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UPA asks Guv to clear air over EC letter on Soren

Guv promised to end stalemate in 2 days: Delegation

PRANAV PRATYUSH ■ RANCHI

At a time when more than half of its MLAs are camping in Chhattisgarh fearing poaching attempts in Jharkhand, a delegation of United Progressive Alliance (UPA) on Thursday met Governor Ramesh Bais at Raj Bhawan urging him to clear confusion over the Election Commission's letter on Chief Minister Hemant Soren's office of profit case.

According to a press release from Raj Bhawan, the Governor assured the delegation to take appropriate action on the issue "soon".

The delegation, which included Congress MPs Dheeraj Sahu and Geeta Koda, JMM MPs Vijay Hansda and Mahua Maji, former MLA Bandhu Turkey, and other leaders of the JMM and the RJD, submitted a memorandum to the Governor stating that the media reports on disqualification of Soren's membership of House are creating confusion and anarchy in the State.

The UPA members said that the situation arising out of unconfirmed media reports and the BJP leaders' statements demanding resignation of Soren is disturbing the day-to-day functioning and adminis-



A UPA delegation, led by Congress Rajya Sabha MP Dheeraj Sahu, submits a memorandum to Governor Ramesh Bais, amid political crisis in Jharkhand, at Raj Bhawan in Ranchi on Thursday

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tration of the Government.

They also said that disqualification of Soren will not affect the Government in the State as the ruling coalition has enough number of MLAs to prove majority in the House.

The delegation urged the Governor, being the Constitutional head of the State, to end the confusion by making public the Election Commission's opinion (if any) on the office of profit case against Soren.

Working president of the

Jharkhand Pradesh Congress Committee Turkey said the Governor has assured to end the stalemate by making the issue clear within two days.

He further said that the UPA will reveal its strategy as per the need and situation in the coming days.

Notably, this is for the first time after a week that the Governor confirmed receiving the letter from EC as there was no official word from the Raj Bhawan or the EC about the letter and its intent since the

matter was reported a week back by the media.

On August 25, when the Governor was in Delhi, media reports suggested that the EC had sent its decision on the office of profit case against Soren to the Governor and had recommended disqualification of the Chief Minister from the membership of the Legislative Assembly.

However, the Governor feigned ignorance about the letter upon his arrival in Ranchi.

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Irate at war on graft, parties uniting: Modi

PM recounts investment in infrastructure

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

The process of new political polarisation and formation of new alliances that the nation witnessing now is the fallout of the war on corruption unleashed by the Central investigation agencies on certain politicians, said Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday.

Addressing BJP workers who had thronged the Cochin Airport to welcome him on his arrival at Kochi for a two-day visit, the PM said the new combination is an attempt to save those enmeshed in corruption and those facing corruption probes.

"It is the anti-corruption steps initiated by the Centre that has resulted in some political parties scurrying for cover and new polarisation. In my speech to the nation from Red Fort on the 75th anniversary of Independence Day, I mentioned about the uncompromising war against corruption. This has upset corrupt leaders who are busy forming new permutations and combinations of political alliances," said the PM.

Modi said the nation is on a new path of progress and development. "The NDA Government at the Centre is setting up medical colleges in each district of the country. This would help the youth of



Prime Minister Narendra Modi addresses a public meeting in Kochi on Thursday

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the nation in getting trained as doctors and nurses," he said.

Modi recounted the massive investment made by the Centre in Kerala to speed up connectivity and infrastructure development.

"Kerala has been allocated 2,00,000 houses under the Prime Minister Rozgar Yojana and I am happy to declare that 1,30,000 houses have been completed under this scheme. 36,00,000 poor patients in the State have been benefited by the Ayushman Bharat Scheme. All village panchayaths in the State would soon come under optical fibre connectivity and high speed internet," said the PM.

Later in the day, Modi paid obeisance at the Adi Sankara

Temple and the Keerthi Sthampa at Kaladi built by the Sringeri Mutt and Kanchi Mutt respectively.

K Narayanan Namboodiri, the local historian, said Modi is the second PM to visit Kaladi after Morarji Desai who had paid a visit to the holy shrines in 1978. Kaladi is the village where Adi Sankara, the great sage, was born.

The PM dedicated to the nation the newly laid Metro Rail stretch of the Kochi Metro and inaugurated the electrification of a stretch of the Chenganoor-Kottayam Rail Line. On Friday morning, the PM would dedicate to the nation INS Vikrant, the indigenously built aircraft carrier of the Indian Navy.

Desperate Kejriwal making false accusations, says LG

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena on Thursday broke his silence on corruption charges levelled against him by AAP leaders and hit back at Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal saying he is resorting to "diversionary tactics and false accusations" out of "desperation".

The LG tweeted he would not be surprised if in the coming days more such "baseless, personal attacks" would be made against him and his family.

"I called for good governance, zero tolerance to corruption and better services for the people of Delhi," Saxena, sharing a brief statement on Twitter, said.

The LG's response came on allegations by AAP leaders that he put pressure on his staff to convert demonetised currency when he was the chairman of the Khadi and Village Industries Commission



(KVIC).

The relations between the two constitutional authorities in the national Capital worsened after Saxena recommended a CBI probe into alleged irregularities in the implementation of the Arvind Kejriwal Government's Excise Policy 2021-22.

Earlier in the day, Kejriwal, responding to a question on the LG deciding to initiate legal action against AAP leaders, said, "I believe if we have joined the public life, we should be ready for any probe. Manish

Sisodia welcomed it. Legal action is sort of a threat to scare us, we will see what legal action happens."

The LG said in another tweet, "Abiding by the Constitution and my duties towards the people of Delhi, I flagged the issues, including grave anomalies in Excise Policy later withdrawn by the Cabinet headed by CM @ArvindKejriwal himself, inordinate delay of 2.5 years in acting on CVC report on irregularities in construction of classrooms in Delhi Govt Schools."

"Files not being signed by CM @ArvindKejriwal, CAG audits not being conducted timely in State universities, Cabinet notes reaching me after Cabinet meetings, and non-availability of water in Foreign Missions, among others. I had expected @ArvindKejriwal to address these in the right spirit," he further said.

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Sisodia raid raised vote share, arrest will help AAP win Gujarat: Kejriwal

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

As tensions continue to amount between the ruling AAP Government and the BJP, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Thursday said since the raid at Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia's house, the AAP's vote share in Gujarat has increased by four per cent.

"The day he is arrested, I think our vote share will increase by six per cent more. And if Sisodia is arrested twice, then probably we will be able to form the Government there," Kejriwal said while replying to the confidence motion in the Delhi Assembly.

He, however, did not elaborate how the vote shares of the AAP increased in Gujarat.

Replying to the Motion, Kejriwal said he sought the trust vote to prove that the BJP's "Operation Lotus" targeting AAP MLAs had failed.

He further listed out two demands: The BJP should stop



Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal speaks to the media as Deputy CM Manish Sisodia looks on, after the Special Session of the Assembly in New Delhi on Thursday

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buying MLAs as they have turned politics into a mandi, and stop waiving loans given to their friends.

The confidence motion was passed by a voice vote in

the Assembly. There were 58 votes in support of the motion and no vote against the motion. The BJP MLAs did not take part in the proceedings.

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Karnataka seer held in rape case

PTI ■ CHITRADURGA

Shivamurthy Murugha Sharanaru, the chief pontiff of Murugha Math booked under the POCSO Act for alleged sexual abuse of high school girls was arrested on Thursday, police sources said.

After interrogation since Thursday evening, he has been taken into custody by the police, sources said, adding that due procedures are being followed.

The Mysuru city police on Saturday had filed an FIR against the seer under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act and certain sections of the Indian Penal Code for the alleged sexual abuse.

The FIR was registered against a total of five people, including the warden of the monastery's hostel, based on the complaint by an officer of the District Child Protection Unit. Police questioned the warden earlier in the day.

Two girls had approached a non-governmental organisation in Mysuru and narrated the alleged abuse, following which it approached the authorities and the case was registered by the police. The case was subsequently shifted to Chitradurga, the place of the alleged crime.

The seer was subsequently booked under the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act as well. He had earlier claimed the allegations against him were part of a long-drawn conspiracy and that he was law-abiding and would cooperate in the probe. Earlier on Thursday, the anticipatory bail plea moved by the seer was adjourned to September 2, by a local court.

There have been protests demanding for the seer's immediate arrest following the alleged delay by the police. Police have made elaborate security arrangements in Chitradurga.

Where is Dawood? Tip off NIA for ₹25L

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has announced a cash reward of Rs 25 lakh for any information leading to the arrest of fugitive underworld don Dawood Ibrahim Kaskar, a key accused in the 1993 Mumbai serial blasts.

The NIA has also announced a cash reward of ₹20 lakh on Ibrahim's close aide Shakeel Shaikh, alias Chhota Shakeel, and ₹15 lakh each on associates Haji Anees alias Anees Ibrahim Shaikh, Javed Patel alias Javed Chikna and Ibrahim Mushtaq Abdul Razzak Memon alias Tiger Memon.

They are co-accused in the serial blasts case, officials said. All of them are wanted accused



in the case of 1993 Mumbai serial bomb blasts and continue to be on the run since the terror incident.

The agency has sought information about them which could lead to their arrest for the disbursement of the reward money. The agency had in February registered a case against the "D company", a global syndicate run by Dawood.

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SC to MHA: Seek States' reports on attacks on Christian bodies

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Thursday asked the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) to seek reports from States, including UP, Madhya Pradesh, Haryana, Karnataka, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, and Jharkhand, on attacks on Christian institutions, as alleged in a PIL. Earlier, the MHA affidavit said the PIL is based on wrong reports as many charges were not correct.

A bench of Justices DY Chandrachud and Hima Kohli said an attack on individuals does not mean it is an attack on the community but it needs to verify the claims of any such incident if it is made in the public interest litigation (PIL).

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Tug of war over 'IFS' reaches PMO

DEEPAK KUMAR JHA ■ NEW DELHI

A clash over the use of cadre acronym "IFS" between two groups of elite civil services — the Indian Foreign Service and Indian Forest Service — whose exams are conducted by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC), has reached the Prime Minister's Office (PMO).

In between, a series of exchange of communication continues between the Minister of State for Personnel Dr Jitendra Singh, Minister of State for Forest and Environment Ashwini Choubey and Indian Forest Service Officers Association (IFSOA).

The forest service cadre has alleged that the use of "IFoS" for them is detrimental to their morale. Both the cadres are now fighting for the acronyms



with the forest service claiming that it was allotted to their services through a Government Gazette way back in 1920. On the other hand, the foreign service is claiming that the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has recognised their officers as IFS, and hence the forest service officers are being mentioned as IFoS.

Following a protest by the IFOSA, Choubey shot off a letter on August 30 to his colleague in the Council of Ministers Dr Jitendra Singh pointing the mistake repeatedly being committed by the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT).

Choubey said that instead of using the "IFS" terminology



for the forest service officers, the DoPT is using "IFoS" for them and requested that DoPT should be immediately directed to rectify the persistent error and use the acronym "IFS" exclusively for the Indian Forest Service Officers.

"The use of IFoS instead of IFS for forest service cadre is affecting the morale of the

officers," Choubey said in his letter to Singh.

The India Forest Service Association has been raising this issue with the DoPT for the last many years through several representations. In a response to their first petition in December 2016, the DoPT clarified that the foreign service was created in 1946 and since then IFS is being used for the cadre, whereas the forest service came into existence much later in 1966.

But now the association has dished out notifications that forest service cadre was created in 1916, and the first batch of forest officer probationers in 1920 were termed as IFS. The association has attached the necessary documentations in their representations to the Ministry of Personnel and the PMO for their perusal and consideration.

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Nadda reviews prep in 5 poll-bound States

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

BJP president JP Nadda on Friday reviewed preparations for upcoming Assembly elections in five States including Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Telangana and Tripura.

Nadda sought information about the road map laid-out for the organizational programmes in the election-bound states.

Those who attended the meeting here included General Secretary (org) B L Santhosh, National Joint General Secretary Shiv Prakash (org), General Secretaries Arun Singh, Kailash vijayvargiya, Dilip Saikia , Tarun Chugh, Pundeshwari, Dushyant Gautam. Chugh is in-charge of Telangana and Shiv Prakash



who was earlier roped-in by the party in West Bengal and Bihar elections is now assisting organisation in Telangana which is slated for Assembly polls, next year.

Kailash Vijayvargiya was in-charge of BJP's poll effort in West Bengal was in June sent in to Tripura to oversee four by polls in the state which will also go to polls, next year..

Nadda in the meeting

asked party leaders to disseminate Work of the central government to people in the poll-bound states, according to sources.

Himachal Pradesh and Gujarat are to face assembly polls by this year-end while a slew of states including Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Telangana, Tripura, Nagaland and Rajasthan are also to go to polls by 2023.

Fears of serial killer in MP as 3 guards murdered in 72 hrs

PTI ■ SAGAR/BHOPAL

Three security guards were murdered in different incidents here in the last 72 hours, creating a panic in the Madhya Pradesh city, and police suspect two of them might have been killed by the same person.

The pattern of killings led to the suspicion of involvement of a serial killer, but Sagar police officials on Thursday said it was a matter of investigation and too early to jump to any conclusion.

Police have also released a sketch of the suspected killer.

Madhya Pradesh Home Minister Narottam Mishra told reporters in Bhopal that the entire police force has been put on "high alert" and watchmen on night duty have also been alerted.

The minister further said

they will very soon come to a conclusion in these incidents.

Security guard Kalyan Lodhi, who was in his 50s and deployed at a factory, was killed on the intervening night of August 28-29 under Cantt police station limits. His head was smashed with a hammer, Additional Superintendent of Police Vikram Singh Kushwaha said.

Another security guard, Shambhu Narayan Dube (60), who was on duty at an arts and commerce college, was killed on the intervening night of August 29-30 under Civil Lines police station limits. His head was smashed with a stone, the official said.

In the third incident, watchman Mangal Ahirwar, who guarded a house, was killed in Moti Nagar area on the intervening night of August 30-



31 after being attacked with a stick, he said.

Though it seems Lodhi and Dube were apparently killed by the same person, the number of culprits may be more, Kushwaha said.

Police have released a sketch of the suspected killer, the official said, adding that they are hopeful of nabbing him soon.

Superintendent of Police Tarun Nayak said the killings in Cantt and Civil Lines police station areas were similar in nature and appeared to have been executed by the same person.

NCR-PULSE

UPHAAR VICTIMS' BODY SEEKS ENHANCEMENT OF PUNISHMENT
New Delhi: The Association of Victims of Uphaar Tragedy (AVUT) Thursday approached the Delhi High Court seeking enhancement of punishment of real estate tycoons Sushil and Gopal Ansal, who were released against the jail term already undergone by them for tampering with evidence in the case related to the 1997 Uphaar cinema fire which had claimed 59 lives.

2 MEN ARRESTED FOR TRYING TO SMUGGLE GOLD
New Delhi: Two men, including a contractual employee working at the airport here, have been arrested for allegedly trying to smuggle into the country gold worth about Rs 65.57 lakh, a customs department. One of the accused was intercepted after his arrival from Riyadh on Tuesday, the official said. Twelve rectangular-shaped gold bars collectively weighing 1.4 kg were recovered from the flyer, kept in his trouser pocket.

65-YEAR-OLD JUMPS IN FRONT OF METRO, DIES
New Delhi: A 65-year-old man died allegedly after jumping in front of a moving train at Tilak Nagar metro station on Thursday morning. The incident led to delay in services on the Blue Line of Delhi Metro. The incident was reported at 8.34 am and the man was taken to Deen Dayal Upadhyay Hospital where he was declared brought dead. He has been identified as Satish Malhotra, resident of Tilak Nagar.

ACID ATTACK VICTIM UNDERGOES SURGERY AT AIIMS
New Delhi: The 17-year-old girl from Jharkhand's Chatra district who suffered serious burns in an acid attack underwent a surgery at the AIIMS on Thursday and her condition remained critical, sources said. She was airlifted to the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) for better treatment on Wednesday. The girl suffered more than 30 per cent burns in her face, neck, arms and back, the sources said.

AAP MLA CHALLENGES POLICE DECISION
New Delhi: Controversial AAP MLA Amanatullah Khan Thursday urged the Delhi High Court to decide on the merit of his plea challenging the Delhi Police decision declaring him as a "bad character," saying that he does not want to first file a representation with the investigating agency. "He has instructed us to fight the matter on merit. He is not ready for that proposal (filing a representation)... that is not acceptable to the petitioner because he wants an order on merits," said the counsel for the AAP lawmaker before Justice Sudhir Kumar Jain.

WIFE not Worry Invited For Ever, Kerala HC tells man seeking divorce

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

A Division Bench of the Kerala High Court while dismissing an appeal filed by a youth seeking divorce from his wife has bemoaned the trend among the new generation to treat marriages as an evil and described it as the fallout of selfish reasons, extra-marital affairs and consumer culture.

Justices A Mohammed Mustaque and Sophy Thomas lamented, "Kerala, known as God's own Country, was once famous for its well-knit family bond. But the present trend it seems to break the nuptial tie on flimsy or selfish reasons, or for extra-marital relationships, even unmindful of their children. The walls and screams coming out of disturbed and destroyed families are liable to shake the conscience of the society as a whole," said the judges while dismissing the petition by the appellant husband. "Increasing instances of

divorce effected by extra-marital affairs may be the result of a rise in consumer culture and live-in relations are on the increase," said the judges. The husband had married the woman in 2009 but after the birth of three children, he started courting other women. Thus upset the wife whom the husband portrayed as a psychiatric case. The husband had approached the family court with a divorce petition but the court dismissed the same under Section 10(1)(x) of the Divorce Act, 1869. It was against the verdict of the Family Court the husband filed an appeal in the High Court.

The justices pointed out that the younger generation think that marriage is an evil that could be avoided to enjoy free life without any liabilities or obligations.

"They would expand the word 'WIFE' as 'Worry Invited For Ever' substituting the old concept of 'Wise Investment For Ever', the Justices said.

SC to MHA: Seek States' reports on attacks on...

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The PIL was filed by Christian priests. Solicitor General Tushar Mehta said that on verification it has been found the majority of the alleged cases mentioned in the PIL are false and based on "self-serving articles" published on a web portal.

He said that the court should not pass an order in such a PIL, otherwise it will open Pandora's box.

The bench gave two months to the MHA to seek reports from the States. It said that the court is only con-

cerned that its earlier verdicts on the appointment of nodal officers for reporting and monitoring of such incidents are complied with by the States.

The court's order came on a PIL filed by Rev Dr Peter Machado of National Solidarity Forum, Rev Vijayesh Lal of Evangelical Fellowship of India and others claiming violence against the members of the Christian community in the country. The petitioners were represented by senior advocate Colin Gonsalves

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On the basis of media reports and resultant political developments, the UPA MLAs were called for meeting at CM's residence on a day to day basis.

Later, they were taken on a picnic near Ranchi, and on August 30 as many as 32 MLAs, including Ministers were flown to Chhattisgarh Capital, Raipur, in a special flight.

On August 31 another flight with legislators landed in Raipur and the Congress Ministers of the ruling coalition returned to Ranchi for the Cabinet meeting that took place in Ranchi on Thursday.

The State Cabinet on Thursday gave nod to a proposal for calling a special one-day Assembly Session on September 5, where some important Bills would be passed.

According to sources, CM Soren may also prove majority on the day in adverse conditions.

Desperate Kejriwal making false accusations...

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"Unfortunately, the response has been nothing but subterfuge amounting to defence of the indefensible and abusive personal attack on me. As a public representative, the CM needs to explain to the people 'his art' of converting Rs 17 lakhs, ascertained by the CBI as demonetised currency exchanged by 2 employees of Khadi Bhawan Delhi, into Rs 1,400 cr as claimed by AAP," the LG said in a tweet.

"I called for good governance, zero tolerance to corruption and better services for the people of Delhi. But unfortunately CM @ArvindKejriwal in desperation has resorted to diversionary tactics and false accusations," Saxena tweeted.

"He (Kejriwal) should

know that I will under no circumstances whatsoever be deterred from my Constitutional duties. My commitment to improving the lives of the people of Delhi remains unwavering," he said in the statement.

Meanwhile, AAP Rajya Sabha MP, Sanjay Singh, also took to Twitter and wrote, "@LtGovDelhi So many tweets against Arvind? Are you so scared? Should there be zero tolerance against your corruption too? People are telling you about many of your cases during KVIC tenure. Did you give a contract to your daughter without a tender? Does Modi know about this?"

Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia, named an accused in the CBI FIR in con-

nection with alleged irregularities in the excise policy, took a dig at Saxena without naming him and asked why he was "so scared" of a probe.

Re-tweeting Singh's tweet, Sisodia wrote, "I didn't do anything wrong, so I didn't feel scared. I did a thorough investigation and found nothing. My honesty has been proved again in front of the whole country. Why are you so afraid of testing? It seems that the matter is a bit messy".

On Wednesday, officials of the LG House said he will take legal action against some AAP leaders, including Atishi, Jasmine Shah, Durgesh Pathak and Saurabh Bhardwaj, among others, for their "highly defamatory" and false corruption accusations against him.

Indian Army rescues 74 stranded tourists in Sikkim

PTI ■ GANGTOK

The Indian Army has rescued 74 tourists, including women and children, stranded in Yumthang Valley in North Sikkim, a defence release said.

No casualty was reported in the landslide, it said.

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Jawans of the Trishakti Corps on Wednesday rescued the tourists upon receiving information about them getting stranded due to a massive landslide 19 km from Yumthang Valley, the release said.

Eight tourist vehicles got stuck due to the landslide, following which a footpath was created with wooden planks and ropes, and a human chain was formed to rescue the tourists, it said.

They were escorted to safety and provided with food and medical care, it added.

Sisodia raid raised vote share, arrest...

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The confidence motion was tabled by Kejriwal on August 29.

Meanwhile, for the fourth

time in around one and a half months, the weekly meeting between the Chief Minister and the Lieutenant Governor, scheduled to be held on Friday, was cancelled.

Calling Sisodia "fakkad-kangal" (pauper), Kejriwal said though the probe agency was "under pressure to arrest Sisodia", it could not find anything substantial against him even after searching his official house and bank locker in his

working in active collaboration with international terrorist organisations including Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) and Al Qaeda (AQ), the statement said. Dawood has also been designated as a terrorist by the US State Department.


In India, Dawood has been listed as a terrorist under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act. He is suspected to be hiding in Pakistan.

India has submitted several dossiers to Pakistan on the activities of D-Company and briefed several countries on the threat posed by him to international security.

village.

"The CBI officials also understood that there is no case. But they are under pressure. They told us that they will have to arrest Sisodia once. Sisodia told them that he will go to the CBI when they want to arrest him," Kejriwal said.

"So it is certain that Sisodia will be arrested. But the entire country is watching us get certificates from PM Modi again and again. Because an arrest is



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3. 2022_JIWAJ_218480	क्रमांक/टेंडर/22/677	दिनांक : 25.08.2022	केटरिंग सेवाएं	-	80,00,000/- (अस्सी लाख)	2,40,000/- (दो लाख चालीस हजार)	10,000/-	1 वर्ष
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Dumka redux in Delhi: Three held for shooting at girl

The schoolgirl had met the accused on social media a few years ago and he decided to kill her after she cut ties with him

SHEKHAR SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

Just days after a schoolgirl in Jharkhand's Dumka district was burnt to death by a man whose proposal she rejected, a 16-year-old girl in Delhi was shot at by a 19-year-old man after she decided to end her association with him. Police have nabbed the main accused and his two associates who had allegedly hatched the conspiracy to kill her in South Delhi's Sangam Vihar area.

The victim's father said that he had verbally complained to the beat constable of the area in July about the intimidating tactics of the accused Amanat Ali.

He had sent one of his associates to their house and the man had broken their window pane in a bid to frighten them. Ali who originally belongs to Meerut in Uttar Pradesh lives in Sangam Vihar. Ali, along with his two associates Bobby (24)



and Pawan (19), who are also residents of Sangam Vihar had shot at the girl on August 25 afternoon. Police said that they have also recovered two country-made pistols along with three live cartridges and the empty cartridge of the bullet that was fired.

CCTV footage shows the three men chasing the victim when she was on her way back home from school and opening fire at her. The girl had a narrow escape as she received the bullet injury on her shoulder. The terrified girl is undergoing treatment at the hospital.

Police said that Ali came in contact with the girl on social media a couple of years ago but she stopped talking to him around six months ago. Unable to cope with her bid to cut ties with him he began nursing a grudge against her and planned

Class 3 boy sexually assaulted in school

NEW DELHI: An eight-year-old boy was allegedly sexually assaulted by another student in one of the schools in East Delhi's Madhu Vihar area on Monday.

According to police, on August 30, a PCR call regarding a sexual assault in a school was received at Madhu Vihar police station. "On enquiry it was found that on August 29, a student of class 3 went to the toilet during school hours and another student, a 14-year-old boy studying in Class 10 sexually assaulted him there," police said.

Police have apprehended the juvenile who was produced before the Juvenile Justice Board.

to kill her. He contacted Pawan and Bobby, both school

AAP asks L-G, Centre to improve law and order in Delhi

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The AAP MLAs on Thursday staged a protest near Raj Niwas decrying the deteriorating law and order situation in Delhi. The protest came in the wake of media reports that a girl was shot at in South Delhi's Sangam Vihar a few days ago.

The AAP legislators marched from the Assembly to the Raj Niwas to meet Lieutenant-Governor VK Saxena and sat on a dharna outside his office after the security personnel denied them entry as they did not have an appointment. "Do

some work L-G sahab, pay attention to the law and order situation of Delhi," they shouted. The agitating MLAs listed out recent incidents of crime in the city including the Sangam Vihar shooting, and accused the L-G of being ignorant of his responsibility of maintaining law and order.

The Delhi Police urged the MLAs to vacate the spot as prohibitory orders under Section 144 of the CrPC were in force in the area. When the agitating MLAs refused to relent, 30 AAP workers were detained by the police and released later. Meanwhile, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Thursday said his



Aam Aadmi Party workers being detained during a protest outside Delhi L-G's residence, in New Delhi on Thursday

Government does not want to do politics in the matter relat-

ed to women's safety and urged the L-G and the Centre to take "appropriate action" in this regard. "I also want to bring this to everyone's attention that Delhi's law and order is continuously deteriorating.

We do not want any politics in this issue. We want the L-G and the Centre to take appropriate action and we will give all possible support to them," Kejriwal said.

"The (National Crime Records Bureau) report on the safety of women is quite concerning. Delhi is the most unsafe metro in the country. We cannot stand this blot. We want the safety of our women," he added.

BJP MLAs protest outside CM house on expulsion from Assembly

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi BJP MLAs on Thursday staged a sit-in outside Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's residence and raised slogans after they were unconstitutionally expelled from the proceedings of the Assembly for the fifth day running.

The MLAs sat for two hours in front of the Chief Minister's house. Those on dharna included Leader of Opposition (LoP), Ramvir Singh Bidhuri, Mohan Singh Bisht, Vijender Gupta, Om Prakash Sharma, Jitendra Mahajan among others.

Ramvir Singh Bidhuri said that the Opposition members were not allowed to speak for five days in the Assembly session.



Birla said the confidence motion was important considering "whatever has happened in Opposition-ruled States". All issues of the Opposition will be taken up once the confidence motion process is completed, she said.

When Opposition members did not relent, Birla ordered that BJP MLAs Vijender Gupta, Abhay Verma and Mohan Singh Bisht be marshalled out. The rest of the BJP MLAs walked out of the Assembly soon after The special session of the House was postponed sine die by the Deputy Speaker after a vote division, in which 58 MLAs voted in favour of the Kejriwal Government. Birla, in the chair, did not participate in the voting.

"The MLAs of the Opposition party also staged a sit-in outside the Chief Minister's residence in protest over muzzling of their voice in Assembly and the corruption in the Kejriwal Government, said BJP MLA Vijender Gupta.

Earlier in the morning, hundreds of workers of the BJP staged a massive protest outside Delhi Assembly, demanding the resignation of Arvind Kejriwal and his Deputy Manish Sisodia in alleged liquor and education scam.

Kejriwal's party is biggest paltu party in 3K-4K years of human history: Patra

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The BJP on Thursday called Arvind Kejriwal's Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) the biggest U-turn party in human history. "The drama begins again," said BJP spokesperson Sambit Patra, ridiculing Kejriwal's comment that AAP's vote share has risen in Gujarat after CBI raids against his Deputy Manish Sisodia.

Addressing a press conference at the BJP headquarters, Patra attacked Kejriwal for saying that AAP is the political party which has suffered the most in Indian history, calling it a "U-turn" party. "Kejriwal is wrong when he says that AAP suffered most. In fact, Kejriwal's party is the biggest U-turn or Paltu party in the 3,000-4,000 years of human history," Patra said. Citing the documents of the Delhi Government, Patra claimed that under the old liquor policy, retail stores were receiving ₹33 while ₹330 was going to the Government's coffers on sale of each bottle of whiskey.



But, under the new policy, liquor stores started receiving ₹363 while the Government got only ₹8, he said.

Patra also alleged that the AAP Government "waived ₹144 crore for liquor barons," that they owed the Government, but failed to purchase home tickets for migrant workers who were stranded in the city during the Covid-induced lockdown.

Patra said that whenever a corrupt leader of AAP is caught, their drama starts, with Kejriwal saying that there is no Minister more honest than Satyendra Jain.

"When Jain was about to be arrested, he was completely immersed in corruption, his investigation was going on, then also Kejriwal was giving the exact same speech," he said.

L-G, CM weekly meeting cancelled 4th time in month

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

For the fourth time in around one-and-a-half months, the weekly meeting between Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and Lieutenant-Governor, Vinai Kumar Saxena, scheduled to be held on Friday, was cancelled.

A statement cited Kejriwal's two-day visit to Gujarat as the reason behind his unavailability for the meeting. "The weekly meeting of Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and Lieutenant-Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena will not be held tomorrow. The meeting of the CM & LG has been put off for this Friday owing to the CM's two-day visit to Gujarat starting tomorrow (Friday)," the statement said.

It said Kejriwal will be addressing a public meeting in Gujarat's Dwarka on September 2 and taking part in a town hall meeting in Surendranagar the next day.

2 black boxes put inside twin towers for CBRI study found

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Two black boxes, placed inside the now-demolished twin towers in Noida for Central Building Research Institute (CBRI) research purposes, have been recovered while discussions continued on Thursday over the ongoing repairs in ATS Village and Emerald Court societies.

According to a senior official, while the complete post-demolition structural audit of the critical residential towers located within 50 metres of the twin towers is yet to be done, around one dozen window panes in Emerald Court and three dozen in ATS Village developed cracks and were being repaired.

A nine-metre stretch of a boundary wall was damaged and it also came to light that some common areas and residential towers in the critical zone had developed "cosmetic cracks", the official said. "Two black boxes which were placed inside the twin towers at the time of the demolition for research purposes have been recovered. There are eight more

black boxes that are yet to be recovered," Dr Debi Prasanna Kanungo, Senior Principal Scientist at CBRI, said. "Other instruments like seismographs, thermal imaging cameras, photos and videos taken using drones that were deployed in surrounding areas of the twin towers are already with CBRI and the information collected by them is being analysed.

The findings will help us in future studies," the scientist said. Black box is an electronic device generally placed inside aircraft to record sound. They are widely used for their indestructible nature and research purposes.

Meanwhile, officials of Edifice Engineering, the firm which was tasked with the safe demolition of the twin towers, on Thursday met with the residents of the two societies to address concerns over repair works.

Mayur Mehta, the project manager for Edifice Engineering, said, "Repair works for window panes have already started and will be completed in the next few days." He said Edifice has also

hired a Kerala-based geo-structural consultant for the pre- and post-blast structural analysis and it would take it roughly another 10 days to submit its report. "The repair work for cracks, which appear to be superficial and cosmetic in nature, will begin after the consultant's analysis report is received," he added.

Separately, real estate group Supertech, the developer of the twin towers, is expected to complete the post-demolition structural audit of the seven residential towers — four in ATS Village and three in Emerald Court— soon, according to officials.

The Noida twin towers are the tallest illegal structures to have been demolished by implosion technique in India yet. Prior to that, four residential complexes of 18-20 storeys in Maradu municipal area of Kochi, Kerala were razed in a matter of few seconds by implosion in 2020. Both demolitions had come in compliance with orders of the Supreme Court which found the structures built in violation of building norms.

Final-year MBBS student hangs herself at Safdarjung Hospital

NEW DELHI: A final-year MBBS student at the Safdarjung Hospital allegedly hanged herself in a hostel room on the intervening night of Wednesday and Thursday. Police said that they have also recovered a suicide note and two empty packets of antidepressant medicine from the room.

The student, a resident of Delhi, was residing at the MBBS Girls Hostel, Safdarjung Hospital. Police said the handwritten suicide note found in her diary, revealed that she was

unhappy with life. According to Manoj C, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Southwest district, the police post at the hospital received information about the incident at 3.30 A.M. on Thursday following which police rushed to the spot.

"When police reached the spot, they found the student of the Vardhman Mahavir Medical College and Safdarjung Hospital hanging by her neck with a scarf at a room in the hostel," said the DCP. "The final-year student

was doing her internship at the Safdarjung Hospital, the DCP added. "The room was locked from inside and it was forcibly opened by her friends. The student was taken to the emergency department of the hospital where she was declared dead on arrival.

"The statements of her friends were recorded and no foul play is suspected," said police official privy to investigation. The family members of student had also reached spot and their statements are being recorded. **SR**

BSES inks MoU with AI company Bidgely for reducing power theft

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI



Central Delhi depending on the results," he informed.

"Under the MoU, BSES Rajdhani Power Limited (BRPL) and Bidgely will collaborate in the development and implementation of scalable AI-based solutions to enhance operational efficiencies in several areas including, AT & C loss reduction/power-theft detection, short-term load forecasting solutions based on historical time series data, weather and network related inputs," he said.

"Detection and profiling of electric vehicles (EV) and solar rooftop PV and energy effi-

ciency through customised energy saving insights for consumers. It will also enable BRPL to leverage Bidgely's strengths and benefit from their global experience and expertise in these and related areas," he added.

Speaking on the partnership, Bidgely's Chief Revenue Officer, Gautam Aggarwal said that Bidgely is honored to deploy its AI-powered solutions in ways that help BSES meaningfully connect with customers and prevent revenue losses associated with energy theft.

With much of our workforce — including our data scientists and research and development teams — in India, we have deep knowledge not only of BSES' most pressing challenges but also the most effective ways to overcome them.

Tipplers complain of popular liquor brands missing

SAURAV GUPTA ■ NEW DELHI



As Delhi returned to the old Excise Policy on Thursday, which saw the exit of private players from retail business, many Government-run retail shops reported an empty look with most of the popular brands missing from the shelves, thus leaving tipplers disappointed as they had to return empty-handed.

Some of them also complained that unlike in the earlier Excise Policy which now stands scrapped following alleged "irregularities," there was no discount on liquor available in the current policy.

The liquor-vend operators assured that the process is likely to get streamlined in the coming days once supply smoothens. The liquor vends were also seen stocking the booze as the supply arrived late. However, customers complained that some of the most

popular brands such as Royal Stag, Royal Challenge, Blenders Pride etc. beers, wines and rum were not available in the liquor stores. Sanjay Sharma, owner of a liquor vend, said that the supply was very less, due to which there was very limited purchase options. Several brands were also not available with the suppliers.

"More supply is likely in coming days, but things will take time to normalize. Also, no discounts are available on the sale of liquor. Every customer's first question is if any

discount is offered on the liquor," he said.

Another retail liquor store owner, who did not wish to be named, said that there were very limited options available as far as the brands were concerned, and that too were in a very less quantity. "The stock is awaited, and it is likely to reach soon. We are sitting idle since morning as the brands are not available. The customers are also going empty handed," he rued. Unlike in a past few days, this time no long queues of tipplers were seen in the city.

Most of them had already stocked the liquor at the discounted prices. Abhijit Bhasin, a booze lover, said, "My favorite brand is not available at the liquor shop. I had to return empty handed. I did not stock any liquor at the time of discount offer as that time also my brand was not available.

"I had great expectation this time, but in vain. I hope things will normalize soon," Bhasin said. Shubham Sharma and Chaitanya Arora, who also came to purchase the liquor, too shared similar story saying that they were looking for the Royal Stag, but instead end up purchasing Royal Green, the only brand available.

"The beers of our choice were not available and the shop owners had no clue about the stock arrival. Plus, there is no discount available now and we have to buy the liquor at the old prices. This means shelling out more," they said.

'Liquor vends to rise to 500 by month end'

NEW DELHI: On the non-availability of liquor stock on the first day of the implementation of the old Excise Policy in Delhi and the opening of Government liquor shops, Director General, Confederation of Indian Alcoholic Beverage Companies (CIABC) Vinod Giri, on Thursday said that by the end of the month the number of liquor vends will rise to 500.

"On the positive side, most major L1 licences are in place. Many brands are already supplied to and available in retail vends. However, consumers may find some popular products, especially imported ones, missing on shelves as they are still under process," he said.

Selja for action against leaders who met Azad after he quit Cong

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

With G-23 members of Congress stepping up pressure on the party ahead of a series of important programmes like Mehengai Par Halla Bol Rally on Sunday, followed by Bharat Jodo Yatra and the presidential polls, a demand has been raised to take action against senior leaders Bhupinder Hooda and Prithviraj Chavan who met Ghulam Nabi Azad days after he quit the party.

Hooda on his part distanced himself from the controversy saying he has been with the Gandhi family for long and their demands have been accepted with an election being held for the party president.

The former Haryana Chief Minister said he and his colleagues in the Congress have suggested Azad to avoid saying things that create bitterness among the partymen.

Senior Congress leader

Kumari Selja, also a Congress Working Committee (CWC) member and former president of the party's Haryana unit, is learnt to have lodged a complaint against Hooda, also the Leader of Opposition in the State, with the party high command and demanded a show cause notice against him.

Selja has raised the matter with some senior party leaders, including AICC Haryana in-charge Vivek Bansal.

Selja, considered Hooda's bete noire, is also learnt to have told the party high command that such a development was not acceptable even though the former Haryana chief minister had been given a free hand in running the affairs of the Congress' state unit.

Hooda said the "Group of 23" (G-23) members met Azad at his residence and asked him about his resignation from the party, which he had never discussed with them.

He said the G-23 had raised a demand for holding

the organisational polls. Party chief Sonia Gandhi has agreed to it and the polls are now being held, he added briefing the inquisitive media. Hooda also asserted that he is an old-time Congressman who had stood with the Gandhi family even when P V Narasimha Rao was the prime minister and will continue to do so.

"We told Azad that since he has decided to quit the party now after being in it for such a long time, he should not say things that create bitterness among the partymen," Hooda clarified further.

"We had raised a demand for holding the organisational polls, which are now being held. The Congress president has agreed to our demand. Despite that Azad sahib decided to quit the party, but he had never discussed his resignation with us. We only asked him as to what happened that he had to take such a decision even after the demands were accepted," Hooda told reporters.

"He never discussed it with us and we raised the matter with him," he said, adding that sometimes things are said by leaders out of frustration and sometimes to serve their interests.

"When Narasimha Rao was the prime minister, no one stood with the Gandhi family, but I was with them at the time. I was with them then and I am still standing with the family," Hooda said.

He also said the Congress rally on September 4 will be historic. "You will see that on September 4, there will be a big rally and people will come in huge numbers," he said.

Hooda, along with other G-23 leaders Anand Sharma and Prithviraj Chavan, met Azad at the latter's residence here on Monday, after the former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister resigned from the Congress, blaming the party leadership, especially Rahul Gandhi, in a five-page letter on August 26.

Tejas MK-2 to fill capability void: IAF chief

IAF chief says jet likely to take its first flight after 2-3 years

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

With the Government giving the go-ahead for developing the next generation of the Tejas light combat aircraft (LCA) MK-2, the new plane will fill the critical capability void, IAF chief VR Chaudhari said here on Thursday.

His remarks came a day after the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) on Wednesday approved the LCA-MK 2 project and sanctioned Rs 10,000 crores for its development. It is likely to take its first flight after two to three years and its serial production likely commence from 2028.

Underlining the importance of this project, the IAF chief also said the timely production of the indigenous fighter jet will address the issue of depleting strength of the fighter plane squadron strength. At present, the IAF has 30 squadrons (one squadron has 18-20 jets) while the sanctioned strength is 42.

Stressing the point that the new planes will fill the critical capability void, Chaudhari called upon all the stakeholders to work in close co-ordination for timely induction of the aircraft into the force.

He also said this decision will give a filip to the indigenous design and development of the next generation fighter aircraft and add muscle to the 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' initiative in aerospace manufacturing field.

The Mk-2 fighter jet will be the most advanced LCA variant to be designed and developed indigenously by the Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA), sources said.

It will be equipped with a more powerful engine (GE-414), a superior radar, better avionics and electronics, and will be capable of carrying a higher weapons payload, they



Vostok 2022: Indian contingent of 200 Army personnel to take part in drill

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE/AGENCIES ■ NEW DELHI/MOSCOW

India has sent a contingent of about 200 army personnel to Russia to take part in the multilateral strategic and command military exercise "Vostok - 2022". It commenced from Thursday at the training grounds of the Eastern Military District of Russia and will last till September 7.

China is also taking part in this drill where more than 50,000 troops, 140 aircraft and 60 warships from different countries are participating.

Giving details of the exercise here on Thursday, officials said the exercise is aimed at interaction and coordination amongst other participating military contingents and observers. The Indian Army contingent comprising of troops from 7/8 Gorkha Rifles had arrived at the exercise

location and over the next seven days will undertake joint manoeuvres to include joint field training exercises, combat discussions, and firepower exercises.

The Indian Army contingent will look forward to sharing practical aspects and put into practice the validated drills, procedures and practice amalgamation of new technology through discussions and tactical exercises.

Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said here on Thursday India has been regularly participating in multilateral exercises in Russia, along with a number of other countries.

Russia is hosting these drills in the backdrop of its ongoing military action in Ukraine and the persisting stand-offs at the border in Ladakh between the armies of India and China. Last year, India attended Exercise

ZAPAD 2021 drills in Russia in which 17 countries including China and Pakistan took part. The Russian defence ministry stated earlier regarding the latest drills that during the exercise the participating forces would practice measures to maintain military security in the eastern region.

"The drills are set to master the skills of commanders and headquarters in exercising command and control of combined arms and coalition forces to repel acts of aggression in the Eastern direction and in the Far Eastern maritime zone, raise compatibility and interoperability of the collation forces in jointly coping with the objectives of maintaining peace, protecting interests and ensuring military security in the Eastern region," the ministry said.

The military exercises will take place at different locations in Far East and Sea of Japan.

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Mr. Vipin Singhal & Others ...Defendants

To, Defendants :

1) M/s. Dream Procon Private Limited., Reg. Office at 702-704, D-Mall, Netaji Subhas Place, Pitampura, New Delhi- 110 034.

In the above noted application, you are required to file reply in Paper Book form in two sets along with documents and affidavits (if any), personally or through your duly authorized agent or legal practitioner in this Tribunal, after serving copy of the same on the applicant or his counsel/duly authorized agent after publication of the summons, and thereafter to appear before the Tribunal on 12/10/2022 at 10:30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.

Registrar

Debts Recovery Tribunal Lucknow

FORM NO. 5

DRT/LKO

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL

600/1, University Road, Near Hanuman Setu Temple, Lucknow- 226007

(Area of Jurisdiction- Part of Uttar Pradesh)

SUMMONS FOR FILING REPLY & APPEARANCE BY PUBLICATION

O.A. No. 461/2022

[(Summons to defendant under section 19(4) of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 read with Rules 12 and 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules, 1993)]

ICICI Bank Ltd. ...Applicant

Versus

Mrs. Manisha Sinha & Others ...Defendants

To, Defendants :

1) M/s. Supertech Limited., Reg. Office- Supertech House B- 28-29, Sector- 58, Noida- 201307 (U.P.)

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SUMMONS FOR FILING REPLY & APPEARANCE BY PUBLICATION

O.A. No. 177/2022

[(Summons to defendant under section 19(4) of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 read with Rules 12 and 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules, 1993)]

ICICI Bank Ltd. ...Applicant

Versus

Mr. Amit Sinsinwal & Others ...Defendants

To, Defendants :

1) Mr. Amit Sinsinwal, Son of Shri Biri Singh Sinsinwal, Resident of House No. 8 G.F. Marvel Homes, Plot-B-17, Sector-61, Noida (U.P.)-201301.

ALSO

Plot No.RC1/2, Flat No.1202M, 12th Floor, Town-1, Cloud-9, Sector-1, Vailshali, Ghaziabad (U.P.)-201001

ALSO

143-D, Block-C, Kanchanjunga Apts., Sector-53, Noida (U.P.)- 201301.

2) Mrs. Neelam Sinsinwal, W/o. Mr. Amit Sinsinwal, Resident of House No. 8 G.F. Marvel Homes, Plot-B-17, Sector-61, Noida (U.P.)- 201301.

ALSO

Plot No. RC1/2, Flat No.1202 M, 12th Floor, Town-1, Cloud-9, Sector-1, Vailshali, Ghaziabad (U.P.)- 201001

ALSO

143-D, Block-C, Kanchanjunga Apts., Sector-53, Noida (U.P.)- 201301.

3) M/s. Aadi Best Consortium Pvt. Ltd. Reg. Office at D-182, Jhilmil Colony, Delhi-110095.

In the above noted application, you are required to file reply in Paper Book form in two sets along with documents and affidavits (if any), personally or through your duly authorized agent or legal practitioner in this Tribunal, after serving copy of the same on the applicant or his counsel/duly authorized agent after publication of the summons, and thereafter to appear before the Tribunal on 11/10/2022 at 10:30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.

Registrar

Debts Recovery Tribunal Lucknow

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ICICI Bank Ltd. ...Applicant

Versus

Mr. Ashok Kumar & Others ...Defendants

To, Defendants :

1) Mr. Ashok Kumar Sen, Son of Shri Murlidhar Sen, Resident of A-2 Nar Vihar-1, Sector-34, Noida (U.P.)- 201301.

ALSO

Plot No. L-2 a, Prop 1-F, 24/12A/ Prop 2-F 24/14, 24th Floor Wave City, Wave One Commercial Level 15, Sector-18, Gautam Buddha Nagar (U.P.)- 201301.

ALSO

Matrix Healthcare India, 306 3rd Floor, Neelkanth Chamber, IILSC Saini Enclave, Karkardooma Delhi-110092.

2) Mrs. Soma Sen, W/o. Mr. Ashok Kumar Sen, Resident of A-2 Nar Vihar-1, Sector 34, Noida (U.P.)- 201301.

ALSO

Plot No. L-2 A, Prop 1-F, 24/12A/ Prop 2-F 24/14, 24th Floor Wave City, Wave One Commercial Level 15, Sector-18, Gautam Buddha Nagar (U.P.)- 201301

ALSO

Matrix Healthcare India, 306 3rd Floor, Neelkanth Chamber, IILSC Saini Enclave Karkardooma Delhi-110092.

3) M/s. Wave One Pvt. Ltd. Reg. Office at 60, Friends Colony East, New Delhi-110025.

In the above noted application, you are required to file reply in Paper Book form in two sets along with documents and affidavits (if any), personally or through your duly authorized agent or legal practitioner in this Tribunal, after serving copy of the same on the applicant or his counsel/duly authorized agent after publication of the summons, and thereafter to appear before the Tribunal on 07/10/2022 at 10:30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.

Registrar

Debts Recovery Tribunal Lucknow

CBI arrests Delhi lawyer Khaitan in 2008 Embraer aircraft kickbacks case

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The CBI has arrested Delhi-based lawyer Gautam Khaitan in a 2008 case of alleged commission paid by Brazilian aircraft manufacturer Embraer to a UK-based NRI middleman to swing a three-aircraft deal with the DRDO worth \$210 million in its favour. The agency arrested Khaitan last week, nearly



six years after registering an FIR on the basis of a Brazilian newspaper report exposing alleged kickbacks of USD 5.76 million paid by the company in the deal for fully customised EMB-145 aircraft for the DRDO which were to be fitted with airborne early warning and control (AEW&C) system, officials said.

Khaitan, who was also charge-sheeted in the Agusta Westland VVIP Chopper purchase case, was questioned for nearly four days by CBI officials following his arrest on August 25. He was subsequently sent to judicial custody after his CBI remand was over the said day.

Khaitan was allegedly instrumental in moving the alleged bribe money to India through circuitous transaction using different companies abroad and in India, they said.

The agency had booked UK-based arms dealer Vipin Khanna and two companies— Brazil-based Embraer and Singapore-based Interdev Pte Ltd — in connection with the alleged corruption in the deal inked on July 3, 2008.

It is alleged that the kickbacks were allegedly routed from subsidiaries of Embraer to Khanna through Interdev to be used for influencing officials in the Defence Ministry and the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).

The agency had registered a Preliminary Enquiry in September, 2016 after the report in a Brazilian newspaper alleged that Embraer had used the services of middlemen to clinch deals in Saudi Arabia and India.

According to defence procurement rules here, middlemen are barred in such deals.

The PE had found that due to alleged mediation by Khanna, DRDO officials moved a proposal for the purchase of aircraft from Embraer on a single vendor basis after which the enquiry was converted into an FIR in October, 2016.

"It was also alleged that in lieu of facilitating the agreement/deal between Brazil-based firm and DRDO (India), the firm paid an amount of USD 5.76 millio to the said middleman (Khanna) through Singapore-based company during the year 2009," the CBI spokesperson had said after filing of the FIR.

Sheikh Hasina to visit India from Sept 5 to 8

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

India and Bangladesh will seek to further strengthen their bilateral ties during the summit here between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his counterpart Sheikh Hasina. She will visit India from September 5 to 8.

Announcing the visit here on Thursday, the Ministry of External Affairs said Hasina will hold talks with Modi. She will also meet President Droupadi Murmu and Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar.

Giving details here, ministry of external affairs spokesperson Arindam Bagchi

said Hasina is also likely to visit Ajmer. He said in recent years, both sides have sustained a high level of engagement between the two countries. The forthcoming visit will further strengthen the relationship between the two countries, Bagchi added.The two sides will review the entire spectrum of their bilateral ties including defence and trade during the summit. Hasina had last come here in 2019 and it will be her first visit abroad since the corona pandemic broke out in 2020.

Besides defence and trade, the two leaders are likely to ink a pact for water-sharing of the Kushiyara River and an exten-

sion of the Ganga treaty. The long-awaited agreement on sharing of water of the Teesta River make take some more time and the two leaders may discuss ways to expedite it, sources said.

The visiting Prime Minister will also meet the Indian business delegation here and the two countries may sign a pact between Indian Oil and Beximco for import of LNG from India to Bangladesh to meet domestic needs for energy.

The two prime ministers may also jointly inaugurate a "Swadhinata Sarak" from Bangladesh to India virtually. With focus on enhancing con-

nectivity through land, sea and rail and people to people contact, both the countries are keen to have robust trade ties with all the seven north-east-ern states and Bangladesh.

Apart from the official engagements in the national capital, Hasina is scheduled to offer prayers at the Ajmer Sharif Dargah and the shrine of Khwaja Moinuddin Chishti during her visit.

Underlining the neighbourhood first policy, Modi had visited Dhaka last year for the commemoration of 50 years of Bangladesh's war of liberation and the establishment of diplomatic ties between the two countries.

Why Setalvad bail plea listed 6 weeks after our notice, wonders SC

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Thursday wondered why the Gujarat High Court has listed the bail plea of activist Teesta Setalvad for hearing on September 19, six weeks after it sent a notice to the State Government seeking a response to her application, and asked the State to inform it by 2 pm on Friday about whether such a precedent existed there.

A bench comprising Chief Justice Uday Umesh Lalit and Justices Ravindra Bhat and Sudhanshu Dhulia posted the plea of Setalvad for further hearing on Friday.

"We will hear this case tomorrow at 2 pm. Give us instances where a lady accused in such cases has got such dates from high court. Either this lady has been made an exception....How can the court give this date? Is this standard practice in Gujarat?" an apparently displeased CJI said.

Senior lawyer Kapil Sibal argued that her arrest was happened just a day after the Supreme Court verdict and said that these are against the

criminal procedures. Solicitor General Tushar Mehta opposed the bail petition vehemently. Setalvad was arrested on June 25 for allegedly fabricating evidence to frame "innocent people" in the 2002 Gujarat riots cases. The Gujarat High Court had on August 3 issued a notice to the State Government on the bail plea of Setalvad and fixed the matter for hearing on September 19.

An Ahmedabad sessions court had on July 30 rejected the bail applications of Setalvad and former Director General of Police RB Sreekumar in the case, saying that if they were released, it will send a message to wrongdoers that a person can level allegations with impunity and get away with it.

Mumbai-based Setalvad and Sreekumar were arrested within a couple of days after the Supreme Court on June 24 dismissed a petition filed by Zakia Jafri, whose husband and former Congress MP Ehsaan Jafri was killed during the riots in Ahmedabad, challenging the SIT's clean chit to 64 people in the riots, including the then Chief Minister Narendra Modi.

Zeal to serve motivation for CSC staff, says MD Tyagi who retired in Aug

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Government-run CSC e-Governance Managing Director Dinesh Kumar Tyagi's tenure ended on August 31. He led the organisation for almost a decade. Tyagi in a message to village-level entrepreneurs (VLEs) running Common Service Centres providing government services to the public, announced his departure from the organization.

"CSC VLE passion and zeal to serve the community has been the motivation for all those associated with this movement, employees, service providers and other partners. Today as I get relieved from CSC SPV wishing all the very best to every CSC VLE and his family," Tyagi said.

While Tyagi is a former IAS officer of 1979 batch from the Manipur-Tripura cadre (MT), CSC CEO Sanjay Rakesh, a 1990 batch of MT cadre will lead the CSC which is an initiative of Digital India under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology. Tyagi has been instrumen-



tal in scaling up CSC from around 60,000 in 2014 to over five lakh at present employing around 15 lakh people mostly in rural areas and small towns. Common Service Providers have contributed in the dissemination of public welfare schemes like toilet subsidies, Jeevan Pramaan, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, Ayushman Bharat, Kisan Maandhan Yojana, Shram Yogi Maandhan etc.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi too has acknowledged the contribution of CSC at several occasions for uplifting the lives of people in rural areas.

Top JeM commander, aide killed in Baramulla

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ JAMMU

One of the top most Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) commanders from North Kashmir was eliminated along with his accomplice in a joint operation conducted by the security forces in Bomai village of Sopore Tehsil, in Baramulla district late on Wednesday night. A soldier of the Indian Army and a civilian also received injuries during the five hour long operation.

So far, 140 terrorists including three dozen foreign terrorists have been neutralised in different anti terrorist operations in the Kashmir valley since January 1, 2022. Lashkar-e Tayyeba and Jaish-e-Mohammad terrorist outfits have suffered major losses with the elimination of their top commanders.

According to a Srinagar based Defence spokesman, a joint team of Rashtriya Rifles, Sopore Police including Special Operations Group and CRPF Battalion launched a Cordon and Search Operation based on specific intelligence around 6.30 p.m on Wednesday".

"As the security forces surrounded the house, the terrorists hiding inside the building opened heavy fire, even lobbing grenades in an attempt to break the cordon". "The security forces acted swiftly, relocating civilians to safer areas. In the ensuing firefight lasting nearly five hours, the terrorists injured one civilian and one soldier, before being eliminated by security forces", added Defence spokesman.

The slain terrorists were identified as Jaish cadres, Mohd Rafiq Lone (resident of Sopore and North Kashmir comman-



der) and Kaiser Ashraf (resident of Pulwama). Weapons and other war-like stores were recovered.

The injured civilian (identified as Ali Mohd Ganaie of Bomai) and the soldier were evacuated timely to Srinagar and are reported to be out of danger. As per police records, both the killed terrorists were categorized terrorists and involved in several terror crime cases including attacks on secu-

rity forces and instigating youth to join terror folds. According to police records the killed terrorist Mohammad Rafi Lone had a history of terror crime cases including grenade attack on Police party near TP Bank Sopore in year 2017 and instigating/motivating gullible youth to join terror folds thereby trying to revive the terror folds in Sopore area for which he was earlier booked twice under Public Safety Act (PSA).

Centre taking back PM-KISAN money from farmers: Cong

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Congress on Thursday claimed that the Centre is issuing notices to farmers deemed ineligible under the PM-KISAN scheme to take back the money disbursed to them, and demanded the recovery from "poor annadaatas" be immediately stopped. The Opposition party said that while the government is 'waiving lakhs of crores' worth of loans of its industrialist friends, it is taking back money from farmers.

Addressing a press conference at the AICC headquarters, Congress spokesperson Akhilesh Pratap Singh said that by declaring the farmers ineligible under the Kisan Samman Nidhi, the central government has started the action of taking back the money. "Instead of Kisan Samman Nidhi, this

move of the central government has become 'Kisan Apman Nidhi'. The government, which is waiving lakhs of crores of loans of its industrialist friends, is taking back the money given to the poor 'annadaatas' of the country...", Singh said. In 2019, when the Modi government started PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi before the Lok Sabha elections, it "hastily" took bank account numbers of farmers so that money reached them before the polls, he alleged.

"Now the central government is saying that those who are not eligible for this and have received the amount under the Kisan Samman Nidhi should return the money. The government is also sending notices to farmers for taking back the money. The process of recovery by declaring about two crore farmers ineligible across the country should be immediately stopped," Singh said.

Opp attacks Mamata for praising RSS

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has drawn strong criticism from the opposition parties for "praising" the RSS a day after the Chief Minister in a passing remark said that not all people in the Hindu Right-wing group were bad and that a section of the Sangh detested the policies followed by the BJP.

The Opposition Congress, Left and the even the BJP immediately hit back calling her a "product of the RSS" which had once compared her to Goddess Durga besides identifying in her as "best friend".

Senior leader of the CPI(M) — a party struggling to gain back its lost Muslim vote base — Sujan Chakrabarty promptly hit back at the Chief Minister calling her an "opportunist" and reminding "we the Left parties had from the beginning warning one and all about her genuine colours ...



she is the product of the RSS in Bengal we told ... not it is being confirmed in her statements... she cannot be trusted in the fight against communal forces."

Another senior CPI(M) leader reminded how "a senior leader of the RSS had once saw in her a best friend." The leader said how the Chief Minister had in the recent past camped at the neighbouring East Midnapore for two days to ensure that RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat got the administrative attention he deserved during a visit by him to Keshiari in West Midnapore a few miles away. The Marxist leadership also wondered how the RSS managed to acquire huge tracts of land in Bengal's districts to run its training centres.

Yogi orders action against 73 officers for failing to resolve people's complaints

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath ordered action against 73 officers who failed to resolve people's problems and were slow in implementing his directive.

A senior official told *The Pioneer* on Thursday that Yogi took action against the officers found indulging in obstruction of justice. "Notices have been issued to 73 officers who performed the worst in resolving people's problems. The action was suggested when they failed to give satisfactory answers," the official said.

Among the officers who have been issued notices are 10 departmental heads, five commissioners, 10 DMs, five vice-chairmen of the development authorities, five municipal commissioners, and 10 tehsil officials. Besides, the official said that clarification was sought from three ADGs, five IGs and DIGs, the heads of three police commissionerates, SSPs and SPs, and the



heads of 10 police stations. Yogi had earlier ordered officials concerned to submit a report on the complaints received, resolved along with action taken under Thana/Tehsil Diwas. In the directive, he had said that resolving every grievance was the utmost priority of the government. "The CM had asked the officials to submit a detailed report regarding complaints received, resolved, and pending cases on the Integrated Grievance Redressal System (IGRS), tehsils and police stations without delay. Those who failed to do so were punished," the official said.

UPSSF to guard Yogi CM office

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

The Uttar Pradesh Special Security Force (UPSSF) has been tasked with guarding the Chief Minister's Office (Lok Bhawan). UPSSF personnel have been deployed at all the three gates of Lok Bhawan. All these jawans are equipped with state-of-the-art weapons.

Till now, UP Police and UP Secretariat security personnel were deployed in the security of Lok Bhawan. A unit of UPSSF has been prepared and 52 personnel deployed for the purpose. DCP (Central Lucknow) Aparna Rajat Kaushik said Lucknow police and PAC had reviewed the security of Lok Bhawan on

Wednesday. After the review, it was decided that the UPSSF would guard all the three entry gates of Lok Bhawan.

A unit of UPSSF was deployed on Thursday. The unit comprises eight sub-inspectors and 48 constables. They will be posted in two shifts. The DCP said that the UPSSF personnel deployed at Lok Bhawan have advanced versions of later security gadgets. She said the personnel of UP Police, Arms Force and PAC have been included in this force. All the personnel were imparted a 90-day training in Sitapur. The Uttar Pradesh government has formed a special security force for security of major places of the state.

First desi vaccine for cervical cancer to be made available in few months

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

India's first indigenously developed quadrivalent Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccine for the prevention of cervical cancer will be launched in a few months and made available to the people in an affordable price range of Rs 200-400, Serum Institute of India CEO Adar Poonawalla said on Thursday.

On the sideline of an event here to announce the scientific completion of the Desi vaccine, Poonawalla told reporters, "First the vaccine would be made available through the government channel and from next year onwards some private



partners would be involved too".

Poonawalla also said that a plan to make 200 million doses is in place and first the vaccine would be given in India and only after the needs of the country are fulfilled it will be exported to other countries.

The cervical cancer vaccine will be affordable and would be available in the range of Rs 200-400. However, the final price

will be decided after detailed discussions with the government, he said.

"The vaccine would be much much less in price as compared to other vaccines for cervical cancer," he said, adding that it will be launched by the end of the year.

Earlier, speaking at the event, Union Minister of Science and Technology Jitendra Singh said the vaccine will be affordable and the government will ensure that it is accessible to the common man.

Scientific completion implies that R&D activities pertaining to the vaccine are complete and now the next step of making them available to the public would take place.

Avoid spending too much time on gadgets to stay young: Study

PIONEER NEW DELHI ■ NEW DELHI

Want to stay young? Avoid spending too much time on gadgets like phones or laptops, a team of researchers have said in a new study that pointed out that over usage of electronic devices may affect an individual's aging process. Various studies in the past had underlined that spending too much time on gadgets may impact your eyesight or mental health.

The new study, however, has identified a new problem. Conducted on fruit flies, the study suggests that our basic cellular functions could be impacted by the blue light emitted by these devices. These results are published in 'Frontiers in Aging'. "Excessive exposure to blue light from everyday devices, such as TVs, laptops, and phones, may have detrimental effects on a wide range of cells in our body, from skin and fat



cells, to sensory neurons," said Dr Jadwiga Gieblutowicz, a professor at the Department of Integrative Biology at Oregon State University and senior author of this study.

"We are the first to show that the levels of specific metabolites — chemicals that are essential for cells to function correctly — are altered in fruit flies exposed to blue light."

"Our study suggests that avoidance of excessive blue light exposure may be a good anti-aging strategy," advised Gieblutowicz. The researchers at Oregon State University have

previously shown that fruit flies exposed to light 'turn on' stress protective genes, and that those kept in constant darkness lived longer.

"To understand why high-energy blue light is responsible for accelerating aging in fruit flies, we compared the levels of metabolites in flies exposed to blue light for two weeks to those kept in complete darkness," explained Gieblutowicz.

Blue light exposure caused significant differences in the levels of metabolites measured by the researchers in the cells of fly heads.

Housing satisfaction ratio of CAPF personnel to increase: Shah on launching eAwas portal

PIONEER NEW DELHI ■ NEW DELHI

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday said the housing satisfaction ratio for CAPF personnel will be enhanced to about 74 per cent by late 2024 as he launched a new online portal for them that aims to increase the chances of finding a Government accommodation by widening the available pool of homes. The Minister launched the 'eAwas' portal saying the Government has been able to enhance the housing satisfaction for the troops of the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) by 13 per cent.

The Home Ministry had started working on this subject as soon as Prime Minister Narendra Modi took charge in 2014 and he has repeatedly said that it is the responsibility of the elected government

of the day to take care of the families of the jawans who guard the frontiers of the country and render other internal security duties round-the-clock, Shah said.

The new portal will allow CAPF personnel to find houses among themselves rather than just looking for accommodation within the force. "I am told that in many places the houses are vacant, and with this new facility we will see the housing satisfaction

ratio for the personnel going up by 13 per cent," he said.

BSF Director General (DG) Pankaj Kumar Singh, who spoke before the Minister to give an overview of the new facility, said as per current data about 19 per cent houses are vacant in CAPFs and through this portal a jawan of one force can seek a house available with the other force.

The CAPFs comprise the CRPF, BSF, ITBP, CISF and SSB, apart from the Assam

Rifles. These forces have a combined strength of over 10 lakh. Shah said when the BJP Government took charge in 2014, the housing satisfaction ratio for CAPFs was about 33-34 per cent. This figure is now 48 per cent, he said. He cited official data to say that the home ministry has constructed about 31,000 houses over the last eight years, even as around 17,000 are under construction while another 15,000 are proposed to be built.

BJP to launch Seva Pakhwada from Sept 17

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The BJP will launch a "Seva Pakhwada" (a fortnight of service) from September 17, which will be Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 72nd birthday, to hold several events till October 2, Gandhi Jayanti.

Exhibitions at state and district levels will be organised on the personality of Modi as well as on his achievements.

Puja on world heritage list: Didi holds rallies to thank UNESCO

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ KOLKATA

Bengal Chief Minister on Thursday took out a massive "apolitical" rally comprising people from all walks of life to thank the UNESCO for putting Durga Puja on the intangible cultural heritage list.

The four-km rally, a first of its kind organised a good one month before the commencement of the Pujas, was attended by a vast section of the civil society, players including, BCCI president Sourav Ganguli (who however attended the programme on the stage), school and college students and government employees.

The Chief Minister said "Durga Puja is an emotion that arises above parochial barriers and brings us together. It unites the magnificence of art with spirituality. We thank UNESCO for recognising Durga Puja as intangible cultural heritage and honouring the labour of love of everyone involved."



Ganguli said how he had been to all parts of the world and seen festivities but "I can assure you that you will find how big Durga Puja celebrations is only when you come to Kolkata for all those 5-7 days."

The opposition leaders, none of who attended the celebrations however called it a diversionary tactic of Banerjee to turn people's attention from the burning issues of the State. "At a time when her leaders are going to jail, at a time when thousands of successful but deprived candidates who took school services exams are sitting in

dharnas seeking justice, when cattle, coal, stone, sand and all kinds of smuggling have become the issue to be discussed ... when the Government has failed to clear the 31 percent DA of its employees despite High Court order, the Chief Minister is shelling out 10s of crores to host such programmes," said BJP State president Sukanto Majumdar.

CPI(M)'s Md Salim said "by forcing such programmes on the people Mamata Banerjee is trying to show that there would be no Durga Puja without her... But people will not forget the real issues."

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Notice for sale of immovable asset
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Mr. Harendra Singh Rana & Others
...Applicant
...Defendants

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Debts Recovery Tribunal
Lucknow

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(Area of Jurisdiction- Part of Uttar Pradesh)
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O.A. No. 460/2022
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It's back to school in Ukraine, but far from normal

AP ■ MYKHAILO-KOTSYUBYNSKE (UKRAINE)

The first day of school in Ukraine on Thursday won't include children sharing memories of fun vacations with their families. Their stories are of surviving war.

For many, their last day of school was the day before the February 24 Russian invasion of their country.

At least 379 children have been killed since the war began, while the whereabouts of 223 others are unknown, according to Ukraine's General Prosecutors office.

Another 7,013 children were among Ukrainians forcibly transferred to Russia from Russian-occupied areas.

Some children were forced to flee their hometowns to avoid bombardment, some spent weeks in basements.

And while those in so-called "safe" regions sometimes managed to study online, classes were frequently interrupted by air raid sirens.

Six months of war damaged 2,400 schools across the country, including 269 that were destroyed, according to Ukrainian officials.

"It does become kind of the new normal for children, which I think, as I said, (is) very concerning as well because that's not the way children should go through life, thinking that they are going to get attacked at any moment," UNICEF Executive Director Catherine M Russell, told The Associated Press.

Civilian areas and schools continue to be hit, and children keep being killed. But after the first months of shock, 51 per cent of schools in Ukraine, despite the risk, are reopening to in-person education, with an option to study online if the parents prefer.

Russell said she'd never before seen schools functioning entirely underground to protect students.

"You know, usually you have windows, you can see outside. These kids don't have that luxury and they are just, they are becoming accustomed



to that lifestyle of having to be sheltered from possible attack and that's not, that's not what any child should have to face," she said.

But the safety of children remains the priority. Schools that don't have quick access to shelters or are located close to the borders with Belarus and Russia, or near active military zones will only have online study.

That's the case for the 7th graders

was true or false.

"We haven't seen each other for such a long time. You all have grown so much," said their teacher, Olena Serdiuk, standing in a corner of the classroom, where windows were covered with thick black polythene instead of glass.

Oleksii Lytvyn, 13, remembers very well the day Russian missiles hit the school twice. It was March 4, and he was in the school's bomb shelter with his family and dozens of other people.

Just minutes before the blast, he had been playing with a friend. After the loud explosion, the walls began shaking and he couldn't see anything but a huge cloud of dust. One person was killed, a woman who worked at the school.

"We were sleeping in the corridor, and there was a corpse of a dead person behind the wall," Oleksii recalled.

His family stayed one more night before fleeing town, though they have since returned for the start of the

school year.

Oleksii's classmates shared similar stories about that day and the month long Russian occupation of Mykhailo-Kotsyubynske that followed.

"When I'm at school, I think about the person who died in the debris. I feel deeply sorry for her," 12-year-old Mykola Kravchenko said.

Their school, the biggest in the area with 407 students from Mykhailo-Kotsyubynske and nearby villages, is still badly damaged. Debris fills the second floor, and the roof and heating system still need to be repaired — money the school doesn't have.

Even though they will be studying online, the students had to undergo security training on Tuesday. Serdiuk told the class to follow her to the same bomb shelter where many survived the blast in March.

"Ukrainian children are acutely aware that the world is unstable and it could be a terrible place. That brings a loss of a basic sense of safety," said

UNICEF spokesperson James Elder, adding that the uncertainty can impact their learning and emotional and social development.

Schools in the Kyiv, Lviv, and Chernivtsi regions are among those welcoming students back to classrooms on Thursday.

However, it's up to parents whether they send their children to school or opt for online education.

The Kyiv and Lviv regions will host more than 7,300 displaced students who were forced to flee their hometowns and escape life under constant fire, officials said.

Minister of Education Serhiy Shkarlet welcomed students and staff back as the new school year got underway.

"Today, we face a new important task — to ensure the acquisition of education in a safe environment and psychological stability," he said in a video posted on Telegram. "I wish for strength, perseverance and indomitability in the desire to be an educated nation!"

UN nuclear agency team arrives at Ukraine power plant

AP ■ KYIV

A team from the UN nuclear Agency has arrived at the site of Europe's largest nuclear plant to inspect security conditions, the agency and Ukraine's nuclear energy operator said on Thursday, amid fighting between Russian and Ukrainian forces that prompted the shutdown of one reactor.

Enerhoatom said the International Atomic Energy Agency team, which is being led by director Rafael Grossi, arrived at the Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant that has been in the thick of recent fighting between Ukrainian and Russian forces more than six months after Russian President Vladimir Putin ordered his troops to invade Ukraine.

The company said earlier on Thursday that Russian mortar shelling had led to the shutdown of one of its reactors by its emergency protection system and had damaged a backup power supply line used for in-house needs.

One of the plant's reactors that wasn't operating was switched to diesel generators, Enerhoatom said.

Ukraine and Russia trade blame for heavy shelling that had temporarily delayed the team's movements toward the sprawling plant on the left bank of Dnieper River in an area controlled by Russian forces.

The fighting underscored the risks faced by the team of UN inspectors that was hoping to assess the safety of the plant.

"There has been increased military activity, including this morning until very recently," Grossi said, adding that after being briefed by the Ukrainian military he decided to get moving despite the inherent risks.

"But weighing the pros and cons and having come so far, we



are not stopping."

Grossi, who personally negotiated with Ukrainian authorities to allow the team's passage, noted earlier that the risks were "very, very high" in the so-called grey zone between Ukrainian and Russian positions, but "we consider that we have the minimum conditions to move."

Russia's Defence Ministry said some the Ukrainian shells landed 400 metres away from the plant's Reactor No 1 Ukrainian officials, meanwhile, accused Russian forces of shelling Enerhodar and a corridor that the IAEA team was set to go through, before it was finally able to clear checkpoints and reach the site.

Neither side's version of events could immediately be independently verified.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said Moscow expects "impartiality" from the team.

"We are taking all the necessary measures to ensure that the plant is secure, that it functions safely and that the mission

accomplishes all of its plans there," he said.

The Zaporizhzhia plant has been occupied by Russian forces but run by Ukrainian engineers since the early days of the 6-month-old war.

Ukraine alleges Russia is using the plant as a shield, storing weapons there and launching attacks from around it, while Moscow accuses Ukraine of recklessly firing on the area.

Fighting in early March caused a brief fire at its training complex, and in recent days, the plant was temporarily knocked offline because of damage, heightening fears of a radiation leak or a reactor meltdown.

Officials have begun distributing anti-radiation iodine tablets to nearby residents.

"We have a very important mission to accomplish," Grossi said, adding that "we are going to start immediately an assessment of the security and the safety situation at the plant."

The Russian Defence Ministry said Ukrainian forces unleashed an artillery barrage of the area and then sent a group

of up to 60 scouts to try to seize control of the nuclear plant.

It said the Ukrainian troops arrived in seven speedboats, landing three kilometers north-east of the plant on the left bank of the Dnieper River and tried to seize it.

The ministry said Russian forces "took steps to destroy the enemy," engaging warplanes. Russia's military said its forces also destroyed two barges carrying Ukrainian troops who attempted to land near the plant.

"The provocation by the Kyiv regime is intended to derail the arrival of the IAEA's group at the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant," a ministry statement said.

The fighting came as war-torn Ukraine endeavoured on Thursday to start the new academic year in the best way possible, with civilian areas still under threat of artillery fire and other weaponry — and children still among the victims.

Just over half of schools in Ukraine were reopening to in-person education despite the risks.



US: Russian military facing 'severe manpower shortage'

AP ■ WASHINGTON

The United States has determined that Russia is suffering "severe manpower shortages" in its six-month-old war with Ukraine and has become more desperate in its efforts to find new troops to send to the front lines, according to a new American intelligence finding.

Russia is looking to address the shortage of troops in part by compelling soldiers wounded earlier in the war to return to combat, recruiting personnel from private security companies and even recruiting from prisons, according to a US official who spoke to the AP on the condition of anonymity to discuss the downgraded intelligence finding disclosed Wednesday.

The official added that the intelligence community has determined that one step that Russia's Defense Ministry is expected to take soon is recruiting convicted criminals to enlist "in exchange for pardons and financial compensation".

The US government highlighted its finding as Russian President Vladimir Putin last week ordered the Russian military to increase the number of troops by 137,000 to a total of 1.15 million.

Putin's decree, which takes effect on January 1, didn't specify whether the military would beef up its ranks by drafting a bigger number of conscripts, increasing the number of volunteer soldiers or using a combination of both. But some Russian military analysts predicted it would rely heavily on volunteers, a cautious stand reflecting the Kremlin's concerns about possible fallout from an attempt to increase the draft.

The presidential decree aims to boost the overall number of Russian military personnel to 2,039,758, including 1,150,628 troops. A previous

order put the military's numbers at 1,902,758 and 1,013,628, respectively, at the start of 2018.

Colin Kahl, the US Defense Department undersecretary for policy, told reporters earlier in August that the US estimates Russia took heavy casualties in the first months of the war.

"There's a lot of fog in war, but I think it's safe to suggest that the Russians have probably taken 70 or 80,000 casualties in the less than six months," Kahl said. "Now, that is a combination of killed in action and wounded in action and that number might be a little lower, a little higher, but I think that's kind of in the ballpark."

The US has frequently downgraded and unveiled intelligence findings over the course of the grinding war to highlight plans for Russian misinformation operations or to throw attention on Moscow's difficulties in prosecuting its war against Ukraine, whose smaller military has put up a stiff resistance against the militarily superior Russian forces.

The Biden administration unveiled findings earlier this week that Russia has faced technical problems with Iranian-made drones acquired from Tehran this month for use in its war with Ukraine.

Russia picked up Mohajer-6 and Shahed-series unmanned aerial vehicles over several days this month as part what the Biden administration says is likely part of a Russian plan to acquire hundreds of Iranian UAVs for use in Ukraine.

White House National Security Council spokesman John Kirby said on Wednesday that Russia has been having "some difficulties" and experiencing "the limits on some of the capabilities" of the Iranian drones since receiving them.

Macron vows to prevent Russia from winning war in Ukraine



AP ■ PARIS

French President Emmanuel Macron on Thursday pledged to keep up France's humanitarian, economic and military support to Ukraine and to bolster European unity as a way to pile pressure on Russia and prevent it from winning it war in that country.

"We cannot let Russia militarily win the war," Macron said in a speech to French ambassadors at the Elysee presidential palace.

He set the goal of enabling Ukraine to either win militarily or be put in a strong position to achieve "a negotiated peace."

"We must get prepared for a long war," Macron said, adding that this would involve tensions escalating over Ukraine's nuclear planes.

Macron said France strongly supported the mission of the International Atomic Energy Agency that arrived on Thursday to the Zaporizhzhia plant to assess its safety. The French president suggested he would call his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin after the IAEA mission concludes.

Macron vowed to "keep talking" to Russia despite criticism from some countries, especially in Eastern Europe, which defend a hardline stance against Moscow.

Explainer: Why is China so angry over UN report on Xinjiang

AP ■ BEIJING

China has responded furiously to a United Nations report on alleged human rights abuses in its northwestern Xinjiang region targeting Uyghurs and other mainly Muslim ethnic minorities.

The report has been in the works for years and was released despite Chinese efforts to delay or block it, aware of how it could validate claims that more than 1 million ethnic minority members were forcibly sent to centres it says were for vocational training.

Those who were held, their relatives and monitoring groups describe them as prison-like reeducation centres where inmates were forced to denounce Islam and their traditional culture, while swearing fidelity to the ruling Communist Party.

The camps have been part of a widespread campaign of repression in Xinjiang, allegedly including involuntary sterilisations of women, forced labour, the demolition of mosques and other religious sites, the separation of Muslim children from their families and the harassment of minority members living abroad.

WHERE IS XINJIANG AND WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO CHINA?

Xinjiang is a vast but sparsely populated region of mountains, forests and deserts in far northwestern China that borders



Russia, Pakistan and several Central Asian nations.

The ancient Silk Road ran through parts of it and various nationalities and Chinese empires controlled its cities and oases over the centuries, with the Communist Party taking complete control following its 1949 victory in the Chinese civil war.

The region contains a wealth of natural resources, including oil, gas and rare earth minerals, but perhaps its most important value is as a strategic buffer that extends China's influence westward. While China and Russia have largely aligned their foreign policies in recent years, Xinjiang was on the front line of their Cold War rivalry and remains important as an assertion of Chinese influence in Moscow's back yard.

WHAT PROMPTED CHINA'S CRACKDOWN ON MINORITIES?

Xinjiang's Uyghurs, along with the closely related Kazakh and Kyrgyz, are predominantly Turkic Muslims who are culturally, religiously, and linguistical-

ly distinct from China's dominant Han ethnic group.

Repression under Communist rule, particularly during the violent and xenophobic 1966-1976 Cultural Revolution, stirred deep animosity in Xinjiang toward the government, aggravated further by the migration of Han to the region and their domination of political and economic life.

Uyghurs established two short-lived independent governments in Xinjiang prior to the Communist Party's seizure of power, and the desire for self-rule endured and was nurtured by resentment against heavy-handed Chinese rule.

A protest movement began in the 1990s and remained at a relatively low level until simmering anger exploded in a 2009 riot in the regional capital of Urumqi that left an estimated 200 people dead.

More violence followed within Xinjiang and as far away as Beijing, prompting Chinese leader Xi Jinping to order a massive crackdown starting in 2014.

Putin pays tribute to Gorbachev but won't attend his funeral

AP ■ MOSCOW

Russian President Vladimir Putin on Thursday paid tribute to Mikhail Gorbachev but will not attend the late former Soviet leader's funeral, a decision reflecting the Kremlin's ambivalence about Gorbachev's legacy.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said that prior to departing for a working trip to Russia's westernmost Baltic exclave of Kaliningrad, Putin visited a Moscow hospital where Mikhail Gorbachev's body is kept before Saturday's funeral to lay flowers at his coffin.

"Regrettably, the president's working schedule wouldn't allow him to do that on Saturday, so he decided to do that today," Peskov said in a conference call with reporters.

Russian state television showed Putin walking to Gorbachev's open coffin and putting a bouquet of red roses next to it. He stood in silence for a few moments, bowed his head, touched the coffin, crossed himself and walked away.

Gorbachev, who died Tuesday, will be buried at Moscow's Novodevichy cemetery next to his wife Raisa after a farewell ceremony will be



held at the Pillar Hall of the House of the Unions, an iconic mansion near the Kremlin that has served as the venue for state funerals since Soviet times.

Asked if Gorbachev will be given a state funeral, Peskov said the funeral will have "elements" of state funeral, such as honorary guards, and the government

will help organise them. He wouldn't elaborate how the ceremony will differ from a full-fledged state funeral.

Putin's decision to pay a private visit to the hospital while staying away from Saturday's public farewell ceremony combined with uncertainty surrounding the funeral's status reflect the Kremlin's uneasiness about the legacy of Gorbachev. The late leader has been lauded in the West by putting an end to the Cold War but reviled by many at home for actions that led to the 1991 Soviet collapse and plunged millions into poverty.

China locks down 21 mn in Chengdu in Covid outbreak

AP ■ BEIJING

Chinese authorities have locked down Chengdu, a southwestern city of 21 million people, following a spike in COVID-19 cases.

Residents have been ordered to stay home, and about 70 per cent of the flights have been suspended to and from the city, which is a major transit hub in Sichuan province and a governmental and economic centre.

The start of the new school term has been delayed, although public transport continues to operate and citizens are permitted to leave the city if they can show a special need.

Under the rules announced on Thursday, just one member of each family who can show a negative virus test within the past 24 hours is allowed out per day to buy necessities.



No word was issued on when the lockdown would be lifted.

Similar measures have seen millions of people confined to their homes in the northeastern city of Dalian, as well as Shijiazhuang, the capital of Hebei province that borders the capital Beijing.

S Korea: China, Russia hold key to North's denuclearisation

AP ■ SEOUL

China and Russia's reluctance to toughen U.N. Sanctions on North Korea is "the biggest challenge" facing efforts to eliminate the North's nuclear arsenal, a top South Korean official said Thursday, as the North remains ready to conduct its first nuclear test in five years.

China and Russia, which both have close ties with North Korea and are locked in confrontations with the United States, already vetoed a U.S.-led attempt to slap fresh sanctions on North Korea over its missile tests this year. That raises worries North Korea would escape

punishment even if it performs a nuclear test explosion, which is banned by U.N. Resolutions.

"Even if North Korea conducts an additional nuclear test, there is a possibility no additional sanctions will be adopted at the U.N. Security Council because of the U.S.-China strategic rivalry and U.S.-Russia tension over the Ukraine war," South Korea's vice defense minister, Shin Beomchul, told The Associated Press during an interview. "I think that is the biggest challenge to (efforts to resolve) the North Korean nuclear problem and an international anti-proliferation regime."

Hiding papers major focus in Trump probe

AP ■ WASHINGTON

The FBI investigation into top-secret government information discovered at Mar-a-Lago is zeroing in on the question of whether former President Donald Trump's team criminally obstructed the probe. A new document alleges that government records had been concealed and removed and that law enforcement officials were misled about what was still there.

The allegation does not necessarily mean that Trump or anyone else will ultimately face charges. But it could pose the most direct legal threat to Trump or those in his orbit, in part because the Justice Department has historically viewed obstruction as an aggravating factor that tilts in favour of bringing charges in investigations involving the mishandling of classified information.

"It goes to the heart of trying to suborn the very integrity of our criminal justice system," said David Laufman, who once oversaw the same Justice Department counterintelligence section now responsible for the Mar-a-Lago investigation.

The latest Justice



Department motion in the case is focused less on the removal last year of classified information from the White House to Mar-a-Lago and more on the events of this past spring. That's when law enforcement officials tried — unsuccessfully — to get all documents back and were assured, falsely, that everything had been accounted for after a "diligent search."

The Justice Department issued a grand jury subpoena in May for the records, and officials visited Mar-a-Lago on June 3 to collect them. When they got there, Tuesday's department document says, they were handed by a Trump lawyer a "single Redweld envelope, double-wrapped in tape" containing documents.

A custodian for the records

presented a sworn certification to the officials saying that "any and all responsive documents" to the subpoena had been located and produced. A Trump lawyer said that all records that had come from the White House had been held in one location — a storage room — and that there were none in any private space or other spot at the house.

But the FBI came to doubt the truth of those statements and obtained a search warrant to return on Aug. 8.

Officials had "developed evidence that government records were likely concealed and removed from the Storage Room and that efforts were likely taken to obstruct the government's investigation," the new Justice Department filing says.

In their August search, agents found classified documents not only in the storage room but also in the former president's office, including three classified documents in an office desk, according to the Justice Department. In some instances, the agents and attorneys conducting the review of seized documents required additional clearances since the material was so highly classified.

No more nuance: Democrats slam Republican abortion-rights backers in US

AP ■ DENVER (US)

The anxious-looking women talk directly to the camera, warning that the Colorado Republican running for the US Senate opposes the state's reproductive rights law and supports the conservative Supreme Court justices who revoked the constitutional right to abortion this summer.

"It's not even close," one says as the ad for the incumbent Democratic senator wraps up. "We need Michael Bennet fighting for us."

The spot is significant because the man it slams on abortion, businessman Joe O'Dea, is a rare Republican supporter of at least some abortion rights.

O'Dea said he would back a law to codify the protections of Roe v Wade, though he opposes abortions after 20 weeks except in cases of rape, incest or to protect the life of the mother.

Analysts say similar nuanced positions were once considered the political sweet spot in the complex world of abortion politics, coming closest to representing the views of the typical, conflicted voter.

But that may be changing as abortion restrictions kick in following the fall of Roe with the



high court's ruling in June.

"We are here in this country, right now, with patients travelling thousands of miles for care because politicians have been given the room for the least little bit of nuance," said Adrienne Mansanares of Planned Parenthood Action Colorado during a recent news conference to back Bennet.

The message from Democrats: Republicans can't be trusted on the issue — regardless of their personal beliefs.

Abortion has become an increasingly partisan issue over recent decades, but public views have always been more shades of gray than black and white.

Typically, support for abortion rights is highest for women in the earliest stages of pregnancy and tapers off as the pregnancy advances, until it is lowest for abortions very close to delivery, said Jocelyn Kiley of the Pew Research Centre.

Ex-Malaysian first lady guilty a week after Najib jailed

AP ■ KUALA LUMPUR

Former Malaysian first lady Rosmah Mansor was ordered to serve 10 years in prison after being found guilty on Thursday of soliciting and receiving bribes during her husband's corruption-tainted administration, a week after he was imprisoned over the massive looting of the 1MDB state fund.

Rosmah was convicted on a charge of soliciting 187.5 million ringgit (USD 42 million) and two charges of receiving 6.5 million ringgit (USD 1.5 million) between 2016 and 2017 to help a company secure a project to provide solar energy panels to schools on Borneo island.

The court sentenced her to 10 years in prison on each charge, to be served concurrently, and a total fine of 970 million ringgit (USD 217 million). She will be allowed to remain free on bail pending her appeal to higher courts.

High Court Judge Mohamed Zaini Mazlan said prosecutors proved beyond a reasonable doubt that Rosmah corruptly solicited bribes and received money as a reward for herself. He said her defense was a "bare denial, devoid of credible evidence."

Poland seeks USD 1.3 trillion war reparations from Germany



AP ■ WARSAW

Poland's top politician said on Thursday that the government will seek equivalent of some USD 1.3 trillion in reparations from Germany for the Nazis' World War II invasion and occupation of his country.

Jaroslaw Kaczynski, leader of the Law and Justice party, announced the huge claim at the release of a long-awaited report on the cost to the country of years of Nazi German occupation as it marks 83 years since the start of World War II.

"We not only prepared the report but we have also taken the decision as to the further steps," Kaczynski said during the report's presentation.

"We will turn to Germany to open negotiations on the reparations," Kaczynski said, adding

it will be a "long and not an easy path" but "one day will bring success." He insisted the move would serve "true Polish-German reconciliation" that would be based on "truth".

He claimed the German economy is capable of paying the bill. Germany argues compensation was paid to East Bloc nations in the years after the war while territories that Poland lost in the East as borders were redrawn were compensated with some of Germany's pre-war lands. Berlin calls the matter closed.

Poland's right-wing government argues that the country which was the war's first victim has not been fully compensated by neighbouring Germany, which is now one of its major partners within the European Union.

Taiwanese troops shoot down drone over island outpost

AP ■ TAIPEI

Taiwan's military said it shot down a drone hovering over one of its island outposts just off the Chinese coast on Thursday amid a spike in tensions with Beijing.

The Kinmen Defence Command said the drone entered restricted airspace over Shiyu island just after noon.

Flares and warning shots were fired but the drone maintained its position and was shot down, it said in a statement.

It described the drone as being for "civilian use", but did not say if it had been recovered or what weapon was used to bring it down. The day before, Taiwan said it warned off drones hovering over three of the islands it occupies off the coast of the Chinese port city of Xiamen.

China claims Taiwan as its own territory, to be annexed by force if necessary. The sides



split after a civil war in 1949 and have no official relations, with China cutting off even informal contacts following the election of independence-leaning Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-wen in 2016.

Tensions between the sides have been especially high since China fired missiles into the Taiwan Strait and mobilized ships and warplanes in the area after US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi visited Taiwan last month.

Palestinians blame Israeli raids as two killed in West Bank

AP ■ JERUSALEM

Two Palestinians were killed in the occupied West Bank on Thursday, the official Palestinian news agency said, blaming both deaths on Israeli troops conducting arrest raids.

However, witnesses said one of the men was apparently killed by Palestinian gunmen in a drive-by shooting.

One of them was killed in the Balata refugee camp, the other in the town of el-Bireh.

In Balata, troops arrested a wanted Palestinian during one of several early morning raids in the West Bank, the Israeli military said. The army said troops came under fire and shot back.

The Palestinian Health Ministry reported that Samer Khaled, a 25-year-old Palestinian man, died of a bullet wound in Balata.



The official Palestinian news agency, Wafa, said he was killed by Israeli troops.

However, Palestinian witnesses said Khaled was shot by one or more Palestinian gunmen after the Israeli military had left the area. They spoke on condition of anonymity for fear of retribution.

Khaled's body was taken by his family for burial before

health officials could perform an autopsy.

The Israeli military said it was aware of a death in Balata, but did not provide further information.

In the el-Bireh raid, the military said troops came under fire and fired back. Wafa said a 26-year-old man, identified as Yazan Afaneh, was killed by Israeli fire.

LOST & FOUND

Following Original Sale deeds have been lost and FIR has been lodged in Crime Branch, Delhi.

- Executed by Smt. Ramapathi Khaitan W/o Shree Krishna Khaitan through her attorney Sh. Om Prakash Khaitan in favour of Sh. Hemant Khullar registered as documents no 60 in additional book No. 1, Volume No. 4216 in the office of sub registrar New Delhi. (LR No: 648381/2016 date: 11/07/2016)
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- Executed by Sh. Jagdish Khullar S/o Sh. K.L. Khullar in favour of Smt. Usha Handa W/o Sh. Triak Raj Handa registered as documents no 6256 in additional book No. 1, Volume No. 1162 at pages- 21-25 (LR No: 650028/2016 date: 11/07/2016)

If found please contact Mr. Rajan Handa: 911-4619000

PUBLIC NOTICE

Reg: Shop No. 24, Shopping Complex, HSIIDC, I.E., Kundli.

Shop No. 24, Shopping Complex, HSIIDC, I.E., Kundli measuring 75.625 sq. meter was re-allotted by the Corporation to Sh. Surinder Singh (now deceased) S/o Sh. Bhup Singh, Flat No. 22, 1st Floor, SFS/SHG Shanti Apartment, Plot No. 13, Sector-A5, Narela, New Delhi-110040. vide re-allotment letter dated 22.08.2013. The Corporation has been informed that the original allottee Sh. Surinder Singh had expired on 26.01.2022. The legal heir of the deceased allottee Smt. Asha Singh (wife), Sh. Deepanshu (son) and Yashi (daughter) have approached the Corporation for transfer of shop share in the shop in question in favour of Sh. Deepanshu (son) in this regard. The Corporation is in process of considering their request & transferring the said shop in favour of Sh. Deepanshu (son). Through this public notice it is hereby informed that any person having reservation/objection to said transfer may file his/ her objection in writing before the undersigned alongwith an affidavit within a period of 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. In case no response is received within the aforesaid period, it will be presumed that nobody has any objection to transfer of the said share in the plot and the Corporation shall go ahead with transfer of plot in favour of Sh. Deepanshu S/o Late Sh. Surinder Singh (now deceased) For Haryana State Indl. & Infra. Dev. Corp. Ltd., Sd/- State Manager, For & behalf of, Haryana State Industrial and Infrastructure Dev. Corp. Ltd., Branch Office Industrial Estate Kundli, Ph.0130-2370846.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Management of the Veer Cooperative Group Housing Society Ltd. registered with the Registrar Cooperative Society, Delhi situated at Plot. No.28, Sector 13, Rohini, Delhi-110085 has been approached by Smt. Vineeta Jain D/o Sh. Jagannath Gupta formerly known as Smt. Kiran Jain and she has submitted the copies of registered documents with the concerned Sub-Registrar (Revenue), Delhi of the subject Flat No. 725 situated at Block 7 in the society complex for seeking the membership of the society. In case anyone else deem that the said subject Flat belongs to him/her, he/she may approach the management of the society within 15 days from the date of publication of this public notice and submit the self-certified copies of the registered documents w.r.t. the subject Flat No.725 in his/her favour duly registered with the concerned Sub-Registrar (Revenue), Delhi and also produce the original of the said documents for verification. Failing which the management of the society shall proceed further as per provisions of Delhi Cooperative Societies Act, 2003, DCS RULES 2007 & the bye-laws of the society. No claim/objection of any person shall be entertained after the expiry of the given period of 15 days. No person shall be entertained without production of the title documents, share certificates, Allotment cum Possession Letter and other legal documents in original issued by the society w.r.t. to the subject Flat No. 725 as prescribed under the provisions of relevant law. Management of the Veer Cooperative Group Housing Society Ltd. reserves its rights to accept/reject any or all the application(s)/objection(s) of any person without going into merit.

On behalf of
Veer Cooperative Group Housing Society Ltd.,
Ved Parkash Jain Ravi Kumar Jain
President Hony. Secretary

UNITED LEASING & INDUSTRIES LIMITED.
Regd. Office : Plot No.66, Sector-34, EHTP, Gurgaon, Haryana-122001.
CIN: L17100HR1983PLC033460,
Phone:011-26258237,49075251
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website: ulittd.com. Date: 31st August, 2022

COMPANY NOTICE

As per Regulation 29 and other applicable regulations of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. We wish to inform you that the Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company at shorter notice will be held on Friday 02 September 2022 at 12:00 Noon at Zoom Meeting. This is in reference to the Board Meeting dated 10th day of August, 2022 the Management decided to defer the date of AGM from 23rd day of September, 2022 to 27th day of September, 2022 to discuss all of the business as it was discussed in the board meeting held on 10th day of August, 2022.

For United Leasing & Industries Ltd.
Sd/-
Shashi Shekhar
Compliance officer cum
Company Secretary

INDIAN RAILWAYS

- Executive Director, Railways Store(S), Ministry of Railways, Railway Board, Government of India invites e-tender for procurement of **1,83,824** Friction wedges with specified range of coefficient of friction for broad gauge freight bogies.
- The interested tenderers are advised to visit the website <http://ireps.gov.in> for details of the tender and submission of their e-bids.
- No manual offers will be accepted against e-tender.**
- Tender will be closed at **15.00 hours on 17.10.2022.**

Director, Railway Stores (W)
Ministry of Railways, Railway Board, New Delhi.
for and on behalf of the President of India. 2254/22

UJVN Limited
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CIN No. U40101UP2001SGC25586
Website: www.ujvn.com

पत्रांक: 590 "E" Procurement notice दिनांक: 31.08.2022

Office of the Executive Engineer, (M&G) Mohammadpur Power House, Gurukul Narsan -Hardwar invites sealed tenders from experienced firms for following works/supply for Mohammadpur Power House:-
NIT No. 10/EE/(M&G)/MPH/2022-23

- Name of work – Supply and application of putty compounds on metallic/concrete surface of Unit no.2 at Mohammadpur Power House.
- Estimated Cost – Rs 39,04,197.00 (Tax Extra)
- Date of availability of Tender document on website - 01-09-2022 from 11:00 Hrs
- Last date of receipt of tender- 21-09-2022 upto 17: 00 Hrs

For all details, bidders are advised to see "E" Procurement Portal uktenders.gov.in

Executive Engineer (M&G), Mohammadpur Power House

"Avoid wasteful use of Electricity"

MEYER APPAREL LIMITED
CIN: L18101HR1993PLC032010
Regd. Office: No.3 & 4, Mustil No.19, Killa No.- 5 Opposite Tata Consultancy N.H-8, Village Narsinghpur, Gurugram- 122004, Haryana, India

NOTICE OF THE 29TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, E-VOTING AND BOOK CLOSURE INFORMATION

NOTICE is hereby given that the 29th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Meyer Apparel Limited will be held on **Tuesday, 27th September 2022 at 12:30 PM IST** through Video Conferencing (VC) or Other Audio Visual Means (OAVM) in accordance with the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) General Circular No.20/2020 dated 05th May, 2020 that allows companies to hold AGM in the manner detailed in the General Circular No. 14/2020, dated 08th April, 2020 and General Circular No. 17/2020 dated 13th April, 2020 read with SEBI Circular No: SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD/1/CIR/P/2020/79 dated 12th May, 2020 without the physical presence of the Members at a common venue to transact the business as set out in the Notice of the 29th AGM dated **9th August, 2022**. The Notice of the 29th AGM dated **9th August, 2022** and the Annual Report including the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March, 2022 along with login details of joining the 29th AGM will be sent only by email to those Members, whose email addresses are registered with the Company or its Registrar & Share Transfer Agent (RTA) or with their respective Depository Participants in accordance with MCA Circular(s) and SEBI Circular. Members can join and participate in the 29th AGM through the VC/OAVM facility only. The instructions for joining the 29th AGM and the manner of participation in the remote electronic voting or casting vote through the e-voting system during the 29th AGM are provided in the Notice of the 29th AGM.

The Schedule of Events for e-voting is as follows:-

Cut Off Date for E-voting	20 th September 2022
Book Closure Date	21 st September 2022 to 27 th September 2022 (Both Days Inclusive)
Remote E-Voting Start Date & Time	23 rd September 2022at 09:00 A.M.
Remote e-Voting End Date & Time	26 th September 2022 at 5:00 P.M.
AGM Start Date and Time	Tuesday, 27 th September 2022 at 12:30 P.M.

Members whose email addresses are not registered with the depositories can register the same for obtaining login credentials for e-voting for the resolutions proposed in the Notice of 29th AGM in the following manner:

- For Physical shareholders-** Please provide necessary details like Folio No., Name of Member, scanned copy of the share certificate (front and back), PAN (self-attested scanned copy of PAN card), AADHAR (self-attested scanned copy of Aadhar Card) by email to Company to Ms. Charu Sharma Company Secretary & Compliance Officer email id at cs.compliance@meverapparel.com.
- For Demat Shareholders-** Please provide Demat account details (CDSL-16 digit beneficiary ID or NSDL-16 digit DPID + CLID), Name, client master or copy of Consolidated Account statement, PAN (self-attested scanned copy of PAN card), AADHAR (self-attested scanned copy of Aadhar Card) to the Company email id cs.compliance@meverapparel.com.

In case of any queries/ grievances relating to e-Voting, Members may refer the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for Shareholders and e-voting user manual for Shareholders available at the download section of www.evoting.nsdl.com or contact on toll free no.: 1800-222-990 and 1800 224 430 or send a request at evoting@nsdl.co.in or write to Ms. Charu Sharma, Company Secretary at cs.compliance@meverapparel.com /admin@skynivarta.com. The attendance of the Members attending the AGM through VC/OAVM will be counted for the purpose of ascertaining the quorum under Section 103 of the Companies Act, 2013. The Notice of the 29th AGM and the Annual Report will also be made available on the website www.meyerapparel.com of the Company and as well as on the website of NSDL at www.evoting.nsdl.com and on the website of Stock Exchanges www.bseindia.com for BSE Listed.

For Meyer Apparel Limited
Sd/-
(Charu Sharma)
Company Secretary & Compliance Officer

Punjab State Power Corporation Limited
(Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001)
Corporate Identity Number U40109PB2010SGC033813
Website: www.pspcl.in (Contact Number 96461-08405)

Tender Enquiry No.:38/Thermal(D)/ 2022-23 Dated: 01-09-2022
Dy. CE/ Projects under THERMAL DESIGNS ORGANISATION PSPCL Patiala Shed No. T-2, Thermal (D), Shakti Vihar, Patiala invites tender notice for Utilization of Dry Fly Ash at GGSSTP, Ropar. For Detailed NIT & tender specifications, please refer to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from **05-09-2022 (11:00 AM)** onwards.
Note: Corrigendum and addendum, if any will be published online at <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>
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CUBICAL FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED
Regd. Office: 456, Aggarwal Metro Heights, Netaji Subhash Place, Pitampura, New Delhi-110034
CIN:- L65993DL1990PLC040101 Ph:- 011-47057757
Email id:- cubfinser@yahoo.com

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the 32nd Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the share holders of the Company shall be held on Tuesday, 27th September, 2022 at 2:00 P.M through Video Conferencing/Other Audio Video Means (VC/ OAVM) facility in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013. Rules framed there under and the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations 2015 read with General Circular Nos.14/2021, 17/2021 and 20/2021 and Circular No. 02/2022 dated 5th May 2022, respectively, issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs ("MCA Circulars") and Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD/1/CIR/P/2020/79 dated 13th May 2022 issued by the Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI Circular"), without the physical presence of the Members at a common venue.

The Notice of the 32nd AGM and the Annual Report for the year 2021-22 including the financial statements for the financial year ended March 31, 2022 ("Annual Report") has been sent only by email to all those Members, whose email addresses are registered with the Depository Participants or Company in accordance with the MCA Circulars and SEBI Circular. The requirement of sending physical copy of the Notice of the AGM and Annual report to the members have been dispensed with vide MCA Circulars and SEBI Circular. Members holding shares either in physical form or in dematerialization form, as on cut off date i.e. 20th September 2022 may cast their vote electronically on the ordinary and special, as set out in the Notice of the 32nd AGM through electronic voting system ("Remote e-voting") of CDSL.

In connection with the Remote E-voting Facility and meeting through Video Conferencing/Other Audio Video Means (VC/ OAVM), we wish to notify the shareholders as under:

- The business, as set out in the Notice of AGM, may be transacted through remote e-voting as per Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 and Regulation 44 of SEBI (Listing Obligation and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 or e-voting system at the AGM
- The shareholders holding shares as on 20th September, 2022, being the cut-off date, may participate in the Remote E-voting exercise. The notice convening the AGM has been sent through email to those share holders holding shares as on 20th September, 2022. Notice convening the said AGM shall be sent by e-mail to those persons becoming shareholders after 30th August, 2022, and holding shares as on 20th September, 2022 and whose e-mail ids are registered with the Company/ depositories. Such share holders may also obtain the Login ID by sending a request to helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com or to beetalrta@gmail.com or to cubfinser@yahoo.com mentioning his/her Folio No./ DP ID & Client ID.
- Details of the manner of casting votes is mentioned in the Notice of AGM which is also displayed on the website of the Company at www.cubical90.com and shall be displayed on the website of the Remote E-voting agency, Central Depository Services Limited, athtps://www.evotingindia.com.
- Remote E-voting shall commence at 9:00 A.M. on 24th September, 2022 and shall be available until 5:00 P.M. on 26th September, 2022 and shall not be available there after.
- Members may note that: i) The remote e-voting module shall be disabled after 5:00 p.m. (IST) on September 26, 2022. ii) The facility for electronic voting system, shall also be made available at the AGM.iii) Members attending the AGM, who have not cast their votes through remote e-voting, shall be able to exercise their voting rights at the AGM. The Members who have already cast their votes through remote e-voting may attend the Meeting but shall not be entitled to cast their votes again at the AGM. iv) a person whose name is recorded in the register of member or in the register of beneficial owner maintained by the depositories as on 20th September, 2022 being the cut off date shall only be entitled to avail the facility of remote e-voting or e-voting at the AGM.
- In case of any query/clarification/ grievances related to Remote E-voting/E-voting, shareholders may contact to Mr.Bhawendra Jha,Senior Manager,Beetal Financial Computer Services Private Limited, 99, Mandagir, behind LSC, New Delhi - 110062, Ph No: 9312771085, e-mail : beetalrta@gmail.com or may write to the CDSL E-voting team at helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com.
- Mr.Mukesh Kumar Agarwal, Company Secretary in Practice, has been appointed as the Scrutinizer toscrutinize the Remote E-voting/E-voting process.
- Kindly note that once you have cast your vote through E-voting, you can not modify your vote.
- The consolidated results of the Remote E-voting/E-voting at AGM, if any, which may be taken at the AGM, shall be announced by the Company within 3 days of the AGM & displayed on the websites of the Company and of the Remote E-Voting Agency and also informed to Stock Exchanges.
- Shareholders who have not yet registered their email addresses are requested to register their email addresses registered by following the procedure given below:

For Members holding shares in physical form please provide necessary details like Folio No., Name of share holder, scanned copy of the share certificate (front and back), PAN (self attested scanned copy of PAN card), AADHAR (self attested scanned copy of Aadhar Card) by email to cubfinser@yahoo.com/beetalrta@gmail.com

For the Members holding shares in demat form please provide Demat account details (CDSL-16 digit beneficiary ID or NSDL-16 digit DPID + CLID), Name, client master or copy of Consolidated account statement, PAN (self attested scanned copy of PAN card), AADHAR (self attested scanned copy of Aadhar Card) to cubfinser@yahoo.com/beetalrta@gmail.com Or you can contact to your depository participant and register your Email id as per the process advised by them.

Notice is further given pursuant to Section 91 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 10 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 that the Register of Members and Share Transfer Books of the Company shall remain closed from Wednesday, 21st September, 2022 to Tuesday, 27th September, 2022 for the purpose of AGM for the FY 2021-22.

For Cubical Financial Services Limited
Sd/-
Aashwani Kumar Gupta
(Managing Director)

Commercial LPG cheaper by ₹91.5 each cylinder

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The price of commercial LPG used in hotels and restaurants on Thursday was slashed by ₹91.5 per cylinder on softening international prices, but oil companies have made no changes in rates of domestic cooking gas and rather began imposing limits on refills a user can order in a fortnight.

The price of a 19-kg commercial LPG cylinder was cut to ₹1,885 per cylinder in the national capital from ₹1,976.50, according to a price notification from state-owned fuel retailers.

This is in line with softening international prices. However, rates of LPG used in household kitchens for cooking purposes remained unchanged at ₹1,053 per 14.2-kg cylinder.

This because the rates of domestic cooking gas were way lower than cost and now with a drop in international prices they are at breakeven, industry sources said.

Commercial LPG rates on the other hand have largely been aligned with cost and so they have moved in tandem with rise and fall in international rates.

And this difference between a market-priced commercial LPG and below-cost



household cooking gas had led to diversion of cylinders meant for kitchens into commercial establishments.

To check this, the state-owned oil firms have now started imposing limits on a 14.2-kg refill a household can order, they said.

Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) has limited one refill in 15 days from August 26, and other retailers Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL) are likely to follow suit.

Simultaneously, the rates of aviation turbine fuel (ATF) were cut marginally by 0.7 per cent.

Jet fuel price was cut by ₹874.13 per kilolitre, or 0.7 per cent, to ₹121,041.44 per kl in the national capital.

Rates differ from state to state depending on incidence of local taxes.

Govt hikes windfall tax on export of ATF, diesel; raises tax on domestic crude oil

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The government has hiked the windfall profit tax on the export of diesel to ₹13.5 per litre and on jet fuel exports to ₹9 a litre, besides raising the levy on domestically-produced crude oil in line with the hardening of global prices.

At the fourth fortnightly review, the government raised the windfall profit tax on the export of diesel to ₹13.5 per litre from ₹7 per litre. The tax on Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) exports too has been hiked to ₹9 from ₹2 per litre with effect from September 1, according to a finance ministry notification issued late Wednesday night.

Alongside, the tax on domestically-produced crude oil too has been hiked to ₹13,300 per tonne from ₹13,000.

The tax on exports has been raised as margins rose, while the levy on domestically-produced oil was increased marginally on slight changes in international oil prices and on expectations of a price rise on hopes of a production cut by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and its allies.

India first imposed windfall profit taxes on July 1, joining a growing number of nations that tax super normal profits of energy companies.

But international oil prices have cooled since then, eroding the profit margins of both oil producers and refiners.

Sensex slides 770 pts amid global market jitters; RIL top drag

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Equity indices buckled under selling pressure on Thursday as a bearish trend in global markets and concerns over aggressive rate hikes by central banks unnerved investors. Market heavyweight Reliance Industries tumbled after the government raised the tax on export of diesel and jet fuel (ATF) and hiked the windfall profit levy on domestically-produced crude oil.

The 30-share BSE Sensex fell 770.48 points or 1.29 per cent to settle at 58,766.59. During the day, it tanked 1,014.5 points or 1.70 per cent to 58,522.57. Similarly, the broader NSE Nifty declined 216.50 points or 1.22 per cent to close at 17,542.80.

Reliance Industries was the biggest laggard among the Sensex components, sliding 2.99 per cent, followed by TCS, Sun Pharma, Tech Mahindra, HUL, Infosys, NTPC and Tata Steel. In contrast, Bajaj Finserv, Asian Paints, Bharti Airtel, Titan, State Bank of India, Mahindra & Mahindra and IndusInd Bank were the gainers, climbing up to 2.58 per cent. The market breadth was negative, with 23 of the 30 Sensex counters posting losses. “Domestic equities witnessed volatility amid weak global cues... Global markets were negative as concerns heightened over a hawkish Federal Reserve stance on monetary policy tightening and economic slowdown in China.

Need IT Dep nod for transfer of shares, says NDTV, Adani group terms it as misconceived

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

NDTV promoter group firm NRRPR Holding has told VCPL, which along with two other Adani group firms has launched a hostile takeover bid for the media firm, that its stakeholding in NDTV has been provisionally attached by the I-T authorities and require

their approval for the transfer.

The contention has been rejected by the Adani group, which termed it as “misconceived and misleading” statements while asking RRPR Holding to convert the warrants into equity shares.

In a regulatory filing, NDTV said that its founders Radhika and Prannoy Roy have

Moody's slashes India's eco growth forecast to 7.7%

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Moody's Investors Service on Thursday slashed India's economic growth projection for 2022 to 7.7 per cent, saying that rising interest rates, uneven monsoon, and slowing global growth will dampen economic momentum on a sequential basis.

Moody's had in May projected India's GDP to expand by 8.8 per cent this year. The economy grew by 8.3 per cent in 2021 and contracted by 6.7 per cent in 2020, the year when the pandemic struck the country.

In its update to Global Macro Outlook 2022-23, Moody's said India's central bank is likely to remain hawkish this year and maintain a reasonably tight policy stance in 2023 to prevent domestic



inflationary pressures from building further.

“Our expectation that India's real GDP growth will slow from 8.3 per cent in 2021 to 7.7 per cent in 2022 and to decelerate further to 5.2 per cent in 2023 assumes that rising interest rates, uneven distribution of monsoons, and slowing global growth will dampen economic momentum on a sequential basis,”

Moody's said.

It expects inflationary pressures to weaken in the second half (July-December) of the year and further in 2023.

“A quicker let-up in global commodity prices would provide significant upside to growth. In addition, economic growth would be stronger than we are projecting in 2023 if the private-sector capex cycle were to gain steam,” it added.

Rupee falls 4 paise to close at 79.56 against dollar



PTI ■ MUMBAI

The rupee declined by 4 paise to close at 79.56 (provisional) against the US dollar on Thursday due to a stronger dollar in the global markets and losses in the domestic equity markets.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the domestic currency opened at 79.55 per dollar. It hovered in a range of 79.30 to 79.66 during the session.

The domestic unit finally settled at 79.56, down 4 paise over its previous close.

On Tuesday, the rupee had finished at a nearly two-week high of 79.52. The domestic forex market was closed on Wednesday on account of

Ganesh Chaturthi.

“The Indian Rupee outperformed among Asian peers following lower crude oil prices and exporters selling dollars. The news of Russia considering buying as much as USD 70 billion in yuan and other ‘friendly’ currencies for reserves this year, also supported Asian Currencies,” said Dilip Parmar, Research Analyst, HDFC Securities.

In the near-term, spot USDINR is expected to trade in the range of 78.85 to 79.90, Parmar added.

Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading 0.20 per cent higher at 108.92.

Brent crude futures, the global oil benchmark, fell by 1.54 per cent to USD 94.17 per barrel.

On the domestic equity market front, the BSE Sensex ended 770.48 points or 1.29 per cent lower at 58,766.59, while the broader NSE Nifty declined 216.50 points or 1.22 per cent to 17,542.80.

Gold declines ₹195; silver drops ₹863



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Gold price in the national capital declined by ₹195 to ₹50,723 per 10 grams on Thursday amid a fall in international precious metal prices, according to HDFC Securities.

In the previous trade, the yellow metal had settled at ₹50,918 per 10 grams.

Silver also tumbled by ₹863 to ₹52,819 per kg from ₹53,682 in the previous session.

In the international market, gold was quoting lower at USD 1,703 per ounce while silver was flat at USD 17.73 per ounce.

“Gold prices extended decline on stronger dollar and speculation over US non-farm payroll data,” said Tapan Patel, Senior Analyst (Commodities) at HDFC Securities.

India to be 6th largest insurance market by 2032; premiums to grow at 14%: Report

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India to become sixth largest insurance market in the world in the next 10 years supported by regulatory push and rapid economic expansion, a report said.

Total insurance premiums in India will grow by an average 14 per cent per annum in nominal local currency terms over the next decade, making India the 6th largest in terms of total premium volume by 2032 from 10th largest in 2021, Swiss Re Institute said in its report.

With regard to Indian life insurance industry, the report said it will grow at an exceptional rate of 6.6 per cent (in real terms) in 2022 and further grow at 7.1 per cent in 2023.

Considering the projected growth rate, the life insurance premiums in India are set to cross USD 100 billion for the first time in 2022, it said.

As far as non-life insurance market is concerned, the report said it has returned to a growth of 5.8 per cent (in real terms) in 2021 after a slight contraction in 2020.



“The growth will slow down slightly in 2022 to 4.5 per cent, mainly due to high inflation. However, the sector is further expected to witness a growth of close to 8 per cent Compounded Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) between 2023 and 2032,” it said.

One of the driving factors for the sectoral growth is the systematic change into India's non-life insurance sector brought by the pandemic.

It resulted in a greater risk awareness leading to higher demands in health insurance, making it the biggest Line of Business (LoB) by premium volume in 2021.

The report said, the global economy is on the brink of inflationary recessions, with policymakers facing an increasingly difficult inflation-growth trade off. Swiss Re expects India to reign as the world's fastest-growing economy in 2022.

HDFC Bank to hire 3K staff in Maha in FY23

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Largest private sector lender LHDFC Bank on Thursday said it will hire over 3,000 people in Maharashtra this fiscal as it looks to expand its network in the state.

It aims to open 207 branches and 80 smart banking lobbies in the state during the current fiscal, as per a statement.

The bank said 90 of the new branches will be in metro and urban areas, while the remaining will be in semi-urban and rural pockets.

Its present employee base in the state, which houses its headquarters and also a bulk of back office operations, was not known.

Its branch banking head for the state Abhishek Deshmukh said the credit to deposit ratio is over 100 per cent in 29 districts of the state.

At present, its network is in every district and over 280 talukas in the state, and includes 709 branches, 3,200 ATMs (automated teller machines), 1,375 business correspondents, and 15,116 business facilitators.

TVS Motor records 15% rise in sales in Aug'22

PTI ■ CHENNAI

Two and three wheeler maker TVS Motor has reported a 15 per cent rise in its sales by selling 3,33,787 units in August, the company said on Thursday.

The city-based company had registered sales of 2,90,694 units in the same month of last year, a company statement said here.

The total two-wheeler sales made by the company also witnessed a growth of 15 per cent in August with the sales increasing to 3,15,539 units from 2,74,313 units sold in same month of last year.

Domestic two wheeler sales grew by 33 per cent to 2,39,325 units in August 2022 from 1,79,999 units in August 2021.

Sales of motorcycles grew to 1,57,118 units in August 2022 from 1,33,789 units sold in same month of last year while scooter sales breached one lakh units mark with 1,21,866 units against 87,059 units sold in August 2021.

The company said with positive market sentiment and with the upcoming festive season, it was optimistic about the demand in domestic two-wheeler market.

GST collection rises by 28%, festive season to drive mop-up

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India's tax collection from the sale of goods and services soared 28 per cent to ₹1.43 lakh crore in July aided by rising demand, higher rates, and greater compliance.

The GST collection remained above the ₹1.4-lakh-crore mark for the sixth straight month in August and the ensuing festival season will help continue the trend.

Better reporting coupled with economic recovery has have a “positive impact on the GST revenues on a consistent



basis”, the finance ministry said in a statement.

The gross GST revenue collected in August 2022 is ₹1,43,612 crore of which CGST is ₹24,710 crore, SGST is ₹30,951 crore, IGST is ₹77,782 crore (including ₹42,067 crore collected on import of goods)

and cess is ₹10,168 crore (including ₹1,018 crore collected on import of goods), the ministry said.

The revenues for the month of August 2022 are 28 per cent higher than the GST revenues of ₹1,12,020 crore collected in August 2021.

“The growth in GST revenue till August 2022 over the same period last year is 33 per cent, continuing to display very high buoyancy. This is a clear impact of various measures taken by the Council in the past to ensure better compliance,” the Ministry said.

Tata Motors' total sales rise 36% in Aug

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Tata Motors on Thursday said its total sales increased by 36 per cent to 78,843 units in August.

The auto major had sold 57,995 units in the same month of the previous year.

Its total domestic sales increased by 41 per cent to 76,479 units in August. The company had dispatched 54,190 units in

August 2021.

Passenger vehicle sales in the domestic market stood at 47,166 units last month, as against 28,018 units in August 2021, an increase of 68 per cent.

Commercial vehicle sales in the domestic market were at 29,313 units last month, as compared to 26,172 units in the same month last year, an increase of 12 per cent, it added.

Honda Cars reports 30% decline in wholesales in Aug

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Honda Cars India Ltd (HCIL) on Thursday reported a 30 per cent decline in domestic sales at 7,769 units in August.

The company had sold a total of 11,177 units in the same month last year.

Exports stood at 2,356 units last month against 2,262 units in the year-ago month.



“The demand momentum continues to be strong, which is very encouraging and posi-

tive for the auto industry as we enter the festive season,” Honda Cars India Director Marketing and Sales Yuichi Murata said in a statement.

On the supply side, however, the company continues to face hurdles arising out of global chip shortage, which is affecting production volumes and resulting in extended waiting periods for models, he added.

Coal stock at electricity generating plants rises to about 30 MT: CIL

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Coal stocks at power generating plants rose to about 30 million tonnes last month, state-run Coal India said on Thursday, dispelling fears of shortages of dry-fuel during the monsoon season.

The government has been making all efforts to build up coal stocks to avoid the recurrence of power outages seen during the summer this year.

“...Coal stock at power plants is close to 30 MTs, including imported coal, ending August 22 (till 29th). This is substantially higher than 12.8 MTs of August '21 when the stock plummeted by 11.2

MTs in a month,” Coal India Ltd (CIL) said in a statement.

The PSU said that enhanced supply of fuel from CIL helped the stock stabilise at power houses.

“Closing stock for the month of August'22 is a six-year high barring 2020 when pandemic fuelled slowdown saw the stock at 37.7 MT,” it said.

With a stock of dry-fuel of 31 MT at CIL's pitheads, around 30 MT stock at power plants, and a little over 10 MT at PSU's sidings, goods sheds, private washeries, ports, captive plants there is sufficient availability of coal in the system, the maharatna firm said.



SERENA KEEPS ON WINNING

American tennis superstar dispatches world number 2 Kontaveit to reach third round of US Open 2022

AP ■ NEW YORK

Serena Williams dramatically extended her iconic career on Wednesday with a never-say-die, three-set victory over world number two Anett Kontaveit at the US Open.

The 40-year-old, 23-time Grand Slam title winner triumphed 7-6 (7/4), 2-6, 6-2 in front of a raucous, partisan Arthur Ashe Stadium Court crowd to reach the third round of a tournament she has won six times.

Having declared that she was already "evolving away from tennis" after a 27-year career, Williams' force of will ensured that the retirement party was put on hold for a little longer.

"There's no rush," said Serena on court when reminded that she had declared herself to be in the closing stages of her career. "There's still a little left in me so we'll see. I'm a pretty good player. I love a challenge."

"I'm just Serena, you know. Honestly after I lost the second set I thought 'oh my goodness, I've got to give my best effort because this could be it.'" She added: "I'm just looking at it as a bonus. I don't have anything to prove. I have absolutely nothing to lose. I've had an 'X' on my back since 1999."

The American arrived

on court with the stadium announcer proudly introducing her as "the greatest of all time" while Kontaveit waited patiently at her chair.

Golf superstar Tiger Woods watched from the Williams' player box while Emmy award winning actress Zendaya also boosted the A-list of invitees from the Arthur Ashe Stadium stands.

RANKED AT 609

Kontaveit, whose Grand Slam career has yielded just one quarter-final appearance, served a love game to get the contest underway but Williams was quickly level.

The 26-year-old Estonian fought off two break points in the third game but was then unable to

convert one of her own in the fourth game.

Kontaveit saved four break points in the seventh game, each success greeted with muted, polite applause from the partisan crowd.

Former world number one Williams, now ranked at a lowly 609, had the crowd on their feet when she converted the sixth break point for a 5-4 lead.

Her legion of passionate fans were quickly sitting down again when she handed the break straight back on a double fault.

Williams, however, played a composed tiebreak to take the opener after 63 minutes courtesy of a fifth ace.

To her credit, Kontaveit hit straight back, stretching to a double break for 3-0 before

Williams retrieved one.

It was a brief respite as the Estonian broke again for a 4-1 lead on her way to levelling the tie.

Williams was ahead for 2-0 in the decider but then saw a 40-0 lead slip away as Kontaveit hit back.

The Estonian dropped serve again as Williams went to 3-1 and then 4-1 with a solid hold.

Victory was in sight at 5-2 with Williams winning a 19-shot rally.

It was all too much for Kontaveit who was broken to love with the match secured with a backhand winner.

Williams next faces Australia's Ajla Tomljanovic for a place in the last 16.

CHINA'S WU MAKES HISTORY AFTER REACHING US OPEN 3RD ROUND

AP ■ NEW YORK

Wu Yibing created a piece of tennis history on Wednesday after becoming the first player from China to reach the third round of the US Open.

The talented 22-year-old defeated fellow qualifier Nuno Borges of Portugal in a five-set thriller to set up a potential David v Goliath showdown with defending champion Daniil Medvedev.

Wu recovered from two sets to one down to close out a 6-7 (3/7), 7-6 (7/4), 4-6, 6-4, 6-4 win in 3hr 47min.

Wu is the first player from China to reach the third round of any Grand Slam tournament since Kho Sin-Whie reached the same stage at Wimbledon in 1946.



Wu's heroics came after more success for China in the women's draw, where Wang Xiyu stunned third seed Maria Sakkari to reach the third round of a Grand Slam for the first time.

Wang, ranked 75, came from a set down to knock out her Greek opponent, who made the

semi-finals last year, 3-6, 7-5, 7-5 in their two-hour 43-minute clash.

The left-hander hit 11 aces, 35 winners and saved 12 of 17 break points and goes on to face Alison Riske-Amritraj of the United States for a place in the last 16.

Murray reaches US Open last 32 for 1st time in six years

AP ■ NEW YORK

Former champion Andy Murray reached the US Open third round for the first time in six years on Wednesday with a four-set win over American wildcard Emilio Nava.

Murray, who famously ended Britain's 76-year wait for a men's Grand Slam title when he won the US Open in 2012, came out on top 5-7, 6-3, 6-1, 6-0.

"Physically this is the best I've felt in the last few years," said 35-year-old Murray.

"My movement is by far the best it's been in a long time. I'm getting closer to where I want to be and hopefully I can have a deep run here."

Nava, ranked 203 in the world, claimed a gruelling 84-minute first set with an impressive crosscourt forehand winner.

But the 20-year-old, who had needed five sets to see off John Millman in the first round, eventually ran out of steam, winning just four more games and ending the contest with 56 unforced errors.

"He was dictating the points in the first set," said Murray of his opponent.

"But then I was hitting it deeper and was able to control the points."

Murray last made the third round in 2016 on his way to the quarter-finals. If he is to progress further, he may have to get past world number 14 Matteo Berrettini, a semi-finalist in New York in 2019.

Berrettini defeated Murray in the final of the Stuttgart grasscourt tournament in June.



Neymar, Mbappe take PSG to top

AP ■ PARIS

Goals from Neymar and Kylian Mbappe helped Paris Saint-Germain stay top of the Ligue 1 table with a 3-0 victory at Toulouse on Wednesday.

Christophe Galtier's reigning champions were never seriously threatened by their newly-promoted opponents and remain above Lens and Marseille on goal difference.

The fearsome front three of Lionel Messi, Neymar and Mbappe have now scored 18 times between them already this term.

"MMN"? We can only be satisfied with their performances," said PSG coach Galtier.

Toulouse frustrated PSG early in the game, with goalkeeper Maxime Dupe making two smart stops from Mbappe and tipping a Messi shot wide.

But the away side did take the lead in the 37th minute, as Neymar raced onto Messi's through ball and slotted into the bottom corner.

The Brazilian's ninth goal of the season was initially ruled out for offside, but that decision was overturned after a lengthy VAR review.

PSG did not take long to score again after half-time, as Messi broke clear into the area



before laying the ball off for Mbappe to slot home through the legs of Dupe.

The capital side eased off later in the second half, with Neymar and Messi both substituted.

Summer signing Hugo Ekitike almost grabbed his first goal for the club, but was denied by Dupe, who finished the match with 10 saves.

But he was beaten again in the 90th minute when Juan

Bernat powered a left-footed strike high into the top corner.

Lens, who also have 13 points from five games, continued their fine start with a 5-2 home thrashing of Lorient to move into second place above Marseille on goals scored.

Marseille remained level on points with the top two as Senegalese midfielder Pape Gueye netted the only goal in a 1-0 win over Clermont.

Leon Goretzka returns with a goal

AP ■ BERLIN

Sadio Mane was one of five different goalscorers as Bayern Munich qualified for the next round of the German Cup with a 5-0 win away at Viktoria Cologne on Wednesday.

Mane's goal, scored in the 53rd minute, was his fifth in six games this season since his summer arrival from Premier League side Liverpool.

Former Arsenal forward Serge Gnabry held up the ball, drawing in Cologne goalkeeper Ben Voll to find Mane unmarked in front of goal.

Two further summer arrivals in Ryan Gravenberch and 17-year-old starlet Mathys Tel both scored first-half goals, breaking down a stubborn but outgunned Cologne defence.

Teenager Jamal Musiala scored his side's fourth in the 67th minute just four minutes after replacing Mane from the bench, controlling a pass from Thomas Mueller from the penalty spot.

Bayern added a fifth through Germany midfielder Leon Goretzka, playing his first game of the season after returning from a knee injury.



Napoli draw leave Roma on summit

AP ■ NAPLES

Roma stayed top of Serie A on Wednesday after Napoli were held to a 1-1 draw by Lecce, while underwhelming Juventus beat Spezia 2-0.

Napoli would have gone first on goal difference with a win over their promoted opponents at the Stadio Maradona but Lorenzo Colombo's rocket just after the half-hour mark ensured Lecce escaped Naples with a point.

Luciano Spalletti's side sit third after four games, two points behind Roma and one away from second-placed Inter Milan, while Lecce are 15th after earning their second point of the campaign.

Napoli thought they were on their way to a regulation win when Eljif Elmas tapped in Matteo Politano's mishit shot in the 27th minute.

VLAHOVIC STRIKES AGAIN

Juventus are level on points with Napoli in fourth thanks to another superb ninth-minute free-kick from Dusan Vlahovic, his fourth goal of the season, and Arkadiusz Milik's first for the club in front of new signing Leandro Paredes.

Argentina star Paredes was at the Allianz Stadium in Turin after completing his loan move from Paris Saint-Germain earlier in the day.

The three points maintain Juve's unbeaten record but won't



hide another disappointing performance from Massimiliano Allegri's injury-dogged side.

Angel Di Maria returned as a second-half substitute after recovering from a thigh injury picked up during his debut earlier in the month.

But he failed to provide the spark which would have made Juve's win more convincing, even though fellow substitute Milik netted in stoppage time after deftly firing home from Fabio Miretti's low cross.

GABBIADINI DENIES LAZIO

Earlier, Manolo Gabbiadini saved a point for Sampdoria in a 1-1 home draw with Lazio, netting his team's first goal of the season in stoppage time and lifting them out of the Serie A drop zone.

Sampdoria are 17th with just two points from their first four games after Gabbiadini expertly lashed home his 92nd-minute leveller which denied Lazio the chance to move level with Roma.

Record-breaking Haaland hits City treble, Arsenal stay perfect

AP ■ MANCHESTER

Erling Haaland hit a second successive hat-trick as Manchester City crushed Nottingham Forest 6-0, while leaders Arsenal extended their perfect start to the Premier League season with a 2-1 win against Aston Villa on Wednesday.

City and Arsenal have set the early pace, but Liverpool are gathering momentum after snatching a last-gasp 2-1 victory against Newcastle.

Haaland has made a blistering start since his £50 million (\$58 million) move from Borussia Dortmund in the close-season and the Norway striker's latest goal spree set a Premier League record.

Haaland's tally of nine goals after his first five appearances is a new high in the Premier League era, beating the previous mark of eight set by City legend Sergio Aguero and Micky



Quinn.

Inspired by Haaland's first-half treble, Pep Guardiola's unbeaten side ran riot at the

Etihad Stadium, reaching 19 goals from just five games.

City went ahead in the 12th minute when Phil Foden's cross

reached Haaland, who poked home from close range.

Haaland, whose father Alfie played for Forest between 1993

Erling can be a Man City legend: Pep

AP ■ MANCHESTER

Pep Guardiola has challenged Erling Haaland to become a Manchester City legend after the Norway striker's second successive hat-trick inspired a 6-0 rout of Nottingham Forest on Wednesday.

Haaland still has a long way to go to catch up with Aguero, City's record scorer, but Guardiola is confident his

close-season signing from Borussia Dortmund can write himself into the club's folklore.

"Sergio is the legend. Nobody can break the position in the hearts of City fans, scoring the most important goal in the modern history," Guardiola said.

"Erling has the quality to be there. It's not about him or Sergio. What Sergio has done is amazing. But Erling has this talent."

and 1997, struck again from close range in the 23rd minute after Foden's run was halted by a Neco Williams tackle that diverted the ball into the Norwegian's path.

Haaland was impossible for Forest to handle and he sealed his treble eight minutes later with a header from virtually on

the goal-line after John Stones nodded across the six-yard box.

Haaland is only the seventh player to score a hat-trick in successive Premier League appearances.

Even with Kevin De Bruyne starting on the bench, the champions were unstoppable and Joao Cancelo curled into the top

"When City bought Erling, everybody talked about what he has done in the past. What we wanted to do is help him. Hopefully he can enjoy and score more goals."

"What he has done in Norway, Austria and Germany he tries to do here. He's talented, we knew it."

Haaland is already the firm favourite to finish as this season's Premier League top scorer.

corner from 20 yards in the 50th minute.

Argentine forward Julian Alvarez celebrated his first Premier League start for City following his move from River Plate with a goal on the hour as the 22-year-old slotted home from Riyad Mahrez's pass.

Alvarez lashed in his second

in the 87th minute to seal City's biggest win since a 7-0 rout of Leeds in December.

PERFECT ARSENAL

City are two points behind Arsenal after Mikel Arteta's side once again showed a tenacity so often missing from Gunners teams in recent seasons.

Arsenal struck in the 30th minute thanks to a gift from their former keeper Emiliano Martinez, who pushed a tame Gabriel Martinelli cross straight to Gabriel Jesus for a simple finish.

Second bottom Villa were level when Douglas Luiz's corner flew straight past Arsenal keeper Aaron Ramsdale in the 74th minute despite the hosts' appeal for a foul.

But Arsenal, who came from behind to beat Fulham on Saturday, responded impressively as Martinelli restored their lead three minutes later from Bukayo Saka's cross.

SURYA READY TO BAT ANYWHERE

PTI ■ DUBAI

Hard-hitting batter Suryakumar Yadav said he is flexible enough to bat anywhere in the Indian T20 team, having turned out for the Men in Blue in various roles, including opening the innings. Suryakumar scored a scintillating 26-ball 68 not out to pave the way for India's 40-run win over Hong Kong and sail into the Super Four stage of the Asia Cup on Wednesday.

On a two-paced wicket, Suryakumar, who came in to bat at number 4, played a wide range of shots which included six sixes and as many fours.

"I am flexible to bat at any number, wherever you tell me. I have told the coach and captain to send me at any number but just play me," Suryakumar said at the post match press conference.

Vice-captain KL Rahul, who is coming off an injury, has looked completely out of sorts in the tournament. Against Hong Kong, he struggled to score a 39-ball 36.

"So you are saying we should not play KL bhai (Rahul)?" he said when asked if he would open the innings with Rohit Sharma.

"He is coming after an injury and he needs some time now, we have time right now," he added.

With the T20 World Cup just around the corner, India are continuing to experiment in a bid to find out the best batting combination.

"Things will go on, there are lot of things we are trying and experimenting. There are things that we want to do and it's bet-



ter to try those things in matches rather than in practice sessions."

India had a woeful start after being sent to bat first with Rahul and Rohit failing to covert their starts, while Virat Kohli scored a 44-ball 59 not out. "It is a challenge to bat first.

Bangladesh post challenging 183/7

PTI ■ DUBAI

Bangladesh youngsters Afif Hossain and Mosaddek Hossain played impactful knocks at various stages of the innings to help their team reach a commanding 183 for seven against Sri Lanka in a do-or-die Asia Cup group league game here on Thursday. Afif (39 off 22 balls) and Mahmudullah (27 off 22) added 57 runs in just 6.1 overs for the fifth wicket to ensure that Bangladesh lay the platform to cross the 180-run mark. Then Mosaddek played a brilliant cameo, smashing 24 off nine balls to help Bangladesh reach a more than

respectable total.

A move to promote Mehidy Hasan Miraj (28 off 26 balls) at the top of the order did work partially as he did take on the Lankan attack before being castled by Wanindu Hasaranga's (2/41) goology.

Skipper Shakib Al Hasan (24 off 22 balls) did hit a few cheeky boundaries off Chamika Karunartane as he completed 6000 runs in all forms of T20 (domestic and international) cricket.

He, however, feel to an indiscreet shot selection of a Mahesh Theekshana (1/23 in 4 overs) delivery that was aimed at the middle stump.

finish. Who are the batsmen left (to come in), what will be their role, it was very clear for us."

"So, if I couldn't accomplish that role, then obviously the next one, Rishab (Pant) would have done, if not DK (Dinesh Karthik) he would have done and then we had Jaddu (Ravindra Jadeja), even he was there to do that ...So we have enough firepower to put up whatever we need to in the first innings, it will get done."

Suryakumar changed the complexion of the game with his 360 degree hitting.

"The situation was such that I had to go and bat out in the

middle the way I did. At the start the wicket was a bit slow.

"Once I got in and after a chat with Virat, he told me just express yourself, bat the way you usually bat. My plans were absolutely clear on the way to bat...And I really enjoyed it."

'HEARTWARMING GESTURE'

Architect of India's 40-run win over Hong Kong, Suryakumar Yadav was left humbled by the 'heartwarming' gesture from Virat Kohli who doffed his hat to his compatriot following his sensational knock in the Asia Cup here.

Sehwag, Gambhir to lead Gujarat Giants & India Capitals

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Former India opening pair of Virender Sehwag and Gautam Gambhir will lead Gujarat Giants and India Capitals at the upcoming Legends League Cricket.

While the Gujarat Giants is owned by the Adani Group, the owners of India Capitals are GMR Sportslime.

"I am excited to get back to the cricket ground again. Having Adani Group as Team Principal and a professional outfit like Gujarat Giants is a perfect way to kick start this crick-eting innings once again. I have personally always believed in playing fearless cricket and I will continue to propagate the same brand of cricket here too," said Gujarat Giants skipper Sehwag.

Gambhir, on the other hand, was known for the legendary intensity that he brought to his game and he is one of the leading run getters for India in the shortest format.

"I have always believed cricket is a team game and a captain is as good as his team. While I will be leading the India Capitals team, I will be pushing for a spirited team who are passionate and

eager to go out and win as a team. "I wish Legends League Cricket all the very best and am looking forward to the upcoming action," said Gambhir.

It will be played for the first time in India and will be hosted in six different cities. The league will start from September 16 at the Eden Gardens in Kolkata followed by Lucknow, New Delhi, Cuttack and Jodhpur.

The venue for play-offs and finals are yet to be decided.

CAPTAIN SACHIN

Batting great Sachin Tendulkar will lead defending champions India Legends in the second edition of the Road Safety World Series (RSWS), the organisers announced on Thursday.

The 22-day tournament starting on September 10 will be played across various venues.

The tournament opener will be held in Kanpur while Raipur will host the two semi-finals and the final, which will be held on October 1. Other venues include Indore and Dehradun, according to a media release.

Mukesh Kumar impresses with three wickets

PTI ■ BENGALURU

Bengal seamer Mukesh Kumar bowled to a probing channel in all his spells as India A stifled New Zealand A to 156 for five before bad light stopped play on the opening day of the first 'Unofficial' Test here.

Playing for a representative national side (India U-19, India U-23, India A or Senior India) for the first time, the right-arm fast-medium bowler got the ball to move both ways and finished with figures of 13-4-34-3, with a wicket in each of his three spells.

In fact, Mukesh got wickets with the new (4.3 overs), semi-new (35.3 overs) and old ball (57.4 overs), as only 61 overs of play was possible out of the maximum 90.

While two left-arm pacers Yash Dayal (13-2-35-1) and Arzan Nagwaswalla (13-2-34-1) also got a wicket apiece, Mukesh was the best bowler on the day by a fair distance.

Not only did he bowl to a probing channel but he also forced the New Zealand batters to play most of his deliveries, unlike the other two who were letting them leave quite a few. Mukesh drew the first



blood when he got one to move a shade as opener Chad Bowes (5) edged one to Rituraj Gaikwad at first slip.

It wasn't long before Nagwaswalla struck at the stroke of an hour when left-hander and Black Caps Test player Rachin Ravindra (12), sent to open, tried to drive a fuller length delivery, only to offer a catch to Rajat Patidar at second slip.

Dayal joined the list of wicket-takers when Abhimanyu Easwaran held on to a catch in the second slips to dismiss southpaw Mark Chapman (15), who has played T20Is as recently as the month of July.

The right-handed No. 3 Joe Carter (73 batting off 170 balls) showed a lot of compo-

sure, having come out to bat only in the fifth over. Carter has so far hit 10 fours in his innings.

When Carter and skipper Robert O'Donnell (24) seemed to have nicely settled down with a 49-run stand, India A captain Priyank Panchal brought back Mukesh for his post-lunch spell with the semi-new ball.

A fullish delivery that cut back enough found O'Donnell plumb in front to leave New Zealand A in trouble at 100 for four in the 36th over.

Wicketkeeper Cam Fletcher (13 off 66 balls) defended doggedly for close to two hours as Kuldeep Yadav (0/44 in 19 overs), in his first competitive red ball game in more than 18 months, didn't look penetrative enough.

PTI ■ CHENNAI

The Johannesburg-based franchise of Chennai Super Kings Cricket Limited (CSKCL) in the South Africa T20 (SA20) league has been named Joburg Super Kings.

Faf du Plessis will lead the side, while Stephen Fleming will be the coach, it was announced on Thursday.

The announcement was made during an interaction session involving K S Viswanathan, CEO of CSKCL, Graeme Smith, League Commissioner SA20, Joburg Super Kings captain du Plessis, head coach Fleming and Jono Leaf-Wright, CEO of The Wanderers, a press note said here.

Du Plessis, captain of the Joburg

Faf to lead Joburg Super Kings

Super Kings, spoke about how the league can have an impact on the country's cricket and the difference it made to the younger generation.

"I have an extremely lucky and long relationship with Chennai. When the opportunity presented itself again, I was extremely happy with that. I think it's going to be (the SA20 league) incredibly crucial for the sustainability of South African cricket.

"I've almost been seeing first hand the difference that league cricket can have an impact on a country's cricket. Certainly been involved with the

IPL for the last 10-11 years. You see the difference that it makes to the young generation and the young players, especially in that Indian cricket team and environment," du Plessis was quoted as saying.

He said the knowledge, wisdom and experience that one can share across in league cricket was extremely important for the growth of the national team.

Lavishing praise on his former skipper Smith, AB de Villiers and CSK captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni, he said he had learnt so much from them.

"I've been lucky as a player and as a captain to have some really good leaders in my time. Starting under Graeme (Smith), then moving to AB de Villiers, then moving my time across to Chennai Super Kings, where Stephen Fleming was really influential at the beginning of my leadership journey.

"To be around MS Dhoni, to just watch and observe exactly what he does on and off the field...I'm extremely grateful to have learned from so many great players and leaders in the game," he said.



Tim David in Australia squad for T20 WC

AP ■ SYDNEY

Singapore-born batting powerhouse Tim David was on Thursday called up by Australia for this year's T20 World Cup on home soil, the only change to the squad that won the tournament last year.

David's stunning elevation comes at the expense of leg-spinner Mitchell Swepson with the 26-year-old earning his chance after a series of headline-grabbing individual performances across domestic cricket.

"Tim continues to establish himself with some quality performances in leagues around the world, earning a place in the squad," said chairman of selectors George Bailey of the giant middle-order hitter who was raised in Western Australia.

"He is a highly gifted, natural ball striker who will add extra batting depth to the group which has had a lot of success in T20 cricket.

"We expect him to play a similar role to that he has been playing in the past few years."

Right-hander David played 14 T20Is for Singapore but is eligible to switch allegiance because he has Australian parents.

David has become one of the world's most sought-after finishers in short-form cricket after his exploits in the Indian Premier League and Australia's Big Bash League.

ning wickets of the United Arab Emirates, helping Australia to their maiden title in an eight-wicket win over New Zealand in the final, David will be of more use in Australian batting conditions.

Pat Cummins returns to lead the 15-man squad after being rested for the current ODI series against Zimbabwe and next week's against New Zealand, while Adam Zampa is back in the squad following the birth of his son.

"This is a similar squad to that which became the first Australian men's team to win a T20 World Cup who are now very excited about playing the tournament at home," added Bailey. The World Cup squad will travel to India in mid-September for a three-match T20I series, with the exception of David Warner, who will be rested, with all-rounder Cameron Green taking his place.

The eighth edition of the World Cup, played across seven Australian venues, starts on October 16. Australia will begin their tournament against New Zealand in Sydney on October 22.

Squad: Aaron Finch (capt), Ashton Agar, Pat Cummins, Tim David, Josh Hazlewood, Josh Inglis, Mitchell Marsh, Glenn Maxwell, Kane Richardson, Steve Smith, Mitchell Starc, Marcus Stoinis, Matthew Wade, David Warner, Adam Zampa

Prannoy in Japan Open QF, Srikanth out

PTI ■ OSAKA

Star Indian shuttler HS Prannoy breezed into the quarterfinals with a stunning straight-game win over former world champion Loh Kean Yew of Singapore but it was curtains for Kidambi Srikanth at the Japan Open Super 750 tournament here on Thursday.

A former world number 8, Prannoy, who had reached the quarterfinals of the world championships last week, continued his rampaging run as he saw off eighth seeded Loh 22-20, 21-19 in a 44-minute second round men's singles match.

This was Prannoy's third win over the world number 7 Singaporean in four meetings.

The 30-year-old Indian will next face Chinese Taipei's Chou Tien Chen, who won the bronze medal at the world championships last week, in the quarterfinal stage. Prannoy, currently ranked world number 18, has beaten Chen in their last two meetings, but overall, he is 3-4 behind. Srikanth, who had shocked world number 5 Malaysian Lee Zii Jia on Wednesday, however, couldn't extend his run as he went down 10-21, 16-21 to local favourite and world number 17 Kanta Tsuneyama.

The Japanese had defeated Srikanth at the Korean Open in



2019 in their only meeting prior to this. In a battle between two highly-skilled gladiators, it was Prannoy who showed nerves of steel as he fought back from 11-19 and 6-14 down in the two games to come up trumps against his young rival.

Prannoy made a good start but quickly lost momentum with his opponent recording five straight points from 7-8 to move to a 11-8 lead at the break.

Loh continued to dominate the rallies after resumption

with his fast-paced game helping him to sit comfortably at 19-11 at one stage.

But Prannoy had other ideas. The Indian soon produced a six-point burst to draw parity at 17-17, and even though Loh grabbed three game points, the Singaporean erred twice with his backhands going to the net. Then, Prannoy reeled off the remaining points to earn the bragging rights.

In the second game, Loh once again came out with all

cylinders blazing to zoom to a 11-4 advantage. He rode on short rallies, while the Indian faltered with his length as his cross-court returns went wide.

But Prannoy showed his steely resolve as he soon scripted a brilliant recovery to claw back at 16-16 after a net exchange. Prannoy tried to take off the pace in the rallies and make Loh move around with his angled returns. He also produced some solid body attacks, which Loh couldn't negotiate.

Verstappen expecting 'crazy' festival at Dutch GP

AP ■ ZANDVOORT



Max Verstappen is expecting an emotional and "pretty crazy" festival as he heads into his first home race as world champion, seeking his 10th win of the season, at this weekend's Dutch Grand Prix.

Buoyant after a run of spectacular triumphs including a masterclass for Red Bull at last Sunday's Belgian Grand Prix, the runaway leader of the title race warned the

clamour of a capacity crowd could be distracting as he faces a much tougher contest.

"It will be harder for us to be as dominant and I expect Ferrari to be strong," said the 24-year-old Dutchman. "There's a lot more downforce required at Zandvoort."

"Of course, I want a good result, but it's important to score points, always, so let's hope we can do a good job. My family will be there to support me, and I will

enjoy the weekend with the fans.

"It's going to be pretty crazy."

Verstappen will pay tribute to his father Jos, a former F1 driver who guided his son through his early career, with a new helmet design.

"I thought it would be a good time to show appreciation of my dad's efforts made for me when I was a little kid to bring me to where I am today," he said. "It's a bit emotional, but I think it's just

special too because it shows how I started in karting -- and the old pictures of me in go-karts are with this design. I hope a lot of Dutchies and my dad's fans appreciate this."

Verstappen will be seeking to repeat his stirring win last year, when the Dutch event returned after a 36-year absence, to increase his 93-point lead ahead of team-mate Sergio Perez in the championship and 98-point advantage on Ferrari's Charles Leclerc.

The Monegasque was left crushed by last Sunday's result, but Ferrari believe Red Bull were heavily favoured by the nature of the circuit and can bounce back this week ahead of their own home race at Monza a week later.

"Zandvoort should be a lot better for us," said Carlos Sainz, who was third in Belgium behind the two Red Bulls.

"Monza should be advantageous to Red Bull, but we will try to win this one."

Regragui appointed Morocco coach ahead of World Cup



AP ■ RABAT

Former Moroccan international Walid Regragui has been appointed head coach of the national side just three months before the 2022 World Cup, the football federation announced on Wednesday.

The 46-year-old takes over from Franco-Bosnian Vahid Halilhodzic, who was dismissed on August 11 because of "differences of opinion" over preparations for the global tournament which kicks off in Qatar on November 20.

"We are all behind (Regragui) in his new mission at the head of the national team, and we wish him good luck,"

Moroccan Football Federation (FRMF) president Fouzi Lekjaa told journalists in Rabat.

Regragui said the Moroccan public were "expecting good results".

"We want to do great things ... and we'll give our all to make you happy," he said.

Regragui was born south of Paris and played as a defender for Toulouse, Ajaccio, Dijon and Grenoble as well as chalking up 45 caps with Morocco's national team.

He was coach of FUS Rabat between 2014-2020 and briefly led Qatari club Al-Duhail.

In Qatar, Morocco will face Croatia, Belgium and Canada in Group F.