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'All women entitled to safe, legal abortion'

Now, SC extends provision of MTP at 24 weeks to single ladies too

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In a landmark order, the Supreme Court held on Thursday that all women are entitled to safe and legal abortion till 24 weeks of pregnancy under the Medical Termination of Pregnancy (MTP) Act, and making any distinction on the basis of their marital status is 'constitutionally unsustainable'. The apex court also said that the meaning of offence of rape must include marital rape for the purpose of the MTP Act. A Bench of Justices DY Chandrachud, JB Pardiwala and AS Bopanna said the rights of reproductive autonomy give similar rights to unmarried women as that to married women. The Bench, in its verdict, said the distinction between married and unmarried women under the abortion laws is "artificial and constitutionally unsustainable" and perpetuates the stereotype that only married women are sexually active. Under the MTP Act



THE CATEGORIES OF WOMEN MENTIONED IN RULE 3B OF THE MTP RULES FRAMED BY THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT

- Survivors of sexual assault or rape or incest
- Minors
- Change of marital status during the ongoing pregnancy (widowhood and divorce)
- Women with physical disabilities, major disability as per criteria laid down under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016.
- Mentally-ill women including mental retardation;
- The foetal malformation that has substantial risk of being incompatible with life or if the child is born it may suffer from such physical or mental abnormalities to be seriously handicapped;
- Women with pregnancy in humanitarian settings or disaster or emergency situations as may be declared by the Government.

provisions, the upper limit for the termination of pregnancy is 24 weeks for married women, special categories including survivors of rape and other vulnerable women such as the differently-abled and minors.

However, the time period is 20 weeks for married and unmarried women, who are or were in consensual relationships, for allowing abortion under the statute. The Bench delivered the verdict on the interpretation of the MTP Act and whether unmarried women or single women can be allowed like their married counterparts the benefit of abortion up to 24 weeks.

Gift to women came just after Safe Abortion Day

The SC's decision was a gift to women on International Safe Abortion Day. After the judgment was pronounced, a lawyer informed the Bench that September 28 happens to be the international safe abortion day. "I had no idea that this would coincide with safe abortion day. Thank you for informing us", Justice Chandrachud said.

Gehlot out of prez race, Digvijaya gets Cong nod

Rajasthan CM apologises to Sonia, but fate seems uncertain

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Ending days of speculation ahead of the Congress' forthcoming presidential polls, former Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Digvijaya Singh on Thursday reportedly got the nod from the party High Command to contest the election for the AICC's top post as the party's "official" candidate in place of Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot.

Gehlot, who met Congress interim president Sonia Gandhi on Thursday, has paid the price for failing the "loyalty" test and publicly humiliating the party. The Congress High Command is unlikely to forgive him anytime soon for orchestrating a rebellion in Jaipur against the party's central leadership.

After meeting Sonia, the Rajasthan Chief Minister announced that he was out of the race for the presidential elections. Gehlot also said he apologised to the Congress



Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot addressing media persons after a meeting with party interim President Sonia Gandhi, at 10 Janpath in New Delhi on Thursday

chief for the developments on Sunday, when MLAs supporting him defied the central observers and thwarted their move to hold a meeting of party legislators. Gehlot may have apologised to Sonia, but his fate seems uncertain now. Congress general secretary KC Venugopal has said the party president will decide on the Rajasthan Chief Minister's post within a day or two.

Gehlot, a three-time Chief Minister, described himself as a disciplined soldier of the party and expressed his sadness over the turn of events in the

State. Asked if he will continue as Chief Minister, Gehlot said Gandhi will decide on the issue.

"For the last 50 years, I have worked as a loyal Congress soldier from the time of Indira Gandhi, Rajiv Gandhi, Narasimha Rao, and Sonia ji, be it becoming a Central Minister or State unit chief, general secretary, or Chief Minister for the third time, I cannot forget that. The events that happened (on Sunday) have shaken all of us. Only I know how hurt I am because

a message went out that I want to remain Chief Minister," Gehlot said.

"I have apologised to Sonia ji because a simple resolution, which is our tradition and which we always pass, could not be passed as a situation emerged. I, as a CLP leader, whatever the reasons, could not get the resolution passed," he said.

Meanwhile, talking to the media at the AICC headquarters Digvijaya Singh said he has collected the nomination papers and will most probably file them on Friday.

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Self-employment given to 25 lakh people in 8 months: CM

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has assured the youth of Madhya Pradesh that two lakh youths will be given self-employment every month. The Chief Minister was addressing the gathering after dedicating 26 industrial structures and performing bhoomi-pujan at Budhni in Sehore district on Thursday.

Chouhan distributed cheque and letters of approval of self-employment scheme to the beneficiaries. Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Minister Omprakash Sakhlecha, Sehore District Incharge and Public Health and Family Welfare Health Minister Dr. Prabhakar Choudhary, MP Ramakant Bhargava and public representatives were present.

The Chief Minister said that youth will be given one lakh government jobs in the coming year. Along with this, employment and self-employment will also be made available in various schemes of the government. He informed that in the last 8 months only 25 lakh youths have been linked with self-employment. Chouhan said that technical and skilled youth should come forward to set up industries. The Chief Minister exhorted the youth to start their own enterprise with up to Rs 50 lakhs for which Madhya Pradesh government will give loan guarantee. In addition, 3 percent interest subsidy will also be given.

Referring to the concept of cluster based industries, Chouhan said that a large number of production and employment has to be created

at one place from the cluster of many entrepreneurs. The Chief Minister interacted with the cluster developers of Burhanpur, Indore, Bhopal and Neemuch and inquired about their products and employment provided by them. He expressed his gratitude to all the developers and wished them good luck in starting the new work.

Referring to Madhya Pradesh becoming Cheetha State recently, Chief Minister Chouhan said that we are already a Tiger and Leopard State. He said that employment opportunities would be created on a large scale in the tourism sector in the state.

Referring to the activities of Aajeevika Mission with the cluster, Chief Minister Chouhan exhorted the citizens to buy local products instead of other products of the world

including China. He said that the toys of Toy Cluster started at Budhni at a cost of Rs. 20 crore would create a boom in the world. Cluster industry-based examples will be made in all other districts including medicine in Bhopal, textile in Burhanpur, furniture in Indore.

Chief Minister Chouhan announced opening of Medical College at Budhni. He said that this would enable the citizens of Narmadapuram division to get better health services. Referring to the construction of four-lane roads in Budhni area, he said that better transport facilities around Budhni would bring more industries, which would make the entire area prosperous.

The Chief Minister appealed to the citizens to participate in the dedication program of 'Mahakal Lok' in Ujjain by Prime Minister Narendra

Modi on October 11. He appealed to decorate the temples, light lamp, organize bhajan kirtan etc.

Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Omprakash Sakhlecha said that work is being done on 41 clusters in the state as per the vision of the Chief Minister. With this, a large number of youth of the state will get employment and investment of crores of rupees is also expected. He assured the Chief Minister that as per his announcement, more than two lakh youths would be linked with self-employment schemes every month.

Chouhan inspected the stalls put up by various companies at the venue to provide employment to the youth. He inquired about the process of providing employment from the representatives of the companies.



Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan addressing a gathering after dedicating 26 industrial structures and performing bhoomi-pujan at Budhni in Sehore district on Thursday. Pioneer photo

Parda gang active in public transport buses in Bhopal, Mayor writes to Bhopal Police Commissioner to check

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Over 1.5 lakh passengers travelling in 315 buses have to remain alert from 'Parda Gang' as they can steal from these passengers; so far 6 gangs have been identified to be active. Mayor of Bhopal has raised an issue and wrote a letter to CP of Bhopal regarding the gang.

The 'Parda Gang' is active in city buses, stealing money from the purses of women passengers, they would cover scarves. After receiving the complaint, when the CCTVs installed in the buses were scanned, now the Municipal Corporation has alerted the passengers traveling in buses.

A total of 315 city buses

The presence of gangs is coming to the fore on routes like MP Nagar, New Market, Bairagarh, Hoshangabad Road, Kolar Road, Awadhपुरi etc

are plying on the roads of the capital. BCLL (Bhopal City Link Limited) is operating these. For security, these buses are fitted with CCTVs. With the help of these cameras, shocking revelations have come to light. The 'Parda Gang' was exposed when a female

member of the gang stole the purse of the lady police. After this the footage of the camera installed in the bus was checked and a woman was seen stealing a purse and footage was provided to the police.

On September 2, the purse of lady police Jyotsna Sharma, who was traveling in civil dress in SR-5, was stolen. At the same time, on September 22, money and goods were also stolen from the purse of nurse Lalita Patil.

Gangs are more active on those routes where there is more movement of passengers. The presence of gangs is coming to the fore on routes like MP Nagar, New Market, Bairagarh, Hoshangabad Road, Kolar Road, Awadhपुरi etc.

Govt decides to declare MPPSC examination results with 14 per cent reservation

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

In view of the ongoing cases in the High Court for giving 27 percent reservation to the Other Backward Classes in government appointments, the government has decided to declare the results of the State Service Commission examinations according to the 14 percent reservation at present. Out of the total posts, the main result will be declared for 87 percent posts.

Provisional results will be declared on the remaining 13 percent posts, that is, the result will be valid according to the decision of the pending petitions in the High Court. It is noteworthy that due to the suspension of the results of the three-year examinations, there was resentment among the candidates and they were agitating.

The General Administration

Department on Thursday issued orders to the Secretary of the State Public Service Commission that several petitions are pending in the High Court regarding the 27 percent reservation for the Other Backward Classes. Due to this the result of the exam is not declared.

This has angered the candidates and they are protesting. In order to find a middle ground, on the instructions of Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, the department took an opinion from the Advocate General's office and it has been decided that the result of State Services and other recruitment examination will be declared in two parts.

In the first part, the main results for 87 percent posts will be declared. Provisional examination results should be declared on 13 percent posts (13 for Other Backward Classes and 13 percent for Unreserved Classes).

Electronic goods worth Rs 1 lakh and cash stolen from Gurukul hostel in MP Nagar

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Electronic goods worth Rs 1 lakh and Rs 2700 cash were stolen from Gurukul hostel in MP Nagar Zone 2 in the evening on Wednesday, victim had gone to coaching when the accused targeted the locker of the hostel room and escaped with valuables.

Police said the victim Mohit Mukherjee found in the evening that a laptop, one mobile phone, a computer tablet and Rs 2700 cash were stolen.

In his complaint, the victim stated that he started to live a day ago at the hostel and provided advance and documents for the room.

After the arrangements were made the victim had

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gone for coaching and when he returned in the evening locker of his hostel room no. 201 was found broken. The victim checked and found that the miscreants escaped with electronic goods and Rs 2700 cash. The total loss in the theft would be around Rs 1 lakh claimed the victim.

Based on the complaint after the preliminary investigation the police have registered a case of theft against unidentified miscreant. Police suspect that the miscreants were aware of the routine of the victim which helped them to steal valuables in short time.

To establish identity and check the miscreants who targeted the victim's house CCTV footage of the area would be investigated.

Meanwhile, groceries worth Rs 5000 were burgled from a shop in Shahjehanabad area on Wednesday; Janardhan Mishra runs a shop called Sultania Infantry in Shahjehanabad area and on Wednesday he found that his shop was targeted and the groceries were burgled.



Minister for Medical Education Vishwas Kailash Sarang demonstrates a Cardiopulmonary resuscitation process for a heart patient in an emergency during a programme organised on World Heart Day at Gandhi Medical College in Bhopal on Thursday. Pioneer photo

IMA Datia unit observes World Health Day, 61 patients examined in new OPD

PNS ■ DATIA

On the occasion of World Heart Day which is observed on September 29, the Datia unit of Indian Medical Association provided cardiac health services in the new OPD. During this, a total of 61 patients were examined for health.

On this occasion, Hospital Superintendent Dr. Arjun Singh, Co-Superintendent Dr. Sachin Singh Yadav, IMA President Dr. Shweta Yadav, Vice President Dr. Manish Ajmeria, Secretary Dr. KM Varun, Joint Secretary Dr. Puneet Agarwal, Dr. Rajesh Gupta, Dr. Kapil Dev Arya, Dr. Prashant Harit, Dr. Praveen Tagore, Dr. Chakrapani Awasthi, Dr. Suresh Kumar and other medical staff were present.

On this occasion, Senior Physician Dr. Hemant Jain symptoms related to the heart disease pain or heaviness in the left side of the chest, in the opposite hand or in the jaw, or in both hands, nervousness, sweating and chest pain when walking or without doing any work, sudden upper abdominal pain, sudden back pain,

sudden breathlessness, dizziness and fainting of the patient sudden increase in heartbeat and darkening of eyes.

The patient should immediately lie down and should be taken health center as soon as possible where there is a facility of BP, and blood sugar measuring machine and ECG, if defect is detected patient's examination, immediately consult the available.

Dr. Hemant Jain on this occasion said heart should be beating 50 to 100 times in a minute, normal blood pressure range is 90/60 to 129/89, someone in family has a heart disease, then you are also at risk, because 40 percent of heart disease is hereditary, diabetics are four times more at risk of heart disease, not getting enough sleep, live under stress, consume alcohol and tobacco, suffering from obesity, then need to be careful.

Dr. Hemant Jain advised the patients to walk five kilometers daily, consume less salt, sugar, and oil in food, avoid consuming more fruits and salads, sprouted grains, tobacco and products made from them and avoid alcohol.

JioMart launches month-long festival fiesta

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Reliance Retail's JioMart, one of India's leading e-marketplaces, today, announced the roll-out of its month-long festival fiesta for the upcoming festive season. The festival season sale begins runs until October 23, 2022. JioMart will host two sales during this time: the 'Tyohaar Ready Sale' and the 'Bestival Sale'. Customers can save up to 80% on Electronics, Home & Kitchen, Fashion & Lifestyle, Beauty, FMCG, and Consumer Durables, in addition to Grocery, JioMart's mainstay. JioMart is set to be a one-stop shop for all its customers' shopping needs this Diwali, from food to fashion.

While there will be an offer galore during the month-long shopping festival, JioMart will also provide its customers with an additional offer on SBI Debit Cards.

Customers can look out for limited period 'Flash Deals' on the app. Exclusive deals will be available on consumer durables and electronic gadgets such as laptops, smartwatches, smart HD TVs, smartphones, mobile accessories, etc. There will be additional offers on branded products as well as Reliance Retail's owned brands such as Reliance Digital, Reliance Trends, and so on.

Movie on Capt Mahendra Nath Mulla 'Homage 1971' screened

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

A movie dedicated to Captain Mahendra Nath Mulla 'Homage 1971' was screened at Shaurya Smarak on Thursday.

It was directed by B. Khosla, the movie was made by Films Division of India. During the 1971 War, Mulla was a part of the 14th anti-submarine squadron, a task force that formed part of the Western Fleet. The squadron consisted of the INS Kirpan (F144), INS Kuthar (F146), and INS Khukri (F149). The task of hunting and destroying enemy submarines in the North Arabian Sea was given to them.

On 9th December 1971, INS Khukri (his vessel), was hit by a torpedo fired by an enemy submarine. He issued orders for the ship to be deserted because it had started sinking. Captain Mahendra chose to go down with the ship in the highest heritage of the Indian Navy. He was adorned with the second-highest gallantry award "The Maha Vir Chakra".

Captain Mahendra was



counted among the superior seamen of the Navy and highly intelligent officer. The Prime Minister of India Atal Bihari Vajpayee released a commemorative postage stamp issued by India Post paying tribute to Captain Mahendra on January 28, 2000.

The Captain M. N. Mulla Auditorium, at Navy Nagar, Colaba in Mumbai, is named after him. A bust of Capt. Mulla stands in the foyer. The then Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Madhvendra Singh inaugurated the auditorium. An auditorium at the DSSC Wellington is also named after him.

Headache for two days in week can be dangerous

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

In the stressful lives we lead today, it is not uncommon for people to face headaches. Sometimes we treat it as a common occurrence, and take some basic painkiller medicines to cure the pain. But if these frequent pains are accompanied by some other symptoms then this could be an indication of something much more serious which can bring a person on the brink of death.

A female patient from Bhopal was brought to Medanta Hospital in a very serious condition. She had faced the problem of subarachnoid bleeding. This is the problem where the blood vessel in the brain bursts (located between the brain and eyes). When this nerve ruptures in the brain, a balloon is formed which is called brain aneurysm. For the treatment of brain aneurysm, we inserted a coil from the feet up till the brain, which was fully successful. This procedure is called coiling."

Dr Swati Chinchure added that a brain aneurysm which occurs between the walls of the blood vessels is a delicate spot. Rupture of this cerebral aneurysm can lead to brain hemorrhage which is called intra-cranial hemorrhage. This is an extremely serious illness which can cause coma, stroke or paralysis and can also lead to the patient's death. 25% of the patients who have this condition

die within the next 24 hours whereas 30% patients die within 6 months of it. Hence it is extremely important to identify the situation and start its treatment at the earliest. The sooner the treatment starts the more possibility there is of the patient surviving.

Smoking is a major reason for cerebral aneurysm and its rupture. Many people who are addicted to smoking are at a higher risk of cerebral aneurysm.

According to Dr Swati Chinchure, "Many people take headaches as quite common. But it can be quite serious in some circumstances. Headaches accompanied by vomiting, weakness, spinning head, sudden loss of vision, restlessness, panicking, fainting, drooping of eyelids, having seizure, can be an indication of something much more serious. If someone faces these symptoms, they must immediately consult a doctor."

Katti to acquire stake in HKG Ltd through open offer

Indore: Belgaum based Sugar Industrialist Lava Ramesh Katti belonging to reputed Katti family, is acquiring 1,36,50,000 equity shares of HKG Ltd through open offer, after which Lava Ramesh Katti will take over control of HKG Ltd (BSE 539097).

The open offer opens on September 23, 2022 and will close on October 07, 2022.

Recently Lava Ramesh Katti has been appointed as Managing Director of the company effective September 09, 2022.

Sometime back the Company had successfully participated in the auction conducted towards Shivsagar Sugar and Agro Products Limited, to acquire Sugar Mill, Co-Gen Plant, Ethanol Plant, Office Building, Godown and Guest House.

Bank has awarded in-principle letter for the same.



Students of the psychology department of Government Sarojini Naidu Girls College participate in a street play competition in Bhopal on Thursday. Pioneer photo

Killer mother of her twins, produced in court, sent to jail

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Sapna Dhakad, a woman who killed her own twins in Bhopal, was presented in the court on Thursday by the police. The court sent her to jail in judicial custody.

TT Nagar police station in-charge Chain Singh Raghuvanshi said that Sapna regrets what she did. Before going to jail, she kept pleading to save her. The police have gathered evidence against her. Police said that the challan will be presented in the matter

soon. Sapna Dhakad (27) who is originally from Berasia married Brijmohan Dhakad (28) in 2017 and lives near Kolar Guest House. She has a three year old daughter. She gave birth to twins on 7 September.

On September 23, at 4.30 am, when the family members were sleeping, she left the house with both the children. The same day she strangled the children. The dead body was thrown behind the boundary wall

located near Habibganj Hanuman temple.

On Wednesday, the police took Sapna and her husband to the hospital. Samples were taken for DNA test of both. TI Chain Singh Raghuvanshi said that the police will confirm from the DNA report that the children belong to the accused woman.

TI said that the parents of the accused woman had also reached the police station in the night. She hasn't talked to anyone. After eating roti and sabzi, she slept silently.

Ancient caves, Buddhist temples found

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

The Archaeological Survey of India has found ancient caves and temples, remains of Buddhist structures and mural inscriptions bearing names of cities like Mathura and Kaushambi in old scripts during its recent exploration at Bandhavgarh in Madhya Pradesh, officials said on Wednesday.

An ASI team covered nearly 170 sq km falling in the area of the famous Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve that is not accessible to public during the over a month-long exploration of the region which it undertook for the first since 1938, they said.

During the exercise held from May 20-June 27, the ASI's Jabalpur Circle also reported many ancient sculptures, including large monolithic ones of various avatars of Lord Vishnu like 'Varaha' and 'Matsya', and 'board games made in natural caves',

officials said.

Superintending Archaeologist of the Jabalpur Circle, SK Bajpai, who led the team, shared details and images from the exploration during a media interaction at the ASI headquarters in New Delhi.

"This is the first time ASI has explored Bandhavgarh since the 1938 exploration by archaeologist N P Chakravarti. Many structures there were documented. We reported and documented more structures, including ancient caves, temples, Buddhist remains, maths, sculptures, water bodies, mural inscriptions in old scripts like Brahmī and Nagari," Mr Bajpai said.

Other agencies have done some exploration in the intervening period though, he added. A special permission was taken from the forest authorities to explore the area in Umaria district of Madhya Pradesh, he said, adding that he "encountered a tiger and elephants" during the

job, but "caves gave us shelter".

Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve, home to the majestic big cats, is located about 500 km from state capital Bhopal. "For me, the most startling finding is the remains of the Buddhist structures in the region where a Hindu dynasty ruled. It suggests religious harmony, but who built these Buddhist structures is not known yet," the ASI official said.

A votive stupa and a Buddhist pillar fragment containing miniature stupa carving, which roughly date back to 2nd-3rd century AD have been documented as part of this exploration, according to information shared by the ASI. But what is also very noteworthy is the names of old cities like Mathura and Kaushambi, located in Uttar Pradesh, found in ancient inscriptions we have documented, Bajpai said.



Disciples of noted dance artist Lata Singh Munshi perform Bharatanatyam during the World Tourism Day celebration programme on Thursday. Pioneer photo

Culture deptt to organise 'Shakti Parv' at Bhopal, Ujjain, Salkanpur, Maihar on Oct 1

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On the auspicious occasion of Navratri, 'Shakti Parv' will be held in Bhopal, Ujjain, Salkanpur, Maihar and Guna on October 1.

There has been an eternal tradition of worship of Shakti in Indian culture and Navratri is the festival of offering its reverence to that Adishakti, joining this tradition, the Government of Madhya Pradesh, Culture Department celebrated the art-archana of Mother Bhagwati on October 1 'Shakti Parv'. ' is being organized.

Director, Culture Aditi Kumar Tripathi informed that this programme is organized simultaneously in Bhopal, Ujjain, Salkanpur, Maihar and Guna. 'Shakti Parv' will be organized at all places from 7 pm.

Under Shakti Parv, presentation of Durga Chalisa singing in Madhya Pradesh Tribal Museum, Bhopal will be given by Vijay Sapre and companion, Bhopal and devotion-

The Culture Department celebrated the art-archana of Mother Bhagwati on October 1 'Shakti Parv'. ' is being organized

al singing will be presented by Pawan Tiwari and partner, Tikamgarh.

Presentation of devotional singing under Shakti Parv at Ramghat, Ujjain will be given by Kapil Yarde and partner, Ujjain and Aadya Shakti - Kathak dance will be presented by Suchitra Harmalkar and partner, Indore.

Presentation of goddess based folk dance in Vindhya Vasini Bijasan Devi temple premises located under Shakti Parv, by Krishna Verma and partner, Ujjain, dance drama - 'Shabri' by Rang Triveni Literary and Cultural Organization, Bhopal and Devi Bhajan presentation by Sanjo Baghel and partner, Jabalpur.



Congress Tribal MLA Panchilal Meda leads a party workers demonstration as the Adivasi Nyay Yatra from Dharamपुरी, Dhar district reached Bhopal on the Karam Dam issue, in Bhopal on Thursday. Pioneer photo

CM to give incentive money to college-going Ladli Laxmis

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan reviewed the preparations for various public welfare programmes and campaigns starting from 30 September 30 to October 08 in the state.

Chouhan said that necessary preparations should be made for these works for the welfare of students, Ladli Laxmis and to save people from drug addiction. Chief Secretary Iqbal Singh Bains, Director General of Jan Abhiyan Parishad BR Naidu and senior officials of the departments concerned were present.

The Chief Minister reviewed the preparations for the state level program for distribution of incentives to the girls who have taken admission in colleges under Ladli Laxmi Yojna 2.0 at Rabindra Bhawan Auditorium (New Convention Hall) on October 8. Along with this, discussions were also held in the meeting regarding the programmes being held at the district level.

Chouhan said that a photo exhibition should also be organized of the achievements made since the inception of this scheme. Along with this, the Department of Woman and Child Development should also

prepare to publish various success stories under the scheme. Through this programme, all the girls and their parents who have benefited from Ladli Laxmi Yojana of the state should also be connected through mediums like TV, webcast, Ladli-App, YouTube and mobile. Social media should also be used to promote the programme.

The Chief Minister said that this scheme, which was started in Madhya Pradesh, was later implemented by other states in a different way. Madhya Pradesh is the state that started the scheme. The entire journey of this scheme brings forth the success of the efforts of the state government, the hard work of Ladli Laxmis, the cooperation of parents and the guidance given by the teachers. Chief Minister Shri Chouhan directed to invite Ladli Laxmis in state level and district level programmes, and ensure participation of public representatives, minister in charge, MLA and citizens.

Chouhan also sought information about the preparations for the launch of the state-level drug de-addiction campaign on October 2 at Lal Parade Ground in Bhopal. Chouhan directed the Social Justice Department to ensure that social organizations should be associated with this programme and campaign.

Adivasi Nyay yatra of Cong MLA Pachilal Medha reaches Bhopal

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

The Adivasi Nyay Yatra (Tribal Justice Yatra) of Congress MLA Panchilal Medha has been stopped by the police at Lalghati. Angered by this, the workers staged a sit-in. Former Chief Minister Kamal Nath also sat on the road with him. They stayed there for about 20 minutes and then left. After this, the angry Congressmen started trying to cross the barricades, in which MLA Medha's kurta got torn. Wearing a torn kurta, they proceeded by shouting slogans.

After the corruption in Karam Dam of Dhar district, MLA Panchilal Medha had started a padyatra from September 21, demanding compensation for local farmers and tribals. Congress MLAs and workers are also with him. Panchilal reached Bhopal on Thursday to meet the Governor. Even during

the assembly session 14 days ago, MLA Medha's kurta was torn during heated discussion on this issue.

Congress MLA Panchilal Medha along with former ministers Sachin Yadav, Surendra Singh Baghel, Ashok Merskole, etc. led the tribal justice march which was stopped by police at Lalghati in Bhopal. After getting the information, PCC Chief Kamal Nath also reached Lalghati and sat on the dharna.

Kamal Nath said - "Congress's full support is with you. Congress will fight your battle on every front. We tried to take up this matter in the session of the assembly and seek an answer from the government on this, but the government did not want to discuss the corruption of Karam Dam and justice to the affected, so our point was ignored". He condemned the attack on MLA Medha.

Director for organising competitions

Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya Bhopal to promote the use of Hindi during Hindi Pakhwada Director Praveen Kumar Mishra emphasized on organizing competitions based on proverbs and idioms. Accordingly, the quiz competitions were organized by Sudhir Shrivastava, Asst. Lib. & Inf. Officer and Ravindra Kumar Gupta, Lib. & Inf. Assistant.

On this occasion, Praveen Kumar Mishra said that proverbs are such words and sentences arising from everyday situations and contexts in local dialects by common people, which are used in a particular group, age group or regional scope. Idiom is a phrase, phrase or group of words formed in a language. Idioms are used to make the language more effective, beautiful, concise and simple.

Official Language Officer Sudhir Shrivastava said that Idiom creates miracles in language while proverbs bring stability to it.

AIIMS Pharmacology deptt organizes a Materiovigilance sensitization program

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

The Department of Pharmacology organized a Materiovigilance sensitization program with hands-on training for Nursing officers of AIIMS, Bhopal on Thursday from 2pm-5pm at AIIMS, Bhopal.

The program was graced by the Executive Director Professor Dr. Ajai Singh, Dean Academics, Medical superintendent who encouraged the health care professionals to contribute towards more reporting for adverse events associated with medical devices like orthopedic implants, coronary stents etc.

This session with hands-on experience was organized to impart actual training on reporting of adverse events associated with medical devices and to create aware-

ness and sensitization. The sensitization program intended to train health care professionals for vigilance and alertness for any adverse event suspected for medical devices, which is very important for every patient's and user's safety as well and also contributing to safety of Indian population at a large scale.

The three departments - Orthopedics, Obstetrics & Gynecology and Radiodiagnosis & imaging with maximum Medical Device Adverse Event (MDAE) reporting in the last year were felicitated on this occasion by the Executive Director Professor Dr. Ajai Singh, chief guest of the program. A quiz was organized too on this occasion which is an interesting way of learning the concepts and recollecting the facts.

Public Notice For E-Auction For Sale Of Immovable Properties

Sale of Immovable property mortgaged to IFL Home Finance Limited (Formerly known as India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.) (IFL-HFL) Corporate Office at Plot No. 98, Udyog Vihar, Phase-IV, Gurgaon-122015 (Haryana) and Branch Office at- 102/103, Darshan Mall, 15/2 Race Course Road, Indore- 452001, Madhya Pradesh under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter "Act"). Whereas the Authorized Officer ("AO") of IFL-HFL had taken the possession of the following properties pursuant to the notice issued U/S 13(2) of the Act in the following loan accounts/prospect nos. with a right to sell the same on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS & AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" for realization of IFL-HFL's dues. The sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the website: www.bankauctions.com.

Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of the Immovable Property/ Secured Asset	Date of Physical Possession	Reserve Price
1. Mr. Leeladhar Nayak 2. Mrs. Archana Lachar 3. Vishal Mobile Galaxy (Prospect No 837512 and 804434)	28-Jan-2021 Rs. 25,48,511/- (Rupees Twenty Five Lakh Forty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Eleven Only)	All that part and parcel of the property bearing Plot No. 51, Sector- B, Jivan Jyoti Vihar Colony, Village Kalibidol, Block Deapalpur, Indore, Madhya Pradesh, India (Land Area: 795 sq. ft.)	15-Sept-2022 As On Date 16-Sept-2022	Rs. 23,60,800/- (Rupees Twenty Three Lakh Sixty Thousand Eight Hundred Only) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs. 2,36,080/- (Rupees Two Lakh Thirty Six Thousand Eighty Only)
	Bid Increase Amount Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only)			
	Date of Inspection of property 26-Oct-2022 1100 hrs -1400 hrs Mr.Vibhor Trivedi at 9828036667	EMD Last Date 28-Oct-2022 till 5 pm.	Date/ Time of E Auction 31-Oct-2022 1100 hrs-1300 hrs.	

Mode Of Payment :- All payment shall be made by demand draft in favour of "IFL Home Finance Limited" payable at Gurugram or through RTGS/NEFT. The accounts details are as follows: a) Name of the Account:- IFL Home Finance Ltd., b) Name of the Bank:- Standard Chartered Bank, c) Account No:- 9902879 followed by Loan Number, d) IFSC Code:- SCBL0036001 e) Bank Address: Standard Chartered Bank, 90 M.G. Road, Fort, Mumbai-400001

Terms and Conditions:-

- For participating in e-auction, intending bidders required to register their details with the Service Provider <https://www.bankauctions.com>, well in advance and has to create the login account, login ID and password. Intending bidders have to submit / send their "Tender FORM" along with the payment details towards EMD, copy of the KYC and PAN card at the above mentioned Branch Office.
- The bidders shall improve their offer in multiple of amount mentioned under the column "Bid Increase Amount". In case bid is placed in the last 5 minutes of the closing time of the auction, the closing time will automatically get extended for 5 minutes.
- The successful bidder should deposit 25% of the bid amount (after adjusting EMD) within 24 hours of the acceptance of bid price by the AO and the balance 75% of the bid amount within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the secured creditor. All deposit and payment shall be in the prescribed mode of payment.
- The purchaser has to bear the cess, applicable stamp duty, fees, and any other statutory dues or other dues like municipal tax, electricity charges, land and all other incidental costs, charges including all taxes and rates outgoing relating to the property.
- Bidders are advised to go through the website <https://www.bankauctions.com> and <https://www.ifl.com/home-loans/properties-for-auction> for detailed terms and conditions of auction sale & auction application form before submitting their Bids for taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings.
- For details, help procedure and online training on e-auction prospective bidders may contact the service provider E mail id:- support@bankauctions.com, Support Helpline Numbers:-@7291981124/25/26 and any property related query Mr. Jitendra Gupta @ 9999682623, Email:-jitendra.gupta1@gmail.com.
- Notice is hereby given to above said borrowers to collect the household articles, which were lying in the secured asset at the time of taking physical possession within 7 days, otherwise IFL-HFL shall not be responsible for any loss of property under the circumstances.
- The notice is hereby given to the Borrower/s, that in case they fail to collect the above said articles same shall be sold in accordance with Law.
- In case of default in payment at the successful bidder / auction purchaser within the above stipulated time, the sale will be cancelled and the amount already paid will be forfeited (including EMD) and the property will be again put to sale.
- AO reserves the rights to postpone/cancel or vary the terms and condition of tender/auction without assigning any reason thereof. In case of any dispute in tender/auction, the decision of AO of IFL-HFL will be final.

STATUTORY 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 6 (6) OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002

The Borrower are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with upto dated interest and ancillary expenses before the date of Tender/Auction, failing which the property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost.

Place : Indore
Date : 30-Sep-2022

Sd/-Authorised Officer,
IFL Home Finance Limited

Government of Madhya Pradesh Office of the Engineer-in-Chief, Water Resources Department, Jal Sansadhan Bhawan, Tulsi Nagar, Bhopal (M.P.)				
Email: mpwrdetenders@gmail.com , edpcell.encwrdbpl@mp.gov.in				
Tel: 0755-2553402, Fax: 0755-2552406				
// NOTICE INVITING TENDER //				
N.I.T. No. 514/2715001/EDP/2021-22/E-in-C/e-tendering/			Bhopal, Dated 27.09.2022	
Bid for following works are invited on website http://www.mptenders.gov.in Last date of purchase/download of Bid Document and submission of bid is 17-10-2022, 17:30 Hrs. Any amendment/modification can be seen only on the website. Detailed N.I.T. and other details can be viewed on above mentioned website.				
S. NO.	Tender No.	Name of Work	District	Amount (In Lakhs)
1	2022_WRD_211709	Special repair work of Reconstruction of sluice of Ch. 9.50 Kishanpur Hamesha Minor Tank Teshil Tirodi. (Special Repair Work)	BALAGHAT	4.96
2	2022_WRD_212107	Repair work of air cushion valve installed in the rising main inside the jackwell of teonthar L.I.S. of Bansagar Project. (Second Call)	SHAHDOL	3.11
3	2022_WRD_219412	Oiling, greasing & wire rope compounding work of CR,HR, Escape gates of Tawa LBMC for Ch. 1526 to Ch. 4283.6.	NARMADAPURAM	4.80
4	2022_WRD_221825	Repair work of structures and lining of RBC Canal of Kushalpara Dam due to heavy rainfall.	RAJGARH	18.03
5	2022_WRD_221826	Repair work of structures and lining of Shamsherpara Tank due to heavy rainfall.	RAJGARH	9.49
6	2022_WRD_221827	Repair work of structures and lining of Agar-Agri Tank due to heavy rainfall.	RAJGARH	7.48
7	2022_WRD_221828	Repair work of structures and lining of Umred Tank due to heavy rainfall.	RAJGARH	4.10
8	2022_WRD_222502	Repair work of minors and dys of W.U.A Bachhon, Shivrajpur, Jagatpur, Goyra, Kurela & Vyasbadaura of BLC Project.	CHHATARPUR	5.68
9	2022_WRD_222514	Repair work of W.R. Division, Sub Division and Circle Office Chhatarpur.	CHHATARPUR	3.21
10	2022_WRD_222787	Special repair of canal over bridge of Katedara Tirodi, Khawasha M.D.R. (PWD Road).	BALAGHAT	15.57
11	2022_WRD_223046	Shifting of Lt Line from of Construction Garha Dam.	NARMADAPURAM	8.11
12	2022_WRD_223064	Providing security personal for security arrangement in SWARA Bhawan, Bhopal.	BHOPAL	19.65
13	2022_WRD_223301	Repair & maintenance of main canal C.D. & Canal Living of Mathani Minor Tank.	BETUL	4.07
14	2022_WRD_223490	Providing, fabrication and supply of 5 Nos gates stop dam Bahera Stop Dam Cum Causeway.	BHOPAL	4.51
15	2022_WRD_223491	Providing, fabrication and supply of 5 Nos gates stop dam Bamroli Stop Dam.	BHOPAL	3.98
16	2022_WRD_223492	Providing, fabrication, machining and assembling of I type Anchor Bolts.	BHOPAL	0.84
17	2022_WRD_223493	Providing, fabrication of leaf assembly of 05 Nos stop dam gates for Jalod Stop Dam.	BHOPAL	1.91
18	2022_WRD_223509	Survey work of Khushrangdhana Storage Tank.	BETUL	1.19
19	2022_WRD_223511	Survey work of Chilhati Storage Tank.	BETUL	0.79
20	2022_WRD_223558	Transformer shifting work at Sedra Karnali Tank.	MANDSAUR	8.51
21	2022_WRD_223635	Annual repair work of Laduna Tank.	MANDSAUR	3.72
22	2022_WRD_223741	Laying of Paver Block, Sanitary and water supply repair work at W.R. Colony Ashta.	SEHORE	8.32
23	2022_WRD_223748	Construction of concrete channel at RD 2400 to 2460 M. of Main Canal of Manirampura Tank of W.R. Sub Division Ashta.	SEHORE	5.73
24	2022_WRD_223749	Construction of concrete channel at RD 780 to 855 M. of Main Canal of Manirampura Tank of W.R. Sub Division Ashta.	SEHORE	6.49
25	2022_WRD_223750	Repair work of Murawar Barrage.	SEHORE	4.91
26	2022_WRD_223754	Repair work of Papnas Barrage.	SEHORE	7.65
27	2022_WRD_223757	Construction of V.R.B. at RD 13500 M. of Main Canal of Rampura Khurd Project of W.R. Sub Division Ashta.	SEHORE	5.39
28	2022_WRD_223817	Repair and maintenance of LBC sluice gate of Johila Tank.	REWA	1.14
29	2022_WRD_223887	Providing, fabrication and supply of 42 Nos Stop Dam leaf assembly for Borkheda Barrage.	BHOPAL	7.82
30	2022_WRD_223888	Providing, fabrication and supply of 15 Nos stop dam leaf assembly for Gopalpur Barrage.	BHOPAL	3.02
31	2022_WRD_223890	Providing, fabrication and supply of 16 Nos stop dam leaf assembly for Jaanpur Barrage.	BHOPAL	3.76
32	2022_WRD_223891	Providing, fabrication and supply of 05 Nos stop dam leaf assembly for Semli Barrage.	BHOPAL	0.92
33	2022_WRD_223892	Providing, fabrication and supply of 15 Nos stop dam leaf assembly for Mithukheddi Barrage.	BHOPAL	3.02
34	2022_WRD_223893	Providing, fabrication and supply of 45 Nos stop dam leaf assembly for Papnaas Barrage.	BHOPAL	9.04
35	2022_WRD_223894	Providing, fabrication and supply of 21 Nos stop dam leaf assembly for Rawatkhedda Barrage.	BHOPAL	4.02
36	2022_WRD_223900	Repair work of structures and lining of Padliyakheddi and Gorakhpura Tank Due to Heavy Rainfall.	RAJGARH	14.94
37	2022_WRD_223901	Repair work of structures and lining of Kasturipura, Suwasda, Tandi, Tandikhurd, Junapani, Kawerpura, Surajpura, Dhanwaskalan. Banskho, Jorkiya and Gokulpura Tank due to	RAJGARH	11.92
38	2022_WRD_223930	V- threading and double start square threading work of MS Round Bar of 63 & 56 MM Dia for fabrication of Gates.	BHOPAL	2.78
			Total Amount	234.58

Have procedure to punish officers for adultery: SC to Armed forces

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Thursday said Armed forces must have some kind of mechanism for disciplinary proceedings against their officers for adultery as "this is a conduct that can shake up the life of officers".



The top court said adultery creates "pain" in a family and it should not be treated in a lighter manner. "In uniformed services, discipline is of paramount importance. This is conduct that can shake up the life of officers. Everybody is ultimately dependent on the family as a unit of society. The integrity of society is based on the faithfulness of one spouse to another."

"This (adultery) is going to shake the discipline in the Armed forces. Armed forces must have some kind of assurance that they will take action. How can you cite Joseph Shine (judgment) and say it cannot be," said a five-judge Constitution bench headed by Justice KM Joseph. It said the apex court 2018 judgment, which declared penal provision on adultery as unconstitutional, cannot be referred to halt disciplinary proceedings against guilty. "Adultery creates pain in a family. We have held so many sessions as judges in the high courts and seen so families are torn. We are telling you that do not treat this in a lighter manner."

There was one incident where the mother, who committed adultery filed a habeas corpus plea seeking custody of her children. They (children) refused to talk to the mother. That's the kind of hate that happens," the bench observed.

The top court, on a plea filed by NRI Joseph Shine, in 2018 had struck down Section 497 of the Indian Penal Code, dealing with the offence of adultery while holding it unconstitutional.

The observations by the bench, also comprising Justices Ajay Rastogi, Aniruddha Bose, Hrishikesh Roy, and C T Ravikumar came after Additional Solicitor General Madhavi Divan, appearing for the Centre, submitted a plea seeking clarification of the 2018 judgment has been filed by her.

The Ministry of Defence (MoD) had moved the apex court saying that the September 27, 2018 judgment striking down adultery as an offence could come in the way of armed forces personnel being convicted for adulterous acts.

She told the bench that disciplinary actions were taken against certain army personnel for adultery, however, the Armed Forces Tribunal (AFT) quashed such proceedings in many cases, citing the Joseph Shine judgement. "We are seeking that striking down of section 497 will not come in the way of armed forces taking action against officers for unbecoming conduct," Divan said.

The ASG informed the apex court that disciplinary actions taken in the Army are gender neutral and even if a female officer is found to be indulging in adulterous activities, she will also face action for misconduct.

The top court said there was nothing in the 2018 judgment which precludes the armed forces and it can challenge the individual orders of the AFT. The ASG sought time to go through the 2018 judgment in detail. The top court then posted the matter for hearing on December 6.

Def Min visits LAC, reviews security preparedness

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Thursday reviewed the situation along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) facing China in Arunachal Pradesh and operational readiness of the Armed forces to meet any challenge.



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh meets troops during his visit to Anini village, in Dibang valley, Arunachal Pradesh on Thursday PTI Photo

He visited the forward areas of 3 Corps in Anini, a village in Dibang valley of Arunachal Pradesh and made an on-the-ground assessment of the country's defence preparedness along the LAC by taking stock of the entire gamut of security-related aspects, defence ministry officials said here.

Army Chief General Manoj Pande, Eastern Command Chief R P Kalita and other senior officers accompanied the defence minister who also interacted with the troops posted in the area. After his visit to the forward areas, Rajnath had an interaction with armed Forces personnel in Tezpur, Assam. In his address, he commended the dedication and sacrifice of the soldiers posted at the borders, bravely protecting the sovereignty,

unity and integrity of the country. Strengthening India's military prowess has been the government's top priority ever since it came to power since 2014, with focus on equipping the Services with state-of-the-art weapons and equipment through an 'Aatmanirbhar' defence industry, he said.

The defence minister appreciated the fact that the government's efforts have resulted in making a strong military which is fully capable of protecting the nation from all kinds of threats. As part of the day's engagements, Rajnath also interacted with the members of second religious expedition to Athu Popu, an annual trek of local Idu Mishmi

tribe, which is being facilitated by the Indian Army since 2021 as part of outreach and continued efforts towards supporting the locals and development of tourism.

On Wednesday, he had visited army formation in Dinjan, Assam. He is on a three-day visit to Assam and Arunachal Pradesh till September 30.

During the visit, the defence minister reviewed the operational readiness of the formation in the easternmost part of the country. He was briefed on infrastructure development along the LAC as well as capability development and operational preparedness.

'India strives to have relationship with China built on respect'

New Delhi/Washington: With most of the stand-offs ending at the border in Ladakh after two years, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has said India strives to have a relationship with China that is built on mutual sensitivity, respect and interest.

His remarks late Wednesday in the US capital came on a day when Chinese envoy to New Delhi Sun Weidong said the situation at the Line of Actual Control (LAC) is moving towards being "normalised."

He also called for India and China to work more closely together to resolve differences, in a speech marking the 73rd anniversary of the People's Republic of China.

The Chinese Ambassador's statement comes weeks after the two sides agreed to disengage at Patrolling Point (PP) 15 at the LAC, one of several "friction points." PMS/AGENCIES

India, Australia agree to enhance Defence ties

New Delhi: India and Australia reviewed the entire gamut of their defence ties and agreed to further enhance collaboration during talks between Navy Chief Admiral R Hari Kumar and Royal Australian Navy (RAN) chief Vice Admiral Mark Hammond in Australia during his three-day visit there.

Kumar also held parleys with Vice Chief of Australian Defence Forces Vice Admiral David Johnston, Secretary of Defence Greg Moriarty and Chief of Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) Air Marshal Robert Chipman.

Giving details of his visit ending Wednesday, Navy officials said here on Thursday it was the first official visit of Admiral Kumar to Australia after he assumed charge as the Navy chief nearly 10 months back. Besides holding talks with his Navy counterpart,

"During these meetings, the leaders expressed their commitment to pursue collaborative activities in several areas of bilateral convergence," the Navy said in a statement.

The discussions also highlighted the need for raising the level of synergy and focused efforts for overcoming the challenges of maritime environment, the Navy said.

'India has all along called for cessation of hostilities between Russia-Ukraine'

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE/AGENCIES ■ NEW DELHI/WASHINGTON

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's message to Russian President Vladimir Putin that "today's era is not of war" do not reflect a change in India's position on the conflict, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has said.

Clarifying this position, he also said late Wednesday in the US capital that India has all along called for early cessation of hostilities between the two countries.

ED raids Chinese firms, freezes ₹9.82cr

New Delhi: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has conducted search operations and frozen account balances of Rs 9.82 crore of various Chinese-controlled entities maintained with payment gateways, in connection with an investigation relating to the misuse of App-based token named "HPZ" and other similar applications by several entities.

Technology India Pvt Ltd, Wecash Technology Private Limited, Larting Private Limited, Magic Bird Technology Private Limited and Acepearl Services Private Limited.

The searches under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) were conducted against Comein Network Technology Private Limited, Mobicred Technology Private Limited, Magic Data Technology Private Limited, Baitu Technology Private Limited, Aliyeye Network

The ED initiated money laundering investigation on the basis of an FIR dated October 8, 2021 filed under various IPC sections by Cyber Crime Police Station, Kohima, Nagaland, against HPZ token and others. "The HPZ Token was an 'App-Based Token', which promised users of large gains against investment by declaring the same as 'investing in mining machines for Bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies'," the ED said in a statement.

Researchers develop algorithm to decode brain scans

New Delhi: Researchers at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), in collaboration with the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Rishikesh, have developed an algorithm that they said can help decode brain scans to identify the occurrence and type of epilepsy. In epilepsy, a neurological disease, the brain emits sudden bursts of electrical signals in a short amount of time, resulting in seizures, fits, and in extreme cases, death.

neurophysiologists need to manually inspect EEGs (electroencephalograms), which can capture such erratic signals, an IISc statement said.

Based on the point of origin of the brain's erratic signals, epilepsy is classified as either focal or generalised epilepsy. Focal epilepsy occurs when the erratic signals are confined to a specific region in the brain.

Visual inspection of EEG can become tiring after prolonged periods, and may occasionally lead to errors, says Hardik J Pandya, Assistant Professor at the Department of Electronic Systems Engineering (DESE) and the corresponding author of the study published in 'Biomedical Signal Processing and Control'.

In their study, the team reported a novel algorithm that can sift through EEG data and identify signatures of epilepsy from electrical signal patterns. "The algorithm aims to differentiate EEG of normal subjects from epileptic EEGs. Additionally, the developed algorithm attempts to identify the types of seizures." PMS

IN SHORTS

PFI TWITTER HANDLE TAKEN DOWN

New Delhi: The Twitter handle of the Popular Front of India (PFI) was taken down on Thursday, a day after the group was banned by the government for five years for allegedly having "links" with global terror organisations like the ISIS and trying to spread communal hatred in the country. "Account Withheld. @PFIOfficial's account has been withheld in India in response to a legal demand," a message in the page read.

DCGI ALLOWS MALARIA VACCINE EXPORT

New Delhi: India's drug regulator has allowed the export of the first produced-in-India vaccine against malaria, developed by scientists at the University of Oxford and manufactured by Serum Institute to the UK, official sources said on Thursday. The DCGI has granted permission to send two lakh doses of the vaccine.

EX-IAF CHIEF UP NODAL OFFICER FOR DEF

New Delhi: Former IAF chief Air Chief Marshal RKS Bhaduria (Retired) has joined as Chief Nodal Officer of the Uttar Pradesh Defence Industrial Corridor.

D MURMU HOSTS IFS TRAINEES AT PREZ HOUSE

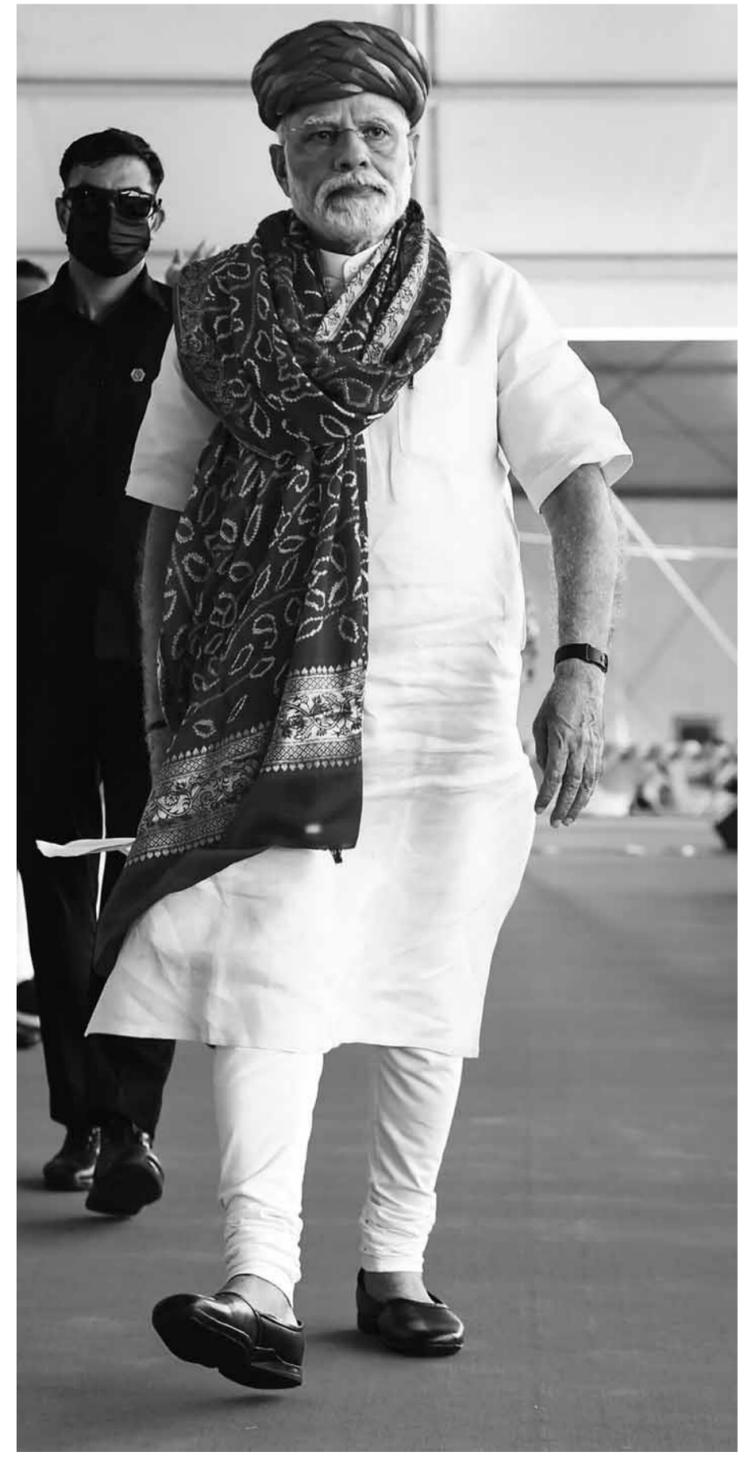
New Delhi: President Droupadi Murmu on Thursday said India's leadership in several fields has become unchallenged now and the country plays an important role as a frontline state in the fight against terrorism. She was addressing a group of IFS trainees who had called on her at the Rashtrapati Bhavan here.

MUKESH GETS Z PLUS SECURITY COVER

New Delhi: The Home Ministry has upgraded the security cover of Reliance Industries Limited Chairman Mukesh Ambani to 'Z plus' from the current 'Z category'. The cost of security will be borne by Ambani. Ever since the Antilla explosive incident, an upgrade was in the offing.

CJI RECOMMENDS ORISSA CJ TRANSFER

New Delhi: The Supreme Court Collegium headed by Chief Justice Uday Umesh Lalit is learnt to have recommended to the Centre the transfer of Chief Justice (CJ) of Orissa High Court, Justice S Muralidhar, as the CJ of the Madras High Court.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the inauguration and foundation stone laying ceremony of various projects, in Bhavnagar on Thursday PTI Photo

SCO delegation to visit Varanasi in January

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

A delegation of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) comprising representatives of eight member nations including Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Russia, China, Pakistan and also India, will be visiting Varanasi on January 16, 2023 and these foreign guests will be introduced to the culture and history of Kashi during their visit.



Varanasi was nominated as the first cultural and tourism capital for 2022-2023 at the 22nd meeting of the SCO council held in Samarkand. Subsequently, the state government sent invitations to every SCO member to visit Kashi.

Meanwhile, Principal Secretary (Tourism) Mukesh Meshram has issued an order for making necessary arrangements for the month-long Ramnagar Ramlala festival which will be held next month. The festival is a much awaited event in Kashi in October. This historic Ramlala starts from Anant Chaturdashi and lasts for a month.

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has issued directives to the top officials to prepare for the grand welcome of the foreign guests, ensuring cleanliness and finding a solution to the traffic congestion at all key intersections of the city. On their arrival, the visitors will be greeted by the schoolchildren. The SCO is primarily an economic and security alliance of eight member states to pursue economic integration. The members' visit to Varanasi is therefore viewed as being crucial for business relations with these nations in addition to maintaining cultural identity.

Dr Chitra Ramamurthy, senior consultant and infertility specialist noted that the judgement addresses the challenges in situations where abortion is illegal or highly restricted, and women resort to unsafe means to end unwanted pregnancies.

"Safe abortion practice has been a concern in our country, and with this judgement we can expect a reduction in morbidity and mortality associated with unsafe abortion practice. Nonetheless, awareness on contraceptive measures and safe sexual practices need to be a

8 killed in separate road accidents in UP

Lucknow: Eight people died in separate mishaps during the last 24 hours in the state. Three people were killed and seven others were injured when the e-rickshaw they were travelling in was hit by a truck on Ayodhya-Prayagraj national highway in Amethi district, police said on Thursday.

expressed grief over the deaths in the accident and directed officials to ensure proper treatment to the injured. The truck driver fled the spot after the accident, the DSP said, adding efforts were on to nab him. Two of the deceased belonged to Sultanpur and one to Ambedkar Nagar, the police said.

The accident happened on Wednesday night when a troupe of musicians was returning to Sultanpur after performing a musical programme in Pratappgarh, Deputy Superintendent of Police Lallan Singh said. A government spokesman in Lucknow said Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath

In another mishap reported from Mathura, a tractor-trolley full of villagers was returning from the dargah of Kamal Khan in Agra when it overturned in a ditch and two of its occupants were killed while about a dozen others were seriously injured. PMS



Union Minister for Culture, Tourism and Development of North Eastern Region G Kishan Reddy celebrating Bathukamma flower festival at Kartavya Path in New Delhi. Archana Jyoti/PNS

No efforts made for decades to develop Guj coastline, says Modi

PTI ■ BHAVNAGAR

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said although Gujarat has the longest coastline in the country, no attention was paid for its development for decades post-Independence, but "honest attempts" were made in the last 20 years by the BJP Government to turn it into the country's "door of prosperity". He said the BJP Government in Gujarat implemented several big-ticket projects along the state's coastline without wasting money on publicity. Modi also said the BJP always fulfils the promises it makes because it believes that



power is only a means to serve the people. He was addressing a public rally at Jawahar Maidan in Bhavnagar city of Gujarat's Saurashtra region after inaugurating and performing the ground-breaking ceremony of projects worth more than Rs

6,000 crore meant for Bhavnagar, Botad and Amreli districts. Some of these projects in Bhavnagar included the world's first CNG terminal, development of a brownfield port and a cargo container manufacturing unit. "Gujarat has the longest coastline in the country, but no attention was paid for its development for decades after India gained independence. As a result, the coastline created challenges for the people living along it," he said in a veiled attack on the Congress. But honest attempts were made in the last 20 years to turn the State's coastline into India's door to prosperity, he said the massive gathering.

Modi was the Chief Minister of Gujarat from 2001 to 2014. Since May 2014, he has been serving as the Prime Minister of the country. "We have developed many ports and modernised several others. Today, there are three LNG terminals and a petrochemical hub on the Gujarat coast. Apart from playing a crucial role for the export and import sector, Gujarat's coastline has created employment opportunities for lakhs of youths," the prime minister said. According to him, the State's coastline has now become synonymous with the renewable energy sector and hydrocarbon ecosystem.

DREAM city project will make Surat safest, convenient diamond trading hub: PM
Surat: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said once the Diamond Research and Mercantile (DREAM) city project is completed, Surat will emerge as the safest and convenient diamond trading hub in the world. Addressing a rally after laying the foundation stone and inaugurating a host of projects here in Gujarat, Modi said in the last 20 years Surat has progressed by leaps and bounds. PTI

Twin blasts in 8 hours rock Udhampur

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU



The garrison city of Udhampur, housing Indian Army's Northern command headquarters, was rattled by the twin bomb blasts inside passenger buses in a span of 8 hours in which two civilians received injuries in the last 24 hours. According to Additional Director General of Police Mukesh Singh, "the first blast took place late Wednesday night around 10.30 p.m inside a bus parked near the petrol pump in Domel chowk of Udhampur while the second blast was reported early Thursday morning around 6.00 am at an old bus stand in Udhampur". In both the cases the passenger buses were empty and

no loss of life was reported. Singh said, both the injured were out of danger. They have been identified as Sunil Singh and Vijay Kumar, both the cleaners. They were present inside the bus when the first blast was triggered. Due to the intensity of the blast several buses parked in the close vicinity also suffered major damages. The fact that the blasts took place ahead of the three day long visit of the Union

Home Minister Amit Shah to Jammu and Kashmir beginning October 3 is keeping the entire security apparatus on its tenterhooks across the region. This is the third incident of a similar bomb blast in the Udhampur city this year. Earlier, a street vendor was killed when a blast ripped apart his cart leading to his death and injuries to at least 17 others present in the busy market area of Udhampur on March 9.

100 workers hospitalised after ammonia gas leak in Aligarh meat factory

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

In a shocking incident in Aligarh, about one hundred of workers, mostly women, fell ill after inhaling ammonia gas that leaked in a meat factory on Thursday morning. The workers were rushed to a nearby hospital after they complained of breathing difficulties following leakage of ammonia gas. DIG Range Aligarh Deepak Kumar said, "Around 60 female workers were admitted to hospital and all of them are stable currently." The incident took place at the Al-Dua meat factory that falls under the jurisdiction of



Roravar police station. Several women are engaged in the factory for packaging-related work. Sources, however, maintained that about 100 workers were rushed to different hospitals of Aligarh after they started fainting following ammonia gas leakage. "Information was received about an ammonia gas leak in

a meat factory in the Roravar area where women workers are engaged in packaging work. Around 60 workers were admitted to a medical college hospital after they complained of breathing difficulties. Doctors confirmed that everyone is stable," DIG Range Aligarh Deepak Kumar said. The doctors said that everyone who was in the factory was brought to the medical college hospital and they are being treated. "Everyone is out of danger and there is nothing to worry about as of now," they said. The fire brigade personnel were also summoned to avert any eventuality.

The factory is reportedly owned by one Haji Zaheer and the local police so far managed to pick up one of the managers to grill him regarding the cause of the gas leakage. It may be mentioned that in a similar incident in 2020, two senior officials working at the Pulpur plant of Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (IFFCO) in Prayagraj died while 13 others fell sick following a gas leak. The PF-1 unit of the IFFCO plant located around 25 km from Sangam city in the trans-Ganga area of Prayagraj had developed an issue and ammonia gas began to leak. The leakage was later stopped by experts at the plant.

'Foreign ultras in Valley below 200'

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Outgoing CRPF DG Kuldip Singh on Thursday said despite a slight upward trend in the number of foreign terrorists operating in Jammu and Kashmir post the Taliban takeover in Afghanistan last year, the overall strength of jihadis in the Valley is just below 200. He said all the security forces operating in Kashmir are working in a coordinated manner and terrorist incidents have gone down post the abrogation of Article 370 from the erstwhile State in 2019. "This is a challenge... After Afghanistan, this challenge has grown in many forms and you can see it... Also like the number of foreign terrorists



goes up and sometimes down. However, the total number of terrorists in J&K is less now... It is under 200 now as compared to the earlier times when it used to be 230-240," Singh said when asked during a Press conference about the killing of locals and Kashmiri Pandits by lone wolf terrorists. The 1986-batch IPS officer of West Bengal cadre took charge as the CRPF DG last year in March. He will retire from service on Friday.

Farewell parade for outgoing CRPF DG stirs row

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The farewell parade for the outgoing CRPF DG Kuldip Singh has stirred a row with a section of officials pointing to the violation of the BPR&D manual for drafting out a battalion strength of the Force for his send off. As a custom and tradition, outgoing chiefs of three services and also of the Paramilitary Forces such as BSF, CRPF, CISF etc are given ceremonial farewell on the day they demit office.

The instructions for such farewell parades have been given and institutionalised in BPR&D Drill manual 2012, which stipulates a designated strength of officers and jawans for such farewell parades. However, through an order issued last month, the CRPF ordered its formations to pool "excessive" manpower including commanding rank officers from the field units to host this farewell parade against the norms, said personnel involved in the scheduled farewell function for Friday.

Last phase of Cong's Bharat Jodo Yatra in Kerala ends

PTI ■ MALAPPURAM

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Thursday concluded his Kerala leg of the Bharat Jodo Yatra, which entered the State on September 10 and will resume the foot march from Tamil Nadu in the afternoon. After the yatra ended its Kerala phase at Vazhikaddavu here, Gandhi and senior Congress leaders Jairam Ramesh and Digvijaya Singh thanked the KPCC and UDF leaders, party workers and everyone else who participated in the foot march during the over 18 days it spent in the state. "Home is where you get love, and Kerala is home for me. No matter how much affection I give, I always get more in return from the people here. I am forever indebted. Thank you." "I would also like to wholeheartedly thank the Congress & UDF leaders and workers, Kerala police, media personnel & every individual who has been part of the #BharatJodoYatra in this beautiful state. The support you have given us makes our resolve firmer & our strides stronger," Gandhi, who was accompanied by a huge crowd of sup-



porters in the morning phase of the yatra, tweeted. Ramesh, the AICC general secretary in-charge communications, tweeted, "Day 22 of #BharatJodoYatra is last day in Kerala. Padayatri is walking from Nilambur to Vazhikaddavu this morning. From Vazhikaddavu we cross to Gudalur in Tamil Nadu by vehicle thro' Nilgiris hills. We are extremely grateful to people of Kerala for their goodwill and response." Senior Congress leader and national coordinator of the yatra, Digvijaya Singh tweeted, "All PCCs in other States should come and learn the organisational work of Kerala PCC. Finally a Big Thank You to the People of Kerala and all Congressmen of Kerala for their tremendous support and response. #BharatJodoYatra @INC Kerala @INC India @Jairam_Ramesh." He also said in his tweet that

"today we leave Kerala after 22 days of warm hospitality of PCC Kerala. The tremendous response of the people of Kerala was most encouraging." "All our Bharat Yatris loved the lovely green terrain and also enjoyed the Boat Race. Thank you PCC President K Sudhakaran ji and our most active State Coordinator K Suresh ji for responding to all our requests," he further said. The foot march -- which resumed from Marthoma College Junction at Chungathara here -- took a break at CKHS Manimooly at Vazhikaddavu after covering around 8.6 km. According to the itinerary of the yatra, from Vazhikaddavu, Gandhi would travel to Government Arts and Science College at Gudalur in Tamil Nadu by car as the route goes through a forest reserve and it is not possible to go on foot there, Congress party sources said.

'Bharat Jodo Yatra' posters found torn a day before its K'taka entry

PTI ■ BENGALURU

Some posters put up to welcome leaders to the Congress' Bharat Jodo Yatra were found to be torn at Gundlupet in Chamarajanagar district on Thursday, a day before it is set to enter Karnataka. Reacting sharply, the Congress said, "The 40% Commission Bommai Govt is already getting the jitters".

The BJP's "Bharat Todo Team" of paid goons has been pressed into service to destruct, destroy and tear up posters, the Congress incharge of Karnataka Affairs, Randeep Singh Surjewala alleged. "They'll never be able to stop the war cry against Price Rise, Unemployment, Disparity & Divisiveness," he tweeted. Congress state president D K Shivakumar alleged that a few posters were torn and burnt by

the BJP. "Preparations are afoot to receive the 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' but the BJP people have torn and burnt some banners. We will not be cowed down. We have faced enough of such things. They (BJP) should know this," Shivakumar told reporters in Chamarajanagar. He demanded that the police initiate action against those who tore the banners. "Let them (police) refuse to take action, then we will speak

rest of the things," Shivakumar said. The Congress lodged a police complaint in this connection in the police station concerned, sources close to the Congress state president said. Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said: "All know who is doing 'Bharat Jodo' and who's doing 'Thodo'. Addressing reporters in the district headquarters town of Haveri, Bommai said let Shivakumar

comment on the incident, permission must be obtained for putting up posters. The BJP need not tear the posters of any political party. Since people knew "everything," there was no need for him to say much about it, the Chief Minister said. Sources close to Shivakumar said the Congress leaders lodged a complaint at the police station concerned against those who tore and burnt the banners.

BJP Govt running on lies, propaganda: Akhilesh

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav, on Thursday, launched a scathing attack on the Bharatiya Janata Party and said that the ruling party was running on the basis of "lies and propaganda". Akhilesh Yadav, who was unanimously elected SP chief for the third consecutive time, alleged that the BJP and its machinery snatched power from the SP as it knew if it lost power in Uttar Pradesh it would also lose power in Delhi. "This (BJP) government is not made by the people; even people don't know how it (BJP) formed the government again. The BJP and its machinery snatched away the government from the SP because it knew if it lost power in UP it would lose power in Delhi also," he said. "Those who know about Hitler's

time would know that there used to be a propaganda minister in his government. There was only one propaganda minister, but here if we see the work of the BJP, it seems that the whole party is running on the basis of lies and propaganda," he said. Akhilesh further targeted the BJP, saying that the party was against farmers. "By introducing black farm laws, the BJP has proved that it is against farmers. Hundreds of farmers lost their lives and farm loans were not waived. If you are bringing industries to Gujarat then why can't you bring them to states like UP and Bihar?" the SP chief questioned. "Why is there so much bias against UP? This state has made your government and you are showing your bias against this state now," he said. Akhilesh Yadav also alleged that the Election Commission "deliberately" reduced the votes of Yadavs and



Muslims by 20,000 in almost every assembly seat on the "diktat" of the BJP and its allies. "If a probe is conducted, it will be found that the names of many people were removed (electoral rolls)," the SP chief said. The SP chief called upon party cadre to be ready to fill up jails. Quoting Netaji (Mulan Singh Yadav), Akhilesh said this was the only way out when someone was denied justice. "Samajwadi people should be ready to fill up jails as the time has

come. Even Netaji had said that when you are not getting justice then this is the only way out," Akhilesh Yadav said as he addressed the party workers at the event. Earlier, the decision to elect Akhilesh Yadav as national president of the SP was taken unanimously at the national convention of the party being held at Ramabai Ambedkar Maidan in Lucknow. On getting re-elected for the third consecutive time, Akhilesh Yadav said, "This is not just a post, you have given me a huge responsibility. This responsibility has been given to me at a time when our constitution is in danger. I assure you that I will prove my worth for the post which you people have elected me to. Even if I have to work day and night for this responsibility, I will not hesitate. We samajwadi people have to work hard for the next five years to make a new history."

Shift Navlakha to hospital for treatment, SC tells Taloja jail superintendent

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Thursday directed the Taloja jail superintendent to immediately shift activist Gautam Navlakha, jailed in connection with the Elgar Parishad-Maoist link case, to Mumbai's Jaslok hospital for treatment. The top court said receiving medical treatment is a fundamental right of a prisoner. A bench of Justices K M Joseph and Hrishikesh Roy also allowed Navlakha's partner Sabha Husain and sister to meet him in the hospital. "Having heard the counsel for parties, we are of the view that receiving medical treatment would be a fundamental right. We direct that the petitioner be taken immediately for thorough medical check-up.



"Accordingly, we direct Superintendent Taloja jail to take the petitioner to Jaslok hospital so that he is able to undergo requisite medical check-up and receive treatment. We make it clear that the petitioner will remain in police custody," the bench said. The 70-year-old activist linked to Maoists has appealed the apex court against the April 26 order of the Bombay High Court dismissing his plea for house arrest over apprehensions of lack of adequate medical and other basic facilities in Taloja jail near Mumbai where he is lodged.

Bullet remarks: BJP leader moves court against TMC's number 2

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

The political controversy over Trinamool Congress national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee's "bullet in the head" remarks have now spilled over to the court with Bengal BJP president Sukanta Majumdar on Thursday filing a petition against the top TMC leader for his "bullet" remarks. Banerjee a TMC MP and nephew of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee had recently said -- in reference to the free-for-all that ensued in Kolkata streets on BJP's Nabanna Abhiyan (Nabanna march) day and subsequent attack on a senior police officer who got a fractured hand -- that had he been a senior police officer he would have directed his men to shoot right through the heads of the rampaging BJP men. "I met the injured officer who was badly beaten up by the

BJP goons and also saw how public properties including police vehicles were set ablaze... I have to congratulate the top officers for the restraint they displayed in the face of saffron attack... "If I would have been there I would have asked my men to shoot through the heads of the mischief mongers," Banerjee had said a day after BJP's September 13 Nabanna Abhiyan. Majumdar said that he had earlier tried to file an FIR in the case but the police would not take his complaint following which he moved the court. "Such statements of top politicians should stop... this remark of Abhishek Banerjee will only provoke the police to fire at will... what does he want to convey through such remarks... does he want to make Bengal a police state..." Majumdar who personally appeared before the court sub-

sequently said. TMC spokesperson Kunal Ghosh reacted to Majumdar's action saying having failed to compete with the Bengal ruling outfit politically and electorally the BJP was taking help of the agencies and moving the court in order to "remain afloat" in the news channels. "They have been rejected by the people in the elections... they are losing their political relevance in the state and so they are rushing to the court to remain relevant in the state politics," Ghosh said adding Banerjee had never instigated the police "rather he had congratulated ACP Chatterjee for showing restraint." Meanwhile, in a parallel development the Trinamool Congress leadership had a big relief with the Supreme Court on Thursday setting aside a Calcutta High Court order in a Disproportionate Asset case.



Devotees carry a Goddess Durga idol through wild sugarcane plants for Durga Puja festival, in Nadia on Thursday PTI



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PAPER WITH PASSION

Incongruity

The Govt slams freebies and yet extends the free ration scheme for three months

The Government's move to extend the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PM-GKAY) for a further period of three months, from October to December 2022, flies in the face of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's stand on freebies. The incongruity appears starker against the backdrop of resistance by the Finance Ministry to the extension. Under this scheme, 5 kg of food grain per person per month is provided free of cost for all the beneficiaries covered under the National Food Security Act (NFSA). The PM-GKAY came into being during the first wave of Covid-19 over two years ago to provide food security to the poor, needy, and the vulnerable households. Even after the pandemic subsided and normalcy restored, the Government kept extending the scheme. The Finance Ministry also said that since the pandemic has abated considerably, distress for which relief was given doesn't appear to be prevalent. Financial implications for the Central Government have been about Rs 3.45 lakh crore so far. The latest extension will cost about Rs 44,762 crore. The official press release announcing the latest extension called it a "welfare scheme." This may not be a very accurate description, for the economy is back on track with hardly any restrictions on people and businesses. The rationale offered by the Government for the extension is that major festivals like Navratri, Dussehra, Milad-un-nabi, Deepawali, Chhath pooja, Guru Nanak Dev Jayanti, Christmas, etc., are forthcoming. Another extension would help people "celebrate [these festivals] with great gaiety."



At best, this is a specious justification: the festive season arrives every year, but that doesn't mean that government, at the Centre or in states, should start distributing one thing or the other for free. The business of government is governance, not distributing freebies, especially when the fiscal situation is strained and when the economy is facing global and domestic headwinds. This is the reason that the Finance Ministry talked about the fiscal pressure due to the Russia-Ukraine War, effect on fuel prices, and rise in other subsidies. The Finance Ministry is also worried that the continuation of the scheme for a long period could give the impression of its permanent or indefinite continuation. FinMin bureaucrats seemed to be echoing great economist Milton Friedman's famous quote, "Nothing is so permanent as a temporary government programme." The Finance Ministry has made some very valid points, but are the powers that be listening? The answer may not be very comforting. It seems that all the fuss the Modi Government and the Bharatiya Janata Party have been making about freebies is politics; there may not be any genuine desire to restrain the evidence of freebies. Otherwise, the Government would not have continued with the scheme of free rations for another three months. What was a welfarist measure a couple of years ago has become a freebie. One can only hope that the PM-GKAY doesn't get another extension.

PICTALK



Commuters cross the Ganga river during sunset, in Patna

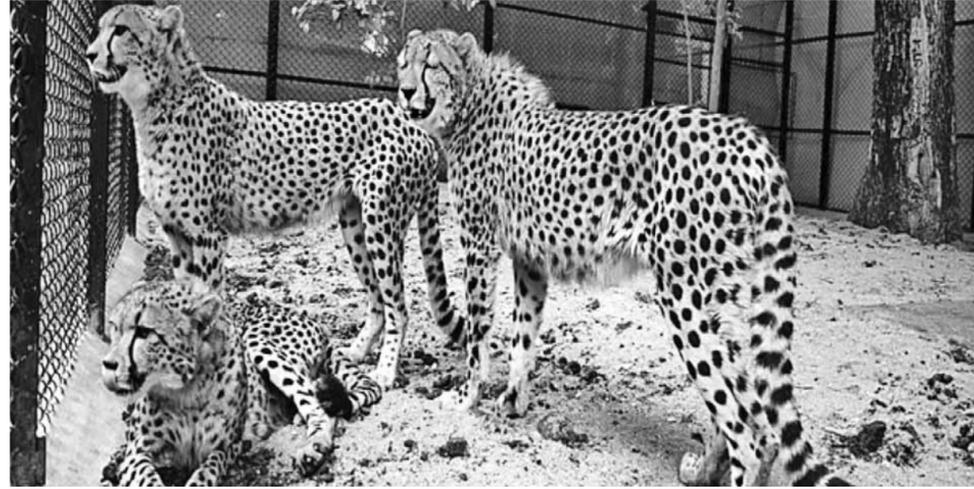
The key to wild life conservation

Wildlife conservation cannot be achieved by ad hoc measures, it should involve people and have a grounded policy framework



SWAPNA MAJUMDAR

The African cheetahs arrived in India earlier this month amid great fanfare and political hoopla. They have been kept in an enclosed area for now but will soon be released in the hope that they will boost efforts to conserve India's threatened and largely neglected grasslands. However, many wildlife conservationists believe that the introduction of these cheetahs not only goes against national conservation priorities but will also not have any impact on protecting grasslands and open forest ecosystems as has been claimed. Conservation scientists like Ravi Chellam contend that a quicker and more efficient way to conserve the grasslands would be to stop categorising them as wastelands and delete them from the Wasteland Atlas of India. This would enable a more focused conservation plan for them.



But has protecting habitats always been the prime consideration behind all decisions related to wildlife conservation? If yes, why was the Galathea National Park, an iconic nesting site of the leatherback sea turtle, located in the Great Nicobar Island, denotified in 2021? Entire sanctuaries have been denotified and erased off the map of India in the name of development, says Prerna Bindra, author and former member of, the National Board for Wildlife. The denotification of the Galathea National Park coincided with the development plans for Great Nicobar put forward by the NITI Aayog, the government's public policy think tank. Little thought was given to where the leatherbacks would nest once their site was destroyed for a shipping project and how this would accelerate the steep decline in their population, contends Bindra.

Securing the Wild
Protecting habitats for the leatherback turtles assumes critical importance as their numbers are decreasing sharply. These are the world's largest turtles and the only species without scales and a hard shell. Named after their tough rubbery skin, leatherback

turtles have existed in their current form since the age of the dinosaurs. As leatherbacks are migratory, some of them swim over 10,000 miles a year between nesting and foraging grounds. The chances of survival for these turtles making this arduous journey and then finding their nesting grounds destroyed are bleak.

Shouldn't this project have been stopped by the National Board for Wildlife (NBWL), the government institution constituted to protect wildlife, sanctuaries, and parks? Bindra points out that instead of exercising its authority and taking corrective action, the NBWL allowed this to happen.

While denotification of the Galathea National Park could not be prevented, a move to denotify a wildlife sanctuary in Himachal Pradesh to set up a cement factory was scuttled thanks to a newspaper report by award-winning veteran journalist Usha Rai.

Why Stories Are Important
This was not the only time Rai used her pen to stop the destruction of wildlife in the name of development.

It was Rai's story on how

the rich and powerful like industrialist Sameer Thapar, owner of JCT Mills, Phagwara, would fly in helicopters and shoot at wildlife in the Corbett National Park that sent shockwaves across the country with the issue even being raised in Parliament. A case was lodged against Thapar for flouting environmental norms by landing a helicopter inside the Corbett Tiger Reserve, a protected area.

These stories are part of an absorbing book that chronicles fifty years of the Wildlife Protection Act 1972. This is what makes the book, titled 'Wildlife India @50,' a great read. The book has been edited by Manoj Kumar Misra, a former Indian Forest Service officer, this 517-page Rupa publication.

Conservation Champions
It is a fact that policies alone cannot protect wildlife. An informed community is perhaps the biggest conservation champion. This has been seen over and over again across the country. In Arunachal Pradesh had it not been for the commitment of the community, the red panda, an endangered species, found only in the eastern Himalayas,

may have become extinct much like the cheetahs. Engaging the community constructively has worked not only in Arunachal Pradesh but also in Kerala. Realising the importance of tapping the potential of the community in planning and management of conservation of wildlife habitats paid rich dividends in Kerala's Parambikulam Tiger Reserve. Making forest management inclusive and participatory was key to sustaining the protection of wildlife habitats. For the first time, forestry students, local scientists, naturalists, photographers, and the local tribal community along with the staff of the Reserve were involved in planning which areas needed to be categorised as buffer zones.

The sixth assessment report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has underlined that India's human vulnerability. Climate change coupled with a 'development-at-any cost' attitude is a double whammy for India's fragile ecosystem and wildlife.

(The author is a journalist writing on development and gender. The views expressed are personal.)



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

APPOINTMENT OF THE NEW CDS

Sir — The Appointment of New Chief of Defence Staff, Lt Gen Anil Chauhan (Retd), military adviser to the National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS), is the most timely and most needed one, he will be the 2nd CDS of the country after the sad demise of 1st CDS Gen Bipin Singh Rawat in a helicopter crash. Lt Gen Anil Chauhan is a highly experienced army officer who has held significant positions like that of the GOC of the eastern command, Director Of Military Operation, and has extensive counter-insurgency experience in J and K and NE, he has wide experience in strategic and national security issues.

India's prevailing security environment is marked by regional instability with a nuclear overhang, on the western front is Pakistan and on the eastern sector is China and both have a common agenda of destabilizing India, they can't see India inching towards becoming a global economic power. The appointment of the 1st CDS was a significant step to carry out India's most significant military reform since Independence. The post of CDS is an institution that carries tremendous responsibility for modernizing the Indian military, hence more than ever before, it is now necessary for the national security decision-makers to be given 'single-point military advice that takes into account the operational strengths and weaknesses and the inter-dependence of each of the armed forces. New CDS Lt Gen Anil Chauhan has a Hercules task to carry forward the unfinished agenda of his predecessor Gen Rawat, who was pushing forward the agenda of the modernisation and reorganization of the armed forces into the integrated theatre commands.

Ramesh G Jethwani | Bengaluru

TOKENISATION IS SAFE AND SIMPLE

Sir — Tokenisation is a welcome mandate of RBI. Tokenisation is a safe, secure, simple, and fast method for online payment. It is the replacement of actual card details with a unique configurable token

Healthcare must be digitalised



The Covid-19 pandemic has made the healthcare industry worldwide realize the need for speeding up its infrastructure on digital transformation. The 2018 Digital Trends report from Econsultancy, a leading Digital Marketing organization in London, reveals that only seven percent of healthcare and pharmaceutical com-

panies have gone digital, compared with 15 percent of companies in other industries. ('Digitised healthcare depends on faster connectivity', Sep. 26). The pandemic has taught a lesson to the healthcare industry on the value and importance of digitalization of medical service, which provides dual benefits of lower costs and higher quality. In fact, in Austria, e-Medication has been successfully running for years, with Electronic Medical records allowing patients there to view all their e-Results anytime and anywhere. Similarly, doctors in Sweden and Denmark send e-prescriptions to pharmacies. Also, the National Health Service in the UK is working with Google to deploy Artificial Intelligence in the medical field. Digital transformation in medical services will allow patients to manage their treatment independently and share data with doctors. Medical history is critical in emergencies when a physical copy may not be available. In such a scenario, digitization helps by keeping the doctor informed about the patient's medical history in every situation.

Ranganathan Sivakumar | Chennai

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Somya Agrawal | Ujjain

MOONLIGHTING A BIG NO-NO

Sir — Bottom line is that the issue of moonlighting is simply a mess and a lack of authentic information spoils the show. If you pay all your employees well no one will moonlight. And it is quite common sense that no one wants to trade extra 4 hours of sleep and 48 hours of the week-

end if your primary employee takes good care of you and your family. Instead of sacking their employees, they need to stop exploiting them and thereby reduce the workload and provide them with the best way possible.

This raises the question of why their employees were forced to or even motivated to engage in such risky, work-life balance and ultimately a career in health-impacting behaviour. Same competency, double delivery, two different laptops, same WiFi and thereby catering to two different clients - all from the comfort of their own home, in their hometown. In the background, India is integrating all of its islands of excellence in the best way possible. Moonlighting should not fade the light at the end of the tunnel.

CK Subramaniam | Mumbai

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Real face of PFI

PFI is not as clean as it claims; the truth is that it hides behind a carefully constructed veil

Fans of psychological thrillers rate Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde as one of the best novellas ever written. The story published in 1886 by RL Stevenson is about Dr Jekyll, a gentleman, and Mr Hyde a murderous criminal, and a series of murders that shook society. It turns out that Jekyll and Hyde are the same person with Jekyll transforming into Hyde with the help of a chemical concoction. A real-life drama of the Jekyll and Hyde genre is being staged in India with the Popular Front of India and the Social Democratic Party of India (SDPI) as the main characters. The SDPI is the political face of PFI, a terrorist organisation that is responsible for murder and mayhem in the many States of India. Nobody was surprised when the National Investigation Agency and Enforcement Directorate swept down on the leaders of the PFI and SDPI across the country on Thursday and arrested nearly 100 prominent faces of these outfits. The PFI called for a hartal in Kerala last Friday to protest against the raids and arrests of its establishments and leaders respectively. Unlike the previous hartals, the one on Friday turned out to be the most violent.



Police looked the other way when the Popular Front of India workers damaged the Karnataka SRTC buses and made shopkeepers down the shutters. Shop owners who refused to heed the hartal call saw their shops and establishments getting destroyed. Policemen were attacked and there were a couple of attempts on the lives of policemen who were on patrol. It was the suomoto intervention of

the Kerala High Court which made the police take action against the hartal mongers. Strangely, neither chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan nor the Opposition Congress were heard condemning the widespread rioting by the PFI activists. The recent rallies staged by the PFI and which were attended by lakhs of activists stand out for the kind of slogans raised by the participants. All one could say is that they were despicable of the highest order. The SDPI, the political arm of the PFI plays a double game by washing its hands off the words and deeds of the latter. This is a ploy to facilitate the growth of the PFI, an organisation known for its religious bigotry. There is no space in Indian society for organisations that promote religious hatred and communal divide. It is time we identified real cancer that is eating up the aged-old Indian psyche.

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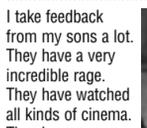
We have, we have never thought that it was an easy process. But we do believe that the need for reform cannot be denied forever."



External Affairs Minister —S Jaishankar



We will continue to work with allies and partners to bring even more pressure on Russia and the individuals that are helping support its attempted land grab. US State Dept spokesperson —Ned Price

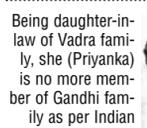


I take feedback from my sons a lot. They have a very incredible rage. They have watched all kinds of cinema. They have a very refined perspective. And think, that is the perspective we need.

Actor —Hrithik Roshan



While the pool matches might not have gone in the side's favour in the FIH Women's Hockey World Cup, the fact that the team was still alive in the competition is all that mattered right now. Indian women hockey team captain —Savita



Being daughter-in-law of Vadera family, she (Priyanka) is no more member of Gandhi family as per Indian tradition.

Congress MP —Abdul Khaleque

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INDIA HEADS G20 AMID FLUX

Multilateralism is pushed to the wall as world order looks fluid



KUMARDEEP BANERJEE

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has been a busy man in the last few months, more so, last week when he managed marathon meetings at the United Nations General Assembly. The meeting participants suggest India's new foreign policy stance of finding allies and strategic partners around the globe. India met with its QUAD (US, Australia, and Japan) partners, also Libya, Syria, Cuba, renewed its commitment to France, India, Australia trilateral and France, India UAE strategic partnership.

France, Australia, UAE trilaterals with India are relatively new, born out of the need to find allies post pandemic and keep a check on China in the Indo Pacific region. Prime Minister Narendra Modi was on a short visit to Japan this week to attend the funeral of former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe. The focus was Indo pacific, shared interests and building on the India Japan bilateral.

Clearly, the world order has undergone a significant shift since 2020 with two course altering events, the Covid pandemic and Russia's military attack in Ukraine, thereby shattering the myth of no war in the Eurozone.

If the Covid pandemic and the subsequent disruption in global supply chains (mostly concentrated in China) hadn't dented the existing order, Russia's invasion of Ukraine and subsequent push to annex territories has created a shock in energy and food prices around the globe. There are multiple streams of evolving partnerships which will forever shape the way planet earth emerges in the 21st century.



First, faced by a clear danger of nuclear-powered Russia in the backyard, the larger European countries are rethinking their nuclear strategies. Most of them except for France had given up the nuclear shield to be under US-led NATO providing them umbrella cover. Meanwhile in the eastern hemisphere, Japan faced by a belligerent neighbour, China, is also rethinking its nuclear celibacy strategy.

The US and the UK have already come together to provide Australia with nuclear capabilities in the Indian Ocean region to prevent China from being adventurous. The headwinds are a clear indication of a world again looking at nuclear weapons as a go to deterrent/safety net in case of full-fledged war.

Second, global energy prices, threatening to put almost all of Europe through a very cold and dark winter of 2022, will shape the way the hastily glued western alliance against Russia will behave in 2023.

A clear and present danger in Russia is forcing ideological shifts in Europe. Meanwhile, the energy and food prices have pushed a couple of nations (including two in India's neighbourhood) in Asia and Africa on the verge of economic breakdown and are looking at institutions such as the IMF for bailouts.

Third, there is a huge drop in acceptance for multilateral institutions as platforms for sorting global common problems. China has been persistently denying India and a couple of other large economies from taking their rightful positions as permanent members of the United Nations Security Council.

There is a huge lack of consensus globally on ways to reap the dividends of a digital economy and therefore effectively tax the technology companies.

This leads to India's presidency of the G20 beginning towards the end of the year. The current Indonesia presidency ends in November and depending on the outcome the baton will be passed on to New Delhi to shape the global narrative. This will be at a time when India would be the most populous democracy, besides being the fifth largest economy in the world. It must find innovative ways of negotiating a consensus on most pressing world issues.

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Freebie powers the AAP Govt in Delhi

The State of Delhi stands out for all the ills plaguing the politics of freebies across the country, for many people have been deprived of basic amenities



ASHWANI MAHAJAN

To speak against distribution of freebies, of course, will attract the wrath of those who benefit from them. That is, if we say that electricity, water, travel should not be made free or that television sets or other types of temptations by political parties are wrong and they should end, then it is possible that people unaware of the possible consequences of announcements of such freebies may not like it.

After Independence, the emphasis has generally been on development, poverty alleviation, better social services, drinking water, road, rail, etc. But now some political parties have started making promises to provide electricity, water, transport, television sets and even mangalsutra, all for free, despite poor economic conditions of the states.

Result of such freebies is that states are coming under huge debts and the quality of public services is the major victim. Significantly, Delhi is a prosperous region of the country. The per capita income here is second highest in the country, after Goa. Due to this, the revenue of Delhi is also very high.

A large number of migrants also live in Delhi, who have migrated from other states in search of employment. Their economic conditions are not so good, which can be gauged from the fact that a large number of people had to leave for their villages, as soon as the lockdown was imposed due to the pandemic. The sight of a large number of migrants going on foot, on bicycle or in buses, with just one bag, still haunts us. Most of the migrant labourers are daily wage earners, or engaged in micro businesses. A large number of them live in horrible conditions, where even basic facilities are lacking.

In such a situation, there is usually no question of their families joining them. The number of such migrant labourers in Delhi is not less than 50 lakhs. The labourers who bring their families with them are living in very pathetic conditions in Delhi. Schools, colleges and other educational institutions are needed for them and their families.

There is also a need for a better sewerage system and good health facilities. Roads, flyovers, etc., are also needed for their movements. But all these works require huge expenditure. It is seen that due to lack of funds, Arvind Kejriwal's Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government in Delhi is not able to provide a budget for development and maintenance.

After assuming power in 2015, till date the AAP-led Delhi government has not been able to build any new school, college, hospital, flyover, etc. In such a situation, the plight of the poor can be easily imagined. The roads, water and sewage system are also not being taken care of properly. Lack of finances is the main reason for this. It is not that the



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revenue of Delhi is deficient. The fact is that the per capita revenue in Delhi is much higher than the rest of India and is increasing continuously.

The total revenue of Delhi for 2021-22 is estimated at ₹53,070 crore, which is 3 per cent of the revenue of all the states. In 2019-20 it was ₹47,136 crore and in 2014-15, it was only ₹29,584 crore.

But along with this increasing revenue, the expenditure on free electricity, water, and transport of the Delhi government is increasing. The expenditure on free electricity was ₹1639 crore in 2015-16, which increased to ₹2968 crore in 2021-22. The Power Department has demanded ₹3200 crore from the Delhi government for this power subsidy for 2022-23. That is, it can be understood that the burden on the budget is increasing in the name of making electricity free by the Delhi government and it has almost doubled between 2015-16 and 2022-23. By huge spending on free electricity, water and transport, there is always a shortage of funds for essential civic amenities.

As a result of the exercise of Delhi Government towards reducing water bills to zero, both the deficit and debt of the Delhi Jal Board are mounting. In the first three years of the Kejriwal government, the loss of Delhi Jal Board tripled from ₹220.19 crores in 2015-16 to ₹663 crores in 2018-19.

According to the CAG report, in 1998-99, ₹26,620 crore was lent to the Delhi Jal Board, out of

which only ₹351 crore was returned and till March 31, 2018, ₹26,269 crore was outstanding. Meanwhile, the Delhi government has given ₹41,000 crore as loan to Delhi Jal Board in the last five years. The deteriorating conditions of Delhi Jal Board can be gauged from the slow pace of its development works and poor water system. It is believed that the financial conditions of the Delhi Jal Board have become very bad due to the Delhi government and the free water policy.

Slow pace in water connection in unregulated colonies by Delhi Jal Board and poor conditions of sewer system is primarily because of poor financial health of Delhi Jal Board. The opposition parties have also been making allegations of alleged corruption in Delhi Jal Board. Apart from this, free travel for women in Delhi Transport Corporation buses is yet another freebies scheme run by the Delhi government. Thousands of crores of rupees are lost by the government through freebies. It is natural that due to the limited resources, this freebies policy puts pressure on the government finances and many essential expenditures are sacrificed.

At present, the AAP, which is in power, promised in its election manifesto in the year 2015, about opening 20 new colleges in Delhi, providing free Wi-Fi, building 20000 public toilets, constituting women security force, installation of three lakh CCTV cameras,

expansion of health facilities, among others.

There were 69 such promises, including creation of eight lakh jobs, skill training of one lakh youth every year by Delhi Skill Mission, which either remained mere promises or in which progress was very slow. It may be noted that prior to AAP government, 15 years between 1999-2000 and 2014-15, growth in capital expenditure was 19.6 per cent per annum (increase from ₹510.5 crores to ₹7430 crores), which declined to hardly 9.2 per cent in the first five years of the AAP government (increase from ₹7430 crores to hardly ₹11549 crores). It can be easily understood that the main reason behind the stalling of Delhi's development was lack of resources, as more and more resources are being used for giving freebies.

If it is said that these freebies schemes are targeted at the poor, then it will not be right. In 2021-22, in Delhi, where per capita income at current prices was ₹401,982 per year, out of 54.5 lakh electricity consumers, 43.2 lakh people are being provided electricity either free of cost or at half price. A big chunk of those, who can easily pay for electricity, are also being given electricity free. The facilities are being badly affected and the debt on the government is increasing, so it cannot be justified.

Not only this, 20,000 liters of water per month is also being provided free of cost to 5.3 lakh households.

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THERE IS ALWAYS DISCIPLINE INSIDE THE CONGRESS... SONIA GANDHI IS OUR PRESIDENT. I HAVE APOLOGISED TO HER. —RAJASTHAN CHIEF MINISTER ASHOK GEHLOT



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BJP will play up the question of Modi-versus-who?

The Opposition dreams of unity but has a decisive disadvantage as it is still searching for a challenger to Narendra Modi

Political parties in India have begun advance planning for the 2024 Lok Sabha polls. However, it is early yet; the ruling National Democratic Alliance and the Opposition parties have been vying with each other in their preparations. They are making and remarking strategies according to the political climate. The stage is set for the next general elections in 2024.

The regional parties might threaten the Bharatiya Janata Party. While the ruling BJP plans a hat-trick for Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Opposition is trying to unseat him. Both sides are strengthening with a 350-plus target in a Modi-versus-all scenario.



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of unity but has a decisive disadvantage as it is still searching for a challenger to Modi. This lack of a prime ministerial candidate may hurt the Opposition—and the BJP will play up the question of Modi-versus-who.

With Mamata Banerjee in West Bengal, Nitish Kumar in Bihar, K Chandrasekhar Rao, MK Stalin in the south, and Arvind Kejriwal in the north, the BJP has formidable contests from different regions. There are more than 200 seats in the Opposition strongholds. Himachal Pradesh and Gujarat vote later this year, and next year six key states—Karnataka, Tripura, Telangana, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, and Chhattisgarh—go to the polls.

The BJP is yet to conquer the southern states (129 seats). While Aam Aadmi Party chief Kejriwal takes on the PM on the corruption issue, others plan to corner the BJP on price rise and unemployment.

Secondly, right or wrong, the BJP is clear about its ideology, has a compelling narrative and poll preparedness, active cadres, and huge finances to fight the poll. Modi has the Government machinery and welfare schemes and works to show while the regional satraps are pretty strong in their states.

Modi has not only kept his flock together but, despite criticism, has also broken other parties and lured them into the BJP. More importantly, he has fulfilled the

core agenda of the Sangh Parivar, like Ram mandir, removal of Article 370 in Kashmir, and triple talaq. He is likely to take up the issue of a uniform civil code soon. All these will keep his committed voters intact.

However, the recent Parliamentary Board revamp and JD(U) exit in Bihar last month triggered some unrest within the BJP. Still, leaders bank on the BJP's ability to make course corrections. The BJP also needs to get more allies.

The party has begun aggressive preparations for the general elections. It held a meeting recently in Delhi to draw a blueprint for strengthening its position in 144 Lok Sabha weak constituencies. The party also proposes to

focus on the 70 Lok Sabha seats it never won.

On the other hand, the Opposition is not coherent and is a mixture of different ideologies. They all must adopt a give-and-take posture. While regional leaders have performed well in their respective states, they must work out a common minimum programme acceptable to all partners.

Despite their indifferent health, Deve Gowda, Lalu Yadav, Nitish Kumar, and Sharad Pawar may collaborate to unite the former Janata constituents. With the Congress, they could consolidate across multi-party states such as Haryana, Karnataka, Bihar, Jharkhand and Uttar Pradesh. That's nearly 200 Lok Sabha seats. Rahul

Gandhi's current Bharat Jodo Yatra might help the Congress if it clicks.

The Samajwadi Party, a solid regional party in UP, focuses on strengthening its organisational structure. On the other hand, UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has targeted 75 seats for the BJP, which has 80 Lok Sabha seats.

The BSP has launched a massive membership drive with a target of making 75,000 members from each assembly segment as the first step. BSP chief Mayawati has been facing defeat after defeat in the past decade but has a solid Dalit vote bank.

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy has warned his MLAs to perform or perish. He has

also launched a door-to-door visit of his legislators. Telangana chief minister K.Chandrashekhara Rao also plans to launch a national party, seeking a national role.

It will be a thrilling ride until 2024 for all players. Modi will have ten years of anti-incumbency behind him, but the BJP depends on his magic. But there are many questions, like will Modi perform a hat-trick? Will the Opposition unite? Will Rahul emerge as a successful challenger?

In politics, one week is said to be a long time. We have 18 months to go before the 2024 polls. The picture will become clear when we get near the elections. Till then, political pundits will whistle in the dark.

North Korea fires missiles after Harris leaves South Korea

AP ■ PANMUNJOM, KOREA

In a show of defiance, North Korea fired two short-range ballistic missiles into the sea on Thursday, hours after U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris flew home from a visit to South Korea during which she emphasized the "ironclad" U.S. commitment to the security of its Asian allies.

It was the third round of missile launches by North Korea this week, extending a record pace in weapons testing as it accelerates a push to expand its arsenal and pressure Washington to accept it as a nuclear power.

South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said the North Korean missiles were fired nine minutes apart from an area near the city of Suncheon, just north of the capital, Pyongyang, and flew toward waters between the Korean Peninsula and Japan. It didn't immediately release more details.

Japan's military said it also detected a launch. North Korea fired two short-range ballistic missiles on Wednesday, while Harris was in Japan, and fired one before she left Washington on Sunday.

Harris earlier capped her four-day trip to Asia with a meeting with South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol and a stop at the Demilitarized Zone dividing the Korean Peninsula, where she addressed the threat posed by the increasingly hostile North.



There are also concerns that North Korea may conduct a nuclear test, which would move the country closer to being acknowledged as a full-fledged nuclear power. Visiting the DMZ has become something of a ritual for American leaders hoping to show their resolve to stand firm against aggression.

At the DMZ, Harris went to the top of a ridge, near guard towers and security cameras. She looked through binoculars as a South Korean officer pointed out military installations on the southern side. Then an American officer pointed out some of the defenses along the

military demarcation line, including barbed-wire fences and claymore mines. He said American soldiers regularly walk patrols along a path.

"It's so close," Harris said. Harris then visited one of a row of blue buildings that straddle the demarcation line, where an American officer explained how the buildings are still used to conduct negotiations with North Korea. Sometimes they pass messages back and forth and sometimes they use a megaphone, he said.

"That's high tech," Harris joked, before adding, "We've stepped into history."

"It's still going," the colonel said.

Harris agreed. "The past and present are happening every day."

She then walked out of the building and up to the demarcation line. On the North Korean side, two figures dressed in what appeared to be hazmat suits peeked out from behind a curtain in a second-floor window. Then they disappeared back inside.

Harris described the North Korean missile launches as provocations meant to "destabilize the region" and said the United States and South Korea remain committed to the "complete denuclearization" of the North. "I cannot state enough that commitment of the United States to the defense of the Republic of Korea is ironclad," she said.

"In the South, we see a thriving democracy. In the North, we see a brutal dictatorship," she said before flying out of the border on a U.S. military helicopter.

Earlier, Harris met with President Yoon at his office in Seoul and reaffirmed the U.S. commitment to defend the South with a full range of its military capabilities in the event of war, Yoon's office said.

They expressed concern over North Korea's threats of nuclear conflict and pledged an unspecified stronger response to major North Korean provocations, including a nuclear test.

India can play stabilising, bridging role: Jaishankar

PNS/AGENCIES ■ NEW DELHI/WASHINGTON

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has said India can play a stabilising and a bridging role at a time when in the world it is not an "optimistic picture" and there is a "worried international community." Underlining the country's growing global stature, he also said late Wednesday in the US capital India can also contribute towards de-risking of the global economy and in political terms, in some way, help depolarise the world.

He said there are more than opportunities for India, because it is a very difficult situation. "I think there are contributions that India can make. I think we have today, a stabilising role today. We have a bridging role. We have a diplomatic role. We have to really see in economic terms, how can we contribute to the de-risking of the global economy? I think in political terms, how can we in some way help depolarise the world?" he said. "I think those are really expectations that a lot of other countries, especially countries of the global south have of us. Obviously, we will try and do what we can, and we remain in touch with all the bottom countries of the world," he said. During his just-concluded trip to New York to attend the annual session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), Jaishankar had nearly 100 meetings with world leaders and his counterparts from across the world.

"Today, there is an expectation and here I go back to my UNGA discussion. One of the reasons why there were so many meetings this time. Frankly, there was a lot of demand for meetings. Countries wanted to talk to us," he said.

US: China's overreaction to Taiwan spells danger to peace in Southeast Asia

PTI ■ BEIJING

China is endangering peace in Southeast Asia with its "overreaction" to US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's visit to Taiwan, America's envoy Nicholas Burns said on Thursday, while reiterating that there is no shift in America's 'one-China policy' as alleged by Beijing. Pelosi visited Taiwan on August 2, becoming the highest-ranking American official in 25 years to visit the self-ruled island claimed by China, which conducted a series of provocative military maneuvers in retaliation for her presence.

The US has not shifted its stance on Taiwan and remains committed to the 'one-China policy', but Beijing's "overreaction" to Pelosi's visit to Taipei risks a peaceful resolution, Burns said. Burns, who was appointed US Ambassador to China in March, said countries in Southeast Asia should also be concerned about China's aggression in the Taiwan Strait, given its importance as a major shipping route.

"If anyone has changed policy here, it's really the People's Republic of China, with their overreaction, for nearly two months now since Speaker Pelosi's visit," he said speaking at



the Milken Institute Asia Summit in Singapore.

"We've had a median line in the Taiwan Strait (separating between China and Taiwan) for 68 years; it has really kept the peace. [China] tries to erase that: they fired missiles over Taiwan into the Japanese economic zone, they simulated a naval blockade and air blockade," Burns was quoted as saying by the Hong Kong-based South China Morning Post. For days, China has launched massive military drills encircling Taiwan, which it regards as a breakthrough province after Pelosi defied Beijing's warnings and visited the self-ruled island in early August.

It later suspended dialogue with the US on military and climate change matters. For its part, China earlier angrily responded to US remarks that the US forces would defend Taiwan if Beijing tries to invade the self-ruled island, saying it will "strive" for the peaceful reunification of Taiwan with "utmost sincerity" but "reserve all options."

Japan's army issues rare apology over sexual harassment case

AP ■ TOKYO

In a rare admission of sexual harassment in Japan's military, its army chief apologised Thursday to a former soldier for suffering caused by a group of servicemen.

Yoshihide Yoshida, head of Japan's Ground Self-Defence Force, said an internal investigation found evidence that several servicemen were involved in the case brought by former soldier Rina Gonoï last month.

"Representing the Ground-Self Defence Force, I deeply apologise to Ms. Gonoï for the pain she had to suffer for a long time," Yoshida told a news conference.

"We offer a sincere apology." The investigation was ongoing and further details, including the assailants and their punishment, were not yet released Thursday.

Japan's Defence Minister Yasukazu Hamada earlier this month ordered a ministry-wide investigation into growing reports of sexual assault after Gonoï brought allegations of harassment of her and others.

Gonoï came forward in late August to request a reinvestigation of an alleged assault on her in 2021 by former male colleagues.

She also said she had received information from 146 servicemen who said they had been harassed while on duty.



The ministry said the number of various types of harassment complaints rose from 256 in 2016 to 2,311 last year.

In a country where gender inequality remains high, sexual harassment is often disregarded and the #MeToo movement has been slow to catch on. But Japanese women have started to speak up.

Earlier this month, Gonoï submitted a petition to the Defense Ministry signed by more than 100,000 people seeking a reinvestigation of her case by a third party.

She said three senior male colleagues in August 2021 in a dorm at a training ground pressed the lower part of their bodies against her, forcing her to spread her legs, as more than 10 other male colleagues watched and laughed, but none tried to stop them.

Sri Lanka's Parliament to debate 22nd Constitutional amendment next week

PTI ■ COLOMBO

Sri Lankan lawmakers will debate next week on the 22nd Amendment to the Constitution aimed at empowering Parliament over the executive president.

Party leaders agreed to take up the debate on the 22nd Amendment in Parliament on October 6 and 7, Communications Department of Parliament said on Thursday.

The decision was taken at the Business Committee meeting held at Parliament Complex on Thursday morning chaired by Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena. If enacted, the amendment would come to be known as the 21st Amendment to the Constitution of Sri Lanka which was first adopted in 1978.

Earlier this month, the Supreme Court ruled that the bill seeking the 22nd Amendment to the Constitution can be adopted with a two-thirds majority in the House but some clauses will require a nationwide referendum unless some of the



clauses inconsistent with the Constitution are left out of the Bill.

The government responded then saying that debatable clauses would be left out for its adoption in Parliament.

The draft bill on the 22nd Amendment was approved by the Cabinet and gazetted last month. The amendment was formulated amid the ongoing economic turmoil in the country which also caused a political crisis.

It is meant to replace the 20A adopted in 2020 that had given unfettered powers to ex-President

Gotabaya Rajapaksa after abolishing the 19th Amendment. With protests raging calling for Rajapaksa's resignation since March end, the need to reform the Constitution to reduce absolute power in the office of the President was brought forward by the protest movement.

Rajapaksa had reversed through 20A the features of the 19A which had empowered Parliament over the presidency.

Rajapaksa was ousted in mid-July through the popular uprising against him for mishandling the country's economy.



UN envoy: Israel defies UN resolution on halting settlements

AP ■ UNITED NATIONS

Israel continued its defiance of a 2016 UN Security Council resolution demanding an immediate halt to all settlement activity in lands the Palestinians want for their future state, advancing plans for construction of nearly 2,000 housing units in the last three months, the UN Mideast envoy said Wednesday.

Tor Wennesland told the council that no progress was made by Israelis and Palestinians on other demands in the resolution -- preventing all violence against civilians, refraining from acts of provocation, incitement and inflammatory rhetoric, distinguishing between Israeli territory and territories occupied since the 1967 war, and exerting "collective efforts to launch credible negotiations."

He did cite several positive steps during the three-month period ending Sept. 20 -- two contacts between Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and high-level Israeli officials in July, Israel's issuance of some 16,000 permits for workers and businesses for Palestinians in Gaza, and a 1.5 per cent increase in imports and 54% increase in exports through the main Kerem Shalom crossing from Israel to Gaza compared to the monthly average for the first two quarters of 2022. But Wennesland said "We continue to see little progress" in implementing the resolution since its adoption in December 2016.

The resolution was approved by the Security Council when the United States, in the final weeks of the Obama administration, abstained rather than using its veto to support longtime ally Israel as it had done many times previously. The Trump administration strongly opposed the resolution. U.S. Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield told the council Wednesday that from day one the Biden administration has supported a two-state solution, a position President Joe Biden reiterated to world leaders at last week's high-level meeting at the General Assembly.

At least 6 people wounded in shooting at school in Oakland

AP ■ OAKLAND

At least six people were wounded in a shooting at a school in Oakland on Wednesday, officials said.

The scene of the shooting was "no longer active," according to Alameda County Sheriff spokesperson Lt. Ray Kelly. Paramedics had transported six patients to hospitals, all with gunshot wounds, according to Oakland Fire Department spokesperson Michael Hunt.

Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf tweeted that all of the



wounded were adults and the shooting happened at Sojourner Truth Independent Study, an alternative K-12 school that is located on the same block as three other

schools. Officials didn't say if any of the victims might be students age 18 or older.

Three of the wounded were in critical condition at Highland Hospital in Oakland, the other three were taken to Eden Medical Center in Castro Valley and their conditions were not known, officials said.

John Sasaki, a spokesperson for Oakland Unified School District, said in a statement that district officials "do not have any information beyond what Oakland Police are reporting." He said the

Sojourner Truth Independent Study headquarters has no students. Television footage showed dozens of police cars and yellow tape on the street outside the schools and students leaving the campus.

City Council Member Treva Reid said investigators told her the shooting may be tied to rising "group and gang violence."

Oakland Police Capt. Casey Johnson confirmed in a brief news conference that six people were shot, and didn't answer any questions.

Iraq summons Iranian Ambassador after drone bombing campaign

AP ■ BAGHDAD

Iraq summoned the Iranian ambassador on Thursday to deliver a diplomatic complaint following a deadly drone bombing campaign, the Iraqi Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

The Iranian drones targeted an Iranian-Kurdish opposition group in northern Iraq on Wednesday, killing at least nine people and wounding 32 others.

The strikes took place as demonstrations continued to engulf the Islamic Republic after the death of Mahsa Amini, a 22-year-old Iranian Kurdish woman who died while in the custody of the Iranian morality police.

Iran's attacks targeted positions of the Democratic Party of Iranian Kurdistan in Koya, some 65 kilometres (35 miles) east of Irbil.

The group, known by the acronym KDPI, is a leftist armed opposition force banned in Iran.

The Foreign Ministry said in its statement that civilians were among those killed. It added that the Iraqi government condemned "this crime, which represented the continuation of Iranian forces' encroachment on Iraq's sovereignty."

The ministry also warned of repercussions on "the societal peace of both countries and on regional security and stability."

People trapped, 2.5M without power as Ian drenches Florida

AP ■ ST PETERSBURG (US)

Hurricane Ian left a path of destruction in southwest Florida, trapping people in flooded homes, cutting off the only bridge to a barrier island, damaging the roof of a hospital intensive care unit and knocking out power to 2.5 million people as it dumped rain across the peninsula on Thursday. One of the strongest hurricanes to ever hit the United States threatened catastrophic flooding around the state.

Ian's tropical-storm-force winds extended outward up to 415 miles (665 km), drenching much of Florida and the southeastern Atlantic coast.

Authorities confirmed at least one storm death in Florida. A 72-year-old man was found dead early on Thursday in water in a canal behind his home in Deltona near Daytona Beach, the Volusia County Sheriff's Office said in a statement.

It said he appeared to be using a hose to drain his pool into the wide canal and fell down an incline that was "extremely soft and slippery due to the heavy rain." Another Florida sheriff said he believed the death toll would be "in the



hundreds." Lee County Sheriff Carmine Marceno told ABC's "Good Morning America" that his office was receiving thousands of 911 calls from people needing rescue in the county that includes Fort Myers, but roadways were still impassable and bridges are compromised.

As Japan and China mark 50-year ties, moods are mixed

AP ■ TOKYO

Japan and China marked the 50th anniversary of normalization of their ties Thursday as their leaders Fumio Kishida and Xi Jinping stressed the importance of their strengthened relationship over the decades, though they still face difficulties.

On Sept. 29, 1972, then-Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka and Chinese Premier Zhou Enlai signed a communique normalizing their ties and pledging peace and friendship. In the communique, Japan expressed remorse over wartime damage on China and acknowledged Beijing as the country's only legitimate government.

Despite the milestone, the ceremony lacks a celebratory mood as the two countries remain at odds over disputed East China Sea islands and China's growing military and economic influence in the region.



Japan considers China a security threat and is promoting security and trade frameworks with the United States and other democracies as a counter to Beijing's growing influence. China's escalating tension around Taiwan is also a growing concern. While Japan-China relations today have a variety of possibilities, they face a number of issues and concerns, Kishida said in a message to Xi, which was shown on a big screen at a ceremony sponsored by Japanese influential business organisations and

friendship groups and held at a Tokyo hotel.

Kishida said he hoped to develop "constructive and stable relations" with China to fulfil a responsibility they share as major powers in contributing to regional and global peace and stability, looking ahead the next 50 years of their ties.

He said it is important to remember their starting point 50 years ago when the normalization was achieved. Xi, in his message sent to Kishida, said normalization of their ties in 1972 opened "a new chapter" in bilateral relations and the two countries have since deepened exchanges and cooperation, bringing welfare to both peoples and peace and development to the region and the world.

He said he attaches "great importance" to the development of their ties and is willing to work with Kishida "to build a China-Japan relationship that meets the requirements of the new era."

APPENDIX IV A
 [See proviso to Rule 8(6)]
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) 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 Commercial Credit Ltd. [CIN: U65923DL2006PLC150632] ("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 31.10.2022 from 02.00 P.M. to 04.00 P.M., for recovery of Rs. 3,44,74,257/- (Rupees Three Crore Forty Four Lakh Seventy Four Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Seven only) pending towards Loan Account No. HLLADM700318649, by way of outstanding principal, arrears (including accrued late charges) and interest till 20.09.2022 with applicable future interest in terms of the Loan Agreement and other related loan document(s) w.e.f. 21.09.2022 along with legal expenses and other charges due to the Secured Creditor from Avinash Kumar Punjani, Mukesh Punjani and Saroj Bala Punjani with Punjani Chits Pvt. Ltd. (Corporate Guarantor).
 The Reserve Price of the Immovable Property will be Rs. 4,06,00,000/- (Rupees Four Crore Six Lakh only) and the Earnest Money Deposit ("EMD") will be Rs. 40,60,000/- (Rupees Forty Lakh Sixty Thousand only) i.e. equivalent to 10% of the Reserve Price.
DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
 Plot bearing Number S-10 admeasuring area of 180.5 Square Yards in Block-S out of Khalsa Number 301/1 situated in the Revenue Estate of Village Tehar in Colony known as Ajay Enclave, Delhi-110018, within the Limits of Delhi Municipal Corporation and the Plot is bounded as under:
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 East : Plot Number S-9 West : Plot Number S-11
 For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided on the website of the Secured Creditor i.e. www.indiabullscorporatecredit.com ; For bidding, log on to www.auctionfocus.in.
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Hundreds of children from east Ukraine stranded in Russian camps

AP ■ IZIU, UKRAINE

The Russian occupation radio and newspaper ads promoted the camps as a summer break from the war for Ukrainian children under their control, free of charge. Hundreds of families agreed in the occupied east and the south, Ukrainian officials and parents say. One bus convoy left Izium at the end of August, with the promise that the children would return home in time for the school year. Instead, Ukrainian forces swept through in early September, driving the Russians into a disorganized retreat and liberating territory that had been in enemy hands for months.



Fifty-two children from Izium and around 250 more from other towns in the Kharkiv region, all between the ages of 9 and 16, are now scattered in camps, according to a Ukrainian intelligence official and a mother who hitchhiked into Russia to retrieve her daughter. Both, like nearly everyone involved in the issue, spoke on condition of

anonymity to describe a sensitive and fraught situation. "Our main goal was to give the children a break from everything that was happening here, from all the horrors that were here," said Valeriya Kolesnyk, an Izium teacher whose 9-year-old is now in

Russia. "The problem is that the Russian side does not plan to return the children to us." That doesn't seem to have been the initial expectation. Kolesnyk said she had sent her elder daughter to a camp in July and the girl returned home with no complications. The

retrieve their kids. They are afraid they are seen as collaborators, willing participants in handing their children over to the enemy.

"We are simple people. We could never afford a seaside holiday for our children and we saw this as a chance," said one Izium father who has a 9-year-old child among the group. No town official was present at Wednesday's gathering.

The Washington Post first reported on the stranded children last week, but AP was able to learn the magnitude of the issue after speaking with 20 parents and officials in both Russia and Ukraine.

Families of the missing children said the Izium couple who organized the trip now tell them Ukraine is too dangerous for children. The couple are planning a permanent future in Russia. "I'm not going back," said the husband, Valeriya Polyvoda, reached by phone in Russia. Polyvoda blamed the children's plight on local authorities in Russia. He refused to say how many children were with him.

US: Focus on new Russia sanctions on oil revenue, arms supplies

AP ■ WASHINGTON

Future sanctions over President Vladimir Putin's invasion of Ukraine must focus on depriving Putin of what he needs to fund and fight the war: revenue from Russia's oil and gas sales and access to global supply networks to replenish his military, two architects of the Biden administration's sanctions campaign told lawmakers on Wednesday.

While calling for stronger action against Russia, the State and Treasury department officials appearing before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee faced complaints from both Democrats and Republicans that the first rounds of sanctions did not hit Moscow as hard or fast as the administration had forecast.

"What we were told was these were going to be the toughest sanctions ever on a country. That they were going to have certain impacts," said



Sen. Jeanne Shaheen, a New Hampshire Democrat, recounting early predictions from administration officials that the sanctions would plunge the country into recession, send the value of the ruble plunging, and trigger unrest among Russians. "And we have not seen the full impact that was described to us."

"The frustration is we know that while we're playing the long game, Ukrainians are dying," Shaheen added.

Putin has vowed to press his offensive in Ukraine despite battlefield losses to motivated and NATO-supplied Ukrainian

forces. Within the past week, Russia has started calling up hundreds of thousands of civilian men to replenish its depleted forces in Ukraine and held sham referendums in Russian-occupied territory, as an expected prelude to claiming those lands for Russia.

In response to those referendums, the U.S. and its allies are preparing new sanctions that White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said Wednesday would impose a "severe economic cost on Russia when they move forward with annexation."

Moscow tries to draft fleeing Russian men at borders

AP ■ LARSI, GEORGIA

Long lines of Russians trying to escape being called up to fight in Ukraine continued to clog highways out of the country on Wednesday, and Moscow reportedly set up draft offices at borders to intercept some of them.

North Ossetia, a Russian region that borders Georgia, declared a state of "high alert" and said that food, water, warming stations and other aid should be brought in for those who have spent days in queues. Volunteers

on the Georgian side of the border also have brought water, blankets and other assistance.

North Ossetia restricted many passenger cars from entering its territory, and set up a draft office at the Verkhy Lars border crossing, Russian news agencies said. Some media outlets released photos at the crossing showing a black van with "military enlistment office" written on it.

Another such draft checkpoint was set up in Russia along the Finnish border, according to the independent Russian news

outlet Meduza. Tens of thousands of Russian men have fled in the week since President Vladimir Putin announced a mobilization to bolster struggling Russian forces in Ukraine. Although Putin said the callup was "partial," aimed at calling up about 300,000 men with past military service, many Russians fear it will be much broader and more arbitrary than that. There are numerous reports of men with no military training and of all ages receiving draft notices.

Alexander Kamisentsev, who left his home in Saratov for Georgia, described the scene on the Russian side of the border. "It's all very scary — tears, screams, a huge number of people. There is a feeling that the government does not know how to organize it. It seems that they want to close the border, but at the same time they are afraid that protests may follow, and they let people leave," he told the AP.



He said he decided at the last moment to leave "because I am not going to kill my Ukrainian brothers or go to

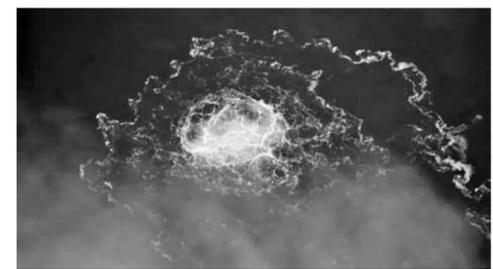
prison." Protesters carrying Georgian and Ukrainian flags and signs like "Russia Kills" greeted Russians at the border Wednesday. Giga Lemonjva of the political party Droa, which organized the protest, said the evacuees threaten Georgia's security and economy.

One protester, Helen Khoshtaria, tweeted: "We organized a protest at the border today so that the incoming Russians know how we feel about their 'Russian world.'" Russians have been crossing

by car, bicycle, scooter and foot. According to Yandex Maps, the traffic jam leading to Verkhy Lars, a town near the border between Georgia and North Ossetia, stretched for about 15 kilometers (over 9 miles) on Tuesday.

Georgia's Interior Ministry said over 53,000 Russians had entered the country since last week. There also are long lines at the border with Kazakhstan, which has taken in more than 98,000 Russians in the past week.

NATO believes Baltic Sea gas leaks were sabotage



AP ■ COPENHAGEN, DENMARK

NATO said Thursday it would retaliate for any attacks on the critical infrastructure of the 30-member-countries organization as it suggested that damage to two gas pipelines off Denmark and would-be member Sweden in international waters in the Baltic Sea is the result of sabotage.

"Any deliberate attack against Allies' critical infrastructure would be met with a united and determined response," NATO ambassadors

said in a statement. They said that the damage to the pipelines between Russia and Germany "is of deep concern."

The alliance also said that "all currently available information indicates that this is the result of deliberate, reckless, and irresponsible acts of sabotage. These leaks are causing risks to shipping and substantial environmental damage."

The Swedish coast guard on Thursday confirmed a fourth leak on the Nord Stream pipelines off southern Sweden. "We have leakage at two positions" off Sweden, coast

guard spokesperson Mattias Lindholm. There are two more off Denmark, he said.

Two of the leaks are on the Nord Stream 1 pipeline that recently stopped supplying gas, while the other two are on Nord Stream 2 that never started operating. Although they weren't running, both pipelines were filled with gas, which has escaped and bubbled to the surface.

The Nord Stream pipelines run through the Baltic to transport gas from Russia to Germany. The Danish and Swedish governments believe that the leaks off their countries were "deliberate actions."

Before the leaks were reported, explosions were recorded. A first explosion was recorded by seismologists early Monday southeast of the Danish island of Bornholm. 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.

Another top Chinese official indicted on bribery charges ahead of CPC's key meeting



PTI ■ BEIJING

The purge of top Chinese officials of the ruling Communist Party ahead of its key Congress next month in which President Xi Jinping is widely expected to get endorsed for an unprecedented third term, continued on Thursday with another top official being indicted over corruption charges.

Zhang Yongze, former vice chairman of the provincial government of Tibet Autonomous Region, has been indicted on charges of taking bribes, state-run Xinhua news agency reported.

According to his indictment, Zhang took advantage of

his former positions and power to seek benefits for others in areas, including project contracting and personnel promotion, and illegally accepted a large amount of money and valuables in return.

The National Commission of Supervision had concluded its probe into Zhang's case and initiated a public prosecution against him at the Intermediate People's Court of Xi'an.

Finland to ban entry to Russian tourists starting midnight

AP ■ HELSINKI

The Finnish government said Thursday it would significantly limit passenger traffic on Finland's border with Russia, banning Russian citizens travelling with tourist visas from entering the Nordic country effective Friday.

"The decision in principle aims to completely prevent Russian tourism to Finland and the related transit through Finland," Foreign Minister

Pekka Haavisto said during a news conference.

The government justified its decision by saying that continued arrivals of Russian tourists in Finland is endangering the

country's international relations.

It said it had discussed the issue with Ukraine's leadership, among others, ahead of the decision.

US candidate to lead UN telecoms agency after US-Russia race



AP ■ BUCHAREST (ROMANIA)

Doreen Bogdan-Martin of the United States was elected on Thursday to head the UN's telecommunications agency, winning a US-Russia face-off for the leadership of a key global agency that sets guideposts for radio, internet and television communications — ending a race that has been overshadowed by geopolitics in the wake of Russia's war in Ukraine. Envoy from the 193 mem-

ber states of the Geneva-based International Telecommunications Union, selected Bogdan-Martin over lone rival Rashid Ismailov of Russia at the latest meeting in the Romanian capital of its policy-making body — which meets every four years. Bogdan-Martin, who will begin her four-year term as ITU secretary-general on January 1, is a 29-year ITU veteran and the current director of its telecommunication development bureau. Her career began in the US Commerce Department.

She won the position in a 139-25 vote in which there were also a number of abstentions. Speaking in the plenary hall in Bucharest after she was elected on Thursday, Bogdan-Martin described the leadership position as "an immensely important position" and said it will be an "honour for me and my country" to lead the organisation.

She is the first woman to head the ITU, and the first American in charge since the 1960s.

Ukrainian activist among winners of Alternative Nobel

AP ■ STOCKHOLM

The Right Livelihood Award — known as the "Alternative Nobel" — was awarded on Thursday to community activists and organisations working on three continents, including a Ukrainian civil rights activist.

Oleksandra Matviichuk and the Center for Civil Liberties that she heads were honoured "for building sustainable democratic institutions in Ukraine and modeling a path to international accountability for war crimes."

In a statement released by the award committee, Matviichuk said that "now we are going through a very dramatic time of Ukrainian history... This award is a gesture of support for our struggle in general, and for my work, in particular."

Somalia human rights activists Fartuun Adan and Ilwad Elman, who lead community-based peacebuilding initiatives and provide support to marginalised groups, were cited



"for promoting peace, demilitarisation and human rights in Somalia in the face of terrorism and gender-based violence."

Two organisations were also honoured. Cecoseola, a Venezuelan association of cooperatives, was cited "for establishing an equitable and cooperative economic model as a robust alternative to profit-driven economies." The Africa Institute for Energy Governance (AFIEGO) won "for their courageous work for climate justice and community rights violated by extractivist energy projects in Uganda."

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Name of work: Deployment of one number Retired Tehsildar and one number Revenue Inspector for proper upkeep of Purchased and Acquired land and land records of M.B-II project at Joshiyara, Uttarkashi.
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given to the General Public that Mrs. Meenu Singhal is owners of Residential Property Bearing No. 305, (area measuring 180 sq. mtrs.), in Block C, Subant Lok, Phase II, Village-Sarhad, Chakrapur, Sitokra, Katoh, Sakrawi, Tehsil-Wazirabad, Distt. Gurugram, Haryana the said property by virtue of Sale deed dated 11.12.2020, registration No. 5599, executed by Mrs. Shilpa Sachdeva for self and attorney of Mr. Kunal Bhatia & Mrs. Shilpa Sharma and & Mr. Harsh Agrawal and Mr. J. C. Agrawal. All persons are hereby informed that above mentioned owner want to sell entire ground floor with out roof rights of the said property to Mr. Vishal Sharma of his nominee, who is taking loan for purchase of the same from KICI Bank Ltd., if anybody has any objection upon the ownership of Mrs. Meenu Singhal 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.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given to the General Public on behalf of our client that Mr. Vaidhyan Butani is the owner of Property bearing No. 10/113, area measuring 100 Sq. Yds., in Block 10, out of Khasra No. 764 Min. Situated in the area of Village Chandrawali, @ Shahdara, New Delhi vide Gift Deed dated 23.10.2007, Doc No. 10681. All persons are hereby informed that M/s Shree Krishna Industries wants to mortgage the said property and intend to obtain a loan from our client against the said property, if anybody has any objection upon the ownership of above owner over the said property, its mortgage/litigation, and any other objections, kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address within 07 days of the present.

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Sl. No.	Name of Posts	Pay Band and Grade pay (as per 6th pay commission)	No. of posts
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2	Manager (Civil)	15600-39100(Grade pay-5400)	03 Nos.
3	Manager (Electrical)	15600-39100(Grade pay-5400)	02 Nos.

Candidate must submit their application through proper channel alongwith No Objection Certificate, Vigilance Clearance from his/her Competent Authority. Last date for submitting the application is 20th Oct. 2022, till 5.00 P.M. Applications received after due date will not be entertained. For details regarding qualification, experience, age, application format and other details and instructions please visit company website www.siidcul.com. In future all corrigendum will be published on same website www.siidcul.com

Managing Director (SHIDCUL)

APPENDIX IV A
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Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Property

E-Auction sale notice for sale of movable assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) 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 31.10.2022 from 02.00 P.M. to 04.00 P.M., for recovery of Rs. 4,94,57,082/- (Rupees Four Crore Ninety Four Lakh Fifty Seven Thousand Eighty Two only) pending towards Loan Account No. HHLGR00419145, by way of outstanding principal, arrears (including accrued late charges) and interest till 24.09.2022 with applicable future interest in terms of the Loan Agreement and other related loan document(s) w.e.f. 25.09.2022 along with legal expenses and other charges due to the Secured Creditor from Madhusudan Parikh and Madhu Parikh.

The Reserve Price of the Immovable Property will be Rs. 5,00,00,000/- (Rupees Five Crore only) and the Earnest Money Deposit ("EMD") will be Rs. 50,00,000/- (Rupees Fifty Lakh only) i.e. equivalent to 10% of the Reserve Price.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Apartment No. MGE TW-01/32B of super area admeasuring approximately 4944 Sq. Ft. (459.31 Sq. Mtrs.) on the level 32 in the Golf Estate Tower -1 M3M Golf Estate, Fairway West in Group Housing Colony situated at Sector 65 Gurugram, 122001 Haryana together with three exclusive car parkings.

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India 'star' emerging market economy: S&P

'Estimated 7.3% growth in FY-2023' S&P Global Ratings said rising rates and increased

PTI ■ NEW DELHI



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European energy insecurity are hitting growth in almost every country, but India with an estimated 7.3 per cent growth this fiscal, would be the 'star' among emerging market economies.

In a report, S&P said global macro performance over the next few quarters points towards growth slowdown with tightening financial conditions amid rate hikes by central banks. Most leading and sentiment indicators are pointing toward slower growth as well.

Growth eased in the second quarter across emerging markets as inflation reduced real household income, business confidence deteriorated, and the external environment became more complicated, it said.

Emerging-market central banks have been ahead of their advanced-country counterparts in hiking policy rates, and in Latin America they are now near the end of their tightening cycles.

Elsewhere, core inflation continues to rise, suggesting there is more work to do. Large recent hikes by the US Federal Reserve are exacerbating balance-of-payment strains across emerg-

ing markets.

"For the 16 emerging economies that we cover, excluding China, 2022 GDP growth will hit 5.2 per cent this year, in our view. This forecast is up 30 basis points from our previous round. India is the star of this group with growth of 7.3 per cent this fiscal year (ending in March 2023)," S&P said. The US-based agency said as central banks aggressively raise rates to fight inflation, our confidence is waning that they can avoid generating a sharp downturn.

"We are now expecting a mild recession in the US," it said, adding that rising rates, increased European energy insecurity, and the lingering effects of Covid-19 are hitting growth almost everywhere.

"This may be the most anticipated economic slowdown on record, but the data have yet to fully fall in line," S&P said.

Current account deficit widens to 2.8% of GDP in Q1 of FY23



PTI ■ MUMBAI

India's current account deficit, a key indicator of the balance of payment position, widened to 2.8 per cent of GDP at USD 23.9 billion in the first quarter of the current financial year, mainly on account of a higher trade deficit.

As per the data released by the Reserve Bank on India's Balance of Payments during the First Quarter (April-June) of 2022-23, the current account balance recorded a deficit of USD 23.9 billion (2.8 per cent of GDP) in the first quarter, up from USD 13.4 billion (1.5 per cent of GDP) in January-March

period of the last fiscal. India's current account surplus stood at USD 6.6 billion, equivalent to 0.9 per cent of GDP in the first quarter (April-June) of 2021-22.

"Underlying the current account deficit in Q1:2022-23 was the widening of the merchandise trade deficit to USD 68.6 billion from USD 54.5 billion in Q4:2021-22 and an increase in net outflow of investment income payments," the RBI said.

It also said net services receipts increased, both sequentially and on a year-on-year (y-o-y) basis, on the back of rising exports of computer and business services.

Govt lowers borrowing target for FY-2023

To borrow just ₹5.92 lakh crore in second half

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

A day after doling out Rs 44,762 crore for free ration to the poor, the Government on Thursday cut its market borrowing target for the current fiscal by Rs 10,000 crore in signs of buoyant tax collections.

In a statement, the finance ministry said the government will do total borrowing of Rs 5.92 lakh crore during October-March period of the current fiscal, including from issuance of its maiden Sovereign Green Bonds of Rs 16,000 crore.

The government had in Budget for 2022-23 projected a gross market borrowing of Rs 14.31 lakh crore.

Of this, the government decided to borrow Rs 14.21 lakh crore during 2022-23.



"Accordingly, the balance amount of Rs 5.92 lakh crore (41.7 per cent of Rs 14.21 lakh crore) is planned to be borrowed in the second half of the fiscal year 2022-23 through dated securities, including Rs 16,000 crore through issuance of Sovereign Green Bonds (SGrBs) as per the announcement made in the Union Budget 2022-23," it said.

The government will continue to exercise greenshoe option to

retain an additional subscription of up to Rs 2,000 crore against each of the securities indicated in the auction notification.

The amount raised through this option will be limited to 3 to 5 per cent of the gross issuance for second half and within the gross borrowing limit for the 2022-23. The gross direct tax collections till September 17 grew 30 per cent to over Rs 8.36 lakh crore.

Sensex slips for 7th day amid F&O expiry

RBI policy in focus

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Benchmark indices failed to hold on to early gains and closed in the red for the seventh straight session on Thursday, with participants remaining in wait-and-watch mode ahead of the RBI's interest rate decision.

Unabated selling by foreign funds added to the pressure, though a modest recovery in the rupee cushioned the fall, traders said.

After rallying in early trade, the 30-share BSE Sensex came under selling pressure in the afternoon session and closed 188.32 points or 0.33 per cent lower at 56,409.96.

Similarly, the broader NSE Nifty dipped 40.50 points or 0.24 per cent to end at 16,818.10.

Asian Paints was the biggest laggard in the Sensex pack, tumbling 5.22 per cent, followed by Tech Mahindra, Titan, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Bajaj Finance, TCS, Wipro and Bajaj Finserv.

In contrast, ITC, Dr Reddy's, Tata Steel, Sun Pharma, Nestle India, M&M and NTPC were among the major winners, climbing as much as 2.51 per cent.

The Reserve Bank of India



(RBI) may take cues from its global counterparts, including the US Federal Reserve, to raise interest rate for the fourth time in a row on Friday to tame stubborn inflation.

The RBI, which has since May raised the short-term lending rate (repo) by 140 basis points (bps), may again go for a 50-bps increase to take it to a three-year high of 5.9 per cent, say experts.

"The initial uptick in the domestic market was short-lived due to its weak global peers and declining rupee. As the yield differential between India and the US fell to a multi-year low of 348 bps, foreign investors are still departing from the Indian market."

"Amid the ongoing global trend of aggressive rate hikes, markets are braced for a 50 bps increase by RBI.

'Retirement planning not topmost priority for urban India'

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Retirement planning is not the topmost priority for urban India but they worry that savings will not be enough to cover for old age life, with only one in three actively working to meet retirement goals, according to a study.

Max Life Insurance in partnership with marketing data firm Kantar conducted a survey to assess the urban salaried class' readiness for content and financially independent retired life. About 90 per cent of people above the age of 50 years in the survey regretted not starting early enough in life to save for retired life.

In its second edition, the survey finds the India Retirement Index Study (IRIS) remaining at 44, pointing there is a lag in preparedness over the last one year among the urban salaried class for retired life planning.

Conducted through a self-administered digital manner, the survey involved 3,220 male as well as female respondents across 28 cities, of which 6 were metro cities and 12 tier I and 12 tier II cities.

Life expectancy is consistently rising over the years.

"The objective here is to create a barometer or mirror through which we can keep observing how we are making progress. I think there are several questions when you start to consider about retirement," Prashant Tripathy, Managing Director and CEO, Max Life Insurance said.

Gold gains ₹460; silver rallies by ₹1,035



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Gold rose by Rs 460 to Rs 49,960 per 10 gram in the national capital on Thursday amid a rally in prices of the precious metal in international market, according to HDFC Securities.

In the previous trade, the yellow metal settled at Rs 49,500 per 10 gram.

Silver also rallied by Rs 1,035 to Rs 56,230 per kg.

"In the physical market of Delhi, Gold prices traded higher in the morning trade after spot COMEX Gold witnessed a rally in US trading sessions," said Dilip Parmar, Research Analyst at HDFC Securities.

In the international market, gold was trading higher at USD 1,642 per ounce while silver was up at USD 18.57 per ounce.

Flyers to get 5G services at IGIA

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Indira Gandhi International Airport in Delhi is ready to support 5G services and passengers will be able to utilise the high-speed mobile service inside Terminal-3 (T-3) and its surrounding areas as soon as it is rolled out.

Flyers having a 5G-enabled mobile phone and sim card can experience a better signal strength, seamless connectivity, negligible latency, and faster data speed at the Domestic Departure pier and International Arrival Baggage area at Terminal 3, and between T3 Arrivals and Multi-Level Car Parking (MLCP).

According to the GMR group, passengers can avail these services once 5G is rolled out in the country. Apart from these, people visiting GMR Aerocity Delhi can also get a feel of the 5G network at GMR Square.

"The 5G network offers a faster speed and lower latency. At the airport, this feature of the next-generation mobile technology will help improve



connection density and will also lead to greater efficiencies and aid in faster decision-making," Videh Kumar Jaipuria, CEO at DIAL in a statement.

Wi-Fi relies on the unlicensed spectrum which is free for anyone to use, as per the Delhi International Airport Ltd (DIAL). With the rise in passenger footfall, the airports have witnessed a rise in demand for more bandwidth and faster speed for using gadgets like smartphones and laptops, among others.

Airlines and other airport stakeholders are also seeking fast, seamless and secure connectivity for their essential technologies to meet the demand, DIAL said, adding with 5G network passengers will be able to enjoy a 20 times faster data speed over the available Wi-Fi system, it said.

Rupee rises 13 paise to close at 81.80 against US dollar

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The rupee consolidated in a narrow range and settled 13 paise higher at 81.80 against US dollar on Thursday, ahead of the RBI monetary policy decision scheduled to come out on Friday.

At the interbank forex market, the local unit opened at 81.60 against the greenback. It witnessed an intra-day high of 81.58 and a low of 81.94 during the session.

It finally ended at 81.80, up 13 paise from its previous close.

On Wednesday, the rupee plunged below the 82-mark for the first time in intraday trade before settling 40 paise down at 81.93 against the dollar.

"In the last hour of trade, the Indian rupee strengthened along with the Chinese Yuan which appreciated after a report of China state bank may stock up for Yuan intervention. However, the month-end rebalancing, foreign fund outflows and dollar demand from the importers limited the gains in



the rupee," said Dilip Parmar, Research Analyst, HDFC Securities.

Traders remained cautious ahead of the RBI's monetary policy decision.

"In the near-term, spot USD-INR is having resistance near 82.40 and support at 81.30. A recent, parabolic up move in USD-INR in the last seven days warrants some retracement in the coming days but the directional trend remains up as long as it trades above 80.10," Parmar added.

The dollar index, which measures the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, rose 0.55 per cent to 113.22.

'Merger between LIC Mutual Fund, IDBI MF at an advanced stage'

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Merger between LIC Mutual Fund and IDBI Mutual Fund is at a "fairly advanced stage", a top official said on Thursday.

"The process is on, it is at a fairly advanced stage," LIC MF's managing director and chief executive T S Ramakrishnan told reporters, when asked about reports of the merger.

Recent media reports have said that LIC Mutual Fund plans to absorb IDBI Mutual Fund following a regulatory diktat barring a single promoter from owning more than 10 per cent stake in two asset management companies. IDBI Bank, the parent of IDBI MF, is majority owned by LIC for the last few years.

Ramakrishnan added that as and when LIC MF, the 22nd largest MF in the country with over Rs 18,000 crore in assets under management, is in a firm comment on the merger process, it will inform everybody.



According to reports, there were two attempts to sell IDBI Mutual Fund that could not be successful, and it resulted in the merger with a company owned by the same parent.

Meanwhile, Ramakrishnan said the fund house is targeting to be among the top 10 by AUM (Assets Under Management) in the next five years, and will be taking specific steps like pushing its distribution efforts and investing in the brand.

It is aiming to increase the share of equity investments to the industry average of 45 per cent of the AUM by FY24 from the present level which is about 12-13 per cent lower, Ramakrishnan said.

The fund house will play to its core strength of reach in the tier-II and tier-III cities which present the biggest opportunity of growth for the industry, he said, adding that focus on high net-worth individuals will also continue.

Adani Enterprises' subsidiaries secure ₹10 K cr fund for Ganga Expressway Project in UP

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Adani Enterprises Ltd on Thursday said its three wholly-owned subsidiaries have achieved financial closure for the access-controlled six-lane greenfield Ganga Expressway Project in Uttar Pradesh under public-private partnership mode.

The company in a statement said it has secured finances of Rs 10,238 crore from lenders, and the concession period of the project shall be 30 years with traffic link extension provision of six years, including three years of construction period.

"Budaun Hardoi Road Private Ltd (BHRPL), Hardoi Unnao Road Private Ltd (HURPL) and Unnao Prayagraj Road Private Ltd (UPRPL) — wholly-owned subsidiaries of Adani Enterprises Ltd (AEL) — have achieved financial closure for the access-controlled six-lane (expandable to eight lane) greenfield Ganga Expressway Project (Group-II, III & IV) in Uttar Pradesh (UP) respectively on DBFOT (toll) basis under PPP mode," it said.

The Ganga Expressway in Uttar Pradesh, which will connect Meerut with Prayagraj, will be India's longest express-

way to be implemented on Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Transfer (DBFOT) model.

Adani Enterprises' road business CEO K P Maheshwari said the State Bank of India has underwritten the entire debt requirement of Rs 10,238 crore for the project.

AEL's road portfolio has grown to 18 projects with more than 6,400 lane kilometres and an asset value exceeding Rs 44,000 crore spread over ten states — Uttar Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Kerala, Gujarat, West Bengal and Odisha.

Ford India loss widens to ₹4,229 cr in FY-22

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Indian arm of US car-maker Ford, which had last year decided to exit from the country, saw widening of its loss after tax to Rs 4,229 crore in fiscal 2021-22, according to data provided by business intelligence platform Tofler.

Ford India Pvt Ltd had posted a loss after tax of Rs 188 crore in 2020-21.

The widening of loss was



primarily driven by restructuring and included exceptional items outflow of Rs 4,226 crore. Revenue from operations in FY22 stood at Rs 10,202 crore as against Rs

12,057 crore in FY21, down 15 per cent. The total revenue from operations included domestic sale of Rs 2,399 crore, which was 49 per cent lower than the prior year's figure of Rs 4,742 crore, as per regulatory filings by Ford India Pvt Ltd.

"Financial performance for the current year is largely impacted by restructuring decision announced in September 2021. The decision resulted in

exit from vehicle and engine manufacturing operations at Chennai and vehicle manufacturing operations at Sanand," the company said.

In terms of volume, Ford India sold 69,223 cars during 2021-22 as compared to 94,112 cars in the prior financial year, down 26 per cent. This included domestic sales of 15,870 cars, as compared to 48,042 units in the previous year, down 67 per cent.

TVS Motor signs MoU with FCDO to offer scholarships to aspiring individuals

PTI ■ CHENNAI

Two and three-wheeler major TVS Motor Company has signed a memorandum of understanding with the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office to offer Chevening TVS Motor Company Scholarships to candidates who show great potential to become decision-makers,

the company said on Thursday.

The Chevening Programme, is a scholarship programme that aims to attract select students around the world who demonstrate great potential to become leaders, decision-makers in their own country. The United Kingdom government's global scholarship programme is awarded to those individuals with strong



academic backgrounds who can also demonstrate their leadership potential, a company statement said here.

"At TVS Motor Company it has been our endeavour to create future leaders and sup-

port them in their journey. Our collaboration with FCDO and the Government of United Kingdom is a testimony to this commitment," TVS Motor Company MD, Sudarshan Venu said. "This partnership is an unique opportunity for the talented and dynamic minds in the country and we are excited to be a part of their growth," he said.

MAX: I DON'T REALLY THINK ABOUT C'SHIP

AP ■ SINGAPORE
Max Verstappen on Thursday said he thinks he is "quite a long shot" to retain his Formula One world championship...



"It's quite a long shot and I just want to enjoy the weekend and of course try to win it," he told reporters.

to happen here so I don't really count on it." Verstappen admitted he knew the scenario required for him to secure back-to-back championships...

in the race but around here we know that one-lap performance is very important." Verstappen has never won Singapore's spectacular night race...

track has evolved," said Verstappen, who has a 116-point lead over Leclerc following his victory at the Italian Grand Prix three weeks ago...

Messi's form gives Nice defenders reason to fear PSG trip

AP ■ PARIS
Nice's defenders must be hoping their former coach Christophe Galtier is kind enough to rest Lionel Messi for Saturday's game at Paris Saint-Germain...

happens surprise that Neymar is leading the league with eight goals and that France star Kylian Mbappé is next with seven.

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BUMRAH RULED OUT OF T20 WC

Jasprit will be forced out of action for six months due to a back injury

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India's pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah was on Thursday ruled out of the T20 World Cup due to a back stress fracture, dealing a massive blow to team's chances at the ICC flagship event starting next month in Australia.

A BCCI official told PTI that Bumrah will be forced out of action for six months due to the back injury. "Bumrah is not going to play the T20 World Cup for sure. He has a serious back condition. It's a stress fracture and he could be out for a period of six months," a senior BCCI official told PTI on conditions of anonymity.

Stress fracture is a tiny crack in the bone, caused by overuse and is common in sports persons. When stress reaction (bone bruise) goes undetected for a considerable time, it develops into stress fracture.

Almost 50 per cent of sports injuries are caused by stress fractures.

Back stress fractures do not require surgery but a lot of time to heal. Rest is best solution to treat stress fractures.

It is understood that either Deepak Chahar or Mohammed Shami could replace Bumrah in the main squad. Both were named as stand-by players for the prestigious tournament by the BCCI.

Bumrah, who played the second and third T20 against Australia, had travelled with the team to Thiruvananthapuram for the series-opener against South Africa but left for Bengaluru to be at National Cricket Academy (NCA) for rehabilitation.

The 28-year-old fast bowler is the second senior star player to be ruled out after Ravindra Jadeja, who is recovering from a knee surgery.

The Indian team is already looking unsettled at the moment and



Bumrah's injury has only compounded the woes for skipper Rohit Sharma and coach Rahul Dravid.

"Losing Bumrah and Jadeja will be huge for India. We didn't expect that things will pan out as they have. He was rested for the Asia Cup precisely to manage his workload management. Now it remains a question if he was

even fit enough to play the Australia series," the senior official said.

Many senior players have been given adequate rest, keeping in mind their workload.

What is more interesting is the fact that Bumrah has played only five Tests, five ODIs and as many T20Is in 2022 apart from IPL games for

Mumbai Indians.

"That's not a lot of cricket, considering that he was rested for Asia Cup, West Indies tour and also some of the bilateral cricket played in India. That's a lot of rest.

"As of now he is at the NCA and the rehab will be a long and arduous one. Yes, World T20 is important but

he is still young and India's biggest bowling asset. You can't take risk with him," the official said.

Bumrah, who has a slinging action, puts a lot of pressure on his back during loading. Former West Indies pace bowler great Michael Holding had assessed that Bumrah was always a candidate for back injuries.



Arshdeep's focus is on adaptability ahead of T20 World Cup

PTI ■ THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Young India left-arm pacer Arshdeep Singh said "adaptability" is the main focus of the team ahead of the T20 World Cup, starting next month in Australia.

The T20 World Cup will be held in Australia from October 16 to November 13, and Arshdeep said the Indian bowlers are geared up for the tough challenge that awaits them. "Adaptability is the big motive of our team. The main motive is adapting to the situations and demands of the team, whatever the situations and conditions are," said the 23-year-old pacer, who made a sensational comeback after a disappointing outing in the Asia Cup recently. "When we go there (Australia) we will see how the conditions are. I'm looking forward to doing well."

Arshdeep (3/32) and Deepak Chahar (2/24) broke South Africa's backbone to help India register an easy eight-wicket win over the Proteas in the low-scoring first T20I.

"We are trying to tick all the boxes in the practice sessions and trying to execute all our plans on the field. Today (Wednesday) was really a good example of showing a good power play bowling and we are looking forward to do amazing things in the coming days," Arshdeep said at the post-match

presentation.

The left-arm pacer, a key arsenal in India's death bowling scheme of things for the ICC showpiece next month, missed the preceding three T20Is against Australia after he was sent to the NCA for conditioning.

"The purpose of the last 10 days was to get refreshed and come back stronger and fitter that will help me in my bowling. I feel really refreshed and looking forward to doing good things on the field," Arshdeep said after his exploits with the ball. Bowling with the new ball in the absence of Jasprit Bumrah and Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Arshdeep came back with a bang, grabbing three wickets in five balls to reduce South Africa to 8 for 4 inside the second over.

Arshdeep, who made his debut in the tour of England in July this year, said he always strives to give his best on the field without bothering about selection. "They told me you're 'in the plan' back end of the IPL, that I'm in the scene... I guess the main motive was to keep doing well whatever opportunities I get, that's my job and I don't think much about the selection part," he said.

Arshdeep had a forgettable Asia Cup campaign in the UAE, where he struggled to get wickets in the power-play and also made headlines for dropping a sitter in their loss to Pakistan in the 'Super 4' stage.

SKY is now India's highest run-scorer in T20Is in single calendar year

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Suryakumar Yadav's status as India's best T20I batter in recent times has been reaffirmed as he became the highest scorer in a single calendar year with 732 runs, surpassing Shikhar Dhawan's 689 back in 2018.

Suryakumar, who scored one of his finest T20I half-centuries against South Africa on a seaming track in Thiruvananthapuram on Wednesday, is only 24 runs short of completing 1000 runs in the format.

His strike-rate in 2022 is a whopping 180.29, while his career strike-rate is a staggering 173.35 across 32 games. He has already hit 57 sixes and 88 boundaries in his career so far.

Coming onto bat at No.4 position in the first T20I against South Africa with India

being reduced to 17/2 in the seventh over, Suryakumar hit two sixes off his first three balls to give the innings a change in momentum after a slow start.

He remained unbeaten on 50 off 33 balls as India scaled the target with more than three overs to spare and eight

wickets in hand.

With the two sixes early in the innings, Suryakumar also went past Pakistan's Mohammad Rizwan to record the most sixes in any calendar year in T20Is. Rizwan held the record for his 42 sixes in 2021 with Martin Guptill also

smashing 41 sixes in the same year.

Suryakumar has taken his tally of sixes to 45 in 2022 already, a record in all T20Is, with three more months to widen the gap with Rizwan.

While Rizwan took 26 innings to hit 42 sixes,

Suryakumar has broken the record batting five times fewer.

Suryakumar is up to second position in the latest MRF Tyres ICC Men's T20I Player Rankings with 801 rating points after his half-century in the third and final T20I against Australia in Hyderabad.

Arshdeep said at the post-match

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