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Ankita murder fury engulfs U'khand

Protesters set resort on fire; BJP expels accused's father and former Min from party

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Public anger over the murder of 19-year-old Ankita Bhandari in Uttarakhand led local residents on Saturday to set part of the resort run by main accused Pulkit Arya, son of a BJP leader and former State Minister level position holder Vinod Arya, on fire after the Government earlier started demolishing it late on Friday.

Enraged over the development, residents also damaged the vehicle of BJP's Yamkeshwar MLA Renu Bisht when she reached All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Rishikesh after Ankita's body, recovered from Chilla canal early on Saturday morning on the seventh day after she was reported missing, was brought there for post mortem.

Meanwhile, Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami ordered a probe by a Special Investigation Team (SIT) while the BJP expelled the former



An illegally built resort of Ankita murder accused Pulkit Arya after it was partially demolished by authorities overnight, in Pauri Garhwal district on Saturday PTI

State Minister Vinod Arya and Ankit Arya, brother of main accused Pulkit, from the party with immediate effect. On Dhami's instructions, Ankit was also removed from the post of nominated vice chairman of OBC commission.

The State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) personnel had started searching for Ankita's body on Friday after learning from the accused about the location where she was thrown into the canal. The personnel found her body early on Saturday morning. The body was taken to AIIMS

Rishikesh where a number of protesters had gathered demanding the death penalty for the perpetrators of the crime.

Bisht reached the institute only to be greeted by slogans by the irate crowd with one of the people also breaking the rear window of her SUV.

Meanwhile, Director General of Police Ashok Kumar in a telephonic talks with the father of the victim assured him of all possible action to ensure that the perpetrators receive the death sentence.

C'garh varsity video leak: Soldier held for blackmailing accused girl student

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

The Punjab Police on Saturday arrested an Army personnel posted in Arunachal Pradesh in connection with the Chandigarh University case, in which it was alleged that a hostel inmate recorded several objectionable videos of girl students in the common wash-room, Director General of Police (DGP) Punjab Gaurav Yadav said on Saturday.

The police had earlier arrested a girl student and two men from Himachal Pradesh. Identified as Sanjeev Singh, he is suspected of blackmailing the accused girl student.

Yadav said based on forensic and digital evidence, the police team from SAS Nagar was dispatched to Arunachal Pradesh to arrest the accused.

He said the accused Army personnel was arrested from Sela Pass in Arunachal Pradesh with the support of Arunachal Pradesh Police, Assam Police and Army authorities in Arunachal Pradesh. The police have also obtained a 2-day transit remand of the accused from the Court of Chief Judicial Magistrate (CJM) Bomdila to produce him before the Magistrate, he added.

During the ongoing probe by the Punjab Police, it is revealed that a serving Army soldier is likely to have been involved in acts chargeable under sections of the IPC and IT Act, an Army official said.

CBI raids 59 spots in biggest crackdown on child porn in India

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

In its biggest crackdown on child pornography, the CBI on Saturday carried out searches at 59 locations in 21 States and Union Territories in connection with two cases of circulation of online child sexual abuse material (OCSAM). The raids were part of the operation "Megha Chakra".

Dubbing "Megha Chakra" a painstaking and meticulous operation, the agency said it conducted nationwide searches at around 59 locations, including Faridabad and Fatehabad (Haryana); Dehradun (Uttarakhand); Kachh, Lunavada, Rajkot and Godhra (Gujarat); Maharajan, Hathras and Ghaziabad (Uttar Pradesh); Bardhaman and Murshidabad (West Bengal); Mumbai, Pune, Nashik, Thane, Nanded, Solapur, Kolhapur and Nagpur (Maharashtra); Dhanbad and Ranchi (Jharkhand); Chittoor and Krishna (Andhra Pradesh); Bengaluru, Kodagu, Ram Nagar and Kolar (Karnataka); Raipur (Chhattisgarh), and New Delhi, the CBI said in a statement.

Likewise, the CBI also conducted the searches at Chelakkara and Mallapuram (Kerala); Dindigul (Madurai); Gurdaspur and Hosiarpur (Punjab); Chennai; Goa;



Hyderabad; Ajmer and Jaipur (Rajasthan); Cuddalore (Tamil Nadu); Guwahati, Dhimaji (Assam); Itanagar (Arunachal Pradesh); Saran and Bhagalpur (Bihar); Agartala (Tripura); and Mandi (Himachal Pradesh) in two cases related to downloading/circulation of child sexual abuse material (CSAM).

The CBI has registered two cases under relevant provisions of the Information Technology Act based on information received from the Crime Against Children (CAC) unit of Interpol, Singapore, which had received the same from New Zealand police for sharing with the relevant country, the CBI said.

"It was alleged that a number of Indian citizens were involved in circulation/downloading/transmission of child sexual abuse material using cloud-based storage.

L-G orders FIR against DJB staff for siphoning off ₹20 cr water bills

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Amid an ongoing tussle with the ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) dispensation, Delhi Lieutenant Governor (L-G) Vinai Kumar Saxena on Saturday directed Chief Secretary Nareesh Kumar to file an FIR against officials of the Delhi Jal Board (DJB), bank authorities and private entities for allegedly embezzling ₹20 crore in water bills.

Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia is the head of the DJB. Sisodia is already facing the heat in the alleged old excise policy and ghost teachers' scams.

The LG has also asked the Chief Secretary to identify the DJB officials or officers who had been allegedly siphoning off funds, fix responsibility and submit an action taken report within 15 days.

Later in a Press conference on Saturday, DJB vice-chairman and AAP MLA Saurabh Bharadwaj welcomed the Lt Governor's move saying that Sisodia had also recommended this sort of investigation.

Sources at the Raj Niwas said that the matter had first come to light in 2019 with the allegation that ₹20 crore collected in water bills from consumers was not deposited in the bank account of the DJB.

Despite the allegations, the contract of the company involved in the collection of bills was extended.

CAPSULE

INDIA SLAMS PAK FOR KASHMIR RANT AT UNGA

New Delhi: Taking exception to Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's comments on Kashmir in the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), India on Saturday charged him with efforts to "obfuscate misdeeds in his own country and justify actions against India." New Delhi also blamed Islamabad for sponsoring cross-border terrorism.

INDIA 'STALLED' DURING UPA ERA: NR MURTHY

Ahmedabad: N R Narayana Murthy, co-founder of IT giant Infosys, has lamented that economic activities in India were "stalled" and decisions were not taken by the Manmohan Singh government in time in the Congress-led UPA era.

GUV SEEMS TO REMIND CM MANN OF HIS DUTIES

Chandigarh/New Delhi: The tussle between Punjab Governor Banwarilal Purohit and the State's AAP Government over the convening of the Assembly session escalated further on Saturday with the former seeking to remind Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann of his duties.

JHULAN BIDS ADIEU, GIVEN GUARD OF HONOUR

London: Playing her last international match of an illustrious career, Indian women's team seamer Jhulan Goswami received a guard of honour when she walked out to bat against England in the third and final ODI here on Saturday. Jhulan will end her glorious, two-decade career as women's cricket's highest wicket-taker.

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5 resorts sealed in Nainital following CM's orders

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On the directions of chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami to conduct checks on tourist resorts, five resorts were sealed in the Nainital district on Saturday. The Nainital district administration conducted checks on Saturday and found five resorts in the Dhanachuli resorts in violation of various rules, following which they were sealed on the orders of the district magistrate.

It is pertinent to mention that

area in the foothills of Pauri district, Dhami had directed all district magistrates on Friday evening to undertake a scrutiny of all hotels and resorts. The CM had directed immediate action on any home stay, hotel or resort in case any anomaly or violation is found.

According to official sources, the CM has already clarified that those who are perverting the atmosphere of the State will not be allowed to con-



following the murder of Ankita Bhandari who was working as a receptionist at a resort in the Gangabhogpur

continue their activities irrespective of their influence or connections.

Speaker updates governor on VS appointments decision

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

A day after taking an unprecedented decision of

pert committee constituted by her to investigate backdoor



removing 228 ad hoc workers of Uttarakhand Vidhan Sabha, the speaker Ritu Khanduri met the governor Lieutenant General (Retd) Gurmit Singh at Raj Bhawan on Saturday. In the meeting she apprised the governor about the report submitted to her by the expert committee and its findings.

The governor praised the expert committee for completing its investigation before the stipulated time period and expressed satisfaction on the decision taken by the Speaker Khanduri. He suggested that necessary steps should be taken for improving the system and work culture in Vidhan Sabha. Acting on the recommendations of the ex-

appointments in Uttarakhand Vidhan Sabha, Khanduri had decided to cancel 228 appointments in the Vidhan Sabha.

The committee in its report said that no selection committee was set up for making the ad hoc appointments, no advertisement was issued, and no competitive examinations were held to select the candidates. It found all the appointments illegal and recommended that 150 appointments done in the year 2016, six in the year 2020 and 72 done in the year 2021 should be cancelled. Incidentally these appointments were done by former speakers Govind Singh Kunjwal and Prem Chand Agarwal.

U'khand to benefit from Germany tour- Agarwal

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

Returning from a five-day study tour of Germany, the Urban Development minister Prem Chand Agarwal said that the benefits of this tour will definitely be experienced in Uttarakhand.

a minute form and generating electricity from it. The item considered bad here is a source of income in Germany, he said.

The minister further said that gas was made from a heap of garbage piled up in Frankfurt for 18 years. Apart from this, greenery now occupies the place taken up by the heap of garbage in the past. The minister said that during his five-day tour with departmental officials various project sites were visited and talks were held with experts to learn about the solid waste management system being used in Germany.

Pine Hall school organises annual prize distribution and investiture ceremony

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The Pine Hall School organised its annual prize distribution day to honour and recognise the hard work of the meritorious students. Principal Rama Anand distributed the prizes to the students. Speaking on the occasion, the principal told the students that the will to win, their desire to succeed and the urge to reach their potential are the keys that will unlock the door to personal excellence. The school director Anurag Anand also congratulated all the winners. The school organised an investiture ceremony for the



academic session 2022-2023. The students council took the pledge to hold the school motto in high esteem and pledged to work earnestly and uphold the honor and glory of the institution while receiving their prestigious Sash and badge. The principal congratulated the newly appointed school prefectural board for their preparedness to take responsibilities

Second missing boy's body found in dam reservoir

PNS ■ NEW TEHRI

The body of missing school student Rakshit Panwar was recovered from the Tehri dam reservoir on Saturday. The police and SDRF team had been conducting the search operation in Tehri Lake for some days. Rakshit's father has identified the body. On September 19, class IX students Ashish Kandwal (15) and Rakshit Panwar (15) went missing after appearing in a test. The police started the search operation after they were reported to be missing by the family members. On September 21, during a search in the reservoir, the body of Ashish Kandwal was found by SDRF personnel diving to 30 feet depth. On Saturday, the



body of Rakshit Panwar was also recovered during intensive search by SDRF team in the dam reservoir.

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CM orders SIT probe in Ankita Bhandari murder case

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

Chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami ordered investigation by a Special Investigation Team (SIT) headed by Deputy Inspector General (DIG) P Renuka Devi in the Ankita Bhandari murder case which will investigate every aspect of the case. Dhami has also directed officials to check all the tourist resorts in the State. Interacting with media persons at his residence on Saturday, the CM said no one, whosoever he may be, would be spared if guilty. He said that the government would make an effort to ensure that the case is heard in a fast track court. Expressing deep anguish at the murder of Bhandari, the CM said that it is very sad and added that the government has taken every necessary action promptly. He said that the Patwari who showed laxity in the case has

been suspended, the resort has been demolished and the culprits are behind the bars. He added that the father and brother (Vinod Arya and

doubt on the intent of the government and police. The CM said that he has asked the administration to check all the resorts constructed on gov-



Ankit Arya) of the prime accused Pulkit have been removed from the BJP and Ankit Arya has been removed from the position of vice chairman of the Uttarakhand OBC commission. Making an appeal to the people, Dhami said that they should not cast

ernment or forest land. He said that the action would be taken against the illegal resorts in the State.

Dhami takes swift decisions, ensures necessary action

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

By taking a series of swift actions in less than 24 hours in the backdoor appointments in Uttarakhand Vidhan Sabha and Ankita Bhandari murder case the Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami has tried to give a clear message on governance to the people of the State.

On Friday the Assembly speaker Ritu Khanduri sent a proposal to the State government that 228 backdoor appointments in the Vidhan Sabha secretariat should be cancelled. Acting promptly on the proposal the CM immediately accepted the proposal. He congratulated the speaker for the prompt inquiry in the case. Within hours of taking this decision, Dhami on late Friday night ordered demolition of the resort owned by Pulkit Arya, the son of the BJP leader Vinod Arya. Pulkit is the prime accused in the murder of Ankita Bhandari. On Saturday Dhami ordered the removal of Ankit Arya from the post of deputy chairman of the Uttarakhand Other Backward Caste Commission.

Ankit is the brother of Pulkit Arya. Acting on the suggestion of CM the president of the Uttarakhand BJP, Mahendra Bhatt removed Vinod Arya and his son Ankit Arya from the BJP.

It is pertinent to mention here that on the backdoor appointments in the Uttarakhand Vidhan Sabha, Dhami had requested the speaker to get the case investigated and cancel the appointments if found illegal. This stand of CM assumed significance in the wake of the allegations that relatives and acquaintances of the senior BJP leader and RSS functionaries figure in the list of 72 appointments done during the tenure of the Speaker Prem Chand Agarwal. Incidentally Agarwal who holds the Finance, parliamentary affairs and urban development portfolios has been consistently claiming that all the appointments done by him were legal.

In the Ankita Bhandari case, CM acted as per the public aspirations and ordered the



demolition of Vananatra, the illegal resort of Pulkit Arya. On the orders of the CM, the bulldozer of the Pauri administration demolished the resort of the accused in murder of Ankita Bhandari.

The prompt decisions taken by CM taken one after another show that Dhami wants to give a clear message that the policy of Zero tolerance on corruption adopted by him would continue and he would compromise on governance. These steps are also being viewed as an attempt to salvage the image of his government which has taken a beating in recent times due recruitment scams and the charges of improper handling of law and order situation.

Adequate evidence collected, demolition of resort not destroying evidence: DGP

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

Following allegations being leveled by some media outlets and citizens on social media about the government conspiring to destroy evidence of Ankita Bhandari's murder by demolishing the resort she was working in, the police have clarified that the necessary evidence has already been collected.

Talking to The Pioneer, director general of police Ashok Kumar said that the police have already collected necessary evidence from the resort. "We have the evidence we need. The demolition of the resort resulting in destruction of evidence is very unlikely," he said.

The police have clarified that they had already collected

all forensic and electronic evidence from the resort before its demolition was started.

Noted advocate Atul Pundir said that the collection of evidence depends on the origin of offence. "From what is



known so far, the crime occurred near the canal. Plus, these days electronic evidence is also crucial and useful. Google location too can provide usable information," he said.

Cong protests against Ankita's murder

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In protest against the murder of Ankita Bhandari in Gangabhogpur area of Pauri district, the workers of the Congress party burned the effigy of the BJP government in Dehradun

ment, he said that crime against women is increasing in the state under the rule of the party which boasts about 'Beti Bachao, Beti Pado'. He said that the women are finding themselves not



on Saturday. The protest was led by the President of the Mahanagar Congress Committee, Jasvinder Singh Gogi. Speaking on the occasion Gogi said that the incident has shamed the people of Uttarakhand. He said that it is unfortunate that the revenue police failed to register the case even after four days of the disappearance of Bhandari. Launching a scathing attack on the BJP govern-

safe. Gogi said that the BJP government is trying to save the culprits but the Congress party would continue to fight for the rights of women.

Gogi demanded that the chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami should shoulder the moral responsibility of the deteriorating law and order situation of the State and should resign from his post.

Demand for abolition of revenue police system gathers momentum

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The murder of Ankita Bhandari by a resort owner in Gangabhogpur area of Yamkeshwar in Pauri district has renewed the long standing demand for abolition of the old system of revenue police in Uttarakhand. In more than 60 per cent of the territory of the State the revenue Patwaris are also given police powers. On Saturday the Vidhan Sabha speaker Ritu Khanduri sent a letter to the chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami in which she requested that the system of revenue police should be abolished with immediate effect and police posts and stations should be set up in place of revenue police posts.

She said that the old practice of revenue police is still prevalent in many areas of the State.

Khanduri said that in Ankita Bhandari could have lived had the normal police been functioning and the general public would not have been so much agitated as they are today. She said that in today's time when victim can file zero FIR from any part of the country and register his or her complaint one is pained to observe that revenue police personnel which lack modern arms and no training to deal with criminals are operating in an area which is only 15 kilometres away from the Rishikesh city. Khanduri requested that police stations and posts should be set up in the areas which are under the jurisdiction of the revenue police so that the repetition of such incidents is prevented.

“VS speaker writes letter to CM on the subject”



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PFI incite youth to join ISIS, LeT: NIA

Agency: Group conspired to establish Islamic rule in India by committing terrorist activities

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has alleged that the radical outfit Popular Front of India (PFI) encouraged vulnerable youths to join terrorist organisations, including Lashkar-e-Tayyeba (LeT), Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) or Daesh and Al-Qaida, and also conspired to establish Islamic rule in India by committing a terrorist act.

The NIA has also claimed that the documents seized during the nation-wide searches conducted at offices of PFI and its leaders contain highly incriminating materials targeting prominent leaders of a particular community. In a remand petition submitted before the NIA special court in Kochi on Thursday seeking custody of 10 persons in connection with a case registered



by the agency's Kochi office, the agency alleged that the radical Islamist outfit conspired to establish Islamic rule in India by committing terrorist act as a part of violent jihad. It said the PFI spreads "dis-affection against India by wrongful inter-

pretation of government policies to the particular section of people" to create hatred against the state and its machineries.

"During the investigation, based on materials collected, it has been disclosed that the accused named in the FIR were actively involved in the organised crimes and unlawful activities repeatedly, to terrorise other religious sections of the society, besides creating fear in the mind of general public based on the larger conspiracy hatched among themselves and others," the report said.

In near simultaneous raids across the country, a multi-agency operation spearheaded by the NIA on September 22 led to the arrest of 106 activists of the Popular Front of India in 11 States for allegedly supporting terror activities in the country. "The seized documents also contain highly

incriminating materials related to targeting prominent leaders of a particular community. The Hit List seized clearly shows that the PFI, which is working through its leaders, members and associates have gone far ahead in creating atrocities among the community," the report said.

With an intention to disrupt public tranquility and propagating alternative justice delivery system, "the PFI encouraged youths to join terrorist organisation" including Lashkar-e-Taiba, Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) and Al-Qaida and "also conspired to establish Islamic rule in India by committing terrorist act" as a part of violent jihad, it said. "The case involves key players of the society and they are highly influential even to the effect of stalling the community and its progress by a mere call.

The common man stands threatened by the stand taken by the accused and their henchmen," the report added. The agency said the devices confiscated from the accused and from the offices of the PFI needed to be analysed at Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (CDAC) in Thiruvananthapuram. The probe agency had produced 10 accused before the court and sought their custody to "unearth larger conspiracy hatched by the accused/cadres and office bearers/leaders of PFI".

The agency said the Ministry of Home Affairs had on September 16 directed it to probe the matter following which a case was registered on September 19 under various sections of the IPC and the UAPA. The NIA court had remanded the accused to judicial custody.

Nitish, Lalu to meet Sonia today, may push for pre-poll alliance

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, along with RJD patriarch Lalu Prasad and Deputy Chief Minister Tejashwi Yadav, will call on Congress president Sonia Gandhi on Sunday.

The meeting assumes importance in the backdrop of discussions on Opposition unity. Both Nitish and the RJD are pushing for a pre-poll alliance ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha election rather than a loosely tied-together front.

The Bihar leaders will be in the national Capital to attend a rally to mark the birth anniversary of former deputy Prime Minister and Indian National Lok Dal (INLD) founder Devi Lal in Fatehabad, Haryana, organised by INLD leader O.P. Chautala. A senior JDU leader said a formula is being worked upon similar to 2004 for a pre-poll alliance where alliances can be forged at the State level



amongst parties comfortable in sharing space like the one that exists in Bihar.

Such an alliance can be explored in five major States — Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Maharashtra, which together send 222 members to the Lok Sabha.

CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury asserted that Opposition unity at the national level is a chimera that no one should chase. "I have said it repeatedly, that alliances have to be formed at the State level keeping in mind the unique political factors of each State," he said.

In 2004 too informal alliances existed prior to the

election among the several of the constituent parties of the United Progressive Alliance (UPA) at State level. The Congress for example was in alliance with Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) in Jharkhand, the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) in Maharashtra, the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) in Tamil Nadu and the RJD and the LJP in Bihar. The rally organised by Chautala will be attended by several Opposition leaders including NCP patriarch Sharad Pawar, Shiv Sena leader and former Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray, DMK leader Kanimozhi and National Conference leader Farooq Abdullah.

Yechury too will be present at the rally. Chautala has also sent invitations to West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao and Telugu Desam Party chief (TDP) Chandrababu Naidu, for attending public meeting.

MEA warns Indians against fake job rackets in Thailand, Myanmar



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Government on Saturday asked all Indian nationals aspiring for jobs in foreign countries to be wary of dubious foreign companies and urged them to verify the credentials of foreign employers and antecedents of recruiting agents in view of many Indians lured to Myanmar as part of a scam.

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said instances of "fake job rackets" offering lucrative jobs in Thailand by dubious IT firms have come to the notice of Indian missions in Bangkok and Myanmar.

"Instances of fake job rackets offering lucrative jobs to entice Indian youths for the posts of 'digital sales and marketing executives' in Thailand by dubious IT firms involved in call centre scam and cryptocurrency fraud have come to our notice recently by our missions in Bangkok and Myanmar," the MEA said.

"The target groups are IT skilled youth who are duped in the name of lucrative data entry jobs in Thailand through social media advertisements as well as by Dubai and India-based agents," it said in an advisory.

The MEA said the victims are reportedly taken across the border illegally, mostly into Myanmar, and held captive to work under harsh conditions. It advised Indian nationals not to get "entrapped" in such fake job offers being floated through social media platforms or other sources.

"Before travelling on tourist/visit visa for employment purposes, Indian nationals are advised to check/verify credentials of foreign employers through concerned Missions abroad, and antecedents of recruiting agents as well as any company before taking up any job offer," it said.

The Indian embassy in Myanmar recently rescued over 30 Indians out of 60 who were trapped in that country's Myawaddy area after falling prey to an international racket promising jobs in Thailand.

Myawaddy area in south-eastern Myanmar's Kayin state bordering Thailand is not fully under the control of the Myanmar government and certain ethnic armed groups hold sway over it.

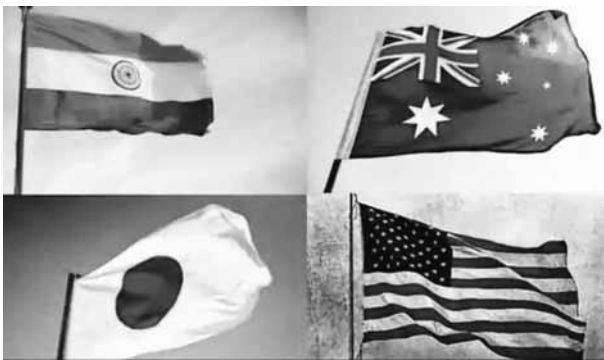
QUAD leaders vow free, open Indo-Pacific region

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE/AGENCIES ■ NEW DELHI/NEW YORK

With China asserting itself in the Indo-Pacific region, the Quad combine has said it is against any unilateral actions to change the status there or increase tensions and called for rules-based international order.

This caution was sounded by the foreign ministers of the Quad grouping, comprising India, Australia, US and Japan. The Ministers met late Friday on the sidelines of the ongoing 77th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).

The Quad grouping meet was held to deepen Quad multilateral cooperation in support of advancing a free and open Indo-Pacific, which is inclusive



and resilient, according to the joint readout of the meeting held here on Friday.

The meeting was attended by External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and his counterparts Penny Wong of Australia, Hayashi Yoshimasa of Japan and US Secretary of State Antony Blinken.

"The Quad's vision is for a

region where the rules-based international order is upheld, and where the principles of freedom, rule of law, democratic values, peaceful settlement of disputes, sovereignty, and territorial integrity are respected," the joint readout released by the US State Department said. "We strongly oppose any unilateral actions that seek to

change the status quo or increase tensions in the region," the four foreign ministers said.

They reaffirmed their conviction that international law, peace, and security in the maritime domain underpins the development and prosperity of the Indo-Pacific," according to the readout.

"We also reaffirmed our unwavering support for ASEAN (the Association of Southeast Asian Nations) unity and centrality, ASEAN-led regional architecture, and practical implementation of ASEAN's Outlook on the Indo-Pacific," it said.

China claims nearly all of the disputed South China Sea, though Taiwan, the Philippines, Brunei, Malaysia and Vietnam all claim parts of it. Beijing has built artificial islands and military installa-

tions in the South China Sea. China also has territorial disputes with Japan in the East China Sea. China and India are also involved in a protracted military standoff in eastern Ladakh. India has been consistently maintaining that peace and tranquillity along the Line of Actual Control were key for the overall development of the bilateral ties.

In the meeting, they also underscored the Quad's unwavering support for the UN Charter, including its three pillars, and their steadfast commitment to strengthening and reforming the UN and international system.

"The Quad affirmed its support for a UN that solves the consequential challenges of our time and safeguards our shared and interconnected resources. This includes the full

implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals," the four ministers said.

The leaders said they are committed to advancing a comprehensive UN reform agenda, including through the expansion of permanent and non-permanent seats of the UN Security Council so that the Council reflects the current global realities and incorporates more geographically diverse perspectives.

The foreign ministers said they look forward to the counter-terrorism tabletop exercise being hosted by Australia later in 2022. They intend to meet in person for the next Quad Foreign Ministers' Meeting in New Delhi in early 2023.

'Army capable to give befitting reply to enemy'

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Indian Army is capable of giving a befitting reply to any adversary and when it engages with China, it does so on an equal footing, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said here on Saturday.

Asserting this point at an event to release a five-volume book on Deendayal Upadhyay in presence of Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar, he said, when China conducted first nuclear test in 1964, Deendayal Upadhyay was the first one who spoke in favour of India



conducting its nuclear test, the minister said. When India carried out its first nuclear tests in 1998 in Rajasthan under the leadership of then prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, the idea was not to use the weapon against any country but to maintain a deterrent, he said.

"Because of that deterrence, the Indian Army today has full confidence of self-defence. Today in 2022, when India's army engages with China, it does so on an equal footing. If any power looks towards India with evil intention, Indian soldiers have the capability to give a befitting reply," he said.

Rajnath said country's goal is not only to make items for its needs, but also to export defence items to other countries. "I can say we are moving fast towards fulfilling dreams of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay," he said.



Union Minister for Home Affairs and Cooperation Amit Shah during inauguration of five Border Outposts of 'Sashastra Seema Bal', in Fatehpur, Bihar, on Saturday
PTI Photo

BJP panel indicts TMC for violence during Nabanna Chalo Abhiyan, submits report

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The five-member delegation formed by BJP national president JP Nadda to probe the violence during 'Nabanna Chalo Abhiyan' on September 13 submitted its report to him at his residence on Sunday indicting the TMC leaders and the Government for allegedly allowing 'unprovoked violence' against the BJP workers and recommending a central probe into the incidents.

The delegation, which visited the state and met the BJP leaders and workers, injured in the incidents, took stock of the situation after the BJP's protest march in Kolkata that led to clashes with the police.

The report said the state police at the instance of the TMC made unprovoked brutal attacks and made arrests of peaceful BJP protestors who came under heavy stone pelt-ing. The panel has recommended a central probe into the violence against the BJP workers.

Nadda had formed a party panel to investigate the violence that happened during the 'Nabanna Chalo' rally. The members of the delegation were asked to probe the situation on the ground level and investigate what led to the violence in Kolkata on September 13. The fact finding committee consisted of former Uttar Pradesh Director General of Police, Brjilal, MPs Colonel Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore



and Samir Oraon, Aparajita Sarangi and Sunil Jakhar. Among others, they visited injured BJP councillor Meena Devi Purohit. Central BJP leaders Sunil Bansal, Mangal Pandey and Asha Lakra also visited the affected party cadre in Kolkata. "The BJP workers were tortured by the police on the day of Nabanna Abhijana. Many were injured and are still suffering due to police atrocities," said Bansal.

According to Meena Devi Purohit, she had to get seven stitches in her head as she was attacked from behind by male policemen wielding lathis. "These were goondas in police uniforms." Earlier there were 34 years of left-rule violence and now there is TMC's violence, she said.

After meeting Meena Devi Purohit at her residence, one of the BJP panel member Sunil Jakhar said the force used by the police during the protest was a mere show of arrogance by the TMC.

"These atrocities show the barbarism of the TMC. Abhishek Banerjee said that he would have shot the party workers. This is sheer arro-

gance. The people of Bengal are observing this arrogance and the corrupt activities of TMC," Jakhar said. Former union minister Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore also criticised Abhishek Banerjee's comment and said the TMC leader's remark should be condemned by everyone.

TMC General Secretary and Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's nephew Abhishek Banerjee had earlier made controversial remarks saying that if he were in the police's shoes, he would have shot BJP workers during the 'Nabanna Chalo' protest march.

"Meena Devi is a senior lady. Look what they have done. Mamata said police used restraint? Does Abhishek Banerjee's comments show restraint? It is absolutely condemnable" said Rathore. Several police personnel as well as BJP leaders and workers sustained injuries as the party's "protest rally against corruption" in West Bengal turned violent on September 13. Visuals from Kolkata streets showed violent mobs pelting the police with stones and bricks as well as attacking them with lathis and setting fire to the Kolkata Police's cars also showing injured BJP leaders.

Leader of the Opposition in the West Bengal Assembly Suwendu Adhikari, the party's Hooghly MP Locket Chatterjee and senior leader Rahul Sinha and several other leaders were detained by the police.

Mumbai's former Police Commissioner arrested in NSE phone tapping case

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The CBI has arrested former Mumbai Police Commissioner Sanjay Pandey in relation to the National Stock Exchange (NSE) phone tapping case. He was earlier arrested by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) and was presently in judicial custody.

The CBI has secured from a Mumbai court four-day custody of Pandey in connection with the alleged illegal phone tapping of NSE employees by his information technology firm. The CBI approached a special CBI court seeking his custody in connection with the tapping case.

The CBI will subject Pandey to custodial interrogation during his four-day custody. In addition to Pandey and former Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of National Stock Exchange (NSE) Chitra Ramkrishna, the CBI has also named another former NSE CEO and MD Ravi Narain in the case.

It is alleged iSec Securities Pvt. Ltd. one of the firms that conducted a security audit of NSE, had illegally tapped phones of NSE employees during 2009-17, the CBI has alleged in its FIR. The company was incorporated by Pandey in March 2001 and he quit as its director in May 2006. His son and mother took over



charge of the company after Pandey's exit. On July 19, the ED Pandey in connection with a money laundering case linked to the alleged illegal phone tapping of NSE employees. The retired 1986-batch Indian Police Service (IPS) officer was arrested after two consecutive days of questioning in connection with the money laundering case.

Pandey is facing two connected FIRs by the ED and Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) of illegal interception of phones of NSE employees by iSec Services Private Ltd, a company founded by him, and violation of Securities and Exchange Board of India guidelines in conducting NSE's system audit.

In its FIR, the CBI had alleged that Ravi Narain and Ramkrishna, both former chief executives of the NSE, had roped in company founded Pandey to snoop on the stock market employees by illegally intercepting their phone calls.

India hits back at Pak PM for comments on Kashmir in UNGA

Sehbaz Sharif's remarks over Kashmir issue false, says India, reprimands Islamabad of indulging in cross-border terrorism

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Taking exception to Pakistan Prime Minister Sehbaz Sharif's comments on Kashmir in the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), India on Saturday charged him with efforts to "obfuscate misdeeds in his own country and justify actions against India."

New Delhi also blamed Islamabad for sponsoring cross-border terrorism.

Giving this terse message while exercising its right to reply to Sharif's statements at the UNGA, First Secretary of Indian mission in UN Mijito Vinito the United Nations, termed Shehbaz Sharif's claims over the Kashmir issue false and accused Islamabad of indulging in "cross-border terrorism".

"It is regrettable that the Prime Minister of Pakistan has chosen the platform of this assembly to make false accusations against India. He has done so to obfuscate misdeeds in his own country and to justify actions against India," Vinito said. In an apparent ref-



erence to terrorist Dawood Ibrahim, he said the country that claims to seek peace with its neighbours, would never shelter conspirators of 1993 Mumbai bomb blasts. Vinito said such a country would not make unjustified and untenable territorial claims against its neighbours.

"A polity that claims it seeks peace with its neighbours would never sponsor cross border terrorism. Nor would it shelter planners of the horrific Mumbai terrorist attack, disclosing their existence only under pressure from the international community," he said.

Shehbaz Sharif, in his address brought up the Kashmir issue and said India's "illegal and unilateral" actions on August 5, 2019, to change the special status of Jammu and Kashmir, further undermined the prospects of peace and inflamed regional tension.

He also said Islamabad

wants peace with all its neighbours, including India, but it is possible only after a "just and lasting solution to the Kashmir dispute." Sharif claimed that India's "illegal and unilateral" actions to change the special status of Jammu and Kashmir has inflamed regional tensions.

"I think it's high time that India understood this message loud and clear that both countries are armed to the teeth. War is not an option. It is not an option. Only peaceful dialogue can resolve these issues," he added.

Referring to the recent incidents of forced abduction and marriages of girls from Hindu, Sikh and Christian families in Pakistan, Vinito said it is ironic that the country which has committed "grave violation of minority rights" is speaking about minorities on a global platform. "The desire for peace, security and progress in the Indian subcontinent is real. It is also widely shared.

Haridwar hotels full for Amavasya and weekend

PNS ■ HARIDWAR

In view of Sarva Pitra Amavasya and the weekend, there is heavy traffic in Haridwar on Saturday with most hotels in the city fully occupied. A considerable number



of devotees have reached Haridwar for religious and tourism purposes. Due to the weekend and Sarva Pitra Amavasya a large number of pilgrims from Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Maharashtra and

other areas have reached Haridwar. The rush has been heightened due to the significance accorded to offering Pitra Tarpan for ancestors in Haridwar on such special occasions.

to the Covid pandemic. On Saturday night, most of the hotels and other commercial accommodations in Haridwar were fully occupied while people waited in queues even outside restaurants to have a meal. Most of the restaurants from Bhimgoda to the railway station were fully occupied.

During Shraddh Paksha, there are three places of great importance regarding Pitra Tarpan which include Narayani Shila temple at Haridwar, Bhramakapal near Badrinath and Gaya.

Hotel association secretary Minto Panjwani said that the average occupancy in hotels is good due to the ongoing Char Dham Yatra, even the remaining accommodations were filled up resulting in most places being fully occupied due to Pitra Amavasya and the weekend.

2 vehicle thieves caught, 11 bikes recovered

PNS ■ HARIDWAR

Haridwar police arrested two members of a vehicle theft gang and recovered 11 motorcycles stolen by them. Talking to reporters, the superintendent of police (City) Swatantra Kumar Singh informed that incidents of vehicle theft were occurring consistently in the city. The



police team caught two youth from Rodibelwala area. During interrogation, they confessed to carrying out incidents of vehicle theft, after which 11 bikes stolen from

different areas were recovered based on information provided by the accused. The accused confessed that bikes were stolen from different areas of Haridwar and Rishikesh. The accused have been identified as Shivam and Mohit. Singh said that the accused used to easily break the

lock of any bike, after which they used to abscond with the bike. After that, they used to keep the bike parked at a secluded place for a few days before taking it away.

Secretary reviews FDA's functioning

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The secretary in-charge of the Health department, R Rajesh Kumar has ordered an audit of the restaurants, hotels, educational institutes and schools under the Eat Right campaign. He attended a review meeting of the officers of the Food Safety and Drug Administration at the FDA building here on Saturday. In the meeting, he said that the emphasis on creating public awareness on food safety

should be made. Kumar said that surveillance of the food products having more likelihood of adulteration should be increased and their samples should be collected. He said that the complaints of the consumers should be promptly addressed and said that the FDA toll free number 18001804246 should be provided to the general public.

The secretary also inspected

the drug testing lab in the FDA building and sought information on the testing process.

The additional commissioner Arunendra Singh Chauhan, drug controller Tajbir Singh and others were present on the occasion.

Very heavy rain warning issued for 7 districts today

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The State meteorological centre has issued a warning (alert) about the possibility of heavy to very heavy rain in seven districts of the State today. Heavy to very heavy rainfall is



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likely to occur at isolated places in Dehradun, Tehri, Chamoli, Bageshwar, Pithoragarh, Rudrapur and Uttarkashi districts on Sunday. Further, heavy rainfall is likely to occur at isolated places in the remaining districts of the State. Apart from this, thunderstorm/lightning with intense shower are likely to occur at isolated places in the mountainous regions. Light to moderate rain/thundershower are likely to occur at most places in the districts.

The provisional State capital Dehradun is forecast to experience generally cloudy sky. One or two spells of light to moderate rain/thundershower are likely to occur, which may be intense/heavy in some areas. The maximum and minimum temperatures are likely to be about 27 degrees Celsius and 22 degrees Celsius respectively in Dehradun on Sunday.



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‘India on track to attract \$100 bn FDI this fiscal’



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India is on track to attract USD 100 billion foreign direct investment (FDI) in the current fiscal on account of economic reforms and ease of doing business, the government said on Saturday.

In 2021-22, the country received the 'highest ever' foreign inflows of USD 83.6 billion.

"This FDI has come from 101 countries, and invested across 31 union territories and states and 57 sectors in the country. On the back of economic reforms and Ease of

Doing Business in recent years, India is on track to attract USD 100 billion FDI in the current FY (financial year," the commerce and industry ministry said in a statement.

It said that to attract foreign investments, the government has put in place a liberal and transparent policy wherein most sectors are open to FDI under the automatic route.

The reform measures include liberalization of guidelines and regulations, in order to reduce unnecessary compliance burden, bring down cost and enhance the ease of doing

business in India, it added.

FDI equity inflows in India dipped by 6 per cent to USD 16.6 billion during April-June period of the current fiscal.

It also said that to address the import of low-quality and hazardous toys and to enhance domestic manufacturing of toys, several strategic interventions have been taken by the government.

The import of toys in 2021-22 have reduced by 70 per cent to USD 110 million (Rs 877.8 crore). On the other hand, exports rose by 61 per cent to USD 326 million.



REITs can raise short-term debt at lower cost as Sebi allows issue of commercial papers: Industry

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Capital markets regulator Sebi's decision to allow Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT) to issue commercial papers will help in raising short-term debt at a lower interest cost, according to real estate industry experts. REIT, a popular instrument globally, was introduced in India a few years ago to attract investment in the real estate sector by monetising rent-yielding assets. It helps unlock the massive value of real estate assets and enable retail participation.

At present, there are three listed REITs — Embassy Office Parks REIT, Mindspace Business Parks REIT and Brookfield India Real Estate Trust — on Indian stock exchanges, but all these are of leased office assets.

On Thursday, Sebi allowed

emerging investment vehicles, REIT, and Infrastructure Investment Trust (InvIT), to issue commercial papers, subject to certain conditions.

Commercial Paper or CP in market parlance refers to a short-term debt instrument issued by companies to garner funds generally for a time period up to one year.

Welcoming the decision, Vinod Rohira, CEO, Mindspace Business Parks REIT, said: "Sebi's move to allow REITs to issue commercial papers provides an additional avenue of financing through short-term debt instrument at comparatively lower costs and shorter timelines."

This would aid in bringing down the cost of capital for 'AAA' rated REITs, he said.

Vikaash Khdloya, CEO, Embassy REIT, said the global

REITs have long used commercial paper as a short-term financing option.

This will further reduce the cost of capital for REIT and deepen the available capital pools which already include banks, FPIs and insurers, he said.

"The introduction of commercial paper in India further validates the creditworthiness of REITs as they continue to transform commercial real estate sector in the country," Khdloya said.

Piyush Gupta, Managing Director, Capital Markets and Investment Services, Colliers India, said, the capital raising options for REITs have been opening up.

The Sebi's decision will provide an avenue to raise short-term debt at a lower cost and in a shorter turnaround time, he

said. Sebi's move came after Reserve Bank Commercial Paper Directions last month indicated that InvIT and REIT having net worth of at least Rs 100 crore are eligible to issue commercial papers.

REITs and InvITs need to abide by the guidelines prescribed by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for issuances of commercial papers and follow the conditions of listing norms prescribed by Sebi.

The issuance of listed CPs should be within the overall debt limit permitted under the REITs and InvITs rules.

While a REIT comprises a portfolio of commercial real assets, a major portion of which is already leased out, InvITs comprise a portfolio of infrastructure assets such as highways and power transmission assets.

No decision taken on oil refinery plant location in Maha, says Puri

PTI ■ CHANDRAPUR

Petroleum Minister Hardeep Singh Puri on Saturday said the Centre has not taken any decision to set up an oil refinery project in any specific area in Maharashtra.

Speaking to reporters in Chandrapur, he said the state government will have to discuss the project's location with the Central government.

He alleged the erstwhile government (in Maharashtra) had allocated land for the project but later refused under the pretext of changing the location, which derailed the project.

"Following this, the state (Maharashtra) and the country faced huge economic losses in the last two-and-a-half years," Puri alleged.

Puri was apparently referring to the Ratnagiri Refinery and Petrochemical project, proposed to be built at Nanar village in Ratnagiri district in coastal Konkan, but it was scrapped before the 2019 polls at the insistence of Shiv Sena, the then alliance partner of BJP.

Establishing a 60-million metric tonne per annum oil refinery will be the biggest plant in the world, Puri said.

Amazon India customer base from tier 2, 3 cities jumps 2-fold during festive season sale

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

E-commerce firm Amazon India on Saturday said it has recorded a two-fold jump in its customer base from tier 2 and 3 cities during the first 36 hours of its festive season sale.

Tier 2 and 3 cities accounted for 75 per cent of the total customer base of the e-commerce major during its 'Great Indian Festival' sale, an Amazon India spokesperson told PTI.

"75 per cent of the customers came from tier 2 and tier 3 cities. We saw 2 times more customers from Tier 2 and 3 cities compared to last year," the spokesperson said. The festive season sale of the company started from September 23 and will end before Diwali next month. The company gave 24 hours early access to Prime members.

Amazon claims to have recorded sale of 10 lakh unique products offered by small and

medium business and startups from its platform during the first 36 hours of its festive season sale.

The company said its Prime member sign ups grew 1.9 times than last year and 68 per cent of the total new sign ups were from tier 2 and 3 cities. Amazon charges a fee from Prime users for special services but sign-ups comprises both paid and non-paid users. "It is encouraging to witness small and medium businesses, startups, artisans, women entrepreneurs offer a wide selection of products to our customer across India," said Manish Tiwary, Vice President & Country Manager, India Consumer Business, Amazon.

According to Amazon, customers showed preference for television brands like Samsung, OnePlus, Mi, LG and Sony.

The company's Amazon Business segment recorded 50 per cent growth in customers during the present sale.



"Amazon Business saw around 50 per cent growth in customers, over 100 per cent jump in orders and more than 200 per cent jump in sales over last year along with a 2 times growth in customers placing bulk orders for their business or corporate gifting needs. The number of sellers getting at least one business order grew by 23 per cent over last year," the statement said.

Amazon India has expanded its same-day delivery service to more than 50 major cities and towns in India for Prime members. "Same-Day Delivery within hours is now available in 2.5 times more pin codes compared to last year, growing from 14 cities to 50 cities and towns this year, including Surat, Mysuru, Mangalore, Bhopal, Nashik, Nellore, Anantapur, Warangal, Ghaziabad, Faridabad and Patna among others," the company said.



Meesho records 80% jump in sale with 88 L orders on day 1 of festive season sale

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Softbank-backed e-commerce firm Meesho on Saturday said it registered around 80 per cent jump in the business with close to 87.6 lakh orders on Friday, the first day of its five-day festive season sale.

Tier 2, 3 and 4 cities accounted for around 85 per cent of orders on day one, the company said in a statement.

"Meesho clocked a record around 87.6 lakh orders on the first day of its flagship festive sale event — the Meesho Mega Blockbuster Sale. This is the highest number of orders recorded by the company in a single day — up about 80 per cent from day one of previous year's sale," the statement said.

The company said that it has received orders from deep corners of the country such as Jamnagar, Alappuzha, Chhindwara, Davengere, Hassan, Gopalganj, Guwahati, Siwan, Thanjavur and Ambikapur.

"With a wide assortment of around 6.5 crore active product

listings at lowest prices, the sale exemplifies Meesho's mission towards democratising e-commerce for everyone," it said.

Fashion, beauty & personal care, home & kitchen, and electronic accessories were the top-selling categories on day one, while consumers bought everything from sarees to analog watches, jewellery sets, mobile cases and covers, bluetooth headphones, choppers and peelers in record volumes to fulfil their festive shopping aspirations, the company said.

"With around 85 per cent of orders and approximately 75 per cent of sellers coming from Tier 2 and beyond cities, we are humbled to have created a far-reaching impact in the deepest corners of the country.

"We will continue to fuel the discoverability of hyperlocal businesses and products, empower MSMEs and further boost accessibility and affordability for our heterogeneous base of consumers," Meesho CXO for Business Utkrishta Kumar said.

Byju's clears \$ 230 mn dues to Blackstone for Aakash acquisition

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Etech firm Byju's has cleared USD 230 million payment that was due to private equity investment firm Blackstone for acquiring a majority stake in test

preparatory firm Aakash Educational Services, according to sources privy to the development.

Byju's had acquired Aakash in April for around USD 950 million.

"Byju's paid USD 230 million to Blackstone for acquiring a stake in Aakash," the source told PTI.

While it cleared payments that were due to the founder of Aakash in July, the payment of Blackstone was deferred based on a mutual agreement.

Founders of Aakash and Blackstone continue to hold a minority stake in the firm.

Acquisition of Aakash has been positive for Byju's business.

Payment to Blackstone and non-closure of USD 800 million funding round due to non-payment of committed investment from Sumeru Ventures



and Oxshott have been two main issues that raised questions on Byju's business performance.

Byju's co-founder and CEO Byju Ravendran at the time of announcing the result had said that the contractual commit-

ment of the two investment firms is still there, but the fund has not come and these entities have not made any investment in the last six months.

Byju's booked a loss of Rs 4,588 crore for the fiscal year

ended March 31, 2021, 19 times more than the preceding fiscal.

The losses in the 2020-21 fiscal widened from Rs 231.69 crore in 2019-20. Revenues during FY21 dropped to Rs 2,428 crore from Rs 2,511 crore in FY20.

But in the following fiscal, ending March 31, 2022, the company said revenue soared four-fold to Rs 10,000 crore but it did not reveal profit or loss numbers for that year.

Byju's said the losses widened in FY21 mainly on account of deferment of some revenue and losses incurred from WhiteHat Jr.

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Notice is hereby given to the General Public that Mr. Harinder Bhatia, Mr. Manu Bhatia, Mrs. Neelu Kapur are joint owners / mutates of Residential Flat Bearing No. 3402, on 4th Floor, (area measuring 1260 sq. ft.), in Tower No. 03, (ATS Greens-II), at Plot No. A-38, Sector-50, Model, Udyt, Gurgaon South Nagar, (U.P.) the said property by virtue of Mutation letter dated 20.10.2021, issued by Noida Authority, after demise of late Mr. Harinder Bhatia, who was owner of the said property. vide a transfer deed dated 18.03.2013. All persons are hereby informed that above mentioned owners/Mutates want to sell the said property to Mr. Saurabh Samra/this nominee, who is taking loan for purchase the said property from ICICI Bank Ltd., if anybody has any objection/s upon the ownership of Mr. Harinder Bhatia, Mr. Manu Bhatia, Mrs. Neelu Kapur in respect of the said property is to be brought, and any kind of objection kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address within 07 days of the present.

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Branch Manager, Punjab National Bank, Manav Chowk, Ambala City

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Tender No.16/EE(G)/CPH/2022-23 for "Annual maintenance of the Coolers & Pumps including replacement of main pipe line of 4*69 MVA Generator Transformers at Chibro Power house"

Estimated cost: ₹ 12.51,376/- GST Extra.

Date of availability of tender on website: 26-09-2022 from 11:00 Hrs. Last date for submission of tender: 17-10-2022 up to 16:00 Hrs.

For fuller & further details, kindly visit our website. The tender documents can be downloaded from the Nigam's website www.ujvnl.com

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‘Kalin nagari’ all set to host 4-day international carpet fair from October 15-18

PTI ■ BHADOHI (UP)

Carpet traders of Uttar Pradesh's Bhadohi district, popularly known as "kalin nagri" for its exquisite weaving skills, are gearing up for a four-day international carpet fair to be held from October 15-18.

Weavers, exporters and all other stakeholders, anxiously waiting for a revival of the industry after Covid pandemic, are expecting to book a handful of overseas shipment orders during the fair to be held in this town for the first time.

Organised by the Carpet Export Promotion Council under the Union textile ministry, the biannual fair was earlier held either at New Delhi or Varanasi.

The fair is scheduled to be held at Bhadohi, less than 50 kilometres from Varanasi, from October 15-18, officials said.



in organising carpet fairs for a long time, said, "The fair was first organised in Delhi 35 years ago. It has come a long way since then and is now being organised at Bhadohi. The medium and small traders of the district will benefit most from the trade fair."

General Manager of the All India Carpet Manufacturers' Union Aslam Mahboob said that the state government has taken several steps to facilitate the carpet fair in Bhadohi, which is well-connected with the Varanasi airport.

"Foreign importers will be able to reach the fair spot in 30 minutes after landing at Varanasi airport," Mahboob said.

District Magistrate Anil Kumar said preparations for the fair are in full swing and all aspects of the event are being looked into.

BPCL signs pact with Brazil's Petrobras to diversify crude oil sourcing

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

State-owned Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) on Saturday said it has signed an agreement with Brazilian national oil company Petrobras for sourcing crude oil from the Latin American nation as part of plans to diversify its sourcing needs.

BPCL imports a large volume of crude oil which is turned into fuel such as petrol and diesel at its three oil refineries at Mumbai, Bina in Madhya Pradesh and Kochi in Kerala.

The firm, which gets majority of its supplies from west Asian nations such as Iraq and Saudi Arabia, is looking to diversify its sources of supply in an attempt to cut down reliance on any particular region.

Company chairman and managing director Arun Kumar Singh and Petrobras CEO Caio Paes de Andrade signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) in Brazil. BPCL said in a statement.

Logiy Spaces, AA Holdings to invest \$ 37 mn to build logistic park in Karnataka

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Industrial and logistic park developer Logiy Spaces has tied up with AA Holdings to build a new project at Narasapura, Karnataka with an investment of USD 37 million (around Rs 300 crore).

In a statement, AA Holdings, which has recently been formed by Abhijit Verma, said it has formed a joint venture with Logiy Spaces to invest USD 37 million for the development of 1 million square feet of industrial and logistics park.

The project is scheduled for completion by September 2023.

"In our endeavour to enable local landlords and aggregators to become successful micro entrepreneurs and fulfil the need for quality commercial spaces in the country, we floated AA Holdings to provide them the right guidance and mentorship," said Verma, the MD and CEO of AA Holdings.



"We will be developing 1 million square feet of industrial and logistics park in the suburbs of Karnataka at an investment outlay of USD 37 million. This project will be executed in a joint venture with Logiy Spaces," he added.

Narasapura is one of the biggest industrial regions in Karnataka, under the district jurisdiction of Kolar and is well connected to notable cities and highways of Kolar, Malur, Hoskote, Bangalore, Chennai, Chittoor and NH 4 among others.

INDIA WHITEWASH ENGLAND IN JHULAN’S LAST WALTZ

Record first ever clean sweep on England soil

PTI ■ LONDON

A fairy-tale ending befitting her glorious career marked Jhulan Goswami’s last waltz as India Women beat England by 16 runs in the third and final ODI to record their first clean sweep in this country.

That the feat was achieved at the Mecca of Cricket — Lord’s — made it doubly satisfying.

Sent into bat, India were all out for a paltry 169, and at that point it looked like the tourists may have fallen many runs short of making the match a memorable one for their legendary seamer, who is calling it quits after two decades of incredible service to the game.

However, the Indians managed to eke out a win as Charlotte Dean (47) was adjudged run out in controversial fashion, for backing up. Dean, who nearly pulled off a stunning win for the hosts



after they were reeling at 65 for seven and then 103 for eight, was out of her ground and Deepti Sharma simply held the ball to remove the bails, leaving the English flabbergasted.

Recently, ICC while modifying the playing conditions had moved this kind

of dismissal from 'unfair play' to 'run out'. The changes would come into effect from October 1. On expected lines, the day revolved around the 39-year-old warhorse Jhulan Goswami, who is leaving the scene as women's cricket's highest wicket-taker, having started her journey way back in 2002.

Harmanpreet Kaur, who let Jhulan call the toss in a touching gesture, was unable to hold back her tears, even as the Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) planned to name a stand at the Eden gardens after the 'Chakdaha Express'.

She finished with

excellent figures of 2/30 in her full quota of 10 overs, including three maiden overs.

The competitive Indian has seen the game evolve during her long journey that was marked with some unforgettable moments and few unpleasant days.

While she was not expected to be at her peak in her final series, Jhulan did enough on her own to go out on a high, having bowled tidily in her last three international matches.

She was lucky to have got her first wicket of the day with a short one, her second scalp came when the pacer bowled Kate Cross with her ball number 10,001 in ODIs, again something which no other player has achieved

England captain Amy Jones's decision to field first seemed to have paid dividends as India kept losing wickets at regular intervals to be bundled out in 45.4 overs. India were in deep trouble at 29 for four pretty early into their innings, but them came the revival.

All-rounder Deepti Sharma top-scored for the visitors with an unbeaten 68 off 106 balls, while opener Smriti Mandhana was the second highest scorer, making exactly 50 runs in 79 deliveries. Barring these two, and Pooja Vastrakar (22), to some extent, none of the Indian batters could make any substantial contribution in the final game of the series, which the tourists had pocketed with wins in the first two matches.

Among England bowlers, medium pacer Kate Cross returned with excellent figures of 4/26, while there were two wickets apiece for Freya Kemp and Sophie Ecclestone.



PTI ■ HYDERABAD

India will be hoping their key bowlers, Harshal Patel and Yuzvendra Chahal, are back to their best when the hosts take on Australia in the series-deciding third T20 International here on Sunday.

India were able to plug the gaps in Nagpur to level the three-match series with a comprehensive win in the eight-over-a-side contest. But they will need their bowlers, especially Harshal and Chahal, to overcome their struggles ahead of the T20 World Cup.

India had got off to an electric start in the last game with Axar Patel bowling a fiery two-over spell that included a couple of wickets but they are struggling at the back end of the innings.

While Jasprit Bumrah is sure to carry the responsibility, senior seamer Bhuvneshwar Kumar's poor show at the death overs is a real concern. He struggled in the Asia Cup and in the opener against Australia.

He was dropped for the second T20, perhaps, because skipper Rohit Sharma felt he needed only four bowlers for the eight overs but Bhuvneshwar's form is worrisome.

Death overs specialist Harshal, who is returning from an injury, also hasn't inspired confidence and perhaps needs a couple of matches more to find his rhythm.

The right-arm medium pacer, who relies on his variations to be effective, has conceded 81 runs in his six overs at an economy rate of 13.50 and is the most expensive bowler in the series. He has struggled to get his lengths right, remaining

wicketless.

India rely on their spinners in the middle overs and while Axar has been a big positive, Chahal has faltered. He went for a lot of runs in the Asia Cup and the trend has continued against Australia.

India will, however, breathe a sigh of relief as Bumrah was his vintage best, showing no signs of rust after returning from his back injury.

In the batting department, the famed top order comprising Rohit, KL Rahul and Virat Kohli needs to be more consistent. The trio has not fired in unison for a while.

Suryakumar Yadav has also been patchy in the past few games with Hardik Pandya churning out match-winning performances.

Another chink in the Indian batters' armour is leg spin. The have continued to struggle against leggies and Adam Zampa has utilised this weakness well.

Dinesh Karthik, who played his role of a finisher to perfection in the previous game, is likely to get more game time. Skipper Rohit would also

like to give Axar, who is a like-to-like replacement for the injured Ravindra Jadeja, a go with the bat to see how the all-rounder performs in crunch situations. Additionally, he is the only left-hander in the side apart from Rishabh Pant.

The Australians, on the other hand, would also be concerned with their bowling.

After outplaying India in the first game, the Australians were at the receiving end in the second match, eventually losing by a massive six wickets. While Aaron Finch and Matthew Wade managed to put runs on the board, their bowling department failed miserably once again.

In the absence of the injured Nathan Ellis, pacers Pat Cummins, Josh Hazlewood and Daniel Sams leaked over 11 runs an over. All-rounder Cameron Green has also been expensive.

Wade has been brilliant with the willow but with a World Cup to defend in their backyard, the Australian team management would like the big-hitting Glenn Maxwell, who has scored just a run in two games, to pick up form.

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307	202	Government	Naala	0.0205	Naala 202
308	203	Private	Agriculture	0.0028	Praveesh Kumar /Yograj / Ni gram 203
309	204	Government	Chakmarg	0.0045	Chakmarg 204
310	205	Government	Naali	0.0081	Naali 205
311	222	Government	Naali	0.034	Naali 222
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313	224	Government	Chakmarg	0.0117	Chakmarg 224
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315	226	Government	Chakmarg	0.0079	Chakmarg 226
316	227	Government	Naali	0.0045	Naali 227
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318	231	Government	Naali	0.0167	Naali 231
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320	35	Government	Chakmarg	0.0186	Chakmarg 35
321	36	Government	Naali	0.014	Naali 36
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323	39	Private	Agriculture	0.2582	Mangal Singh / Baba Singh / Niwasi Pakka Kot Kashipur 39
324	47	Common	Agriculture /goal/rasta	0.1112	Gool, Rasta, Omprakash / Khilanda Ram / Ni Firozpur, 47
Village: Patti Haroo					
325	174	Private	Agriculture	0.3805	Mangal Singh / Baba Singh / Niwasi Pakka Kot Kashipur 174
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329	179	Government	Naali	0.008	Naali 179
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334	192	Common	Agriculture /Patta	0.3905	Jodha Ram / Keval Ram / Niwasi Firozpur 192
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339	197	Private	Agriculture	0.1164	Darshan Singh, Joga Singh /Jogendra Singh / Niwasi Village Manpur 197
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PTI ■ COIMBATORE

West Zone closed in on a memorable come-from-behind victory as they took out the South Zone top and middle-order after setting them an improbable victory target of 529 in the Duleep Trophy final here on Saturday.

Reeling at 156 for six at stumps on the fourth and penultimate day, South Zone were staring at a heavy defeat as they trailed by 375 runs.

West Zone put up a mammoth 585 for four in their second innings after conceding a 57-run first-innings lead to their opponents.

Prolific run-scorer Sarfaraz Khan recorded a fine, unbeaten century (127 off 178 balls) to continue West's charge after overnight double centurion Yashvi Jaiswal was dismissed for 265 at the SNR College Cricket Ground.

At the end of third day's



play, West Zone were 376 for three and Jaiswal was batting on 209 off 244 balls. Jaiswal began the day from where he had left last evening, adding seven more boundaries to the 23 he had hit by the end of third day's play.

Jaiswal eventually fell to off-spinner Krishnappa Gowtham, having faced 330 deliveries during his monumental knock and added 164 runs with Sarfaraz for the fourth wicket.

There was no respite, however, for the South bowlers as Sarfaraz went about his task with consummate ease to swell his team's overall lead and put them in a commanding position. In all, Sarfaraz found the

fence 11 times and cleared it twice, while also stitching together an unbroken partnership of 103 runs with Het Patel (51 not out) to compound South Zone's misery.

The declaration from West skipper Ajinkya Rahane came after Sarfaraz completed his century on Duleep Trophy debut. Patel, coming off an excellent 98 in the first innings, scored his runs quickly, facing just 61 balls while hitting seven fours and a six. Batting for five sessions, West left their opponents flattened, and the South Zone team did not quite recover from that. This was evident from their second innings batting as, with the exception of Rohan Kunnammal (93 off 100 balls), all batters failed to live up to the challenge.

Even as his colleagues left one after another, Kunnammal was able to bat fluently for the runs he scored with his team in an extremely difficult situation.

PCB appoints foreign coaches for two domestic first class teams

PTI ■ KARACHI

Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has appointed two foreign coaches for two of its domestic teams for the upcoming premier first class tournament and the national 50-over competition.

Nottinghamshire's Paul Franks and Leicestershire's Paul Nixon will be the head coaches of the Central Punjab and Sindh sides in the Quaid-e-Azam Trophy and national 50-over competition this season.

Franks, who has worked as assistant coach under Peter Moores at Nottinghamshire county, has replaced Pakistan's Abdul Razzaq as head of the Punjab side while Nixon, a former head coach with Leicestershire and England's all-format player, will be at the helm of affairs for the Sindh team.

PCB Chairman Ramiz Raja has made his intentions clear to have more foreign influence in domestic and junior cricket. Apparently, it is his brainchild to have foreign coaches and trainers working with the six

domestic first class teams.

Also, this could be the first time that any foreign coach has been appointed to work with domestic teams in a full season.

In the inaugural Pakistan Junior League which begins next month, the PCB has appointed South Africa's Gordon Parsons, New Zealand's Nicholas Webb, England's Julian Fountain, Julian Wood, and Toby Radford to work with the six teams under the Board's pathways development programme.

A reliable source in the PCB said all the foreign coaches working in domestic and junior teams are being paid through sponsors working with the Board.

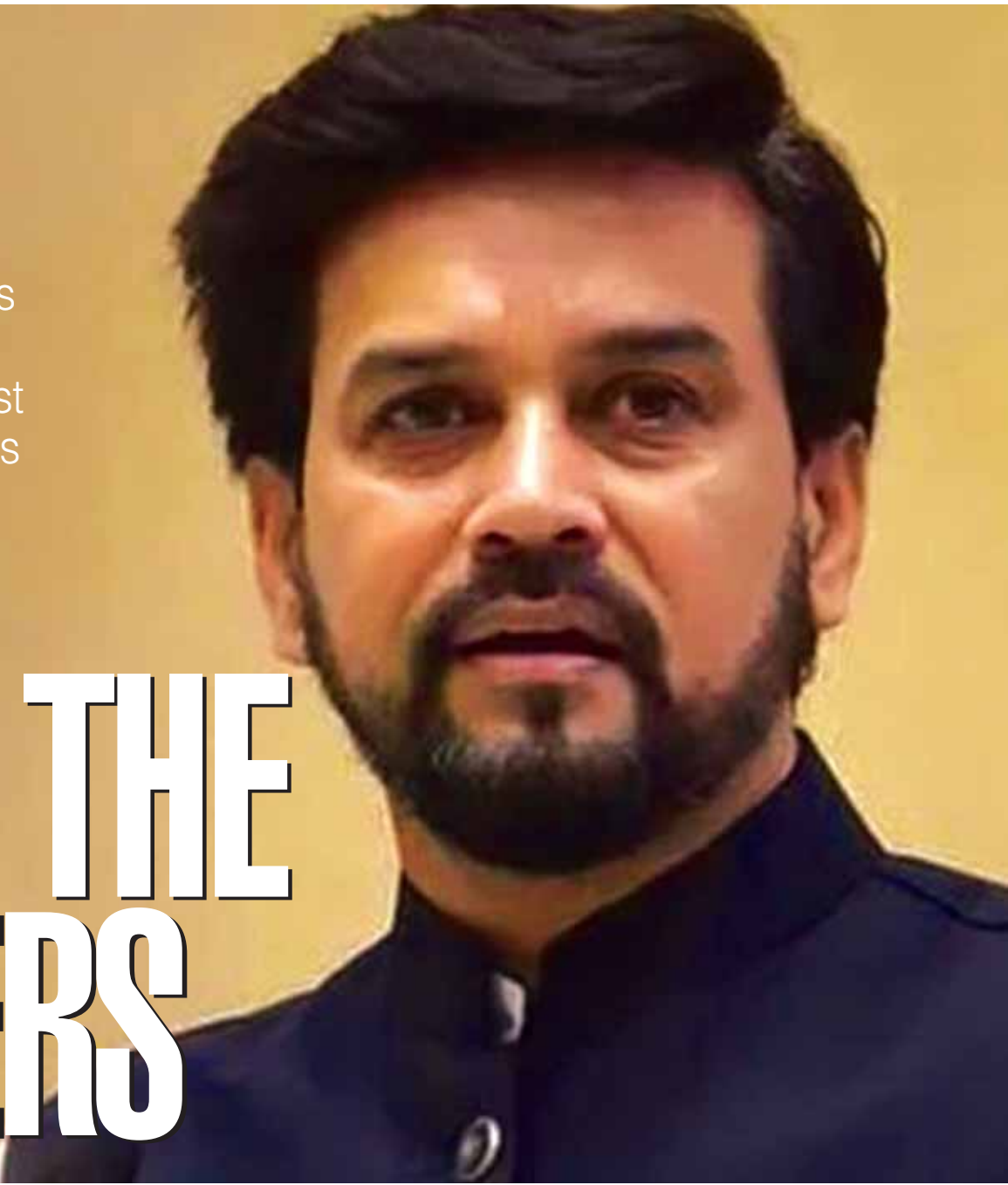
The local coaches working with domestic teams are also getting a good amount of money as they are paid monthly salaries of between five to six lakh rupees along with other benefits.

The Board has encouraged former Test, international and first class players to work as coaches.

“Life is tough; and if you have the ability to laugh at it, you have the ability to enjoy it.”
—Salma Hayek



Notwithstanding, the red flag raised by Minister Anurag Thakur and judges of the Supreme Court, TV debates continue to focus on polarizing topics. In many cases, the language and expression of the guests and anchors are both inflammatory and offensive. The media has played little heed to such counsel for sobriety in the past as well. In its blind pursuit of TRP sometimes it becomes a real source of threat to peace and harmony of the country, writes NAVIN UPADHYAY



TIME TO TAME THE RABBLE ROUSERS

The cat is out of the bag. Or it was always out in the open but everyone pretended to look the other way, till its low growl turned into a high-pitched roar and its threat menacing and imminent. No offenses to the canines, though; we are referring to the big cats of the TV screens.

Two back-to-back whistleblowing—first by Union Information and Broadcasting minister Anurag Thakur, and second by the Supreme Court of India—underline the threat posed by the TV anchors, to both the mainstream media itself and the peace and harmony of the country.

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Not for nothing, speaking at the 7th Annual Gathering and 20th Meeting of Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development (AIBD), Thakur focused his speech on the threat posed by such dangerous debates.

Speaking on the occasion Thakur has said that the biggest threat to mainstream media is not from new age digital platforms but from the mainstream media channel itself.

The minister said inviting guests who are polarizing, who spread false narratives and who shout at the top of their lungs damages the credibility of a channel. “Your decisions regarding the guest, the tone, and visuals - define your credibility in the eyes of the audience. The view may stop for a minute to watch your show, but will never trust your anchor, your channel or brand as a trusted and transparent source of news”, he added.

Turning to the audience, the Minister asked “Are you going to watch as the younger audience switches and sweeps through the shrill on TV news or are you going to bring back the Neutrality in NEWS and Discussion in DEBATES to stay ahead of the game?”

A day later, on September 21, the Supreme court expressed serious concern at the hate speeches in the media and hinted that it might put in some regulations/guidelines to check the menace.

Upset that the Government has done nothing to curb the propagation of hate speeches in the media, the Court asked the Government of India "why it is standing as a mute witness when all this is happening".

A bench of Justices KM Joseph and Hrishikesh Roy was hearing a batch of writ petitions seeking the Court's intervention to regulate hate speech.

"What are the provisions of law which relates to Hate Speech in India?", Justice Joseph asked when the hearing started.

This is the crux of the matter. Hate speech is not defined under any law, though there are

- specific provisions to check them.
- In its report submitted to then I@B minister Ravishanker Prasad in March 2017, the Law Commission of India underlined the following legislation to deal with hate speech.
- (i) *the Indian Penal Code, 1860* (hereinafter IPC)
 - Section 124A IPC penalises seditious
 - Section 153A IPC penalises 'promotion of enmity between different groups on grounds of religion, race, place of birth, residence, language, etc., and doing acts prejudicial to maintenance of harmony'.
 - Section 153B IPC penalises 'imputations, assertions prejudicial to national integration.
 - Section 295A IPC penalises 'deliberate and malicious acts, intended to outrage religious feelings of any class by insulting its religion or religious beliefs'.
 - Section 298 IPC penalises 'uttering, words, etc., with deliberate intent to wound the religious feelings of any person.
 - Section 505(1) and (2) IPC penalises publication or circulation of any statement, rumour or report causing public mischief and enmity, hatred or ill-will between classes.
 - (ii) *the Representation of The People Act, 1951*
 - Section 8 disqualifies a person from contesting an election if he is convicted of indulging in acts amounting to the illegitimate use of freedom of speech and expression.
 - Section 123(3A) and section 125 prohibit the promotion of enmity on grounds of religion, race, caste, community, or language in connection with an election as a corrupt electoral practice and prohibits it.
 - (iii) *the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955*
 - Section 7 penalises incitement to, and encouragement of untouchability through words, either spoken or written or by signs or by visible representations or otherwise
 - (iv) *the Religious Institutions (Prevention of Misuse) Act, 1988*
 - Section 3(g) prohibits religious institution or its manager to allow the use of any premises belonging to, or under the control of, the institution for promoting or attempting to promote disharmony, feelings of enmity, hatred, ill-will between different religious, racial, language or regional groups or castes or communities.
 - (v) *the Cable Television Network Regulation Act, 1995*
 - Sections 5 and 6 of the Act prohibit transmission or re-transmission of a programme through cable network in contravention to the prescribed programme code or advertisement code. These codes have been defined in rules 6 and 7 respectively of the Cable Television Network Rules, 1994.
 - (vi) *the Cinematograph Act, 1952*



COMMENTING ON THE ROLE OF THE ANCHORS IN PROPAGATING HATE SPEECH, JUSTICE JOSEPH SAID - "THE ROLE OF THE ANCHOR IS VERY IMPORTANT. HATE SPEECH EITHER TAKES PLACE ON MAINSTREAM TELEVISION OR IT TAKES PLACE IN SOCIAL MEDIA. SOCIAL MEDIA IS LARGELY UNREGULATED. ...AS FAR AS MAINSTREAM TELEVISION CHANNEL IS CONCERNED, WE STILL HOLD SWAY, THERE THE ROLE OF THE ANCHOR IS VERY CRITICAL BECAUSE THE MOMENT YOU SEE SOMEBODY GOING INTO HATE SPEECH, IT'S THE DUTY OF THE ANCHOR TO IMMEDIATELY SEE THAT HE DOESN'T ALLOW THAT PERSON TO SAY ANYTHING FURTHER. UNFORTUNATELY, MANY TIMES SOMEBODY WANTS TO SAY SOMETHING HE IS MUTED, A PERSON IS NOT GIVEN PROPER TIME, HE IS NOT EVEN TREATED COURTEOUSLY"



- Sections 4, 5B, and 7 empower the Board of Film Certification to prohibit and regulate the screening of a film.
- (vii) *the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973*
 - Section 95 empowers the State Government, to forfeit publications that are punishable under sections 124A, 153A, 153B, 292, 293 or 295A IPC.
 - Section 107 empowers the Executive Magistrate to prevent a person from committing a breach of the peace or disturbing the public tranquility or to do any wrongful act that may probably cause breach of the peace or disturb the public and tranquility.
 - Section 144 empowers the District Magistrate, a Sub-divisional Magistrate or any other Executive Magistrate specially empowered by the State Government on this behalf to issue an order in urgent cases of nuisance or apprehended danger. The above offences are cognizable and thus have serious repercussions on the liberties of citizens and empower a police officer to arrest without orders from a magistrate and a warrant as in section 155 CrPC.
 - The commission suggested amendment to the Indian Penal Code, 1860 and the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 by adding new provisions on '**Prohibiting incitement to hatred**' following section 153B IPC and '**Causing fear, alarm, or provocation of violence in certain cases**' following section 505 IPC, and accordingly amending the First Schedule of the CrPC.
 - The commission in its report said that hate speech has always been a live debate in India and the issue has been raised time and again before the legislature, the court as well as the public. In Pravasi Bhalai Sangathan v. Union of India¹¹, the Supreme Court dealt with a case where the petitioners prayed that the State should take peremptory action against makers of hate speech, the Commission said, and added, the Court did not go beyond the purview of existing laws to penalise hate speech as that would amount to 'judicial overreach.
 - "The Court observed that the implementation of existing laws would solve the problem of hate speech to a great extent. The matter was referred to the Law Commission to examine if it 'deems proper to define hate speech and make recommendations to the Parliament to strengthen the Election Commission to curb the menace of "hate speeches" irrespective of, whenever made', the commission said.
 - Justice Joseph suggested that the government should come forward to put in place an institution to check hate speech. The court also asked the Government to clarify whether it proposes to act on recommendations of the Law Commission of India regarding amendments to deal with hate crimes.
 - The Centre told the court that only 14 states have given their response to the Law commission's recommendation. The Sc

directed the remaining states to immediately file their replies and asked Senior Advocate Sanjay Hegde to collate the responses of the States.

Commenting on the role of the anchors in propagating hate speech, Justice Joseph said - "The role of the anchor is very important. Hate speech either takes place on mainstream television or it takes place in social media. Social Media is largely unregulated....As far as mainstream television channel is concerned, we still hold sway, there the role of the anchor is very critical because the moment you see somebody going into hate speech, it's the duty of the anchor to immediately see that he doesn't allow that person to say anything further. Unfortunately, many times somebody wants to say something he is muted, a person is not given proper time, he is not even treated courteously".

Justice Joseph went on to add: Freedom of expression of the press, we don't have it separately unlike the US....there should be free debate no doubt about it but, you should also know where to draw the line because there is a huge influence, particularly with the visual media....they produce a very serious effect on your brain. Freedom is for the listener. The freedom of speech is actually for the benefit of the listener. How would the listener ever make up his mind after listening to a debate where it is just a babble of voice, you cannot even make out what is happening."

When Senior Advocate Sanjay Hegde stated that, "the industry is unregulated and there are no sanctions" one of the petitioners Ashwini Upadhyay countered, "Until hate speech is defined this will go on."

Asserting that hate speech poisons the very fabric, and can't be permitted, Justice Joseph said, "Political parties will come and go but the nation will endure the institution including press it is the important part, without an independent press no country can go forward, it is important that we have true freedom, there", Justice Joseph said.

"Stressing the need for a regulatory mechanism, Justice Joseph continued: "The problem is we don't have a regulatory mechanism for TV. I believe that all channels were fined heavily in England. We don't have that system here. Law means sanction, sanctions must be effected...the problem is that they are not being dealt with firmly. If sanctions are effected this will go... Any anchor will have his views, any anchor will not diverge from the view the channel is taking, they will all be intertwined, you can't divulge from it, but what is wrong is when you have people of different views you are calling them and you are not allowing them to express those views....in doing that you are bringing hate and your TRP is going up and you are driven by that and nobody is going to look into it and take care of it then it is very sad".

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DECODE 'THOSE' GENES

In a healthy person, BRCA1 (BRest CAncer gene 1) and BRCA2 (BRest CAncer gene 2) are genes that produce proteins that help repair damaged cells. But when these genes carry mutations, they are responsible for higher risk of breast, ovarian and uterine cancers. At least, five to ten per cent of all cancer cases are estimated to be hereditary. Oncologists tell THE HEALTH PIONEER how the new tool, Genetic Testing, can be used in high-risk hereditary patients, to help them opt for risk reduction surgeries as a preventive measure, screening and, regular follow-up.

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LACK OF AWARENESS ABOUT THESE CANCERS AMONG PUBLIC, LIMITED AVAILABILITY OF GENETIC COUNSELLING AND TESTING SERVICES, THESE SERVICES ARE MAJOR ROADBLOCKS

nessed over the last 20 years. As many as 1.5 lakh new breast cancer cases are diagnosed in India every year.

Lack of awareness about these cancers among doctors and the general public, limited availability of genetic counselling and testing services, and reluctance to avail these services are major roadblocks to preventive health care in cancer treatment.

Genetic counselling before genetic testing for hereditary breast and ovarian cancer is important to determine whether you and your family are likely to have a mutation that is worth getting tested. Usually, genetic testing is recommended if you have:

- A strong family health history of breast and ovarian cancer.
- A moderate family health history of breast and ovarian cancer, and are of Ashkenazi Jewish or Eastern European

ancestry.

- A personal history of breast cancer and meet certain criteria (related to age of diagnosis, type of cancer, presence of certain other cancers or cancer in both breasts, ancestry, and family health history)
- A personal history of ovarian or fallopian tube cancer, or primary peritoneal cancer
- A known BRCA1, BRCA2, or other inherited mutation in your family

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As this is a relatively new and fast emerging field in oncology, the draft guidelines will also have various modules focussing on increasing awareness among doctors, patients and the public.

FACT FILE

- The genetic factor can raise the breast cancer risk from 4 per cent to 80 per cent and ovarian cancer risk from 1 per cent to 40 per cent.
- On an average, 20% ovarian cancers, 4 to 5% breast cancers and 3 to 5% uterine cancers can be prevented through genetic testing.
- On an average, four in 100 women in a given population get breast cancer, while one in 100 gets ovarian and uterine cancers.

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Genetic testing aids by revealing the risk of types of cancers for a woman carrying the mutation. If a breast cancer patient is found carrying a cancer-causing gene, she can be advised to have regular check-ups for timely detection of potential cancers. They have options of having risk-reduction surgeries in which we remove

the normal organ of the patient after the genetic tests reveal the organ is at high risk of malignancy. These tools may also help the patients learn how to manage their risks with personalized cancer screening, and identify preventive steps that they can take to reduce the cancer risk. For those expecting a baby, can look for oncofertility.

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the family, we do a PGD (Pre-implantation Genetic Diagnosis) test in the embryo before transferring it inside the woman's womb. In cases

GENETIC TESTS IS MOSTLY HELPFUL IN CASES OF COUPLES WITH RECURRENT MISCARRIAGES, FAMILY HISTORY OF GENETIC DISEASES, OR WOMAN IS ABOVE 40 YEARS.

where there is a higher risk of genetic diseases due to the woman's age or history of previous pregnancies with genetic disease like Down's Syndrome, we do PGS (Preimplantation Genetic Screening) test.

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Technology to undertake gene testing on a large scale is now available and needs to be used more for cancer prevention. Identification of women harboring genetic mutations that cause cancer, not only allows their optimum treatment with newly available drugs, but also helps identify unaffected at-risk relatives who can then access screening and preventive strategies.

Ovarian cancer (OC), breast cancer (BC), endometrial cancer (EC) and colorectal cancer (CRC) account for approximately 50% of cancers in women.

There are several effective preventive therapy options like risk-reducing surgery (mastectomy, risk-reducing salpingo-oophorectomy (RRSO) or hysterectomy), chemoprevention (e.g. aspirin or selective estrogen receptor modulators) and screening for women at high risk of breast cancer or CRC to reduce these CSG carrier-associated cancer risks.

In fact, changing the paradigm to population testing can address the limitations in the current clinical genetic testing model for CSGs across healthcare systems. It also provides a forward-looking strategy to maximise precision prevention.

Precision prevention encompasses a prevention strategy that incorporates individual variation in genetic, epigenetic and non-genetic (environmental, hormonal, reproductive and lifestyle) factors.

Genetic tests are available for cancers like:

Breast cancer/Ovarian cancer/Colon cancer/Thyroid cancer/Prostate cancer/ Pancreatic cancer/ Melanoma/ Sarcoma/ Kidney cancer/ Stomach cancer

PROS AND CONS OF GENETIC TESTING

PROS

- A sense of relief from uncertainty.
- In-depth knowledge about one's cancer risk.
- Awareness to help make informed medical and lifestyle decisions.
- Opportunity to help educate other family members about potential risk.

CONS

- Testing may increase anxiety and stress for some individuals.
- Testing does not evaluate a person's risk for sporadic cancers.
- Results in some cases may turn out to be inconclusive or uncertain.

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Genetic testing has significant importance of preserving childbearing function as these women are young and keen to have pregnancies. The cancer treatments lowers the childbearing potential but with advancements in the field of IVF, it is now possible to share their gametes prior to treatment and freeze them to be used once treatment is over.

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Our country reports over 15 lakh cancer cases annually of which more than half are women. About 5% of all breast cancers, 20% of all ovarian cancers and 5% of all endometrial cancers are hereditary or genetic in nature. At the Tata Memorial Hospital, we now register 1,200 families with

hereditary cancer every year, and a third of these families have breast, ovarian or uterine cancers.

There are several good private labs in the country that provide high quality and reliable genetic testing, but the cost, ranging from ₹ 5,000 - ₹ 40,000 is unaffordable for many families. We at TMC has provided free testing under research funded by the Indian Council for Medical Research to a few thousand families so far. The country urgently needs many more counsellors, oncologists as well as geneticists with expertise in handling hereditary cancer in families.

The cost of genetic testing also must be reduced for it to become more accessible to people.

NEWSBRIEF

Microrobots treat deadly pneumonia in mice

Nanoengineers at the University of California San Diego have developed microscopic robots, called microrobots, that can swim around in the lungs, deliver medication and be used to clear up life-threatening cases of bacterial pneumonia.

In mice, the microrobots—made of algae cells whose surfaces are speckled with antibiotic-filled

nanoparticles—safely eliminated pneumonia-causing bacteria in the lungs and resulted in 100% survival. By contrast, untreated mice all died within three days after infection.

The results are published in Nature Materials.

The work is a joint effort between the labs of nanoengineering professors Joseph Wang and Liangfang Zhang.

SUGAR-COATED POUCHES IN BODY FLUIDS TO DETECT CANCER

Detection of the cancer microenvironment may soon become much easier with the help of a new molecular biosensor recently developed by a team of India scientists. Cancer cells secrete small pouches, namely extracellular vesicles (EV) covered with sugar molecules, Hyaluronan (HA), which has a direct link to tumour malignancy and is considered a potential biomarker for early diagnosis of colon cancer.

These EVs are abundant in body fluids (blood, faeces, etc.), and all types of cells secrete these EVs into the extracellular matrix. Cancer cells secrete at least two times more EVs into the body fluids than normal cells). Therefore, these EVs could be isolated non-invasively from a patient's body for early cancer diagnosis.

Dr. Tatini Rakshit laboratory, supported by Inspire faculty grant of the Department of Science and Technology (DST), at Shiv Nadar Institute of

Eminence, Delhi, in collaboration with S. N. Bose National Centre for Basic Sciences (SNBNCBS), Kolkata, Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics, Kolkata and IIT Bhilai, Chhatisgarh has unravelled the contour lengths of HA on a single cancer cell-derived EV surface.

Their study showed that a single cancer cell-derived EV is coated with very short chain HA molecules (contour length less than 500 nanometers) using single molecule techniques and elucidated that these short-chain HA-coated EVs are significantly more elastic than the normal cell-derived EVs. This intrinsic elasticity of HA-coated EVs in cancer helps them to withstand multiple external forces during extracellular transportation, uptake, excretion by cells, adhesion to cell surfaces, etc.

The study has been published in Physical Chemistry Letters.

COVID-19 Pandemic: The Battles India Won

Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India -- a country of 1.3 billion people --stood in unison to handle the pandemic.

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The COVID-19 virus continues to linger amidst us since the onset of the pandemic two and a half years back. During this period, India has worked proactively towards solving the complex problems we faced on daily basis.

Now that we can finally sit back and reflect on the learnings from the past challenges and losses imposed by the pandemic, as well as the collective gains made during this challenging time, we are reminded of the countless stories of immense courage, solidarity and enterprise in addressing such an unprecedented health emergency.

Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India -- a country of 1.3 billion people sharing several cultures, geographies and socio-economic backgrounds--stood in unison to tackle the pandemic. The Prime Minister ensured that we not only tackled this pandemic, but also progressed firmly towards an inclusive, accessible and affordable healthcare system. This has now become an example for other countries to follow.

The progress started with the collective efforts by India's researchers' and scientists' communities in streamlining the country's response towards an evidence-based approach to successfully tackle the pandemic.

They worked round the clock to study the virus, establish treatment protocols, create tools and technologies for managing cases and administering of vaccines, and build public awareness around COVID-19 appropriate behaviour. From the beginning of the pandemic, India defied all the odds to become one among the five

nations that successfully isolated the SARS-CoV-2 strain.

This was the first validation of our scientific vigour. Its' testing started during January 2022 with just 1 laboratory. Over months, this base has expanded to over 3,300 COVID-19 testing labs spread all across the country. In diagnostics, India swiftly became self-sufficient, as the brightest of India's scientific minds worked on indigenous solutions for devising affordable testing kits for antibody detection. This led to India's emergence as the world's cheapest provider of RT-PCR tests.

Our vaccination ecosystem has always been supported by a strong manufacturing and production capacity which made us one of the leading low-cost vaccine providers across the world.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, we utilized the existing mechanisms to successfully develop effective indigenous vaccines. India's first indigenous vaccine 'Covaxin' was developed in a record period of 9 months. It was a testament to India's strategic focus on public-private partnerships which provided the best of products and benefits to people at home as well as abroad.

The next big challenge was vaccination of a large indigenous population, although this was tackled with relative ease: we have achieved the historic milestone of administering vaccines to over 90 per cent of Indian population.

To ensure that these vaccines were widely available, India developed a one-of-a-kind digital platform, Cowin, which ensured easy access to



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vaccines to people across the country. To make these life-saving vaccines accessible to remote and geographically challenging terrains in India, drones were used which made delivery of vaccines possible in a short time. Like this, there have been several other achievements that helped India ace the pandemic.

While we made progress in preventive healthcare by developing diagnostics and testing kit, we did not forget to share the fruits of our enterprise with other countries across the world.

At a time when other nations were galvanizing their local resources to address the precarious COVID--19 healthcare emergency which was ballooning beyond their control, India came to their rescue by providing them with abundant and affordable life-saving vaccines, testing and treatment aids, and even the safety masks. India also participated in global trials and provided evidence on multiple interventions utilized across the pandemic.

India's multifarious achievements towards addressing Covid-19 pandemic were acknowledged by global leaders who praised India for its 'Vaccine Maitry (Friendship)' initiative which provided over 2,544 lakh vaccine doses to over 100 countries around the world. The COVID-19 pandemic cemented our reputation as a country with compassion, commitment and capacity to provide effective solutions to the global challenges.

We must acknowledge the critical role played by the scientific and medical fraternities in India, as without their collective and dedicated

efforts, such a success would not have been possible. It is also important to appreciate the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi who by his constant and holistic support to all the stakeholders in the pandemic situation, ensured things worked efficiently and round-the-clock, and that the morale stayed high even during the most challenging times.

Despite the vicarious nature of an unprecedented health emergency, the Indian Prime Minister took unprecedented measures to ensure people had access to preventive healthcare infrastructure as well as speedy and effective treatment facilities. Without his constant efforts, such a large number of people could not have been vaccinated in time, and many more lives would have been lost.

Every cloud has a silver lining. It is thus not surprising that something good came out of the Covid-19 global health emergency. During the pandemic, our nation -- led by an able Prime Minister and guided by its ancient philosophy of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' -- soared above the daunting challenges to serve people in India and across the world as one large family.

Thanks to our collective efforts to combat an unprecedented pandemic, we are now better prepared to overcome obstacles and function to the best of our capabilities under the guiding principles of hope, health and cooperation.

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Copyright falls prey to mighty Internet

Globalisation and post-glob-alisation have brought us ever closer to each other. This intricate journey was only made possible by a vast network of information and communication technologies (ICTs). As a result, we all have experienced a slew of modernisation, standardisation and deterritorialisation drives all around the world. At the heart of this colossal process lies a “superior and never seen before “brand new upheaval called “information revolution”. As this information is gone in the great internet machine, it has witnessed another global movement called the digital revolution. The information revolution accompanied by the digital revolution has pushed knowledge beyond the control of the sovereign nation-states.

Before moving into the problems and prospects of safeguarding the copyright laws, let us see what copyright is all about. Copyright is regarded as “author’s right”. In legal terms, it is meant to describe the set of rights that the creators or the owners have over their literary and artistic works. The very word “works” refer to books, music, paintings, sculptures, films, computer programmes, databases, advertisements, maps and technical drawings as specified by the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO). Regardless of the WIPO conventions and other relevant global covenants, the copyright law is territorial and national in scope. Therefore, wherever an author or a creator resides or his work is first published, the applicability of the copyright protection depends on the national laws of the country in which the particular author demands protection. The term of a copyright law depends on several factors such as whether the work has been published or if so, the date of its first publication. Once it is published, the copyright lasts for the life of the author and additional 70 years after his/her death. Under the US Copyright legislation, an anonymous work, a pseudonymous work or a work made for hire, the copyright is guaranteed for a period of 95 years from the year of its first publication or a period of 120 years

from the year of its creation, whichever expires first.

Precisely, there is nothing like international copyright law applicable to all the nations. Therefore, no single copyright law can protect an author’s work throughout the world with a single registration like the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) that allows patent filing in a multinational context. Nevertheless, nearly 180 nations have already ratified the historic Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works of 1886, administered by the WIPO. This convention sets a minimum standard for the protection of the rights of the creators of the copyrighted works across the nations. Besides, there have been serious efforts to bring copyright legislations under one single umbrella among the members of the European Union (EU). However, the biggest challenge to this harmonisation effort is emerging from a host of numerous national copyright laws currently existing in the EU nations. The Berne Convention, apart from calling for establishing minimum standards of protection, has two unique principles: “National Treatment” and “Automatic Protection”. The first principle of “National Treatment” underlines that works originating in one signatory nation are given the same protection in other signatory nations as each grant to works of its creators. The second principle of “Automatic Protection” refers to the idea that copyright inheres automatically in a qualifying work upon its fixation in a tangible medium and without any required prior formality.

Indeed, the origin of the global copyright governance system is very much linked to the invention of the printing machine by Johannes Gutenberg in Germany around 1440. By 1483, when printing machines reached England, various monarchs starting from the King Richard III to King Henry in 1553 shaped a new regime of copyright that later defined the international copyright governance. Then, the era from 1661 to 1911 witnessed the evolution of a detailed copyright law in Britain.

Now in India, we have a



defined copyright regime, and its roots lie in the long British colonial regime. The copyright legislation was first introduced in India in 1874 during the time of East India Company. This act was replaced by the Copyright Act of 1914 which was just a replica of the then existing Copyright Act of 1911 in Britain. When India became independent, we got our first Copyright Act in the year 1957 which came into practice in 1958. The new Act immediately replaced the colonial

copyright laws thereafter. The same Copyright Act was subsequently amended in 1983, 1984, 1992, 1994 and 1999. Again, the Copyright Act was amended in 2012. It was done to bring the Copyright law into compliance with the WIPO treaties such as the WIPO Copyright Treaty (WCT) and WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty (WPPT). Further it must be highlighted that the obligation under Article 11 of Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property

Rights (TRIPS) which came into effect under the World Trade Organization (WTO) in 1995, Article 7 of the WCT and Article 9 of the WPPT are to provide for commercial rental rights for computer programmes and cinematograph films. This right was introduced in India by using the word “hire” in Section 14 of the current Copyright Act. Thus, the Indian Copyright Law is now capable of addressing both national and global concerns under the new global gover-

nance regime brought by the WTO-TRIPS.

In spite of having a globally effective IPR regime, the information revolution and digital revolution have pushed knowledge maintenance to the brink of a serious danger. We receive information so very easily that we don’t even realise the worth of the creator or the owner. Information superhighway is widely perceived as a modern-day colonial tool both to subjugate and exploit the massive resources from the Global South by the rich and technologically advanced nations from the Global North.

With connectivity growing at an unimaginable speed, people are increasingly becoming restless. Once powerful nation-states seem to surrender to market forces. What Karl Marx, the legendary German socialist thinker, prophesised in the 19th century about the “withering away of the state” (capitalist) is now turning right at the very heart of the capitalist nations. Nonetheless the bitter truth is that today the mighty western liberal nation-state is facing challenges from several points, and they are all multinational forces. These counterforces are not only transnational corporations and the gigantic markets controlled by them but also from civil and human rights movements, global civil society and international non-governmental organisations and at times from international terrorist organisations consistently backed by very strong radical religious movements. It is all spearheaded by the availability of knowledge networks accompanied by advancements in communication and technology networks. Super knowledge owners like Google, Microsoft, Facebook and a host of other electronic platforms have made learning available to all. And it is both a boon and bane. The information superhighway is now dominated by a large network of MNCs mostly based in advanced nations like the US, Japan, the UK, Germany, France, Canada, etc. The global flow is in their hands. The poor and developing nations are at the mercy of these gigantic corporations controlled by the developed countries.

The world is now at a crossroads. Knowledge has exploded. The owners of knowledge are finding it too difficult to protect their creations. The intriguing part of the TRIPS and post-TRIPS global IP regime is that they all have failed to address the pitfalls of the huge information revolution. Today no single person or enterprise is the sole owner of knowledge or any other technical knowhow. It is fully diffused. It is there everywhere. Then how to safeguard it and how the creators will be benefitted from their long hard work? The solution to this problem is too complex.

The global and national copyright legislations are facing an uphill task today. Nowhere the knowledge is safe. And there is no place to hide. Of course, there are stringent punishments awarded to law breakers, but then there is no end to predators till date. Frankly, the wide network of the transnational forces has weakened the long hand of the copyright law that used to be there much before the advent of the mighty Internet. Today the global knowledge economy is beyond the reach of the nation-state. Therefore, the knowledge networks that are supposed to aid all and share the benefits of innovations do not accord equal power to all. It further leads to a great digital divide between the countries of the North and the South. And this is creating an uneven world of knowledge. There is a large gap between access to knowledge and exploiting the benefits of the same in both sides of the globe. Today the global knowledge economy has gone beyond the arms of the copyright laws. It has long been Microsoftified. Thus the owners of knowledge are solely in the hands of the big corporations of the advanced nations.

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PERSPECTIVE

Tobacco ads: Celebrities shirk moral responsibility

Professional ethics entail a cluster of values and principles that guide the behaviour of the professionals concerning what is right and what is wrong based on loyalty, accountability, honesty, and respect for the law. Hence, the celebrities’ acts of promoting harmful practices like tobacco consumption certainly are incompatible with the professional moral principles that posit serving larger social interests

The “smoking zone” has been shifted from industrialised developed countries to developing countries. While eighty per cent of the 1.3 billion tobacco users belong to the third-world countries, India sees more than a million deaths due to tobacco consumption accounting for 9.5 per cent of all deaths. Going by a World Health Organization report of 2014, a scary health concern induced by tobacco consumption puts a heavy burden on India’s economy as around 53 per cent of the tobacco-related deaths are attributed to non-communicable diseases and 80 per cent of them include chronic respiratory diseases, cancer, cardiovascular diseases, and diabetes. Accordingly, it is no surprise that the Indian state has been struggling to reduce tobacco consumption by 30 per cent by 2025.

At this juncture, promoting tobacco consumption by cinema celebrities is indeed not only depressing but also immoral, unsocial if not completely illegal. In a country like India, the cinema celebrities are often followed and imitated by the people passionately. Such fan following is often capitalised on by the big business and corporate bodies to further their business interests. It is not uncommon to see the people imitating the dressing and other

styles of the cinema celebrities in their daily life. Such imitations reflect upon the tremendous effect the celebrities have on the fans. While these celebrities are well within their rights to endorse a brand, the promotion of tobacco consumption invites criticism on moral and social grounds, for society demands a minimum amount of moral and social responsibilities from the public figures.

Accordingly, the general actions of the cinema celebrities and their acts of promoting tobacco consumption warrant moral scrutiny. These actions of promoting something as bad as tobacco that has negative implications on human health and societal integrity can be evaluated on various moral parameters. First, the performance of the action in the realm of restricted individual liberty (harm principle) can be employed. According to utilitarian philosopher John Stuart Mill, two types of actions are performed by humans: Self-regarding action (SRA); and Other-regarding action (ORA). The SRA is the one that influences the agent himself or herself. Explaining further, Mill says, an action ceases to be an SRA when it directly impairs others. However, the ORA is the one that affects others and thus it entails moral criticism.



This distinction, fundamentally, serves as a base for the broader horizon of individual liberty as well as serves as a reason to delimit individual liberty by justifying the state/country’s interference in it. The state’s interference in individual liberty is conditioned by the “Harm Principle” which says, “The only purpose for which power can be rightfully exercised over any member of a civilised community, against his will, is to prevent harm to others. His own good, either physical or moral, is not a sufficient warrant”. It entails

that the harmful ORA of an agent morally permits others, including the state, to intervene in individual liberty. Thus, the state has the right to interfere in an individual’s liberty when it is required for the well-being of others/society. However, drawing a sharp line between SRA and ORA is difficult which leads to the claim that they both overlap each other and the act of promoting tobacco consumption is a good example in this regard.

Although the cinema celebrities do have their liberties to select the

roles to enact, the platform and the message they want to deliver through the act cannot be left unevaluated. With a clear knowledge that tobacco causes irrecoverable diseases and immense suffering, the action of the cinema actors’ promotion of tobacco consumption certainly influences the common people in many ways, eventually harming their bodies. Thus, these other-regarding actions of the celebrities fail to satisfy the condition which prevents the state to interfere and it is immoral as well since it ceases to bring maximum good in maximum number. While the state is taking major steps in the form of enacting laws to prevent tobacco consumption, those laws should include taking stringent actions against those who foster harmful practices like tobacco consumption despite their social position.

The second moral issue concerning advertising tobacco centres on the action itself. It violates the moral universal humanity principle that says, “act in such a way that you always treat humanity, whether in your own person or in the person of any other, never simply as a means, but always at the same time as an end.”

In other words, this principle entails that an agent should act in

such a way that action never uses humans as means for any end. On the contrary, the cinema celebrities are using, though indirectly, other humans for their vested interests of making fortune ignoring their moral responsibility and respect towards other fellow humans and the society. Accordingly, these celebrities fail to satisfy the humanity principle since they are using others in the form of exploiting the passionate emotions of the common humans and thereby these celebrities lap into the sphere of immorality.

Moreover, it is pertinent to reiterate that the noble professions tend to serve the well-being of fellow humans and society alike. Professional ethics entail a cluster of values and principles that guide the behaviour of the professionals concerning what is right and what is wrong based on loyalty, accountability, honesty, and respect for the law. Hence, the celebrities’ acts of promoting harmful practices like tobacco consumption certainly are incompatible with the professional moral principles since it entails responsibilities to serve larger social interests.

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