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under anti-terror lawFront accused of
links with terror
groups ISIS, JMBPIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■
NEW DELHI

The Centre on Wednesday banned Popular Front of India (PFI) and several of its associates/fronts for five years under the stringent anti-terror law Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, accusing them of having "links" with global terror groups like ISIS and Jamat-ul-Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) and involvement in radicalisation.

The move follows pan-India searches against the outfit and several arrests and detentions in the last one week.

Besides the PFI, the associated outfits banned under the UAPA include Rehab India Foundation, Campus Front of India, All India Imams Council, National Confederation of Human Rights Organisation, National Women's Front, Junior Front, Empower India Foundation and Rehab Foundation, Kerala.

With the ban, the PFI joins a dubious club of 43 proscribed outfits notified by the Union Home Ministry, including Communist Party of India (Maoists), Students Islamic Movement of India (SIMI), Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Tayyaba and Jaish-e-



Police personnel deployed at Popular Front of India (PFI) office building, at Shaheen Bagh in New Delhi on Wednesday PTI

Mohammad, Hizbul Mujahideen, al-Badr; global terror groups al-Qaeda and ISIS, Jamat-ul-Mujahideen Bangladesh, a host of Khalistani terror groups like Sikhs for Justice (SFJ) and several insurgent groups of the North-East.

The notification banning the PFI will be followed by a number of actions against the outfit, including seizure of its properties, freezing of bank accounts and a complete pro-

hibition of its activities.

The Centre will also move a tribunal within 30 days from the date of the publication of the notification for adjudication of whether or not there is sufficient cause for declaring the association unlawful.

The ban on the 16-year-old outfit came after over 300 persons allegedly linked with PFI were detained or arrested in raids across seven States on Thursday and Tuesday. The crackdown against the group

had led to the seizure of several dozen properties and digital records among others.

In a Gazette notification late on Tuesday night, the Union Home Ministry said some PFI founding members are leaders of the SIMI and the PFI has linkages with Jamat-ul-Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB).

It said there had been many instances of international linkages of PFI with global terrorist groups such as the ISIS.

Tharoor-Digvijaya bout likely,
Kharge ready to contest pollCongress MP urges
'Vadra bahu' Priyanka
to fight party prez poll

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The election to the office of the Congress president could boil down to a contest between Shashi Tharoor and Digvijaya Singh unless there is a last-minute reconciliation between the Gandhis and Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot or a wild card entry at the behest of the party high command.

While Tharoor has gone on record saying he would contest the poll, Digvijaya is reaching Delhi and may file his nomination papers in a day or two. The last date for filing of nomination is Friday.

Another senior party leader Mallikarjun Kharge is also ready to throw his hat in the ring, subject to endorsement by party chief Sonia Gandhi.

In an interesting twist to the entire saga, a Congress MP has suggested Priyanka Gandhi to contest the election as she is no more a family member of Gandhi as she is married to a Vadra family.

Digvijaya, who is part of the Bharat Jodo Yatra, has been asked to reach Delhi. Singh said he would "file nomination if the high command asked me to do so". "I have not discussed (the matter) with anybody. I have not sought permission from the high command. Leave it to me whether I will contest or not," Singh added days after rejecting any possibility of contesting the poll.

Gehlot, meanwhile, has sought time from party chief Sonia Gandhi to discuss the crisis in Rajasthan Congress. He reached Delhi by a chartered flight around 10.15 pm. After refusing to accept Sachin Pilot as his successor, Gehlot has fallen from the grace of the Gandhis.

Several senior leaders have advised the party high command to pull him out of the



Congress leader Rahul Gandhi during 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' in Wayanad on Wednesday PTI

race for the party chief.

Ever since the Rajasthan crisis on Sunday, Sonia has been meeting senior party leaders. On Wednesday, she met senior party leader AK Antony.

Meanwhile, Congress MP Abdul Khaleque battled for Priyanka Gandhi to take on the mantle of party presidency, saying, "Being daughter-in-law of the Vadra family, she is no longer a member of the Gandhi family as per Indian tradition."

Even as the Congress high command is smarting over the humiliation heaped on it by Gehlot and his loyalists, Congress general secretary KC Venugopal on Wednesday said, "There is no drama in Rajasthan. Everything will be clear in a day or two. Media may see this as a drama but at least you are discussing the INC president election... we are doing it in a very democratic manner, it will end in two days smoothly."

US visitor visa wait time for
Indians 833 days, China 2

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Compared to those living in China and Pakistan, the wait time at the US Embassy in New Delhi for a Visitor Visa is as high as 833 days and from Mumbai it is still higher at 848 days. This means it could take about 2 years and 4 months for visas under this category to be issued.

Effectively, a person applying for a visitor visa now is expected to get an appointment in January 2025.

For China, the US Visitor Visa could, however, be collected within two calendar days straight!

Indians who apply in the US Embassy in New Delhi in visitor, student/exchange visitor, and all other non-immigrant visa categories will have to wait for 833, 430 and 390 days respectively.



Foreign Minister Subrahmanya Jaishankar shakes hands with Secretary of State Antony Blinken during a press conference at the State Department in Washington on Tuesday AP I PTI

From Mumbai the wait is 848, 430, 392 days, and from Kolkata, the visa wait in the three categories is 767, 444 and 360 days respectively. From Chennai the visa delay is to the extent of 780 days, 29 days and 415 days respectively.

The US Embassy in India on Tuesday announced it has opened the appointments for all categories of visas.

However, the Embassy clarified that the wait time remains high due to high demand.

Centre extends free
rations by 3 monthsPIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■
NEW DELHI

Ahead of Assembly elections in Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh, the Union Cabinet on Wednesday extended by three months its programme to provide free rations to the poor at a cost of ₹44,762 crore as it looked to ease pain from high inflation.

The scheme to provide five kilogram of wheat and rice free of cost to 80 crore poor every month, which was ending on Friday, will now run through December 31, 2022, I&B Minister Anurag Thakur said.

The Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) was started in April 2020 to help the poor whose livelihoods were shattered by a nationwide lockdown aimed at containing the spread of the coronavirus. The scheme has been extended multiple times and was to end

on Friday.

"At a time when the world is battling with the effects of Covid on its decline and insecurity due to various reasons, India has been successfully maintaining food security for its vulnerable sections while taking necessary steps to keep availability and affordability for common man," an official statement said.

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Diwali gift: Govt
hikes DA by 4%

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Ahead of Diwali festival, the Union Cabinet on Wednesday increased the dearness allowance (DA) and dearness relief by 4 per cent effective July 1, benefiting 41.85 lakh Central Government employees and 69.76 lakh pensioners.

Nath says he wants to
focus on Madhya Pradesh

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Congress leader and MPCC Chief Kamal Nath on Wednesday said that he was not interested in running for party president but that he has told Sonia Gandhi he is ready to mediate in the Rajasthan crisis spurred by Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot's possible elevation to the party's top post.

Nath also said that he believed "three-four people" were guilty of indiscipline, referring to the rebellion by Ashok Gehlot's loyalists over reports that his bitter rival Sachin Pilot could replace him as Rajasthan Chief Minister.

"There was indiscipline by three-four people. Our leaders gave a report to Sonia Gandhi," Kamal Nath told reporters a day after his meeting with the interim chief.

The former Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister, who lost power in 2020 after Jyotiraditya Scindia exited the party with 22 MLAs, dismissed the suggestion that Sachin Pilot is to the Congress in Rajasthan what Scindia was in

Madhya Pradesh. "What about Scindia," he shot back.

Sachin Pilot "didn't do anything", Kamal Nath said. "He was called for a meeting and he went," he added.

The Congress has issued notice to three Ashok Gehlot loyalists - Shanti Dhariwal, Mahesh Joshi and Dharmendra Rathore - for allegedly planning the revolt by more than 90 Rajasthan MLAs, who threatened mass resignation if Sachin Pilot replaced Mr Gehlot.

The rebellion upset the Gandhis and for hours, there was strong speculation that Ashok Gehlot was out of the race for Congress president. But later two Congress leaders reached out to Gehlot after meeting with Sonia Gandhi.

Kamal Nath refused to comment on Ashok Gehlot. "Both Pilot and Gehlot are my friends. I won't get into this. The veteran leader said he had urged Rahul Gandhi to return as Congress president. 'I had told him you come back, put an end to all this. But he said no.'"

R Venkataramani
named Attorney
General of India

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Senior advocate R Venkataramani was appointed as the Attorney General of India on Wednesday for a term of three years, according to a notification.

He will succeed KK Venugopal, whose term will end on September 30.

Venugopal, 91, was appointed to the post in July 2017. He was reappointed as the top law officer of the country for three months on June 29.

Venugopal had expressed his unwillingness to continue in the constitutional post due to his advanced age.

Another senior advocate, Mukul Rohatgi, had a few days ago declined the offer to be the attorney general.

Rohatgi had been the attorney general in the first Narendra Modi government between June 2014 and June 2017. Venugopal had succeeded him.

Ravi Kishan duped
of ₹3.25 crore,
builder booked

IANS ■ GORAKHPUR

Actor-cum-politician Ravi Kishan has allegedly been duped of ₹3.25 crore, police said. Kishan, who is the MP from Gorakhpur Sadar and a film actor, has filed a complaint at Gorakhpur Cantonment police station against a builder for duping him of ₹3.25 crore.

The police have said that a complaint has been registered and appropriate action will be taken after the investigation. The case has been filed under Section 406 of the Indian Penal Code.

Anil Chauhan picked as
CDS, Military SecretaryPIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■
NEW DELHI

The Government on Wednesday appointed Lt General (retired) Anil Chauhan as the next Chief of Defence Staff (CDS). The decision came nearly ten months after the first CDS, General Bipin Rawat, died in a helicopter crash on December 8 last year. Both Rawat and Chauhan belong to the Gorkha Rifles.

The Defence Ministry said the CDS will also function as Secretary to Government of India, Department of Military Affairs, with effect from the date of his assumption of charge and until further orders.

In a career spanning over nearly 40 years, Chauhan held several command, staff and instrumental appointments and had extensive experience in



counter-insurgency operations in Jammu and Kashmir and North-East India.

Born on May 18, 1961, Chauhan was commissioned into the 11 Gorkha Rifles of the Indian Army in 1981. He is an alumnus of the National Defence Academy (NDA) and Indian Military Academy.

In the rank of Major General, the officer commanded an Infantry Division in the critical Baramula sector in the Northern Command.

Tejashwi asked to
appear in person
in IRCTC scam
hearing in DelhiPIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■
NEW DELHI

Delhi court on Wednesday directed Bihar Deputy Chief Minister and RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav to personally appear before it on the CBI's plea seeking cancellation of his bail in the Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) scam.

Granting time to Yadav's counsel to file a response, Special Judge (CBI) Geetanjali Goel directed the personal appearance of the RJD leader on October 18. Earlier on September 17, the court had issued a notice to Yadav on the application moved by the probe agency and sought his reply.

2nd century Buddhist caves, Vishnu
sculptures found in BandhavgarhPIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■
NEW DELHI

The Archeological Survey of India (ASI) has stumbled upon a historically-rich treasure trove in Bandhavgarh, Madhya Pradesh. The ASI team has found 26 caves, mostly Buddhist, ranging from the 2nd century to 5th century, of the Mahayana sect and remains of Buddhist structures and mural inscriptions bearing names of cities like Mathura and Kaushambi in old scripts.

During the exercise held from May 20-June 27 in an area sprawling around 170 sq km at the Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve, the ASI's Jabalpur circle found many ancient



sculptures, including large monolithic sculptures of various avatars of Vishnu like "Varaha" and "Matsya", and "board games made in natural caves."

"This is for the first time

since the 1938 exploration by archaeologist NP Chakravarti that ASI has explored Bandhavgarh. Many structures of the area had already been documented, we reported and documented many more struc-

tures now, including ancient caves, temples, Buddhist remains, maths, sculptures, water bodies, mural inscriptions in old scripts like Brahmi and Nagari etc," said SK Bakpai, the ASI's Jabalpur Superintending Archaeologist.

One of the many historical finds is a large Varaha sculpture measuring 6.4 x 5.03 x 2.77 meters datable to (9th - 13th century CE). It appears to be the world's largest sculpture, the official said, adding that in the old inscriptions, names of the kings — Maharaja Shri Bhimsena, Maharaja Pothasiri and Maharaja Bhattadeva — have been engraved. Nineteen water bodies of different periods (2nd-15thCE) were part of the exploration findings.

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CM to give many gifts on the State Level Employment Day in Budhni

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan will perform bhoomi-pujan and dedicate 26 industrial structures with an investment of Rs 5521 crore 51 lakh on September 29 at Budhni in Sehore district.

About 59 thousand youth will get direct employment from these construction works. There will also be a state level Employment Day program in Budhni. The function will be presided over by the Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Omprakash Sakhlecha. Chief Minister Chouhan will also interact with the youth of 4 districts in this program of Mukhya Mantri Jan Seva Abhiyan.

Chouhan will perform bhoomi-pujan of 16 industrial clusters and 3 industrial areas in 13 districts. The

Chief Minister will inaugurate the office of 3 industrial clusters, one industrial area, 2 incubation centers and one startup center in 4 districts. He will also provide loan sanction and disbursement letters to the beneficiaries.

The Chief Minister will have virtual interaction with the cluster developer entrepreneurs of Indore, Neemuch, Bhopal and Burhanpur. Events will be held in all the districts in the presence of the minister-in-charge and elected public representatives. The state level program will also be telecast live in the districts through electronic media.

Representatives of industry associations, beneficiaries, MSME entrepreneurs, cluster developers, bankers and officers of all departments related to the self-employment scheme will also be take part.

Financial loans will be distributed to 2 lakh 2 thousand 429 youths for setting up their own enterprise under Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana, Rural Path Vendor Scheme, Livelihood Mission, Pradhan Mantri Swanidhi Yojana, Prime Minister's Employment Generation Program, Chief Minister Udyam Kranti Yojna, Ravidas Self-Employment Scheme and Ambedkar Economic Welfare Scheme in the state level and district level programs.

Bhoomi-pujan will be performed in 16 industrial clusters and 3 industrial areas of the state. An amount of Rs 42 crore will be invested on 5.65 hectares of land in Kesarapura, a multi-product cluster of Neemuch district, which will provide employment to 663 beneficiaries. An amount of Rs 47 crore will be

invested on 9.99 hectares of land in Sagraana, which will provide employment to 688 people. An amount of Rs 6 crore 4 lakh will be invested on 5.21 hectares of land in the new industrial area Morka due to which 680 beneficiaries will get employment.

An investment of Rs 896 crore will be made on 63.06 hectares of land in Sukhpuri, a textile cluster in Burhanpur, which will provide employment to 7600 beneficiaries. An investment of Rs 220 crore will be made on 23.02 hectares of land in the Fair-Deal Exporters Co-operative Society Textile Cluster in Burhanpur, which will provide employment to 400 people. An investment of Rs 600 crore will be made on 190.345 hectares of land in Betma Khurd, a furniture cluster in Indore, which will provide employment to 10 thousand

people. Rs 50 crore will be invested on 2.135 hectares of land in Shri Vaishnav MSME Industrial Park in Rajoda village in Sanwer tehsil of Indore due to which 4500 people will get employment. An investment of Rs 2500 crore will be made on 9,584 hectares of land in Malwa Vanaspati and Chemical Limited Bhagirathpura, which will provide employment to 10 thousand people.

Toy cluster will be set up on 6 hectares of land in Budhni tehsil of Sehore district with an amount of Rs 10 crore due to which 1100 people will get employment.

An investment of Rs 10 crore will be made on 0.093 hectares of land in Gilakhedi village, Maa Shailputri Industrial Area, Peelukhedi (Multi-storey Industrial Complex) in Rajgarh, which will provide employment to 200 people.



Private school owners association members stage a protest in front of Rajya Shiksha Kendra over non-payment of fees of the children admitted under RTE, including several other demands, in Bhopal on Wednesday. Pioneer photo



Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan unveils a statue of martyred Manish Vishwakarma in Khujner, Rajgarh district on Wednesday. Pioneer photo

CM unveils the statue of martyr Manish Vishwakarma in Khujner

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Wednesday unveiled the statue of martyr Manish Vishwakarma at Khujner in Rajgarh district. CM Chouhan paid homage to the martyr's statue by paying floral tributes. Chief Minister met the parents of the martyr and also honoured them. He said that the martyr Manish Vishwakarma sacrificed his life for the sake of the country, we bow to his martyrdom.



directed the Collector to ensure that benefits of schemes are provided to the citizens as per eligibility by organising camps in every gram panchayat and wards under the Mukhya Mantri Jan Seva Abhiyan. He said that the homeless families would be given land for houses, even if the government had to buy the land for it.

CM Chouhan said that there will be no shortage of water for irrigation and drinking. District in-charge and Higher Education Minister Mohan Yadav, Medical Education Minister Vishwas Sarang, MP Rodmal Nagar, MLA Babu Singh Tanwar, public representatives and citizens were present.

School girl launches Mental Wellness app

New Delhi: Sifat Sayal, a 17-year-old student of Modern School, Vasant Vihar, has launched TeensTogether, a mental wellness app curated and created for the teenagers of today. The app is available on the Google Play Store as well as Apple App Store.

"I have been very concerned and affected by the mental challenges my friends and teenagers around me face. Right guidance & counseling during these formative years is instrumental to our future success and personality development," said Sifat, explaining the motivation behind creating the app. She hopes that widespread use of the app will help teenagers effectively handle trauma caused by the pandemic. Sifat's contribution to tackling the teen mental health crisis through TeensTogether has been recognized.



WEST CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE

E-Tender on behalf of the President of India acting through Deputy Chief Electrical Engineer (Works), West Central Railway, office, Construction office building, Bhopal (M.P.)-462024, invites from the reputed Contractors, for the following work. **Tender No.:** BPLUC/T/630/R, **Description of work:** Balance Electrical work of power supply arrangement to service building, EI building, cabling, Overhead lines, platform wiring, quarter wiring, service buildings wirings, modification of power line crossings and other miscellaneous work of General service in Bina-Katni section (Phase-II) in connection with Bina-Katni 3rd line project of West Central Railway. **Completion period:** 09 months. **Estimated cost in Rs.:** 17898265.00. **EMD in Rs.:** 239500.00. **Tender form Cost:** NIL. **Closing time & time:** at 15.00, 17.10.2022. The complete information of above E-tender is available in website IREPS (www.ireps.gov.in) and also placed on the notice the office of DY. CEE(C)BPL. Tenders other than in the form of e-bids shall not be accepted against the above Corrigendum/amendment, if any, to this publication would appear only on the above mentioned website and will not be elsewhere.

Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer (Works), West Central Railway, Bhopal

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Home Minister welcomes ban on PFI

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Home Minister Narottam Mishra said on Wednesday said that he welcomed the ban on the Popular Front of India (PFI) by the Centre terming it as an "internal surgical strike".

According to sources in the police, 25 people were arrested in the last three days, including 21 from eight districts of the state on Tuesday. Home Minister Mishra said the banned organisation was involved in anti-national activities and had links with Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI).

"The ban on PFI is a welcome step. The Centre's action against PFI is an internal surgical strike. The BJP government doesn't believe in the politics of appeasement," he said.

The Central government on Wednesday banned PFI, alleged to be involved in several violent and terror incidents and having "links" with global terror groups like ISIS, along with its several associates for five years following the second round of crackdown against its leaders.

He thanked the Prime Minister and the Union Home Minister and said that the organisation which is involved in anti-national activities, whose connections with ISI have been found, who have been directly linked to the killings in Kerala, Odisha, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, such organization should be banned. It is certainly welcome.



NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

No. JHS/Commercial/E-Auction/22/20 Date : 28.09.2022

On Behalf of The President Of India, The Divisional Railway Manager, (Commercial) Jhansi invites e-auction as per categories given as under :-

Category	Catalogue No	Asset Details	Auction Start Date & Time	Auction End Date & Time
Parking	JHS-PARKING-07	Parking Contract for Two wheeler, Four wheeler at different category of Railway stations in Jhansi Division :- 1. NSG-2 :- VGLB, 2. NSG-3 :- BNDA,MRA(E), 3. NSG-4 :- CKTD,DATIA,MBA,ORAI, 4. NSG-5:- BAB, HPP, PHN, ATE, BTX, BSZ, BIX, GTM, KPI, KLAR, NEW, RGU,TBT, 5. NSG-6:- AIT, AKV, BUS, BIP, BAO, BWR, BTKP, BZM, BLNR, DWI, HAR, ICL, KBR, KTRR, KID, KHGP, KHU, LLR,MTH, ORC, PTRE, RNRD, RORA, SWC, SPD, TKA, JSB.	12/10/2022 at 10:30 hrs	13/10/2022 at 11:00 hrs

Note: Prospective bidders are requested to visit e-Auction Leasing module on IREPS website (www.ireps.gov.in). The Lot-wise details are available therein under the above mentioned Catalogue Number.

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Form No. URC-2

Advertisement giving notice about registration under Part I of Chapter XXI [Pursuant to section 374(b) of the companies Act, 2013 and rule 4(1) of the companies(Authorised to Register) Rules, 2014]

1. Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of sub-section (2) of section 366 of the Companies Act, 2013, an application has been made to the CRC at IICA, Plot no. 6,7 & 8, Sector 5, IMT Manesar that SHRI RADHA JEWELLERS a partnership firm beregistered under Part I of Chapter XXlof the Companies Act 2013, as a company limited by shares.

2. The principal objects of the company are as follows: To carry on the business of designing, manufacturing, producing, assembling, altering repairing, buying, selling, packing, transporting, distributing, import, export of all types of ornaments, jewels, gemstones & to carry on in India or elsewhere the business to prepare, cut, polish, set, design, display, exchange, examine, finish, and establishing support services but not limited to Research & Development, transports, maintenance of information systems & consultants for the aforementioned services & businesses.

3. A copy of the draft memorandum and articles of association of the proposed company may be inspected at the office at Hat Road, Guna (MP).

4. Notice is hereby given that any person objecting to this application may communicate their objection in writing to the CRC at CRC, IICA, Plot no.6,7 & 8, Sector 5, IMT Manesar, Gurgaon-122051 within twenty one days from the date of publication of this notice, with a copy to the company at its registered office.

Dated this 28th day of September 2022

Name(s) of Applicant M/S SHRI RADHA JEWELLERS

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E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

Appendix-IV-A [See provisio to rule 8(6) & 6(2)]

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) & 6 (2) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to Bank of Baroda the Secured Creditor the Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Bank of Baroda Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis for recovery of Amount mentioned below plus interest and other expenses due to Bank of Baroda the Secured Creditor from below mentioned Borrowers & Guarantors.

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5	Borrowers: Shri Hemant Kumar Ranade S/o Madhav Rao Ranade Smt. Kalpana Ranade W/o Shri Hemant Kumar Ranade	Flat No. B-413, Fourth Floor, North Block, SBD Cosmos City, Village- Borda, Tehsil huzur, Kolar Road, Bhopal (MP), Area 425.02 sqft, Owner- Hemant kumar Ranade & Kalpana Ranade Boundaries: East : Open , West : Flat no 414, North : Common Corridor then Flat No. 416, South : Flat No. 412	₹ 5.00	18-10-2022 2:00 p.m. to 06:00 p.m.	18.07.2018 26.09.2018 ₹11,02,057.27 +Intt & Charges
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Date: 28.09.2022, Place: Bhopal

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Bhopal, Date: 26.09.2021

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S. NO.	SYSTEM TENDER NO.	NIT NO.	NAME OF WORK	PROBABLE AMOUNT OF CONTRACT	EARNST MONEY (IN RS.)	COST OF TENDER FORM (IN RS.)	CATEGORY	TIME ALLOWED
1	2022_CPA_224459_1	01/SAC/GR/ 2022-23 BHOPAL DATED 26.09.2022	ANNUAL MAINTENANCE (CIVIL, WATER SUPPLY AND SANITARY WORK) FOR SATGURU COMPLEX, FIROZ GANDHI COMPLEX, GAUTAM NAGAR QTR. AND OTHER RESIDENTIAL BUILDING UNDER GAS RAHAT DIVISION NO.1, BHOPAL.	999400.0	19988/-	2000/-	CENTRALIZED SINGLE REGISTRATION SYSTEM	11 MONTHS
2	2022_CPA_224473_1	02/SAC/GR/ 2022-23 BHOPAL DATED 26.09.2022	ANNUAL MAINTENANCE (CIVIL, WATER SUPPLY AND SANITARY WORK) FOR INDIRA GANDHI RESIDENTIAL QTR., KABIRA APPARTMENT AND HANSA COMPLEX AND OTHER RESIDENTIAL BUILDING UNDER GAS RAHAT DIVISION NO.1, BHOPAL.	998800.0	19976/-	2000/-	--DO--	11 MONTHS
3	2022_CPA_224478_1	03/SAC/GR/ 2022-23 BHOPAL DATED 26.09.2022	WHITE WASHING, COLOUR WASHING, DISTEMPERING AND PAINTING WORK IN RESIDENTIAL BUILDING UNDER GAS RAHAT DIVISION NO.1, BHOPAL. (EXTERNAL WORK)	998500.0	19970/-	2000/-	--DO--	4 MONTHS
4	2022_CPA_224480_1	04/SAC/GR/ 2022-23 BHOPAL DATED 26.09.2022	WHITE WASHING, COLOUR WASHING, DISTEMPERING AND PAINTING WORK IN RESIDENTIAL BUILDING UNDER GAS RAHAT DIVISION NO.1, BHOPAL. (INTERNAL WORK)	999700.0	19994/-	2000/-	--DO--	4 MONTHS
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1. Interested bidders can view the detailed NIT in the website <http://mptenders.gov.in>.

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3. Financial bid shall has been opened 19.10.2022 10.30 AM

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Sheopur has to be freed from the stigma of malnutrition: CM

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has said that development work should be completed in time-limit while ensuring quality. It is our moral duty to ensure that every eligible person should get the benefit of the schemes, the difficulties of the people should be removed and their life made easier. We have got an opportunity to serve the public through the administration. Let us fulfill our duties with honesty in mission mode. With this the state will move on the path of progress. Wishing all on the third day of Navratri, Chief Minister Chouhan reviewed Sheopur district at 7 am. Chouhan prayed to Devi Maa to shower her blessings and grace for development and welfare.

The Chief Minister congratulated the district administration for better management of the program organized in Sheopur district on September 17, the birthday of Prime Minister Modi. In-charge of Sheopur and Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Horticulture and Food Processing Bharat Singh Kushwaha, Chief Secretary Iqbal Singh Bains, Additional Chief Secretary Home Rajesh Rajoura and other state level officers and Divisional Commissioners took part virtually in the meeting held at Chief Minister's residence office. Chouhan said that we have to free Sheopur from the stigma of malnutrition. Sheopur is a backward and poverty-stricken district, there is also a large number of migration from here. It is the top priority of the state government to ensure that there

is effective implementation of welfare schemes for the poor in the district, there is no disturbance in ration distribution and to give good governance to the people. Special activities should be conducted in the district to make people aware about public welfare schemes. Chouhan reviewed various developmental activities, public welfare schemes and law and order situation in Sheopur. The Chief Minister was informed that 211 camps are to be organized in the district under the Mukhya Mantri Janseva Abhiyan. Till now 10,500 applications have been received. District administration teams are going door to door and taking applications of eligible beneficiaries and solving them on the spot. So far Ayushman cards of 7,200 persons have been made in the campaign. Chouhan instructed

the Minister-in-Charge Kushwaha to keep constant vigil on the progress of the campaign. While reviewing the distribution of ration, Chief Minister Chouhan said that complaints have been received in some villages regarding opening of ration shops for only 5-6 days besides non-delivery of slips from kiosks. There are 300 complaints from Vijaypur and 23 from Karahal. He told to ensure that the poor get their share of ration. Strict action should be taken against those who meddle with the distribution of ration. No one will be spared for creating problems in the system of smooth ration distribution to the poor. Action must be taken against the culprits under the Black Marketing Act and other legal provisions. It was told that after registering an FIR

against 11 persons, 4 arrests have been made. Chouhan said that collectors will be responsible for poor work done in Jal Jeevan Mission. In the mission, quality of material, completion of work in time-limit and immediate restoration of dug roads should be ensured on priority. Joint teams of officers and public representatives should inspect the ongoing work in the mission. It was informed that work is going on in 210 schemes in the district, 77 have been completed, work is in progress in 78. Chief Minister Shri Chouhan expressed displeasure over the completion of only 32 percent work under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana. It was informed that due to paucity of sand in the district, the construction of houses is getting delayed.



Congress State President Kamal Nath being presented a portrait of Goddess Durga during the party's social welfare cell workers convention at PCC headquarters in Bhopal on Wednesday. Pioneer photo

Bhopal's first GIS High Voltage substation energized

PNS ■ JABALPUR

Madhya Pradesh Power Transmission Company. With the commissioning of this substation, power transmission system in the central Bhopal region has been strengthened, another option of Extra High Voltage substation has become available to Bhopal. This is the 11th Extra High Voltage substation of Madhya Pradesh Power Transmission Company in Bhopal city which is functional. Managing Director of Madhya Pradesh Power Transmission Company, Er Sunil Tiwari informed that Madhya Pradesh Power Transmission Company felt the need for construction of additional substation in Bhopal city in view of the increasing demand of electricity in Bhopal.

Due to non-availability of sufficient land for construction of conventional substations and lines in dense population like Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh Power Transmission Company had Decided to prepare Gas Insulated Switch Gear Substation E8 Arera Colony Bhopal, which has been constructed by M/s Hitachi Energy Pvt Ltd for Madhya Pradesh Power Transmission Company. Managing Director Er Sunil Tiwari told that the construction of the GIS substation (Gas Insulated Switch Gear Substation) requires less land than conventional air insulated substations. The budget for the construction of substations with this technology is about two and a half times more than that of conventional substations.

CM pays tribute to Sardar Bhagat Singh Bhopal: Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan paid homage to Shaheed-e-Azam Sardar Bhagat Singh on his anniversary. CM Chouhan garlanded his portrait in the auditorium at his residence office. Amar Shaheed Bhagat Singh is considered one of the most influential revolutionaries of the Indian freedom struggle. Amar Shaheed Bhagat Singh was born on September 28, 1907 in village Banga in Lyallpur district of undivided India. The family of Amar Shaheed Sardar Bhagat Singh was a supporter of the Gadar Party. At an early age, Bhagat Singh joined the non-cooperation movement and bravely challenged the British army. The Jallianwala Bagh massacre had a deep impact on Bhagat Singh's mind.

Two students of Maharashtra cheated for admission in GMC

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

In Gandhi Medical College (GMC), Bhopal, the admission gang duped two students of Maharashtra to the tune of Rs 14 lakh on the pretext of getting admission in MBBS. The gang members themselves became GMC staff-officers to win the trust of the students and took Rs 14 lakh by ensuring having good rapport with Dean and Minister of Department. As soon as the money was received, the gang switched off the phone. The Kohfiz police have registered a case against the four accused. The accused have not been arrested yet. According to the information, Moreshwar Punaji, resident of Gondia, Maharashtra is a teacher. He said that he was in contact



with Bhopal resident agent Sanjay Shukla for admission in MBBS in GMC Bhopal. On February 21, 2022, Shukla got a call that two children would be admitted from the Central Pool quota. In such a situation, Moreshwar agreed to adopt his daughter Jahi Moreshwar Sonavane and his friend Surjalal Rudaji Chaudhary's son Drovina Surjalal.

The fraudster Sanjay Shukla told him that the setting has been done with the ministry and the dean and Rs 30 lakh for one seat have to be paid and have to pay the fees of four and a half years of Government College. It was decided to give Rs 20 lakhs between the two. After that Rs 15 lakhs will be collected and it was decided to give Rs 5 lakhs after three months.

Later Shukla asked to meet at Gandhi Medical College on March 9, 2022 for a meeting with the Dean and Nodal Officer. He met Abhishek Kashyap as clerk computer operator at GMC and Kuldeep Singh Pawar as Administrative Officer and collected Rs 14 lakh cash and DD of Rs 1 lakh. Police investigation revealed that the GMC officials whose names are used for cheating by the accused have no involvement in crime. The fraudster hatched such a conspiracy to mislead the complainant. Police have registered a case against Sanjay Shukla, Abhishek Kashyap, Kuldeep Singh Pawar, Soniya Sharma. Police believe that Sanjay Shukla may have also committed the crime by changing his name.



Muslim devotees participate in a religious procession on the first day of Eid Milad-un-Nabi celebrations in Bhopal on Wednesday. Pioneer photo

Session on Research Based Teaching Learning process organised at RNTU

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

An intellectual session on 'Research Based Teaching Learning Process' was organized at Rabindranath Tagore University on Wednesday. In this session Prof Unnat P Pandit, Controller General of Patents, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India addressed. In his address, he said that the National Education Policy 2020 will set a milestone for the Indian education world. He stressed on the need to promote research based teaching-learning process. He said that NEP-2020 encourages research. Teachers should understand the National Education Policy 2020. Through students we can expand knowledge, science and play our part in building the society. The new education policy covers all dimensions, students should be free to learn new skills. Giving the example of Atal Tinkering Lab, he said that today's students are coming after learning a lot. It is the responsibility of the teachers to upgrade themselves for the future students.

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Santosh Choubey, Chancellor of Rabindranath Tagore University, while speaking about the research and patents of the University, said that the Atal Incubation Center (AIC) of the University is the first AIC located in the universities of Madhya Pradesh which is one of the nearly five leading AICs in the country. Talking in the field of agriculture, emphasis was given on micro enterprise. On this occasion, the guests invited Prof. Released the book 'A Handbook on Writing a Research Funding Proposal' by Educational Institute' authored by Amitabh Saxena. Registrar of Rabindranath Tagore University Vijay Singh, Dean Academics Sanjeev Gupta, faculty and students of the university joined in large numbers.

SBI Card Announces Festive Offer 2022

PNS ■ INDORE

SBI Card, India's largest pure-play credit card issuer, has many exciting offers lined up for customers across India for the festive season 2022 from September 22, 2022 to October 31, 2022. With over 1600+ offers across online and offline merchants in tier 1, tier 2 and tier 3 cities, SBI Card aims to make shopping experience of its customers more rewarding while adding to the festive cheer. The delightful spread of offers range across a wide set of popular categories that include electronics, mobiles, fashion & lifestyle, jewellery, travel and online marketplaces, among others. Festive offer 2022 for SBI Card customers includes over 70 national offers and 1550 regional and hyperlocal offers across 2600 cities. As part of the festive offer customers can benefit from up to 22.5% cashback across various partner brands. One of the key offers for SBI Card customers is SBI Card's exclusive partnership with Amazon for 'Amazon Great Indian Festival Sale'. This, one of the largest online sale events of the year, is live till October 03, 2022. Apart from this, SBI Card has lined up varied offers from around 28 key global and national partner brands for its valued customers.

Padmashree awardee Malini Awasthi to perform at Ravindra Bhavan on Sep 30

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Eminent folk singer Padmashree awardee Malini Awasthi will perform traditional songs at Rabindra Bhavan on September 30. The ten-day campaign of 'Vishwarang Pustak Yatra' will culminate with this festive gaiety of folk culture. Malini Awasthi's participation in this huge convoy of books, organized jointly by Rabindranath Tagore University and its affiliated institutions, will be a golden thread of melodious tradition and entertainment. Notably, titled 'Lokrag', this gathering has been organized by Tagore World Center for Arts and Culture. On this occasion Malini Awasthi was honoured by Sharda Choubey will be honoured with Smriti Lok Samman. Born in Lucknow, Malini had an inclination towards music since her childhood. Due to this insistence, he obtained a master's degree in Hindustani Classical Music from Bhat Khande Sangeet Vishwavidyalaya (Lucknow).



Moordhanya became a disciple of singer Girija Devi to guide her in her singing skills and practical aspects. When Malini entered public meetings with the capital of training and practice, her sweet-smelling and typical earthy-smelling singing made thousands of listeners her admirers. Invitations were received for many folk festivals and Kumbh Melas of India. Through the NDTV Imagine reality show 'Junoon', Malini's typical traditional style of singing has been liked by the countries across the border. Along with the Padmashri she has also been honoured with the Sangeet Natak Akademi Delhi and the National Ahilya Bai Award of the Government of Madhya Pradesh.

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Centre empowers States to take action against PFI affiliates

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

After banning the Popular Front of India (PFI) on Wednesday, the Centre, through another notification, empowered the State Governments to take action against groups affiliated with the PFI and the possible action against them could be seizure of places and arrest of their members. The Home Ministry said these associates or affiliates or fronts have a 'hub and spoke' relationship.

PFI acts as the hub and utilises the mass outreach and fund-raising capacity of its associates or affiliates or fronts to strengthen its capability for unlawful activities and these

associates or affiliates or fronts function as "roots and capillaries through which the PFI is fed and strengthened", it said.

The PFI and its associates or affiliates or fronts operate openly as socio-economic educational and political organisations. But they have been pursuing a secret agenda to radicalise a particular section of the society, working towards undermining the concept of democracy and showing sheer disrespect towards the constitutional authority and constitutional setup of the country, it further said.

Investigations in various cases have revealed that PFI and its cadre have been repeatedly engaging in violent and subversive acts, the Ministry

said. Criminal violent acts carried out by PFI include chopping off the limbs of a college professor, killings of persons associated with organisations espousing other faiths, obtaining explosives to target prominent people and places and destruction of public property, it said.

The notification also mentioned the names of several people who were alleged victims of the PFI's "brutal" violence and most of them belong to Kerala, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu. The home ministry said there had been many instances of PFI's linkages with global terrorist groups and some activists of its PFI have joined ISIS and participated in terror activities in Syria, Iraq and

Afghanistan.

Some of these PFI cadres were killed in these conflict theatres and some have been arrested by state police and Central agencies, the Ministry said.

The Home Ministry claimed the office bearers and cadre of PFI along with others are conspiring and raising funds from within India and abroad through banking channels, hawala and donations among others as part of a "well-crafted criminal conspiracy", and then transferring, layering and integrating these funds through multiple accounts to project them as legitimate and eventually using these for various criminal, unlawful and terrorist activities

in India.

The sources of deposits on behalf of PFI with respect to its several bank accounts were not supported by the financial profiles of the account holders and the activities of PFI were not being carried out as per their declared objectives. Therefore, the Income Tax Department cancelled the registration granted to PFI under section 12A or 12AA of the Income Tax Act, 1961 (43 of 1961), it said. The Income Tax Department also cancelled the registration of Rehab India Foundation.

The ban order will remain in force for five years and it can be further extended by the Government after the expiry of the present tenure of the ban.

According to the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 (UAPA), if any member of the banned group has the custody of any funds, securities or credits which are being used or are intended to be used for the unlawful association, the Centre may, by a written order, prohibit such person from paying, delivering, transferring or otherwise dealing in any manner whatsoever with such assets.

Any person aggrieved by a prohibitory order may, within 14 days from the date of the service of such order, make an application to the court of the district judge within the local limits of whose jurisdiction such person voluntarily resides or carries on business or per-



sonally works for gain, to establish that the assets are not being used or are not intended to be used for the unlawful association. The court of the district judge is the competent judicial authority to decide

such matters.

When an association is declared unlawful, the central government can seize such 'place' including a house or building or part thereof, or a tent or vessel.

War of words after BJP says Didi Govt will fall this Dec

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Speculation ran high — about whether Kolkata could go the Mumbai way — after Bengal BJP president Sukanto Majumdar and Opposition Leader Suwendu Adhikari iterated that the Mamata Banerjee Government would fall any time in December this year.

Soon war of words ensued between the ruling Trinamool Congress and BJP as the Bengal ruling outfit hit back during the BJP Government to go ahead with its Mumbai formula — if it so desired — and watch the consequence.

When asked to explain his statement Majumdar said that if no Government could run without a Chief Minister and as there was every possibility of Mamata Banerjee getting arrested by December the Trinamool Congress Government would not survive beyond New Year.

"There are chances that even the Chief Minister and many of her Cabinet colleagues may get arrested ... and as a government cannot continue without a Chief Minister this Government will collapse," Majumdar said adding as well that at least 21 TMC MLAs



were in touch with him.

Majumdar's views were seconded by Bengal Opposition Suwendu Adhikari who gave the TMC government a little more time saying "Mamata Banerjee's government will not survive the coming Spring season."

"This Government will not survive beyond Spring ... in fact this will fall by December as most of its leaders and ministers will go to jail by then," thanks to ED and CBI, Adhikari said.

Almost in tandem with the two leaders cine star-cum-BJP leader Mithun Chakrabarty made a mysterious statement: "kabhi bhi kuch bhi ho sakta hei (anything can happen any time) iterating he was in touch with 21 Trinamool MLAs. Curiously Prime Minister Narendra Modi too had during

one of his recent visits to Bengal had said that about 40 Trinamool legislators were in touch with the BJP.

The State ruling outfit was prompt to hit back saying the BJP's hollow claims had already been tested in 2021 Assembly elections when its top leadership had vowed to win more than 200 Assembly seats but ended up winning barely 77.

"The BJP leadership has been exposed before the people of Bengal ... their false will no longer be taken by the people of the State ... they had given a slogan of abki baar doso paar (this time 200-plus seats ... but failed to reach even three digit mark ... so their credibility is zero and in the coming elections they will be reduced to zero in Bengal," TMC spokesperson Kunal Ghosh said adding on the contrary to what they have been claiming the BJP MLAs would start joining the TMC soon.

"Before the last year's elections they said that the TMC will break and half of the party will go to BJP but after the elections it was seen that several of their leaders were joining the TMC ... the situation now is such that if we do not stop our doors then the whole BJP will

join the TMC," the leader said.

The TMC Government was presently under intense pressure after the Enforcement Directorate investigating the school level recruitment scam recovered crores of rupees stashed away in the apartments of Arpita Mukherjee a close aide of former number two in the Mamata Banerjee cabinet Partha Chatterjee who is presently in jail. This was followed by the arrest of senior TMC leader and party strongman Anubrata Mondal on charges of cow smuggling.

Meanwhile, the Bengal opposition on Wednesday cried foul after a massive fire broke out inside the Bolpur branch of Axis Bank in Birbhum district. It is the same bank where the CBI made repeated raids in the recent times in search of Mondal's money trail.

In a parallel development the CBI on Wednesday told the Calcutta High Court that the school level recruitment scam could go beyond Rs 150 crore and that about 1000 fake candidates had got jobs through questionable means. Further investigations were on as the candidates claim that the scam could go beyond several thousand crores.

10 killed in Lakhimpur road accident

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

In a tragic incident, 10 people were killed and over 25 injured when a private bus collided with a truck in Lakhimpur Kheri district early on Wednesday morning.

Some of the grievously injured were referred to Lucknow for treatment, local officials who rushed to the spot confirmed.

Both Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath have expressed grief at the loss of lives and directed officials to provide treatment to the injured.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said he was distressed by the accident and announced a compensation of Rs 2 lakh each for the families of the deceased. Those injured would receive a compensation of Rs 50,000 each, his office said in a tweet.

Meanwhile, as soon as the incident was reported, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath expressed grief and directed senior officers to reach the spot and provide proper care and treatment to the injured.

"Chief Minister Shri @myogiadityanath Ji Maharaj has condoled the loss of lives due to road accident in the Lakhimpur Kheri district. Maharaj ji has directed the



senior officers to immediately go to the spot and conduct relief and rescue operations and make proper arrangements for the treatment of the injured," the CMO tweeted in Hindi.

"Expressing his condolences to the bereaved family members, Maharaj ji (Yogi Adityanath) has wished for the speedy recovery of the injured," the tweet further read.

Reports said that the bus carrying about 60 passengers was heading from Dhaurahra in Lakhimpur Kheri district to Lucknow when the accident occurred.

All the injured were rushed to a district hospital while some others were referred to Lucknow for further treatment, said Lakhimpur Kheri's Additional District Magistrate Sanjay Kumar.

The bus was on its way to Lucknow from Dhaurahra when it collided with a mini truck coming from the oppo-



sition direction on Aira bridge on National Highway 730, Deputy Superintendent of Police Pritam Pal Singh said.

The toll was likely to rise, he added. On receiving information, the police reached the spot and rescued the injured after cutting the bus with a gas cutter, he said.

The injured were sent to the district hospital and efforts were on to identify the deceased, the DSP added.

Meanwhile, in another incident, three persons, including an innocent girl, were killed and 34 others were injured when the tractor-trolley they were travelling in was hit by a truck on Ayodhya highway in Barabanki district on Wednesday morning, police said.

Six persons with serious injuries were referred to the King George's Medical University Trauma Centre in Lucknow while the rest were

undergoing treatment at the district hospital.

The accident occurred near Kotwa overbridge.

A few residents of Katka village were on their way to an event in Ram Sanehi Ghat when the speeding truck hit their tractor-trolley from behind.

Reports said that the 'mundan' ceremony of Bittu, daughter of Ramkaran, a resident of Lambauva village of Ram Sanehi Ghat police station area, was fixed for Wednesday. To attend the ceremony, Ramkaran's in-laws had come on a tractor-trolley from Katka police station Ramnagar and they all left by the same tractor-trolley for Katka on Wednesday morning.

On the way, a truck collided with the tractor-trolley near Kotwa road in Ram Sanehi Ghat police station area on Lucknow-Ayodhya highway.

CBI arrests 2 for cheating foreigners by posing as Interpol officers

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The CBI has arrested two persons who ran an illegal call centre in west Delhi from where they allegedly cheated and extorted money from foreign nationals by posing as Interpol and Europol officers.

The call centre, located in the narrow bylanes of Shadipur village here, was run by a man named Jaiveer Sharma. The perpetrators impersonated themselves as officers of Interpol and Europol to gullible foreigners, the FIR registered by the CBI said.

During the searches, the CBI found four cryptocurrency wallets having a total of Rs 1.30 crore that included Bitcoins and other cryptocurrencies in an e-wallet,

the CBI said.

Vijay and Vishal were arrested in the case related to alleged cheating, extortion from foreign nationals and other offences that included running illegal call centres, they said.

"The source has also informed that most of the amounts collected from the victims through cheating by the accused are transferred in the form of Bitcoin (a cryptocurrency) in the crypto-account of accused Vijay maintained in the e-wallet of 'WazirX'," the FIR alleged.

They allegedly conned their victims by telling them that their identities had been stolen and used for crimes like money laundering and drug peddling. They then threatened the victims by claiming that arrest warrants

have been issued against them which would lead to their probable arrest, officials said.

The accused compelled their victims into transferring money in bank accounts, crypto wallets or gift card codes to clear their names with an assurance that once the case was closed, they could take their money back.

The accused also asked their victims to disclose the amount of cash they had. Once the victim disclosed the amounts, the accused asked them to prove that it was genuine and actually withdrawn from their bank account, the FIR claimed.

"The accused made the victims believe that they have to prove to the respective government authorities that they have only that much money in their bank



accounts," the FIR alleged.

In order to prove it, the accused convinced their victims that they must deposit the money to the government-approved vouchers available in the market, it said.

If the victims said they will approach the local police regarding their arrest warrant, the accused would claim that

they would be arrested as soon as they reach the police station, it said.

Out of fear, the victims would purchase the gift card/voucher from the market and provide their codes to the accused who then redeemed or transferred the amount into their own accounts, it alleged.

Armyman held by STF for duping jobseekers

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

The Meerut unit of UP Special Task Force (STF) arrested an army havildar for allegedly duping aspirants on the false promises of recruitment under the Agniveer scheme by helping them in passing the strenuous medical examination, officials said on Wednesday.

The accused Naresh, a resident of village Masouta in district Ghaziabad, who happens to be a serving havildar, was arrested by the Meerut STF from Garh Road under Sadar Bazar police station area of the district following inputs by Military Intelligence on Tuesday evening. The trap was laid after tracing the location of the accused with the help of his mobile surveillance.

Brijesh Kumar Singh, Additional Superintendent of Police of STF Meerut, said that an input was received from Military Intelligence that some elements were engaged in recovering huge amounts of

money from aspirants of Agniveer recruitment in the Army. He said that the accused demanded Rs 5 lakh from the aspirants on the pretext of recruitment in the Agniveer scheme launched earlier this year by the government for short term recruitment in military services.

He added that three members of the gang were still absconding.

"After getting the inputs of the sinister activity taking place in the Agniveer recruitment process that is currently underway in Muzaffarnagar and Meerut, we started the investigation. The input was further developed and a candidate, Prashant Singh, was identified who was supposed to appear for re-medicals at Military Hospital in Meerut on Tuesday," the ASP (STF) said.

He was lured by Naresh Kumar for confirmed re-medicals in lieu of Rs 5 lakh. The UP STF was then roped in for the task and he was arrested, according to a source.



An artist gives finishing touches to an idol of Goddess Durga at Jhilmil Kalibari in New Delhi on Wednesday
RANJAN DIMRI/PIONEER

Make efforts to make Ayodhya grand enough to fit Lord Ram's aura: Modi

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday asked citizens of Ayodhya to make concerted efforts to make their city grand enough to fit Lord Ram's aura and where people would arrive from across the globe after the Ram temple is inaugurated.

On the construction of the Ram temple, the Prime Minister said, "This is a reiteration of 'pride in heritage' also, a new chapter of development of the nation".

Addressing the gathering on the occasion of dedication of Lata Mangeshkar Chowk in Ayodhya via video message, Modi paid tributes to the late singer saying, "Lata didi's vocals will connect every particle of this country for ages to come".

"Lata Ji was one such seeker of Maa Saraswati, who stunned the whole world with her divine voice. Lata Ji did sadhana, we all got the boon!" the Prime Minister remarked.

He underlined that the huge



Veena of Maa Saraswati installed at Lata Mangeshkar Chowk in Ayodhya will become a symbol of musical practice. The Prime Minister further went on to add that the 92 white lotuses made of marble in the flowing waters of the lake in the chowk complex represent the life span of Lata Ji.

The Prime Minister congratulated the Uttar Pradesh government and Ayodhya Development Authority for this innovative effort and offered his heartfelt tributes to Mangeshkar on behalf of all the countrymen. "I pray to Lord Shri Ram that the blessings we got from her life should continue to leave a mark on the coming generations

through her melodious songs," the Prime Minister added.

Modi further said, "I believe that the Lata Mangeshkar Chowk of Ayodhya and all such memories associated with her will enable us to feel a sense of duty towards the nation".

Highlighting the re-establishment of Ayodhya's proud heritage and the new dawn of development in the city, the Prime Minister remarked that Lord Ram is the symbol of our civilization and is the living ideal of our morality, values, dignity and duty. "From Ayodhya to Rameshwaram, Lord Ram is absorbed in every particle of India", Modi added.



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Right move

Govt has banned PFI but it must ensure that it is not seen as an anti-Muslim decision

The Narendra Modi Government's ban on the Popular Front of India (PFI) under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act is not surprising. The PFI has been proscribed for five years by the Ministry of Home Affairs for alleged with terror funding links. Multiple raids were carried out in various parts of the country, leading to hundreds of arrests by the Central agencies. That the PFI is an Islamist outfit is quite evident, but the Government has to justify the ban in the court of law where the decision is likely to be challenged. In fact, the PFI is one of the Islamist organisations all of which have misleading names. The political wing, for instance, is called the Social Democratic Party of India (SDPI). Then there are the Rehab India Foundation, the Campus Front of India (CFI), the National Confederation of Human Rights Organization (NCHRO), the National Women's Front, the Empower India Foundation, etc. All of which have also been banned. One exception is the All India Imams Council. In March 2015, the

PFI's public relation officer Mohammed Arif Ahmed had described the body as a "neo-social movement committed to empower people to ensure justice, freedom, and security." That was very clever on its part, for such phraseology is to the liking of liberals and intellectuals. In general too, on the face of it, few would like to have a quarrel with the folks committed to justice, freedom, and security.



Behind the nice-sounding names and nicer (ostensible) objectives lay the real goals—radicalisation of all sections of Muslims by all means, including persuasion. The hijab drive is part of this radicalisation; wearing hijab is more rampant now than it was a generation ago. The CFI's role in instigating girls to insist on wearing Islamic attire in education institutions in Karnataka is well-known. In fact, radical Muslims have convinced or coerced their fellow-religionists to follow the purist version of Islam, which is especially oppressive for women. Quite apart from Talibanising Muslim society, the PFI and sister organisations have been involved in violent activities; for example, over a decade ago, they chopped off the hand of a professor in Kerala for allegedly having said something inappropriate about Prophet Muhammad. The Kerala Government has also acted against the PFI and similar outfits. In short, the Modi Government cannot be said to be called anti-Muslim just because it acted against the PFI. A couple of issues need to be raised here. First, the Government is widely accused of using the agencies like the Enforcement Directorate and the Central Bureau of Investigation for political purposes, so even when they genuinely do what they are mandated to, questions can be raised about the action. Second, while Islamic organisations involved in criminal activities must be dealt with firmly, the outfits claiming to represent other faiths should also be tackled accordingly if they are involved in unlawful activities. The Government must address these issues.

PICTALK



A woman carries her pet cats for vaccination on World Rabies Day in Jakarta, Indonesia

PTI

EWS quota must wait

The SC has reserved its decision; the emotive issue must be amicably solved

The reservation is as emotive an issue as it is economic. Nevertheless, it remains unresolved to date as both parties dig their heels in the court. The Supreme Court has reserved its decision on 10 per cent quota to persons from Economically Weaker Sections (EWS).The Central Government's decision to give 10 per cent reservation to economically weaker sections over and above 50 per cent already given to other backward castes, and Schedule Castes & Tribes. The petition was filed against the 103rd amendment to the Constitution, which introduced changes to Articles 15 and 16 that deal with the right to equality and provide the basis for reservations. The argument against the amendment is that the 50 per cent limit on reservation cannot be crossed as it would tantamount to violate the basic premise of Constitution, which is equality. The Centre had earlier told the Supreme Court that the EWS quota does not erode the rights of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe communities as they already enjoy many other benefits.



The Government contention that the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes have been given several benefits under the Constitution, including Article 16(4)(a) (special provision for promotion) and Article 332 (reservation in State Assemblies), may be true but unfortunately despite all these benefits they still remain on the lowest rung of social hierarchy and lag behind on the economic front as well. But having said that, the economic criterion must be at least a factor while giving reservation to any section of society.The Government introduced the

EWS quota for those who do not fall in the category of SC/ST and OBCs but have an annual family income of less than ₹8 lakh per annum. The intent was right but the method was not. And this is what is being contested by the petitioners. The criterion is arbitrary and impractical, to say the least. To be fair to the Government, it cannot touch the reservation to SC/ST and OBCs and so it has no choice. Last year, the Supreme Court had said that the criteria seemed arbitrary. Since the income criteria of ₹8 lakh per annum was used to exclude the 'creamy layer' from the OBC quota, the court said it was 'mechanical' and included to distinguish EWS as well. The SC observation holds water as ground realities may be very different. The decision of Supreme Court in this regard would be a landmark in the debate for reservations and could stir a hornet's nest.

Durand faultlines on cricket pitch

Power politics has seeped on to the cricket ground, too, and this is not good news either for the game of cricket or for cricket-playing nations

When the former Pakistani speedster and motor-mouth Shoaib Akhtar railed against the ostensible behaviour of Afghan players and fans in the recent Asia Cup match, the subliminal sense of Pakistani clientelism was unmistakable. Shoaib's patronising tone following the heated exchange by players in the cliffhanger reeked of one-sided entitlement, "Aap hai ki hamare bhai hai, sah mulk hain, hum apse laad bhi karte hai, khyal bhi rakhte hai, and aap kya batameezi bhi karte ho. (Here you are, we consider you our brothers, you are our neighbouring nation, we love and take care of, and here you are showing your brazenness) this is not acceptable yaar." That Shoaib's view was selectively berating, condescending and mocking is one thing - but it was also layered by unsubtle societal faultlines, "Isiliye allah ne aapko Saza di, isiliye aalah ne ek pathan ko duusre pathan se chakka mar-wake zaleel kiya, aur rote hui gayi Afghanistan team (That is why the almighty punished you, where the almighty made a Pathan (Pakistani player) hit a six against you, and you were humiliated and Afghanistan team went out crying!). The subtext of a Pakistani Pathan versus Afghan Pathan was loaded, as it militates against the sense of Pashtunistan or common homeland/identity of Pathans across both sides of the Durand Line, separating Pakistan and Afghanistan.

The visibilised animosity besetting the Pakistan-Afghanistan realm is palpable and deep, and the cricket pitch only reflects the same. It is starker and more intense as compared to the outpourings in India-Pakistan matches, today. The historically wounded sentiment along the 2670-kilometer-long border dividing Afghanistan-Pakistan or the Durand Line (vehemently unrecognised by Afghanistan), has metastasized over the years with the perception of constant Pakistani patronage of terror and mayhem in Afghanistan. Islamabad has pandered to Pan-Islamic terror groups like the



dreaded Taliban, puritanical Haqqani faction, brutal Hekmatyar faction, etc., to suppress and undercut Pashtun nationalism - all this has led to simmering hate in the minds of average Afghan on the street who justifiably blame Pakistan for decades of bloodshed and violence. Treating Afghanistan as its backyard or 'Strategic Depth' is an institutionalised aspiration in Pakistan and even the revisionist Taliban regime finds itself uncomfortable defending Pakistani interferences, beyond a point. A few months back, the Taliban Foreign Ministry was forced to call the Pakistani Ambassador in Kabul to condemn airstrikes on Afghan soil. Taliban spokesperson had warned, 'not to test that patience of Afghans' and that, 'same mistakes again....will have bad consequences! Even with its own propped Taliban regime in Kabul, the Pakistanis are getting the rough end of the stick, as the blame for the larger Afghan socio-economic misery is attributed squarely of the Pakistanis, and especially to its shadowy agency, ISI. No amount of rote Pakistani spiel of 'co-religiosity cuts ice in Afghanistan.

It's not just 'Taliban Khan' or the former Pakistani Prime



SO, WHILE THE WAR-TORN AFGHANISTAN CRICKET TEAM HAS KEPT DEFYING THE ODDS WITH INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES AND HEROICS OF RESILIENCE AND HEROICS, IT HAS SADLY LOST MORE MATCHES THAN IT HAS WON

Minister Imran Khan who is the poster boy of Pakistani misadventures, but even the coalition of PPP and PML-N are similarly despised in the unforgiving memories of the Pathans. Afghan elders remember Nawaz Sharif's electoral bluster to then rivals PPP in 1993, 'You gave up Dhaka, but we took Kabul' with dismay and hate. Across the political canvass of Pakistani democracy and Military rules, the Pakistanis have sought indebtedness of the Afghans for the harbouring of Pashtun refugees - only the Afghans have found that expectation extremely humiliating, simplistic, and condescending. So, while the war-torn Afghanistan Cricket Team has kept defying the odds with individual performances and heroics of resilience, and heroics, it has sadly lost more matches than it has won. This Asia Cup was no different (win against the much higher-ranked Bangladesh notwithstanding), except that when it came to the Afghanistan-Pakistan match, a lot more was at stake and Afghan emotions were raw. Beyond the on-field fracas amongst players, after the match, the Afghan fans let their fury on Pakistani fans and had them scurrying for

safety. The pent-up frustration against the Pakistanis was a lot more than what can be attributed to a simple case of winning or losing a cricket match. The irrepressible Winston Churchill once noted about the Pathans, 'Every family cultivates it's vendetta; every clan, its feud. Today the proud Pathans (who form the majority of Afghanistan) are reeling under unprecedented misery and there is no doubt as to which direction their ire is pointed. Official politics may not be on the side of the average Afghan belief, as its incumbent government is still essentially dependent on Pakistani support for legitimacy, but it is a groundswell of angst that this filling up fast and may tip over the Talibani patience, too. It was ultimately left to the former Afghan captain, Shafiq Stanikzai, to have the last word when he coldly warned Shoaib, 'baat ko nation pe Mat lena' (do not extrapolate your comments to the nation) — implicit in the Stanikzai's warning was the larger sentiment and augury of the future.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

IRAN IN TURMOIL

Sir — The republic of Iran is in turmoil over the recent tragic custodial death of the 22-year-old Kurdish woman Mahsa Amini at the altar of police brutality. She preferred to sacrifice her life rather than succumbing to police atrocities to enforce harsh hijab rules and curb their rights in the name of faith and religion. In fact, never before such extreme acts of dissent have surfaced in Iran on a grand scale. It is the women folk, be it in Iran or Afghanistan, who have borne the brunt of fundamental right-wing Islam curtailing their freedom, dreams, and aspirations.

Hundreds of women across 80 cities in Iran have taken to the streets to oppose this oppressive practice of slavery inflicted on women for centuries. They are not just removing their Head scarves, cutting their hair in public, burning hijabs in public but also burning posters of the founder of the Islamic Republic, Ayatullah Khomeini in 1979. This assumes significance as this is the world's first political revolution totally led by women. In fact, it sends strong signals that every dictatorial regime falls when Mahsa Amini stands up or a Rosa Parks refuses to succumb to a white man. It would be a moral victory of the democratic ethos, and dignity of the human being if every nation across the globe stood by them and support their rightful cause.

Vijay Singh Adhikari | Nainital

BETTER SENSE PREVAILS IN PUNJAB

Sir — Punjab Assembly Speaker Kultar Singh Sandhwan said that the Governor has acceded to the government's request for holding the Assembly session. The ongoing face-off between Punjab Governor Banwarilal Purohit and the ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has ended with the Governor agreeing to summon the State Assembly session on September 27.The Governor should

Congress is a mess

Indian National Congress



It is saddening to see a senior leader like Ashok Gehlot stooping so low to play politics, a dirty one indeed, particularly when he is being promoted to become President of the INC. Or is he really being cheated by his cabinet ministers? It would have been gracious for him to leave state politics and instead he leaves behind a doubt as to how he will be able to handle politics at the national level

not make his presence felt by blocking the decision of the Council of Ministers that too call for convening the session.

The Governor is only an appointed authority by the Union Government. He is not representing the will of the People. Once a highly dignified post, the governorship now has been reduced to a coercive tool to hinder the smooth working of every non-lotus state government. It is good that the face-off has ended. Otherwise, the bickering between the government and the governor would have led to an ugly situation . Better sense has prevailed.

CK Subramaniam | Mumbai

THE GOVT IS RIGHT IN BANNING PFI

Sir — Union Home Ministry has done the right thing by banning the Popular Front of India (PFI) and its associates, numbering eight for five years, as they are terrorist-based fronts in the country with active cooperation, coordination, and financial transactions with many terrorist organisations to create

if he becomes President. Cornering High Command is demeaning and definitely, something is seriously wrong with the Congress. Is there a bigger game behind the screen Gehlot is playing to dilute the Bharat Jodo Yatra and scuttle even the little effort that Rahul is trying to pump life into the dying party.?

Anything is possible these days. Is INC messing up in the name of a democratic election, unlike the smooth way Nadda was re-elected in BJP.? Nothing seems to be working for Congress the way it wants things to be. Only the die-hard supporters of the party can salvage it from this otherwise stupid situation. The Congress leadership today seems to be running out of ideas and has lacked the mettle to handle the situations which are threatening its existence.

D Nagarajuna | Hyderabad

communal disturbances. Many pan India raids were conducted recently to identify the network of PFI and many arrests were made with a lot of information on their activities and other associated groups.

It is most gratifying that some Islamic organisations welcomed the ban as they feel country first and faith next. The way pro-Pakistan slogans were raised during the arrest of the PFI cadre shows how they are anti-national. All Muslim political organisations should condemn the terrorist mindset of PFI and while welcoming the ban should advise all its members to keep their distance from PFI and its associate organisations for the peaceful coexistence of all with unity in diversity and should not fall prey to such organisations.

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Where we get our military equipment is not a new issue or changed due to geopolitical changes. We exercise a choice that is in our national interest.

External Affairs Minister

—S Jaishankar



Italy's PM-elect

—Giorgia Meloni

They say if you keep getting the same roles, it means you are very lucky, that people want to keep watching you. However, I feel it's the death of an actor.

Actor

—Archana Puran Singh



Right from Asia Cup, every match where he (Virat) got runs, there was some improvement coming. I think the power game is back

Former cricketer

—Sanjay Manjrekar

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Businessman

—Gautam Adani

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FREE WILL IS THE ABILITY TO CHOOSE

We want to be independent, but we are bound by the constraints of the world



AJIT BISHNOI

Right and wrong, fair and unfair, ethical and unethical are no longer subjects that have standard definitions. Logic, convenience, personal interests, hedonism are the determining features that influence the judgment or opinion about an action or conduct. Universal benchmarks are missing.

We possess free will, which is defined as the power of desiring and deciding without the restraint of necessity or fate. It is the ability to desire unlimitedly and decide as we choose. But we are not so independent, because being independent will mean that we can achieve what we desire, but we are bound by the constraints of the world. For example, we can desire to be very rich. But can we manage it without following the rules of becoming rich like having the necessary abilities, opportunities, support of the system, etc? No, we are not really independent.

However, our free will does give this false impression that we are independent. Rather there is another serious drawback in doing so, if we get attached with what we desire. Lord Krishna has repeatedly warned against such attachments in the Bhagavad-Geeta. In verse # 2.62, the Lord states, "From attachment lust manifests and from lust anger results." Lord Krishna goes on in the next verse, "From anger foolishness results; from foolishness bewilderment results; from bewilderment, loss of intelligence occurs. And by the loss of intelligence a person is doomed." (2.63)



Yes, it is that serious. Don't we know that desiring is easy but to fulfill is something else. Attachments cause suffering. That is why one is strongly advised to be detached, because absence of attachment delivers one from suffering. (6.23) But if we do desire as we are likely to do, we should take shelter of God, who can fulfill all our legitimate desires. Sanjay of the Mahabharata fame goes to the extent of stating that linked with God, there will be opulence, victory, wealth and morality. (18.78)

As mentioned earlier, we can desire but fulfilling them is not that simple. Because, as stated by Lord Krishna, "We have a right only in action, not ever in predetermining its fruits." (2.47) The Lord warns that we should not try to do so, because those who try are pitiable. (2.49) It makes sense; does it not? If we were given the right to decide the fruits of action, there will be no limits on what we will all desire.

This right of deciding the fruit of action is with God only, as it must be. Imagine a world in which everyone is desiring unlimitedly and surely there will be conflicting desires. For example, there is one prime minister and multiple numbers desire to become one. What happens then?

Similar is the phenomenon of fate or luck as we call it. This is the fruit of our 'karmas' (deeds), and is strictly as per the 'karmaphala principle', which is: "What we sow we reap." This is administered by divine authorities under the superintendence of God. (9.10)

They do so completely in a fair fashion. Are we then stuck if we have done some wrong? The answer is yes, because we can do an act but cannot erase it. Otherwise, all of us will be busy erasing what bad acts we have done in the past. But fortunately, there is a way out, which is to take shelter from God. He can help us in crossing all impediments by His grace. (18.58) But to achieve this privilege, we must develop God consciousness, which can be done by doing spiritual acts, which are simple and easy to do.

In verse #18.65, Lord Krishna guides, "Develop My consciousness; become My devotee; make sacrifices for Me, and offer obeisance to Me."


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PM SHRI schools reimagine education in India

The Cabinet's approval to PM SHRI schools presents a rare opportunity for the country to take a quantum leap in education

The National Education Policy 2020 recognises schools as places for intellectual development and character building. Preparing students to become responsible citizens and active participants in community development is the original mandate of the policy. The policy envisages a focus on more than academics, fostering whole-child development.

Para 4.43 of the policy elaborates that fostering student education must begin with self-regulated learning, self-assessment, peer-tutoring, and peer-to-peer assessment. It will help students care more about communicating with each other and the teacher to reflect on their learning and pursue collabora-



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Simple GST structure can check tax evasion

The existing GST structures, along with the prevailing income tax slabs and exemptions, need urgent revision to rid our nation's tax system of anomalies

The complicated tax system in India with six-decades-old Income Tax Act, 1961, with too many amendments in the form of a lot of confusing patchworks is in force. Likewise, ever since a reformative step of introducing the Goods & Service Tax (GST) Act has been taken with effect from July 1, 2017, there has been a regular practice of changing tax-structure in an ever-confusing GST regime with too many confusing and complicated provisions incorporated in the system.

An altogether new tax-regime should be introduced without patches of useless and largely misused exemptions. Implementation of Raja Chelliah Committee recommendations to fix the highest tax-slab at 30 per cent to be in tune with most countries in the world had largely abolished the practice of converting black money into white money. Gradually increasing this highest slab also through imposing cess and surcharges has undone the good achieved.

Highest tax slab of 30 per cent should be restored so that people may find it advantageous to bring complete income to books. Rather a permanent Voluntary Disclosure Scheme should be introduced whereby provision may be there in tax-return to declare at highest suggested tax-rate of 30 per cent, any income without disclosing source of income. This will make cash transactions in property deals accounted for if registration fees on them are also reduced to just three per cent. Names of all those disclosing incomes under the suggested highest 30 per cent slab should be on the website according to income disclosed so that status conscious persons may race to disclose more incomes.

Basix tax exemption should be fixed at rupees five lakhs paving way for abolishing most tax exemptions, including on charity, donation, contribution to political parties and even agricultural income, which are largely misused. For instance, an ordinary farmer does not earn more than Rs five lakhs, and the provision is grossly misused by ultra-rich persons, including known celebrities, to declare their unaccounted income as agricultural income through some village land purchased only for the purpose without practically having any agricultural produce.

Income Tax slabs should be 10 and 20 per cent for incomes between 5-10 lakhs and 10-15 lakhs respectively and thereafter 30 per cent for rest. LK Jha committee recommendations to make calendar-year as financial-year should be implemented in line with most countries of the world, thus abolishing another British legacy of following April-March presently as Fiscal Year.


It is ridiculous to have different Depreciation-Rules for Tax and Corporate audits. Rather there should be a single and unified Tax and Corporate Audit.

Rather than concentrating more on small cash-transactions like through BhimApp, etc., which results in fraud for

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THE 18 PER CENT GST IN THE SERVICE SECTOR IS EXCESSIVELY HIGHER WHERE, FOR EXAMPLE, THOSE TAKING PART IN TV PANELS HAVE TO PRACTICALLY PAY ROUGHLY HALF OF THE HONORARIUM IN TAX, INCLUDING GST AND INCOME TAX

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illiterate persons, all sale-purchases above Rs 10000 may be compulsorily through bank transactions. For this, transaction-charges on credit-cards should be slashed down to just half a per cent (GST-exempted) that too to be borne by central government with all incentives on purchases made through credit-cards abolished.

Presently, high 2 per cent transaction charges on credit cards make traders charge it separately from customers specially where trade margins are low. Such a system will fetch higher tax-revenue for the government, than through half-percent transaction charges to be borne by Government.

Banks issuing credit cards will get much more earning even with half per cent transaction charge because of manifold use of credit cards. Two sets of credit card swiping machines should be compulsory for every GST-registered dealer dealing also in cash so as to avoid payment receipt through credit cards with the usual excuse that swapping-machine is out of order.

The input tax credit system in GST-regime in manufacturing-sector is biggest corrupt practice of tax-evasion where left-out GST-invoices by ordinary customers are sold by traders to consuming manufacturers or producers to avail false Input-Tax-Credit where cash is paid back by traders to those purchasing left-out GST-invoices of actual consumers bringing more currency in circulation. This is the reason for the basic motive of currency-demonetisation being failed where currency in circulation rapidly increased rather than projected decrease.

Annual forensic audit may be made compulsory on claims made for Input-Tax-Credit by manufacturers/producers to avoid false

claims of excessive Input-Tax-Credit in these sectors. Rather study should be made if with abolition of an excessively high 18-per cent GST slab, Input-Tax-Credit can be altogether abolished from manufacturing/producing sectors, retaining it only on tradable commodities.

But such reform in Input-Tax-Credit system can be practically possible with drastic reform in GST tax-structure wherein initially only three tax slabs of 6, 12 and 30 per cent may be there abolishing all presently existing GST-rates. India is the only country which has so many GST-rates. Gradually even slabs of 6 and 12 per cent may also be replaced by a new 10-per cent tax structure.

Zero per cent GST may only be retained on totally unbranded raw materials which cannot be consumed without giving a finishing touch like agricultural-products, fish, meat, cotton-yarn, etc. All items of long term use like cars, air-conditioners, TV sets, refrigerators, etc., may attract 30 per cent GST, while their parts may uniformly attract 12 per cent GST.

Unmindful policy framers brought clutch plate and clutch bearing under different GST slabs of 18 and 28 per cent. Likewise similar items sold by confectioners like sweets, biscuits, napkins, etc., attract different GST-slabs with luxury sweets causing diabetes attracts just 5 per cent GST.

To remove confusion and abnormality, invoices for items like gold-jewellery can be drawn in two parts, one for metal and embodied items and the other for making-charges so that suggested 12 per cent GST may be payable only on making-charges. Cess on extra-luxurious items should be replaced by additional GST slabs in multiples of 60 per cent, also bringing

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IT'S A RELATIONSHIP THAT HAS NEITHER ENDED UP SERVING PAKISTAN WELL NOR SERVING THE AMERICAN INTERESTS. —EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER S JAISHANKAR



WE DON'T VIEW OUR TIES WITH PAKISTAN, AND OUR TIES WITH INDIA, IN RELATION TO ONE ANOTHER. THESE ARE BOTH OUR PARTNERS. —US STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESPERSON NED PRICE

oration goals.

Early internship possibilities, job shadowing, building cultural competencies, the spirit of volunteering, micro-credentials in life skills and school-college partnership will take the students on a lifelong learning trajectory.

A policy of the scale of NEP 2020 requires enabling legislation, curriculum framework, inter-ministerial dialogue, and preparing the ground for implementation at multiple levels. The policy is riding its course with the Prime Minister leading from the front, initiating discussions, addressing the nation, theme-based task allocation, and participative implementation strategy. The nation's response is affirmative, and the academia is euphoric —signalling two significant indicators that the buy-in for the change is working.

Once the policy is in place, visualised outcomes recognised, and infrastructural requirements identified, we need strong institutions to foster learning and culture. In the budget speech 2021-22, the Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced more than 15000 schools will be qualitatively strengthened to include all components of the National Education Policy.

These schools, she added, will emerge as PM SHRI schools in their regions, hand-holding and monitoring other schools to achieve the ideals of the Policy. Consequently, the Union Cabinet has recently approved the launch of a new centrally sponsored scheme for setting up PM SHRI schools (PM schools for Rising India). These schools will influence, inspire, and impact other schools, receive performance-based budgetary allocation and adhere to standard benchmarks.

Of the total project cost of ₹27360 Cr spread over five years, the significant contribution of ₹18128 Cr will come from the centre, and the States and UTs will raise the remaining ₹9232 Cr. UDISE+ code having schools managed by the Centre/State/UT Governments/Local self-governments would be considered for selection under the scheme. Selection of PM SHRI schools will be made through Challenge Mode, where schools compete to become exemplary schools succeeding through a rigorous three-stage process.

The selected schools will undergo intervention, support, and quality assessment from 2022-23 to 2026-27. The entire process will be driven by an Online Challenge Portal, open once every quarter for the first two years. The policy stipulates that a maximum of two schools, one elementary and one secondary/senior secondary, would be selected per block.

The Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geo-Informatics (BISAG-N) will service the scheme in geo-tagging and other related tasks. The big question is how PM schools for rising India will differentiate themselves from the rest. The government has an ambitious target for whole-Child education through motivation to learn and succeed, while promoting the relevance of the learning experience for future lives and careers, and instilling a sense of belonging in the school environment, besides adopting a broader approach to knowledge and skill acquisition.

Furthermore, embedding technology must enable personalised and mastery-based learning. Tracking of data, educational outcomes and timely interventions can be done more frequently with the intervention of EdTech, resulting in course correction, remediation, and prompt guidance to each student.

PM SHRI schools will manage teacher talent through a structured approach, involving teachers in decision-making and policy implementation. Treating teachers as valuable assets, intentional investment in their capacity building, career management and promotion will be hallmarks of these schools.

PM SHRI schools will endeavour to invite parents as partners in learning. Their resources, energy and local network can be leveraged to benefit learners. There is also the need for shifts in interactive, participative, experiential pedagogy and empowering learners to change their behaviour and act for sustainable development goals.

Russia prepares to annex occupied Ukraine despite outcry

AP ■ KYIV

Russia is poised to formally annex areas of Ukraine where it has military control after referendums there reportedly endorsed Moscow's rule.

But the ballots were widely discredited and earned the Kremlin no relief Wednesday from international pressure over its assault on its neighbour.

Pro-Moscow administrations of all four occupied regions of southern and eastern Ukraine said Tuesday night that their residents voted to join Russia in five days of Kremlin-orchestrated balloting.

According to Russia-installed election officials, 93% of the ballots cast in the Zaporizhzhia region supported annexation, as did 87% in the Kherson region, 98% in the Luhansk region and 99% in Donetsk.

Russian-installed officials in those occupied regions said Wednesday they would ask President Vladimir Putin to incorporate them into Russia.

It wasn't immediately clear how the administrative process would unfold.

Western countries, however, dismissed the ballots as a meaningless

pretence staged by Moscow in an attempt to legitimise its invasion of Ukraine launched on Feb. 24.

The U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, Linda Thomas-Greenfield, said late Tuesday that Washington would propose a U.N. Security Council resolution to condemn Russia's "sham" vote.

The resolution would also urge member states not to recognise any altered status of Ukraine and demand that Russia withdraws its troops from its neighbour, she tweeted.

The European Union's foreign policy chief, Josep Borrell, also weighed in on the ballots, on Wednesday calling them "illegal" and describing the results as "falsified."

"This is another violation of Ukraine's sovereignty (and) territorial integrity, (amid) systematic abuses of human rights," Borrell tweeted.

In Kyiv, Ukraine's foreign ministry blasted the ballots as "a propaganda show" and "null and worthless."

"Forcing people in these territories to fill out some papers at the barrel of a gun is yet another Russian crime in the course of its aggression against Ukraine," a foreign ministry statement said.

It asked the EU, NATO and the



Group of Seven major industrial nations to "immediately and significantly" step up pressure on Russia through new sanctions, and significantly increase their military aid to Ukraine.

The Kremlin remained

unmoved amid the hail of criticism, however.

Its spokesman, Dmitry Peskov, said that at the very least Russia intended to drive Ukrainian forces out of the eastern Donetsk region, where Moscow's troops and sepa-

ratist forces currently control about 60% of the territory.

The EU also expressed outrage over the suspected sabotage Tuesday of two underwater natural gas pipelines from Russia to Germany and warned of retaliation for any attack on Europe's energy networks.

Borrell said Wednesday that "all available information indicates those leaks are the result of a deliberate act," even though the perpetrators haven't so far been identified.

"Any deliberate disruption of European energy infrastructure is utterly unacceptable and will be met with a robust and united response," Borrell said in a statement on behalf of the EU's 27 member countries.

Peskov, the Kremlin spokesman, said allegations that Russia could be behind the incidents were "predictable and stupid."

He told reporters in a conference call that the damage has caused Russia huge economic losses.

The war in Ukraine has brought an energy standoff between the EU, many of whose members have for years relied heavily on Russian natural gas supplies, and Moscow.

The damage makes it unlikely the pipelines will be able to supply any gas to Europe this winter, accord-

ing to analysts.

Meanwhile, Ukraine's military and a Washington-based think tank said Wednesday that Russia is sending troops without any training to the front line.

Moscow has struggled to hold the line against Ukraine's recent counteroffensive and has ordered a partial mobilisation to replenish its ranks.

The effort is causing unrest, however, amid a reluctant public.

In a daily briefing, the Ukraine military's general staff said 1st Tank Regiment of the 2nd Motorised Rifle Division of Russia's 1st Tank Army has received untrained new troops.

The Ukrainian military also said prison convicts are arriving in Ukraine to reinforce the Russian lines.

It offered no evidence to support the claim, though the Ukrainian security services have released audio of allegedly monitored Russian phone conversations on the issue.

The Institute for the Study of War think tank cited one online video by a man who identified himself as a member of the 1st Tank Regiment, visibly upset, saying that he and his colleagues wouldn't

receive training before shipping out to the Russian-occupied region of Kherson in Ukraine.

"Mobilised men with a day or two of training are unlikely to meaningfully reinforce Russian positions affected by Ukrainian counteroffensives in the south and east," the institute said.

The U.K. Ministry of defense said Ukraine's counteroffensive, which has inflicted some humiliating defeats on Moscow's forces, is advancing slowly.

It said Russia is currently putting up a stouter defense.

In the eastern Ukrainian region of Donetsk, which is partially occupied by Moscow, Russian fire killed five people and wounded 10 others over the last 24 hours, said Pavlo Kyrylenko, the head of the local military authority.

Authorities in the southern Ukrainian city of Nikopol said Russian rockets and artillery pounded the city overnight.

The city, across the Dnipro River from Russian-occupied territory, saw 10 high-rises and private buildings hit, as well as a school, power lines and other areas, said Valentyn Reznichenko, the head of the local military administration, said.

Over 194,000 Russians flee call-up to neighbouring countries

AP ■ TALLINN (ESTONIA)

It took Vsevolod four days to drive from Moscow to Russia's southern border with Georgia. He had to abandon his car at one point and continue on foot.

On Tuesday, he finally finished his 1,800-kilometer (1,100-mile) journey and crossed the frontier to escape being called up to fight in Russia's war in Ukraine.

"At 26, I do not want to be carried home in a zinc-lined (coffin) or stain (my) hands with somebody's blood because of the war of one person that wants to build an empire," he told The Associated Press, asking that his last name not be used because he feared retaliation from Russia.

He was one of over 194,000 Russian nationals who have fled to neighboring Georgia, Kazakhstan and Finland — most often by car, bicycle or on foot — in the week since President Vladimir Putin announced a partial mobilization of reservists.

The mass exodus of men — alone or with their families or friends — began Sept. 21, shortly after Putin's address to the nation, and continued all this week. Early on, they snapped up airline tickets, which spiked in price on the few airlines still fly-



ing out of Russia. But the rest had to gas up their cars and join the long lines snaking on roads toward the borders.

According to the online service Yandex Maps, the traffic jam leading to Verkhny Lars, a border crossing into Georgia from Russia's North Ossetia region, stretched for about 15 kilometers (over 9 miles) on Tuesday. Social media showed hundreds of pedestrians lining up at the checkpoint after Russian border guards relaxed regulations and allowed people to cross on foot.

Similarly long queues were reported at some crossings into Kazakhstan.

The Interior Ministry of

Georgia said over 53,000 Russians have entered the country since last week, while Interior Ministry officials in Kazakhstan said 98,000 crossed into that nation. The Finnish Border Guard agency said over 43,000 arrived in the same period. Media reports also said another 3,000 Russians entered Mongolia, which also shares a border with the country.

Russian authorities sought to stem the flow, barring some men from leaving and citing mobilization laws. The practice did not seem widespread, but rumors persisted that Moscow may soon shut the borders to all men of fighting age.

Police in North Ossetia said

a makeshift enlistment office will be set up at the Verkhny Lars crossing, and local officials confirmed to the state news agency Tass that Russian men are being served call-up summonses at crossings into Georgia.

Russia's Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu has said that only about 300,000 men with prior combat or other military service would be mustered, but reports have emerged from various Russian regions that recruiters were rounding up men outside that description. That fueled fears of a much broader call-up, sending droves of men of all ages and backgrounds to airports and borders.

"There's a risk that they will announce a full mobilization," according to a resident of St. Petersburg who made it to Kazakhstan on Tuesday. The man, who refused to give his name because he feared for his safety, told AP he spent three days driving from his home to Uralsk in northwestern Kazakhstan near the border.

He said Putin's mobilization remarks differed from what his decree said, leaving room for a broader interpretation, adding: "People worry that sooner or later, a full mobilization will be announced, and no one will be able to cross the borders."



EU vows retaliation if energy network attacked

AP ■ BRUSSELS

The European Union suspects that damage to two underwater natural gas pipelines was sabotage and is warning of retaliation for any attack on Europe's energy networks, EU foreign policy chief Josep Borrell said on Wednesday.

"All available information indicates those leaks are the result of a deliberate act," Borrell said in a statement on behalf of the 27 EU member countries.

"Any deliberate disruption

of European energy infrastructure is utterly unacceptable and will be met with a robust and united response."

Seismologists reported on Tuesday that explosions rattled the Baltic Sea before unusual leaks were discovered on two underwater natural gas pipelines running from Russia to Germany. Some European leaders and experts pointed to possible sabotage given the energy standoff with Russia provoked by the war in Ukraine.

The three leaks were report-

ed on the Nord Stream 1 and 2 pipelines, which are filled with natural gas but are not delivering the fuel to Europe.

The damage means that the pipelines are unlikely to be able to carry any gas to Europe this winter even if the political will to bring them online emerged, according to analysts.

Borrell said the EU will support any investigation into the damage, and "will take further steps to increase our resilience in energy security."

Danish Prime Minister

Mette Frederiksen has said that "it is the authorities' clear assessment that these are deliberate actions — not accidents."

But she said "there is no information indicating who could be behind it." Frederiksen rejected the suggestion that the incident was an attack on Denmark, saying the leaks occurred in international waters.

Denmark's defence minister, Morten Bødskov, was meeting on Wednesday with NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg.

Thousands rally to demand Czech Govt's resignation

AP ■ PRAGUE

Thousands of protesters rallied again in the Czech capital on Wednesday to condemn the Czech government's handling of the energy crisis and its support for Ukraine.

Despite a national holiday, the protest that united the far right with the far left was smaller than the some 70,000 people who gathered for the same reasons at Prague's central Wenceslas Square on September 3.

Waving Czech national flags, the protesters demanded the resignation of the current pro-Western coalition government led by conservative Prime Minister Petr Fiala.

"Resign, resign," they repeatedly chanted during a



demonstration held under the slogan "The Czech Republic first," a reference to former US President Donald Trump's

nationalist platform which he called "America first."

They criticised the government on a number of issues,

including supporting the European Union's sanctions against Russia, and dismissed as insufficient the government's help for households and businesses affected by soaring energy prices.

The organisers oppose Czech membership in the European Union and NATO and some other international organisations, such as the United Nations and the World Health Organisation.

Smaller protests were held in several other major cities.

Although the country's opposition made some gains in the municipal elections last weekend, the five government coalition parties did relatively well in the separate first round of elections for one third of the seats on the Parliament's upper house, the Senate.

Schwarzenegger visits Auschwitz in message against hatred



AP ■ OSWIECIM (POLAND)

Film icon Arnold Schwarzenegger visited the site of the Auschwitz Nazi death camp on Wednesday, meeting a Holocaust survivor and the son of Holocaust survivors to deliver a message against prejudice and hatred.

The "Terminator" actor and former California governor viewed the barracks, watchtowers and remains of gas chambers that endure as evidence of the German extermination of Jews and others during World War II.

He also met with a woman who as a 3-year-old child was subjected to experiments by the notorious Nazi doctor Josef Mengele.

"This is a story that has to stay alive, this is a story that we have to tell over and over again," he said after his visit to the site of the death camp, speaking in a former synagogue that now is home to the Auschwitz Jewish Centre Foundation.

He stood alongside Simon Bergson, who was born after the war to Auschwitz survivors, and mentioned his own family history.

"I was the son of a man who fought in the Nazi war and was a soldier," the 75-year-old

Schwarzenegger said.

He said he and Bergson, who are close in age, were united in their work.

"Let's fight prejudice together and let's just terminate it once and for all," Schwarzenegger said.

His visit to the site in southern Poland, which was under German occupation during WWII, was his first and came as part of his work with the Auschwitz Jewish Centre Foundation, whose mission is to fight hatred through education.

He received the foundation's inaugural "Fighting Hatred" award in June for his anti-hatred stance on social media.

He said he couldn't attend in person then because he was filming a new action series in Canada and was in a "COVID bubble."

After his visit to Auschwitz, he vowed it wouldn't be his last.

"I'll be back," he said.

Schwarzenegger, who is originally from Austria, has spoken openly in the past about his father, Gustav Schwarzenegger, being a Nazi soldier during the war.

He told Russians in a video posted on social media in March that they were being lied to about the war in Ukraine and accused President Vladimir Putin of sacrificing Russian soldiers to his own ambitions.

In that video he brought up painful memories about how his own father was lied to as he fought, and how he returned to Austria a broken man, physically and emotionally, after being wounded at Leningrad.

APPENDIX IV A
[See proviso to Rule 8(6)]
Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Property
E-Auction sale notice for sale of immovable assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) and Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable Property mortgaged to **Indiabulls Housing Finance Ltd. [CIN: L65922DL2005PLC136029]** ("Secured Creditor"), the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "as is where is", "as is what is" and "whatever there is" basis on **17.10.2022 from 02.00 P.M. to 04.00 P.M.**, for recovery of **Rs. 1,42,33,811/- (Rupees One Crore Forty Two Lakh Thirty Three Thousand Eight Hundred Eleven only)** pending towards Loan Account No. **HHNLNDD00290335**, by way of outstanding principal, arrears (including accrued late charges) and interest till **26.09.2022** with applicable future interest in terms of the Loan Agreement and other related loan document(s) w.e.f. **27.09.2022** along with legal expenses and other charges due to the Secured Creditor from **Mr. Ajay Grover, Mrs. Charu Grover and Mrs. Kamla Grover**.

The Reserve Price of the Immovable Property will be **Rs. 1,05,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore Five Lakh only)** and the Earnest Money Deposit ("EMD") will be **Rs. 10,50,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakh Fifty Thousand only)** i.e. equivalent to 10% of the Reserve Price.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
Property bearing Municipal No. **XVI/936 (New)** measuring about **79 Sq. Yds.** built up entire First Floor, entire Second Floor, entire Third Floor with its Terrace/Roof Rights and above upto sky, alongwith proportionate undivided share in the Land, comprised in **Khasra No. 2244/1215/1140, Gali No.-2, Block-QQ, Situated at Naiwala, Karol Bagh, New Delhi-110006**. The said Property is bounded as under:-
North : Gali
East : Property No. **XVI/934-935**
South : Property No. **XVI/939**
West : Property No. **XVI/937**

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided on the website of the Secured Creditor i.e. **www.indiabullshomeloans.com** ; For bidding, log on to **www.auctionfocus.in**.
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NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that Certificates pertaining to Shares of the Company detailed below have been reported lost and request(s) for issue of duplicate Certificates in lieu thereof have been received by the Company :-

Sl. No.	Folio No.	Name of the Share Holder / Legal Heir (Claimant)	Cert-No.	Dist-No.	Lost Shares
1	SPP0004818	RANJEEV RAKKAR ACHARYA	6007	431763-832	70
2	SPP0007747	SUKHBIR CHAND JAIN	9166-68	567320-556	237
3	SPP0004481	KULJIT KAUR	5508	392139-78	40
		TEJINDER SINGH LASCHAR			

Any person having any claim /objection in respect of the above requests should lodge such claim /objection with the company at its Corporate Office within 15 days of the publication of this notice, failing which the company will consider to give effect to the above requests.
Public is hereby cautioned against dealing with the aforesaid share certificates.

for **KAMA HOLDINGS LIMITED**
Sd/-
EKTA MAHESHWARI
WHOLE TIME DIRECTOR, CFO & COMPANY SECRETARY

Place: Gurugram
Date : 28.09.2022

Blasts precede Baltic pipeline leaks, sabotage seen likely

AP ■ WARSAW

Denmark believes "deliberate actions" caused big leaks in two natural gas pipelines running under the Baltic Sea from Russia to Germany, and seismologists said powerful explosions preceded the leaks.

European leaders and experts pointed to possible sabotage amid the energy standoff with Russia provoked by the war in Ukraine. Although filled with gas, neither pipeline is currently supplying it to Europe.

"It is the authorities' clear assessment that these are deliberate actions — not accidents," Danish Prime



Minister Mette Frederiksen said on Tuesday.

But she added "there is no information indicating who could be behind it." Frederiksen rejected the suggestion that the incident was an

attack on Denmark, saying the leaks occurred in international waters.

The incident overshadowed the inauguration of a long-awaited pipeline that will bring Norwegian gas to Poland to bolster the continent's energy independence from Moscow.

The first explosion was recorded early Monday southeast of the Danish island of Bornholm, said Bjorn Lund, director of the Swedish National Seismic Network. A second, stronger blast northeast of the island that night was equivalent to a magnitude-2.3 earthquake. Seismic stations in Denmark, Norway and Finland also registered the explosions.

Biden looks to win over Pacific Island leaders at summit

AP ■ WASHINGTON

President Joe Biden is set to host Pacific Island leaders for a two-day summit as the US looks to counter China's military and economic influence in the region.

Pacific Island leaders, meanwhile, see an even more pressing concern: climate change. On Wednesday, Secretary of State Antony Blinken planned to kick off the summit with a luncheon for the Pacific Island leaders and other senior officials from the region.

US Climate envoy John Kerry will hold a climate roundtable with the leaders, and White House national security adviser Jake Sullivan will join them for a dinner hosted by the U.S. Coast Guard.

Biden is set to address the leaders at the State Department on Thursday and will host them for a dinner at the White House.

The leaders also are to meet with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo and U.S. Business leaders.

Leaders from Fiji, the Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, the Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Cook Islands, French Polynesia and New Caledonia are attending.

Vanuatu and Nauru are sending representatives, and



Australia, New Zealand and the secretary-general of the Pacific Island Forum are sending observers, according to the White House.

"This is just showing our partnership with the region," White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said.

She added that the talks were expected to touch on climate change, coronavirus pandemic and economic recovery, maritime security, environmental protection and the Indo-Pacific.

The first-of-its-kind summit comes as the administration has sought to demonstrate that the U.S. Remains committed to being an enduring player in the region.

While the high-level gathering is welcomed by the region's leaders as a signal of Biden's commitment to the Pacific, there's also a healthy

scepticism about whether the United States will remain engaged for the longer term in the Pacific Islands.

The area has received diminished attention from the U.S. In the aftermath of the Cold War, analysts say.

For the Biden administration, stemming the growing influence of China is a high priority.

But for many of the Pacific Island leaders, climate change is the existential crisis that demands attention above all else.

Last week at the U.N. General Assembly, Prime Minister Kauea Natano of the tiny island of Tuvalu described how rising sea levels have impacted everything from the soil that his people rely on to plant crops, to the homes, roads and power lines that get washed away.

The cost of eking out a living, he said, eventually becomes too much to bear, causing families to leave and the nation to disappear.

"This is how our islands will cease to exist," Natano said. In June, Inia Seruiratu, Fiji's minister for defence, said at the Shangri-La Dialogue that "machine guns, fighter jets, gray ships and green battalions are not our primary security concern."

"The single greatest threat to our very existence is climate change," he said.

Plans for the summit were announced earlier this month, just days after the Solomon Islands called on the U.S. And Britain to not send naval vessels to the South Pacific nation until approval processes are overhauled.

The Solomons in April signed a new security pact with China — a moment that analysts say has created increased urgency for the Biden administration to put greater focus on the region.

The United States and Britain are among countries concerned that a new security pact with Beijing could lead to a Chinese naval base being constructed less than 2,000 kilometers off Australia's northeast coast.

Darshana Baruah, a senior fellow at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, said that Beijing has proved to be more present in the region in the last decades.

N Korea test launches missiles on eve of Harris trip to Seoul

AP ■ SEOUL

North Korea fired two short-range ballistic missiles toward its eastern waters on Wednesday, its neighbours said, a day before U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris is to visit South Korea.

Seoul's Joint Chiefs of Staff said in a statement that the North Korean missiles lifted off 10 minutes apart on Wednesday afternoon from its capital region and flew toward the waters off its east coast.

Japanese Vice Defense Minister Toshiro Ino said Japan's military also detected the launches and that the weapons flew in an irregular trajectory.

Ino said that "North Korea's repeated missile firings amid (Russia's) invasion of Ukraine is impermissible."

The South Korean Joint Chiefs of Staff said North Korea's provocations would only deepen its international isolation while pushing South Korea and the United States to strengthen their deterrence.

The launches follow a missile test by North Korea earlier this week.

Harris is to arrive in South Korea on Thursday for talks with President Yoon Suk Yeol and other officials.

She also is to visit the tense border with North Korea, in what U.S. Officials call an attempt to underscore the strength of the U.S.-South Korean alliance and the U.S. Commitment to "stand beside" South Korea in the face of any



North Korea threats.

U.S. And South Korean navy ships were also conducting drills off South Korea's east coast in a show of force against North Korea. The four-day exercise, which began Monday, involves the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan. It is the first training exercise by the allies involving a U.S. Aircraft carrier near the Korean Peninsula since 2017.

South Korea-U.S. Joint military exercises often draw a furious response from North Korea, which views them as an invasion rehearsal. A short-range North Korean missile launched Sunday was seen as a response to the U.S.-South Korean training.

South Korea and Japan estimated that the North Korean missiles fired Wednesday flew 300-360 kilometers with a maximum alti-

tude of 30-50 kilometers.

The low trajectories resembled the flight of the missile fired on Sunday, which some analysts said was likely a nuclear-capable, highly maneuverable weapon modelled after Russia's Iskander missile.

In recent years, North Korea has been adding Iskander-like missiles and other solid-fuel weapons to its arsenal. Some experts say the weapons are designed to carry battlefield nuclear warheads to counter the stronger conventional forces of South Korea and the United States, which stations about 28,500 troops in the South.

North Korea has dialled up its missile testing activities to a record pace in 2022, launching more than 30 ballistic weapons, including its first intercontinental ballistic missiles since 2017.

Iran's anti-veil protests draw on long history of resistance

AP ■ TEHRAN

A young woman climbs to the top of a car in the middle of Mashhad, a conservative Iranian city famed for its Islamic shrines.

She takes off her headscarf and starts chanting, "Death to the dictator!" Protesters nearly join in and cars honk in support.

For many Iranian women, it's an image that would have been unthinkable just a decade ago, said Fatemeh Shams, who grew up in Mashhad.

"When you see Mashhad women coming to the streets and burning their veils publicly, this is really a revolutionary change. Iranian women are putting an end to a veiled society and the compulsory veil," she said.

Iran has seen multiple eruptions of protests over the past years, many of them fueled by anger over economic difficulties.

But the new wave is showing fury

against something at the heart of the identity of Iran's cleric-led state: the compulsory veil.

Iran's Islamic Republic requires women to cover up in public, including wearing a "hijab" or headscarf that is supposed to completely hide the hair.

Many Iranian women, especially in major cities, have long played a game of cat-and-mouse with authorities, with younger generations wearing loose scarves and outfits that push the boundaries of conservative dress.

That game can end in tragedy. A 22-year-old woman, Mahsa Amini, was arrested by morality police in the capital Tehran and died in custody.

Her death has sparked nearly two weeks of widespread unrest that has reached across Iran's provinces and brought students, middle-class professionals and working-class men and women into the streets.

Iranian state TV has suggested



that at least 41 protesters and police have been killed. An Associated Press count of official statements by authorities tallied at least 13 dead, with more than 1,400 demonstrators arrested.

A young woman in Tehran, who

said she has continually participated in the past week's protests in the capital city, said the violent response of security forces had largely reduced the size of demonstrations.

"People still are coming to the streets to find one metre of space to

shout their rage but they are immediately and violently chased, beaten and taken into custody, so they try to mobilise in four- to five-person groups and once they find an opportunity they run together and start to demonstrate," she said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

"The most important protest they (Iranian women) are doing right now is taking off their scarves and burning them," she added. "This is a women's movement first of all, and men are supporting them in the backline."

A writer and rights activist since her student days at Tehran University, Shams participated in the mass anti-government protests of 2009 before having to flee Iran.

But this time is different, she said.

Waves of violent repression against protests in the past 13 years "have disillusioned the traditional classes of society" that once were the

backbone of the Islamic Republic, said Shams, who now lives in the United States. The fact that there have been protests in conservative cities like Mashhad or Qom — the historic center of Iran's clergy — is unprecedented, she said.

PUBLIC NOTICE
General public is hereby informed that Mr. Narendra Kumar & Mr. Virander Kumar both sons of Late Sh. Gyan Chand are intending to sell Flat No. S1-4, LIG Back Side 2nd Floor Without Roof Rights, area measuring 400 Sq. Ft., Block C-1, Plot No. C-1/2, DLF Disha Extn. 2, Hadbast Village Behrampur, Urf Bhopura, Paragana Loni, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh - 201025, to Mr. Uttam Kumar, to be financed & mortgaged by Mrs. Vastu Housing Finance Corporation Ltd. (The Original Sale Deed dt. 31.10.1991 regd. vide doc. No. 4737 pertaining to the aforesaid property has been lost. Any person's found in possession of aforesaid original sale deed, then kindly contact the undersigned along with original property document, within 14 days from date of this notice on below address, failing which, the claim as per aforesaid sale deed shall be treated as null and void in respect of the subject property.
Raghav Tiwari (Advocate)
Ch. 830, Patiala House Courts, New Delhi - 110001
Mob.: +91-9076188324

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given to the General Public on behalf of our client, IDFC First Bank Ltd. that Mrs. Bharti Matani is owner of DDA Janta, Flat No.117-B, on First Floor, in Block & Pocket BK, area measuring 22 sq. mtrs., situated in the Layout Plan of Housing Estate, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi. The said property by virtue of Relinquishment Deed dated 10.08.2022, registration No. 13105, executed by Mr. Amit Matani & Mrs. Vaishali Matani after demise of Late Ramesh Kumar, who was owner of the said property by virtue of Conveyance Deed dated 10.10.2019, Registration No. 16246, all persons are hereby informed that above mentioned owner want to sell the said property to Mr. Prince Mondal & Mr. Jatin Mondal who is taking loan for purchase the said property from IDFC First Bank, if anybody has any objection/s of ownership of Mrs. Bharti Matani in respect of the said property its sale/Mortgage/litigation, and any kind of objection kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address within 07 days of the present.
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Ph: 011-4112527-28 kumar.associates.advocates@gmail.com

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER, CONSTRUCTION WING, UTTARAKHAND PEYJAL NIGAM
E-32, JUDGE FARM, HALDWANI, DISTT.- NAINITAL(263139)
Letter No.: 2058/Nivida-Anubandh/Ranikhet/362 Date: 28.09.2022
E-Tender Notice
1. Name of the work:- Construction of remaining building work of Dugware house at Almora, District-Almora.
2. Estimated Cost:- Rs. 109.98 Lakh
3. Period of Completion:- 8 Month
4. Date and Time of availability of Bid documents in the portal:- 29.09.2022(10.00 hrs)
5. Online Bid Submission : End date:- 10.10.2022(17.00 hrs)
6. Date & Time of Technical bid Opening :- 12.10.2022 (11.00 hrs)
7. Name and Address of the Officer inviting bid:- General Manager (Kumaon), Nirman Wing, Uttarakhand Pey Jal Nigam, Haldwani.
8. For further details, details of subsequent Amendment / correction documentation etc.may be obtained from the e-Procurement portal www.uktenders.gov.in
GENERAL MANAGER

NORTHERN RAILWAY
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
Name of work and its location 30-Elect-38-T-2022-23-E3
Electrical work in connection with EI Building & 3 Nos. Relay hut i/c 'replacement of signaling gears with electronic interlocking at HN2M station'.
Approx. cost of the works in Rs. 34.77 lacs
Address of the office Sr. Divl Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi
Bid Security Rs. 69600.00
Date & time of submission of tender 19.10.2022, 12.00 Hrs.
Opening of tender 19.10.2022, 12.00 Hrs.
Website & notice board www.ireps.gov.in & Sr. Divl. Elect.Engineer/ General, New Delhi
No. 30-Elect-38-T-2022-23-E3 Dated : 27.09.2022 2541/22
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Shri A.V.Mittal, Dy.CE/ Br/HQ, Northern Railway, New Delhi the then Sr. DEN, Central Railway was convicted to undergo RI for three years and a fine of Rs. 75,000/- by Hon'ble Spl. Judge Mumbai on 28.12.2012 in case No. RC-41(A)/03/MUM for the offence punishable under section 13(2) r/w 13 (1)(e) of Prevention of Corruption Act. Therefore, disciplinary proceeding under Section 14(i) of RS(D&A) Rules-1968 was initiated vide show cause Notice No. E (O) I-2013/PU-2/NR/29 dated 03.01.2019. After considering all the facts and circumstances, the President, as Disciplinary Authority, in consultation with the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC), has imposed the penalty of "Dismissal from service which shall ordinarily be a disqualification for future employment under the Government or Railway Administration", in the Disciplinary proceedings initiated under Rule-14(i) of Railway Servants (Discipline and Appeal) Rules, 1968. The copy Board's order bearing No. E(O)-2013/PU-2/NR/29 dated 17.05.2022 to this effect together with a copy of UPSC's advice No. 3/356/2020-SI dated 03.06.2021 was sent to Sh. A.V. Mittal at his available residential address , but he has not found on such addresses. Therefore, it is hereby informed to all concerned that Sh. A.V. Mittal, Dy.CE/Br/HQ, Northern Railway, New Delhi has been dismissed from Railway service w.e.f. 17.05.2022 in terms of Railway Board's order E(O)-2013/PU-2/NR/29 dated 17.05.2022. 2524/22
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Cuba without electricity after hurricane hammers power grid

AP ■ HAVANA

Hurricane Ian knocked out power across all of Cuba and devastated some of the country's most important tobacco farms when it slammed into the island's western tip as a major hurricane.

Cuba's Electric Union on Tuesday said in a statement that work was underway to gradually restore service to the country's 11 million people during the night. Power was initially knocked out to about 1 million people in Cuba's western provinces, but later the entire grid collapsed.

Ian hit a Cuba that has been struggling with an economic crisis and has faced frequent power outages in recent months. It made landfall as a Category 3 storm on the island's western end, devastating Pinar del Río province, where much of the tobacco



used for Cuba's iconic cigars is grown.

Tens of thousands of people were evacuated and others fled the area ahead of the arrival of Ian, which caused flooding, damaged houses and toppled trees. Authorities were still assessing the damage, although no fatalities had been reported by Tuesday night.

Ian's winds damaged one of Cuba's most important tobacco farms in La Robaina.

"It was apocalyptic, a real disaster," said Hirochi Robaina, owner of the farm that bears his name and that his grandfather made known internationally.

Satellite images show Eritrea military buildup near Tigray

AP ■ NAIROBI

New satellite imagery of one of the world's most exclusive nations shows a military buildup inside Eritrea near the border with Ethiopia's northern Tigray region, backing up witness accounts of a new, large-scale offensive.

Eritrea has fought alongside Ethiopia against Tigray forces. It rejects allegations that its soldiers committed some of the worst atrocities in the conflict that began in late 2020. Witnesses in Eritrea this month told The Associated Press that people including students and public servants are being rounded up across the nation and sent to fight in the new offensive.

The satellite imagery provided by Maxar Technologies shows what Maxar described as battle tanks, self-propelled howitzers and a M-46 field gun battery in the Eritrean town of Serha, near the border, on Sept. 19. The town is across the border from the Tigray town of Zalambessa, one of the first communities overrun in the war. Eritrea is one of the world's most closed countries to independent journalists, and images from there related to the war in Ethiopia are rare.

Palestinians: At least 4 killed in Israeli raid in West Bank

AP ■ JENIN REFUGEE CAMP (WEST BANK)

At least four Palestinians were killed and 44 others wounded during an Israeli military raid in the occupied West Bank town of Jenin on Wednesday, the Palestinian Health Ministry reported, the latest in a series of deadly Israeli operations in the occupied territory.

Israeli forces said they fatally shot two Palestinians they had been sent to arrest in the Jenin refugee camp over their suspected involvement in recent shooting attacks.

When soldiers surrounded a house in the camp, an explosive device detonated, a gunfight ensued and Israeli troops killed the two Palestinians, the military said.



During the raid, armed clashes broke out in the camp as militants hurled rocks and opened fire at arriving troops. The violence killed another two Palestinians and wounded at least 44 others, the Palestinian Health Ministry said.

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas' Fatah party identified one of the

men killed in the clashes as a 24-year-old Palestinian intelligence officer named Ahmed Alawneh.

The party called for protests and a general strike in the West Bank over what it described as a "dangerous escalation." Jenin in the northern West Bank — long considered a bastion of Palestinian militancy and frequent flashpoint for violence — is governed by the Palestinian Authority like most other Palestinian urban centers, even though the Israeli military routinely carries out arrest raids in the area.

Nabil Abu Rudeineh, a spokesman for Abbas, denounced the raid, saying Israel's "policy of escalation" will not deliver "legitimacy, security or stability, whether in the Islamic and Christian holy sites or in Jenin."

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Decriminalising some GST offences: Govt

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The government is working on decriminalisation of certain offences under GST by raising the threshold limit for launching prosecution and also lowering charges for compounding of offence, an official said on Wednesday.

Currently, the law provides for launching prosecution against offenders in cases where the amount of Goods and Services Tax (GST) evasion or misuse of input tax credit is more than Rs 5 crore.

"We are working on making the provision under GST Act for prosecution more simpler and friendly for taxpayers. We have Section 132 under CGST Act which criminalises illegal credit for GST evasion. The threshold level (for launching prosecution) are being reconsidered," finance ministry additional secretary (rev-



enue) Vivek Aggarwal said at an ASSOCHAM event here.

Launching of prosecution by taxmen means commencement of legal proceedings against the offender.

The compounding charges for offences under GST would also be lowered so that taxpayers are encouraged to compound their offences instead of going into litigation.

Under GST Act, the amount payable for compounding of offences shall be 50 per cent of the tax amount involved subject to a minimum Rs 10,000. Maximum amount for compounding is 150 per cent of the tax or Rs 30,000,

whichever is higher.

"The compounding provision in GST are prohibitive. It requires 50 per cent to 150 per cent as compounding fees which is impossible to pay. That's why there is zero compounding for all cases under GST. That is being relooked at so that it becomes affordable and compounding becomes a first or better choice for taxpayer," Aggarwal said.

The revenue department official further said that the robust growth in tax collection both in direct and indirect tax collections has paved the way for bringing in more taxpayer friendly reform to ensure ease of doing business and decriminalisation of tax laws.

The changes proposed in the GST law with regard to changes in prosecution threshold and compounding is likely to be placed before the GST Council in its next meeting.

GST revenue in September likely at ₹1.45 lakh crore

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Goods and Services Tax (GST) revenue mop-up in September is expected to be around Rs 1.45 lakh crore, an official said.

The collection has been over Rs 1.4 lakh crore since March and in August it was Rs 1.43 lakh crore.

"The collection in September is likely to be little more than Rs 1.45 lakh crore. Improved business activity is expected to yield better collections in coming months," the official said.

Official revenue figures will be released on October 1.

The mop-up in September last year was Rs 1.17 lakh crore. The official further said as per estimates, the average yearly revenue from GST in 2022-23 is expected to be around Rs 1.55 lakh crore.

The collection in April was at a record high of Rs 1.68 lakh crore. In May, GST revenue was Rs 1.41 lakh crore, in June Rs 1.44 lakh crore, Rs 1.49 lakh crore (July) and Rs 1.43 lakh crore.

Rupee plunges 37 paise to close at all-time low of 81.90 against US dollar

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The rupee plunged 37 paise to close at an all-time low of 81.90 (provisional) against the US dollar on Wednesday as the strengthening of the American currency overseas and risk-averse sentiment among investors weighed on the local unit.

In the intra-day trade, the rupee slipped below the 82-level for the first time against the American currency, as a negative trend in domestic equities and significant foreign fund outflows sapped investor appetite.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the local currency opened at 81.90, then fell further to close at an all-time low of 81.90 against the American currency, registering a decline of 37 paise over its previous close.

On Tuesday, the rupee settled 14 paise higher at 81.53 against the dollar.

The rupee has nose-dived to a fresh record low amid the risk-averse mood in the mar-

kets, said Sugandha Sachdeva, Vice President - Commodity and Currency Research, Religare Broking Ltd.

The slide in the domestic equities and a strong greenback getting close to the crucial 115 mark, almost more than a 20-year high, also dragged the local unit down, Sachdeva added.

"The greenback has surged around 19.50 per cent for the year. Most of the Asian currencies, including the local unit, are reeling under pressure amid the monetary tightening campaign in the West and concerns about a global economic slowdown," Sachdeva said.

Gold falls by ₹435; Silver tumbles ₹1,600



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Gold price declined by ₹435 to ₹49,282 per 10 gram in the national capital on Wednesday in tandem with fall in rates of the precious metal in international market, according to HDFC Securities.

In the previous trade, the yellow metal had settled at ₹49,717 per 10 gram.

Silver also tumbled by ₹1,600 to ₹54,765 per kg.

"Spot gold prices for 24-carat gold in Delhi fell by ₹435 per 10-gram following risk-averse sentiment and the Exchange Traded Funds (ETF) cut holding in gold," said Dilip Parmar, Research Analyst at HDFC Securities.

In the international market, gold was quoting lower at USD 1,615.7 per ounce while silver was trading down at USD 18 per ounce.

Gold prices traded lower as spot gold prices at COMEX fell to USD 1,615 per ounce, a level last seen in April 2020, Parmar added.

Airtel Payments Bank to install 1.5 lakh micro ATMs this fiscal

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Airtel Payments Bank has started rolling out 1.5 lakh micro ATMs in a phased manner across tier 2 cities and semi-urban regions to facilitate cash withdrawal for its customers, the company said on Wednesday.

The Bank will gradually expand its service to cover more banking points in a phased manner.

"Micro ATMs will be rolled out in a phased manner. Initially, the bank will place 1,50,000 units in Tier II cities and semi-urban regions. These regions typically have a high demand for cash withdrawal services but limited access to ATMs," the company said in a statement.

The bank will leverage its strong network of over 5 lakh banking points across India to give users access to easy cash withdrawals through this initiative, it added.

The company has plans to finish the rollout of 1.5 lakh micro ATMs by the end of the current fiscal.

Airtel Payments Bank is now integrated with the



National Payments Corporation of India's (NPCI) - National Financial Switch (NFS) to facilitate micro ATM transactions.

"We are committed to building a financially inclusive India by making banking services accessible to all. The launch of Micro ATMs is one more step by us to empower customers residing in the rural pockets of the country.

"It is the first device launched by the Bank, and we are truly excited, as it allows us to service customers of any bank who use a debit card. Micro ATMs are an important addition to our existing bouquet of differentiated services," Airtel Payments Bank Chief Operating Officer Ganesh Ananthanarayanan said.

Sensex skids for sixth day to close below 57,000

Metal, banking stocks tumble

PTI ■ MUMBAI

BSE benchmark Sensex spiralled lower for the sixth consecutive session on Wednesday to finish below the 57,000-level, weighed by heavy selling in metal, banking and finance stocks amid a sell-off in global equities.

A depreciating rupee and continued foreign capital outflows also affected the market sentiment, traders said.

The 30-share BSE Sensex fell 509.24 points or 0.89 per cent to settle at 56,598.28. During the day, it tanked 621.85 points or 1.08 per cent to 56,485.67.

Similarly, the broader NSE Nifty declined 148.80 points or 0.87 per cent to end at 16,858.60.

ITC was the top laggard in the Sensex pack, shedding 2.97 per cent, followed by Axis Bank, Reliance Industries, Tata Steel, IndusInd Bank, State Bank of India, and HDFC twins.

On the other hand, Asian Paints, Sun Pharma, Dr Reddy's and Power Grid were among the winners.

"Domestic equity continued its downfall in sync with its global peers. Markets across the



globe are seeing extreme volatility as fear of an economic downturn weighed on investors' sentiments. Back home aggressive FIIs selling in recent sessions, the upcoming RBI MPC meeting and the monthly derivatives expiry on Thursday are keeping investors on edge.

"Nifty gave up its key support levels and drifted below 17k zones. In the near term, the market is expected to remain under pressure due to global uncertainty. However mixed trends across sectors would continue to offer stock-specific opportunities, especially in auto, consumption with the ongoing festive season," Siddhartha Khemka, Head - Retail Research, Motilal Oswal Financial Services Ltd, said.

In the broader market, the BSE midCap gauge declined 0.47 per cent and smallcap index dipped 0.43 per cent.

On 5G, Ericsson vows to aid Make-in-India prowess

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Swedish telecom gear maker Ericsson on Wednesday pledged to deepen its commitment to India's manufacturing mettle saying the company is ready for local production of 5G infrastructure, just as it has done in the past for other technology products.

The countdown for 5G services has begun in the world's second-biggest smartphone market after China, and large Indian telcos are gearing up for the roll-out of services, supercharged by ultra-high-speeds, low latency and large data handling capabilities.

According to Ericsson, consumer 5G readiness is high in India, and a recent survey has shown that over 100 million users in India with 5G-ready smartphones want to upgrade to next generation network in 2023. Many of them are even willing to shell out up to 45 per cent premium for rich experiences and applications.

"We are considered as a trusted partner globally. We have been producing in India and we will continue to do



domestic production for 5G infrastructure as well," Nitin Bansal, Head of Ericsson India, said during a virtual briefing.

On whether the local factory will be able to meet demand coming from Indian telecom operators for 5G deployment, particularly given the global supply crunch and component shortages, Bansal observed that Ericsson started manufacturing in India a long time ago.

"Our strategy is that we should build in India, for India...That does need scaling up, and we are scaling up our production capabilities with our partner Jabil in Pune, so that work is ongoing," Bansal informed.

Local production of iPhone 14 sign of Apple's India manufacturing capabilities: Moody's

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The manufacturing of iPhone 14 in India within weeks of the global launch demonstrates the maturity of Apple's manufacturing capabilities in the country, according to Moody's Investors Service.

Increasing volumes of locally-manufactured iPhones will also accelerate Apple's expansion strategy in India, Raj Joshi, Senior Vice President, Corporate Finance Group, Moody's said.

The Indian smartphone market's large size and strong growth prospects as the country unveils its 5G network "make it an attractive long-term



market for Apple", according to a note by Moody's.

"Apple's plan to manufacture iPhone 14 products in India is credit positive because it will diversify its manufacturing base that is highly concentrated in China," Joshi said.

Moody's in its commentary on Apple's plans to manufacture iPhone 14 products in India further observed that Apple has produced iPhones in India since 2017 "...But the

RBI's rate setting panel starts deliberations; decision tomorrow

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Reserve Bank's rate-setting panel on Wednesday started deliberations on the keenly awaited monetary policy amidst expectation of 50 basis points hike in interest rate to check inflation and improve foreign capital inflow to arrest declining value of rupee against the US dollar.

The decision of RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das headed six-member Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) will be announced on September 30.

The government has tasked the central bank to ensure the consumer price index (CPI) remains at 4 per cent with a margin of 2 per cent on either side, but retail inflation has stubbornly stayed above the RBI's comfort zone since January.

As per the latest data, the inflation was at 7 per cent in August.

While inflation remains high, the Indian rupee is sliding sharply, the US dollar and was currently trading near 82 against the greenback. The rupee depreciation has hastened following the US Fed raising their interest rate thrice by 75 basis point each in the recent past. Other major central banks too have become aggressive in raising rates.

The RBI, which has since May raised the repo rate by 140 basis points (bps), may yet again go for a 50-bps increase, which will take the key rate to a three-year high of 5.9 per



cent, say experts. The present rate is 5.4 per cent.

Industry body ASSOCHAM said hike in policy interest rates by the RBI in the range of 35-50 basis points seems unavoidable, given the tightening of rates by most of the central banks including the US Federal Reserve.

"While the industry would like to see lower interest rates, the main challenge and the priority is to tackle inflation head-on so that we have a sustainable growth," said chamber's Secretary General Deepak Sood.

He said the accommodative stance by the RBI supported by several fiscal measures by the government had certainly helped the economy in a multi-pronged manner.

Ramesh Nair, CEO, India and Managing Director, Market Development, Asia, Colliers expects the repo rates to see a further rise, as the government is trying to curb inflation levels.

"The current repo rates stand at 5.4 per cent with the rate hovering above pre-pandemic levels. Banks have begun raising loan interest levels as a result of higher repo rate," he said.

However, the upcoming festive season will spur sales as the developers are expected to offer attractive deals to homebuyers and this could neutralise the impact of rising home loan rates to some extent, he added.

Besides inflation, the RBI is also likely to come out with steps to shore up foreign capital inflows to check the declining value of the rupee against the US dollar. Forex reserves have declined by USD 86 billion to USD 546 billion (from their highs last year).

SBI research report said the Indian markets have, however, performed much better. Specifically, the rupee has been holding remarkably well with RBI intervention supporting it in the market.

Tea exports rise in first seven months of 2022

PTI ■ KOLKATA

Tea exports during the period January to July in the calendar year 2022 have touched 116.36 million kg as compared to 103.38 million kg in the same period of 2021.

According to Tea Board data, exports to the largest importing block, the CIS countries, remained almost stagnant at 25.20 million kg as against 24.98 million kg in the first seven months of 2021.

Tea industry sources said that exports were around same level because of the armed conflict between Russia and Ukraine which had caused serious shipment problems for sending the beverage.

Russia had been the largest importer among the CIS block with the country lifting 18.55 million kg in the current seven months as against 19.11 million kg in the previous similar period.

Tea Board sources said the container crisis and high ocean freight had affected exports to Russia.

UAE emerged as a large importer at 19.14 million kg



during January to July 2022, up from 8.07 million kg in the similar previous period of 2021.

Exports to Iran were also almost stagnant at 13.99 million kg in the first seven months, as compared to 13.04 million kg in the same period of 2021.

According to Tea Board sources, payments problem for exporting to Iran has affected exports, adding that trade in rupee with Iran will help in mitigating the problem to a large extent.

Exports to Sri Lanka, troubled by the economic crisis, doubled to 1.65 million kg from 0.87 million kg in the first seven months of 2021.

Unit price realisation by the tea exporters also remained stagnant at Rs 271.89 per kg as compared to Rs 272.51 per kg in the first seven months of 2021.

BUSINESS BRIEF

MOU INKED TO TRAIN DISABLES IN E-COMMERCE SECTOR

New Delhi: A Tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed amongst Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD), Government of India, Skill Council for Persons with Disabilities (SCPwD) and Amazon Seller Private Limited on 28.09.2022. The main objective of this MoU is to jointly provide skill training and employment opportunities for persons with disabilities in e-commerce sector. It envisages mobilisation of PwDs for skill training by the DEPwD, designing of job roles for e-commerce sector by SCPwD and providing skill training and hiring of PwDs by Amazon.



EXPORTS OF BROKEN RICE EXTENDED TILL OCT 15

New Delhi: The Government has again extended the last date for export of broken rice in transit by 15 days till October 15. It banned export of broken rice on September 8 but allowed shipments of certain consignments during September 9-15. On September 20, the date was extended till September 30. "Export of consignments of broken rice...As permissible under notification dated September 8 has been...extended till October 15, 2022," the Directorate General of Foreign Trade said in a notification.

Hindustan Motors paid off most liabilities, reduced losses: Official

PTI ■ KOLKATA

CK Birla-owned Hindustan Motors Limited on Wednesday said the company, which stopped production in 2014, has paid off most of the liabilities other than a few employee liability and has been able to reduce accumulated losses, a company official said.

Director of HM Uttam Bose, who chaired the company's AGM here, said the com-

pany is investing its resources in future technology, which is the electric vehicle (EV).

The company's Uttarpara plant in West Bengal, which produced the iconic 'Ambassador' cars, stopped production in 2014 due to lack of demand for the product.

He told shareholders that both the financial and technology partners are completing their due diligence by next month after which technical

evaluation and JV structure will be finalised.

Bose had said earlier that both the partners, HM and the European company, will invest Rs 600 crore as initial capital for the EV project.

After cessation of production in 2014, the West Bengal government had allowed HM to sell 314 acres of land at the Uttarpara plant for alternative use. The company sold the land parcel to a real estate developer.

CBI books Amrapali Silicon City for ₹177-cr bank fraud

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The CBI on Wednesday conducted searches at six locations in Delhi and Noida after registering an FIR against Amrapali Silicon City Private Limited and its promoter, Anil Kumar Sharma, for alleged bank fraud of Rs 177 crore, officials said.

The CBI has booked the company on a complaint from Bank of Baroda which was part of a consortium including Bank of Maharashtra and Punjab National Bank. The consortium was allegedly cheated by the company, they said. The company had taken over 1.76 lakh square metre land from New Okhla Industrial Development Authority (Noida) for developing a group housing complex, Amrapali Silicon City, in Sector 76 of the Delhi suburb.

HCL holds 55th AGM

PNS ■ KOLKATA/NEW DELHI

Amid predictions of a significant rise in the demand of copper on account of the thrust on low carbon economy, State-owned Hindustan Copper Limited (HCL) on Wednesday held its 55th Annual General Meeting apprising shareholders of its mines expansion plans and promising to achieve production targets even while informing them of having repaid

loans worth ₹729 crore to assure them of the company's financial health.

In the fiscal 2021-22, HCL had the highest ever net turnover of ₹1812 crore while the profit before tax surged by 338% to ₹381.76 crore.

Replying to the shareholders' queries via videoconferencing, Arun Kumar Shukla, Chairman and Managing Director, HCL, apprised them about the ongoing mine expansion plans of the company. He

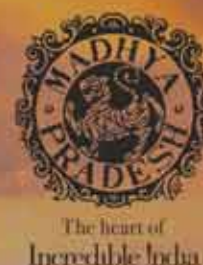
informed them that the production from HCL's flagship project, Malanjkhand Underground Mine, has already commenced and the company is moving forward to achieve its production targets.

Shukla said the company repaid loan of ₹729 crore in FY 2021-22 from its internal accruals and threw light on the increase in Copper LME price in the coming days on the back of soaring demand of Copper in the international market.



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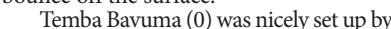


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PTI ■ THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Kagiso Rabada bowled an ideal Test



New T20 sensation Tristan Stubbs (0) didn't get enough wood to his slash over deep to a delivery from Chahar that bounced a shade more. The result was Arshdeep taking a well-judged catch diving in-front. With five wickets gone, there was no coming back for South Africa and predictably there wasn't any change in the script.



He followed it up with scores of eight and 36 in the

Pakistan speedster Haris Rauf is up seven places to 14th position after taking five wickets in the last three matches. Mark Wood (up 29 places to 40th) and Sam Curran (up five places to 47th) have also progressed.

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

ROI squad: Hanuma Vihari (Captain), Mayank Agarwal, Priyank Panchal, Abhimanyu Easwaran, Yash Dhull, Sarfaraz Khan, Yashvini Jaiswal, K.S.Bharat, Upendra Yadav, Jayant Yadav, Saurabh Kumar, R Sai Kishore, Mukesh Kumar, Umran Malik, Kuldeep Sen, Arzan Nagwaswalla.