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Prime Minister

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Governor of Madhya Pradesh

Shivraj Singh Chouhan
Chief Minister, Madhya Pradesh

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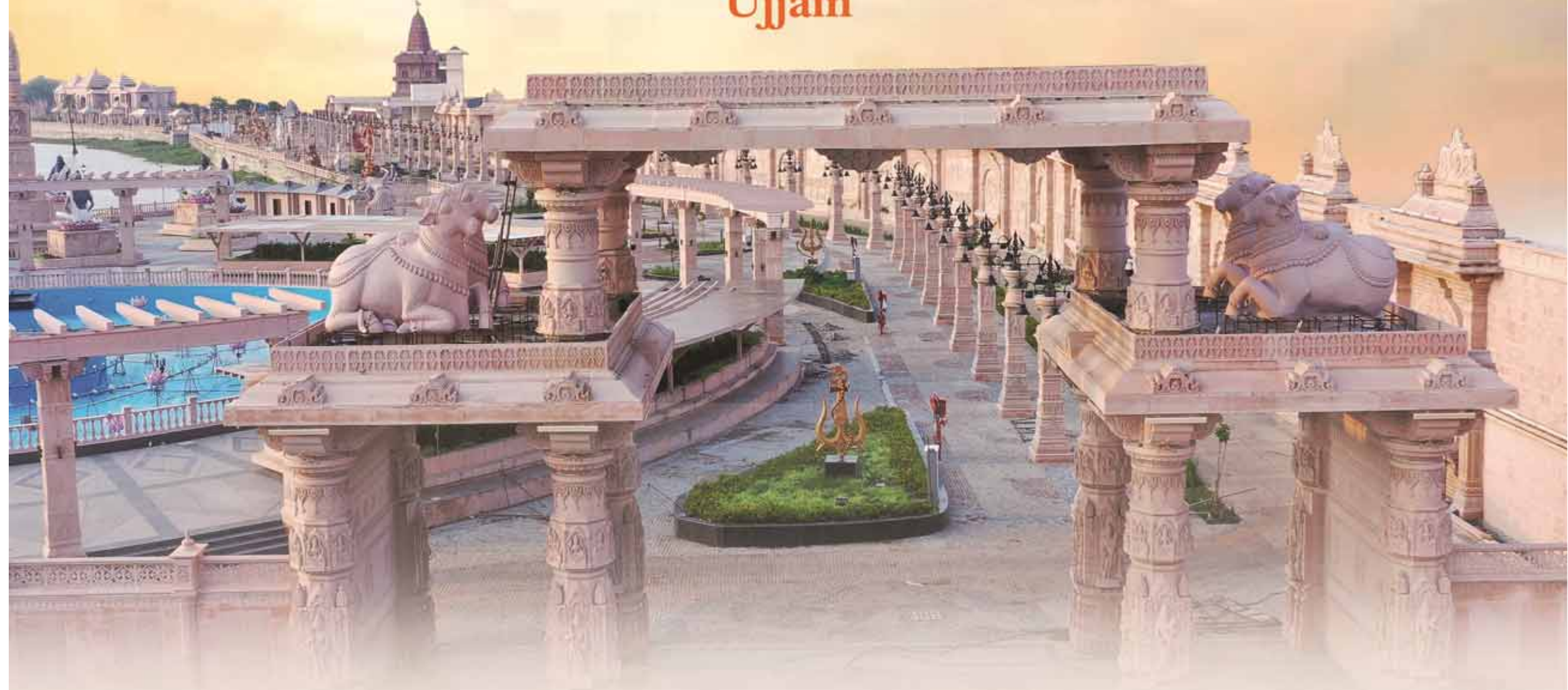
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Shri Mahakal Lok Ujjain



A historic rejuvenation of Shri Mahakaleshwar Dham

Shri Mahakaleshwar Dham in Ujjain is amongst the most revered Jyotirlingas in India and a world renowned pilgrimage site. As part of the urban transformation of the Mahakal Temple precinct, the Phase 1 for Shri Mahakal Lok has been completed which aims to improve the experience of pilgrims by decongesting the area, providing state of the art infrastructure and aesthetically pleasing open spaces. This iconic project includes a 900-mtr long corridor filled with traditional installations, theme park, a heritage mall, e-transport facilities and revitalization of the pious Rudrasagar lake. The 856 Crore Shri Mahakal Maharaj Mandir Parisar Vistar Yojana is a comprehensive development plan envisioned by the Madhya Pradesh Government under the leadership of CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan and able guidance of PM Narendra Modi.



Shiv Stambh with Saptrishi



Swagat Sankul Kshetra (Plaza) showing Kamal Kund

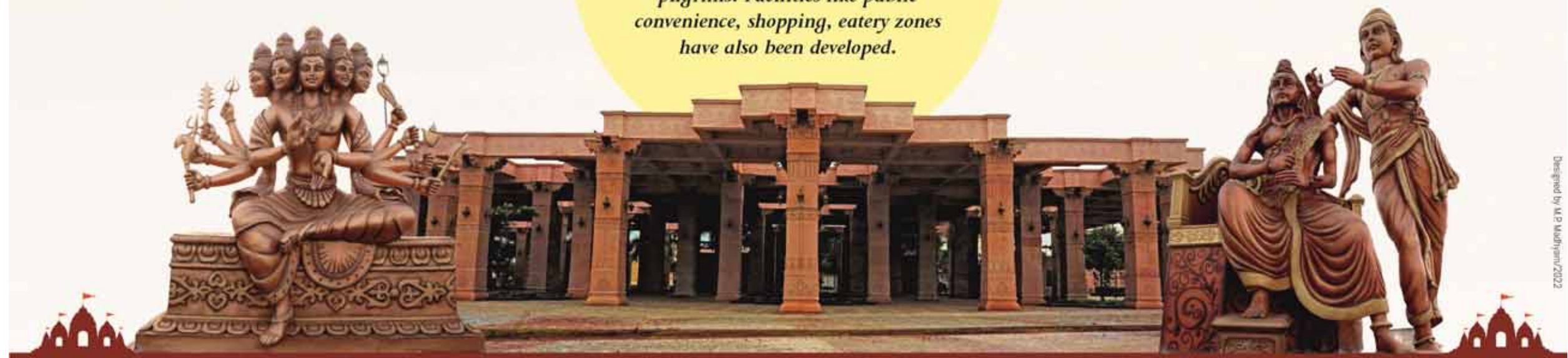


Shiv Vivah

The entire premise has been developed on the mythological themes about Lord Shiv and depicts different stories of Shiv Vivah, Tripurasur Wadh, Shiv Puran and Shiv Tandav Swaroop to elevate the religious sentiments and experience of the pilgrims. Facilities like public convenience, shopping, eatery zones have also been developed.

Key facts of the project

- » Swagat Sankul Kshetra (Visitors' Plaza) with two magnificent dwars - Nandi Dwar and Pinaki Dwar, ticketing/information kiosks, sculptures, Rudrasagar (lake) view area and 54 ft. high Panchmukhi Shiv Stambh with Saptrishis, has the capacity of nearly 20 thousand pilgrims at a time.
- » Well-equipped security surveillance area with command centre and e-rickshaw parking with charging dock.
- » 128 shops constructed for Swalpahar (food court), handicrafts, ritual commodities, florists, etc.
- » The revamped Shri Mahakal Lok will have surface parking for 400 cars with 400 kilowatt solar roof.
- » Mansarovar constructed near Mahakaleshwar Temple to increase the holding capacity by 6000 people at a time.
- » Conservation of the ancient Mahakal Dwar and the ancient pedestrian route linking the Shri Mahakaleshwar Temple and Ramghat.
- » Rejuvenation of Rudrasagar lake to make it sewer-free, with provision for filling the lake with Kshipra River water.



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END OF AN ERA

Mulayam dies at 82;
PM, other leaders
condole his demise

VIRENDRANATH BHATT ■

LUCKNOW

Samajwadi Party founder and three times Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Mulayam Singh Yadav died at the age of 82 after prolonged illness.

He had been admitted to a private hospital at Gurugram for more than a fortnight. During his long political career, Mulayam was elected to the UP Assembly for eight terms and seven times to the Lok Sabha from three constituencies — Mainpuri, Sambhal and Azamgarh. His wife, Sadhna Gupta, died on July 9 last.

After Mulayam's condition deteriorated, he was put on a ventilator. His son and political successor Akhilesh Yadav announced his death on Monday morning.

Politicians across party lines, public figures and members of the public have paid tributes to one of the stalwarts of Indian politics. Prime Minister Narendra Modi led the tributes with a tweet, remembering his meetings with the veteran leader. Union Home Minister Amit Shah laid a wreath on the body of Mulayam at the private hospital in Gurugram.

UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and Bharatiya Janata Party State president Bhupendra Singh Chaudhary reached Saifai in Etawah district to pay their tributes to the departed leader. Deputy Chief Ministers Keshav Prasad Maurya and Brajesh Pathak also expressed grief at the death of Mulayam.

Adityanath on Monday rushed to Saifai as Prime Minister Modi will be there to attend the cremation of Mulayam on Tuesday.

The Congress, the main Opposition party in both Houses of Parliament, said in a tweet in Hindi that Mulayam's "death was an irreparable loss to Indian politics". Former Congress president Rahul Gandhi in the midst of Bharat Jodo Yatra paid floral tribute to Mulayam.

A former Defence Minister, Mulayam had been unwell for the past few years and was constantly in and out of hospitals. He was a sitting MP from Mainpuri but was not very active and was rarely seen in public. He leaves a rich and controversial legacy behind as his regional Samajwadi Party (SP), now led by Akhilesh, continues to be a prominent player in the politics of Uttar Pradesh. Like most strong regional leaders, he held the ambition to become India's Prime Minister, but that dream remained unfulfilled.

Mulayam belonged to a generation of leaders who were born out of mass movements. In 1989, when he became UP's Chief Minister for the first time, the slogan "Jiska jalwa kayam hai, uska naam Mulayam hai" was on the walls of Lucknow. He was known as a master strategist and his political moves kept both allies and opponents guessing.

He astutely mixed regional and national politics to remain relevant throughout his active career. His drive — combined with the skill to bounce back from seemingly hopeless political setbacks — made him a formidable adversary in Uttar Pradesh, India's most populous State.

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A self-made Lohiaite leaves behind strong heir in legacy

VIRENDRA NATH BHATT ■

LUCKNOW

Mulayam Singh Yadav will go down in India's political history as one of those leaders who did not inherit a legacy but left behind a rich one, and a large band of leaders who will forever cherish it.

"Mulayam Singh Yadav was a politician who took blows and gave them back too to his rivals in India's most complex and unsparing electoral battleground of Uttar Pradesh where odds were inevitably stacked against those who didn't have an upper caste surname," a contemporary of

Mulayam said.

"The UP politics was the playground for the upper caste boys. Today Yogi Adityanath may be the Chief Minister, but the OBCs and the MBCs are the game changers. And these caste groups owe their rise to leaders like Mulayam, who changed the course of Indian politics decisively in the post-Mandal era.

Despite odds, Netaji built the Samajwadi Party (SP) from scratch and succeeded in grabbing the political space created by Chowdhary Charan Singh after leaving the Congress in 1967. "That's why whatever Mulayam Singh

Yadav said or decided is cast in stone," said Badri Narayan, director of GB Pant institute of social sciences.

In the Janata Party Government in 1977, Mulayam was a Cabinet Minister and Ram Naresh Yadav was the Chief Minister. Mulayam had to wait for around 11 years to become the Chief Minister. It was not going to be easy for him.

The Prime Minister of the Janata Dal Government, Vishwanath Pratap Singh, an old foe of Mulayam Singh, wanted Ait Singh for the top job in the UP.

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Rain pours misery on standing crops

Stokes fear of
more inflation
as food grain
shortage soars

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

At a time when India is staring at a likely food grain shortage due to less sowing of kharif crops, especially paddy, unexpected rainfall in several States has damaged ready-for-harvesting crops such as rice, soya bean, cotton, pulses, and vegetables. This could further stoke inflation in the fifth largest economy in the world. It is expected that 15 to 20 per cent summer sown crops could be damaged due to unseasonal rain. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) data showed that India received 57.3 mm rainfall as against the normal of 34.3 mm between October 1 and 10.

According to sources, the Government agencies are yet to assess the summer crops loss. "But preliminary report has indicated this year's excessive monsoon rainfalls in October may prove costly to the farmers as it may pose risks for summer-sown crops such as rice and the plantation of wheat. The State Government agencies have been asked to start assessment of summer crop losses due to unexpected rain across the country," sources said.

Dr Binod Anand, secretary general of Confederation of NGOs of Rural India (CNRI), who is a member of the high-level committee on MSP set up by the Ministry of Agriculture, told *The Pioneer* that 15 to 20



Labourers put paddy grain in sacks after threshing at the grain market in Patiala on Monday

per cent summer-sown crops have been damaged due to heavy rain in October.

"That could lead to a reduction in yields and deterioration in harvest quality since crops were ready for harvesting and in some places harvested crops were already drying. This will not only impact the current food grain situation in the country but also impact the export scenario in the coming days," Anand said.

The crops sown late may survive but their quality will be inferior. Crop damage is likely to push already rising food prices up," he added.

Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI) Director AK Singh said that the current spell of rain is not good for early sown varieties of the kharif paddy crop, the harvesting of which is underway in many parts of the country.

"But these spell of rain bode well for late sown and

longer duration (155-156 days) paddy varieties, which are in the flowering stage in parts of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and the eastern States as well as some southern States like Andhra Pradesh," he added.

"The fact is rain is not good at this critical time. Early varieties of paddy that mature in 125 days are caught in the current rain. These varieties are now matured and some of it is already harvested. Currently, many of the late-sown paddy varieties are in grain filling stage. At this stage, rain followed by wind may result in loss," he said.

For instance in Punjab, area under early sown varieties is about 10-15 per cent. Much of the early varieties such as PR126 and basmati rice varieties 1509 and 1692 are harvested in the State. Some crop is already harvested and lying in the fields or mandis, he said.

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India gets 4th set of Swiss bank a/cs details, to probe tax evasion

PNS/AGENCIES ■ NEW DELHI

India has received the fourth set of Swiss bank account details of hundreds of its nationals and organisations under the annual automatic information exchange through which Switzerland has shared particulars of nearly 34 lakh financial accounts with 101 countries.

The new details shared with India relate to "hundreds of financial accounts", including many cases of multiple accounts associated with some individuals, corporates and trusts, officials said.

Citing confidentiality clauses of the information exchange and the adverse impact it may have on further investigations, officials did not share the specific details. However, they asserted that the data would be used extensive-



ly in probes of suspected tax evasion and other wrong doings, including of money laundering and terror funding.

In a statement, the Swiss Federal Tax Administration (FTA) on Monday said that the exchange of information this year saw five new additions to the list — Albania, Brunei Darussalam, Nigeria, Peru and Turkey. The number of financial accounts increased by nearly one lakh in contrast to the preceding year data.

While the exchange was reciprocal with 74 countries, Switzerland received informa-

tion but did not provide any in the case of 27 countries, including Russia, either because those countries do not yet meet the international requirements on confidentiality and data security or because they chose not to receive data.

While the FTA did not disclose names and further details of all 101 countries, officials said India figured prominently among those having received the information for the fourth year in a row. The details shared with Indian authorities pertained to a large number of individuals and organisations having accounts in Swiss financial institutions.

The information exchange took place last month and the next set of information would be shared by Switzerland in September 2023, the officials added.

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Plan against Cong's silent, sly campaign: Modi to BJP

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday warned BJP workers against the Congress' "silent" campaigning in Gujarat and said the ruling party will have to change its election strategy to counter what he described as a "conspiracy" of the Opposition party.

Also making a veiled attack on the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) making forays in his home State which is going to polls later this year, the Prime Minister said "Urban Naxals" were trying to gain entry into Gujarat by changing their appearance, but the State will destroy them.

Modi, on a three-day visit to the State, said in Bharuch district that the Congress this



Prime Minister Narendra Modi during a ceremony for foundation stone laying and dedication to the nation of multiple projects at Amod in Bharuch on Monday

time appears to have changed its election strategy in Gujarat and sought BJP workers to be on guard and modify their poll tactics vis-à-vis the Congress.

"I need to warn you because it appears to me that

this time the Congress has adopted a new strategy. I have not probed, but that is what appears to me at first glance," he said at a BJP rally at Vallabh Vidyanagar in Anand district.

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CAPSULE

11 DIE IN RAIN-RELATED INCIDENTS IN UP

Lucknow: Eleven people were killed in rain-related incidents in UP where over 900 villages in 17 districts were affected by floods following heavy rainfall.

TMC-BJP IN VERBAL DUEL OVER KOLKATA CLASHES

Kolkata: Ruling Trinamool Congress and the Opposition BJP were engaged in a verbal duel on Monday over clashes between two groups in Khidderpore-Mominpur in Kolkata that left many injured.

UDDHAV FACTION GETS 'MASHAAL' SYMBOL

Mumbai: The Uddhav Thackeray faction will contest the Andheri (East) bypolls on November 3 as Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray) with 'Flaming Torch' (Mashaal) as the party symbol.

Hate speeches sully atmosphere, curb it: SC

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■

NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday observed that hate speeches are sully the atmosphere in the country and need to be stopped. The remark was made by a bench of Chief Justice of India UU Lalit and Justice S Ravindra Bhat during the hearing of a plea alleging that no action was being taken by Government authorities against such speeches.

"You are correct that the entire atmosphere is getting sullied by these hate speeches and that it needs to be stopped," the bench remarked. Petitioner Harpreet Mansukhani, appearing in person, said that hate speech was



given to make India a Hindu Rashtra before 2024 general elections. "Hate speech has been turned into a profitable business. A party funded 'Kashmir Files' and then I have proof how it was funded and then made tax free," she said. The petitioner also alleged that she has cited confessions of senior BJP leaders claiming that minorities were killed. "(A) retired army chief,

Presidents, etc, wrote to the PM saying this but there was no response. Regarding such an earlier case, Justices Chandrachud and Hima Kohli also sought a status report regarding implementation of the Tehseen Poonawalla judgment," Mansukhani submitted.

The bench initially said that normal criminal law proceedings have to be undertaken in such cases. Normal criminal proceedings have to be undertaken in these cases. We have to see who is involved and who is not," CJI Lalit remarked. The petitioner, however, maintained that there needs to be some directions to prevent such conspiracies resulting in such hate speeches.

Collegium names judges who objected to CJI letter

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■

NEW DELHI

In an unprecedented development, the Supreme Court Collegium has made public the names of the two judges on the panel who opposed "circulation" of a letter by the Chief Justice of India seeking their opinions on the appointment of judges to the apex court.

In a statement dated October 9 which became public on Monday, the Collegium said Justices DY Chandrachud and S Abdul Nazeer had objected to the method of "circulation" that was used for the first time for eliciting the views of its members who were unable to attend the proceedings physically.

The Collegium said its September 30 meeting, which became controversial as the proposal initiated by Chief Justice of India UU Lalit received concurrence from two of the judges on the panel, while the other two objected to the process, stands "discharged".

The Collegium, which is headed by the CJI and comprises Justices DY Chandrachud, Sanjay Kishan Kaul, S Abdul Nazeer and KM Joseph, gave the entire sequence of events starting with its first meeting dated September 26, when the names of 11 judges were considered, till September 30, 2022, the day the whole controversy erupted.

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Russia's revenge mass strikes hit civilians in Kyiv

Concerned India calls for end to war

PNS/AP ■ KYIV/NEW DELHI

Russia unleashed a lethal Rbarrage of strikes against multiple Ukrainian cities Monday, smashing civilian targets, including downtown Kyiv where at least ten people were killed amid burnt-out cars and shattered buildings that brought back into focus the grim reality of war after months of easing tensions in the Ukrainian capital.

India expressed concern over the development and called for immediate cessation of hostilities.

The Indian embassy in Kyiv cautioned its citizens to avoid non-essential travel to and within Ukraine. Indians were also advised to follow the security and safety guidelines

issued by the Ukraine Government and local authorities. They were also advised to inform the Indian embassy about the status of their presence in Ukraine to enable the embassy to reach out to them, where required.

In Kyiv, the police said at least 10 people were killed and around 60 others were wounded in the morning attacks across the country.

Russian President Vladimir Putin, whose military invaded neighbouring Ukraine on February 24, said the strikes were in retaliation of Kyiv's "terrorist" actions, including an attack last weekend on a key bridge linking Russia with the annexed Crimean Peninsula.

Putin vowed a "tough" and "proportionate" response should Ukraine carry out further attacks that threaten Russia's security.

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An injured man is assisted by a medic at the scene of Russian shelling in Kyiv on Monday. Multiple explosions rocked Kyiv early on Monday following months of relative calm in the Ukrainian capital

AP

Def ties with Russia served Indian interests well, says Jaishankar

‘Western countries opt for military dictatorship in Indo-Pacific region’

PNS/AGENCIES ■ NEW DELHI/CANBERRA

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Monday justified India's procurement of weapons from erstwhile Soviet Union and Russia saying the Western countries opted for a military dictatorship in the region as their preferred partner and did not supply weapons to New Delhi for decades.

Though he refrained from naming the countries, the Minister was obviously referring to the US supplying weapons for many decades to Pakistan during the Cold War era.

Jaishankar said India has a substantial inventory of Soviet and Russian-origin weapons.

During a joint press meet with his Australian counterpart Penny Wong in Canberra, Jaishankar also said India and Russia have a long-standing relationship that has certainly served New Delhi's interests well.

During his visit, the External Affairs Minister met Australian Defence Minister Richard Marles and said the growing defence and security cooperation between both countries ensures a peaceful, prosperous and rules-based Indo-Pacific region. This is Jaishankar's second visit to Australia this year. The first visit was in February 2022 when he attended Quad



Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Melbourne.

On the issue of procuring weapons from Russia, he justified it saying, "We have a substantial inventory of Soviet and Russian-origin weapons.

And that inventory actually grew for a variety of reasons. You know, the merits of the weapons systems themselves, but also because for multiple decades, Western countries did not supply weapons to India, and in fact, saw a military dictatorship next to us as the preferred partner," Jaishankar said. Pakistan has been ruled by the Army Generals for more than half of its 73 plus years of existence.

"We all in international politics deal with what we have, we make judgments, judgments which are reflective of both our future interests as well as our current situation. And my sense is, in terms of this current conflict, like every military conflict, there are learnings from it, and I am sure my very professional colleagues in the military would be studying it very carefully," Jaishankar

said.

Last month, Jaishankar, during a joint press conference with US Secretary of State Antony Blinken in Washington, said India exercises a choice which it believes is in its national interest when it is offered weapons.

On the ongoing Ukraine conflict, Jaishankar said it does not serve the interests of anybody, as he stressed that India was against such hostilities as it can have a "very profound impact" on everybody across the world.

Jaishankar also declined to predict India's vote in advance on the upcoming draft resolution against Russia in the UN General Assembly.

India had abstained on a draft resolution tabled in the UN Security Council earlier this month which condemned Russia's "illegal referenda" and annexation of four Ukrainian territories.

India has not yet condemned the Russian invasion of Ukraine and it has been maintaining that the crisis must be resolved through diplomacy and dialogue.

India has taken up issue with Canada: MEA on Khalistani forces operating from Canada

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE/AGENCIES ■ NEW DELHI/CANBERRA

Taking a serious note of Khalistani separatist forces operating from Canada, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Monday said freedoms in democratic society should not be misused to advocate "violence" and "bigotry." He also said India has taken up these issues with Canada.

Jaishankar made these observations in Canberra during a press conference with his Australian counterpart Penny Wong after the 13th Foreign Ministers' Framework Dialogue.

Elaborating upon India's concerns on this issue, the minister said "From time to time, we have engaged the Canadian government, I have myself engaged with my counterpart on this (Khalistani) issue.

And we have flagged the need to ensure that freedoms in a democratic society are not misused by forces which actually advocate violence and, and bigotry."

He also said "So it's important, I think, to understand really, how democracies should function not only at home but also the responsibility that democracies have to other democracies abroad."

Replying to a question related to India issuing travel

advisories not to travel to Canada, Jaishankar said," I want to be very clear here. When we issue travel advisories. We issue travel advice as a travel mission for the sake of the security and safety of our citizens. So I would urge you not to read something into a travel advisory, which is beyond the advisory."

"What some other country does presumably reflects their thinking and their policies," he said, downplaying any tit-for-tat response from Ottawa to New Delhi's recent travel advisory.

Jaishankar's remarks came in the backdrop of recent incidents in Canada including on September 15 when the BAPS Swaminarayan Mandir, Toronto was defaced by "Canadian Khalistani extremists" with anti-India graffiti in an apparent hate crime.

On September 23, India reacted sharply to the "so-called Khalistan referendum" in Canada and said it was "deeply objectionable" that such a "politically motivated" activity by extremist elements was allowed to take place in a friendly country.

External Affairs Ministry spokesman Arindam Bagchi had said India had taken up the matter with Canadian authorities through diplomatic channels and would continue to press Canada on this matter.

Uddhav's Sena to fight bypolls with 'Mashaal'

EC asks Shinde's faction to give fresh list of symbols, rejects 'Trishul', 'Gada'

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Uddhav Thackeray faction will contest the Andheri (East) bypolls on November 3 as Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray) with 'Flaming Torch' (Mashaal) as the party symbol. The Election Commission rejected its claim for 'Trishul' (trident) and 'Rising Sun'.

The EC approved "Balasahebanchi Shiv Sena" as the name for the Eknath Shinde faction but rejected all three symbols, including 'Trishul' and 'Gada' (mace), citing their religious connotation and the 'Rising Sun', as it is a DMK symbol in Tamil Nadu and Puducherry. The poll panel asked the Shinde faction to submit a fresh list of three symbols by 10 am on Tuesday.

In a related development, the Uddhav faction moved the Delhi High Court challenging the EC's interim order while the Shinde faction moved a 'caveat', to be heard before the passage



of any order.

The Uddhav Thackeray group expressed satisfaction over the EC allotting 'Shiv Sena - Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray' as the name for the faction.

On Saturday, the EC had barred both Shiv Sena factions from using the party name and its election symbol in the November 3 Andheri East assembly bypolls.

In an interim order over the claims by the rival factions for control of the organisation, the Commission asked them to suggest by Monday three different name choices and also as many free symbols for allocation to their respective groups.

Thackeray had on Sunday asked the Commission to

finalise one of three symbols- a trident, burning torch, and rising Sun- finalised by his camp and a name without delay ahead of the bypoll.

The Thackeray faction is contesting the bypolls. The BJP, an ally of Shinde group, has also decided to contest. As October 14 is the last date of filing nominations, the EC decision on the alternative symbols and names of the two factions is likely soon.

Shinde had rebelled against Thackeray's leadership, claiming the support of 40 of the Shiv Sena's 55 MLAs and 12 of its 18 members in the Lok Sabha.

Following Thackeray's resignation as chief minister of the Shiv Sena-NCP-Congress coalition, Shinde became chief minister with the support of the BJP.

NCP to join Maha leg of Bharat Jodo Yatra next month

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Another ally of the Congress in the UPA, Sharad Pawar-led NCP, is likely to join the Bharat Jodo Yatra in its Maharashtra leg next month.

Earlier, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister and DMK leader MK Stalin was present in Kanyakumari at the start of the Yatra while leaders of the Indian Union Muslim League (IUML) and Revolutionary Socialist Party (RSP) also participated in the Yatra in Kerala. A JDS leader too joined the Rahul Gandhi led padyatra currently traversing Karnataka where the former party chief is scheduled to hold a rally in Bellary on October 15.

AICC sources said the Yatra is scheduled to enter Maharashtra on November 9. "Sharad Pawar and his MP daughter Supriya Sule have expressed their desire to welcome the Yatra when it enters Maharashtra. So they may welcome the Yatra when it enters the state on November 9," AICC sources said. Pawar, a former Congressman, was part of the Congress-led UPA governments and till last couple of months ago was part of the Shiv Sena-led Cong-NCP combine government in Maharashtra for which Pawar had toiled hard.

The participation of Pawar family is likely to send a strong message towards the unity of opposition for which he has advocated for quite some time to take on the Modi-led BJP juggernaut in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. AICC sources



said that Bihar chief Minister Nitish Kumar who broke ranks with his natural ally BJP from the NDA fold may also join Bharat Jodo yatra when it enters Uttar Pradesh or take part on the Bihar sub-yatra called by the grand old party.

Before the start of the Yatra, the Congress had invited all like-minded political parties and organizations to be a part of the initiative. Sources also said during the over one month-long period of the Yatra as of now, Rahul Gandhi has interacted with over 500 people individually and in groups during the afternoon halt of the journey.

The Bharat Jodo Yatra started on September 7 and has completed over 500 km, with Rahul Gandhi along with several Congress leaders walking as 'Bharat Yatris' who will complete the 3,570 km journey from Kanyakumari to Kashmir.

The Yatra will enter Andhra Pradesh on October 18 and will be in the state till October 21. It will then re-enter Karnataka's Raichur. The Yatra will take a two-day Diwali break on October 24 and 25 and re-start on October 26 when it will enter Telangana.

SC raps Raj Govt over Covid ex-gratia affidavit

State Govt is not doing charity, must file detailed list, says court

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday rapped the Rajasthan Government over its "unsatisfactory" affidavit enumerating steps on payment of ex-gratia to family members of those who died of Covid-19, and said it was not doing any charity. A bench of Justices MR



Shah and Krishna Murari directed the State Government to file a detailed affidavit in the matter.

"Earlier also you had made an assurance. State of Rajasthan is not doing any charity. There is a direction issued by this court and persons affected by Covid-19, should be treated with sympathy. Affidavit filed by the Rajasthan Government is not satisfactory at all. The

counsel prays for time to put a detailed affidavit. Put up on Friday," the bench said.

The counsel for the Rajasthan Government informed the court that the State is taking all the requisite steps. The apex court was hearing a plea filed by advocate Gaurav Kumar Bansal alleging Rajasthan is not adhering to the 2021 order directing states to pay ex-gratia of ₹50,000 to the families of those who succumbed to the pandemic.

Bansal also sought directions to call for status reports from the State Legal Services Authorities with respect to enforcement of its orders.

The apex court had earlier expressed concern over fake claims being made for securing ex-gratia of ₹50,000 meant for

the families of those who died due to Covid, saying it had never visualised that the relief can be "misused".

K'taka ex-Min out on bail in illegal mining case allowed to see daughter till Nov 6

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday permitted former Karnataka Minister and accused in illegal mining case Gali Janardhan Reddy to visit and stay till November 6 in Bellary district to meet his daughter.

A bench of Justices MR Shah and Krishna Murari also directed the Special Court to conduct trial on a day-to-day basis and complete the whole exercise in six months from November 9, 2022. It also directed Reddy to remain out of Bellary till the trial is completed.

The top court said any attempt on the part of Reddy to delay the trial should be dealt with iron hands. Reddy, accused in a multi-crore illegal mining case, has been out on bail since 2015 and several conditions were imposed by the apex court in its order, includ-

ing prohibiting him from visiting Bellary in Karnataka and Ananthpur and Kadapa in Andhra Pradesh. Reddy had sought permission to visit Bellary to meet his daughter who recently gave birth to a girl.

Reddy and his brother-in-law BV Srinivas Reddy, managing director of the Obalapuram Mining Company (OMC), were arrested by CBI on September 5, 2011, from Bellary and brought to Hyderabad.

The company is accused of changing mining lease boundary markings and indulging in illegal mining in the Bellary Reserve Forest area, spread over Bellary in Karnataka and the Ananthpur district of Andhra Pradesh. While granting bail, the top court had directed him to surrender his passport before the trial court concerned and not to leave the country without the permission of the trial judge.

2 LeT ultras killed in J&K; 2 soldiers, Army dog hurt

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ SRINAGAR

An Army assault canine identified as 'Zoom' early Monday helped a joint team of security forces neutralise two Lashkar-e-Tayyeba (LeT) terrorists in Tangpawa area of Anantnag. Two soldier of the Indian army and Zoom both got bullet injuries during the operation. According to a Srinagar based Defence spokesman, "Zoom is presently battling for his life at a Military Veterinary Hospital".

BJP communalising society, says Lalu

‘ED, CBI action against me due to Opp unity bid’

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

RJD president Lalu Prasad Ron Monday sought to reignite the "mandal vs kamanal" debate as he accused the BJP of "communalising" society and being against social justice and reservation for weaker sections. He also claimed that the CBI and ED actions

against him were an outcome of his efforts to unite opposition parties.

For his part, Lalu's son and Deputy Chief Minister of Bihar Tejashwi Yadav asked opposition parties to set aside personal egos to join hands in fighting the BJP and said they have to decide if they are with the ruling party or against it.

The party's open convention in the packed Talkatora Stadium also saw the hold of Yadav over the organisation getting further cemented as it passed a resolution effecting a change in the RJD constitution to vest final decision-making authority on its "name, poll symbol or any other issue" in him as well as his father.

Lalu accused the BJP of "communalising" society and "destroying" the Constitution.

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PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Government on Monday launched a Tele-MANAS (Tele Mental Health Assistance and Networking Across States), a free round the clock tele-mental health service launched all over the country, particularly catering to people in remote or under-served areas.

The services acknowledge the mental health crisis in wake of the Covid-19 pandemic and an urgent need to establish a digital mental health network that will withstand the challenges amplified by the pandemic.

The initiative of the Union Health Ministry was launched by Thawar Chand Gehlot, Karnataka Governor at National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences

(NIMHANS), Bengaluru.

The programme includes a network of 23 tele-mental health centres of excellence, with NIMHANS being the nodal centre and International Institute of Technology-Bangalore (IIITB) providing technology support. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bengaluru and National Health Systems Resource Centre (NHRSC) will provide the technical support, said a senior official from the Union Health Ministry.

The Union Health Ministry aims to open at least one Tele-MANAS Cell in each State/UT.

A toll-free, 24/7 helpline number (14416) has been set up across the country allowing callers to select the language of choice for availing services. Service is also accessible with 1-800-91-4416. The calls would



be routed to Tele-MANAS cells in the respective state and union territory.

Tele-MANAS will be organised in two tier systems; Tier 1 comprises state Tele-MANAS cells which include trained counsellors and mental health specialists. Tier 2 will comprise specialists at District Mental Health Programme (DMHP)/Medical College resources for physical consultation and/or e-Sanjeevani for audio visual consultation. Presently there are 5 regional

coordination centres along with 51 State/UT Tele MANAS cells, said the official.

The initial rollout providing basic support and counselling through centralized Interactive Voice Response system (IVRS) is being customized for use across all States and UTs.

Specialised care is being envisioned through the programme by linking Tele-MANAS with other services like National tele-consultation service, e-Sanjeevani,

Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission, mental health professionals, Ayushman Bharat health and wellness centres and emergency psychiatric facilities.

The mentoring institutes are AIIMS, Patna; AIIMS Raipur; CIP Ranchi; AIIMS Bhopal; AIIMS Kalyani; AIIMS Bhubaneswar; PGIMER, Chandigarh; Hospital for Mental Health, Ahmedabad, Gujarat, Inst. of Psychiatry and Human Behaviour, Bambolim Goa; AIIMS, Nagpur; AIIMS, Jodhpur; KGMU Lucknow; AIIMS Rishikesh; IHBAS, Delhi; IGMS, Shimla; Psychiatric Diseases Hospital; Govt. Medical College, Srinagar; LGBRIMH, Tezpur; NIMHANS, Bengaluru; IMHANS, Kozhikode, Kerala; IMH, Chennai, IMH, Hyderabad; JIPMER and AIIMS, Mangalagiri.

Govt waives 100% late fee on water bills till Dec

Sewage from Keshopur, Najafgarh to be cleaned before it flows into drain to cut 30% pollution load in Yamuna



STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

In a major relief to consumers, the Arvind Kejriwal-led AAP Government has decided to waive 100 per cent late fee on outstanding water bills till December 31. The Government has also decided that 85 million gallons of sewage from Keshopur and Najafgarh will be cleaned before it flows into the Najafgarh drain. This, according to Chief Minister Kejriwal, is expected to reduce pollution load in the Yamuna River by 30 per cent.

“The Government has taken a big decision today to provide relief to the residents of Delhi on their outstanding water bills. Late fee (late payment surcharge) on outstanding water bills will be 100 per

cent waived off till December 31, 2022. That is, you can pay your old outstanding bills without worrying about late fees,” Kejriwal wrote on Twitter in Hindi.

“Sewage pumping stations of 55 MGD cumulative capacity will be built on Badli, Nigam Bodh and Mori Gate drains. The dirty water of these drains will not go into the Yamuna,” Kejriwal said. This is expected to reduce the pollution load in the Yamuna River by 30 per cent.

Meanwhile, Deputy Chief Minister, Manish Sisodia, on Monday also approved projects worth Rs 869 crore in a Board meeting of the Delhi Jal Board (DJB).

Sisodia said that the Delhi Government will lay new water pipelines in various areas in the

national Capital by replacing old ones, increasing the capacity of wastewater treatment plants and providing pure drinking water to all homes in a phased manner.

“During the year 2020-21, due to the Covid-induced pandemic, a large number of people had to face a severe financial crisis. Keeping this in

mind, the Delhi Government has decided to waive off LPSC on outstanding water bills under the rebate scheme. In order to ensure recovery of long outstanding water bills, this is a major step taken by the Delhi Government in support of the consumers,” said Sisodia.

“The city Government is also upgrading the capacity of

various Waste Water Treatment Plants in Delhi by increasing their capacity so that the dirty water can be treated and the Yamuna will be cleaner. Many STPs are built with the latest technology with waste effluent standards of TSS-10 mg/litre, which can remove nitrogen and phosphorus as well as kill pests,” said Sisodia.

East Delhi to get six-lane flyover

Kejriwal says flyover will ease traffic congestion between Apsara Border and Anand Vihar

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Monday laid the foundation stone for a six-lane flyover between Apsara Border and Anand Vihar in east Delhi. Kejriwal said that his Government has ended the stepmotherly treatment meted out to the area by previous dis-

pensations in terms of development works.

Kejriwal added that the Government has saved around Rs 125 crore in the award of work for the 1.4-km-long flyover in east Delhi.

Addressing a major gathering, Kejriwal said that there used to be a stepmotherly treatment to east Delhi in terms of development works, but in the last seven years the AAP Government has ended that trend.

“We have ended this stepmotherly treatment to east Delhi. Now, an equal number of development works are taking place in east Delhi as are in

other parts of the city. This six-lane flyover will be completed in 15 months and ease traffic congestion in the region. Our Government has saved around Rs 125 crore in this flyover project,” the Delhi CM said.

According to PWD officials, the department saved Rs 115 crore in the flyover project. The sanctioned cost of the project was Rs 372 crore while the work was awarded at Rs 257 crore, officials said.

Kejriwal also said that the flyover will pass over three main traffic junctions, which include Ramprastha, Vivek Vihar and Shreshtha Vihar and ease vehicular movement in the area.

HC gives Delhi Metro till Oct 31 to formulate Reliance repayment plan

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

After the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) failed to make payment to Reliance Infrastructure towards an arbitral award, the Delhi High Court granted the former time till October 31 to formulate a repayment plan. Delhi Metro was directed to make the payment of ₹4,500 crore to Reliance Infrastructure’s subsidiary Delhi Airport Metro Express Pvt Ltd (DAMEPL). The deadline for the payment of the arbitral award was October 4. The arbitration award passed in favour of DAMEPL was affirmed by the Supreme Court making the award final.

The Delhi Metro had told the High Court that it has sought ₹3500 Crore each from Centre and Delhi Government, for infusion of funds to make balance payment to the DAMEPL in terms of a 2017 arbitral award.

Further the Attorney General of India, R Venkataramani, appearing on behalf of the Delhi Metro



referred to an additional affidavit filed by DMRC stating that if the company raises any loan, it may fall in a financial trap. According to DMRC, it owes ₹7,010.08 Crore to the Reliance subsidiary to be paid on September 6. Till now, a sum of ₹2,599.17 Crore has been paid to DAMEPL.

The AG also sought two weeks time to place before the court the modalities regarding the payment to be made to DAMEPL in terms of the award.

Venkataramani further told the High Court that the issue is being looked by the equity partners and it will be in the fitness of things that no adverse order touching upon the maintenance and operations of Delhi Metro is passed by the court.

The AG further told court that in order to raise loans to pay the arbitration award to DAMEPL, the DMRC would fall into a ‘debt trap’ and expressed the apprehension of affecting its operations.

CBI arrests H’bad bizman in Delhi excise policy case

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The CBI on Monday said it has arrested a Hyderabad-based businessman Abhishek Boinpally in connection with the alleged Delhi excise policy scam in which Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia is the prime accused.

Boinpally, who was allegedly lobbying for certain liquor businessmen based in southern India, was called for questioning on Sunday. The agency found him evading certain key questions and took him into custody at late night, officials said.

Boinpally is not named as an accused in the CBI FIR relating to the case but his close associate and partner Arun Ramchandra Pillai is the accused named in the case.

According to the Registrar of Companies (RoC) database, the duo founded Robin Distribution LLP in July this year.

It is alleged that Pillai had collected bribes from Sameer Mahendru of Indospirit for



onward transmission to businessman and AAP leader Vijay Nair, who was arrested by the CBI in the case last month, they said.

Boinpally was allegedly involved in the “cartelization” for the “southern lobby”, which refers to big liquor distributors in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh dominating the market, they said.

He is the second person to be arrested in the excise scam case after Nair.

The case relates to alleged corruption in granting liquor licences and favours in the

national capital.

Based on source information, the CBI has flagged in its FIR two payments worth crores of rupees allegedly made to “close associates” of Sisodia by Mahendru — one of the liquor traders actively involved in alleged irregularities in the framing and implementation of the excise policy.

According to the FIR, Sisodia’s “close associates” — Amit Arora, director of Buddy Retail Pvt. Limited in Gurugram, Dinesh Arora and Arjun Pandey — were “actively involved in managing and diverting the undue pecuniary advantage collected from liquor licencees” to the accused public servants.

“The CBI has arrested Abhishek Boinpally in an ongoing investigation of a case related to alleged irregularities in framing and implementation of the excise policy of GNCTD of Delhi. The arrested accused will be produced before the competent court. Investigation is going on,” the agency said in a statement.

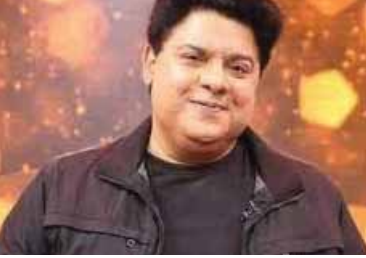
DCW asks I&B Ministry to oust filmmaker Sajid Khan from reality show

Multiple charges of sexual harassment have been levelled against Khan

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Commission for Women (DCW) chief Swati Maliwal on Monday wrote to Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur seeking the ouster of filmmaker Sajid Khan from reality show Bigg Boss over allegations of sexual harassment levelled against him by several women during the #MeToo movement.

The first episode of Bigg Boss’ 16th season aired on October 1. The show is hosted by actor Salman Khan. “Ten women had accused Sajid Khan of sexual harassment during the #MeToo movement. All these complaints show the disgusting mentality of Sajid. Now, this man has been given a place in Bigg Boss, which is morally unacceptable. I have written to @ianuragthakur to have Sajid Khan removed from this show,” Maliwal said in a tweet.



In her letter to Thakur, the DCW chief said it is unfortunate that Sajid Khan is participating as a housemate in the new season of Bigg Boss.

“As the complaints against him reveal, Khan appears to have acted as a sexual predator for a long time. Clearly, it is inappropriate for an alleged sexual offender such as Sajid Khan to be included in a primetime show which is watched by adults and children alike.

“This apparently gives him an undue chance to whitewash his wrongs and be re-launched amongst Indian audiences,” she said.

While there is a public outcry against Khan’s inclusion in the show, Maliwal said, the makers of the show are refusing to remove him as they apparently gain TRP ratings and viewership due to the ensuing controversy.

HC closes proceedings against Jain under amended benami transactions law

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court on Monday closed the proceedings against Delhi Minister Satyendar Jain under the amended benami transactions law in consonance with a Supreme Court ruling. The High Court’s order came while hearing a batch of petitions by Jain and others against the initiation of proceedings under the Benami Transactions (Prohibition) Amendment Act, 2016.

“Accordingly and in view of the law as declared by the Supreme Court, the writ petitions are allowed and all proceedings initiated under the enactment shall consequently stand closed,” Justice Yashwant Varma said.

The High Court had on September 20 said no action, coercive or otherwise, shall be taken against Jain under the amended benami law and noted that the Income Tax department, in another case, has made a statement that while it takes recourse to the legal remedies against a Supreme Court decision on the law, there would be no action against the petitioner party.

In August, the apex court had held that Benami Transactions (Prohibition)

Amendment Act, 2016 did not have retrospective application and the authorities cannot initiate or continue criminal prosecution or confiscation proceedings for transactions made prior to the coming into force of the legislation.

Jain’s counsel had claimed that the benami proceedings against him were in the nature of “political persecution”.

Jain had filed the petition in 2017 against the proceedings initiated against him under the amended benami law.

According to Jain, the alleged benami transactions, from the proceedings of which certain attached assets were claimed to have been purchased, took place between 2011 and March 31, 2016 and so the amendment which came into effect in November 2016 will not apply.

Reacting to the development, The AAP National Convenor and Delhi Chief Minister, Arvind Kejriwal took to Twitter and wrote “The court has dismissed the case against Satyendar Jain. They have forcibly put an honest man in jail for so many months.

It would have been good if these people had invested their time in nation building in lieu of fraudulent and bogus cases.”

Toll in Lahori Gate house collapse mounts to 3 as 2 more bodies retrieved

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

A day after a two storey-building that collapsed in central Delhi’s Lahori Gate area, the rescuers have pulled out two more bodies from the debris, taking the death toll in the incident to three.

While the body of a four-year-old girl was recovered on Sunday, two more bodies were pulled out later. The deceased have been identified as Khushi (4), Suleman (75) and Shaguffa (70), police said.

Meanwhile, a senior MCD official said that due to continuous rain in national capital, the 40-50 year old building collapsed. “It was a two-storey building which was very old. Due to incessant rainfall, the upper portion of the building fell which led to further damage to the rest part of the building ultimately reducing it to dust,” a senior police officer said.

“We have registered a case under sections 336 (act endangering life or personal safety of others), 337 (causing hurt by an act which endangers human life, etc.), 338 (causing grievous



Debris of the building that collapsed due to heavy rain in Lahori Gate, central Delhi. Ranjan Dimri | Pioneer

hurt by act endangering life or personal safety of others) and 304 A (causing death by negligence) of the Indian Penal Code against unidentified persons. Further investigation is underway,” the officer said.

Nine people — Amara (45), Nilofar (50), Mohd Imran (40), Sankar Begum (60), Sukhbir (34), Ankrit (28), Ashok (40), Sayaid Jishan (30) and Vipin (30) — were injured in the incident. They are undergoing treatment at the Lok Nayak Hospital, police said.

Delhi Fire Services Director Atul Garg had said on Sunday that a call was received about a roof collapse in the Lahori Gate area around 7.

Delhi autos to increase night frequency

SAURAV GUPTA ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi auto rickshaws are likely to increase the frequency of autos at night in national capital to facilitate the commuters, following the Lieutenant Governor (L-G) Vinai Kumar Saxena’s nod to more than 300 establishments in the national capital to carry on with their business operation on 24X7 basis.


The Lieutenant Governor (L-G) Vinai Kumar Saxena on Sunday had allowed more than 300 establishments, including those engaged in running online shops and delivery shops, hotels, restaurants, transport facilities, logistics, and other essential commodities, etc, to carry on with their business operation on a 24X7 basis in the national Capital.

Talking to The Pioneer, Delhi Auto Rickshaw Sang, General Secretary, Rajendra Soni said that the city currently have registered 95000 autos out of which 30000-40000 autos were running in the night.

FIRST COLUMN

AVERAGING ON DECLINE IS POOR INVESTMENT

Blindly trying to average down may result in loss




S KALYANASUNDARAM

LIC of India came out with a mega public issue recently and the issue price for the scrip was fixed at Rs 949. For retail investors the share was allotted at Rs 904. After listing, the market price has recently touched an all-time low of Rs 617. Hence, the retail investors have suffered a loss of around 31 per cent of their investment. To get back their original investment, the present price has to appreciate by around 45 per cent now.

While some of them could have booked losses, some others are continuing with the investment. Some are attempting to average down their investment price by accumulating more shares of LIC.

As an investment strategy, averaging down involves investing additional amounts in a financial instrument or asset if it declines significantly in price after the original investment is made. While this can bring down the average cost of the instrument or asset, it may not lead to great returns.

Is 'averaging down' a good idea in stock investing? While there can't be a definite answer for this, one may also say that averaging may work out to one's advantage only under some conditions. Blindly attempting to average down the purchasing price will cause the investor to incur heavy loss.



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In the case of LIC, people have averaged when the price has fallen from the original allotment price. Then they have seen the price dropping further at different stages to the present level. Nobody exactly knows what is in store for this scrip.

Investment in the stock market is a risky proposition and one should be making investment based on his risk appetite and risk bearing capacity. Very often, people are reluctant to book loss and they continue to hold the scrip when the price goes down. When the price goes down, they fail to realize the reality and try to be smart by buying more on the same scrip. Most of them blindly do this exercise.

Investors decide to hold or sell a scrip based on the 'purchase price'. Actually this decision should be based on the 'future expected price', based on the working of the company and not on one's own purchase price. Once purchase has been done, cost price is immaterial and it has nothing to do with the present market price or future market price. One has to look for the projected future price of the scrip to hold or sell or to buy more.

Averaging can be a good strategy when one continues to see value in the scrip and its future appreciation. This is possible only when the present fall is a temporary blip and the scrip has got all the attributes to go up in the near future.

When the market price has gone down from your entry level, it means that either you have entered the wrong scrip or you have entered at the wrong time. As Peter Lynch says, falling price is like a falling knife and trying to catch it may hurt.

By holding the scrip or averaging one will forego other investment opportunities (Opportunity cost).

There are hundreds of scrip available for investment. Why must one try to pump in more in the same scrip where he has burnt his fingers? Buying some other scrip may provide better diversification for risk management.

Even if averaging is not done, one will get the benefit if he continues to hold if there is a price rise. Booking loss may give tax advantage as gain from other successful trades can be off-set.

(The author is a retired banker)

Uddhav's losses bode well for democracy



SUMEET BHASIN

Uddhav has squandered away his father Bal Thackeray's legacy, as EC froze Shiv Sena's poll symbol

The turnaround in Maharashtra politics has lessons for all the dynastic political parties in the country that they should move out of the narrow confines of the domains of their families. The personal opinions forced upon by the political dynasts on their leaders and workers may be followed for a short period of time, but if they are contrary to the long held ideologies, the outbursts are bound to happen, as has been seen in the case of Shiv Sena in Maharashtra.

The Election Commission has sent a note asking former Maharashtra chief minister Uddhav Thackeray to submit a basis for his claims on the Shiv Sena and its poll symbol of bow and arrow. The Shiv Sena MLAs and MPs in their hearts had all along known that they had won the Assembly and Parliamentary elections in the name of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. But their leader Uddhav Thackeray chose a course in defiance of the spirit and Dharma of the pre-poll alliance with the BJP.

Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde saved the Shiv Sena by walking out with 40 MLAs out of 55 and 12 MPs out of 18. The numbers with Shinde clearly suggest that the real Shiv Sena is not with Uddhav Thackeray, but with the true disciples of late Bal Thackeray. The Maharashtra episode exemplifies that sons and daughters of political legends can claim to be their legal heirs, but they cannot inherit political and ideological legacies.

Uddhav Thackeray's greed overwhelmed him to squander the goodwill that he had inherited among the followers of his father, Bal Thackeray. His ouster on account of a total rebellion of the rank and file of the Shiv Sena demonstrates that the days of the dynasts who seek to carve out democratic kingdoms are numbered.

Bal Thackeray all his life fought against the Congress. He was a lion who roared against the misdeeds of Congress. In him, the people of Maharashtra saw fulfillment of their anger against Congress. The people in Maharashtra held Bal Thackeray in high esteem because he never compromised on Hindutva and always remained the voice against the politics of appeasement perpetuated by Congress which was co-opted by other regional parties.

Bal Thackeray could help the Shiv Sena grow to become a potent force in Maharashtra politics because he gave space to hardworking workers in the party. They held the fort in districts and regions.

Uddhav Thackeray inherited the leadership of Shiv Sena even while he wasn't known to be good at organizational skills. His weakness as a political leader made him hurry up to prop up his son Aditya Thackeray in the ranks of the Shiv Sena. Within a short span of time,



MAHARASHTRA CM SHINDE SAVED THE SHIV SENA BY WALKING OUT WITH 40 MLAS OUT OF 55 AND 12 MPS OUT OF 18. THE NUMBERS WITH SHINDE CLEARLY SUGGEST THAT THE REAL SHIV SENA IS NOT WITH UDDHAV THACKERAY

(The author is Director, Public Policy Research Centre)



Uddhav Thackeray turned the Shiv Sena into a family-owned political enterprise. This was bound to cause disaffection among the Shiv Sena leaders who had toiled on the ground to build the party.

Furthermore, the blatant abandoning of the ideology of Bal Thackeray couldn't have been tolerated by the Shiv Sena leaders. The excesses against the Sadhus of Palghar remain the blot on Uddhav Thackeray, who renamed Aurangabad and Osmanabad as Shabahnagar and Dharashiv on the last day of his office. If he actually believed in the renaming of the two districts, he should have done it on the first day in the office. This proves that he was a remote-controlled Chief Minister and his strings were pulled by the Nationalist Congress Party and the Congress.

While Uddhav Thackeray bears the cost of turning the Shiv Sena into a family-owned enterprise, it's pertinent that the parties which fail to give space to hardworking leaders are also doomed. The Samajwadi Party in which Mulayam Singh Yadav's son Akhilesh Yadav inherited the leadership despite his uncles Shivpal Singh Yadav and Ram Gopal Yadav were more worthy.

The Rashtriya Janata Dal in Bihar too faced the same prospects as the contemporaries of Lalu Prasad were all relegated to the margins and his son Tejaswi Yadav owned the party. The Samajwadi Party and the Rashtriya Janata Dal

have witnessed fast erosion of the vote base even among their core electoral constituencies.

In contrast, the BJP remains a bulwark against dynastic politics. The BJP presidents have all been the first generation politicians. Till J P Nadda, there hasn't been a single president of the BJP who occupied the party because of his family legacy. The BJP's two stalwarts – Atal Bihari Vajpayee and L K Advani – kept their near and dear ones far from politics. The likes of M Venkaiah Naidu, Rajnath Singh, Nitin Gadkari, Amit Shah and JP Nadda rose from their ranks as humble party workers to occupy the top post of the party.

The BJP grooms leadership by creating opportunities and providing enough space for growth, and that explains why the party continues to grow in areas where the party had no influence previously.

Even those who came to the BJP from other parties have found fulfillment of their talents as has been the case with the Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma and the leader of the Opposition in the West Bengal Assembly Suwendu Adhikari. The BJP's national office bearers too have senior leaders in the ranks of the vice presidents and general secretaries who have come from the other parties.

Even the BJP has some of the leaders who had their parents in the party. But they have carved out their current positions on the

basis of their hard work. They have earned their positions to become the elected representatives because of their hard work and not because of their surnames.

This is why Prime Minister Narendra Modi regularly cautions the people to be wary of the political dynasts, for they still live in the bygone era of Zamindari and treat the people and their party workers as serfs. That time is gone, and democracy has matured in the last one and a half decades.

The ouster of Uddhav Thackeray and his imminent loss of ownership of the Shiv Sena are warnings for other dynasts who are in power in Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh that they must perform else the people will reject them soon. In Telangana also, the ruling TRS is functioning as a family-owned enterprise. The people have seen the dynasts rejected in other states, and the TRS too will face the same fate.

Indian democracy has been transformative in the last one decade, with people becoming particular about the performances of the elected governments. Uddhav Thackeray was among the most non-performing Chief Ministers. No family legacy can protect such non-performing dynasts.

We may see light at the end of the tunnel that the people will either reject or force changes in the family-controlled political parties, and the freedom of the Shiv Sena from the clutches of a family could mark a new beginning.

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WHY BUY VEGETABLES FROM THEIR STALLS? THEY HAVE ILLEGAL MEAT SHOPS; THESE MUST BE CLOSED DOWN. THE ONLY SOLUTION IS TOTAL BOYCOTT.
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THE BJP MP ORDERS DELHI'S PEOPLE TO FINANCIALLY BOYCOTT MUSLIMS. WILL DELHI POLICE ACT AGAINST THIS MAN FOR INCITING HATRED?
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Special care needed to check Covid effects on eyes

Coronavirus infections can spread through eyes and also harm vision, so people must know good practices

Eye care is a matter of concern for all of us, including children, adults, or aged persons. The Covid-19 pandemic can spread through the eyes, mouth, and nose. The eyes are the most essential part of our body and they may be affected by the coronavirus infection.

Eyes have mucous membranes which are most susceptible to the transmission of the virus. Guarding eyes, hands, nose, and mouth can slow the spread of the deadly coronavirus.

As we know, Covid virus can enter the human body through the nose, eyes, and mouth. So, when an individual, who is already infected with Covid, coughs, talks, or sneezes, the virus quickly

spreads through the nose and mouth to those who are standing in front of them. The other person is likely to breathe in those infectious droplets through their mouth and nose. This is known as a 'Droplet Infection'.

The droplets can also enter the body through the eyes as well. Also, an individual can get infected by touching the eyes after they have touched something that has the virus on it. So if the virus enters the body through the eyes, the infected eyes can develop Conjunctivitis.

To ward off eye infections during the Covid-19 pandemic, one may consider nutritious foods for maintaining eye health, as a good and balanced diet is an essential part of maintaining eye

health. The overall fitness of the eyes depends on certain nutrients, such as vitamins A and C, bioflavonoids, carotenoids, omega-3 fatty acids, minerals, and antioxidants. Eating rich foods can help one to keep eyes functioning at their best for a longer time, as well as help prevent various eye problems.

Those who wear contact lenses can switch to eyeglasses, as according to a research, those who wear contact lenses often touch their eyes more than a normal person. Switching lenses to glasses can decrease irritation and force one to pause before touching your eye. If one continues wearing contact lenses, the person must follow the lenses care tips to limit chances of infection.



Also, people should keep their nails short, as it is not hygienic to have long nails, since a lot of dirt can accumulate under the nails. It can store deadly infections of the Covid virus, if the area is not cleaned with soap and water. This can affect health and eyes too; nails can cause an injury to the eye and the dirt can be transferred into the virus under the nails and can lead to a major infection.

One must avoid rubbing eyes. Against the feeling of itching or rubbing eyes or even adjusting glasses, one may use a tissue instead of hands. Sometimes, dry eyes can lead to itching and irritation, but one must follow a routine that should include a moisturizing eye drop so it can give relief to dry eyes. If one touches eyes for any reason, the person should always clean hands for at least 20 minutes.

During the Covid-19 pandemic, screen time has increased in adults and children. It can be a risk of developing computer vision syndrome and this may result in dry and red eyes with increased tears. The screen time of children should be limited to prevent ocular conditions. However, online class-

es increase the screen time of children on digital devices. At last, the children should not be allowed to see the computer or smartphone for at least 60 minutes before going to bed.

Also, there should be a strict avoidance of sharing of the cosmetic products such as kohl, mascara, eyelash curler, eye makeup-brushes, etc. Apart from Covid-19, one could get other infections by frequently sharing cosmetic products.

Eyes should be rinsed regularly, as it is always advisable to wash hands regularly. However, rinsing the eyes with plain or saline solution is also helpful in keeping them safe and clean. Also, one must learn to differentiate between Covid and seasonal allergies, for the outbreak of the pan-

demic can make one worrisome with symptoms like runny nose, sneezing, slight temperature, or eye irritations. However, one should not panic and rush out for getting medical help without verifying the Covid symptoms like shortness of breath, caught, sore throat, chest pain, tiredness, etc.

The pandemic has forced us to change our unhealthy routines and transfer into a healthy and good life. This healthy routine helps us to get better and heal us from the trauma of Covid-19. After practicing the healthy routine, still one may face any kind of eye problems like redness, pink eye, or itching, in that case, the patient should get in touch with an ophthalmologist.

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Communal clashes in Kolkata: Bengal LoP for Central forces

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Bengal Opposition Leader Suwendu Adhikari on Monday wrote a letter to Union Home Minister Amit Shah seeking urgent deployment of central forces hours after clashes erupted between two communities in Mominpur-Ekbalpur-Khidirpore area of south-western Kolkata where rampaging miscreants from one community allegedly torched and vandalised properties belonging to the members of other community, sources said.

Alleging how the “Hindu community has come under attack in Khidirpore-Mominpur area of Kolkata on the eve of Lakshmi Puja,” Adhikari demanded an “urgent deployment of central forces” in the affected zones lest violence spread out om other parts of the state like what happened on previous occasions.

Reminding how similar violent incidents had taken place before in Nadia, Murshidabad and Panchla in Howrah districts Adhikari alleged how the State Government had “meekly surrendered” before the “goons” who had taken over the Ekbalpore Police Station.

“I apprehend that as the ...



government is reluctant to act against the perpetrators this time as well because they belong to a certain community this time too this may flare up and start to spread across the state resulting in loss of lives and property,” he said. Adhikari also wrote similar letter to Bengal Governor La Ganeshan. The State BJP would also seek the attention of the Scheduled Caste commission as the victims of Sunday’s attack mostly belonged to the SC and dalit communities, Bengal BJP president Dr Sukanto Majumdar said alleging even the police men were not spared.

Tension erupted late on Sunday evening when some miscreants belonging to a particular community attacked the members of another community, police said adding the ruckus started after flags put up

for a festival of one community were allegedly vandalised by miscreants of another community.

The heated exchanges that followed soon degenerated into stone pelting and large-scale vandalism. In the melee several people including some police officials were injured, sources said adding a Deputy Commissioner of Police too sustained injuries in the attack. Crude bombs too were hurled in the area, sources said adding the injured were undergoing treatment in a private medical facility.

The police administration soon clamped prohibitory orders and a large posse of rapid action force were deployed in the area. The entire area was made out-of-bounds for the media even as “Prohibitory orders under Section144 was given ... the

order will remain valid for at least three days,” a police officer said.

Things took political turn on Monday when Majumdar who was going to the area to inspect the situation was detained and later released by the police leading to the saffron workers taking out rallies through out the State.

Soon after his release in the evening Majumdar said his party would write to the Centre to activate the National Investigation Agency to investigate the case. “We will write to various commissions including that for the SCs because most of who were attacked are from dalit and SC communities ... they are safai workers ... their properties were vandalised ... we will appeal to the Centre to send NIA too ... because there is a distinct plan to convert these areas into greater Bangladesh ... this (State) Government will not take any action because they are engaged in vote bank politics ... so the Centre has to intervene,” Majumdar said.

Meanwhile, in an unrelated development the Haryana Police has sounded an alert stating banned Popular Front of India could carry out subversive activities during Diwali in Bengal.



Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath pays his last respects to Samajwadi Party founder Mulayam Singh Yadav in Saifai on Monday. Yadav passed away on Monday morning at Gurugram’s Medanta Hospital



Mulayam Singh Yadav with George Fernandes in 2005



People pay tribute to Samajwadi Party founder Mulayam Singh Yadav at the bank of the Ganga river in Varanasi on Monday



Rashtriya Janata Dal supremo Lalu Prasad pays floral tribute to Samajwadi Party founder Mulayam Singh Yadav as Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Tejashwi Yadav looks on during a party meeting, in New Delhi on Monday

Netaji’s death an irreparable loss, say leaders across nation

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Dignitaries and leaders cutting across political lines termed the demise of Samajwadi Party (SP) patriarch Mulayam Singh Yadav on Monday as an “irreparable loss” that marks “the end of an era in Indian politics”.

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla cut short his visit to Rajasthan’s Kota and will attend last rites of Mulayam Singh Yadav, the secretary of Lower House said on Monday. Birla condoled the demise of the former Uttar Pradesh chief minister, and is returning to Delhi early from his busy schedule in his parliamentary constituency Kota Bundi, the Lok Sabha Secretariat said in an official statement. Birla will



attend the last rites of Yadav in Saifai on Tuesday, the statement said.

In a letter to Yadav’s son Akhilesh expressing condolences, former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh said the SP patriarch was a leader of high esteem who was respected by everybody irrespective of party lines. “He (Yadav) was an icon of the socialist movement...He was a great parliamentarian and a distinguished administrator who devoted his whole life to the service of the poor and other backward commu-

nities,” Singh said.

“My wife joins me to convey to you and other members of your family our deepest condolences on this sad occasion. May God give all of you the strength to bear this great loss with courage and fortitude,” the former prime minister said in his letter.

Congress president Sonia Gandhi said, “The voice of socialist ideas has fallen silent with the demise of Mulayam Singh Yadav.”

Others who condoled the death of the SP leader included former prime minister and JD(S) chief H D Deve Gowda, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and BSP chief and former Uttar Pradesh chief minister Mayawati.

Rahul, who is taking part in his party’s Bharat Jodo

Yatra, also held a five-minute “shok sabha” in Yadav’s memory at his resting camp in Karnataka and observed silence for two minutes.

Bihar Chief Minister and JD(U) chief Nitish Kumar said, “He (Yadav) was a towering socialist leader who never compromised with the interests of the poor and the farmers.” In his message, Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan said, “he always stood by secular ideals and fought for social justice.”

Mulayam’s long time political associate and now also a relationship, RJD supremo Lalau Yadav, remembered his long time association and political journey with the SP patriarch and termed him to carry forward the socialist ideology.

Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao and Tamil Nadu Chief Minister and DMK president M K Stalin were also among those who expressed their grief over the SP leader’s demise.

PDP chief and former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister Mehbooba Mufti tweeted that Yadav “always stood by the minorities and deprived communities. We should learn lessons from his life...He worked for the Hindu-Muslim brotherhood and stood against communal forces who have become powerful in the country.”

CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury and CPI general secretary D Raja also condoled the death of the leader.

Prez, PM, BJP brass express grief at Mulayam’s passing

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

President Droupadi Murmu, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Ministers and top BJP leaders expressed grief on the passing away of Samajwadi Party (SP) patriarch Mulayam Singh Yadav on Monday as Prime Minister also recalled as how late opposition leader wished him electoral success on the floor of the Lok Sabha ahead of the 2019 general elections .

President Droupadi Murmu said “ Dharti Putra’ Mulayam ji was a veteran leader and was connected with the land. He was respected by people of all parties.”

In his message Modi said “Mulayam Singh Yadav Ji served people diligently and devoted his life towards popularising the ideals of Jayaprakash Narayan and Ram Manohar Lohia. He

was a key soldier for democracy during the Emergency.

“Shri Mulayam Singh Yadavji as a remarkable personality. He was widely admired as a humble and grounded leader who was sensitive to people’s problems. He served people diligently and devoted his life towards popularising the ideals of Loknayak JP and Dr. Lohia,” the Prime Minister further said.

Modi said “Mulayam Singh Yadav Ji distinguished himself in UP and national politics. He was a key soldier for democracy during the Emergency. As Defence Minister, he worked for a stronger India. His Parliamentary interventions were insightful and emphasised on furthering national interest.”

“I had many interactions

with Mulayam Singh Yadav Ji when we served as Chief Ministers of our respective states. The close association continued and I always looked forward to hearing his views. His demise pains me. Condolences to his family and lakhs of supporters. Om Shanti,” the Prime Minister said concluding his condolence message.

The Prime Minister who is in Gujarat recalled as how the late leader on the floor of the Lok Sabha “wished” him success in 2019 elections . Modi said the suggestions of Yadav to him would always be with him .

Union Home Minister Amit Shah in his condolence message said “ during the Emergency, he raised his voice for the restoration of democracy. His death marks the end of an era in Indian politics.”

END OF AN ERA...

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Since a bitter rift between his brother Shivpal Singh Yadav and his son Akhilesh split his party SP in 2017, he largely remained away from the limelight.

A former wrestler, Mulayam was known to pin his political opponents down with his understanding of grassroots politics and his ability to connect with the masses. At the same time, he had friends in most political parties.

But he was also prone to political gaffes. While campaigning for the 2014 general election, he said that rape accused should not be hanged as “boys make mistakes”. He later clarified that he was actually asking that anti-rape laws to be applied judiciously. But his clarification did not stop campaigners from criticising him and questioning his stand on women’s rights.

Trained as a teacher in his home village Saifai in Etawah district of central Uttar Pradesh, Mulayam took the plunge into politics at the age of 15. Influenced by the writings of socialist ideologue Ram Manohar Lohia, he took part in several agitations led by Lohia.

He became the youngest member of the UP Assembly when he contested election in 1967 as a Socialist Party candidate. He was elected in 1974 and again in 1977 on Janata Party ticket, formed the same year after lifting of the Emergency clamped by the then India Gandhi regime in June 1975. He was inducted as a Cabinet Minister and given the cooperative department portfolio in the Government headed by Ram Naresh Yadav.

Typical of the mercurial nature of his career were the elections of 1980 when, for the first time, he lost amid a surge of support for the Congress party. Jat leader Chaudhary Charan Singh came to his res-

cue and he was elected to the Upper House of the UP legislature where he was later elevated as the Leader of the Opposition.

A few years later he took the unusual step of getting elected to the Lower House of the UP legislature as well in the 1985 UP Assembly elections. He is the only leader to have achieved the distinction of holding the position of Leader of Opposition in both the Houses of UP legislature.

His first stint as UP Chief Minister -- from 1989 to 1991 -- was short-lived but not uneventful. The call for kar sewa given by the Vishwa Hindu Parishad in October 1990 led to police firing in Ayodhya. The police opened fire twice on October 30 and November 2. The incident earned him the label of “Mullah Mulayam”.

In October 1992, Mulayam floated his own political party-the SP. The SP contested the 1993 Assembly election in alliance with the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP). The alliance collapsed in June 1995 and the Mulayam Government was dismissed by then Governor Motilal Vora.

In August 2003, Mulayam took over as Chief Minister for the third time. The SP lost the 2007 UP Assembly election and its bitter foe BSP for the first time formed the Government with a clear majority. The SP bounced back and won the 2012 UP Assembly election and Mulayam installed his son Akhilesh as the Chief Minister. It was seen as a decisive attempt by “Netaji” to settle the issue of succession in the first family of the SP. Though Akhilesh is now the undisputed leader of the SP, his estranged uncle Shivpal is yet to reconcile to the succession plan implemented by his elder brother Mulayam a decade ago in 2012.

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The Jan Morchha faction of the Janata Dal led by Arun Nehru and Arif Mohammed Khan (present Governor of Kerala) also backed Ajit Singh. Chiman Bhai Patel, the then Chief Minister of Gujarat, was the observer deputed by the Janata Dal central leadership for supervising the election of the leader of the UP Janata Dal Legislature party. Chiman Bhai Patel, also the son of a farmer, ignored the wishes of Prime Minister VP Singh and backed Mulayam in place of Ajit Singh who had returned from USA

after the death of his father Chowdhary Charan Singh in 1987. Mulayam won first major battle of his life.

In the summer of 1996, Mulayam won his first break in national politics when he was appointed India’s Defense Minister in the United Front coalition Government, led by HD Dewe Gowda.

Ambitious as ever, at one point Mulayam even tried to become Prime Minister, but he always lacked a strong support base despite being at the centre of ceaseless political intrigue.

Evidence of this was seen

Rain pours...

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Currently, harvesting of paddy, the main kharif (summer) crop, is underway. Over 80 per cent of the country’s rice production is grown in the kharif season. According to Anand, these rains augur well for eastern India, especially parts of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and West Bengal where late sown varieties of paddy are cultivated in about 3-4 million hectares area. The late sown paddy varieties in eastern India will mature post November 15.

The IMD said Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab and Haryana are among the States which received maximum rains 400-500 per cent in October. The southwest monsoon official ended the 2022 season with a cumulative rainfall of 925 millimeters, which is 6 per cent more than normal.

“But this year the cycle was delayed by lower rainfall in June and while crops are now ready for harvesting, an area of low pressure is bringing heavy rainfall in north-western and eastern parts of the country and delaying the end of the south-west monsoon,” said an IMD official.

Plan against Cong’s silent...

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He said in previous Assembly elections, the Congress used to make a lot of noise and boast about “finishing” the BJP, which has been ruling the State for more than two decades.

“But we did not fall in 20 years, so they have done something new, which is why we need to remain alert,” said Modi, who previously served as Chief Minister of Gujarat for 13 years.

The Prime Minister said the Congress, once a dominant political force in Gujarat, is not saying anything openly, but working “silently” by going to villages and adopting its old “manipulative” tricks.

“Therefore, don’t be confused because they are not appearing in the press, nor conducting any press conference or making speeches. Beware... the Congress is trying to infiltrate with a new strategy. It does not speak, but is reaching out to villages, holding meetings,” Modi said.

He said BJP workers needed to remain alert and counter this new strategy of the main Opposition party.

when he decided to oppose Sonia Gandhi’s candidature for Prime Minister after the fall of the 13-day Atal Behari Vajpayee Government in 1996. Mulayam described her as a “videshi” (foreigner) — a mistake that came back to haunt him when the Congress refused to support him when he needed it while trying to form a Government in Uttar Pradesh as the single largest party following February 2002 UP Assembly polls. This resulted in BSP chief Mayawati forming the coalition Government with the support of the BJP.

Mulayam waited for his turn. The BSP-BJP coalition collapsed as the BJP withdrew support to the Mayawati Government. Mulayam returned as Chief Minister for the third time in August 2003 and held the office until the Assembly elections of May 2007 when he again lost to Mayawati.

For the 2009 Lok Sabha elections, Mulayam cultivated a new political alliance this time with the BJP rebel and former UP Chief Minister Kalyan Singh. It was a suicidal move. Kalyan Singh was loathed by Muslims for his

Collegium names judges who objected to CJI...

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The statement said informal deliberations with regard to the proposed appointments had been going on for some time and a formal meeting took place on September 26, 2022, when the names of 11 Judges were considered. “As there was unanimity of opinion on the name of Justice Dipankar Dutta, Chief Justice, High

Court of Bombay, a resolution to that effect was passed and the consideration of the names of other ten Judges was deferred till September 30, 2022,” it said.

Though the procedure of circulating the judgments of the prospective candidates for making an objective assessment of their relative merit was introduced for the first time in

the meeting held on September 26, 2022 and the name of Justice Dutta was cleared, a demand was raised by some of the members that “we should have more judgments of the other candidates. Therefore, the meeting was postponed to September 30, 2022 and more judgments were circulated”.

“In continuation of the deliberations that took place

India gets 4...

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India had received the first set of details from Switzerland under AEOI (Automatic Exchange of Information) in September 2019. It was among the 75 countries to get such information that year. Last year, India was among 86 such partner countries.

According to experts, the AEOI data received by India has been quite useful for establishing a strong prosecution case against those who have any unaccounted wealth, as it provides entire details of deposits and transfers as well as of all earnings, including through investments in securities and other assets.

Russia’s revenge mass strikes hit civilians in...

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said.

Some of the strikes hit near the government quarter in the symbolic heart of the capital, where Parliament and other major landmarks are located.

A glass tower housing offices was significantly damaged, most of its blue-tinted windows blown out.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said Russian forces launched dozens of missiles and Iranian-built drones against Ukraine.

The General Staff of the Ukraine Armed Forces said 75 missiles were fired against Ukrainian targets, with 41 of them neutralized by air defences.

Russia blasts Kyiv, other Ukrainian cities in deadly strikes

AP ■ KYIV

Russia unleashed a lethal barrage of strikes against multiple Ukrainian cities Monday, smashing civilian targets including downtown Kyiv where at least six people were killed amid burnt-out cars and shattered buildings that brought back into focus the grim reality of war after months of easing tensions in the capital.

Police said a total of at least 10 people were killed and around 60 others were wounded in the morning attacks across Ukraine.

The country's Emergency Service said nine people were killed.

The conflicting numbers couldn't immediately be reconciled.

Russian President Vladimir Putin, whose military invaded neighbouring Ukraine on Feb. 24, said the strikes were in retaliation for what he called Kyiv's "terrorist" actions — a reference to Ukraine's attempts to repel Moscow's invasion forces and cripple their supply lines.

The actions he referred to include an attack last weekend on a key bridge, prized by the Kremlin, between Russia and the annexed Crimean Peninsula.

Putin vowed a "tough" and "proportionate" response should Ukraine carry out further attacks that threaten Russia's security.

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Moscow's war in Ukraine is approaching its eight-month milestone, and the Kremlin has been reeling from humiliating battlefield setbacks in areas of eastern Ukraine it is trying to annex.

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Avoid all non-essential travel to and within Ukraine: India tells its citizens
PTI ■ MOSCOW

Concerned over the escalation of hostilities in Ukraine, India on Monday advised its citizens to avoid all non-essential travel to and within Ukraine and asked them to strictly follow the safety and security guidelines issued by the local authorities. The advisory comes hours after Russia carried out strikes against multiple Ukrainian cities, including Kyiv.

Police said at least 10 people were killed and around 60 others were wounded in the attacks across Ukraine. "In view of the current escalation of hostilities in Ukraine, Indian nationals are advised to avoid all non-essential travel to and within Ukraine", the advisory said.

Taiwan leader tells China war 'absolutely not an option'



AP ■ TAIPEI

China's threats of military action against Taiwan are "absolutely not an option" and will "only push our two sides further from each other," Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-wen said on Monday.

Speaking on Taiwan's National Day, Tsai said China should not mistake Taiwan's multiparty democratic political system for weakness and "attempt to divide Taiwanese society."

"I want to make clear to the Beijing authorities that armed confrontation is absolutely not an option for our two sides," Tsai said.

"Only by respecting the commitment of the Taiwanese people to our sovereignty, democracy, and freedom can there be a foundation for resuming constructive interaction across the Taiwan Strait," she said.

Fighter jets and a Chinook helicopter displaying Taiwan's flag flew overhead while the band from Taipei's First Girls'

High School played hits ranging from the Beatles to Lady Gaga.

National Day festivities included international guests such as Palau President Surangel S Whipps Jr, whose country's blue and yellow flag flew alongside Taiwan's red banner with its blue square and white star.

The holiday evokes Taiwan's endurance as a separate political entity with a thriving democracy and free press.

Generally known as "Double Ten" in Taiwan, it commemorates a 1911 uprising by troops in the Chinese city of Wuhan that eventually led to downfall of the Qing Dynasty. China's Communist Party swept the Nationalist government from the mainland amid civil war in 1949 and continues to claim the island.

In response, Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning reiterated China's long-held stance that "Taiwan is Not an independent state and has no so-called president."

India, Oz for rules-based global order, freedom of navigation in int'l waters



PTI ■ CANBERRA

India and Australia, as liberal democracies, believe in a rules-based international order, in freedom of navigation in international waters, in promoting connectivity, growth and security for all, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said on Monday, amidst China flexing its military muscle in the strategic Indo-Pacific region.

Addressing a joint press conference here with his Australian counterpart Penny Wong, Jaishankar said he had a "very useful, very productive and very comfortable discussion" on a range of bilateral and global issues.

Wong said that Australia and India have recognised that the Indo-Pacific region is being "reshaped" both economically and strategically

and underlined that the partnership with India is a "critical part" of shaping the region.

"As liberal democracies, we both believe in a rules-based international order, in freedom of navigation in international waters, in promoting connectivity, growth and security for all," he said.

He also emphasised what the two sides have emphasised in ensuring that countries make "sovereign choices on matters that are important to them." "Australia and India are comprehensive strategic partners. We are QUAD partners. We partner in many other ways and most fundamentally, we share a region, the Indo-Pacific region and between our countries, we span a great breadth of the Indo-Pacific," Wong said.

Gunfire, blasts in western Iran amid Mahsa Amini protests

AP ■ DUBAI

The sound of apparent gunshots and explosions echoed early on Monday through the streets of a western Iranian city at the epicentre of protests over the death of a 22-year-old woman, with at least one man reportedly killed by security forces in a village nearby, activists said.

The incidents came as demonstrations rage on in cities, towns and villages across Iran over the September 16 death of Mahsa Amini, who died days after being detained by the



morality police in Tehran.

While Iran's government insists Amini was not mistreat-

ed, videos of violent confrontations between women wearing their mandatory headscarf, or

Calls mount for Filipino former senator freedom after jail riot

AP ■ MANILA

Human rights activists pressed their call Monday for the immediate release of a former Philippine opposition senator after she was taken hostage in a rampage by three Muslim militants in a failed attempt to escape from a maximum-security jail.

Police killed three Islamic State group-linked militants behind Sunday's violence in which a police officer was stabbed and former Sen.

Leila de Lima briefly taken hostage. The militants tried to escape from the jail for high-profile inmates at the national police headquarters in metropolitan Manila, police said.

National police chief Gen. Rodolfo Azurin Jr. Acknowledged there were secu-



rity lapses in the detention centre and said its commander has been removed as part of an investigation.

Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch separately expressed deep alarm over the violence and the hostage-taking of de Lima. The

groups calls for her immediate release.

"That she has had to endure this traumatising and frightening experience on top of being arbitrarily detained for over five years now is the height of outrage, negligence and injustice," Amnesty International Philippine director Butch Olano said.

About two dozen supporters held a protest for de Lima, who was brought to a metropolitan Manila trial court Monday for a hearing, which was postponed. "We condemned what happened yesterday," said protester Charito del Carmen.

"It's painful for us because if she got killed what would happen to the fight for justice that we've been waging for her?"

Germany eyes possible political motive in railway sabotage

AP ■ BERLIN

German police said Monday they're examining the possibility of a political motive in the suspected sabotage of a railway communication system over the weekend that brought trains to a standstill across the north-west of the country.

Officials say cables were severed deliberately in a Berlin suburb and in Herne in western Germany, sites that are 440 kilometers apart. Trains in the northwestern states of Hamburg, Schleswig-Holstein, Lower Saxony and Bremen were halted for nearly three hours on Saturday morning. Railway operator Deutsche Bahn said that was necessary because a digital train radio system failed. Authorities opened an investigation into suspicion of dangerous interference with rail traffic. Police in the western city of Bochum said Monday that their state protection unit is conducting the investigation "because a political motivation is also being examined."

Dutch activists sue Govt over assisted suicide

AP ■ THE HAGUE

Campaigners calling for the decriminalisation of assisted suicide in the Netherlands took the Dutch government to court on Monday, arguing that its ban on helping a person end their life breaches human rights norms.

The case at The Hague District Court is the latest legal battle in a long-running debate around end-of-life issues in the country that in 2002 became the first in the world to pass a law that decriminalised euthanasia.

A group called Cooperative Last Will asked the court to declare that the Dutch state is "acting unlawfully by denying its citizens the right to die with dignity under their own control." Euthanasia involves doctors — under strict conditions — actively killing patients with an injection of drugs. In assisted dying, patients are provided with a lethal substance that they take themselves.

Cooperative Last Will, which says it has nearly 30,000 members, wants the case to force a change in the Dutch law to decriminalise assistance for people



who want to take their own life at a time of their choosing and for a lethal substance to be made available under strict conditions.

The Dutch government argues that many people who want to end their lives can make use of the existing euthanasia law. "However, the state is not obliged — and that is what this is all about — to facilitate assisted suicide, let alone allow it under all circumstances," government lawyer Erik Koppe told a three-judge panel. Lawyers for the cooperative argued that jurisprudence from the European Court of Human Rights enshrines a right to die at a time and place of a person's choosing.

Malaysian PM dissolves Parliament, calls snap polls



AP ■ KUALA LUMPUR

Malaysian Prime Minister Ismail Sabri Yaakob announced that Parliament will be dissolved

On Monday, paving the way for general elections that are expected to be held in early November.

The elections come nine months before Parliament's term expires, following calls for early polls from Ismail's United Malays National Organisation.

UMNO, the biggest party in the ruling coalition, was feuding with its allies and is aiming for a big win on its own.

Ismail said he met on Sunday with King Sultan Abdullah Sultan Ahmad Shah, who consented to the dissolution. He said he decided to call early polls to counter criticism over the legitimacy of his government — the third since 2018 polls. "With this announcement, the mandate will be returned to the people. The people's mandate is a powerful antidote" to create a firm and stable government, Ismail said in a televised announcement.

The Election Commission is expected to meet within the week to announce a date for the vote, which must be held within 60 days from Parliament's dissolution.

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NAMAN GUPTA (ADVOCATE)
Ch. No. 502 Lawyers Chamber Block III, Delhi High Court, New Delhi -110017. # 9599780529

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CM No. 6615-CII-2019 and CM No. 6616-CII-2019 in FAO No. 691 of 2010
Next Date of Hearing 18.10.2022
R.C. SHARMA Petitioner
VS
SUMAN AND ORS. Respondent
Appeal u/s 173 of Motor Vehicles Act 1988.
Notice to :- Appellant. Sh.R.C. Sharma son of B.B. Sharma, resident of 12, Lady Harding Medical College, New Delhi (owner of the offending Maruti Car No. DBC-4012)
In above titled appeal, the respondent(s)/ defendant(s) could not be served in ordinary process. It is ordered that the respondent(s)/defendant(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 18.10.2022 at 10:00 a.m.
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For Modi Rubber Limited
Sd/-
(S K Bajpai)
Place : New Delhi
Date : 10.10.2022
Head-Legal & Company Secretary

Markets settle lower amid negative global cues

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Equity indices chalked up losses for the second straight session on Monday, in tandem with a bearish trend overseas as ratcheting up of hostilities in Ukraine and prospects of further rate hikes by the US Fed soured global risk sentiment.

The rupee slipping to another all-time low against the US dollar amid foreign fund outflows added to the gloom, traders said.

After tumbling over 800 points in intra-day trade, the 30-share BSE Sensex clawed back some lost ground to end 200.18 points or 0.34 per cent lower at 57,991.11.

On similar lines, the broader NSE Nifty fell 73.65 points or 0.43 per cent to end at 17,241.

Asian Paints was the top laggard in the Sensex pack, dropping 1.99 per cent, followed by Titan, ITC, Reliance Industries, HDFC Bank, HDFC and Nestle India.

In contrast, Axis Bank topped the gainers' chart with a jump of 2.76 per cent, while TCS spurted 1.84 per cent ahead of its results.

Maruti, Wipro, Infosys, Tech Mahindra and HCL Technologies were among the other winners.

The market breadth was negative, with 19 of the 30



Sensex components posting losses.

"Fear of an aggressive rate hike by the Fed on the back of strong employment data in the US, disrupted the global equity trend. Inflation in the US is forecasted to stay high given low supply and high demand scenarios. To bring some parity in the economy, the Fed will have to target to lower demand by increasing the unemployment rate, which is not factored by the market.

"In addition, rising crude prices and depreciating rupee is increasing the risk of imported inflation in India, affecting the domestic market," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services.

Siddhartha Khemka, Head - Retail Research, Motilal

Oswal Financial Services, said Indian equities came under pressure due to global factors and increased geopolitical risks in Ukraine.

"Going forward, markets are likely to witness swings as any escalation in geopolitical environment can lead to increase in volatility. Further, inflation data and US Fed meeting minutes will be closely monitored. Domestically Q2 earning season will commence with almost 22 per cent of Nifty weightage announcing their results during the week, including IT heavyweights, HDFC Bank, Bajaj Auto, etc," he added.

In the broader market, the BSE midcap gauge fell by 0.87 per cent and smallcap index dipped 0.58 per cent. Among the BSE sectoral indices, consumer durables fell by 1.43 per cent, followed by power (1.30 per cent), utilities (1.12 per cent), FMCG (1.01 per cent), really (0.98 per cent) and consumer discretionary (0.88 per cent).

IT and teck ended in the positive zone.

World markets wavered after Kremlin ramped up bombings in Ukraine in an apparent retaliation against an explosion on the bridge connecting Russian mainland to Crimea. Elsewhere in Asia, markets in Shanghai and Hong Kong ended in the negative territory.

Gold drops ₹543; silver tumbles ₹2,121



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Gold prices in the national capital dropped ₹543 to ₹51,625 per 10 grams on Monday amid a decline in the prices of precious metal in the international market, according to HDFC Securities.

In the previous trade, the yellow metal had touched ₹52,168 per 10 grams.

Silver also tumbled by ₹2,121 to ₹59,725 per kilogram

from ₹61,846 per kg.

In the international market, gold was trading in red at USD 1,683.05 per ounce while silver was down at USD 19.74 per ounce. "The strong US jobs data intensified concerns that the US Federal Reserve will be more aggressive with interest rate hikes. Rising rates make gold less attractive as an investment mean," said Dilip Parmar, Research Analyst at HDFC Securities.

NMDC leaves ore prices unchanged for 3rd straight time

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

State-owned mining giant NMDC has left the prices of lump ore and fines unchanged for the third time in a row.

In a regulatory filing on Monday, NMDC said it has fixed the prices of lump ore at Rs 4,100 per tonne and that of fines at ₹2,910 a tonne with effect from October 8, 2022.

Iron ore is one of the key raw materials used in the manufacturing of steel. Any movement in the prices of the mineral has a direct impact on the rates of steel, which has been a matter of concern for user industries for the past few months. The company had on August 11 fixed the prices of lump ore and fines at Rs 4,100/tonne and ₹2,910 per

RBI cancels licence of Pune-based The Seva Vikas Co-op Bank

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The Reserve Bank of India on Monday said it has cancelled the licence of Pune-based The Seva Vikas Co-operative Bank Ltd as the lender does not have adequate capital and earning prospects.

The bank ceases to carry on banking business, with effect from the close of business on October 10, the RBI said in a statement.

As per the data submitted by the bank, it said about 99 per cent of the depositors are entitled to receive full amount of their deposits from the Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC).

As on September 14, DICGC paid ₹152.36 crore of the total insured deposits.

"The bank does not have adequate capital and earning



prospects," the RBI said.

It also noted that the bank with its present financial position would be unable to pay its present depositors in full.

The Seva Vikas Co-operative Bank is prohibited from conducting the business of banking which includes, among other things, acceptance of deposits and repayment of deposits with immediate effect, the RBI said.

The Commissioner for Cooperation and Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Maharashtra has also been asked to issue an order for winding up the bank and appoint a liquidator for the bank.

On liquidation, every depositor would be entitled to receive deposit insurance claim amount of his/her deposits up to Rs 5 lakh from DICGC.

Goyal urges small biz to look at dual listing by tapping Gift City

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Monday urged small businesses to consider "dual listing" to widen their capital raising options.

The minister said small companies have the option to list on the main bourses' SME platforms and also on the Gift City in Gandhinagar.

Speaking at an event to mark the 400th listing on the BSE's SME platform, he said there is a need to tap into more sources of capital as that can give a fillip to the small business sector.

"Possibly you can look at the International Financial Services Centre at the Gift City. We also need to see whether we can encourage some of these companies to explore getting listed through the Gift City platform or a dual listing between Mumbai and



the Gift City," he said, adding the same option can also be explored by companies looking at overseas listing.

Dual listing will help tap into domestic capital and also the international funds which have set shop or are in the process of doing so at the Gift City, he said.

It would be good to ensure that international funds also get to know about the SME platform, he said and asked the BSE to try and get foreign institutional investors and sovereign wealth funds participate in this exchange.

Rupee falls 4 paise to close at all-time low of 82.34 against US dollar

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The rupee pared most of its initial losses and settled 4 paise lower at a fresh lifetime low of 82.34 (provisional) against the US dollar on Monday, weighed down by as risk-averse sentiment among investors.

Moreover, a negative trend in domestic equities and a firm greenback overseas sapped investor appetite, forex traders said.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the local currency opened at 82.68, then fell further to an all-time intra-day low of 82.69.

According to forex traders, the local unit pared initial losses on possible central bank intervention and finally settled for the day at an all-time low of 82.34 against the American currency, down 4 paise over its previous close.

On Friday, the rupee had depreciated by 13 paise to close at 82.30.



"The Indian rupee pared opening losses on possible central bank intervention and corporate inflows... Lower crude oil prices also supported the rupee in today's session," said Dilip Parmar, Research Analyst, HDFC Securities.

However, the directional trend remains bearish for the rupee amid tighter liquidity conditions and risk-averse sentiments, Parmar said, adding, "Spot USD-INR is having near-term resistance at 82.90 and support at 81.95."

Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, advanced 0.23 per cent to 113.05.

JSW Steel's combined production grows 12% to 5.68 MT in July-September

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

JSW Steel has reported a 12 per cent year-on-year growth in its combined steel production at 5.68 million tonne (MT) in the quarter ended September 2022.

In the year-ago-period, its combined steel output was at 5.07 MT, JSW Steel said in a statement.

"JSW Steel reported its group combined crude steel production at 5.68 million tonne, registering a growth of 12 per cent y-o-y, including the production at jointly controlled entities," it said. Metaverse at GITEX2022 in DubaiMumbai: As the world steadily marches towards the future, technological advancements are at the core of the conversation.



Financial bids for IDBI Bank likely to be invited by March, sale process to conclude next fiscal

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The financial bids for IDBI Bank privatisation is likely to be invited by March and the conclusion of the sale process is expected in the next financial year, officials said.

Last week, the government along with Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) invited preliminary bids for selling 60.72 per cent stake in IDBI Bank.

The last date for putting in Expression of Interest (EoI) is December 16.

Once the EoIs come in and the interested parties clear RBI's 'Fit and Proper' assessment and gets Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) security clearance, data room access would be given to qualified bidders. It is only after due diligence, that bidders would put in financial bids.

Usually it takes about six months for the process of due diligence to get completed and financial bids to come in.

Tea Board to commission study on domestic consumption patterns: Official

PTI ■ KOLKATA

Tea Board will commission a study on patterns of domestic consumption of the beverage in the coming years and how to increase it in the face of rising production, an official said.

The official said the Tea Board will appoint an agency which will conduct an in-depth study on how to increase domestic consumption of tea over the coming years, adding that it will be carried out across the country by taking random samples.

In 2021, the domestic consumption volume of tea was around 1100 million kg.

According to the official, in spite of having a big domestic consumption base, per capi-



ta intake of beverage in the country is low when compared to global standards.

India is the second largest producer of tea after China. In 2021, the total consumption of tea was 1,145 million kg, out of total production of around 1,330 million kg, registering a rise from 1,257 million kg in 2020.

The official said tea is generally considered as a com-

modity due to its low price, adding that it can be positioned as a refreshing drink. Owing to its low price, people consider coffee as a symbol for social status. The official said regarding awareness, Assam Tea and Darjeeling Tea are the most recognized by virtue of their origin as compared to Nilgiri Tea.

P K Bhattacharya, secretary-general of Tea Association of India (TAI), a leading body of producers, said domestic consumption has to increase on face of rising production.

"There has to be a balance between production and consumption. This is mainly because exports, which went upto a high of 255 million kg in 2019, is now around 200 million kg."

‘India, Indonesia should talk a free trade pact’

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India and Indonesia should negotiate a comprehensive free trade agreement as it would help in boosting economic ties between the two countries, Shinta Widjaja Kamdani, Chair B20 Indonesia, said on Monday.

Indonesia has the Presidency of the Group of Twenty (G20) for 2022. It also chairs the Business 20 or B20 forum. It is the primary engagement group comprising business sectors from the G20 member countries.

She is here to participate in the 'B20 Indonesia Global Dialogue', organised by industry chamber CII.

Kamdani said Indonesia is not talking about a free trade agreement only for trade, but also investments, trade facilitation and capacity building.

It would include trade in goods as well as services, she told PTI, adding Indonesia calls the trade pact as comprehensive economic partnership agreement (CEPA).

Kamdani is also the chief executive officer of the Sintesa Group. It is an Indonesian group with 16 subsidiaries which operate in sectors like property, energy, industrial and consumer products.

At present, India and indonesia do not have any trade agreement. Indonesia is part of ASEAN (Association of

Southeast Asian Nations) bloc, with which India had implemented a trade pact in 2010.

In such a pact, two sides significantly reduce or eliminate customs duties for maximum number of goods traded between them. Besides, they relax norms to promote trade in services and boost investments.

India and Indonesia have set an ambitious USD 50 billion target for bilateral trade by 2025.

M Arsjad Rasjid PM, Chairman, Indonesian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KADIN), said the two countries should "move forward" on a trade agreement.

MG Motor India expects to turn profitable next year on higher sales

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

MG Motor India expects its operations to turn profitable next year as it looks to double its volumes with higher production capacity in place, the company's President and Managing Director Rajeev Chaba said on Monday.

The company, which has been impacted by acute supply chain constraints, is looking to close the current year with sales of around 55,000-56,000 units.

"Next year, we are looking at doubling our volumes. If we



do 56,000 units this year and we are targeting over one lakh units in 2023. So that is why we think next year is definitely going to be a big year for us," Chaba told PTI in an interac-

tion.

He noted that the company is in the final stage of completing capacity expansion at its Halol-based manufacturing plant in Gujarat which would

help it scale up dispatches to dealers next year.

MG Motor had bought the Halol plant from General Motors and has been able to ramp the annual production capacity from 65,000 units to 1.25 lakh units now.

"Last year we sold around 40,000 units, this year it should be 55,000-56,000 units. So in 2023 hopefully the plant should be full and we should be profitable next year. So far we have been losing money and next year we should breakeven to some minimal profit," Chaba said.

Tata Motors global sales up 33% in September qtr

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Tata Motors on Monday reported 33 per cent increase in global sales, including that of Jaguar Land Rover to 3,35,976 units in September quarter 2022.

It had sold 2,51,689 units in the same period last year.

Global wholesale units of all Tata Motors' commercial vehicles and Tata Daewoo range in the quarter stood at

1,03,226 units, up 16 per cent from 89,055 units a year ago, the company said in a statement.

Global sales of all passenger vehicles were at 2,32,750 units in the quarter as against 1,62,634 units in the year-ago period.

Global sales of JLR stood at 89,899 units in the period under review. While Jaguar wholesale stood at 16,631 vehicles, Land Rover wholesales were 73,268 units.

Record 5.4 lakh units vehicles sold during Navratri: FADA

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Vehicle retail sales in the country rose 57 per cent during the Navratri festival this year, clocking a record sales of nearly 5.4 lakh units, Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations said on Monday. Total vehicle retail sales between September 26 and October 5, 2022, stood at 5,39,227 units compared to 3,42,459 units sold during Navratri last year, FADA said in a statement.

The sales registered this year were also a record, bettering the previous best of 4,66,128 units in Navratri of 2019, it added.

Navratri sales show that customers are back in showrooms after a gap of three years, FADA President Manish Raj Singhania said.

As per the FADA data, two-wheeler retail sales in this year's Navratri stood at 3,69,020 units against 2,42,213 units during the festive period last year.

BUSINESS BRIEF

SRM HOLDS RUN 6.0 TO BRING MENTAL WELL-BEING



Chennai: SRM Run 6.0 was conducted on SRMIST premises on Monday with a big motive of creating LIMCA World Record for being the biggest run for physical and mental well-being. The event took a grand note with a participation of over 1741 enthusiastic individuals who went to cover a distance of five kilometres. 'Health, Happiness, Harmony' was the theme behind the event which emphasised physical and mental wellness in line with Sustainable Development Goal 3 for 2022. The run was commemorated in the presence of Ramaswamy Gnanasekaran, Indian sprinter and the recipient of the Arjuna Award and the gold medal winner under the category of 200-meter race at the 1978 Asian Games. He was the chief guest for SRM Run 6.0 which was organised as a flagship event of the national level techno-management fest 'Aaruush' of SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRMIST).

METaverse AT GITEX2022 IN DUBAI

Mumbai: As the world steadily marches towards the future, technological advancements are at the core of the conversation. GITEX 2022, taking place in Dubai on from the October 10 to 14, is where all the innovation, ideas, and concepts converge to create the world's largest, most inclusive, tech and start-up event. XR Central, one of India's leading start-ups specialising in Metaverse Technology, is representing the country at the event and launching their unique Metaverse Building Platform - MetaQube, for a global audience.

PET CARE FIRM GOOFY TAILS RAISES USD 5 LAKH

New Delhi: D2C pet care firm Goofy Tails on Monday said it has secured a funding of \$ 5 lakh (about ₹4.11 crore) led by BeyondSeed, a Singapore-based investor group, and The Chennai Angels. The seed funding also saw the participation from other overseas angel investors. The company plans to use the funding to expand its portfolio of healthy pet foods and pet accessories, a company statement said. Goofy Tails will step up customer acquisition efforts and expand the team and warehouse presence across India for a better customer experience and faster delivery, it added. Started in 2019, the company has seen 200 per cent growth across all categories of its product line and has served over 1.2 lakh+ customers across Amazon, its own website, and other channels.

TCPL REBRANDS TATA Q AS TATA SAMPAANN YUMSIDE

New Delhi: Tata Consumer Products Ltd (TCPL) on Monday announced the rebranding of its Ready-To-Eat (RTE) brand TATA Q and bringing under the portfolio of Tata Sampann. The company made the announcement as part of the integration of its portfolio of food offerings. TCPL has reworked the recipes of the entire range of the acquired RTE product portfolio based on consumer feedback, and is also launching new innovations in the ethnic RTE category.

HUBBLER RAISES USD 1.5 MILLION

New Delhi: No-code platform Hubbler has raised USD 1.5 million (about ₹12.36 crore) from Artha Venture Fund, Unicorn India Ventures and LenDenClub Alpha in a funding round. The company will use these funds to enter new markets globally and increase its user base, according to a statement. "Hubbler, a no-code platform that makes app development easier, faster, and cost-effective, has raised USD 1.50 million from Artha Venture Fund, Unicorn India Ventures, and LenDenClub Alpha in seed round," the release said. This is the first external funding round for the startup.

INDIA OPEN FIFA WOMEN'S U-17 WC CAMPAIGN AGAINST USA

PTI ■ BHUBANESWAR

One of the least fancied sides in the tournament, India will begin as clear underdogs in their FIFA Women's Under-17 World Cup opening match against the mighty USA here on Tuesday.

India had booked an automatic berth in the age-group showpiece as hosts and they are one of the three debutants in the tournament along with fellow Group A side Morocco and Tanzania (Group D).

Head coach Thomas Dennerby had said that the hosts will be a tough side to score against and taking a point from the formidable USA at the Kalinga Stadium on Tuesday can be a big achievement for India.

USA have come into the tournament as winners of the CONCACAF championships and they would look to open their campaign with a win, knowing fully well that a slip-up against India can cost them dear in a Group which also has title contenders Brazil.

The top two teams from each of the four groups will qualify for the quarterfinals and every point is crucial in such a high-stake tournament.

Dennerby's side has prepared well for the tournament with exposure tours to Italy, Norway and Spain, though they have not played against very strong European and South American sides in the run-up to the showpiece.

He has said that his team has improved a lot in fitness and in defence while conceding that attacking is an area which his players will need to work upon.

The core of the Indian team is made up of the players who won 2022 U-18 Women's SAFF Championship. Lynda Kom Serto, the leading scorer of the tournament, will spearhead the attack.

Anita Kumari and Nitu Linda will operate from the wings while



young Shilky Devi could be the mid-field kingpin.

USA are playing the tournament for the fifth time and for the third consecutive time. But they have not gone past the group stage after finishing runners-up in 2008 edition and they would be looking to end the jinx this time.

Fifteen of the 21 who helped the USA win the Concacaf U-17 Women's Championship are in India. Midfielder Riley Jackson, who was adjudged the best player in the Concacaf tournament, will be one player to watch out for.

Amalia Villarreal, who finished

as the joint-highest goal-scorer, will lead the attack while Victoria Safradin, who won the Golden Glove, will man the USA goal.

Midfielder Mia Bhuta, whose father was brought up in Rajkot in Gujarat, will also be another player to watch out for.

In the run-up to the tournament, USA had beaten defending champions Spain once (2-0) and drawn once (1-1) while also notching up a 1-0 victory over European qualifying tournament winners Germany.

In seven games in the CONCACAF tournament, USA had scored

58 goals while conceding one.

In other matches on the opening day, Morocco take on Brazil in Group A at the Kalinga Stadium here. Chile face New Zealand in Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Margao while Germany play against Nigeria at the same venue in Group B matches.

TEAMS (FROM)

India: Monalisha Devi Moirangthem, Melody Chanu Keisham, Anjali Munda, Astam Oraon, Naketa, Purnima Kumari, Varshika, Shilky Devi Hemam, Babina Devi Lisham, Nitu Linda,

Shailja, Shubhangi Singh, Anita Kumari, Lynda Kom Serto, Neha, Rejiya Devi Laishram, Shelia Devi Loktongbam, Kajol Hubert Dsouza, Lavanya Upadhyay, Sudha Ankita Tirkey.

USA: Abigail Gundry, Victoria Safradin, Valentina Amaral, Ella Emri, Nicola Fraser, Jorydn Bugg, Savannah King, Cameron Roller, Gisele Thompson, Mia Bhuta, Riley Jackson, Charlotte Kohler, Lauren Martinho, Ella Sanchez, Emeri Adames, Onyeka Gamero, Nicolette Kiorpes, Melina Rebimbas, Samantha Smith, Taylor Suarez, Amalia Villarreal.



Dennerby hopes to score first and put pressure on USA

PTI ■ BHUBANESWAR

Head coach Thomas Dennerby is hoping that India will score an early goal against the mighty USA when his team will make its debut at the FIFA women's U-17 World Cup here on Tuesday.

Dennerby has earlier said that Indian defence has improved in recent times and his side will be difficult to score against.

"It will be tough to score against us. If we are at our best and if the top teams are not at their best on the day and if we manage to score an early goal and if they (opposition teams) start getting nervous something like that, then we have a chance," Dennerby said at the pre-match press conference.

"If we have a chance we will fight for it. So, it can happen. We have a good chance to come out of the match against USA with a point.

"It (being underdogs) suits us. USA are favourites no doubt about that but that is on paper before the game. The game will start 0-0 tomorrow."

Asked how far India can go in the tournament, he said, "We have to

fight for it and it will be a huge success if we qualify for the quarter-finals. We will do whatever it takes to reach there."

Dennerby talked about the 1-3 defeat against Sweden U-17 team during the exposure trip to Spain last month.

"We've played good games against some good teams (during exposure tours) also. We played against Sweden, one of the best sides. It was an equal game. If we are close against Sweden, I think we are also close to these teams (in this tournament) as well." Asked if India will have home advantage in the tournament, he said, "It's an advantage but don't know how much. After all, it's the 90 to 95 minutes on the pitch that will decide."

The team has been training together since February and Dennerby that it has been lucky that there were not many injuries to the players.

"Since we started we have 45-46 players coming in and out of the camp. Only goalkeeper Anita and Pinku Devi have had injuries (ACL). I'm happy it's not more than two considering that it has been a long camp," said the Swede.

Sindhu hoping to be fit by World Tour Final in Dec

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Double Olympic medallist PV Sindhu is hoping to make a comeback at the season-ending World Tour Finals in December after being forced to take a long break from the international circuit due to an ankle injury.

One of the fittest sportsperson in the circuit, Sindhu had suffered a stress fracture on her left foot on way to her maiden Commonwealth Games gold medal in Birmingham in August.

"To take it (break) positively, I think this is the only time I would get a break because next year is going to be a hectic one with tournaments lined up one after another," Sindhu said.

"But on the negative side, I would say it's unfortunate that I am taking a break. But it's important because you have to take care of your body and make sure you're completely fit and fine, you will have to maintain yourself to cope up with that level of play.

"It's important to recover soon and address it in a way that you are, stronger than



ever. It's getting better and hopefully, I'll be starting in December."

Sindhu will miss the next two BWF World Tour Super 750 events -- Denmark Open (Oct 18-23) and French Open (Oct 25 to 30) this month.

The World Tour Finals are scheduled in Guangzhou, China from December 14 to 18.

Asked if that's the target now, Sindhu said: "Yeah, definitely. I am not playing Denmark and Paris. But hopefully, I mean, if I'm there then definitely yeah..."

700 UP FOR RONALDO



AP ■ LIVERPOOL

Cristiano Ronaldo struck the 700th club goal of his career as Manchester United came from behind to beat Everton 2-1 at Goodison Park on Sunday.

The five-time Ballon d'Or winner was again left on the bench by Erik ten Hag but was handed an early introduction by an injury to Anthony Martial.

By that stage it was already 1-1 as Antony cancelled out Alex Iwobi's opener for Everton.

Ronaldo took his chance just before half-time to give United a deserved three points from an error-strewn game by both sides.

Victory takes Ten Hag's men up to fifth and within nine points of leaders Arsenal with a game in hand.

The Red Devils were seeking a response to being thrashed 6-3 by Manchester City last weekend but got off to the worst possible start.

On his first Premier League start since arriving for £60 mil-

lion (\$67 million) from Real Madrid, Casemiro was culpable for the opening goal as he was robbed in possession by Amadou Onana and the ball eventually broke for Iwobi to curl into the top corner from outside the box.

Everton came into the game with the best defensive record in the league, but were quickly undone as United levelled within 10 minutes.

Antony became the first United player to score in his first three Premier League games with a cool finish from Martial's pass.

Martial only lasted 30 minutes after pulling up with a hip injury in the warm-up and his departure paved the way for Ronaldo to make his entrance.

The 37-year-old has had to get used to life on the sidelines under Ten Hag.

However, Ronaldo gave his Dutch coach a reminder of the predatory instincts he retains.

Casemiro made amends for his earlier error by winning possession in midfield and playing in his former Real Madrid teammate to fire low under Jordan Pickford.

That strike took Ronaldo's tally in two spells with United to 144.

Madrid's record goalscorer hit 450 for the Spanish giants, while he scored 101 times for Juventus and five for Sporting Lisbon.

Messi out of Benfica CLss match

AP ■ PARIS

Paris Saint-Germain's Lionel Messi will miss this week's home Champions League game with Benfica due to injury, club sources said on Monday.

The 35-year-old Argentine superstar suffered a slight calf issue in last week's 1-1 draw in Portugal and missed Saturday's draw at Reims in Ligue 1.

PSG will also be without defenders Presnel Kimpembe and Nuno Mendes as well as midfielder Renato Sanches for Tuesday's game in the French capital.

They sit top of Group H, ahead of Benfica, two-time European Cup winners, on goals scored in the group stages.

The ex-Barcelona forward has missed just one of PSG's 14 games in all competitions this season and they will hope he is fit for Sunday's high-octane Ligue 1 clash with bitter rivals Marseille.

Spain defender Sergio Ramos will definitely miss Sunday's game as he is suspended.

Simeone takes Napoli two points clear

AP ■ NAPLES

Giovanni Simeone helped give Napoli command of Serie A on Sunday with the crucial goal in a 4-1 win at Cremonese which moved his team two points clear at the top of the pile.

Unbeaten Napoli had been leading the league on goal difference heading into this weekend's matches, but they took advantage of Atalanta throwing away a two-goal lead in their 2-2 draw at Udinese with a club-record eighth straight win in all competitions.

Simeone struck Napoli's second of a tight match with 14 minutes remaining when he met Mario Rui's deep cross with an unsavable close-range header.

It was Simeone's fourth goal in nine matches since arriving from Verona in August -- only one of which he has started -- in a positive start to life in southern Italy.

The heavy defeat was harsh on spirited Cremonese who bounced back from going behind to a soft penalty scored in the 26th minute by Matteo Politano by levelling through Cyril Dessers' first Serie A goal a minute after half-time.

However Massimiliano Alvini's winless side remain



second-bottom on three points following their sixth defeat in their first nine top-flight fixtures since 1996.

Luca Zanicchi hit the bar in the first half and fluffed some half-chances with Napoli wobbling after Dessers' leveller, but Simeone broke their spirit and Hirving Lozano and Mathias Olivera put the icing on the cake in stoppage time.

Now coach Luciano Spalletti can turn his attentions to qualifying for the last 16 of the Champions League when they host Ajax on Wednesday evening.

Barca back on top

AP ■ BARCELONA

Pedri's goal helped Barcelona earn an agonising 1-0 win over Celta Vigo to move back top of La Liga on Sunday.

After Real Madrid beat Getafe, Barcelona knew they had to beat the Galicians to head into next Sunday's Clasico as league leaders, but Celta did not make it easy for them.

With Barcelona clutching a narrow advantage, the visitors came close to an equaliser at Camp Nou and Marc-Andre ter Stegen earned a sixth consecutive domestic clean sheet with a brilliant save from Iago Aspas late on.

Goncalo Paciencia hit the post in stoppage time with the Catalans on the ropes, begging for the whistle.

"We had a great second half, with four, or five, or six clear chances, but if you don't score at Camp Nou then it's normal that you lose," Aspas told DAZN. "They ended up wasting time on throw-ins."

It was the kind of performance which does not bode well for Barcelona's crucial Champions League clash with Inter Milan on Wednesday. "Playing like we did in the second



half it will be very hard (to beat Inter), but in the first half yes, we have to maintain that level," said Barca coach

Xavi Hernandez.

"Today we had the luck of having a great goalkeeper, but we have to improve, we have to be self-critical."

Xavi started left-back Marcos Alonso in central defence, alongside Gerard Pique, partly due to injury problems, but otherwise picked his strongest side available.

Barcelona missed a slew of early chances, with Ferran Torres unable to reach a tempting cross and having another effort saved by Agustin Marchesin, while the goalkeeper also did well to claw out a rasping drive from Raphinha.

The pressure soon told and Pedri sent Barcelona ahead in the 17th minute, with Celta defender Unai Nunez accidentally teeing up the Spanish midfielder when he tried to cut out Gavi's cross.

Jordi Alba blasted into the side netting and Pedri delighted fans with a burst forward from midfield, as Barcelona continued to dominate.

However Celta started the second half in determined fashion.

Marcos Alonso made a fine block to deny Oscar Rodriguez from close range as the visitors pushed for the equaliser.

ATLETICO CONFIRM GRIEZMANN SIGNING FROM BARCELONA

AP ■ BARCELONA

Atletico Madrid confirmed they have agreed a deal to sign French striker Antoine Griezmann permanently from Barcelona, on a contract until 2026. Griezmann has been on loan at Atletico since August 2021 after a difficult spell at Camp Nou, following his 120 million euro (116.5 million dollar) move in 2019.

"Griezmann has signed a deal that links him to our club until June 30, 2026," said Atletico in a statement on Monday.

The 2018 World Cup winner was a key figure in coach Diego Simeone's plans last season but has largely been reduced to substitute appearances in the current campaign as Atletico tried to escape paying a reported obligatory 40 million euro purchase fee if he played over a certain number of games.

Griezmann has played 303 times for the club, scoring 144 goals, across his two stints in the capital.

He netted 35 goals in 102 appearances for Barcelona, winning the Copa del Rey there in 2021. In club football his biggest success has come at Atletico, winning the Europa League in 2018, as well as the UEFA Super Cup in the same year.

Brighton's Mwepu forced to retire from football with heart condition

AP ■ HOVE

Brighton midfielder Enock Mwepu has been forced to retire at the age of just 24 after he was diagnosed with a hereditary heart condition, the Premier League club announced on Monday.

The condition, which can worsen over time, would put him at an "extremely high risk of suffering a potentially fatal cardiac event if he were to continue playing competitive football", the club said.

Enock was unwell during a flight to join up with Zambia during the international break last month and after a period in hospital in Mali he returned to Brighton to undergo further cardiac examinations.

"These tests have concluded that his illness is due to a hereditary cardiac condition, which manifests later in life and was not previously evident on regular cardiac screening," the club said



in a statement.

"Sadly this can be exacerbated by playing sport so Enock has been advised that the only option, for the sake of his own safety, is for him to stop playing football."

Mwepu, who scored three goals in 27 appearances for the club, said on Twitter he had "lived his dream by reaching the Premier League".

He added: "Some dreams however come to an end, so it is with sadness that I announce the need to hang up my boots because of the medical advice I have received."

"This is, however, not the end of my involvement with football. I plan to stay involved in some

capacity."

Mwepu, who moved to the Premier League from Red Bull Salzburg last year, played his final match for Brighton in their 5-2 win against Leicester on September 4.

OPENERS IN FOCUS AS INDIA LOOK TO SEAL SERIES AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The second-string Indian team would look for some stability from its openers as the hosts aim to punch above their weight and seal a memorable series victory against South Africa in the third and final ODI here on Tuesday.

After going down narrowly in the series-opener, the might of the Indian white-ball depth was in full display as the hosts won the second ODI comfortably to level the three-match series 1-1.

But the Indian think tank would be a little concerned about the opening pair of captain Shikhar Dhawan and young Shubhman Gill.

Both batters struggled in the series so far.

One of India's most consistent ODI batters in last two years, Dhawan, who is now restricted to playing only the 50-over format, has managed only 17 runs in the series.

The veteran batter will hope to give a better start to the Indian innings in the decider with his eyes set on the ODI World Cup next year.

Gill, on the other hand, has also been profligate in availing his opportunities at the top. After being cheaply dismissed in the opener, he got a good start in the second ODI but couldn't convert it into a big score.

The middle order comprising Shreyas Iyer, Ishan Kishan and vice-captain Sanju Samson has been solid.

While Iyer and Samson have been consistent, Kishan looked in imperious touch and all three will be eager to continue with their good form as the Indian team management continues to audition players for the ODI World Cup.

In the bowling department, Mohammad Siraj, who has been touted as a possible replacement for injured Jasprit Bumrah in the T20



World Cup squad, has made a strong case for himself.

Spinners Shahbaz Ahmed and Ravi Bishnoi have also had good debuts.

While the stakes are not to high for the Indians, it will be a tough test

One of India's most consistent ODI batters in last two years, Shikhar Dhawan, who is now restricted to playing only the 50-over format, has managed only 17 runs in the series

against a full-strength South African side, which would be ravenous for ICC Cricket World Cup Super League points.

The Proteas, who are ranked 11th, are in danger of missing out on direct entry into next year's 50-over World Cup.

Temba Bavuma, who has been woefully out of form since his return from injury, was rested in the second ODI as he was unwell and it is to be seen if the skipper returns for the decider.

Stand-in skipper Keshav Maharaj erred in making the right call after the coin landed in his favour in the second ODI as South African bowlers felt helpless against the dew but they will be expected to come all guns blazing in the series finale.

Their batter have also fared well and the onus will be on the likes of Quinton de Kock, Aiden Markram and David Miller to perform with the willow.

Rain could play spoilsport. The capital has been witnessing heavy downpour since the past three days and there is probability of scattered thunderstorm on Tuesday as well.

TEAMS (FROM)

India: Shikhar Dhawan (c), Shubman Gill, Ruturaj Gaikwad, Ishan Kishan, Shreyas Iyer, Sanju Samson, Shardul Thakur, Kuldeep Yadav, Avesh Khan, Ravi Bishnoi, Mohammad Siraj, Washington Sundar, Mukesh Kumar, Rajat Patidar, Shahbaz Ahmed and Rahul Tripathi.

South Africa: Temba Bavuma (c), Janneman Malan, Quinton de Kock, Aiden Markram, Heinrich Klaasen, David Miller, Wayne Parnell, Keshav Maharaj, Kagiso Rabada, Lungi Ngidi, Tabraiz Shamsi, Reeza Hendricks, Marco Jansen, Anrich Nortje and Andile Phehlukwayo.



Surya shines as India beat Western Australia by 13 runs

PTI ■ PERTH

Suryakumar Yadav continued his good form as the Indian team had a fine outing against Western Australia Cricket Association XI, beating the hosts by 13 runs in its first practice game ahead of the T20 World Cup, here on Monday.

The Indian team, which has been training at the WACA for the past three days, wanted to get used to the pace and bounce of the track as the visitors scored 158 for six in their stipulated 20 overs. In reply, WACA XI managed only 145 in their 20 overs.

Instead of skipper Rohit Sharma's regular opening partner KL Rahul, it was Rishabh Pant, who opened the innings for the visitors.

But it was Suryakumar, whose 35-ball 52 was the high-light of the Indian innings as a few hundred fans enjoyed his free-flowing strokeplay.

He hit three fours and as many sixes during his knock and not for once did the pace and bounce of the track looked like troubling the world No. 2 ranked T20I batter.

The other man, who made

a significant contribution, was all-rounder Hardik Pandya who scored a quickfire 29 off 20 balls. Deepak Hooda also chipped in with 22 off 14 balls as India scored 39 for two in the Powerplay.

In fact, when Suryakumar got out in the 17th over, India were 129 for five but the last three overs yielded 29 runs and got them closer to a decent 160-run mark.

Defending the total against a second string WACA XI side wasn't a big task but Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Arshdeep Singh basically blew away the home team's top-order inside the six Powerplay overs.

WACA XI were reduced to 29 for four inside six overs and they could never recover from the setback.

Arshdeep was the best Indian bowler on view with impressive figures of 3/6 from three overs, while Bhuvneshwar (2/26) and Yuzvendra Chahal (2/15) also chipped in with couple of wickets.

India's next practice game against the same opposition is on October 13 before the team travels to Brisbane for the two official warm-up games.

India crush Thailand by 9 wickets in Asia Cup T20

PTI ■ SYLHET

The Indian bowlers hardly broke sweat to dismiss minnows Thailand for a paltry 37 before knocking off the runs in just six overs with nine wickets in hand to top the seven-team group league in the Women's Asia Cup, here on Monday.

The emphatic win was India's fifth victory in six games, with the only defeat coming in a low-scoring match against arch-rivals Pakistan.

India have 10 points from six games and are expected to be joined by Pakistan, Sri Lanka and one among Thailand and Bangladesh in the semifinals.

Bangladesh have a match left and they need to just win it to enjoy a better net run-rate (+0.423 after 5 games) over Thailand (-0.949 in 6 games). When stand-in skipper Smriti Mandhana won the toss, she had no hesitation to put Thailand onto bat and from thereon, it became an ordeal for the inexperienced Thai women.

The gulf in class was so huge that before getting out in the 16th over, Thailand could manage only 37 runs. The only batter to reach double figures was Nannapat Koncharoenkai (12) as the second highest score was 7 by



Nattaya Boochatham.

In fact, Nannapat and Natthakan Chantham's (6) 13-run opening stand was their highest as wickets tumbled like nine pins once India were able to draw the first blood.

Predictably, off-break bowlers Deepti Sharma (2/10) and Sneha Rana (3/9) choked the run-flow and was duly backed by left-arm spinner Rajeshwari Gayakwad (2/8).

Meghna Singh also chipped in with a wicket while the only one to go wicketless was Pooja Vastrakar.

Vastrakar (12 not out) was, however, sent up the order at No. 3 to get some bat-

ting time under her belt as she along with opener S Meghna (20 not out) knocked off the runs in just six overs.

"A big shout out to all girls for making my 100th T20 International special," stand-in skipper Mandhana said after the match.

"I wouldn't say weaker opposition and Thailand played good cricket but our bowlers really didn't give them any chance," Mandhana was all praise for her bowling unit.

Player of the match Sneha Rana said: "A win like this lifts confidence and we would definitely do well in the semi-final."

Bigger boundaries in Australia gives bowlers license to attack: Ashwin

PTI ■ PERTH

India's premier spinner Ravichandran Ashwin feels the bigger boundaries in the Australia will give the bowlers liberty to attack unlike smaller Indian grounds where one is forced to employ defensive tactics.

India will be based in Perth for a week before they move to Brisbane for the ICC warm-up games ahead of the World Cup opener against Pakistan in Melbourne on October 23.

Ashwin, who did not bowl in India's first warm up game against Western Australia on Monday, had also seen the England-Australia game here on Sunday alongside some of this teammates.

"We can get caught up with what happens in T20s and bilaterals back home. Only fair to say that bowlers are getting hit around the park but we also need to understand that boundaries are very close to the 30 yard circle in India.

"When you come to Australia, the boundaries are far bigger, gives license to the bowlers to work with. It is also very important to know the lengths you have to bowl so you got to be brave enough to take 50-50 options in these places," said Ashwin after the game at the WACA ground.

India's main team landed here well in advance ahead of the ICC event while a second string team is facing South Africa in the ODI series back home.

Ashwin said coming here early was a no-brainer.

"Two weeks to go for the T20 World Cup and it is a marquee event and we are taking it as seriously we can. We are



here to acclimatise because we have never been in Australia during this time.

"So it was important that we got here early and got used to the pace and bounce. There are a few guys who are new to the team so it will be a great time for them to acclimatise."

Talking about the warm up game, he said: "Pretty much a game of good cricket and no matter how many times you come to Australia and England, it

is very important you put in those miles early on.

"By the time the first game comes, you need to be up and running and sure about what the conditions are going to be.

"Even watching games like yesterday, it is very important to understand how the game is being played in this part of the world," said the wily spinner referring the England-Australia game at the Optus Stadium.



Harmanpreet, Rizwan win ICC Player of the Month awards for September

PTI ■ DUBAI

India captain Harmanpreet Kaur and Pakistan wicketkeeper batter Mohammad Rizwan won the ICC Player of the Month awards for September in women and men's categories respectively.

Harmanpreet received the award for her memorable showing in the ODI series in England.

The Indian skipper beat her deputy Smriti Mandhana and Bangladesh counterpart Nigar Sultana, who also came up with some stunning displays.

"It was great to be nominated for the award, and to win it is an amazing feeling. To come out as winner when being nominated alongside Smriti and Nigar is very humbling," Harmanpreet said after winning award.

"I have always taken immense pride in representing my country and achieving the historic ODI series win in

England will remain a landmark moment for me in my career," she added.

Harmanpreet had a memorable month not just with the bat but also as a captain, leading India to a memorable 3-0 ODI series sweep over England. This was India's first series win in England since 1999.

She led by example during the series and finished as the highest run-getter with 221 runs at an average of 221 and a strike rate of 103.27.

In the first ODI, her well-paced innings of 74 not out guided India to a win while chasing 228. She followed that up with a splendid unbeaten 143 off just 111 balls in the second ODI, her second-highest score in the 50-over format.

Among men, Rizwan defeated Indian left-arm spinner Axar Patel and Australian all-rounder Cameron Green to claim the award.

Rizwan was in stunning form in September, churning out some sizzling

performances in T20Is.

"I want to give my high appreciation to all my teammates as they made things easy for me. These achievements boost your confidence. I am happy with my performance and I would like to take this momentum forward in Australia," an elated Rizwan said.

"I would like to dedicate this award to the people in Pakistan who are affected by the floods and climate change. Hopefully this will bring smiles on their faces," he added. In the 10 games that he played last month, Rizwan scored seven fifties. His month began with two scores of 70 plus against Hong Kong and India in the Asia Cup. He finished the tournament with yet another fifty and as the leading run-scorer.

In the first five T20Is of the seven-match series against England, Rizwan registered four scores of 60 plus.

Both the winners will receive gold medallions from the ICC.

NZ to play 2 Tests, 8 ODIs and 5 T20s in Pakistan

AP ■ ISLAMABAD

New Zealand will tour Pakistan twice in five months to play two Test matches, eight One-Day Internationals and five T20Is, the Pakistan Cricket Board said on Monday.

The two Test matches, which will be part of the World Test Championship, will be played at Karachi from December 27-31 and Multan from January 4-8. Karachi will also host the three ODIs from January 11-15 as part of ICC World Cup Super League.

New Zealand will return to Pakistan in April and will play four T20Is in Karachi from April 13-19. Lahore will host the fifth T20I and two ODIs from April 23-28 and the remaining three ODIs will be played at Rawalpindi from May 1-7.

New Zealand aborted its tour to Pakistan last year just hours before the first ODI in Rawalpindi because of an undisclosed security concern.

"New Zealand and Pakistan share a terrific history in international cricket and there is genuine respect between the two teams as well as the two boards," David White, New Zealand Cricket chief executive said in a statement.

"The recent tours from Australia and England have left us in no doubt regarding the quality of the Pakistan side across all formats, and the extent of the challenge that awaits us."

Zakir Khan, PCB director international cricket, said that the ODIs against New Zealand will help Pakistan prepare for next year's Asia Cup and the World Cup, which is being held in India.