out in 47.4 overs (Vinoop Maoharan 62, Sijomon Joseph 32; Aqub Nabi 4/39, Yudhvir Singh 2/16) lost to Jammu and Kashmir 175/3 in 37.5 overs (Shubham Khajuria 76, Qamran Iqbal 51; Sijomon Joseph 2/19) by seven wickets.

US FRUSTRATE ENG AGAIN AT WORLD CUP IN 0-0 DRAW

AP ■ AL KHOR (QATAR)

Loud jeers rang around the stadium. England's fans were not happy. The United States had frustrated them yet again at a World Cup.

That's three times and counting that the teams have met on soccer's biggest stage and England is still waiting for its first win against the Americans after a 0-0 draw on Saturday.

Coach Gareth Southgate had reminded his players of that record beforehand, with the US famously winning 1-0 in 1950 and playing out a 1-1 draw in 2010. They didn't seem to heed his warning and didn't respond to Gregg Berhalter's young and energetic team.

England beat Iran 6-2 in its opening game in Qatar to justify its status as one of the tournament favourites. But it could consider itself fortunate not to have dropped another match to the US, after Christian Pulisic hit the crossbar with a first-half strike and Weston McKinnie lifted a shot over from eight yards out.

The England fans had turned up at the Al Bayt Stadium in anticipation of celebrating a win and qualification to the knockout stages with a game to play.

"I want our fans at home to have a smile on their faces and we haven't quite managed to achieve that," Southgate said. "But people are going to react how they react and I can't let that affect how I feel about the team or how the team feels."

"The objective is to qualify and we have three games to do it."

Frustrating England is one thing.



But Berhalter's job is to advance to the knockout stages.

The draw sets up a match for the US against Iran on Tuesday for a spot in the round of 16. Iran beat Wales 2-0 earlier and sits second in Group B with three points, one more than the Americans.

"It sets up our first knockout game of the World Cup," Berhalter said. "We win or we're out of the World Cup. That's going to be the focus for us while we are preparing the team for the next game."

"But most importantly, understanding the intensity Iran is going to bring. They played an excellent game today. Played with ton of spirit will have to be up for it if we want a chance to advance."

Southgate, meanwhile, will try to lift his players. He described them as dejected following the elating win against Iran.

And despite the boos, England is still top of the group with four points.

"It wasn't the best performance, for sure," said Harry Kane, who came close to scoring with a stoppage-time header. "Good spells with the ball, but we didn't quite have the final product."

"We had two or three opportunities and didn't put it away."

KANE WAIT

Kane, Golden Boot winner from the 2018 World Cup, is still looking for his first goal at this tournament.

MUSAH MISS

Yunus Musah, who chose to represent the US over England, showed exactly what Southgate is missing out on with a dominant midfield performance.



Poland beat Saudis 2-0

AP ■ AL RAYYAN, QATAR

Robert Lewandowski at last scored a goal in a World Cup match on Saturday, helping Poland beat Saudi Arabia 2-0 and boosting his team's chances of reaching the knockout stages.

Lewandowski shed tears after scoring in the 82nd minute. He raced toward the corner with his arms outstretched, then stayed slumped on the field as teammates rushed to congratulate him. He got up, rubbed his face, and blew a kiss to the crowd.

Arguably one of the best forwards in the world, Lewandowski's barren streak at the World Cup was somewhat puzzling. Now, after five previous matches at the tournament, it's over.

Lewandowski also set up the opener in the 40th minute when he kept the ball in play after goalkeeper Mohammed

Al-Owais' initial block, then laid it back for Piotr Zielinski to knock in.

Lewandowski also hit the post and Al-Owais denied the Barcelona player from scoring another goal late in the match.

Poland was scrambling for long periods at the Education City Stadium as the Saudi team was pushed forward by enthusiastic fans in what seemed like a home game. The frustration was clear on Lewandowski's face as Poland's yellow cards mounted.

Saudi Arabia had a chance to equalize at the end of the first half but Poland goalkeeper Wojciech Szczesny saved Salem Al-Dawsari's penalty kick. He then blocked Mohammed Al-Burayk's shot from the rebound.

Poland will next face Argentina, while Saudi Arabia will meet Mexico in their last Group C games.

Mbappe scores 2, France reach knockout stage

DOHA: Kylian Mbappe scored two goals and put defending champion France into the knockout stage of the World Cup with a 2-1 win over Denmark on Saturday. Mbappe put France ahead in the 61st minute and then scored the winner in the 86th with his right thigh as Les Bleus became the first team to advance to the next round. Denmark defender Andreas Christensen equalized for his team with a header in the 68th. Mbappe scored four goals when France won the World Cup four years ago, including one in the final. He now has 31 goals for France, moving him one ahead of Just Fontaine - the all-time leading scorer at a single World Cup with 13 goals at the 1958 tournament. France beat Australia 4-1 in its opening game while the Danes drew 0-0 with Tunisia. The Aussies beat Tunisia 1-0 earlier Saturday.



Australia revive its campaign

AP ■ AL WAKRAH, QATAR

Australia only needed to avoid defeat to stay in the World Cup. The Socceroos did more than that in a 1-0 win over Tunisia on Saturday.

Mitchell Duke gave Australia the lead midway through the first half with a header and Australia went on to register its first win at soccer's biggest event since a victory over Serbia back in 2010.

The result means Australia still has a chance to qualify for the round of 16, despite losing 4-1 to defending champion France in their opening match.

France and Australia lead Group D with three points each, while Denmark and Tunisia have one point each.

France was playing Denmark later. In the final round of group games on Wednesday,

Tunisia plays France and Australia meets Denmark.

After a scrappy start from both sides, Australia went ahead with a play out of the back from its goalkeeper. Duke collected the goalkeeper's pass near midfield and made a quick touch to set Craig Goodwin down the left flank and Duke then sprinted forward to nod Goodwin's deflected cross into the far corner. Duke celebrated by making a 'J' with his fingers in a tribute to his son, Jaxson, who was in the stands.

The goal quieted the large contingent of red-clad Tunisia fans among the crowd of 41,823 inside Al Janoub Stadium, and sent the small pockets of Australian supporters dressed in yellow into delirium.

Tunisia impressed when it held European Championship semifinalist Denmark to a 0-0

draw in its opener but only occasionally threatened against Australia until the Aussies sat back and defended toward the end.

Australia had also gotten off to an early 1-0 lead over France in its opener but then was outplayed in a loss which it blamed on a series of defensive errors.

There were fewer errors this time, and some timely interventions, too - none bigger than a last-gasp sliding clearance from center back Harry Souttar to block Mohamed Dräger's dangerous shot shortly before halftime. Tunisia is still seeking to advance from the group stage for the first time in its sixth World Cup appearance but now needs to beat France.

During the second half, Tunisia fans held aloft a large Palestinian flag with the words, "Free Palestine" printed on it.

Japan aims for WC knockout stage against Costa Rica

AP ■ DOHA

How big was Japan's 2-1 upset of Germany in the opening round of the World Cup?

Newspapers in Japan used the term "Daikimboshi" from sumo wrestling to describe the magnitude of the surprise: when a low-ranked wrestler overpowers a grand champion.

The victory has also been compared to Japan's 34-32 upset of powerful South Africa in the 2015 rugby World Cup in England.

Japan was the underdog against four-time champion Germany, but it will be a strong favorite in its next Group E match against Costa Rica, where a victory could move Japan into the knockout stage with a game to spare.

A loss by Costa Rica on Sunday would eliminate it from advancing. Costa Rica faces Germany in its final match and Japan goes against Spain.

Costa Rica is reeling from a 7-0 thrashing against Spain in its opener, and it's anyone's guess how the Ticos will respond. With



a population of just over 5 million, the tiny Central American country is appearing in its sixth World Cup. It reached the quarterfinals in 2014 in Brazil.

Japan has never reached the quarterfinals at a World Cup, and that's the aim this time. This is Japan's seventh straight appearance, and it has reached the round of 16 on three occasions, including in Russia in 2018. It lost 3-2 in stoppage time to Belgium after leading 2-0.

It was eliminated by Paraguay on penalties in 2010, and lost to Turkey 1-0 in 2002 when the country co-hosted the event with South Korea.

Japan coach Hajime Moriyasu has spoken often about going farther this time and breaking the "final-16 hex."

Substitutes Ritsu Doan and Takuma Asano scored late goals against Germany — they both play in Germany's Bundesliga — to lead Japan to the upset. Asano got the winner in the 83rd minute, squeezing the ball behind German goalkeeper Manuel Neuer from a very sharp angle.

Belgium need 2nd chance to impress at World Cup

AP ■ DOHA

Belgium midfielder Kevin De Bruyne knew he didn't play well in his team's opening World Cup game. He said as much when he accepted the man of the match award.

"I don't know why I got the trophy," De Bruyne said. "Maybe it's because of my name."

With De Bruyne looking to improve after the unimpressive 1-0 win over Canada, Belgium has a second chance against Morocco on Sunday to show why it is the No. 2-ranked team in the world behind Brazil.

This could also be the last World Cup chance for many on the highly-rated Belgian squad, as the "golden generation" has



often been reminded in the runup to Qatar. The spine of the team - De Bruyne, Eden Hazard, Axel Witsel, Jan Vertonghen, Toby Alderweireld and goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois - are all in their 30s.

Coach Roberto Martinez, who said the performance against Canada was one of Belgium's worst since he's been in charge, might be tempted to bring in fresh faces against Morocco.

Martinez would dearly love to bring back powerful striker Romelu Lukaku, who missed the Canada opener with a left thigh injury and is doubtful for the entire group stage. Some Belgian media has been reporting that Belgium's record goal-scorer could make an earlier-than-expected return against the Moroccans at Al Thumama Stadium in Doha.

Morocco will be less fazed at the prospect of trying to contain De Bruyne having already succeeded at subduing another of the world's best midfielders in Luka Modric.

A 0-0 draw with 2018 World Cup finalist Croatia in their first Group F game was a promising start to the World Cup for Morocco and especial-

ly for coach Walid Regragui, who had less than three months to prepare his team having only been hired at the end of August.

He had coached Morocco in just three friendly games before entering the World Cup. Compare that to Zlatko Dalic's five years in charge of Croatia. Or Martinez's six years with Belgium.

The World Cup schedule gave Morocco a daunting start with 2018 runners-up Modric and Croatia followed by De Bruyne and Belgium, who finished third in that last World Cup. But the point against Croatia provided a real confidence-boost.

"Arriving in these conditions is not easy, but I accepted the challenge," Regragui said.

Germany's World Cup survival on the line against Spain

AP ■ DOHA

When the World Cup draw came out in April, one of the highlights of the group stage was Sunday's Spain vs Germany at Al Bayt Stadium.

Eight months later, the game between the two former world champions and pre-tournament favorites gained even more prominence thanks to Germany's surprising loss to Japan in its opener in Qatar. Another setback against Spain this weekend and Germany may be heading home early for the second straight World Cup. A loss - coupled with at least a draw by Japan against Costa Rica earlier Sunday — will mean elimination for the four-time champions.

Spain, meanwhile, will be looking to secure its spot in the next stage and reinforce its status as one of the top title contenders following an impressive 7-0 rout of Costa Rica in

its opener.

The signs are not encouraging for Germany. Its most recent match against Spain was an embarrassing 6-0 defeat in the Nations League two years ago. Its last win against "La Roja" came in a friendly eight years ago.

Germany won its fourth World Cup title in 2014 in Brazil but didn't make it out of the group stage in 2018 after losses to South Korea and Mexico. It would be the first time it fails to advance past the group stage in back-to-back tournaments.

Spain won its lone World Cup in 2010 in South Africa and was eliminated in the round of 16 in 2018 in Russia. A win against Germany will allow Spain to reach the last 16 if Costa Rica doesn't defeat Japan.

Expectations around Spain's young squad were raised after its outstanding performance against Costa Rica, when the team reintroduced



"tiki-taka" ball-possession style and 18-year-old Gavi became the youngest World Cup scorer since Pelé in 1958.

The seven goals it scored against Costa Rica matched Spain's tournament total from Russia in 2018.

"The result gives us a big boost," Spain coach Luis Enrique said. "But now we have to play against a German team that needs the victory." Luis Enrique said he wasn't concerned with his young players being overly confident, and promised to make changes to the starting lineup for Sunday's match, without elaborating.

Winger Leroy Sané could return for Germany after missing the match against Japan because of a knee injury. It will be the fifth meeting between the powerhouses at World Cups, with Spain winning the most recent one 1-0 in the semifinals of the 2010 tournament.

I don't have a religion.
I believe in a God.
I don't know what it looks
like but it's MY god. My
own interpretation of the
supernatural
— Jennifer Aniston



CLIMATE CHANGE THE FAILED CoP27

Considering the past actions on the commitments of the developed world, this so-called deal arrived at CoP 27 is at best a face-saver document, writes Dr. VK BAHUGUNA

The Conference of Parties (CoP), better known as CoP27, organized by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) secretariat at Sharm El-Sheikh in Egypt ended on November 20 with the adoption of a declaration for the creation of a fund for providing compensation to the poor nations facing the vagaries of climate change and extreme weather conditions due to the past emissions of the rich nations. The negotiating teams and others are touting it as a historical deal, but that is a far-fetched claim.

This declaration at best is a face-saving deal for the consumption back home for people of these poor nations facing the wrath of climatic vagaries. The developed countries, however, have resisted these calls, fearing opening up a floodgate for compensation claims but ultimately agreed with no surety to adhere to their commitments.

On average, \$4000 was needed for one person for a week to attend the CoP. Understandably, many young activists could not attend the Conference due to a lack of funds, and few bothered to raise their voices.

However, the CoP opened with most heads of state and leaders heading the country delegations speaking with strong feelings on taking action for the survival of the human race and pleading forcefully against complacency. The UN secretary general António Guterres delivered one of his best speeches yet when he exhorted the world leaders that “We are on a highway to climate hell with our foot on the accelerator”. He asked the countries to “cooperate or perish”.

The CoP 27 came after the world had faced the Covid-19 pandemic which many scientists blame on the abuse of nature by humans, a fact clearly visible during the lockdown period when we all noticed clear Himalayan peaks from Delhi as the sky became clear and the wild elephants started roaming on urban roads they never visited before. After Covid-19, when the Russia-Ukraine war pushed the global oil and gas prices and the natural disasters world faced, it was expected that climate change would be taken seriously by the world community. But the negotiators from powerful countries did not change much as is evident from the deliberation at the end of CoP 27.

From the point of view of professional analysts considering the past actions on the commitments of the developed world, this

so-called deal is a vacuous statement at best. The deal stipulates that a mechanism will be established for the creation of funds for helping the least developed countries affected by the climatic vagaries like Maldives etc. The proposal includes mobilization of funds from private sources also. The document has clearly ruled out India getting any share of it rather it is expected to contribute in the fund. It does not fix any quota for the developed countries nor fixes a time frame for its implementation. The skepticism is arising because of the complete failure of the developed world led by the United States and European Union in meeting their previously agreed commitments of \$100 billion in support to the poor nations on the flimsy ground and specious arguments like accounting procedures and lack of funds.

The approach of the developed world all through in all CoPs is to blame India and China for being the biggest emitters conveniently forgetting the havoc they wrecked on nature during the past more than 150 years and more. In 2021, China accounted for the highest 25% (15 billion metric tonnes) of global CO2 emission followed by the USA accounting for 11% (5 billion Metric tonnes) of the global total. The European Union emits around 2.8 billion metric tonnes. India's emission in 2021 was 2.7 billion metric tonnes which is around 7.5 % of the global emissions. The per capita fossil CO2 emissions in 2021 were 1.3 tC per person per year for the globe and were 4.0 (USA), 2.2 (China), 1.7 (EU27), and 0.5 (India) tC per person per year for the four highest CO2 emitting countries.

India will surpass China in population in 2023, but it cannot be equated with China in funding for climate change considering the country's relatively low emissions. India's contribution to historical cumulative CO2 emissions is 3%, whereas the US. On the other hand, the EU contributed 25% and 17% respectively to total fossil CO2 emissions from 1850 to 2019. China contributed 13%, the Russian Federation 7%, and Indonesia and Brazil 1%.

Thus there is no equity, justice or fairness in global climate change talks. The climate change negotiations, therefore, for most developing countries like India are proving a wastage of money and efforts as nothing concrete except our statements before the world leaders on our achievements on the Nationally Determined Targets on Paris agreement of 2015 and how much clean

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energy we are generating and how much trees we are planting and what is our road map for achieving net-zero emission by the year 2070. The agreement on the creation of funds to support the poor nation is just recognition by the developed world after protracted negotiations of their responsible for past emissions. Now, therefore, the issue should be taken up vigorously by the developing countries in all forums and India should launch diplomatic networking to safeguard its interests and the interests of the developing world for climate justice.

India and other developing countries in the CoP 27 meet had rightfully raised the issue of the gradual elimination of all kinds of fossil fuels. Thankfully, the developed world supported this, but the Russian and Saudi Arab vehement opposition blocked ti further progress. The Indian negotiators citing the Sixth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change had told the Egyptian CoP27 presidency that meeting the long-term goal of the Paris Agreement "requires phase down of all fossil fuels".

"Selective singling out of sources of emissions, for either labeling them more harmful or labeling them 'green and sustainable' even when they are sources of greenhouse gases has no basis in the best available science", they contended.

The developed world has been demanding phasing out the use of coal in power generation which India and other countries cannot agree. The developed world's hypocrisy is quite apparent on this as they have developed better alternatives for coal but on the issue of transfer of technology, they always duck the question. So neither they want to part with the technology nor they are willing to be liberal on funding the poor nations, yet they want to assume the leadership role in climate change dialogue. In a nutshell, the climate change talks regarding human welfare are proving bogus and a bore if we assess the progress since Kyoto Protocol was signed except a few successes obtained through Paris deal in 2015.

The global mean temperature will cross the 1.5°C limits in the current decade or next, and the 2°C mark during 2040–2060 as estimated by the Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change in their sixth report. Lip service syndrome is best exemplified by the statement of Egypt's government and subsequent decisions taken in CoP 27. The

UN Secretary-General has commented that only the creation of a loss and damage fund is not a solution. The World Bank which is outside the purview of UNFCCC can pitch in effectively in tackling the fund position if the US and its European allies are genuinely committed to treating climate change as a top global priority and accepting their responsibility to do climate justice. This was also a reason why many countries were pitching for reforms in the World Bank, which is perceived as having failed to help with the climate crisis. What is the use of the World Bank funding poverty and water-related projects in poor countries when poor countries sink further into misery due to climate-related disasters?

In several areas, the temperature in India is already on the rise from 0.8 to even 1 degree Celsius. We have less time for negotiation and should strive for more time on action. Many experts feel that India should hold parallel climate change negotiations and lead the world. The country should formulate some common action programme so that developing nations and China look inwards and help each other with technology and other resources. Efforts must be made to avoid disasters as the one Pakistan witnessed recently which wiped away 13 % of the GDP. Back home the dreadful memory of the Chennai flood will haunt for years. We need to declare climate emergencies in each country and support a programme to meet the emergency.

In the Indian scenario, we need to declare water scarcity and its poor management, agricultural uncertainties, soil degradation, and natural forest and bio-diversity depletion as a climatic emergency and emphasize alternative fuels for our transport and energy sector. Unplanned waste disposal, poor investment in natural resources, and population control must be the focus area in the overall climate action plan. Already the success is excellent on solar power generation targets. However, on climate change, world leaders should remember one quote by Zimbabwean Philosopher Matshona Dhliwayo "Busy hands achieve more than idle tongues." Let us junk these half-baked dreams being sold in diffused glib negotiations and focus on concrete doable actions.

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STREAMING DEATHS

There's an old saying, when the cat's away, the mice will play. Same applies to the Over-the-Top (OTT) platforms. With no written and clear laws regarding implementation of tobacco disclaimer or warning labels on smoking scenes in the OTT web series, while the tobacco industry is trying to lure the online viewers in a big way to trap them in the tobacco net, OTT media is busy raking in moolah through their advertisements. ARCHANA JYOTI takes a closer look at this fatal gap.

SCENE 1

Thirty-year-old Rohan, a movie buff, has been a regular at conventional picture halls to watch films. He supports anti-tobacco health warnings as a prominent static message displayed at the bottom of the screen every time tobacco products are shown in the film. "Exposure to smoking in films is a recognised cause of smoking uptake among children. In an attempt to protect children, films containing smoking are required to include tobacco control messaging including audiovisual disclaimers, on-screen health warnings when tobacco imagery is displayed and anti-tobacco 'health spots' before and during the film," he says.

CUT TO SCENE 2

With Covid-19 restrictions in place, Rohan has now shifted to OTT platforms such as Netflix, Amazon Prime and Hotstar to watch movies and his favourite programmes. But to his utter shock, he finds that the e-platforms streaming films and series have been blatantly displaying excessive usage of tobacco consumption. He was also surprised that there were no warning messages to caution the children and youth about the harmful usage of the tobacco items. “I am flummoxed at this violation”

In the absence of any clear regulation, OTT platforms are increasingly becoming favourite spots for the tobacco industry to hook the youth with their addictive products," he observes as he cites reports that estimate that the video streaming content is expected to exceed US\$332 billion by 2025.

Rohan, who works in an MNC is not the only one who is worried at this dangerous trend but also wants a check on this fatal violation on the OTT platforms. According to a survey by the National Law School of India University, along with several youth organizations, at least 88 per cent of youth agreed that OTT platforms should be regulated like traditional television and film when it comes to depiction of tobacco use. At least 82.5% of respondents agreed that tobacco use in shows and movies contributes to making tobacco use seem normal and acceptable, a reason enough to impose a check on such ads.

Taking umbrage at this defiance, the health experts and anti-tobacco activists are seeking urgent regulation on the OTT content to protect youth from being addicted to tobacco products. Joining the cause, Vice-Chancellors across Karnataka too have requested Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya to regulate OTT platforms to display tobacco warning messages.

The health experts contend that if such vacuums are continued to be allowed, gains made so far through tobacco warning campaigns will be negated. There is a need for better enforcement of existing Rules on streaming platforms in India, and modernisation of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, Article 13 guidelines to account for new streaming platforms to protect youth from tobacco imagery globally, they say. If brought under



COTPA umbrella, the OTT will also have to adhere COPTA regulation, which attracts a jail term of up to 5 years and/or a fine of up to Rs 5,000 in case of violation.



Says **Bhavna Mukhopadhyay**, Chief Executive, Voluntary Health Association of India (VHA), "The streaming media has become a haven for promotion of tobacco use and this extensive promotion is to undermine Government film rules and provisions that discourage tobacco use. We urge the Government to take necessary action to ensure these online streaming platforms are compliant with COTPA, relevant rules and any other applicable laws in order to protect the children from exposure to tobacco products display on the OTT platforms"

“The viewership of OTTs has scaled at an extremely high rate in India, one reason for it being the sharp decrease in web costs and the other being, accessibility of multi-lingual and multi-regional content. Smoking is seen very often in such content, which must have a multi-level impact on its viewers,” notes Manan Goel from College of Vocational Studies, Delhi University.

Goel along with his colleagues Parth Goel, Raghvendra Singh, Ritik Arora, Saanya Chawla, Utsav Agarwal, all from the College of Vocational Studies had conducted a study in 2020 and noted that smoking is seen very often in such content, which must have a multi-level impact on its viewers.

In their study, they tried to analyse the change in smoking habits, its impact, and also, the reasons behind the same changes and found that there is a direct link between viewing smoking scenes and immediate desire to smoke. "The smoking propensities of an individual is impacted because of the hours spent watching TV series, movies which contain smoking imagery. The correlation degree found between the number of hours spent on such TV shows, movies and the number of cigarettes daily is small but the significance level does not reject the hypothesis. Thus, showing that smoking

What is OTT

An over-the-top (OTT) is a media service offered directly to viewers via the Internet. OTT bypasses cable, broadcast, and satellite television platforms, the types of companies that traditionally act as controllers or distributors of such content. Over the years OTT has become more popular among youth, particularly among children.

imagery does impact the viewers; increase in the number of daily cigarettes.”

The WHO too rings the alarm bell as it warns that every year the tobacco industry invests more than US\$ 9 billion to advertise its products. Increasingly, it is targeting young people with nicotine and tobacco products in a bid to replace the 8 million people that its items kill every year.

Tobacco is a prominent risk factor for 6 to 8 leading causes of

death and almost 40% of the Non-Communicable Diseases (NCD) including cancers, cardio-vascular diseases and lung disorders are attributable to tobacco use. As such the consequent burden of mortality and morbidity due to consumption of tobacco is very high in India. The number of deaths every year in India which is attributable to tobacco use is almost 13.5 lakhs.

As per the Global Youth Tobacco Survey (GYTS) 2019, nearly one-fifth of the students aged 13-15 have used tobacco in some form. Prevalence of tobacco use among boys is 9.6% and among girls is 7.4%. The median age for initiation of cigarette and bidi smoking, and smokeless tobacco use were 11.5 years, 10.5 years and 9.9 years respectively.

Yet another study on "Tobacco imagery in on-demand streaming content popular among adolescents and young adults in India: implications for global tobacco control" highlighted that there is rampant depiction of tobacco use and tobacco brand placement. Many of the series showed tobacco brands as well as close ups of

to brands as well as close-ups of tobacco products and tobacco usage. None of the series included anti-tobacco messages, spots and disclaimers. The shows with tobacco depictions included both

foreign-produced and Indian-produced series and most were rated for viewers below 18 years, thus targeting youth and children, said the study published in *BMJ*.



Dr **Monika Arora**, Vice President and Professor at PHFI says, “We studied tobacco imagery in 188 episodes of the ten most popular series among 15 to 24-year-old Indian youth on Netflix and Amazon Prime Video. Our findings indicate that many shows had tobacco depicting imagery in it. None of the shows were compliant with tobacco-free film and TV rules under COTPA, 2003.”

Another study conducted in 2019 by KPMG reported that there were 325 million viewers of on-demand streaming platforms in India, and that young people (age

15-24) spent an average of 70 minutes per day watching online video content, which has further increased due to Covid 19 restrictions.

A study conducted in Delhi too showed that adolescents aged 12–10 years with high exposure to tobacco occurrences in Bollywood films were 2.3 times more likely to have ever used tobacco compared with adolescents with low exposure.

However, the scenario is expected to change soon. But only if the Health Ministry takes urgent call in the matter. "There have been few rounds of consultations on the subject. A decision may be taken soon on bringing the OTT platforms at par with films screened in theatres and by cable or network TV broadcasters when it comes to adhering to the anti-tobacco warnings," a senior health official said on anonymity.

Mukhopadhyay says if such a thing happens, it would be a trend-setter in the world.

“It’s a serious lacuna considering the far wider reach of the OTT shows amongst all the sections and age groups of the society. OTT giants like Netflix and Amazon came to India in 2016, it is sad that till date there are no laws to control the content,” Anand Mishra, an advocate on record at the Supreme Court, said.

This study was undertaken in collaboration with HRI-DAY, the Center for Tobacco Control Research and Education, University of California, and Onebeyond LLC, California. The study also assessed the compliance of the content shown in these online series with the Tobacco-free Film and Television Rules in India. This is the first such study conducted in the country to generate evidence on implementation of the tobacco-free films policy on streaming or over-the-top (OTT) on-demand video streaming platforms such as Amazon Prime, Netflix and Hotstar.

In recent years, on-demand video streaming platforms such as Amazon Prime, Netflix and Hotstar are rapidly becoming popular in India. A recent market research amongst Indians in the age group of 20–25 years has revealed that the time spent on these platforms range from 5 to 20 hours per week.

The study recommends the enforcement of Tobacco-free Film and TV Rules under the Tobacco Control Act of India for all content streamed on all web-based OTT platforms in India, whether

Side-stepping Tobacco-free Film Rules in India

The WHO Country Office for India conducted a study on “Tobacco imagery in on-demand streaming content popular among adolescents and young adults in India: implications for global tobacco control”, to assess the impact of tobacco imagery in digital streaming series popular among adolescents and young adults in urban India. The HEALTH PIONEER shares the results.



produced within the country or internationally. In addition, the study also recommends that the current guidelines under Article 13 of WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) pertaining to the depiction of tobacco in entertainment media should be updated to bring newer internet and mobile based platforms under its purview.

STUDY DESIGN

As part of the study, 10 popular Web-series on

streaming platforms like Netflix and Amazon Prime, were identified after discussions with participants aged 15–24 years in Delhi. These were content-coded for tobacco imagery using the peer reviewed Breathe California protocol. Incidents of tobacco use and brand appearances in each series episode were counted, and compliance with extant Rules was recorded. In total, 188 episodes across 10 selected series from Netflix and

Amazon Prime Video were coded for the content analysis of tobacco imagery and included: The Marvellous Mrs Maisel (rated 16+); Stranger Things (rated 16+); Bodyguard (rated 16+); Riverdale (rated 13+); Narcos (rated 16+); Sacred Games (rated 18+); Mirzapur (rated 18+); Chilling Adventures of Sabrina (rated 16+); 13 Reasons Why (rated 16+); and The Crown (rated 16+).

KEY FINDINGS

- Of the 188 episodes studied, 108 (57.4%) contained at least one incident of tobacco use.
- The total number of tobacco incidents in the selected series ranged from zero in *Bodyguard*, *Riverdale* and *13 Reasons Why* to 1652 in *The Marvellous Mrs Maisel*.
- The US-produced series like *The Marvellous Mrs Maisel* by Amazon and *Narcos* and *The Crown* by Netflix depicted a higher number of tobacco imagery when compared to Indian produced series like *Mirzapur* by Amazon and *Sacred Games* by Netflix.
- Four out of the 10 series studied showed tobacco brands through product placements across episodes, and all of these were foreign productions. The two series — *Sacred Games* and *Mirzapur* — produced in India, showed tobacco imagery, however they did not display the brand name of the products.
- Both foreign and Indian produced series depicting any tobacco incidents, did not comply with the tobacco-free film and TV Rules in India.

How to prevent humanity's surrender to AI

The arrival of Artificial Intelligence (AI) has dramatically changed our lives. Globalisation criss-crossing the globe has pushed human civilisation to new frontiers of change. And one of the most remarkable dynamics heralded by the forces of such globalisation is no other than the grand advancements in information and communication technologies leading to the invention of the AI and its tools. It is estimated that by the year 2030, the AI could add \$13 trillion to the global economic output. This could finally increase the world's GDP by 1.2 per cent each year. A new generation born in the Google Age is fully accustomed to AI driven tools even before the coming of the deadly Covid-19. It is hoped that the young generation would specifically contribute to the massive growth of the new AI economy.

The datafication of the world has indeed compelled all of us to surrender to AI. Experts say that big data management demands machines. Their storage, usage and distribution largely are possible only by the use of the AI tools. The very fact what machines can think was given by Alan Turing in 1950 in his seminal work called "Computing Machinery and Intelligence". This book indeed answered many critical questions some 70 years back about AI. In that book, he proposed the idea of "The Imitation Game" that gave the idea of machine thinking like man. Today what we call "Turing Test" has become a remarkable tool in the AI paradigm. Interestingly this directly focuses on the ability of the machines to predict and respond like a human. However, the origin of the AI lies in the "Mechanical Man" found in ancient Greece and Egypt. Until 1929, Japanese professor Makoto Nishimura's invented robot named "Gakutensoku" created waves around the world spreading the message that this machine can work like a human and sense like them. But the very word called the "Artificial Intelligence" was first coined in a conference organised in the



Dartmouth College in the US in 1956 only.

The irony is that many national governments such as the US have openly played a significant role in helping expand the big tech business. Starting from the Bush Administration's Global Internet Freedom Task Force (GIFTF) to Obama's International Strategy for Cyberspace: Prosperity, Security and Openness in a Networked World (ISCP-SONW), the big tech conglomerates and their subsidiaries have virtually occupied the new knowledge economy. The quintessential five — Google, Apple, Facebook, Amazon and Microsoft (GAFAM) — have quietly pushed down the yesteryear's large business magnates from the top of the charts of global business. This has come through entirely different routes. These corporations, besides fast becoming economic and political entities,

have started redefining the socio-cultural ethos of the common people. Their social media platforms and other high tech have interwoven people in myriad forms all across the world.

What has baffled humanity today is shocking mechanics built in the AI machines and tools. Altogether they are gradually replacing the work and skills carried out by humans for generations. By 2030, almost 47 per cent of the jobs that face high risks of automation would be taken over by AI. Besides, some of the jobs that equally involve risks and demands perfection in top industries like health, mining, space, etc, would be performed by the machines. It seems the loss of man-controlled jobs would add woes to the economic plight of us.

The biggest ever debate and dialogue is centred on the loss of privacy with the AI machines. Our very basic rights are lost with these machines. Precisely, there is no such law

as of today that can prevent the damages caused by the use of AI. The complex data environment, algorithms and the models underlying the development of the AI operations help the public institutions and the private corporations to maintain data secrecy. This kind of an environment can quickly breed public distrust over the new AI-drawn environment.

United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Michelle Bachelet specifically intervened and asked for a moratorium on the sale and use of AI last year. She warned of the dangers of unregulated AI tools. Further she highlighted that technology's decisions can change, define or damage human lives. A report released by the UN in this regard clearly highlights the risks of AI technologies. It also made it public that AI can serve as a force for good but if used irresponsibly, it can bring disaster to humanity. So the

UNHRC strongly appealed that the AI devices that do not conform to the international human rights law must be banned.

The GAFAM has been central to crafting both bilateral and multilateral free trade agreements to their maximum benefit. With the birth of the WTO in 1995 along with its most controversial agreement called the Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS), the private corporations have started surpassing the borders of the nation-states. Many of these companies have already grown so big that they can easily take over many of the countries in the world. In fact such a scenario is posing a potential threat to the survival of the once powerful nation-state. And the GAFAM kinds of groups are virtually occupying the socio-cultural spaces of many besides being large physical entities. And when they are entering into the AI market

unlike the other business houses, they have the advantage of their huge customer base. It is an added advantage for them, and this is continuously taking the global AI market to the common people.

Now the moot question here is: Are we all responsible for giving away human rights to the AI tools and machines? The cumbersome, erratic and expansive network of globalisation has given a fillip to the upcoming AI market. And we all have become a part of the same. So only blaming the big tech companies is not enough for now.

Above all, the machines invented or created by humans should not be allowed to take away the universal human rights. But alas! We all are inseparable from the digital media networks. We are into them. And AI machines have finally stolen our treasured past and promised future. The reason behind is our intense desire for a super comfortable,

efficient and hassle-free lifestyle. As we move on to the next epoch of human civilisation, we will be certainly detached from our fellow beings. Machines will be our companions. Life will be much faster than ever before.

Gone are the days when we had abundant time for other humans to share our hopes and despairs. With AI penetrating deep down our privacy, we have seriously lost our capacity to preserve and manoeuvre what have been known as purely our own. The 21st century's new "Data Nation" and the tech giants have grabbed our privacy. The only way to balance work and life is to hammer out concrete legal strategies (both at national and global levels) to make AI human friendly. Else humanity will soon surrender to AI.

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PERSPECTIVE

26/11: A shared pain that binds India, Israel together

The 26/11 Mumbai attacks have forged a strong bond between India and Israel. Lauding the courage of India and the people of Mumbai, Israel has said that the enormous loss on that "horrible day" in November 2008 continues to be an emotional moment for a lot of Israelis who feel that the 26/11 terror strike "is a shared pain" that binds India and Israel together.

"I remember vividly the courage of India and of the people of Mumbai and there is not one minute in which we do not benefit from the strategic partnership that was forged between us, among other things, on that horrible day," Israeli foreign ministry's Director General, Alon Ushpiz, wrote on Twitter.

"Tomorrow (Saturday) marks 14 years since the bloody terrorist attack in Mumbai which targeted 5 locations including the Chabad House in which Rabbi Gavriel and Rivka Holtsberg, Rabbi Gavriel Taitelbaum, Mrs. Norma Rabinovich, Rabbi Ben Zion Kurman and Mrs. Yocheved Orpaz were murdered," Ushpiz, who has in the past served as Israel's Ambassador in India, wrote on Friday.

Israel's top diplomat also called India's Ambassador to Israel, Sanjeev Singla, to convey his "deepest condolences" for this enormous loss of innocent civilians that day, among them six Israelis.

"May the memory of the victims be a blessing," he said.

The 2008 Mumbai terror attacks continue to stir outrage in Israel, where commemora-

tive events are held on its anniversary to condemn the senseless killings and demand action against the Pakistan-based masterminds of the carnage.

With posters and banners depicting the brutality of the ghastly attacks, Indians in Israel held candlelight vigil since Friday evening on the 14th anniversary of the terror attacks that shook India. They called for the Pakistan-sponsored Lashkar-e-Tayyeba terrorists involved in the 26/11 Mumbai attacks to be brought to book.

The attacks, which drew widespread global condemnation, began on November 26 and lasted until November 29, 2008. A total of 166 people, including several foreign nationals, died and more than 300 were wounded.

Nine Pakistani terrorists were killed by the Indian security forces. Ajmal Kasab was the only terrorist who was captured alive. He was hanged four years later on November 21, 2012.

"The terrorists who killed women, children and innocents in such a frenzy should be identified and eliminated. The countries of the world should not only impose strict financial sanctions on the countries that provide shelter to the terrorists but also stop them in every way," Ravi Soma, President of the Israel-Telangana Association told PTI.

People from Telangana, living in Israel, organised an event in Ramat Gan (close to Tel Aviv) offering prayers for the innocent lives lost in the brutal attacks and lit candles in



their memory. They also referred to the loss of six Jewish lives in the attacks in which 166 people were killed, hinting at a deliberate attempt to break the strong bonds between India and Israel.

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and Israel together.

The Indian Chaplaincy in the Holy Land, comprising mostly of the Malayalee Community in the region, also organised a remembrance ceremony attended by a large number of people from all over the country.

Adoration/Rosary ceremony, a Holy mass for the departed in the terrorist attack,

and special prayers was followed by a meeting with people holding lit candles and posters with slogans against terrorism, some Indian flags and also calls to end violence and promote peace. "Violence divides! Love unites!", said Rev. Pradeep, who heads the Indian Chaplaincy.

Condemning the Mumbai attacks, he said that he "prays

that such incidents will never occur again and people will live in peace and brotherhood".

Degel Menashe, an organisation representing the Bnei Menashe Jewish community that has connections with India's north-eastern states of Manipur and Mizoram, condemned the attacks and has planned a commemorative event on Saturday.

Members of the organisation held protest also in Churachandpur holding placards reading, "no to terrorism", "we stand by all the victims of 26/11 attacks", etc.

Indian students at all the leading institutions in Israel — Hebrew University, Tel Aviv University, Technion in Haifa, Ben-Gurion University in Beersheba, Ariel University in the West Bank and some other institutions — have also planned candlelight vigil to commemorate 26/11 on Saturday evening.

"Each drop of blood is a burning flame against terrorism. Each martyr of 26/11 is a light kindled against the darkness," Krupa Susan Verghese, a PhD student at Ariel University told PTI.

Ankit Chauhan, a post-doctoral fellow at Ben-Gurion University, said that the "gruesome terrorist attacks inflicted deep scars on every Indian's psyche that cannot be wiped". "Still some of the terrorists are roaming around freely on this earth who did this heinous act. Terrorism does not have any face and terrorists should be treated with no mercy. No mercy for terror anywhere in the world," he stressed.

Some of the students also lauded the efforts of the Indian security forces and the sacrifices made by them. "Today we once again remember our unsung brave hearts who lost their lives and we pay our sincere respect to the lost lives and their families," said Bhavana Velpula, a PhD student in medicine at Tel Aviv University.

"As Indian nationals stay-

ing abroad, we acknowledge and condemn this terrible incident. Gatherings for such a cause connect us to our country and its roots, uniting us together as one nation and together we raise our voice against terrorism coming in any form," she added.

Jewish outreach movement, Chabad, last year unveiled a plaque in the southern coastal city of Eilat in memory of the six Jewish victims of the Mumbai terror attacks. "To the memory and rise of souls of Rabbi Gavriel Noah and Rivka Holtsberg, who were martyred during the time of their holy mission in a terror attack at the Chabad house in Mumbai, India, from which the message of Torah was being spread all over the area," the plaque in Hebrew reads.

The Torah constitutes the first five books of the Hebrew Bible. "And for the four guests who stayed in the Chabad house at the time of the attack, and were also martyred: Rabbi Gavriel Taitelbaum, Mrs. Norma Rabinovich, Rabbi Ben Zion Kurman, Mrs. Yocheved Orpaz. May their souls be bound up in the bond of eternal life," the plaque in Hebrew reads.

Six Jews were among the 166 victims of the terror attack. All of them were killed at the Nariman House, popularly also known as the Chabad House. Israeli leaders and officials have also repeatedly called for the perpetrators of the horrendous crime to be "brought to justice".

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