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Saibaba to stay in jail, SC says charges grave

Court suspends acquittal, rejects house arrest plea, posts matter for hearing on Dec 8

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The Supreme Court, in a special sitting, on Saturday, suspended the decision of the Nagpur Bench of the Bombay High Court acquitting former Delhi University professor GN Saibaba and others in an alleged Maoist links case. The apex court also rejected Saibaba's request to keep him under house arrest due to his disability and posted the case to December 8, saying he can move for a bail petition.

"We are of the opinion that it is a fit case to exercise power under 390 of Code of Criminal Procedure and suspend the order of the High Court...the medical grounds of the accused was presented and



rejected by the High Court during a bail plea earlier. Thus, High Court order stands suspended. Issue notice," said the Bench of Justices MR Shah and Bela M Trivedi.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Maharashtra Government, strongly objected to the request of keeping Saibaba under house arrest. "There is a recent tendency from urban naxals to

seek house arrests. But everything can be done from within the home for them. Even by phone. Please say that house arrest can never be an option," said the SG vehemently opposing the demand.

Mehta claimed there were certain disturbing facts in the case and Saibaba was involved in various activities, including an armed separatist movement in Jammu and Kashmir, wag-

ing war against the democratic setup of the country and arranging meetings of Maoist commanders. "He was their brain and used to propagate their ideology," Mehta said.

Referring to Mehta's submission, Saibaba's lawyer R Basant said his client may have some inclination towards the Maoist ideology, but he was certainly not their brain.

The bench said, "We are not referring to this case but in general. The brain is the most dangerous thing. For terrorists or Maoists, the brain is everything."

The SC said the HC did not consider the case on merits but acquitted the accused due to lack of sanction of the Government required under Section 45 of the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act.

"This court is of prima facie opinion that a detailed scrutiny is required with regard to the impugned judgment since High Court has not considered the merits of the case, including the gravity of the offence alleged against him," the order said.

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Pak one of the most dangerous nations in world, asserts Biden

Surprised Pakistan summons US envoy for official demarche

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

US President Joe Biden has said Pakistan is "one of the most dangerous nations in the world" as it has "nuclear weapons without cohesion". He made the remarks while addressing a Democratic Party congressional campaign committee reception on Thursday.

"... And what I think is maybe one of the most dangerous nations in the world: Pakistan. Nuclear weapons without any cohesion," Biden said. The US President's remarks at the reception of the governing party were made in the context of the changing geopolitical situation globally.

Reacting to Biden's statement, Pakistan's Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari on Saturday said his country is "surprised" by the remarks of the US President and has summoned America's Ambassador Donald Blome for an official demarche. Rejecting Biden's comments, Bilawal said Pakistan was following the global standards.

"As far as the safety and security of Pakistan's nuclear assets are concerned, we meet all, each and every international standard in accordance with



the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)," he said in Islamabad.

Bilawal said he discussed the issue of Biden's statement with Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and "we have summoned the Ambassador of the United States to Pakistan Donald Blome to the Foreign Office of Pakistan for an official demarche".

The Foreign Minister who visited the US last month and held several high-level meetings expressed surprise at Biden's statement, which he said, could be due to lack of communication between the two sides due to strain in the ties in the near past.

"I am surprised by the remarks of President Biden. I believe this is exactly the sort of misunderstanding that is created when there is a lack of engagement," Bilawal said.

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Govt plans to widen busy State highways, to collect road toll

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Not restricting itself to national highways, the Ministry of Road Transports and Highways is planning to take over the State highways with a high traffic density from the State Governments for a period of 25 years. The State highways will then be converted into 4 or 6-lane highways and the Centre will, subsequently, collect toll from those highways.

Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari on Saturday revealed the plan in his virtual address at the Association Of National Exchanges Members Of India (ANMI)'s 12th International Convention, held in Mumbai.

After a period of 12-13 years, the investments will be fully recovered from those State highways along with interest and land acquisition costs, said Gadkari, adding that investments in the infrastructure sector of the country will be risk-free and yield good returns and called for cooperation in the investment for infrastructure.

"State highways with large capacity and catering to the socio-economic development of the region will be taken over by the Centre and will be developed similar to the



national highways with revenue sharing between the Centre and States.

NHAI will monitor the projects and if need be then a special purpose vehicle (SPV) with partnership of NHAI and the respective State road making agency may be done to expedite the road infrastructure," said Gadkari.

"The financial markets need to come up with innovative models to fund India's infrastructure growth. We are inviting investments in the PPP model.

We can export energy to the world if we channel our investments to waste management, green hydrogen, solar, and several such projects. Innovation, entrepreneurship, science, and technology are the wealth of future India," he added.

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Target killings in Valley on: Kashmiri Pandit shot dead in Shopian



Family members and relatives of Puran Bhat, who was shot dead by terrorists in the Shopian district, mourn in Jammu on Saturday

PTI

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

A Kashmiri Pandit was shot dead from point blank range by "unidentified" terrorists near his residence, located close to a security camp, in the Chowdhari Gund area of South Kashmir's Shopian district on Saturday.

The deceased has been identified as Puran Krishan Bhat by the police authorities.

In a tweet, Kashmir Zone police said, "Terrorists fired upon a civilian (minority) Puran Krishan Bhat while he was on way to orchard in Chowdhari Gund Shopian. He was immediately shifted to

hospital for treatment where he succumbed. Area cordoned off. Search in progress."

A lesser known Kashmir Freedom Fighter (KFF) group, the proxy name of a terrorist group, has claimed responsibility for the attack.

Bhat, a lone bread earner of his family, is survived by his wife and two minor children, a boy and a girl. They were staying in Jammu at the time of the incident.

Close family members of Puran Bhat in Jammu claimed he went to Kashmir around two weeks ago to look after his apple orchards.

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India slips to 107th in Global Hunger Index; Govt slams 'canards'

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Hours after a report on Saturday said India has slipped six places in the Global Hunger Index (GHI), 2022, the Government dismissed the findings saying "misinformation seems to be the hallmark of the annually released GHI and a consistent effort is yet again visible to taint India's image as a nation that does not fulfill the food security and nutritional requirements of its population".

The Global Hunger Report 2022, released by Concern Worldwide and Welt Hunger Hilfe, NGOs from Ireland and Germany respectively, has ranked India at 107 among 121 countries behind Pakistan, Nepal and Bangladesh.

"The index is an erroneous measure of hunger and suffers from serious methodological issues. Three out of the four indicators used for calculation of the index are related to the health of children and cannot be representative of the entire population. The fourth and most important indicator estimate of Proportion of Undernourished (PoU) population is based on an opinion



poll conducted on a very small sample size of 3,000," said the statement from the Women and Child Development Ministry in response to the report. It lamented that the report "chooses to deliberately ignore efforts made by the Government to ensure food Security for the population especially during the Covid Pandemic but has just taken a one-dimensional view".

In 2021, India was ranked 101 out of 116 countries. Now with 121 countries in the list, it has dropped to the 107th rank. India's GHI score has also decelerated — from 38.8 in 2000 to the range of 28.2 — 29.1 between 2014 and 2022.

"South Asia has the highest child stunting rate and by far the highest child wasting rate of any world region," the report said, adding that India's child wasting rate of 19.3 per cent was the "highest of any country" in the world.

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CAPSULE

INDIA LIFTS SEVENTH WOMEN'S ASIA CUP TITLE



Sylhet: India maintained their dominance in the Women's Asia Cup with an eight-wicket demolition of a self-destructing Sri Lanka in the final here on Saturday for their seventh title in eight editions. **P7**

DELAYED JUSTICE A BIG CHALLENGE: PM
New Delhi: Highlighting "delay in getting justice" being one of the main challenges faced by the people of the country, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said the faith of people in the constitutional institutions is strengthened if "justice is seen to be delivered". **P4**

NGT fines K'taka ₹2,900 cr for botched waste disposal

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has directed the Karnataka Government to pay ₹2,900 crore as environmental compensation for improper management of solid and liquid waste. A tribunal headed by chairperson Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel said the steps taken by the State of Karnataka for solid waste management and for handling liquid waste were "inadequate".

The NGT bench also comprising Justice Sudhir Agarwal and expert members A Senthil Vel and Afroz Ahmad said that the gap in the generation and scientific handling of solid and liquid waste had resulted in damage to the environment and public health.

Award of compensation had become necessary under Section 15 of the NGT Act to

remedy the continuing damage to the environment and to comply with directions of the Supreme Court, the bench said. It is high time that the State realised its duty to the law and people and monitor at its own level, the green panel said.

For the gap in treatment in liquid waste or sewage of 1,427.4 million litres daily (MLD), the compensation was ₹2,856 crores, while for the unremediated legacy waste of 178.50 metric tonnes (MT), the state was liable to pay compensation of ₹540 crores, the bench said while determining the compensation amount.

"The total compensation comes to ₹3,396 crores, or say ₹3,400 crores and out of the said amount, we deduct the amount of ₹500 crore levied as compensation vide order dated October 10, 2022," it said.

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Mother Dairy, Amul hike milk price by ₹2/ltr; Gujarat spared

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

Ahead of Diwali, in what would put a further burden on household budgets, the Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation Ltd, which markets its products under the Amul brand, and Mother Dairy on Saturday hiked the price of milk by ₹2 per litre.

Interestingly, though, the prices have not been raised in Gujarat, which is scheduled to go polls by the end of this year. "Amul has increased prices of full cream milk, gold and buffalo milk by ₹2 per litre in all States except Gujarat," RS Sodhi, MD, Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation Limited said.

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PM for ‘one person one lab’ to boost scientific research

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who is the president of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), on Saturday, asked the leaders of the scientific community to adopt “a one person, one lab approach” to help boost scientific research and development through such a focussed approach.

Chairing the meeting of the CSIR Society here, the Prime Minister called for India to develop technologies not only for India but for the world and pursue novel approaches for addressing energy needs focussing on Green energy.

Modi emphasized that for technology to reach the common man, an integrated approach of scientific, commercial and social components must be pursued.

He asked the leaders of the scientific community to adopt a one person one lab approach



to help boost scientific research and development through such a focussed approach.

He also suggested that a virtual summit of all labs can be held regularly in which they can learn new things from each other's experience.

The Prime Minister appreciated the efforts of CSIR in the past 80 years and urged it to develop a vision for 2042 when CSIR turns 100 years old.

has completed 80 years just around the time when India celebrated 75 years of independence and the two have traversed the journey together.

He emphasised for integration, synergy and desiloziation of industry, academia and research.

Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Piyush Goyal was also present in the meeting along with other CSIR Society members who include eminent scientists, industrialists and Secretaries of scientific and other ministries.

DG-CSIR, Dr N Kalaiselvi made a presentation on the recent achievements and contribution of CSIR and highlighted the recent efforts on India's first Hydrogen fuel cell bus, ushering in purple revolution in J&K and opening of TKDL library to spur innovation based on India's rich traditional knowledge.

Modi also highlighted the significance of documenting the journey of the past 80 years, which can help take a review of progress achieved and identify areas of lacunae which can be addressed. Eom

Earlier, in his opening remarks, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology, Dr Jitendra Singh who is also vice-chairman of CSIR, highlighted that this year CSIR

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Mother Dairy, Amul hike milk price by ₹2/ltr; Gujarat ...

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The price of full cream milk has increased from Rs 61 per litre to Rs 63 per litre. The cooperative had last increased the milk prices on August 17 by Rs 2 per litre citing a rise in milk procurement cost.

Amul has also increased the price of gold and buffalo milk by Rs 2 per litre. The decision to hike the prices of milk has been taken amid a surge in demand in dairy fat prices.

After Amul, Mother Dairy also hiked the prices of full cream milk and cow milk by Rs 2 per litre in Delhi and NCR from Sunday. This is the third round of price hike by Mother Dairy this year. In

March, Mother Dairy increased milk prices by Rs 2 per litre in the Delhi-NCR (National Capital Region). The company had in mid-August also hiked milk prices in the Delhi-NCR by Rs 2 per litre. The Punjab State Cooperative Milk Producers Federation Limited (Milkfed), which sells milk products under the Verka brand, will also raise milk prices by Rs 2 per litre with effect from Sunday.

“...We are revising the prices of full cream and cow milk variants by rs 2/litre. The revision in these two variants is effective from October 16, 2022,” a Mother Dairy spokesperson said.

“The dairy industry has been experiencing a consistent surge in raw milk prices, which has increased by about Rs 3 per kg in the last two months alone, owing to multi-fold increase in varied input costs,” the spokesperson said.

Rickshaw puller killed, 2 injured in accident

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

A rickshaw puller was killed and two other persons were severely injured following a multi-vehicle crash involving an RTV, bike, rickshaw, auto-rickshaw in the national capital's Okhla area, police said. The police received a call around 8 pm on Friday night that an accident had taken place at the C Lal Crossing near Kalkaji Depot.

After receiving the call, a team was immediately sent to the spot. “Witnessed told that the driver of the RTV (rural transport vehicle) lost his balance as he was driving in a rash and negligent manner. The RTV then collided into several vehicles, the Police said.

Jammu man held for duping 30 on pretext of selling cheap air tickets

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

A 42-year-old man was arrested for allegedly duping more than 30 people on the pretext of providing international airline tickets on 25 to 50 per cent discount rate, police said on Saturday.

The accused has been identified as Ravinder Kumar, a resident of Jammu, they said. One Sourabh Grover filed a complaint alleging that he is in business of airline tickets booking.

He got the mobile number of Kumar, who used to provide international airline tickets with a hefty discount of 25 to 50 per cent, a senior police officer said.

KERALA HUMAN SACRIFICE

Dog Squad deployed to find more victims from premises

House of Bhagwal Singh raided

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

Hectic activity is going on at the residential premises of Bhagwal Singh, the second accused in the human sacrifice case as specially trained dogs from Kerala Police Dog Squad were pressed into service for finding out the possibilities of the burial of more dead bodies on the compound.

Bhagwal Singh, along with the first accused Mohammed Shafi and second accused Laila (Bhagwal's wife) were brought to the residence under heavy police security as part of investigation and collection of evidence. The body pieces of Padma from Tamil Nadu and Roseli from Aluva had been retrieved and sent for post mortem and identification.

The accused trio, after

burying the body parts of the two ladies had planted turmeric and ginger plants atop the graveyard. There is a growth of thick vegetation in the compound and the dogs from the squad showed uncharacteristic behavior once they reached the spot. Maya and Murphy, the two canines are specially trained in tracking and retrieving dead bodies buried at a depth of 15 meters from the ground level. They were the ones which helped the rescue team in retrieving the bodies of those who got buried in the 2020 landslide in Idukki district.

The police with the help of local laborers were removing the turmeric plants from the ground and digging the spots where they identified fresh soil. According to the investigating team, Shafi is a hardened and seasoned criminal and was not at all cooperating with the cops questioning him. The husband-

wife team of Bhagwal Singh and Laila could not withstand the intensity of questioning at some of the points and the police is moving forward with the clues they provide.

The investigators are not ruling out the possibilities of more such murders. “The modus operandi of Shafi, who selectively targets and selects helpless women for his misdeeds is what disturbs us. There is more to this incident that meets the ordinary eyes,” said a member of the team. According to H Nagaraju, Commissioner of Ernakulam City Police, the intuition of S Sasidharan, the assistant commissioner of police has not gone wrong till now.

Meanwhile, sorcerers across the State have come under attack by mobs over the last few days. The den of a black magician in Kozhikode district bore the brunt of the ere of the people but the police interference saved the magician.

Man found dead in mysterious circumstances at Kahmiri Gate

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

A 70-year-old man was found dead with injuries on his head and other body parts in north Delhi's Kashmere Gate area. The incident occurred on Friday.

According to a senior police officer, the man's body was found on Friday at the banks of Yamuna River, near Pahadi Ghat, Behind Nigam Bodh Ghat in Kashmere Gate.

Police found the man inside a shanty-like structure

with a “punctured” head and other wounds, lying in pool of blood, the senior police officer said.

The man was later identified as Baba, who had been living in the area for the last eight to ten years.

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Speaking about infrastructure development, Gadkari said, “We are planning a green express highway between Mumbai and Bangalore.” It will be a 5 hours journey between Mumbai-Bangalore and 3.5 to 4 hrs between Pune and Bangalore, he added. The Mumbai-Pune Express Highway will take a turn from near the Ring Road of Pune and start as the Highway towards Bangalore, he further mentioned.

Likewise, 27 green express highways are coming up in the country. By end of this year, there will be highways connecting Delhi-Dehradun in 2 hours, Delhi-Hardwar in 2 hrs, Delhi-Jaipur in 2 hrs, Delhi - Chandigarh in 2.5 hrs, Delhi - Amritsar in 4 hrs, Delhi - Srinagar in 8 hrs, Delhi - Katra in 6 hrs, Delhi - Mumbai in 10 hrs, Chennai-Bangalore in 2 hrs and Lucknow- Kanpur in half an hour, stated the Union Road Transport and Highways Minister.

Highway projects connecting Gorakhpur to Siliguri and Varanasi to Kolkata are also on the cards. “Just like the National Water Grid, we want to develop a National Highway Grid,” he said.

He also stated that income from tolls have come to Rs 40,000 crore at present and it will rise to Rs 1.40 lakh crores by the end of 2024. The Ministry is also in the process of constructing 75 tunnels at a cost of ₹2,50,000 crore.

NGT fines K'taka...

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The Chief Secretary had to evolve an appropriate mechanism for planning, execution and oversight of the programmes for remedial action involving concerned departments within one month, the bench said.

The NGT also said the first change required was to set up a centralized single-window mechanism for planning, capacity building and monitoring of waste management at the state level.

“It should be headed by an officer of the rank of Additional Chief Secretary with representation from concerned departments - Urban Development, Rural Development, Environment and Forest, Agriculture, Water Resources, Fisheries and Industries,” the NGT said. “We hope in light of interaction with the Chief Secretary, the state of Karnataka will take further measures in the matter by an

innovative approach and stringent monitoring, ensuring that gaps in solid and liquid waste generation and treatment are bridged at the earliest,” the NGT added.

For proper solid waste management, legacy waste dump sites had to be suitably fenced and covered till remediation, besides the use of reclaimed land after clearance and establishment of requisite waste processing plants, the green panel said.

For liquid waste management, the sources of clean water had to be maintained, treated sewage water had to be used for non-potable purposes and the established sewage treatment plants (STPs) were required to be fully utilized, the green panel said.

Further, the NGT said the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) and the Ministry of Urban Development (MOUD) could monitor compliance and utilisation of funds under centrally sponsored schemes.

“A six-monthly progress report with verifiable progress may be filed by the Chief Secretary with a copy to the Registrar General of this tribunal,” the green panel said.

Saibaba to stay...

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Apart from Saibaba, the Bombay HC had acquitted Mahesh Kariman Tirki, Pandu Pora Narote (both farmers), Hem Keshavdatta Mishra (student) and Prashant Sanglikar (journalist), who were sentenced to life imprisonment, and Vijay Tirki (labourer), who was sentenced to 10 years in jail. Narote died during the appeal's pendency.

The Court further opined that the accused were convicted after detailed appreciation of evidence. “Offences are very serious and if the State succeeds on merits, offences are very serious against the interest of the society, sovereignty and integrity of India. High Court order is based on no sanction,” the bench opined.

The top court noted that the issue raises certain important questions of law and proceeded to issue notice to GN Saibaba while framing the following questions of law for consideration: 1. Whether considering Section 465 CrPC after conclusion of trial and the accused is convicted on merits, an appellate court can discharge the accused on ground of irregular sanction? 2. In a case where trial court has

convicted accused on basis of material and appreciation of evidence, is appellate court justified in discharging accused on ground of want of sanction.... since no ground of sanction was raised during trial?

The Bombay High Court bench of Justices Rohit Deo and Anil Pansare had allowed the appeal filed by Saibaba challenging a 2017 decision of the trial court convicting and sentencing him to life imprisonment based on the fact that the Sessions Court framed charges against Saibaba in the absence of sanction from the Central Government under Section 45(1) of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA).

During the hearing before the apex court on Saturday, SG Mehta said that mere inadequacy of sanction will not vitiate the trial. “Sanction is to ensure the accused is not subject to vexatious trial. This is not a vexatious investigation. If full-fledged trial takes place, then there is no question of sanction, and thus comes Section 465 of Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC),” the SG said.

“He is in wheelchair and there is no one to even handle his calls of nature. Other jailed persons are helping him and it is causing him stress,” Basant said. The bench said that he can then move for bail and it will be considered.

Clean Bhalswa Lake banks for Chhath: LG

Saxena slams DJB for its poor upkeep

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena on Saturday expressed deep disappointment at the sordid and pathetic state of maintenance and upkeep of the lake by Delhi Jal Board (DJB), the designated agency in-charge for rejuvenation of the Bhalswa lake since May, 2019. The Lt Governor has directed the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) to clean the banks of the lake within a week for the forthcoming Chhath Puja.

This move came after the L-G conducted an on-site inspection at Bhalswa lake on Saturday.

According to the statement released by the Raj Niwas, the L-G instructed all stake-



holder agencies to parallelly start work on the complete restoration and rejuvenation of the lake in a mission mode.

"Saxena expressed shock at the fact that a Water Body, so critical to the environment and aesthetics of Delhi, had been left to die with its original 59 Ha. area getting squeezed to a mere 34 Ha. due to deposition of silt and garbage owing to inaction and neglect by agencies concerned," it read.

The L-G issued specific directions to DDA to complete the works of cleaning the periphery of the lake for the benefit of people performing



Chhath Puja within a week and asked for the boundary wall segregating the lake from the neighboring Bhalswa Dairy on the Western periphery of the lake within a month," it said. Dismayed at the visible islands of silt, sludge, dung, and garbage encroaching the lake, the LG directed for these to be dredged and removed by December 2022," the statement said. "Another critical

aspect of rejuvenation and restoration of the lake was the construction of a Precast RCC Drain and pipeline for segregating the waste from the Dairy and carrying the sewerage to the supplementary drain across the lake. The work was supposed to be completed by April 2022, by the DJB but it was pending to date. The L-G directed the officials to complete the work by December

2022," it said. Saxena also instructed that the work of a project in Narela by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD), where cow dung from the Bhalswa Dairy will be carried for bio methanation against payments to the Dairy owners should be completed at earliest, it stated.

During the inspection, Saxena also witnessed Boats and Floats owned by Delhi Tourism dumped haphazardly on the jetty/docking site amidst filthy and stinking stagnant larvae ridden water resulting in breeding for various vector borne diseases, including Dengue, and issued instructions for the dumped to be cleared and cleaned, the statement read.

Many senior dignitaries including, Vice Chairman, DDA, Manish Kumar Gupta, Special Officer of the MCD, Ashwini Kumar and other officials from the departments/agencies concerned were present.

SIT to probe 'gangrape' at babu's home

New Delhi: A Special Investigation Team has been constituted to probe allegations that a 21-year-old woman in Andaman and Nicobar Islands was lured to the chief secretary's home by promising a Government job and then raped by top officials there.

The police registered a case earlier this month after the Chief Judicial Magistrate of Port Blair ordered its filing based on a petition by the young woman.

The court which took cognisance of the complaint accusing the then chief secretary of the island Jitendra Narain, a 1990 batch IAS officer, and a labour commissioner R L Rishi of raping the woman besides naming a police officer and hotel owner as among accomplices in the crime, also ordered the probe on August 30.

The Aberdeen police station registered the case and a Special Investigation Team headed by a Senior Superintendent of Police was formed to probe the serious

allegation against Narain, who is currently posted as the chairman and managing director of Delhi Financial Corporation. The woman alleged she "was gang raped" by the two officials after she met them for a job.

She said as her father and step-mother did not take care of her financial needs, she needed a job and was introduced by some people to the labour commissioner as he was close to the then chief secretary.

The woman claimed that the chief secretary appointed "7,800 candidates" in various departments in the administration of the islands "on the basis of recommendation only" and without any "formal interview".

Narain refused to comment on the issue as the matter is sub judice. The woman lodged the complaint with the police on August 21 in which she gave a detailed account of the alleged sexual attack on her twice - on April 14 and May 1 - and requested that the CCTV

footage of the then chief secretary's residence be preserved as evidence. She has also requested a Test Identification Parade of the employees - a cook and a driver - present at the chief secretary's residence. The complainant has recorded her statement under section 164 of the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC) before the chief metropolitan magistrate detailing the allegation.

Anyone giving a statement under this clause of the CrPC will face perjury charges in case it turns out to be false. In her statement, the woman claimed she was taken to the IAS officer's residence at 9 pm on April 14.

"The then Chief Secretary Jitendra Narain, IAS, assured me that he will very shortly arrange a Govt job in any Department and to be in touch with Rishi for updates," she claimed in the FIR. She claimed that they assured her of a government job but, subsequently, she was brutally sexually abused by the two men.

Sisodia hits out at Centre as India ranked 107 in Global Hunger Index

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Senior AAP leader and Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia on Saturday took a dig at the USD-5 trillion economy target of the BJP Government at the Centre, pointing to India's low ranking in Global Hunger Index.

Sisodia also said India cannot become the number one country in the world unless quality education is ensured for every child. "The BJP people give speeches of making India 5 trillion economy but we are at 107th place in the Hunger Index...106 countries including even Nepal, Pakistan and Bangladesh are better than us in providing two square meals," he said in a tweet.

The Women and Child Development Ministry, in a statement, said the matter was taken up with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) not to use such estimates based on FIES (Food Insecurity Experience Scale) survey module data in July 2022 as the statistical output of the same will not be based on merit. "Though an assurance was forthcoming that there will be further engagement on this issue, the publication of the Global Hunger Index report irrespec-



tive of such factual considerations is regrettable," the ministry said.

In 2019, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had envisioned to make India a USD 5-trillion economy and global powerhouse by 2024-25. India ranked 107 out of 121 countries in the Global Hunger Index 2022, with its child wasting rate at 19.3 per cent, being the highest in the world. The Global Hunger

Index (GHI) is a tool for comprehensively measuring and tracking hunger at global, regional and national levels. With a score of 29.1, the level of hunger in India has been labelled "serious". In Asia, Afghanistan with a rank of 109 is only country behind India. Neighbouring countries - Pakistan (99), Bangladesh (84), Nepal (81) and Sri Lanka (64) - have fared better than India.

Close 491 construction sites for flouting pollution norms: CAQM

40 flying squads set up by air quality panel to monitor enforcement

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Intensifying its actions in the battle against air pollution in Delhi-NCR in the coming days, the Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas (CAQM) said on Saturday it has issued directions for the closure of 491 construction and demolition sites, including 110 in Delhi, for flouting air pollution control norms.

The CAQM has set up 40 flying squads to rigorously monitor enforcement and compliance of its directions to ameliorate the air quality of Delhi-NCR.

"As of 14.10.2022, more than 8,580 sites were inspected by the CAQM flying squads and closure directions have been issued to 491 defaulters flouting the statutory directions of the Commission, 110 in Delhi; 118 in Haryana (NCR); 211 in Uttar Pradesh (NCR); and 52 in Rajasthan (NCR)," read an official statement. The flying squads have been conducting surprise inspections and field-level incognito checks

at industrial units, construction and demolition sites, commercial and residential units, air pollution hotspots, etc. The CAQM also urged all concerned including Industries and Project Proponents of Construction and Demolition (C & D) sites to strictly follow the statutory directions issued by the Commission.

The CAQM also advised state implementing agencies, including state pollution control boards and the Delhi Pollution Control Committee, to ensure compliance and strict implementation of its directions.

The general masses have also been advised to strictly follow the steps highlighted in the Citizen Charter in each stage of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) in the coming days.

The Air Quality Index (AQI) of the national capital on Saturday dipped to 186, which falls under the 'moderate' category, according to the bulletin released by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) at 4 pm.

"However, the AQI at Alipur was recorded at 177 under the 'moderate' category, while the AQI at Dwaraka stood at 201, which comes under the 'poor' category," it stated.

Nadda asks party workers to learn from Khurana's life

New Delhi: The BJP has become the largest political party of the world because of its leaders like former Delhi Chief Minister Madan Lal Khurana who never wavered from their ideology and commitment towards people, party chief JP Nadda said on Saturday.

Nadda asked party leaders and workers to learn from Khurana's life, and said he was involved in political struggles and also provided solutions to different issues.

"BJP which is now the world's largest political party was founded by such stalwarts such as Khurana who never wavered from their ideology and showed a deep commitment towards people," he said delivering the first Madan Lal Khurana Memorial Lecture.

The BJP chief added that a true tribute to Khurana would be to seek inspiration from him as he was never associated with gaining power, and was committed to ideology and serving people. "Leaders like Khurana of our party were struggling for ideology at a time when they had nothing to lose," Nadda said while citing Khurana's months long jail term during Emergency. SR

Special Swachhata drive held at AIIMS to remove items awaiting disposal

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The AIIMS has launched a drive to clear items awaiting disposal, including old files and records, as well as taking up sanitation, repair and maintenance works as part of the Central Government's month-long campaign focused on clean workplaces.

The "Special Campaign 2.0" was launched on October 2 by the Centre for ensuring cleanliness, including disposal of scrap, and reducing pendency in government offices and departments.

In an order "Launch of Special Swachhata Campaign 2.0 for cleanliness in AIIMS, New Delhi", issued on October 13, the institute's Director Dr M.Srinivas has listed the activities that will be implemented over the next 10 days.

Old office records and files will be weeded out, according to the manual of office procedures, and administrative in-charges, including the chief's of centres and heads of departments, will go to areas under their control and monitor cleanliness and sanitation there, the order stated.

The cafeteria and hostel mess will also be deep cleaned and special focus will be on maintaining the highest standards of hygiene and food safety, it stated and added that the engineering department will take up repair and maintenance work in all areas, including residential, with a special focus on aesthetics.

The order stated that special focus will be on the hygiene and cleanliness of public and patient toilets. Posters, wherever required to be placed, will be on designated notice boards only and no almirahs, equipment, scrap will be kept in corridors, it stated.

"A special condemnation drive shall be taken up in all areas to clear any items which are awaiting condemnation. A detailed inventory of all such items shall be prepared and at least three faculty members shall sign on the same certifying that the said items are fit for condemnation based on objective criteria or service reports of maintenance agencies, etc," the order stated.

BJP's 'Panch Parmeshwar Sammelan' in Delhi today



STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Ahead of the upcoming municipal elections likely to be held in December 2022, about one lakh BJP workers will participate in "Panch Parmeshwar Sammelan" which is to be addressed by the party national president Jagat Prakash Nadda on October 16, at Ramlila Maidan. According to Delhi BJP the event will set the ball rolling for the preparation of the municipal elections that is likely to be

held in December. Addressing the media, Delhi BJP president, Adesh Gupta said panch Parmeshwar, or five workers in each booth, have been appointed in Delhi in the last 45 days at the booth level.

Gupta said that around 50,000 party workers will join the conference through online mode such as Google link etc, adding that the poster campaign will also be run all over Delhi. More than 2000 buses have been arranged at Ramlila Ground so that the workers do

not face any problems in attending the conference, Gupta said. For the welcome of the national president J P Nadda, the decoration of the venue along with preparation of the stage, placements of chair and parking facilities etc, will be completed today, Gupta said.

"When Nadda performs Vijay Shankhnaad from Ramlila Maidan, the negative atmosphere created by the Kejriwal government in Delhi will be vanished by the sound

of it," Gupta said. BJP MLA and Leader of the Opposition in Delhi Assembly, Ramvir Singh Bidhuri said, "We will also discuss the failures of the

Arvind Kejriwal government and the work done by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led Central Government."

Delhi Police issues traffic advisory ahead of meet

NEW DELHI: Ahead of the Panch Parmeshwar Sammelan called by Bhartiya Janata Party (BJP) at Ramlila Maidan, the Delhi Police on Saturday issued a traffic advisory regarding the routes and advised commuters to plan their journey accordingly.

"Panch Parmeshwar Sammelan" is being organised by the BJP on Sunday from 10 am onwards at Ramlila Maidan in central Delhi. BJP president JP Nadda, other senior leaders of the party and a large number of participants will attend the above said Sammelan, an official statement said.

No traffic will be allowed on Ranjeet Singh Flyover from Barakhamba Road to Guru Nanak Chowk, Vivekanand Marg from Minto Road to round about Kamla Market, JLN Marg (From Rajghat to Delhi Gate), round about Kamla Market to Guru Nanak Chowk, Chaman Lal Marg near VIP Gate and Paharganj

Chowk towards Ajmeri Gate (except ambulance, patient going to LNJP hospital, GB Pant hospital and passengers going to New Delhi Railway Station) after 8 am, the advisory said.

Buses coming from north and west bound for Ajmeri Gate and beyond will be diverted on Rani Jhansi Road, Arambagh Road will terminate at Arambagh road and will go back via Chitragupta Road, Paharganj Chowk and DBG Road.

Vehicles coming from Connaught Place side towards round about Kamla Market will be diverted to DDU Marg and Bhavbhuti Marg.

Vehicles coming from Raj Ghat and Delhi Gate side towards JLN Marg will be diverted to BSZ Marg and Netaji Subhash Marg. Vehicles coming from Tolstoy Marg towards Mirdard and Guru Nanak Chowk will be diverted to Barakhamba Road, it said. SR

Illegal arms syndicate busted, 4 arrested

NEW DELHI: The Delhi Police has busted an illegal arms syndicate and arrested four people, including a manufacturer - Rajeev Ojha and Laxmi Narayan, residents of Bhind in Madhya Pradesh; Janak Singh, a resident of Itawa in Uttar Pradesh; and Rashid from Jafrabad in Delhi. Police laid a

trap in Jahangirpuri and nabbed Singh.

Four semi-automatic pistols and 16 cartridges were seized from his possession, Special Commissioner of Police (Crime) Ravindra Yadav said. Singh is a truck driver and in 2019, he started supplying illegal firearms from Madhya

Pradesh to Delhi and Haldwani in Uttarakhand, police said. He was arrested in a case of illegal supply of arms in Haldwani in 2021. The accused developed his own network of arms trafficking in Delhi-NCR and has supplied around 70 illegal pistols in region in last three years, they said.

Singh used to procure arms from Narayan, who was known to him. Police seized two semi-automatic pistols from Narayan after his arrest, Yadav said. Narayan disclosed that he procured illegal weapons from Ojha, police said. Ojha was running an illegal manufacturing unit of firearms in Bhind,

Madhya Pradesh. The tools used for manufacturing were seized, police said. Singh also disclosed that he used to supply illegal firearms to Rashid who further used to sell weapons to criminals in Delhi-NCR, police said. Rashid was arrested from Jafrabad area, police added.



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Modi seeks speedy disposal of undertrial cases

‘Faith of countrymen in constitutional institutions is strengthened, when justice is seen to be delivered’

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Highlighting “delay in getting justice” being one of the main challenges faced by the people of the country, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said the faith of people in the constitutional institutions is strengthened if “justice is seen to be delivered”. Modi also sought a “speedy” disposal of undertrial cases with a humane approach. Addressing the inaugural session of All India Conference of Law Ministers and Law Secretaries at Kevadia, near statue of unity,Gujarat, via video conferencing, the Prime Minister pointed out the need for a dependable and speedy justice system for a healthy and confident society in a developing country like India. “When justice is seen to be delivered, then the faith of the countrymen in the constitutional institutions is strengthened. And when justice is delivered, the confidence of the common man goes up,” said the Prime Minister adding “The



people of the country should feel neither the absence of government nor the pressure of the government.” Throwing light on the special emphasis on removing the pressure of the government from the citizens of India, the Prime Minister informed that in the last 8 years, India has repealed more than 1500 archaic laws and reduced more than 32,000 compliances to put an end to the legal hurdles that obstruct the path of innovation and ease of living. “Many of these laws were continuing from the time of slavery,” he said. “In this Azadi Ka Amrit

Kaal, new laws should be made by abolishing the laws which have been going on from the time of slavery,” Modi said. The Prime Minister also pointed towards reviewing the existing laws of the states while focusing on Ease of Living and Ease of Justice for the people. Recalling the time when he was the Chief Minister of Gujarat, the Prime Minister said that the then government had introduced the concept of evening courts. He further explained that cases which were less serious in terms of sections were taken up by the evening courts which resulted in the resolution of more than 9 lakh cases in Gujarat in recent years. The PM said, “When the law comes to the understanding of the common man, then its effect is something else. Local language plays a big role in the legal system for ease of justice. Academic ecosystem will also have to be created for the youth in the mother tongue. Law courses should be in mother tongue. Our laws

should be written in simple language, digital libraries of important cases of High Courts and Supreme Court should be in local language.” Putting the spotlight on the integration of technology in the judicial system, the Prime Minister pointed out the emergence of e-courts and virtual hearings and the promotion of e-filings. Modi added that these systems will get a major boost with the arrival of 5G in the country. “Every state will have to update and upgrade its systems. It should also be an important goal of our legal education to prepare it according to technology,” he said. Recalling the joint meeting of Chief Justices of High Courts where he had raised the issue of undertrial prisoners, he urged the dignitaries to work towards speedy trials for the disposal of such cases and the state governments with a humane approach. Union Minister of Law & Justice Kiren Rijiju and his deputy S P Singh Baghel were among those present on occasion.

Justice Chandrachud exhorts law students to incorporate feminist thinking

Agencies: Pitching for a more inclusive and accessible legal profession, Supreme Court judge Justice DY Chandrachud on Saturday advised young law students to incorporate feminist thinking in the way they deal with law. Addressing the convocation of the National Law University (NLU) here, Justice Chandrachud said students must strive to make the legal profession more inclusive and accessible. “I would particularly advise you to incorporate feminist thinking in the way you deal with the law,” he told the gathering. Recounting his experience as a junior judge in the Bombay High Court, Justice Chandrachud said he used to sit in a criminal roster with Justice Ranjana Desai (now retired) and heard diverse criminal appeals. “Initially, I viewed the matters where women were often subjected to the worst of crimes and violations from a



Justice DY Chandrachud and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal at the 9th Convocation of National Law University, in New Delhi on Saturday PTI Photo

straightjacketed perspective, but sitting with a colleague who had more diverse exposure to realities of gender gave me the necessary feminist perspective,” he said. “Of course, I believe that all of us, including myself, have a lot to learn in terms of how we perceive law and apply

social experiences,” Justice Chandrachud added. He said women lawyers might find it challenging to work in a male-dominated profession, which often fails to accommodate their concerns and opinions, but the times were changing and technology had been a great enabler in

liberating young women in their access to the legal profession. “One of the great learnings of the pandemic is that when we went virtual in our hearings, the number of women lawyers who were appearing in the court dramatically increased,” he said. He said that rule of law did not merely depend on the Constitution or legislation and largely depended on the political culture and the habits of citizens, especially young legal professionals who were present before him. “In a sense, all of you are the guardians of our constitutional and democratic traditions and to you is entrusted the responsibility of ensuring that rule of law is not substituted by rule by the law,” Justice Chandrachud said. “You must strive to make the legal system more inclusive and accessible when you become a part of it and this is one way to further the goal of justice,” he added.

ED attaches ₹1,317 crore of real estate major IREO

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Saturday said it has provisionally attached properties worth Rs 1,317.30 crore under the Prevention of Money-Laundering Act (PMLA) of real estate major IREO Pvt. Ltd., its Managing Director-Vice President Lalit Goyal, associated entities and key managerial persons. The attached properties include land, commercial spaces, plots, residential houses and bank accounts. The ED initiated investigation under the PMLA on the basis of 30 FIRs under Indian Penal Code Sections relating to criminal conspiracy (Section 120-B), cheating (420), forgery of valuable security (467) and using forged documents as genuine (471) registered at various police stations

across Gurugram, Panchkula, Ludhiana and Delhi against real estate company . IREO Pvt. Ltd., associated entities, its directors, key managerial persons and others. The ED investigation revealed that the accused entity and individuals duped the innocent buyers by promising them to deliver flats/ plots/ commercial spaces among others. However, they neither delivered the projects nor returned the investors their money, the ED said in a statement. “Investigation further revealed that the directors of the Company in connivance with others siphoned off money collected from buyers and did not use for the intended purpose rather sending money outside India in the form of buy-back of shares, redemptions, FCDs etc. and giving loans and advances to

associated entities/persons, giving excessive incentives and advances to key managerial persons to fudge the books of account who in turn invested it in purchasing immovable properties and shares of various companies within and outside the country,” it said. Earlier, the main managerial person of the Group Lalit Goyal was arrested on November 16, 2021 and searches were also conducted at the premises of the company and other related key persons on November 22 last year. Subsequently, a Prosecution Complaint (chargesheet in police parlance) was filed on January 14 and the Special Court, Panchkula had taken cognizance of the same. Further investigation in this case is under progress, the agency added.

Rajnath reaffirms resolve for open maritime borders

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

As China adopts an assertive stance in the Indo-Pacific region, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Saturday reaffirmed India's resolve for open, free and rule-based maritime borders there. Delivering the inaugural address at 18th Heads of Asian Coast Guard Agencies Meeting (HACGAM) here, he asserted that India, throughout history, has been a peace loving society which has never invaded a foreign land. It has always respected universal human values and territorial integrity of other countries, while treating them as equal partners. He stressed that oceanic space should be respected as a global common for the benefit of all humanity in an environmentally sustainable way. “We stand for open, free, rule-based maritime borders in Indo-Pacific, in which no nation, how-so-ever big, may



be allowed to appropriate the global common or exclude others from its fair use. We are always ready and forthcoming to work with all the like-minded partner countries across various forums towards this endeavor,” Rajnath said. He stressed that the country's shared vision of ‘SAGAR’ (Security and Growth of All in Region), Sustainable

engage in capacity building of maritime law enforcement agencies. He emphasised that India is also encouraged by the effectiveness of agreements like Regional Cooperation Agreement for Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia and considers mutual cooperation alone as the most effective way for ensuring safety and security at sea. He called to spare no efforts while promoting such cooperative mechanisms. Rajnath appreciated the role of Coast Guard Agencies in ensuring maritime safety and security. He said as maritime policing and law enforcement agencies, Coast Guard Agencies bring a distinctive capability and functionality on the table. Indian Coast Guard (ICG) is hosting 18th HACGAM in coordination with HACGAM secretariat from October 14-18. A total of 55 representatives from 18 countries and two

International Organisations - Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia Information Sharing Centre (ReCAAP ISC) and United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime- Global Maritime Crime Programme (UNODC-GMCP) - are participating in the meeting. The HACGAM is a multi-lateral forum of 23 countries. While Pakistan was not invited, China was but it could not attend due to the Covid scenario in the country. Rajnath also said self reliance and secured border are central to making India a powerful nation. Making this point at an event here, he echoed the government's resolve to transform India into one of the most powerful nations by 2047, asserting that Ministry of Defence is leaving no stone unturned to achieve Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of ‘Aatmanirbhar Bharat’.

Tharoor slams Malviya over dig at Cong chief poll

New Delhi: Congress presidential candidate Shashi Tharoor on Saturday slammed BJP's IT department head Amit Malviya over his dig at the AICC chief elections, saying “we are perfectly capable of resolving our own internal differences” and don't need his involvement in the polls.

Tharoor also took a swipe at the BJP and said try to hold an election of “your own first”. Taking a dig at the Congress, Malviya had tweeted, “It is finally dawning on Tharoor that the CP (Congress president) election, with no level playing field, is a farce. He hasn't been provided a list of del-

egates with proper details.” “State presidents are enthusiastic about Kharage but don't even turn up for him! Gandhis will soon have MMS 2.0 version,” the BJP leader had said. Hitting back at Malviya, Tharoor tweeted, “We are perfectly capable of resolving our own internal differences with-

in @incIndia, @amitmalviya. We don't need your involvement in our party's election (sic).” “Try to hold one of your own first,” he said. Tharoor is pitted against Mallikarjun Kharage in the Congress presidential polls and the latter is seen as a favourite for the top party post because

of his close proximity to the Gandhis. Both the candidates have maintained that Gandhis are neutral in the polls and want to have a free and fair election. The Congress presidential polls are scheduled to be held on October 17 and results will be announced on October 19. PNS

Ex-DHFL CMD chargesheeted in ₹34,615 cr loan fraud case

New Delhi: The CBI on Saturday said it has chargesheeted former CMD of DHFL Kapil Wadhawan, brother and director of the NBFC Dheeraj Wadhawan, and 73 other individuals and shell entities in connection with the biggest bank loan fraud in the country worth Rs 34,615 crore. The chargesheet was before the Court of Special Judge, CBI Cases, Rouse Avenue Courts here against the Wadhawans, the Mumbai-based company DHFL (Borrower Company), 15 others individuals along with 57 companies for defrauding the consortium of 17 banks led by Union Bank of India. The case was registered on June 20 this year against DHFL and others including other companies and individuals on the allegations of defrauding the consortium of

17 banks to the tune of Rs. 34,615 crore. Besides Wadhawans, then DHFL CEO Harshil Mehta, Advocate Ajay Vazirani, then Vice President (Accounting), DHFL Jayesh Khona, Director of DK. Realty (India) Pvt. Ltd. Jayesh Khona, Director of Sunblink Real Estate Pvt. Ltd. Sunny Bathija, Jignesh Mehta Ajay Navandar, CA/Partner of Chaturvedi & Shah LLP, CA/Partner of Chaturvedi & Shah LLP Amit Chaturvedi, Partner of Lahoti Navneet & Co. Navneet Lahoti, CA/Partner B.M. Chaturvedi & Co. B.M. Chaturvedi, CFO Santosh Sharma, Director of Rajen Skyscrapers Pvt. Ltd. Santosh Sharma, Hetin Sakhuja, Balwinder Singh Malhotra, CFO DHFL Krieshan Grover and SMN. Naqvi. The companies

chargesheeted are Skylark Buildcon Pvt. Ltd. Darshan Developers Pvt. Ltd. Sigtia Constructions Pvt. Ltd., Creatoz Builders Pvt. Ltd., Township Developers India Ltd., Shishir Realty Private Ltd., Sunblink Real Estate Pvt. Ltd. Aahna Infracon Pvt. Ltd., Able Realty Pvt. Ltd., Bodhisatva Realtors Pvt. Ltd., Canary Hospitality Pvt. Ltd., Coral Inn Pvt. Ltd., Daffodil Realtors Pvt. Ltd., Damask Infracon Pvt. Ltd., Duke Realtors Pvt. Ltd. Elated Developers Pvt. Ltd., Entity Realtors Pvt. Ltd., Goal Realtors Pvt. Ltd., Grand Realty India Pvt. Ltd., Greentown Realtors Pvt. Ltd., Grow More Events And Promotions Pvt. Ltd. and Infill Retail Ventures Pvt. Ltd. (formerly known as Wadhawan Retail Ventures Pvt. Ltd.) among others.

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Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Property Address of Secured Asset/ Asset to be Enforced	Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Amar Jeet Singh/ Rajni Kaur/ Arshpreet Singh- H.No.319, Bus Stand, Alwar, Rajasthan- 301001- LBAWR00001916563	Ground Floor of P. No-3, Block-E, Sector- 48, Vipul World, Gurgaon, Haryana- 120022	August 06, 2022 Rs. 32,27,493/-	11/04/ 2022

The steps are taken being taken for substituted service of notice. The above borrower/s and/or their guarantors (as applicable) are advised to make the payments of outstanding within period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice else further steps will be taken as per the provisions of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Date : October 15, 2022
Place : Gurgaon

Authorized Officer
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It is to inform to the public at large Mr. Raju S/o Mr. Nafe Singh who is purchasing the BUILT-UP PROPERTY AREA MEASURING 265 SQ. YDS. OUT OF KHASRA NO. 512, SITUATED IN THE VILLAGE OF SHAHABAD DAULATPUR, DELHI from Mr. Raj Singh S/o Mr. Inder Singh, who had owner through Khatauni Record, and same to be financed & mortgaged by Vastu Housing Finance Corporation Ltd. If any Person having any type of claim/right/ title/interest over the said property, may inform in writing, at the address mentioned below, about his objections, within 07 days from today, failing which it shall be presumed that the said property is free from all type of Encumbrances, liens, disputes etc.

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Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
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The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date : October 15, 2022
Place: Delhi/ NCR

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Decorated police officer who killed Veerappan resigns

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Decorated police officer K Vijay Kumar, who was credited for eliminating forest brigand Veerappan, has resigned as the senior security adviser in the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA). Kumar, who put in his papers sometime ago due to personal reasons, has vacated his accommodation in Delhi and relocated to Chennai. “I am now based in Chennai after I decided to end my stint with the MHA due to personal reasons,” he told PTI over the phone. Kumar expressed his gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval, MHA officials and the chiefs of police forces of all the states for extending cooperation throughout his tenure. Kumar was mostly advising the government on issues of Left-Wing Extremism (LWE), besides on Jammu and Kashmir. The 1975-batch Indian Police Service (IPS) officer was appointed as senior security officer of MHA after his superannuation from service in 2012 as director general of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF).

Centre waiting for States' inputs on crop loss for damages: Min

New Delhi: Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar on Saturday said crops have been damaged due to the untimely rain. “The Centre is waiting for the States' inputs to assess the damages and to begin the process of providing compensation. The survey is underway and we are waiting for reports from the states to assess the extent of damage”, Tomar added. “Definitely, crops have been damaged due to the unseasonal rains,” Tomar told reporters. Farmers are dependent on monsoon, which is unpredictable, Tomar said, adding that despite all measures

in place, cultivators are at the mercy of nature. According to the home ministry, 16.92 lakh hectare crops were affected due to rain and floods this year so far. Assam has reported over 243929 hectare crops have been affected, followed by Karnataka 1031102 hectares; Uttar Pradesh 121065 and Punjab 82727 hectare so far. In Rajasthan, rains have damaged the kharif crop in several districts, but an assessment is yet to be done even as rabi sowing season is coming up. According to officials, as many as 53000 farmers have lodged complaints about crop damage.

NSG Raising Day Int'l seminar concludes at Manesar Garrison

New Delhi: A two-day NSG Raising Day International Seminar themed “Countering Emerging Terror/IED threats by Harnessing Latest Technology” attracted participation of 40 foreign delegates and concluded on Saturday at the NSG Manesar Garrison. “The primary objective of the seminar was to provide a platform to various stakeholders including security agencies, security experts, security entrepreneurs and innovators, who are dealing with rapidly evolving terrorist and IED threats using technologies to exchange ideas and formulate tactical counter plans,” NSG said.

Key Congress meet to OK record 3rd term for Xi

PTI ■ BEIJING

China's ruling Communist Party will hold its key Congress from Sunday during which a new set of senior officials will be appointed except for President Xi Jinping who is set to get endorsed for a record third term, breaking over the three-decade norm for top leaders to step down after a 10-year tenure.

The weeklong 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC), in which 2,296 "elected" delegates under the norms and guidelines set by Xi will attend a closed-door meeting, is being held amid a rare protest against Xi and his rigid zero-COVID policy of widespread restrictions and lockdowns, resulting in the slow-down of the world's second-largest economy.

Except for 69-year-old Xi, all top officials including the number two leader Premier Li Keqiang will be replaced in the massive reshuffle to follow in the days to come, which included a new foreign minister replacing the incumbent Wang Yi.

The Congress will be held

from October 16 to 22, spokesperson for the congress Sun Yeli told a press conference here on Saturday answering selected questions from the local and foreign media.

The Congress will incorporate the major theoretical views and strategic thinking to be established and the amendment will fully embody the latest achievements in adapting Marxism to the Chinese context and to the needs of the times, Sun said without commenting on Xi's continuation.

Ahead of the once-in-a-five-year conclave, photos circulating on social media on Thursday showed banners hung on overpasses of a major thoroughfare in the northwest of the Chinese capital, protesting against Xi's unpopular zero-COVID policy and authoritarian rule.

Banners displayed on a bridge in the district of Haidian, home to universities and tech firms in Beijing, read: food, not COVID test; reform, not a cultural revolution; freedom, not lockdowns; votes, not a leader; dignity, not lies; citizens, not slaves. Battery-operated loud-



speakers were hung in some places blaring anti-Xi and anti-zero COVID slogans.

Following the incident, security which is already tight in Beijing has been further beefed up with reports that some of the areas in the city have been virtually shut down and police were deployed on numerous overpasses.

Besides concerns and disquiet over the growing unemployment in the country which climbed to a record 19 per cent,

observers say discontent is brewing in the party over Xi's massive anti-corruption crackdown against officials in the last ten years in which lakhs of officials, including top brass of the military, were punished.

From day one after assuming power in 2012, Xi has launched a ruthless campaign against corruption, which besides striking a chord with people also helped him systematically weed out political opponents.

"If there were only one lens through which to interpret Chinese President Xi Jinping's remarkable rise over the past decade, then it would have to be his signature anti-corruption drive," Wang Xiangwei, said former editor-in-chief of the Hong Kong-based newspaper South China Morning Post.

Since he came to power, Xi and his supporters have deftly combined this ruthless effort with a relentless ideological campaign aimed at consolidating

power by crushing political rivals and strengthening control over all levels of society, Wang wrote in his recent column in the Post which states that nearly five million high-ranking tigers and flies were investigated and disciplined.

Six senior security officials, including a former justice minister, were sentenced to death with a two-year reprieve in a purge of officials in the run-up to the Congress.

At home, there is also concern over the US and the EU increasingly turning hostile against China besides neighbouring countries India and Japan over Beijing's military might and belligerent rhetoric over its sovereignty claims.

The Congress is also being closely watched at home and abroad for its leadership changes and the much-expected continuation of Xi for an unprecedented 3rd term, and perhaps for life.

Since the death of party founder Mao Zedong in 1976, successive leaders of the party followed a rule that the party will have a leadership transition at the top and provincial levels every

ten years to ensure collective leadership principle and to prevent the emergence of a one-leader dominated system to avert mass violent campaigns like Mao's Cultural Revolution in which millions were exterminated.

To facilitate Xi's continuation in power, China's Constitution has already been amended in 2018 by National People's Congress (NPC), the country's parliament, removing two five-year tenures for the President.

A plenary meeting of the CPC consisting of about 400 senior officials which concluded a four-day preparatory meeting on October 12 ahead of the Congress left strong hints of Xi's continuation in power.

A communique issued after the meeting said: "the party has established Comrade Xi's core position on the Party Central Committee and in the Party as a whole, and has defined the guiding role of Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era.

"This reflects the common will of the party, the armed forces, and the Chinese people of

all ethnic groups, and is of decisive significance for advancing the cause of the Party and the country in the new era and for driving forward the historic process of great national rejuvenation," it said.

The 20th Congress is also expected to carry out new amendments to CPC's Constitution to provide more power to Xi besides elevating his position in the party further.

We must amend the Constitution in accordance with the new conditions we face and the missions the party needs to carry out. We must incorporate the latest theoretical and strategic thinking into the party constitution, a recent report by the state-run Xinhua news agency said.

Analysts believe the move aims to better enshrine Xi's ruling philosophy into the party charter that governs 95 million members and this would further strengthen Xi's leadership position, a recent report in the Post said. The CPC already added "Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era" to its Constitution in 2017.

Russia hits power site in Kyiv, defends seized Ukraine land



AP ■ KYIV

A missile strike seriously damaged a key energy facility in Ukraine's capital region, the country's grid operator said on Saturday as the Russian military strove to cut power in far-flung populated areas while also defending against Ukrainian counterattacks in occupied regions.

Kyiv region Gov Oleksiy Kuleba said the strike on the unidentified facility did not kill or wound anyone.

Electricity transmission company Ukrenergo said repair crews were working to restore electricity service but warned residents about further possible outages.

After a truck bomb explosion a week ago damaged the bridge that links Russia to the annexed Crimean Peninsula, the Kremlin launched what is believed to be its largest coordinated missile attacks in Ukraine since the initial invasion of the country in late February.

This week's wide-ranging retaliatory attacks, which included the use of self-destructing explosive drones from Iran, killed dozens of people.

The strikes hit residential buildings as well as civil infrastructure such as power stations in Kyiv, Lviv in western Ukraine, and other cities that had seen comparatively few strikes in recent months.

Kyrylo Tymoshenko, the deputy head of the Ukrainian president's office, on Saturday urged Kyiv area residents and people in three neighbouring regions to reduce their energy consumption during evening hours of peak demand.

Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Friday that Moscow did not see a need for additional massive strikes but his military would continue selective ones.

He said that, of 29 targets the Russian military planned to knock out in this week's attacks, seven weren't damaged and would be taken out gradually.

The Institute for the Study of War, a think tank based in Washington, interpreted Putin's remarks as intended to counter criticism from pro-war Russian bloggers who "largely praised the resumption of strikes against Ukrainian cities but warned that a short campaign would be ineffective."

"Putin knew he would not be able to sustain high-intensity missile strikes for a long time due to a dwindling arsenal of high-precision missiles," the think tank said.

Russian diplomat Konstantin Vorontsov said at Friday's meeting of a United Nations General Assembly committee dealing with arms control that Russia would provide its ally Belarus with Iskander-M short-range missiles that could carry a nuclear or a conventional warhead, and modernize some of Belarus' Su-25 ground attack jets for carrying nuclear weapons.

Vorontsov explained the move by citing Moscow's concern about the possibility of the deployment of US nuclear weapons in Poland near the borders of Belarus and Russia.

He emphasised that in compliance with the Treaty on Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, Russia had no intention for now of fitting nuclear warheads to Belarusian weapons systems or transferring nuclear warheads to the territory of Belarus.

Regions of southern Ukraine that Putin illegally designated as Russian territory last month remained a focus of fighting on Saturday.

Ukrainian forces pressed on with a campaign to recapture the mostly Russian-occupied Kherson region.

New UK FM admits mistakes, warns of tax rises

PTI ■ LONDON

Jeremy Hunt, the new UK Chancellor appointed by Prime Minister Liz Truss after she sacked her friend Kwasi Kwarteng in an attempt to calm the ongoing economic and political crisis, admitted on Saturday that mistakes were made by his predecessor and signalled a reversal of his tax-cutting approach.

Hunt, a former Conservative Party leadership contender who is dubbed as the most powerful man in the UK government as Truss battles to win back her credibility, also indicated that spending cuts would have to be brought in across all state departments to deal with the tough economic climate.

He acknowledged that the mini-budget tabled by Kwarteng at the end of last month had

"two mistakes" - cutting the 45-pence rate of tax for highest earners, an announcement since reversed, and announcing the tax-cutting package without independent costings by the Office for Budget Responsibility (OBR).

"The way we went about it clearly wasn't right and that's why I'm sitting here now," he told the BBC.

"Taxes are not going to come down by as much as people hoped, and some taxes will have to go up. I'm going to be asking all government departments to find additional efficiency savings," he said.

It indicates a reversal of Truss' central theme of lowering taxes on which she had campaigned to win the Conservative Party leadership race against former Chancellor Rishi Sunak.

This means the turbulence at the very top of the UK gov-



ernment is far from over, with disgruntled Tory rebels and Sunak loyalists defiantly against the new leader amid her various U-turns. The fact that she fired Kwarteng just 38 days into the job for announcing policies in the mini-budget that she campaigned for is being seen as an

Pak Army committed genocide in Bangladesh, says resolution introduced in US House

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

Two influential American lawmakers have introduced a resolution in the House of Representatives that urges the US President to recognise the atrocities committed against ethnic Bengalis and Hindus by the Pakistani armed forces in 1971 as a genocide.

Indian-American Congressman Ro Khanna and Congressman Seve Chabot introduced the resolution in the US House of Representatives on Friday which among other things calls on the government of Pakistan to offer apologies to the people of Bangladesh for its role in such a genocide.

"We must not let the years erase the memory of the millions who were massacred. Recognising the genocide strengthens the historical record, educates our fellow Americans, and lets would-be perpetrators



know such crimes will not be tolerated or forgotten," Chabot, a Republican Party member, said in a tweet.

"The Bangladesh Genocide of 1971 must not be forgotten. With help from my Hindu constituents in Ohio's First District, Ro Khanna and I introduced legislation to recognise that the mass atrocities committed against Bengalis and Hindus, in particular, were indeed a genocide," Chabot said.

Khanna, a Democrat and the US Representative from

California's 17th congressional district, tweeted that he along with Chabot introduced the first resolution commemorating the 1971 Bengali Genocide in which millions of ethnic Bengalis and Hindus were killed or displaced in one of the most forgotten genocides of "our" time.

There was a genocide. Millions of people were killed (in 1971) in what is now Bangladesh, and what was then East Pakistan. About 80 per cent of those millions that were killed were Hindus, Chabot, US Representative for Ohio's 1st congressional district, said.

And it was, in my opinion, a genocide just like other genocides - like the Holocaust - happened. And there were others that have occurred, and this was one that, thus far, hasn't really been declared by definition. And we are working on this now," he said.

Rights group: 59 lawyers slain in 6 years in Philippines

AP ■ MANILA

At least 133 lawyers have been killed in the Philippines since the 1980s in work-related attacks, nearly half of them in the last six years during former President Rodrigo Duterte's bloody war on drugs, a prominent group of lawyers said on Saturday.

The National Union of Peoples' Lawyers also said that harassment of lawyers and judges in the Philippines has continued under President Ferdinand Marcos Jr, who took office in June, despite alarms raised by the country's Supreme Court and international watchdogs.

Last year, the Supreme Court condemned in a rare public expression the rising number of killings and threats against lawyers and judges and asked lower courts, law enforcers and lawyers' groups to provide information about such assaults in the last 10 years so it can take preemptive steps.

The attacks "cannot be allowed in a civilised society like ours," the high court said.

The lawyers' group reported to its members in a conference on Saturday that 59 of the 133 lawyers killed in the country since 1984 were slain under Duterte.

Most of the killings remain unsolved and the attackers unidentified although state forces have been blamed for dozens of the attacks against lawyers, who were apparently targeted for representing human rights defenders and activists, according to Melai Pinlac of the lawyers' group.

Founded in 2007 as a private group of mostly right lawyers, it has since lost five members "in murderous attacks" while three other members survived violent assaults.

Several other members "faced trumped-up charges" and harassment for doing their work, she said.

With the advent of social media, threats have become



prevalent online with member lawyers becoming frequent targets of false accusations "and wrongful branding as terrorists, communists or destabilisers," Pinlac said.

Others have been "red-tagged" - linked by authorities to communist guerrillas - and became targets of physical attacks especially during Duterte's presidency, she said.

Edre Olalia, president of the lawyers' group, said the attacks have failed to stop his organisation from going after abusive government officials and military and police personnel.

His group has pressed calls for judicial reforms and better treatment of poor suspects, including the imposition of affordable bail.

"We will not become extinct. We will multiply," Olalia said. "We will flourish until our raison d'etre for being people's lawyers ceases."

Under Duterte, a number of lawyers who represented suspected drug dealers or were linked to the illegal drug trade were among those gunned down.

When he took office in 2016, Duterte launched a massive anti-drug crackdown that left more than 6,000 mostly petty suspects dead, alarmed Western governments and sparked an International Criminal Court investigation as a possible crime against humanity.

Ex-Balochistan chief justice killed in gun attack

IANs ■ QUETTA



Mumtaz, was wounded in the attack.

In response, the police cordoned off the area and began a search operation for the attackers.

Meskanzai took oath as the chief justice on December 26, 2014 and retired on August 31, 2018. Later, he was appointed as the chief justice of the Federal Shariat Court and served until 2022.

Both the governor and chief minister of the province have expressed grief at his death.

IMF chief warns of risk of geopolitical fragmentation

IANs ■ WASHINGTON

There is a risk of geopolitical fragmentation, as geopolitics turn into geo-economics with negative impacts, warns International Monetary Fund (IMF) Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva.

"Emerging markets and developing countries have stressed that for them, it is paramount that they have the opportunity to drive growth and employment on the basis of a more integrated global economy," Georgieva said at a press conference during the IMF and World Bank annual meetings in response to a question from Xinhua news agency.

That was also a message coming from small advanced economies, Georgieva noted, referring to the meeting of the International Monetary and Financial Committee (IMFC), the policy advisory committee of the IMF Board of Governors.

"The predominant mood in the room was we cannot possibly



allow fragmentation to happen because everybody would be poorer, but it would be devastating for low-income and, for emerging markets and developing economies," said the IMF chief.

Georgieva said that a simulation showed that for advanced economies, global economic fragmentation would mean a loss of 2 per cent of output, while for emerging markets

and developing economies, it could be 10 to 15 per cent.

Nadia Calvino, Spain's first vice president and minister for economy and digitalization, who is the chair of the IMFC, also highlighted the risk of fragmentation.

In the Chair's Statement of the 46th Meeting of the IMFC, Calvino said the global economy is subject to increased fragmentation risks and the IMFC reiterates its call for greater international cooperation to prevent fragmentation and safeguard global economic integration.

Looking back, Georgieva noted that an integrated economy led to the tripling of the world economy in the last decades, in which emerging markets and developing economies quadrupled, and advanced economies doubled. "So if we want to have a secure future, we do need to retain that efficiency that comes from an integrated economy," she added.

Lanka steps up search for navy boat with 6 aboard

AP ■ COLOMBO

Sri Lankan authorities have stepped up a search for a navy boat that went missing a month ago along with six sailors while patrolling in the Indian Ocean off the island nation, a navy spokesman said on Saturday.

Navy spokesman Capt Indika de Silva said the sailors ventured out from Sri Lanka's southern coast on Sept 16 on a regular patrol and a day later, the navy had lost communication with the boat. He said that since then, the navy had deployed vessels to find the boat and the search operation intensified with the deployment of air force aircraft.

Silva said they suspect the boat might have developed an engine trouble and drifted to the open sea after getting caught in a heavy current.

"So far, we have not been able to find the boat or the sailors," said Silva.

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1	ASHOK VIHAR, NEW DELHI [DL]	URMILA	XXXXXXXXXX6477	700,000.00	03-SEP-22	249.20
2	ASHOK VIHAR, NEW DELHI [DL]	MAMTA	XXXXXXXXXX2961	428,000.00	03-SEP-22	184.90
3	ASHOK VIHAR, NEW DELHI [DL]	URMILA	XXXXXXXXXX4693	293,795.00	22-JUN-21	159.00
4	ASHOK VIHAR, NEW DELHI [DL]	BINDU	XXXXXXXXXX9870	166,800.00	28-JUL-22	60.10
5	ASHOK VIHAR, NEW DELHI [DL]	SANJAY	XXXXXXXXXX5642	109,336.00	09-JUN-22	49.00
6	ASHOK VIHAR, NEW DELHI [DL]	MANOJ	XXXXXXXXXX3344	70,000.00	28-JUL-22	30.60
7	ASHOK VIHAR, NEW DELHI [DL]	WASI AHMED	XXXXXXXXXX3648	67,377.00	18-JUN-22	23.80
8	ASHOK VIHAR, NEW DELHI [DL]	UMESH SINGH	XXXXXXXXXX9003	340,225.00	28-FEB-22	201.20
9	ASHOK VIHAR, NEW DELHI [DL]	DHANRAJ KHANNA	XXXXXXXXXX5842	206,000.00	06-JUN-22	74.00
10	ASHOK VIHAR, NEW DELHI [DL]	SAROJ DEVI	XXXXXXXXXX5605	100,048.00	20-JUN-22	37.10
11	BAHADURGARH [HR]	PURNENDU SHEKHAR	XXXXXXXXXX5177	118,488.00	22-JUL-22	47.70
12	BALI NAGAR, NEW DELHI [DL]	ASHISH KUMAR MISHRA	XXXXXXXXXX5363	172,500.00	05-FEB-22	71.00
13	BALI NAGAR, NEW DELHI [DL]	RANVEER KUMAR	XXXXXXXXXX3835	77,200.00	03-SEP-22	36.70
14	DARYAGANJ, DELHI [DL]	KAVITA GUPTA	XXXXXXXXXX3441	297,000.00	03-SEP-22	117.20
15	FARIDABAD [HR]	RAHUL	XXXXXXXXXX8068	230,066.00	30-APR-21	88.00
16	FARIDABAD [HR]	AMIT BHARDWAJ	XXXXXXXXXX6295	111,500.00	21-APR-22	65.40
17	FARIDABAD [HR]	AMARJEET SINGH	XXXXXXXXXX07341	97,600.00	18-JUN-22	32.10
18	FARIDABAD [HR]	KANCHAN KUMARI	XXXXXXXXXX9321	91,200.00	18-JUL-22	33.10
19	FARIDABAD [HR]	AMIT KUMAR SINGH	XXXXXXXXXX5260	62,200.00	03-SEP-22	25.70
20	GHAZIABAD [UP]	MOHD SHAHID	XXXXXXXXXX9929	180,900.00	07-JAN-22	67.30
21	JYOTI NAGAR DEL DL	MANISH SHARMA	XXXXXXXXXX5595	340,500.00	22-JUL-22	135.00
22	JYOTI NAGAR DEL DL	DIPANSHU KUMAR	XXXXXXXXXX3340	301,200.00	18-JUL-22	105.50
23	JYOTI NAGAR DEL DL	AMIT PANWAR	XXXXXXXXXX9328	270,000.00	22-JUL-22	95.50
24	JYOTI NAGAR DEL DL	PUNEET KUMAR TIWARI	XXXXXXXXXX2010	58,600.00	18-JUL-22	20.20
25	JYOTI NAGAR DEL DL	MOHIT .	XXXXXXXXXX7592	123,000.00	18-JUN-22	54.90
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28	KALKAJI, NEW DELHI [DL]	JAFAR	XXXXXXXXXX8338	26,600.00	17-MAY-22	10.40
29	KALKAJI, NEW DELHI [DL]	MIKESH KUMAR	XXXXXXXXXX5675	369,300.00	24-MAR-22	126.60
30	KISHANGANJ OD DL	MOHD SHAHID ANSARI	XXXXXXXXXX2402	121,300.00	22-JUL-22	43.80
31	KISHANGANJ OD DL	AJAY KUMAR SHARMA	XXXXXXXXXX6135	110,000.00	28-JUL-22	33.40
32	LAJPAT NAGAR, NEW DELHI [DL]	RAMINDER KAUR	XXXXXXXXXX9786	975,000.00	11-AUG-22	334.50
33	LAJPAT NAGAR, NEW DELHI [DL]	SANJAY KUMAR TEWATIA	XXXXXXXXXX2401	372,700.00	22-JUL-22	126.60
34	LAJPAT NAGAR, NEW DELHI [DL]	ARVIND	XXXXXXXXXX9432	311,517.00	18-JUL-22	128.90
35	LAJPAT NAGAR, NEW DELHI [DL]	ANUJ KUMAR SINGH	XXXXXXXXXX9168	199,984.00	22-JUL-22	105.50
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37	LAJPAT NAGAR, NEW DELHI [DL]	LAXMI NARAYAN	XXXXXXXXXX5382	116,500.00	03-SEP-22	41.80
38	LAJPAT NAGAR, NEW DELHI [DL]	AMIT GUPTA	XXXXXXXXXX4052	110,000.00	06-JUN-22	46.90
39	LAJPAT NAGAR, NEW DELHI [DL]	MOHD SHAZID KHAN	XXXXXXXXXX3009	90,400.00	03-SEP-22	31.50
40	MALVIYA NAGAR, NEW DELHI [DL]	IRSHAD	XXXXXXXXXX4565	709,800.00	22-JUL-22	279.70
41	MALVIYA NAGAR, NEW DELHI [DL]	GEETANJALI SINGH	XXXXXXXXXX3735	277,300.00	24-MAR-22	115.90
42	MAYUR VIHAR, NEW DELHI [DL]	MONIKA AGARWAL	XXXXXXXXXX0129	415,000.00	05-SEP-22	156.00
43	MAYUR VIHAR, NEW DELHI [DL]	PRIYANKA YADAV	XXXXXXXXXX5554	155,000.00	30-MAR-22	60.20
44	MEERA BAGH, NEW DELHI [DL]	BILAL RIAZ	XXXXXXXXXX1682	391,100.00	22-JUL-22	149.50
45	NARELA, NEW DELHI [DL]	KAMAL	XXXXXXXXXX2150	85,000.00	28-JUL-22	28.40
46	NARELA, NEW DELHI [DL]	KAMAL	XXXXXXXXXX2667	60,000.00	28-JUL-22	19.60
47	NAZAFGARH, NEW DELHI [DL]	BABITA DEVI	XXXXXXXXXX1856	600,000.00	18-JUL-22	203.30
48	NAZAFGARH, NEW DELHI [DL]	DEVENDER KUMAR	XXXXXXXXXX4684	358,900.00	24-MAR-22	135.40
49	NAZAFGARH, NEW DELHI [DL]	DEVENDER KUMAR	XXXXXXXXXX64290	152,000.00	03-SEP-22	56.50
50	NAZAFGARH, NEW DELHI [DL]	SONIA	XXXXXXXXXX7222	110,000.00	22-JUL-22	42.00
51	NAZAFGARH, NEW DELHI [DL]	AMITA SHARMA	XXXXXXXXXX3398	105,659.00	24-MAR-22	41.90
52	NEW FRIENDS COLONY,NEW DELHI	MOHD SHAZID KHAN	XXXXXXXXXX7348	103,200.00	21-APR-22	36.14
53	NEW FRIENDS COLONY,NEW DELHI	EBRAHIM KHAN	XXXXXXXXXX6896	121,700.00	17-MAY-22	43.00
54	NOIDA [UP]	PRADEEP AWANA	XXXXXXXXXX4021	280,500.00	18-JUL-22	93.50
55	NOIDA [UP]	ARVIND KUMAR SINGH	XXXXXXXXXX9468	275,000.00	22-JUL-22	92.40
56	NOIDA [UP]	PROMISH KUMAR	XXXXXXXXXX6958	178,840.00	22-JUL-22	84.50
57	NOIDA [UP]	ABHAY RAJ MISHRA	XXXXXXXXXX6156	147,200.00	07-JAN-22	61.70
58	PALAM VIHAR, GURGAON [HR]	RINKI DEVI	XXXXXXXXXX9945	500,600.00	18-JUL-22	166.55
59	PALAM VIHAR, GURGAON [HR]	ANUSHKA YADAV	XXXXXXXXXX2725	94,800.00	05-SEP-22	28.20
60	PALAM VIHAR, GURGAON [HR]	BHAWANA SINGH	XXXXXXXXXX6203	60,789.00	03-SEP-22	25.90
61	PALAM VIHAR, GURGAON [HR]	SANJAY SANJAY	XXXXXXXXXX9947	31,400.00	03-SEP-22	9.80
62	PALAM VIHAR, GURGAON [HR]	POOJA BARALA	XXXXXXXXXX6461	299,181.00	22-JUL-22	98.00
63	PALAM, DELHI [DL]	RASHMI MAHINDRU	XXXXXXXXXX0845	80,000.00	03-SEP-22	29.90
64	PALAM, DELHI [DL]	RASHMI MAHINDRU	XXXXXXXXXX0763	55,500.00	03-SEP-22	24.50
65	PALAM, DELHI [DL]	RASHMI MAHINDRU	XXXXXXXXXX5776	49,848.00	03-SEP-22	19.10
66	PARADISE MALL 5 GUR HR	MANORANJAN SANDHIBIGRAH	XXXXXXXXXX6371	117,364.00	22-JUL-22	40.22
67	PARADISE MALL 5 GUR HR	SUNITA	XXXXXXXXXX9032	83,200.00	24-MAR-22	31.50
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69	ROHINI, DELHI [DL]	BHUPINDER SINGH RANDHAWA	XXXXXXXXXX5213	267,000.00	09-JUN-22	91.80
70	ROHINI, DELHI [DL]	RAVI RANJAN TIWARI	XXXXXXXXXX7086	254,059.00	22-JUN-21	102.40
71	ROHINI, DELHI [DL]	BHUPINDER SINGH RANDHAWA	XXXXXXXXXX3453	230,000.00	09-JUN-22	81.50
72	ROHINI, DELHI [DL]	SARABJEET KAUR	XXXXXXXXXX6879	210,500.00	05-SEP-22	72.10
73	ROHINI, DELHI [DL]	AMIT KUMAR	XXXXXXXXXX9748	207,027.00	03-SEP-22	74.60
74	ROHINI, DELHI [DL]	RAJENDER JEENA	XXXXXXXXXX0034	168,638.00	05-SEP-22	66.80
75	ROHINI, DELHI [DL]	HIMANSHU KUMAR	XXXXXXXXXX6564	144,000.00	14-OCT-22	46.85
76	ROHINI, DELHI [DL]	AMIT KUMAR	XXXXXXXXXX4864	120,762.00	03-SEP-22	54.80
77	ROHINI, DELHI [DL]	HIMANSHU KUMAR	XXXXXXXXXX6600	85,000.00	28-JUL-22	26.50
78	ROHINI, DELHI [DL]	RAGENDAR KUMAR AGARWAL	XXXXXXXXXX0178	404,028.00	23-NOV-21	193.30
79	SECTOR 10A,GURGAON [HR]	ATAUR REHMAN	XXXXXXXXXX9065	31,537.00	24-MAR-22	17.75
80	SECTOR 10A,GURGAON [HR]	USHA DEVI	XXXXXXXXXX2142	25,100.00	03-SEP-22	9.80
81	SECTOR 14, GURGAON [HR]	DIVYA BATRA	XXXXXXXXXX4781	337,000.00	22-JUN-22	106.50
82	SECTOR 14, GURGAON [HR]	KAMINI	XXXXXXXXXX4371	138,800.00	05-SEP-22	47.90
83	SECTOR 14, GURGAON [HR]	RUBBI DEVI	XXXXXXXXXX6965	105,600.00	18-JUL-22	38.90
84	SECTOR 14, GURGAON [HR]	PAWAN KUMAR	XXXXXXXXXX5101	69,600.00	06-JUN-22	25.40
85	SECTOR 14, GURGAON [HR]	LOKESH SINGH	XXXXXXXXXX3539	48,600.00	28-JUL-22	20.70
86	SECTOR 14, GURGAON [HR]	MOHD IRSHAD	XXXXXXXXXX9053	29,900.00	18-JUL-22	12.40
87	SECTOR 14, GURGAON [HR]	SHRUTI VERMA	XXXXXXXXXX7254	347,000.00	22-SEP-20	136.50
88	SECTOR 14, GURGAON [HR]	VINOD KUMAR (16013565 M)	XXXXXXXXXX4547	294,000.00	05-FEB-22	103.80
89	SECTOR 14, GURGAON [HR]	PINKI	XXXXXXXXXX6478	231,742.00	21-APR-22	83.90
90	SECTOR 14, GURGAON [HR]	SURENDER KUMAR	XXXXXXXXXX6697	151,200.00	11-AUG-22	55.10
91	SECTOR 14, GURGAON [HR]	SUMAIYA AHMED	XXXXXXXXXX9582	151,000.00	22-JUN-21	78.00
92	SECTOR 14, GURGAON [HR]	RAMBAHADUR SINGH	XXXXXXXXXX5013	144,000.00	17-MAY-22	52.60
93	SECTOR 16, FARIDABAD [HR]	AMIT BEHL	XXXXXXXXXX5344	683,000.00	07-JAN-22	255.30
94	SECTOR 16, FARIDABAD [HR]	POONAM SINGH	XXXXXXXXXX0753	677,000.00	22-JUN-21	210.10
95	SECTOR 16, FARIDABAD [HR]	DHARMENDER SINGH	XXXXXXXXXX9415	463,500.00	18-JUL-22	170.80
96	SECTOR 16, FARIDABAD [HR]	HIMANSHI	XXXXXXXXXX0013	359,062.00	26-JUL-22	135.90
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98	SECTOR 16, FARIDABAD [HR]	DEVENDER SHARMA	XXXXXXXXXX7654	194,000.00	25-AUG-22	79.20
99	SECTOR 16, FARIDABAD [HR]	PRASHANT KUMAR	XXXXXXXXXX7578	176,000.00	09-JUN-22	64.10
100	SECTOR 16, FARIDABAD [HR]	BEENA DEVI	XXXXXXXXXX0911	155,000.00	24-MAR-22	59.40
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102	SECTOR 16, FARIDABAD [HR]	BHOLA PRASAD GUPTA	XXXXXXXXXX1908	51,200.00	28-JUL-22	17.20
103	SECTOR 16, FARIDABAD [HR]	VIJAY	XXXXXXXXXX4048	51,000.00	05-SEP-22	19.00
104	SECTOR 16, FARIDABAD [HR]	HARENDER KUMAR	XXXXXXXXXX3078	38,000.00	14-JUL-22	15.40
105	SECTOR 16, FARIDABAD [HR]	VINOD KUMAR	XXXXXXXXXX3769	175,000.00	17-MAY-22	68.50
106	SECTOR 16, FARIDABAD [HR]	NITIN JINDAL	XXXXXXXXXX4168	169,561.00	18-JAN-21	61.10
107	SECTOR 16, FARIDABAD [HR]	ONKAR PRASAD SHARMA	XXXXXXXXXX7473	159,000.00	30-MAR-22	55.20
108	SECTOR 16, FARIDABAD [HR]	DEEPAK	XXXXXXXXXX3254	123,000.00	29-JAN-22	62.40
109	SECTOR-24, ROHINI, NEW DELHI [DL]	SACHIN KUMAR	XXXXXXXXXX8879	103,000.00	25-AUG-22	39.40
110	SHAHADARA, DELHI [DL]	SAYAD SARFARAJ	XXXXXXXXXX3042	111,400.00	28-JUL-22	37.30
111	SWASTHYA VIHAR, NEW DELHI [DL]	SUJATA KUMARI	XXXXXXXXXX0260	104,000.00	25-AUG-22	38.30
112	SWASTHYA VIHAR, NEW DELHI [DL]	SHUBHAM	XXXXXXXXXX2456	70,000.00	18-JUL-22	26.80
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114	SWASTHYA VIHAR, NEW DELHI [DL]	RINA SINGH	XXXXXXXXXX9584	172,200.00	18-JUN-22	69.10
115	SWASTHYA VIHAR, NEW DELHI [DL]	ARTI AGGARWAL	XXXXXXXXXX08175	123,944.00	18-JUN-22	37.40
116	SWASTHYA VIHAR, NEW DELHI [DL]	ABHISHEK KUMAR	XXXXXXXXXX4041	88,400.00	06-AUG-22	30.60
117	TILAK NAGAR, DELHI [DL]	RAJESH KUMAR	XXXXXXXXXX1014	882,100.00	18-JUL-22	316.00
118	TILAK NAGAR, DELHI [DL]	VIKAS SABHARWAL	XXXXXXXXXX5557	313,700.00	11-AUG-22	108.10
119	TILAK NAGAR, DELHI [DL]	MOHD KALAM	XXXXXXXXXX9238	166,820.00	18-JUN-22	67.60
120	TILAK NAGAR, DELHI [DL]	MUJAMIL	XXXXXXXXXX5442	117,700.00	22-JUL-22	40.80
121	TILAK NAGAR, DELHI [DL]	RANI DEVI	XXXXXXXXXX00166	116,000.00	17-MAY-22	44.70
122	UTTAM NAGAR, NEW DELHI [DL]	ROHIT SODHI	XXXXXXXXXX6656	270,000.00	18-JUN-22	97.30
123	VAISHALI, GHAZIABAD [UP]	RAKESH PANDEY	XXXXXXXXXX5674	427,667.00	06-AUG-22	177.40
124	VAISHALI, GHAZIABAD [UP]	DEBASISH BISWAL	XXXXXXXXXX3079	180,300.00	25-AUG-22	59.60
125	VAISHALI, GHAZIABAD [UP]	DEBASISH BISWAL	XXXXXXXXXX3922	70,200.00	03-SEP-22	33.40
126	VAISHALI, GHAZIABAD [UP]	VIPIN TOD	XXXXXXXXXX3762	47,400.00	03-SEP-22	15.40
127	VAISHALI, GHAZIABAD [UP]	AMIT KUMAR DHIMAN	XXXXXXXXXX2903	42,100.00	03-SEP-22	17.00
128	VAISHALI, GHAZIABAD [UP]	RAJEEV MEHTA	XXXXXXXXXX2548	146,800.00	24-MAR-22	50.50
129	VAISHALI, GHAZIABAD [UP]	RAJEEV MEHTA	XXXXXXXXXX8837	138,807.00	24-MAR-22	49.20

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SBI: India unlikely to be hit as hard by global recession as other nations

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

The impact of a global recession, which is increasingly being feared by the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, is unlikely to be as pronounced in India as compared to other countries, State Bank of India chairman Dinesh Khara said.

With a projected growth rate of 6.8 per cent and inflation "much under control", India is doing reasonably well, Khara told PTI in an interview on the sidelines of the annual meeting of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank here on Friday.

"Majorly, it (India) is an inward-looking economy in terms of demand because a significant component of the GDP is essentially addressed to the domestic economy. So, from that point of view, I think it (global recession) will have an impact but it won't be as pronounced as perhaps (it will be on) other economies which are fully coupled with the globe," he said.



"If we look at the beta factor, perhaps the Indian economy's beta factor would be much lower as compared to some of the other larger economies that have a significant component of export," he said.

₹ depreciation essentially due to strengthening of dollar index'

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INDIA ROUT SRI LANKA TO WIN 7TH WOMEN'S ASIA CUP TITLE



PTI ■ SYLHET

India maintained their dominance in the Women's Asia Cup with an eight-wicket demolition of a self-destructing Sri Lanka in the final here on Saturday for their seventh title in eight editions.

Sri Lanka, who were playing their first tournament final in 14 years, imploded after opting to bat on a slow and turning pitch. They could only manage 65 for nine which India knocked off in

8.3 overs. Smriti Mandhana struck a sublime 51 not out off 25 balls.

It was a procession after Sri Lankan skipper Chamari Athapaththu got run out in the third over following a mix up with Anushka Sanjeevani who too got run out six balls later.

Renuka, who has been in top form since the Commonwealth Games in August, sent back Hasini Perera on the very first ball she faced. The left-hander checked her

shot only to be caught at cover, leaving Sri Lanka at nine for four.

The Sri Lankans were in dire need of a partnership but Kavisha Dilhari's fall made it 16 for five as she was bowled while trying to play an incoming delivery from Renuka across the line.

Rajeshwari Gayakwad got her first wicket after Nilakshi de Silva played on to her stumps while trying to cut a ball close to her body. At 32 for eight, being bowled out for a sub-50

total was very much on the cards, but Ranaweera saved them from that ignominy with an unbeaten 18 off 22 balls.

The Indians bowled with discipline but poor shot selection contributed more to Sri Lanka's steep slide. After a memorable win over Pakistan in the semi-finals, it seemed the occasion got the better of Sri Lanka.

India lost Shafali Verma and Jemimah Rodrigues cheaply in the run chase. However, both the batters did well in the

tournament, with Shafali getting back to form and Jemimah making a successful comeback from injury.

The elegant Mandhana played some exquisite strokes on way to completing the formality alongside skipper Harmanpreet Kaur (11 not out off 14). Smriti's effort included three sixes and six boundaries. Fittingly, she sealed the win with a maximum off Oshadi Ranasinghe.

The win is a shot in the arm

for India's preparations for the T20 World Cup next year. They were able to test players for different roles during the competition, though that also contributed to their only loss in the tournament, against Pakistan in the league stage.

The Indians took a lap of the Sylhet International Cricket Stadium and, in a fine gesture, got clicked with the entire groundstaff after their triumph, which was witnessed by a sizeable turnout.



We should give credit to bowlers, fielders: Harmanpreet

PTI ■ SYLHET

India captain Harmanpreet Kaur lauded her bowlers and the fielding unit after the team's triumphant campaign in the Women's Asia Cup, which ended with a lop-sided final against Sri Lanka here on Saturday.

India maintained their dominance in the tournament with an eight-wicket demolition of a self-destructing Sri Lanka in the title clash for their seventh title in eight editions.

Sri Lanka, who were playing their first tournament final in 14 years, imploded after opting to bat on pitch that was slow and offered turn. They could only manage 65 for nine which India knocked off in 8.3 overs. Smriti Mandhana struck a sublime 51 not out off 25 balls.

"We should credit our bowlers. Our fielding unit was good from ball one and we discussed that we should not give away easy runs. You have to read the wicket and accordingly place the fielders in right positions," Harmanpreet said at the presentation ceremony.

"We read the wicket well and positioned fielders accordingly. We were not looking at the scoreboard but only decided our

five-over targets. We never thought about what is the total on the board and batted accordingly."

Player of the Match Renuka Singh sent back Hasini Perera on the very first ball she faced. The pacer finished with excellent figures of 3/5 in the final.

"Very happy because the last few games I didn't bowl well. I practiced with my coach and the staff and they really helped me get back my rhythm."

"Just focussed on my basics and got success. My whole team supported me really well and credit should go to my captain, coach and the staff," Renuka said.

All-rounder Deepti Sharma, who gave away just seven runs in her four overs, was declared the Player of the Series.

"Really happy with the way we performed as unit from the first game till today. We executed what was discussed in the meeting. I just back my strengths and those things helped me a lot in this tournament."

"The wickets were slow and before this tournament, I worked a lot on my batting and those sessions really helped me. This win gives us a lot of confidence going into the upcoming series as well," Deepti said.

Shami shows positive signs in recovery, we couldn't have risked playing Bumrah: Rohit

PTI ■ MELBOURNE

The Indian team could not have risked playing star pacer Jasprit Bumrah in the T20 World Cup with a dodgy back while his replacement Mohammad Shami is on his way to full recovery from COVID-19, said captain Rohit Sharma on Saturday.

Speaking at the captains' media interaction ahead of the T20 World Cup, Rohit gave an update on Shami, who has been drafted into the squad despite having not played a competitive game since July.

"Shami had COVID two-three weeks ago. He was called to the NCA then, he worked hard for the last 10 days and he is in Brisbane. He will practice with us tomorrow," Rohit said.

"Whatever we have heard on his recovery is positive. He did three four bowling sessions with full intensity. We have made a lot of effort to do player management over the last 12 months but injuries happen. If you see, whoever has come into the squad, he has got matches under his belt."

Bumrah was ruled out of the tournament with a back injury, leaving a big hole in the bowling department. While the batting has come a long way in the last one year, bowling remains the team's weak link.

"Bumrah is a quality bowler. We spoke to a lot of specialists about his (back) injury but the response was not very positive. World Cup is important but his career is more important, he is only 27-28."

"We could not have risked playing him here, that is what the specialists also said. We will miss him," said Rohit.

Injuries are unfortunate but inevitable and that is one of the main reasons why India focused on creating a bigger pool of players over the last 12 months, said the skipper.

Be it in batting or bowling, India gave a lot



of opportunities to youngsters after their early exit from the World Cup 12 months ago, besides drastically changing their playing style.

"Injuries are part and parcel of the sport. If you play so many matches, injuries will happen. Our focus in the last one year has been on increasing our bench strength. You must have seen we played new guys whenever there was an opportunity," he said.

Rohit said the team has to make the best use of available resources rather than thinking about the injured.

"There is no point being disappointed about it. What needs to be done is the important thing. It was a conscious effort to come here (Australia) early, we played two practice games and two more to go."

"We will be fully prepared before the first game (against Pakistan on October 23). There is no last minute decisions to be made. All the concerned players have been informed in advance," he said referring to the India's playing eleven for the big game.

He also has high expectations from Suryakumar Yadav in this tournament. Suryakumar has been India's number one T20 batter over the last 12 months. "He is in good form, hope he continues in that fashion in the middle order", says Rohit.

Paulraj rewrites women's pole vault national record, again

PTI ■ BENGALURU

Tamil Nadu's Rosy Meena Paulraj shattered the national record for women's pole vault for the second time in 15 days when she cleared 4.21m to win the gold medal at the National Open athletics championships here on Saturday.

Rosy, who turns 25 in a fortnight, lit up the opening day with another sensational performance, exactly 15 days after clearing 4.20m to set up a new national record at the 36th National Games in Gandhinagar.

She had then gone past V S Surekha's earlier national mark

of 4.15m set in 2014.

Railways' Ravina found redemption after some disappointing performances as she won the women's 20km Race Walk with a new meet record time to boot.

She had started the year by being part of the Indian team which became the first to win a medal at the World Athletics Race Walking Team Championships in Muscat.

With Amlan Borgohain staying away, Delhi's 19-year-old Shivam Vashnav ensured that some of the spotlight would remain on the 100m sprints.

When he clocked 10.74 sec-



onds in the first round, there was no indication of what was to follow. He blazed the track to win his semifinal in 10.47 seconds and be the fastest qualifier for the final.

Himashree Roy (West Bengal) and Srabani Nanda were the fastest qualifiers for the final, clocking 11.52 seconds and 11.53 seconds respectively.

Though Jyothi Yarraji

(Andhra Pradesh) did not finish her 100m first round, Hima Das (Assam) battled through two rounds (11.74 and 11.78) to remain in the mix.

Services' Mijo Chacko Kurian and Angrej Singh set up an engrossing men's 400m final along with Railways' Ayush Dabas and Rajesh Ramesh.

The women's quarter-mile final will feature Subha Venkatesan (Tamil Nadu) and R Vithya Ramran as the fastest qualifiers.

With six runners qualifying with sub-54 second times, the final can be a very competitive race.

Not a big fan of Mankading: Finch



PTI ■ MELBOURNE

Australia T20 captain Aaron Finch is "not a big fan" of 'Mankading', a controversial dismissal where bowlers run out batters backing up at the non-strikers' end.

Mankading, informally named after former India cricketer Vinoo Mankad, has been in the news of late after Deepti

Sharma ran out Charlie Dean at the non-striker's end for leaving her crease too early to hand a 3-0 ODI series sweep in England last month.

Finch expressed his views after Mitchell Starc warned England captain Jos Buttler for leaving his crease early in the rain-washed third T20I in Canberra on Friday.

"I think if guys get a warning, then it's fair game after that," Finch was quoted as saying by Press Association.

"That would go for most teams, I assume, if you give a batter a warning, because you think that they're gaining a little bit too much ground before the ball is bowled. But I'm not a big fan, personally."

Sabita Toppo, Arjun win silver in Asian Youth Athletics Championship

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Teenager Sabita Toppo of Odisha won the silver medal in the girls 100m hurdles clocking 14.17 seconds in the Asian Youth Athletics Championship at Kuwait City.

In the boys javelin, Arjun won silver with a throw of 70.98m while Himanshu Mishra took bronze with 67.67m.

Sabita's silver comes following the gold that she won in 100m hurdles at the National Youth (U-18) Athletics meet in Bhopal.

Sabita, who hails from Sundergarh, joined the Odisha Reliance Foundation HPC (High-Performance Centre) in 2019.



Taking to Twitter, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik wrote, "Congratulate #Odisha athlete, Sabita Toppo on clinching #Silver medal in 100 mtr hurdles with a timing of 14.17s at

the 4th Asian Youth Athletics Championships in #Kuwait. May she continue to bring glory for the State & the nation. Wish her all the best for future endeavours."

India lose 2-4 to Iraq in opening AFC U-20 Asian Cup qualifying fixture

PTI ■ KUWAIT CITY

The Indian football team went down 2-4 against Iraq in its opening fixture of the AFC U-20 Championship Group H qualifiers here.

The first goal of the match came as early as in the second minute on Friday, as Iraq scored through Abdulrazzaq Qasim's curling effort with the outside of his boot.

India looked to respond immediately, as both Gurkirat Singh and Taison Singh created danger repeatedly for the rival defence within a span of few minutes but were brought down with fouls. The pressure paid off in the 22nd minute eventually as Gurkirat scored with a timely shot, after Vibin Mohanan played in Taison, who laid it on a plate for the forward.

Gurkirat turned from scorer to provider in the 33rd minute as he essayed a fine through pass, with Maheson Singh applying



the finishing touch with a dink over the goalkeeper.

The Indians went into the breather with the lead, with Zahid Bukhari denying efforts from Ashar Ali and Abboud Rabah, and Amandeep stopping Hayder Tofee in his tracks with an excellent tackle in the 40th minute.

The second half began with India creating the first opportunity, as Himanshu Jangra's header was saved by Iraq goalkeeper five minutes after the break.

However, Hayder Tofee nodded in a cross from the left

flank to pull things back for Iraq only a minute later.

Zahid made another excellent save in the 62nd minute, keeping out a powerful shot by Abdul Razzak. But one minute after, Sadeeq Shaheen slipped past the Indian defence to score and give his team the lead.

The Iraqi side extended their advantage in the 71st minute, after Azad Kalouri's cross took a deflection off Bikash Yumnam and went into the net. India made a late surge, with Suhail Bhat inches away from converting Taison's cross from the right flank with 15 minutes remaining.

Gurkirat came close once again, while Suhail's header in the last minute of regulation crashed into the crossbar. In injury time, Bikash hurled a long throw into the Iraq box, as Amandeep headed it, but his effort went inches wide.

In the next match, India will play Australia on Sunday.

AP ■ NEW DELHI

Form at the Twenty20 World Cup has been something of an anomaly for India since it won the inaugural title in 2007.

India stages cricket's biggest and most lucrative franchise T20 competition, which regularly features the biggest stars of the international game as well the homegrown stars such as Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma.

The national team boasts some of the finest batters and bowlers in both spin and pace departments, and allrounders who can make a difference.

Yet India hasn't won the T20 world title since the very first in South Africa, and has only reached the final once in the six subsequent editions.

Even last year, as host, India didn't make it out of the group stage in a surprising run

that included losses to arch rival Pakistan and eventual finalist New Zealand.

For context, though, rules in place for the COVID-19 pandemic meant India was host in name and funding only, with all games played in the United Arab Emirates or Oman.

So Rohit's so-called Men in Blue are desperate to turn things around in Australia.

GROUP

After unofficial warmups against Australia on Monday and New Zealand on Wednesday in Brisbane, India's campaign will start with a blockbuster against Pakistan on Oct. 23 at the Melbourne Cricket Ground, which is sold out. It will then play Bangladesh and South Africa, as well as two qualifiers from the first round.

India has been acclimatiz-



ing in Western Australia, where it had a win and a loss in practice games against a West Australian XI.

REGROUP

Following last year's T20 World Cup embarrassment in the UAE, India made some changes to the composition of the team and coaching staff.

Rohit Sharma now leads

the team following Virat Kohli's decision in 2021 to step down as captain. Rahul Dravid has replaced Ravi Shastri as head coach.

Under new captain and coach, India has played 35 T20s at home and away, with 26 wins and eight losses. It holds the record for maximum wins in a calendar year, taking this

form into the World Cup. India missed the final of the Asia Cup in the United Arab Emirates but rallied for 2-1 T20 series wins at home against Australia and South Africa before the top squad headed Down Under for the global tournament.

"We can get caught up with what happens during T20 games in India. The boundaries are shorter there. In Australia, the boundaries are far bigger and give the bowlers a bit of license to work with," veteran spinner Ravichandran Ashwin said during the training camp in Perth.

STRENGTHS

Suryakumar Yadav has been one of the T20 stars for India in recent months. He has scored 864 runs in 26 matches at strike-rate of 180 and is currently ranked No. 2 in the ICC's Men's T20 batting charts.



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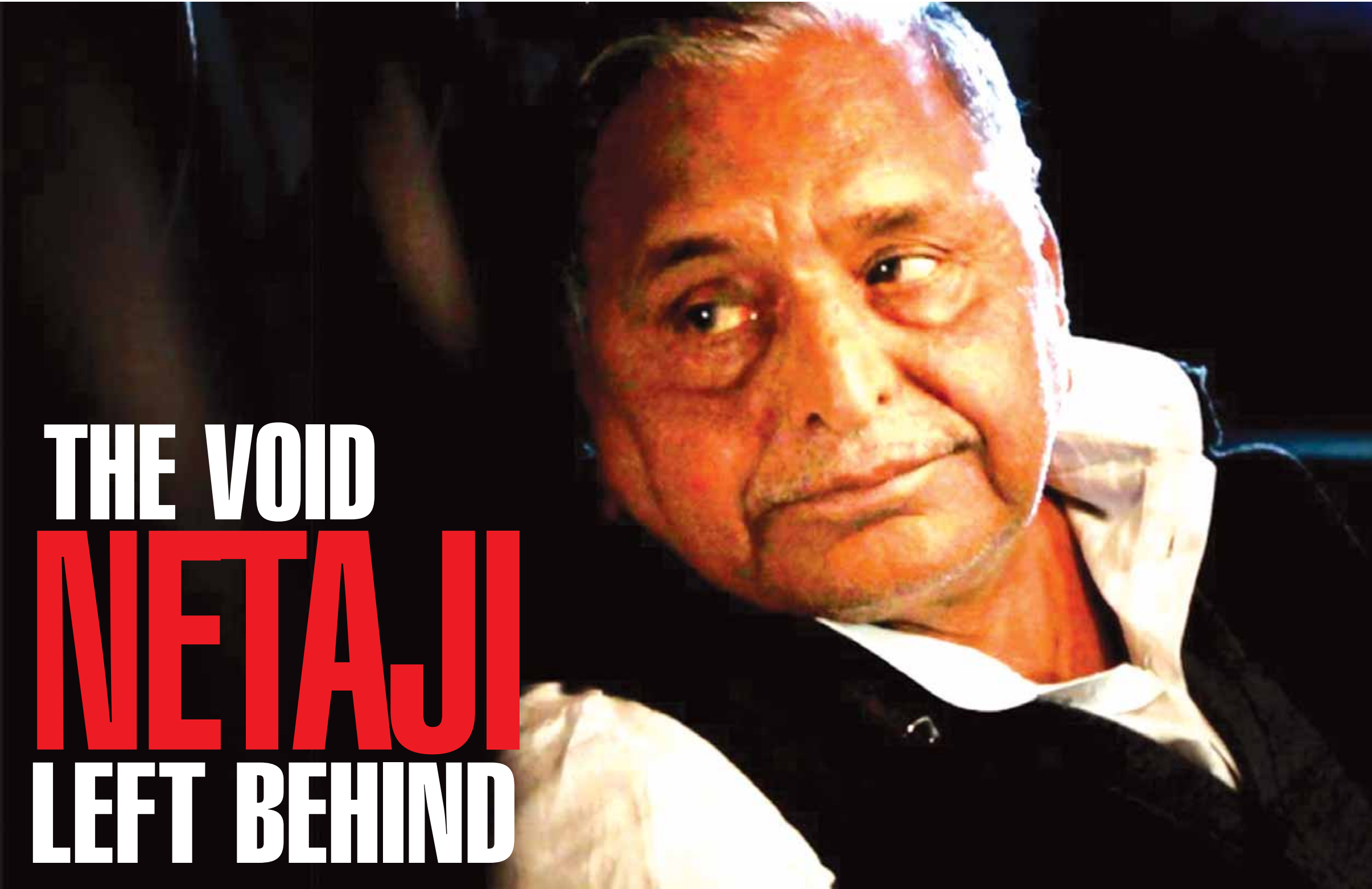
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— Jane Fonda



Samajwadi Party founder Mulayam Singh Yadav’s death has raised a big question about the future of the party, writes BISWAJEET BANERJEE

A slogan used to rent the air in the mid-1980s in Uttar Pradesh - *jiska sar kabhi nahi jhuke uska naam Mulayam hai* (whose head never bowed, his name is Mulayam Singh). On Monday, Mulayam bowed his head before death. With his death, the loudest voice of socialism after Jai Prakash Narayan and Ram Manohar Lohia, has fallen silent. Not only this, but Mulayam's death has also cast a shadow on the model of secular politics, which he had painstakingly crafted over the last three decades.

Mulayam's death has raised a big question about the future of the Samajwadi Party. Mulayam Singh Yadav's stature in Indian politics was unmatched. His acceptance was not only in Uttar Pradesh but across India as a big socialist leader. Despite having political rivals, Mulayam was known to have good relations both in the Bharatiya Janata Party and the Congress camps. This was proved when he became the chief minister for the first time in 1989 with the support of the BJP. At the same time, he went to support the Congress-led United Progressive Alliance government of Manmohan Singh, thus maintaining a balancing act in this game of political upmanship.

He faced the toughest test of his political career in 1989 when he objected to kar sewa by kar sevaks in Ayodhya. He gave a free hand to the police which led to the opening of fire at kar sevaks. His statement that *'parinda bhi par nahi maar sakta'* in Ayodhya made him a darling of Muslims. It helped him earn the title of Mulla Mulayam.

Mulayam Singh Yadav's 'secular' politics went beyond the protection of minorities and a strong stand against communalism. He genuinely considered Muslims as stakeholders in his politics. The Samajwadi Party's rise saw a significant increase in Muslim representation in the Uttar Pradesh Assembly. With Yadavs supporting him, he was able to stitch the MY (Muslim-Yadav) social alliance. Besides championing the cause of the Other Backward Classes and the underprivileged class, Mulayam Singh Yadav's politics involved forging a social coalition between OBCs and Muslims at the grassroots level, fighting the inherent contradictions.

This secular political model has witnessed a decline under the leadership of Akhilesh Yadav as he preferred to maintain an arm's length from any issue associated with Muslims, as he wanted to remove the

tag that SP is only a party of Muslims and Yadavs. This was evident in the 2022 UP Assembly elections when he ensured that no Muslim leader shared the dais with him during the election campaign. The umbrella of OBCs and Muslim unity, which Mulayam had painstakingly stitched, was dismembered during Akhilesh's time as the BJP was able to woo a large chunk of OBC votes in its favor.

This political acumen of Mulayam Singh Yadav has made Samajwadi Party an acceptable political force. Mulayam knocked on many doors before forming his own Samajwadi Party. He started his political journey with Socialist Party, then switched to Janata Party, Lok Dal, Janata Dal, and Samajwadi Janata Party. In 1992 he formed the Samajwadi Party and the next year he formed the government by joining hands with BSP and defeating the BJP, which was upbeat after the demolition of Babri Mosque in 1992. This combination of Dalits, backward, and Muslims blunted the Ram temple wave.

Another slogan that used to rent the air at that time - was *'Mile Mulayam Kanshi Ram, hawa mein uda gaye Jai Shri Ram*. But the alliance did not long last. After the infamous state guest house incident where SP workers misbehaved with Mayawati, the BSP withdrew support from the government. This event gave a new twist to UP's politics as Mayawati became the chief minister of UP for the first time with the support of the BJP.

That was the time when Mulayam came out of the shadow of Chaudhary Charan Singh. Mulayam used this opportunity to strengthen his party base and took out 'Samajwadi Kranti Rath'. After 2007, when Mayawati successfully stitched the Brahmin-Dalit alliance, Mulayam could read the disenchantment among the younger generation. He started promoting his son Akhilesh as the young face of the organisation. In the 2012 assembly election, SP fought in the name of Mulayam Singh Yadav but made Akhilesh the chief minister of UP.

The onus is now on Akhilesh to fill the void Mulayam's death has created not only at the state level but also at the national level. Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav faces the tough challenge of preserving and taking forward the legacy of his father Mulayam Singh Yadav. Political analysts and Samajwadi Party insiders feel that the demise of Mulayam Singh Yadav will have a direct political impact on the party, as Akhilesh

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Yadav will now have to work without his "shield and shadow". Besides, the party is sure to miss Mulayam's emotional bonding with every camp and also his expert guidance in crucial times.

The biggest virtue of Mulayam was that he was able to keep both the party and the family together. He had accommodated his family members in the political spectrum be it in Etawah, or in state politics, and even accommodated his cousin Ram Gopal Yadav in national politics. If Akhilesh manages to keep the family together like Mulayam, it will be his first step to victory. Akhilesh Yadav has followed his own line from the very beginning regarding the family. His style of functioning forced Shivpal Singh Yadav to walk out of Samajwadi Party and form his own party -- Pragatisheel Samajwadi Party (Lohia). That happened because Shivpal Yadav is yet to accept Akhilesh Yadav as the successor of the legacy of Mulayam Singh Yadav. Except for Ram Gopal Yadav and ex-MP Dharmendra Yadav, all family members have lost their clout in the Samajwadi Party as Akhilesh Yadav has marginalized them.

The million-dollar question is: whether he will be able to establish himself in the place of Mulayam Singh Yadav at the national level. And if he fails, what will happen to the Samajwadi Party?

Akhilesh till now was identified as the son of Mulayam Singh Yadav. Now Akhilesh will have to make his identity without Mulayam. There is no doubt that Mulayam had his political baptism by fire, but Akhilesh inherited the political legacy from Mulayam, practically without breaking a sweat. Therefore, on several occasions, Akhilesh failed to fathom political waters and took wrong decisions. At one time, when Akhilesh entered into an alliance with Mayawati in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, Mulayam opposed this decision. But it was too late and Samajwadi Party faced a humiliating defeat in the elections.

Another critical factor is that there is a dearth of grassroots workers with Akhilesh. The way Akhilesh has sidelined senior leaders, who were once advisors of Mulayam Singh Yadav, has raised eyebrows. Now, even the Samajwadi Party workers say that Akhilesh is surrounded by managers, not advisors. Perhaps this is the reason why Akhilesh has failed again and again and has lost the last four elections.

The biggest challenge before Akhilesh is to maintain the party's hold in the rural belt.

If BJP is called '*shahar ki party*', Samajwadi Party is '*gaon ki party*'. The credit for this goes to Mulayam, who built the party brick-by-brick. With the domination of the urban middle class in the politics of the state and with the advent of technology and expansion of roads and transport, the gap between urban and rural society is shrinking. Akhilesh needs to tread cautiously by striking a balance between the urban and rural brands of politics.

MAINPURI ELECTION A CHALLENGE

After the death of Mulayam, the challenge before Akhilesh is to retain Mainpuri not only in bye-elections, slated in the next six months but also in the 2024 general elections. The question is who will be Mulayam's political heir from Mainpuri. There is a saying in Mainpuri that "Mulayam is Mainpuri and Mainpuri is Mulayam". This shows the relationship Mulayam Singh Yadav had with Mainpuri. He was born in Etawah, but his karmabhoomi was Mainpuri.

The influence of Mulayam can be gauged from the fact that since 1989 till date, no one could defeat him or his chosen candidate in the Lok Sabha elections. In 1996, Mulayam Singh Yadav also became the Defence Minister in the Central government by winning the parliamentary election from Mainpuri. In the 2019 Lok Sabha elections too, Mulayam contested and won the Lok Sabha election from Mainpuri.

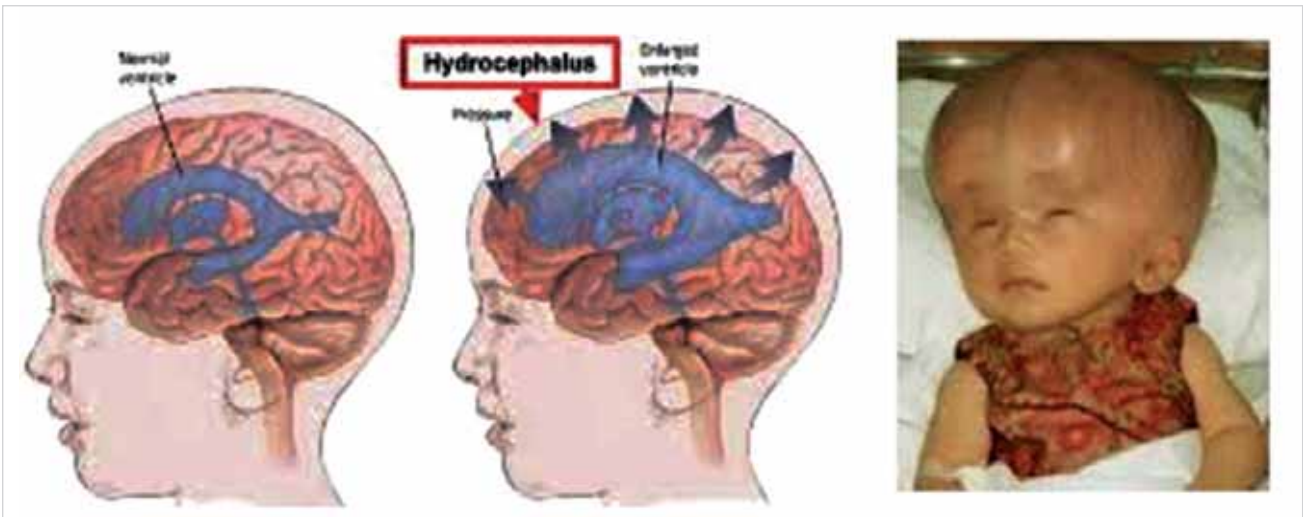
There are four political heirs of Mainpuri. One of them could be Akhilesh himself. The problem with Akhilesh Yadav is that he is an MLA from the Karhal seat and is also the leader of the opposition in the House. In such a situation, if he takes over Mulayam's legacy in Mainpuri, then he will have to leave both of these posts. The other contender could be Mulayam's nephew Dharmendra Yadav, who can contest the election from Mainpuri because in 2004 he was elected from this seat. Or it could be Mulayam's grandson Tej Pratap Yadav who too was MP from Mainpuri in 2014 when Mulayam quit Mainpuri and retained the Azamgarh seat after he won elections from both constituencies.

In the absence of Mulayam Singh Yadav, the biggest challenge before Akhilesh Yadav will be to present himself as a big leader at the national level like Mulayam Singh Yadav. Will he succeed, only time will tell.

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NEURAL TUBE DEFECTS: NIP THEM IN THE BUD

Hydrocephalus (excess fluid in the area around the brain) and Spina Bifida (birth defect in which the spine fails to develop properly) are preventable and treatable congenital brain disorders only if detected at an early stage. But these remain commonest birth defects in India as the diseases are not being adequately addressed in health policies. ARCHANA JYOTI brings a report ahead of the World Hydrocephalus and Spina Bfida Day being observed on October 25



HYDROCEPHALUS

It is perhaps the most common brain congenital disease which is prevalent all over the world. The incidence is somewhat 80-330/100000 live births. In India, incidence is around 110-120/100000. It means there could be a large burden of this condition with unknown actual figures, says **Dr DALJIT SINGH**, HoD of Neurosurgery Department, GB Pant Hospital, Delhi. He said that to create awareness about Hydrocephalus and Spina Bfida they are organizing a meet at GB Pant Hospital on October 17 with its patients and caregivers.

What is Hydrocephalus?

It is a disease condition where the water content of the brain increases. It results in raised intracranial pressure. In small kids head enlarges in size more than the normal values.

It results due to an imbalance of water in the brain(CSF) and its circulation or absorption.

What causes Hydrocephalus?

It can be congenital or acquired. Mostly it is due to infection of the brain such as TB, bacteria, and viruses. In addition brain tumours which can block normal flow of Cerebrospinal fluid(CSF) can also produce hydrocephalus.

Congenital causes include aqueductal stenosi, fourth ventricular outlet obstruction, chairy malformation, and some cystic conditions of the brain.

Head injury, brain hemorrhage can also result in hydrocephalus

What are the symptoms of Hydrocephalus?

Headache, vomiting, and a large head are common features of Hydrocephalus in kids. Sometimes head can be very large so that it may be difficult to support the head on the neck. There can be impaired vision, double vision, gait problems. Small kids also show large veins on their scalp.

There can be impairment of scholastic performance and decline in IQ.

How to diagnose Hydrocephalus?

Mostly the diagnosis is based upon clinical symptoms however ultrasound, CT Scan or MRI brain can help in confirming hydrocephalus as well as its etiology. These investigations are also used in follow up of the case.

What are types of Hydrocephalus?

Broadly HC are of two types. Communicating and non communicating. Communicating HC implies normal flow of CSF but



poor absorption in brain. Whereas non communicating which is also called as obstructive hydrocephalus results due to obstruction of flow of CSF in brain.

Additionally hydrocephalus can be classified as Acute or chronic depending upon the rate at which it forms. Acute hydrocephalus are a more serious condition and can be fatal as well.

Does Hydrocephalus lead to seizures as well?

Some kids can have fits and it may be due to impaired blood circulation of the brain due to high intracranial pressure.

Can there be a role of genes in formation of Hydrocephalus?

Certain gene-like mutations in the LICAM cause X-linked hydrocephalus with aqueduct stenosis. In such cases it runs in family.

What are the treatment options?

Both medical as well as surgical treatment options are available. Drugs like carbonic anhydrase inhibitor can reduce CSF production.

What are surgical options?

Currently shunt surgery is offered to patients wherein a tube is passed from brain to abdomen (VP Shunt). It drains CSF to abdomen thus decreasing brain pressures.

Secondly, endoscopic treatment can be offered to treat various conditions. Endoscopic third ventriculostomy (ETV) is the most common endoscopic procedure performed.

What are the problems with shunt procedures?

Though it is time tested surgery and can be performed easily and has several merits, it can result in complications. Shunt blockage, revisions and infection can happen in best cases and situations.

Almost all cases will require some revision at some stage of life. Yet it can be a life saving operation.

How is endoscopic procedure rated against VP Shunt?

Endoscopic procedures need single incision, much shorter in time, and have no complications that are related to VP Shunt. ETV however can fail, bleeding and infection after ETV can also occur. It does not require any foreign body to be put in body like a vp Shunt, so has

KEYPOINTS

- Doctors advise that women planning to have a baby should get at least 400 mcg of folic acid every day. It is especially important for women to get this amount of folic acid at least one month before becoming pregnant to help prevent NTDs. Women can get folic acid in these ways:
- Take a vitamin containing 400 mcg of folic acid every day.
- Eat a bowl of breakfast cereal every day that has 100% of the daily value of folic acid.
- Eat a diet with plenty of fortified grains and foods like beans, peas, and leafy greens, which are rich in folate, the natural form of folic acid in foods.

inherent advantage.

Can endoscopic procedures be done in India?

India is already in the forefront of endoscopic treatment of hydrocephalus. There are more than 100 centres across India where ETV is performed.

Can Hydrocephalus be associated with some other conditions of the body?

Neural tube defects such as Meningomyelocele is a very common association of hydrocephalus. Sometimes hydrocephalus can develop after surgery of meningomyelocele. Arnold chiari malformation, Dandywalker syndrome are some other associations of hydrocephalus.

Are there any National level programs to tackle Hydrocephalus?

The Government has introduced Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) aiming at early identification and early intervention for children from birth to 18 years to cover 4 'D's viz. Defects at birth, Deficiencies, Diseases, Development delays including disability.

The services aim to cover children of 0 -6 years of age in rural areas and urban slums in addition to children enrolled in classes I to XII in Government and Government aided Schools. It is expected that these services will reach about 27 crores children in a phased manner. Though it covers neural tube defects, it will certainly

benefit early screening of hydrocephalus.

Can hydrocephalus be diagnosed in a fetus?

Pregnant females shall get ultrasound of the baby which can hint at occurrence of neural tube defects and hydrocephalus during intrauterine life of the baby.

There are tell-tale signs which can diagnose these conditions fairly accurately.

Can these conditions be treated intrauterine period before birth?

Foetal neurosurgery is a step forward in this direction. Surgery can be performed while baby is still in womb and is put back in uterus after repair. Such children have potential to grow better than those who are operated after delivery

What is the magnitude of Hydrocephalus?

According to the National Institute of Health, hydrocephalus affects one in every 500 live births, making it more common than Down's syndrome or Deafness. It is the leading cause of brain surgery for children in the United States.

According to some estimates, hydrocephalus may be the most prevalent neurological condition known to medical science, but exact numbers are not known since no one is keeping data on adults with hydrocephalus. Estimates put the number of individuals (children and adults) with hydrocephalus between .75 -1.5 million.

SPINA BIFIDA

It is a congenital defect of the spine in which a part of the spinal cord and its covering called meninges is exposed to the outside without skin, muscle or bone cover. It can be very mild, which is called spina bifida occulta in which there is a small gap in the bone but the skin covering is intact and patient is asymptomatic, picked up incidentally on a chance X-ray, says **Dr RAJENDRA PRASAD**, Sr. Consultant Neurosurgeon & Spine Surgeon, Indraprastha Apollo Hospitals, New Delhi.



In a very severe form it is called myelomeningocele where the spinal cord and its covering bulges out through a defect in a bone, muscles and skin in that part of the spine, usually the lumbar / sacral part of the spine. In most of these cases, the patient presents with weakness of both lower limbs to a varying degree, bowel and bladder incontinence and sometimes also associated with a condition called hydrocephalus where the fluid within the brain cavity also increases resulting in increased head size and may need treatment.

How can it be avoided?

- Use of folic acid tablets during pregnancy: In many patients this condition can be avoided if folic acid tablets are given as early in pregnancy and throughout pregnancy. This condition in urban India is largely reduced because of the use of folic acid by patients, prescribed by their obstetrician / gynecologist.
- Early detection through fetal ultrasound: The use of ultrasound in early pregnancy has helped diagnose early so that the mother is offered a chance to terminate the pregnancy, if she chooses, which many do.
- Avoid certain drugs during pregnancy (carbamazepine, sodium valproate, Tegretol etc.)
- Family History: Some have a family history of spina bifida, particularly those who have given birth to spina bifida children in the past would have higher incidence of subsequent children having spina bifida.

What is the treatment procedure?

The treatment, once the child is born, is to close the exposed spinal cord and nerves. There is no treatment for the paralyzed lower limbs or lost bladder/bowel function.

These children will require support of the family, care givers, physiotherapy and other supportive measures for the rest of their lives. Many remain wheelchair bound but are able to attend school, their jobs, being of normal intelligence in most of the cases.

So the focus has to be on prevention of Spinal Bifida, both by taking folic acid in pregnancy and for all pregnant women to undergo fetal ultrasound early in pregnancy at 6-21 weeks as well as subsequently.

DOCTORSSPEAK



"There is currently no known way to prevent or cure hydrocephalus and the only treatment option today requires brain surgery. With early detection and appropriate intervention, the future for many is promising. Untreated hydrocephalus can get worse and lead to brain damage, a loss in mental and physical abilities, and even death. With early diagnosis and timely treatment, though, most children recover successfully."

Dr ANITA JAGETIA, Professor, Neurosurgery Department, GB Pant Hospital, Delhi.



"While surgery performed after birth can help reduce some of the effects, surgery before birth can prevent or lessen the severity of the fetus's spinal damage, which worsens over the course of pregnancy."

Dr SHYAM BODALIWALA, Associate Professor, GB Pant Hospital, Delhi



pediatrics, orthopedic surgeon and neurologist. Once born with such defects, it is not possible to reverse the damage done."

Dr WAJID NAZIR, Associate Professor, Neurosurgery Department, GB Pant Hospital, Delhi.



also be fortified for the women of all age groups. If the woman starts taking Folic acid four months after the conception, then it means she has missed the bus."

"Neural Tube Defects are relatively common problems which actually start happening during the first to fourth week after conception. Hence, a woman planning to have a baby should start taking Folic acid tablets at least four weeks before conception and it should be continued throughout the pregnancy. If a previous pregnancy has been affected by the NTDs then in the next pregnancy the dose of Folic acid should be more. The foods can

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RAY OF HOPE World's First Stem Cell Therapy Trial Treats Spina Bifida Before Birth

Three babies have been born after receiving the world's first spina bifida treatment combining surgery with stem cells. This was made possible by a landmark clinical trial at UC Davis Health.

The one-of-a-kind treat-

ment, delivered while a fetus is still developing in the mother's womb, could improve outcomes for children with this birth defect.

Launched last year, the clinical trial is known formally as the "CuRe Trial: Cellular

Therapy for In Utero Repair of Myelomeningocele." Thirty-five patients will be treated in total.

The three babies from the trial that have been born so far will be monitored by the research team until 30 months

of age to fully assess the procedure's safety and effectiveness.

"This clinical trial could enhance the quality of life for so many patients to come," said Emily, the first clinical trial participant who traveled

from Austin, Tex. to participate. Her daughter Robbie was born last October. "We didn't know about spina bifida until the diagnosis. We are so thankful that we got to be a part of this. We are giving our daughter the very best

chance at a bright future."

"I've been working toward this day for almost 25 years now," said Diana Farmer, the world's first woman fetal surgeon, professor and chair of surgery at UC Davis Health and principal investigator on

the study.

It's believed that the stem cells work to repair and restore damaged spinal tissue, beyond what surgery can accomplish alone.

Preliminary work by Farmer and Wang proved that

prenatal surgery combined with human placenta-derived mesenchymal stromal cells, held in place with a biomaterial scaffold to form a "patch," helped lambs with spina bifida walk without noticeable disability.

Hindukush Himalayas: Missing climate discourse

Can South Asian capitals have one voice on issues related to climate diplomacy? Our neighbours would respond otherwise. The primary reason for their response would be India's own climate diplomacy patterns, which has followed a distinct trajectory since 2010. Indeed, some climate watchers would argue that the Indian posturing on climate issues post-COP-21 has changed the pitch of the South Asia voice from a more revolutionary to a more reformist version.

Even though India has reiterated its voice on climate vulnerabilities and its position is close to the position of the Least Developing Countries with regards to climate finance, particularly adaptation needs and preservation and resilience of communities and natural habitats, the Indian policy discourses in the public domain suggest otherwise. This becomes visible as one traces the debate on mitigation and adaptation.

At the international level, India has been a part of the G-77 group, the BASIC group and the Like-Minded Developing Countries (LDMC) group. Except the BASIC group, all South Asian countries are part of these groups. India is also part of discursive space on emerging economies making its presence in the BRICS and the Emerging 7. Further, it has been regularly invited to G-7 summits.

While in all these groups, India has strongly reiterated its commitments to the Common but Differentiated Responsibility and Related Capabilities; with regards to climate change and adaptation needs of developing countries, it has also made voluntary commitments to fighting global warming, as a responsible climate leader, opening up space for mitigation reforms.

Significantly, at the domes-



tic level, there has been a clear shift to a distinct Green Industrial Policy, and India is no longer just relying on Clean Development Mechanism and Export of carbon credit. In fact, one sees a bold shift in India's position post-2015 primarily towards mitigation through the green growth debate. This green growth debate, seen in terms of the smart city campaigns, plans to move towards green ammonia and hydrogen, vocabularies being inspired by green innovation ideas and increasing role of state in being potentially more active in environmental regulation.

Further, there has also been a diversification of policy ideas around the green growth debate, where there is optimism that environmental protection and economic growth are compatible, and India can make it possible through

domestic reform. Some of the specific policies that India has taken at the domestic level are its commitment to the net zero target by 2070, transition to clean energy by 2030 where the focus on sustainable transport has been identified as one key means, and reducing the emission intensity to GDP by 45 per cent. Meanwhile State Action Plans are being updated, and the race to net zero target campaign is being encouraged.

However, while the goals are optimistic, there is scepticism also. The scepticism comes from the big elephant in the room which is climate finance. Currently, much of the climate finance in India stems from domestic sources. The promise since the Copenhagen Summit which matured in the Paris Summit was to mobilise 100 bn USD by developed

countries for climate financing. As per some Indian estimates, only 2.2 million is the credible estimate. It has been argued that India would need 1 trillion USD of foreign support to reach net zero. As the debate on conditional carbon sequestration is very much dependent on climate finance, much of the green vision stands on slippery ground.

Meanwhile, on their part some South Asian neighbours feel that through these policy articulations India is putting its wrong foot forward as it is diverting attention away from the broader principle of Common but Differentiated Responsibilities. They argue that the western countries should be made accountable to cap their Green House Gas (GHG) emissions, not developing countries.

In between the desirability

and feasibility of these climate goals, a missing discourse on the international climate diplomacy is the Hindukush Himalayas (HKH) region, where climate vulnerability is a looming issue. Scientists claim that a 1.5 degrees Celsius rise is too hot for the glaciers in the Himalayas, which are the sitting time bombs. In fact, it has been repeatedly pointed out by climatologists that in a 1.5 degrees Celsius world, warming will be 0.3 degree Celsius higher in the HKH region.

While the countries are responding to the international climate discourse through domestic responses such as Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC), which are conditioned on climate finance, a regional initiative and discourse seems to be missing in substantive terms in

the public domain. One way for India to foreground the climate diplomacy at the regional level is to shift the gaze and discourse regarding climate finance to the location of these climate vulnerable countries. The HKH hosts river systems and has also been considered as a pulse of South Asia. More importantly, the region is sustainable to cascading hazards often making the people inhabiting this region vulnerable. While common-sense would demand that the South Asian countries join their hands and heads together in climate proofing this seismically sensitive ecological zone, which is prone to Glacial Lake Outburst Floods (GLOFs), landslides, earthquakes, riverine floods, flash floods, etc, partnership on the ground and cross-border ecological cooperation remain a tall order.

For instance, in the past India objected to a 35 million USD proposal financed by UNDP through GCF to mitigate GLOFs in northern Pakistan, claiming the status of the project was a big problem as it was a space of territorial contestation. Further, the fencing along the LoC has also posed some collective action challenges. For instance, forest fires have not only endangered the habitat of wildlife species but have also triggered several landmine explosions in recent years, thus challenging the effectiveness of booby traps as a defensive weapon.

Climate change is conspicuously absent from the Indus Water Treaty, which needs to be updated. The institutional arrangement that exists between India and Pakistan, the Indus Water Treaty also needs to be updated.

The stories with the eastern neighbours are also not different. While in comparison to Pakistan, the degree of cooperation is greater and dense,

particularly given the agency that civil society actors have, an ecological-integrated approach has been missing in the existing bilateral engagement. A good case in point are the bilateral water treaties which witness implementation challenges and need to be updated when it comes to responding to climate issues, being hazard resilient. Against this backdrop three suggestions are offered, which can help India firm its approach on climate diplomacy.

First, the countries need to adopt a river basin approach, as there are strong upstream and downstream interlinkages in the HKH. These interlinkages identified through a river basin approach will also help identify potential projects for international climate finance. While there has been a focus on structural approaches towards disaster resilience in the past, non-structural measures as a part of adaptation diplomacy needs to be prioritised.

Second, operational issues associated with land and water management, land zoning, flood proofing and retention measures based on nature-based solutions are needed.

Last, but not the least, the lens of the global common approach should be highlighted to decenter the geopolitics in the high Himalayas. Given the independence between the socio-ecological systems, one needs to have a minimal understanding of the upstream areas of HKH as global commons. This will not only help the communities and the ecosystem of the HKH, but also help invite climate finance for critical areas which are intrinsic to a more resilient South Asia.

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While a river-basin approach will help identify potential projects for international climate finance, the lens of the global common approach should be highlighted to decenter the geopolitics in the high Himalayas if the world is serious about the climate goals



MEDHA BISHT

PERSPECTIVE

Protests in Iran: Hijab ban is tipping point

The Islamic Republic of Iran is in the throes of a new crisis. This time the regime of President Ebrahim Raisi is facing the rage from the country's womenfolk. But by now the protesters irrespective of their gender are fiercely fighting the hollow hegemony in the Shia country. The agitators are shouting dreadful slogans such as "death to the dictator", "don't be scared, we are all together", etc. This movement is unique. Its multifaceted nature indicates actions from street demonstrations to individual acts of defiance across Iran. The final target for everyone is no other than the supreme religious leader and head of the state of Iran Sayyid Ali Hosseini Khamenei. He is the second supreme leader of the country and is also the longest serving head of the state in entire West Asia for now.

Why the new protests in Iran? How did it all start? The origin of the current rage lies in the death of a 22-year-old young woman named Mahsa Amini. She died in the custody of the country's Morality Police called "Gasht-e-Ershad" which in English is known as "Guidance Patrols". However, it is widely popular as "Morality Police" and is a unit of Iran's police forces. It carries out the responsibility of enforcing the laws of Islamic dress code in public life. As per the stated public regulations, all women who have already attained the age of puberty must wear a headscarf and a loose cloth in public. It must be said here that this law does not have any mention of a particular age. But when it comes to schools, all the girls have to wear the hijab starting from age 7.

What did Amini do? She was arrested in the capital city of Tehran in the middle of September by the Morality Police. Her fault was that she was not following the Islamic

dress code for women in public. While in police custody, she had a stroke and later died in the hospital on September 16 after remaining in a coma for three days. This is what the Iranian authorities aired in public. Since then, millions of people have been protesting on the road.

Interestingly, Amini's family said she did not have any pre-existing medical complications. To them, she may have been tortured to the point of death. However, no one knows the truth as the Iranian security and administration is purely opaque.

Amini hailed from the north-western city of Saqqez in the province of Kurdistan. Initially, the protests began in her hometown, but later spread to all the 31 provinces of Iran.

As Amini belonged to Kurdistan, the protesters have made it the centre of the current rage against the establishment. Meanwhile the international human rights groups have voiced concerns over the fate of the angry crowd as the authorities have started a severe crackdown on them in this province. Despite the use of brutal forces, the Raisi Government has not seen any sign of the movement coming to an end. Now the city of Sanandaz has become the flashpoint, the home region of Amini.

It has been reported by Hengaw, a Norway-based rights group, that an Iranian warplane accompanied by special security forces has already arrived in the city. It shows the clerical state is gearing up for more actions against the protesters. At the same time in the south-eastern province of Sistan-Baluchistan that has already witnessed the death of more than 90 people in the current crisis since September 30. So far no sign of any negotiation or discussion with differ-



ent protest groups where it has erupted. It's after all Khamenei's land where there is no talk, only bullets which respond to the democratic forces.

Why are these hijab laws imposed over women in Iran? As per the authorities and the existing code of honour, women are supposed to wear and behave under strict Islamic laws in public. In fact, all these stringent laws started way back in the 1979 post-Islamic Revolution era. Since then, the Islamic Republic has been imposing a mandatory dress code for all women in the country. And the duty of the Morality Police is to see to it that women conform to the "proper dress code" as interpreted by the authorities.

All the officers belonging to this police force have the power to stop women whether they are displaying too much hair; their trousers and overcoats are too short or body-hugging; or they are putting on too much make-up.

Accordingly, the police force can punish women. And once the police find any woman breaching these dress codes, the ideal punishments come in the form of hefty fines, imprisonment and flogging in public.

It is not the first time that women in Iran are protesting these unjust laws. Eight years back, on May 5, 2014, an online upsurge called "Stealthy Freedom" was launched by Masih Alinejad. She is an Iranian born journalist and activist based both in the UK and in the US.

This initially began as a Facebook page but gradually it has grown into a huge movement for the liberation of Iranian women. In this page, generally women from Iran share their photos without headscarves. This is being done to register their protests against the mandatory hijab laws in the country.

Further the historic Stealthy Freedom led to the rise of another movement by the

same activist in 2017 called "White Wednesdays". The idea behind this movement is to protest Iran's compulsory hijab rule. Once again, this movement inspired a fresh one in 2018 called "Girls of Revolution Street" highlighting the resistance against hijab rule.

What the protesters are doing and demanding? The demonstrators are chanting slogans against the establishment. Young women are brazenly burning their headscarves in public. Many of them are cutting their hair in city squares. They are shouting against the stringent policies towards mandatory veil requirements of women in public. Simply, all of them are defying the law. International observers are advocating that the current chaos could be a potential threat to the aging regime as it has survived for more than a longer duration in a country like Iran. It's also a purely multi-faced protest movement backed by numer-

ous groups from inside the country unlike previous upheavals.

The beginning of this week has shown some worrying signals — the movement has spread to the country's oil refineries in the southwestern part where the demonstrators are burning tyres and blocking public roads. It could have a potentially damaging effect on the already fragile, both Covid-19 hit and internationally sanctioned-hit economy of the nation.

Meanwhile the authorities are clamping down severe restrictions on the Internet and launching counter-revolutions to paint the current movement as a conspiracy by the US and Israel to destabilise the Islamic regime. Ailing and ageing, now 83 years old, Khamenei is still ruling the roost. Early this month the Iranian rumour mills spread the news that he is seriously unwell. He has survived prostate cancer surgery in 2014.

Many in western media

reported that he is on death bed. But in mid-September, he appeared at a televised mourning ceremony for Arbacen, the National Holiday to commemorate the martyrdom of Imam Hussein.

Indeed, the demise of Hussein in the course of the 7th century Battle of Karbala is regarded as an important signpost in the history of the foundation of the Shia history and theology. Afterwards, the radical came out in public on many occasions and the last being on October 3, when he delivered an address at a police academy in Tehran. His wish is super command. He has been able to maintain the fiefdom unleashed by great Khomeini since 1989. But unfortunately, Khomeini is making Iran sleepwalk towards a permanent tyranny.

The embattled regime is moving nowhere. Its firm against the basic and universal rights of women recognised by all international covenants and institutions and its approach towards democratic and peaceful protests have not undergone any change for decades now. The pariah regime of Khamenei is once again finding faults with the Americans and the Israelis. His notorious tactics to counter protesters have highlighted his continued disregard for women rights in the country.

The rage is on against the theocratic state, specifically against Khamenei's legitimacy and the radical system that he heads for decades now. The clerical state is under threat. But the international community must remember that Khamenei is not alien to such challenges. And he knows how to control the crowd.

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