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# Desi aircraft-carrier Vikrant puts India in naval elite club

Vikrant is unparalleled elixir built out of hard work; with new Navy flag, India has got rid of vestiges of colonialism, says PM

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

India joined a select group of nations capable of designing and building indigenous aircraft-carrier as Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday dedicated to the nation Vikrant, a giant aircraft carrier having a length of 262 metre and a height of 59 metre.

The indigenous aircraft carrier was designed by the Warship Design Bureau of the Indian Navy and was built at Cochin Shipyard Ltd, a public sector company, at a cost of ₹20,000 crore.

The simple but elegant function was attended by Union Minister of Defence Rajnath Singh, Union Minister for shipping Sarbanand Sonowal, National Security Adviser Ajit Doval, Kerala Governor Arif Mohammed Khan and Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, besides the top commanders of the Indian Navy, including Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Hari Kumar.

The Prime Minister also unveiled the new flag of the Indian Navy that features the insignia of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, the Maratha ruler who pioneered the setting up of

the sub-continent's first navy. "We are witnessing a new sunrise in Kerala and Vikrant is an unparalleled elixir formed out of hard work, intelligence, responsibility, commitment, and energy," said the Prime Minister while dedicating the aircraft-carrier to the nation.

The Prime Minister said the success of Vikrant substantiates India's efforts to indigenise the defence forces. "This is the success of Aatma Nirbharatha. The induction of Vikrant into service would benefit not only India but even our neighbouring countries because the Indian Ocean has emerged as the major maritime root for these countries," said the Prime Minister.

The ship's keel was laid in February 2009 and it took CSL 13 years to complete the works.

While unveiling the new Indian Navy flag with the inscription Shamno Varunah (May Lord Varuna be auspicious), the Prime Minister said, "I dedicate the flag to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, who was the pioneer in setting

## Modi launches ₹3,800 cr projects in Karnataka

**Bengaluru:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday inaugurated and laid the foundation for a slew of mechanisation and industrialisation projects worth around ₹3,800 crore at Mangaluru, Karnataka.

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up a Navy to protect the country from enemies. Shivaji Maharaj laid the foundation of India's naval warfare and even the British who came to India were afraid and apprehensive of our prowess in naval warfare."

He said with the phasing out of the old flag, India has got rid of the last vestiges of slavery and colonialism.

The Prime Minister's 28-minute speech was full of praise for the resilience of Indians who fought the corona pandemic and made self-reliant India a reality despite all odds.

Modi pointed out that the

opening of the defence forces for women was a revolutionary change. "We will have women soldiers and officers working in all branches of Army, Navy and Air Force. Recently our women sailors undertook a journey around the globe establishing their presence and power. We will soon see more and more daughters of the nation undertaking such adventurous missions," he said.

Paying glowing tributes to the men and women who took part in the conceiving, designing, executing and production of Vikrant, the Prime Minister

said it was yet another sign that the country was ready to take up any challenges.

"We have an aircraft carrier that runs on power which can light up 5,000 households, a flight deck that is as big as two football stadiums and boasts of cable which could connect Kochi with Kashi," said the Prime Minister.

"Vikrant is Vishaal, Viraat, Vihangam, Vishisht and Visesht. This is the outcome of Parisram, Pratibha, Prabhav and Pratibadhatha. This has made Vikrant an Atulya Amrit," said Modi.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the commissioning ceremony of the first indigenously designed and built aircraft carrier, INS Vikrant, at Cochin Shipyard Limited in Kochi, on Friday

UK, France, Russia, and China.

The ship can sail non-stop to Brazil without refueling. Its flying deck is as big as two hockey fields or ten Olympic size swimming pools.

Manned by a crew of 1,600, the ship's kitchen can churn out 16,000 chapatis and more than 5,000 idlis everyday. Moreover, its power plant can light up a medium size town.

INS Vikramaditya was till now India's sole aircraft carrier. INS Vikrant will now enable the Indian Navy to protect the country's interests in the Indian Ocean and Indo-Pacific region.

Plans are afoot to build a second indigenous aircraft carrier. INS Vikramaditya was built by Russia as per the Indian specifications. It joined service in 2014.

Meaning "victor" in Sanskrit, INS Vikrant can sail non-stop for more than 7,500 nautical miles (about 15,000 km). It means the ship can reach South America, including Brazil without refueling. Four 22 MW gas turbine engines power the ship.

Often called "city on the move" or "city afloat," the aircraft carrier costing more than ₹20,000 crore and weighing 42,000 tons has more than 3,000 km of wiring done to enable its electrical and mechanical systems to function without a hitch.

As regards the height of the INS Vikrant, it is 59-metre tall or nearly 18-storey high and its power plant can provide electricity to a medium size town.

The flying deck from where the fighter jets take off and land is about 12,500 sq km. Separate living quarters are

built for women officers.

Operated by a crew of 1,600 personnel, the aircraft carrier has nearly 2,200 compartments and the total stretch of passages and lobbies in the ship comes to about 11 km.

The living cabins are located underneath the flight deck and corridors go down ten levels. The ship can carry a total of 30 aircraft, fighter jets and helicopters. The carrier has a top speed of 28 knots (approximately 52 kmph) and a cruise speed of 18 knots (approximately 32 kmph).

The aircraft include MiG-29K fighter jets, Kamov-31, MH-60R multi-role helicopters, in addition to indigenously manufactured Advanced Light Helicopters and Light Combat Aircraft.

INS Vikrant is equipped with a ski-jump for launching aircraft, and a set of three "arrestor wires" for their recovery onboard.

The ship is equipped with 32 Medium Range Surface to Air Missile (MRSAM), the AK-630 fully automatic naval rotary cannon close-in weapon system and stabilized remote-controlled guns (SRCG). The carrier has the Kavach Chaff (anti-missile) decoy system, with Torpedo Decoy System.

The ship boasts of a fully-fledged state-of-the-art Medical Complex with a 16-bed ward with the latest medical equipment facilities including major modular OT, emergency modular OT, physiotherapy clinic, ICU, laboratories, CT scanner, X-Ray machines, Dental complex, Isolation ward and telemedicine facilities.

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## CAPSULE

**6 KILLED AS CAR RUNS OVER PILGRIMS IN GUJ**

**Aravalli:** At least 6 pilgrims were killed and 7 others injured when a car ran over pilgrims who were walking towards the temple town of Ambaji, in Aravalli district, on Friday morning. The driver of the car lost control over his vehicle which led to the accident, according to initial information.

**MYANMAR CONVICTS SUU KYI OF VOTE FRAUD**

**Bangkok:** A court in Myanmar on Friday sentenced ousted leader Aung San Suu Kyi to three years' imprisonment with labour after finding her guilty of election fraud.

**ARGENTINE PREZ: MAN TRIED TO SHOOT VP**

**Buenos Aires:** A man has been detained after he aimed a handgun at point-blank range toward Argentina's politically powerful Vice President Cristina Fernández, and President Alberto Fernández said the assassination attempt failed because the gun did not fire.

## Rape-accused Karnataka seer sent to 4-day police custody

PTI ■ CHITRADURGA (K'TAKA)

Chief pontiff of Murugha Math Shivamurthy Murugha Sharanaru, who has been arrested for alleged sexual abuse of two minor girls, was on Friday remanded in police custody till September 5.

The seer was arrested on Thursday night and sent to jail in the early hours of Friday where he developed health complications. He was taken to the district hospital, where medical tests were conducted.

The medical team which examined him was contemplating to shift him to Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research in Bengaluru for treatment, sources said.

The 64-year old Sharanaru was produced on Friday in the



local court, which remanded him to police custody for four days. The seer, wrapped himself in a white cloth around his saffron attire, was taken in a wheelchair to the court.

Sharanaru has been booked under provisions of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act and the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act for allegedly

sexually abusing two high school girls, studying in a school run by the math and staying in hostel also belonging to it.

The pontiff of one of the most prominent and influential Lingayat Maths in the State was questioned by police for several hours on Thursday night.

Meanwhile, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said the police have been given a free hand to investigate the sexual abuse case in accordance with law. He did not wish to comment on charges regarding the "delay" in the arrest of the seer.

"There is no need to respond to all these talk. I have already said that everything will happen in accordance with law. It is not right to comment on the case at the present situation," Bommai said.

## Teesta gets SC interim bail in 'framing innocents' case

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday granted interim bail to Teesta Setalvad, arrested on June 25 for allegedly fabricating evidence to frame "innocent people" in the 2002 Gujarat riots cases.

A bench comprising Chief Justice UU Lalit and Justices S Ravindra Bhat and Sudhanshu Dhulia asked Setalvad to surrender her passport to trial court till the time the Gujarat High Court decides her regular bail plea. The SC asked her to cooperate with the probe agency. On Thursday, the SC expressed displeasure on the High Court for six weeks delay in listing the bail petition.

"Appellant, a lady has been in custody since June 25. The offences alleged against her pertain to the year 2002 and



going by assertions, at best the concerned documents date to 2012. The investigating machinery has had the advantage of her custodial interrogation of seven days followed by judicial custody," the SC said while granting interim bail to Setalvad, directing that she should be released on Saturday.

Referring to the sequence of events of the case, the bench said the High Court, while issuing the notice to the State Government on the regular bail petition, should have considered the plea for grant of interim bail to her. "The essential ingredient of custodial inter-

rogation being completed, the matter of interim bail should have been heard," it said, adding Setalvad was in police custody for seven days.

Setalvad was arrested on June 25, a day after the verdict was pronounced by the SC rejecting the petition of Zakia Jafri. Former DGP RP Sreekumar and former IPS officer Sanjiv Bhat who is convicted in another case, too were booked on June 25.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta vehemently objected to bail saying Setalvad many times maligned the Gujarat Government and judiciary.

Senior Counsel Kapil Sibal, appearing for Setalvad, rebutted the arguments including the witness statements cited by the Solicitor General. Sibal argued that Setalvad had been targeted because she acted against the State.

## Chaos at IGIA: 700 fliers, mostly students, protest Lufthansa flights' cancellation after pilots' strike

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) witnessed chaos on Friday after nearly 700 passengers were stranded following cancellation of Lufthansa Airlines flights to Munich and Frankfurt due to pilots' union Vereinigung Cockpit strike for salary appraisals.

Passengers, many of whom were students, resorted to sloganeering both inside and outside the terminal and police had to be called in to control the situation. The protesters were pacified by the CISF and the Delhi Police after being assured that efforts were being made to make alternative arrangements by the airline.

IGIA Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) Tanu Sharma said they received information at 12.15 am that a crowd had gathered on the main road in front of departure gate no-1 of Terminal-3. A police team was rushed to the spot.

"Around 150 persons were present there, and because of this, the traffic move-



Passengers gather outside Indira Gandhi International Airport after Lufthansa airline cancelled two of its flights due to a pilots' strike stranding hundreds of passengers, in New Delhi on Friday

ment was slowed down. The crowd was demanding a refund or an alternative arrangement to be made for their relatives who were present inside the terminal building," said the DCP.

Two flights of Lufthansa, one scheduled for 2.50 am take-off for Frankfurt with 300 passengers, and another scheduled for 1.10 am take-off for Munich with 400 passengers, were cancelled, the DCP said.

Young passengers took to social media, urging for help from the Government.

"Lufthansa has to cancel 800 flights at its hubs in Frankfurt and Munich for Friday... Lufthansa is working with joint forces to return its flight operations to normal status as quickly as possible. Nevertheless, the effects of the strike may still lead to individual flight cancellations or delays this Saturday and Sunday," the airline had said in a statement.

An estimated 1,30,000 passengers will be affected, in view of the upcoming weekend, the end of the holidays in some parts of Europe.

## E-way via wildlife sanctuary OK'd to slash Delhi-Katra travel time

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Standing Committee of the National Board of Wildlife (NBWL) has given nod for the construction of a road through Ramnagar Wildlife Sanctuary in Jammu for the ambitious second phase of the Delhi-Katra Expressway.

The committee has asked the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) to ensure the construction of underpasses in the region for free movement of wild animals.

Around 4,5622 hectares of forest land from Ramnagar Wildlife Sanctuary will be used for the development of Phase II of the Delhi-Katra Expressway, in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.

New Delhi-Katra Expressway is a prestigious project of the Central



Government that aims to drastically reduce travel time between New Delhi to Jammu and Katra and will also link prominent religious places, including the Golden Temple in Amritsar and Mata Vaishno Devi Ji shrine in Katra in Reasi district of Jammu region.

Giving the breakup of the phases, a senior official from the Union Environment Ministry said Phase I involves the construction of a 397.7 km greenfield expressway between Delhi-Ludhiana-Gurdaspur and a 99 km spur connecting

Nakodar-Amritsar. The Standing Committee of the NBWL is the highest decision-making body under the Union Environment Ministry for reviewing the projects proposed in the protected wildlife habitats in the country.

Phase 2 of the Expressway will connect Gurdaspur, Pathankot-Jammu-Katra and will be a brownfield expansion of the existing NH-54 (old NH-15) and NH-44 (old NH-1) highway, according to an official from the Union Environment Ministry.

The proposal (Phase II) had already been approved by the Chief Wildlife Warden, State Board for Wildlife, and the Government of UT of J&K.

"After discussions, the Standing Committee of the NBWL at a recent meeting decided to recommend the

proposal. However, the approval has been with the conditions that the legal status of the land shall remain unchanged while the user agency shall be responsible for obtaining requisite clearances under any other law in vogue.

"Also, no harm to any wildlife species shall be done, if found accidentally in the project area. The user agency shall construct speed breakers at critical wildlife passage areas wherever required as well as underpasses and implement mitigation measures as per the animal passage plan for free movement of wild animals, said the official who was privy to the meeting," said NBWL.

The land so allowed to be used shall be returned to the department free of any encumbrances when it is no longer required by the user agency.



# L-G's office clarifies on Khadi lounge row

Says, Shivangi Saxena did interior design for free

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

A day after the AAP leaders accused Delhi Lieutenant-Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena of giving a contract for the interior design of the Khadi India Lounge in Mumbai to his daughter without floating a tender during his tenure as the Chairman of the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) between 2015 and 2022, the Raj Niwas on Friday accused AAP leaders of "touting fake figures" on the development of a KVIC lounge in Mumbai.

In a series of tweets, Raj Niwas said, "The @kvicindia has issued a letter categorically stating that the entire cost of execution of the project of its Mumbai Lounge was Rs 27.3 lakh, contrary to fake figures being touted by leaders of a political party."

The L-G secretariat tweeted from its official handle, "The @kvicindia also clearly states that the plan of design of the lounge was done by Ms Shivangi Saxena 'Free of Cost' and her name was put on the plaque as a goodwill gesture acknowledging her services, since it saved KVIC the cost of designing."

While replying to a tweet by AAP leader Sanjay Singh, the L-G's office tweeted, "@SanjayAzadSln g, It is to be known that the Hon'ble Lt. Governor, as KVIC President, had got the design of Khadi Lounge, Mumbai made free of cost (pro bono) on the request of his daughter, who is a designer. Contrary to your statement, there was no tender for the design, no one got the contract, but lakhs of rupees were left for KVIC."

Earlier, the KVIC had clarified that a Khadi India Lounge was set up in the KVIC Head Office, Mumbai premises in 2017. The objective of setting up this lounge was to provide a stylish and in-vogue outlet for khadi and village industries

products produced by various stakeholders of the KVIC that would give them the much-needed visibility, publicity and market reach.

The statement said that the design of the project was done by Shivangi Saxena without charging the board. "Expenditure to the tune of Rs 27.30 lakh approximately was incurred in executing the project. The aforementioned work was carried out by an empanelled contractor of KVIC."

A plan for the design of the lounge was done by Ms Shivangi Saxena, an upcoming interior designer, free of cost. Since, KVIC saved the cost of designing, as a gesture of goodwill, KVIC acknowledged her services by putting her name on the plaque," the statement reads further.

The L-G had on Thursday attacked AAP national convener and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal accusing him of resorting to "diversionary tactics and false accusations" after he flagged various issues, including irregularities in the Government's excise policy.

## PM must sack tainted L-G, says AAP

Saxena misused position as KVIC chairman, gave interior design contract for Khadi lounge to daughter: Sanjay Singh

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The AAP has alleged that Lieutenant-Governor, Vinai Kumar Saxena misused his position and awarded an interior designing contract for the Khadi India Lounge in Mumbai to his daughter, without floating a tender, when he was the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) chairman and demanded that Prime Minister Narendra Modi "immediately" sack him. In a series of press conferences held on Friday, the AAP leaders called it a case of



"moral corruption" by Saxena and claimed that "a financial angle" in it would also come out if "a fair and thorough" probe is conducted into the award of interior designing work to his daughter Shivangi Saxena without floating a tender.

Addressing a joint press conference with five party MLAs, AAP national spokesperson and Rajya Sabha



MP Sanjay Singh alleged, "L-G VK Saxena, during his term as KVIC Chairman, misused his position and awarded a contract for interior designing of a Khadi lounge in Mumbai to his daughter. In awarding the contract, he violated the provisions of the KVIC Act 1961."

"Did the Prime Minister find only this tainted person (Saxena) in the country to appoint as Delhi's L-G? He



must be sacked immediately," Singh demanded. The AAP is holding consultations with its senior lawyers and preparing to approach the court in the matter, Singh said.

Replying to questions on the Raj Niwas' clarification, Singh said the KVIC Act clearly bars its officials from awarding any contract or work to any of their family members. "What kind of logic is this?"

Saurabh Bharadwaj (AAP leader) who is a computer engineer, wants to do Central Vista IT work for free. Our Praveen Deshmukh (AAP MLA), who is an MBA, wants to take care of the management of the Prime Minister's Office for free. Will they be given this work?" he asked.

AAP MLA Atishi said as per the law, no KVIC office-bearer can award any contract to any family member.

In another press conference, AAP spokesperson Saurabh Bharadwaj said that Saxena should welcome a probe into accusations against him, as Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia did, and come out clean.

The AAP spokesperson took exception to the L-G's office issuing clarifications on allegations against Saxena through its official Twitter handle and called it "inappropriate".

## BJP MLAs to urge Prez to dismiss Delhi Govt

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi BJP MLAs will meet President Droupadi Murmu on September 6, to demand removal of the AAP Government over a host of issues, including corruption charges against the Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia in the liquor and education scam.

The BJP leader said the ruling party has misused the Delhi Assembly and wasted five days in Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Lieutenant-Governor (L-G) Vinai Kumar Saxena bashing.

Leader of Opposition (LoP) in Delhi Assembly Ramvir Singh Bidhuri said, "Kejriwal is acting like Hitler. The Sheila Dikshit Government called a special session of the Assembly thrice in her 15-year rule."

But Kejriwal has called the session over 10 times in just seven years and used the opportunity to criticize the Centre."

The BJP leader further said that along with the use of abusive language against L-G, the files sent to him are not even signed by the Chief Minister.

"Cabinet notes are sent to them after the Cabinet meeting. In view of all these illegal activities, this Government should be immediately dismissed," he demanded.

The MLAs will meet the President on September 6 and demand dismissal of the AAP Government, the LoP said. He said Delhi Government Minister Satyendar Jain is in jail for more than three months while the CBI has registered an FIR against Sisodia in connection with irregularities in implementation of the Excise Policy.

"The CVC has exposed the education scam of this Government. A DTC scam and Delhi Jal Board scam have also come to the fore. Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal neither took any action against his tainted Ministers, nor removed them from his Cabinet."

The Kejriwal Government is providing full protection to corruption," the LoP alleged. He accused the AAP Government of "indulging in corruption and murdering democracy in Delhi by ignoring all rules and regulations". "That is why, this Government should be dismissed."

## AAP leaders to apprise Prez of BJP's 'Operation Lotus' in Sept 7 meet

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The AAP leaders will meet with the President of India, Droupadi Murmu on September 7 to submit a complaint against the BJP's 'Operation Lotus'.

"I'm happy to share that the Hon'ble President has given time to meet a delegation of @AamAadmiParty MLAs on 7th September. We had sought time to apprise her on 'Operation Lotus' - a serious threat to democracy in India!" Atishi, the AAP MLA from Kalkaji tweeted.

"A delegation of the Aam Aadmi Party MLAs wants to meet her to discuss 'Operation Lotus' - the attempts of BJP to destabilise State Governments across the country. The BJP has bought a whopping 277 MLAs from other parties to topple Governments in various States and form its own," said Atishi.

"BJP is at the helm of affairs at the Centre. It has already toppled Governments in States like Arunachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Goa, Madhya Pradesh. They buy MLAs and



topple the Governments of other parties. Then they form their own Government against the mandate of the people. It is murder of democracy," she claimed.

She also alleged that the BJP tried to buy 40 AAP MLAs. "During the meeting, the party delegation will submit a complaint against the BJP campaign and will also demand an investigation into where they amass such a huge amount of money from," she said.

The AAP had claimed that the saffron party had made attempts to "poach" its MLAs but their attempts were foiled since theirs is a 'hardcore honest' party while the BJP had called for a probe into their allegations.

## 11 'con' TTEs arrested from New Delhi Railway Station

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Eleven unauthorised people were arrested, who were operating as traveling ticket examiners (TTEs) from the New Delhi Railway Station premises, with many of them even carrying forged appointment letters and identity cards. Officials said that the gang operated at the station for 15 days before it was busted by the Railway Protection Force (RPF) on August 30.

"A railway official who was traveling on a Kanpur Shatabdi train happened to come across one such 'TTE', identified as Bhanu Chaurasia, illegally checking tickets. He tipped the commercial department, which in turn probed the case and unearthed the racket," said the Northern Railways.

"With the joint efforts of the RPF and commercial department, a gang involved in running a racket in the name of recruitment in the railways has been busted," the Northern Railways said. The RPF then constituted a crime team, which apprehended 10 other such 'TTEs'. During the investigation, the team found that five of the 11 people had 'appointment letters', which when verified turned out to be forged.

On the basis of an investigation by the Government Railway Police, a case has been registered against five out of the 11 people arrested. They have been booked under Sections 319 and 320 (causing grievous hurt), 468 (forgery for the purpose of cheating), 471 (using a forged document as genuine) of the Indian Penal Code.

An investigation is underway with regards to the six others arrested, they said. Officials said this is perhaps first time in railways that such a "scam" has been reported. The accused were working normally, wearing white shirts and black pants, a usual sight of TTEs on platforms, they said.

## L-G launches sandalwood plantation drive in Qutabgarh



STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena on Friday launched a sandalwood plantation drive in Qutabgarh village with 500 farmers planting 1,000 saplings of the expensive tree on the first day. On July 3, Saxena had instructed officials to plant 10,000 sandalwood trees in Delhi.

During the drive, he expressed the hope that these 1,000 trees, once grown to their full length in the next 10-12 years, will become a financial asset worth Rs 150 crore to the farmers, apart from providing the city with a fragrant green cover.

The LG said experts from Kannauj in Uttar Pradesh had been roped in for training the farmers, who had undertaken the plantation of sandalwood saplings on their plots, in grooming and upkeep of these trees.

The LG also instructed officials from the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) present on the occasion to ensure the maintenance of the rejuvenated ponds.

### PICTALK



Vehicles stuck in a traffic jam on the Akshardham in New Delhi on Friday after the rain

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## Govt shops struggling to meet liquor demand

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Government-run liquor shops, opened on September 1 under the new Excise Policy, are still struggling to meet the demand of the tippers due to the shortage of liquor brands at their shops.

Following the shortage of brands and trucks being unloaded at several vends across the city, many booze lovers are returning back empty-handed, with disappointment on their faces.

A tippler said that there are only cheap brands available and that, too, in a limited quantity, making it impossible to buy these liquor bottles. The old Excise Policy means that the rates of the liquor bottle were again hiked, and all the discounts and schemes were also not available on the purchase. The liquor vend owners were uncertain about the supply of the liquor



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and were sitting ideal as the brands are short, due to which they were unable to meet the demand of the customers. The shelves of the government-run liquor vends were empty also on the second consecutive day, the only brands available were Royal Green, White and Blue, Oak and Glow, etc. A liquor store owner in the east Delhi district said that the supply is min-

imal, the brands are short, and they are not able to meet the demands of the customers. We have set a particular quantity on a per person basis so that most of the customers get the liquor. Ravi Arya, a booze lover said that only cheap brands are available. "I came to buy the carton of Black Dog, but the brand is not available and the alternate brands are also not in stock. They are also selling a particular amount to each customer. I hope the situation soon gets normal in the city," he said.

According to the Director General, Confederation of Indian Alcoholic Beverage Companies Vinod Giri, by end of this month the number of outlets will go up to 500. We expect availability to start settling down over the next couple of weeks. It is another matter if 500-550 outlets are enough to serve a city of this size or not.

## Non-stop sail to Brazil sans refill

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INS Vikrant has been built with 76 per cent indigenous content which includes specialized steel, jointly developed by the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) and the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)

Over 100 Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) and indigenous original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) were involved in the construction of this aircraft carrier, apart from over 500 sub-contractors and ancillary industries. In line with the prevail-

ing practices being followed by other advanced countries having experience of building aircraft carrier, the deck integration trials of fixed-wing aircraft and exploitation of aviation facility complex will be carried out post commissioning of the ship when the operational command and control of the ship including flight safety is with the Navy.

The erstwhile INS Vikrant, which was commissioned into the Indian Navy in 1961, and saw action in both the 1961 Goa liberation War and 1971 Bangladesh Liberation War, was decommissioned in 1997.

**HEAVY TRAFFIC JAM ON ITO STRETCH**  
**New Delhi:** Commuters in parts of central Delhi had a harrowing time on Friday morning navigating through the traffic. Traffic near Shangri-La hotel near the Connaught Place area was also affected and moved at a slow pace. Traffic cops said that a truck broke down on the Outer Ring Road, which caused heavy traffic on the stretch leading towards ITO from Sarai Kale Khan side.

**NOIDA COURT REJECTS BAIL PLEA OF SHRIKANT TYAGI**  
**New Delhi:** The Uttar Pradesh's Gautam Buddha Nagar Court on Friday rejected the bail application of politician Shrikant Tyagi, who was arrested last month after a purported video of him assaulting and abusing a Noida woman had gone viral. The bail plea was rejected by Special Judge (Gangsters Act) Ranvijay Pratap Singh in the District and Sessions Court, Gautam Buddha Nagar, according to the order copy.

**FOOD SAFETY DEPT CHECKS ADULTERATION**  
**New Delhi:** Ahead of the festival season, the Delhi government's food safety department has started taking samples of 'khoya', used in preparing sweets, to check for adulteration, and issuing show cause notices to vendors. Under officer AK Singh, eight teams have started sampling khoya (a milk product) at its auction sites in Mori Gate and Fatehpuri, the food safety department said in a statement.



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# PM launches projects worth ₹3,800 crore in Karnataka

PNS ■ NEW DELHI / MANGALURU (KARNATAKA)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday inaugurated and laid the foundation for a slew of mechanisation and industrialisation projects worth around ₹3,800 crore at Mangaluru, Karnataka.

One of them, worth over ₹280 crore, was for mechanisation of a berth for handling containers and other cargo undertaken by the New Mangalore Port Authority (NMPA).

He laid the foundation of five projects worth around ₹1,000 crore undertaken by the port. The Prime Minister inaugurated two more projects undertaken by Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Limited — BS VI upgradation project and a desalination plant worth ₹1,830 crore and ₹680 crore respectively.

The desalination plant would help reduce dependency on fresh water and ensure regular supply of hydrocarbons and petrochemicals throughout the year, according to an official statement.

Having a capacity of 30 million litres per day (MLD), the plant converts sea-water into water required for refiner-



Prime Minister Narendra Modi during inauguration and foundation laying for mechanisation and industrialisation projects in Mangaluru on Friday

ies, the statement said.

Speaking on the occasion, Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal said the NMPA is working to modernise and mechanise its infrastructure as part of 'Maritime India Vision 2030'. He added that the NMPA is a 100 per cent solar-powered port, which has won several awards for zero emission. Sonowal said Karnataka is a major stakeholder contributing to the success of 'Sagarmala' with 55 projects worth ₹15,000 crore.

In his address, Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said the projects would increase the capacity of

the New Mangalore Port. "A new LPG terminal, bitumen, and edible oil storage centre is coming up. A major development of the State is happening through coastal Karnataka," Bommai said.

He said due to the 'double-engine government', 18 projects were completed under the 'Sagarmala' project, while 14 new projects worth ₹950 crore were sanctioned by the Shipping Ministry for the overall development of coastal Karnataka.

"The businessmen in this region know that the benefits Kerala and Goa had were not available to Karnataka. We fought for 30 years. Because of

Prime Minister Modi's visit to Mangaluru, our CRZ (coastal regulation zone) masterplan has been approved and an order to this effect given, this had been a long-pending demand of Karnataka," Bommai said.

Similarly, the Majali project in Karwar worth ₹350 crore was approved. Bommai thanked Modi for the Fishery Department's nod for deepsea fishing. For the first time, a 40 per cent subsidy is being given by the Centre to purchase 100 high-speed boats for deep sea fishing, he said. The Chief Minister expressed confidence that the projects would help overall development of the region. Meanwhile, in view of Prime Minister Modi's visit to Karnataka to launch and lay the foundation for projects worth ₹3,800 crore, IT industry veteran T V Mohandas Pai appealed to Modi for a corruption-free State. "Thank you Sir! @narendramodi @AmitShah @PNadda. We need the corruption free development oriented govt that you have run in Delhi for India here too! Corrupt officials should be sacked, corrupt politicians sidelined. All projects accelerated, good governance in future!", he tweeted.

# AG declines request to move contempt of court proceedings against Kapil Sibal

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Attorney General KK Venugopal on Friday declined the request of advocate Vineet Jindal to initiate contempt of court proceedings against Rajya Sabha MP and senior advocate Kapil Sibal for his recent statement against Supreme Court judgments.

"Additionally, the statements relating to the critiques of certain judgments by the apex court would fall squarely within the purview of fair comment which is permissible under Sec 5 of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971 itself," said the Attorney General pointing out that Sibal criticized the judgment on PMLA, which was later decided to be reviewed by the apex court.

The AG also cited the unprecedented press conference conducted by four judges of the Supreme Court against the then Chief Justice of India Dipak Misra in 2018. He said that the judges also spoke on the problems in listing.

"Having gone through the entirety of Mr Sibal's speech, I find his criticism of the Court and the judgments was so that the court may take note of the statements in the larger inter-

# SC disposed of 1,293 miscellaneous, 106 regular matters in last 4 days: CJI

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Chief Justice of India U U Lalit on Friday dished out numbers to stress the Supreme Court's endeavour to dispose of as many cases as possible during his tenure.

Speaking at a felicitation function organised by the Bar Council of India, the CJI said the top court has been listing cases for hearing in far more numbers and it has disposed of 1,293 miscellaneous matters and 106 regular hearing matters in the last four days.

He said a total of 440 transfer petitions were also denied of in the last four days.

"I would sincerely strive and do my best to live up to those expectations and to be worthy of standing before you after three months and



getting more flowers from what I got today," Justice Lalit said.

On the warm welcome given to him, the CJI, in a lighter vein, said he would need a truck to carry the flowers and bouquets home. Delivering the welcome address, BCI Chairman and senior advocate Manan Kumar Mishra said the appointment of Justice Lalit as

the 49th CJI is a matter of great pride for all lawyers across the country.

"He has also ensured transparency in the listing of the matters so that lawyers do not face difficulty. Listing of cases was a big problem for Supreme Court lawyers. Today when cases are filed, they are listed for hearing the next day. This is the norm by CJI U U Lalit. He heard 200 mentioning cases yesterday. I was there in the court," he said.

Mishra said the quality of work is important and not the length of tenure. He also informed that on Saturday BCI will hold a joint meeting with all the state bar associations and pass a resolution on increasing the retirement age of judges. Solicitor General Tushar Mehta was also present on the occasion.

ests of the justice delivery system. It does not appear to me that the statements were

intended to scandalize the court or affect the confidence of the conflict in the institu-

tion," said the AG, rejecting consent to initiate contempt proceedings against Sibal.

# Centre's inept handling pushes India's growth back: Cong

PNS ■ New Delhi

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Opposition parties instead of chalking out a roadmap for the 'reset of the economy'.

The Opposition party also asked whether the Government will now go back on its promises of doubling farmers' income by 2022 and making the country a USD 5 trillion economy.

"It is evident now that the BJP government due to its inept handling of the economy, no focus, and cluelessness, is pushing the Indian growth story back," Congress spokesperson Gourav Vallabh said at AICC Press conference.

Citing the GDP growth numbers, he said India has seen a growth of only 3 per cent in the last three years and accused the Govt of "destroying" the Indian economy.

"These are highly worrying numbers, with prospects not looking very bright due to inaction by the Modi government. Even SBI had a downward growth forecast for FY23 from 7.5 per cent to 6.8 per cent," he said, noting that other global banks and rating agencies have

# Pressure mounts on Cong as party leaders press for making public electoral rolls for Prez poll

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Notwithstanding a terse decline from the party on making public the electoral rolls for the Congress president elections, party leaders continued to mount pressure on the organisation seeking the publication of internal electoral rolls.

Assam Lok Sabha MP Pradyut Bordoloi on Friday became the latest to write to the party's central election authority chairman Madhusudan

Mistry asking him to make the electoral rolls public. This even as senior Congress leader Shashi Tharoor reiterated his demand.

Their letters come as voices demanding the publication of the electors' list grow louder by the day and a debate within the party intensifies.

A day earlier party MPs Manish Tewari and Karti Chidambaram along with Tharoor had demanded that electoral rolls be made public to ensure transparency.

followed the same trend. "When does the government now expect India to become a USD 5 Trillion economy? Does it intend to go back on its promise like doubling farmers' income by 2022, pucca houses to all eligible urban households by the year 2022?" he

asked. His remarks came after official data released on Wednesday showed that GDP growth of 13.5 per cent year-on-year compared to a 20.1 per cent expansion a year back and 4.09 per cent growth in the previous three months to March.

# Area under paddy cultivation down by 5.62% due to poor rains

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Ministry of Agriculture's data on Friday showed that area under the paddy cultivation is down by 5.62 per cent at 383.99 lakh hectare in the ongoing kharif season so far due to poor rains in some States. Paddy was sown in 406.89 lakh hectares in the year-ago period.

Paddy is the main kharif crop and its sowing begins with the onset of the southwest monsoon from June and harvesting from October onwards. There was a huge lag in paddy sowing in the states of Jharkhand (9.80 lakh ha), Madhya Pradesh (6.32 lakh ha), West Bengal (4.45 lakh ha), Chhattisgarh (3.91 lakh

ha), Uttar Pradesh (2.61 lakh ha), and Bihar (2.18 lakh ha) so far this kharif season.

The lag in paddy sowing was not significant in states of Odisha (0.84 lakh ha), Andhra Pradesh (0.31 lakh ha), Assam (0.29 lakh ha), Meghalaya (0.21 lakh ha), Punjab (0.12 lakh ha), Jammu and Kashmir (0.05 lakh ha), Mizoram (0.03 lakh ha), Sikkim (0.02 lakh ha) and Tripura (0.01 lakh ha).

The government has set a marginally higher target of 51.8 million tonne (mt) of kharif rice procurement for 2022-23 season (October-September) by the Food Corporation of India (FCI) and state government agencies against the actual procurement in previous year despite the



possibility of drop in output because of lower paddy sowing.

The Centre was able to procure far less winter-sown wheat this year than it had hoped to, as farmers preferred to sell to private traders than to the government because rates had jumped above federally-

determined floor prices on the back of a smaller crop.

Besides paddy, there was marginal decline in coverage of pulses with 129.55 lakh hectare covered so far this kharif season against 135.46 lakh hectare in the year-ago period. Tur/arhar area was down marginally at 44.86 lakh ha as against 47.56 lakh ha, while that of urad acreage was lagging slightly at 36.62 lakh ha as against 38.18 lakh ha in the comparable period.

Oilseeds coverage too was lagging behind as the area coverage was down marginally at 188.51 lakh ha till September 2 of this kharif season as against 189.66 lakh ha in the year-ago period.

However in case of coarse-

cum-nutri cereals, the sowing was slightly up at 178.96 lakh ha as against 171.62 lakh ha in the said period.

Among cash crops, cotton acreage remained up at 125.69 lakh ha, and sugarcane area was slightly higher at 55.65 lakh ha from over the year-ago period. Jute/mesta area remained flat at 6.95 lakh ha so far in the ongoing kharif season, the data showed.

According to the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD), the country has received 6 per cent higher southwest monsoon rains during June-August period. However east and north eastern parts of the country have reported a 19 percent deficient rainfall in the same period.

# 2 Hindustan Copper ex-officials among 5 booked in graft case

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The CBI has registered a case against five officials of Hindustan Copper Limited, including two former CMDs and Executive Director of the public sector undertaking, in case of cheating and graft.

The officials named in the FIR are then CMD Kailash Dhar Diwan and former Executive Director (Materials and Contract) Dilip Kumar Mahajan, General Manager (Projects) Vinay Kumar Singh, then Director (Operation) and former CMD Santosh Sharma and then Assistant General Manager (Industrial Engineering) Vivek Gupta and unknown others.

The case registered under Indian Penal Code (IPC) Sections relating criminal conspiracy and cheating besides relevant provisions of the Prevention of Corruption Act connected to criminal misconduct follows a Preliminary Enquiry about the alleged irregularities and misconduct under the tenure of then CMD Santosh Sharma from 2013 to 2019 in various contracts floated by the PSU at Malankhand (Madhya Pradesh) and Khetri (Rajasthan).

The PE revealed that the then CMD Kailash Dhar Diwan "conspired" with then Director (Operation) Santosh Sharma, then AGM Vivek Gupta and "committed criminal misconduct" by abusing their official position for award of tender of pilot plant at Khetri Copper Complex to STPL Chennai for extracting metals from tailings.

The enquiry further revealed that the desired quantity of metals such as gold, silver and silica could not be recovered from the pilot plant leading to its discontinuation of the plant.



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# Zomato, Swiggy earning at eateries' cost: NRAI

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The National Restaurant Association of India (NRAI) has written an advisory to its members against Zomato Pay and Swiggy Diner discount programmes saying these are against the interest of restaurant owners.

The advisory says "middlemen" Zomato and Swiggy are making money at the cost of restaurants, who sign up for their programmes by making them compulsorily offer discounts and also pay commission fee on every transaction on these platforms. "The fundamental question here is why should a restaurant pay a commission to a middle man to offer a discount to its own customer?" NRAI asked.

# Vaccinated people with earlier Omicron infection have 4 times greater immunity

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Vaccinated people who were infected by the earlier Omicron subvariants have four times greater protection than vaccinated people who were not infected against the new variants like BA.5, according to a study.

It indicates that previous infection in vaccinated people (the so-called hybrid immunity) continues to confer immunity for the variants that are known for their ability to evade the immune response.

"Vaccinated people who were infected by Omicron sub variants BA.1 and BA.2 have a

protection against infection with subvariant BA.5, in circulation since June, about four times greater than vaccinated people who were not infected at any time," said lead author Luis Graca from the University of Lisbon.

"Infections in 2020 and 2021 that occurred through infection with earlier variants of the SARS-CoV-2 virus (ancestral lineage, Alpha and Delta variants) also confer protection against infection for the more recent Omicron variant, although this protection is not as high as that of individuals infected with the BA.1 and BA.2 variants, at the beginning of 2022," Graca added.

# 60-day special leave for mothers who lose newborn

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

All female Central Government employees will be entitled for 60 days special maternity leave in case of death of a child soon after birth, an order issued by the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) said on Friday.

The decision has been taken keeping in view the potential emotional trauma caused due to stillbirth or death of a child soon after birth, which has a far-reaching impact on the mother's life, it said. The DoPT said it has been receiving several references/queries requesting for clarification pertaining to grant of leave/maternity leave

in case of death of a child soon after birth/stillbirth.

"The matter has been considered in consultation with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. Keeping in view the potential emotional trauma caused due to stillbirth or death of a child soon after birth, which has a far-reaching impact on the mother's life, it has now been decided to grant a special maternity leave of 60 days to a female central government servant in case of death of a child soon after birth/stillbirth...." it said in the order.

In case a maternity leave has already been availed by a female central government servant and her leave continues till the date of expiry of child soon after birth/stillbirth, the

maternity leave already availed till death of the child may be converted into any other kind of leave available in her leave account without insisting for a medical certificate and a special maternity leave of 60 days may be granted from the date of expiry of child soon after birth/stillbirth, the DoPT said.

In case the maternity leave has not been availed by a female central government servant, 60 days of special maternity leave may be granted from the date of expiry of child soon after birth/ stillbirth, it said.

The condition for death of a child soon after birth may be defined as up to 28 days after birth, said the order issued to all central government ministries/departments.



# E Palaniswamy back in control of AIADMK

HC quashes order in favour of Panneerselvam

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ CHENNAI

A Division Bench of the Madras High Court on Friday set aside the single Bench order that had quashed the July 11 election of Edappadi Palaniswamy as the interim General Secretary of the AIADMK.

Justices M Duraiswamy and Sundar Mohan set aside the single Bench verdict that had quashed the decisions of the General Council Meeting of the party held on July 11 while disposing of a petition filed by Palaniswamy who had challenged the earlier verdict. The justices said that there was 'no possibility for the petitioner Palaniswamy and the respondent O Panneerselvam to act



jointly'.

The justices pointed out that with the direction by the single Bench judge that there should be no Executive Council Meeting or General Council Meeting without the consent of the Co-Ordinator and the Joint-Coordinator, a situation has arisen where the party as a whole will undergo irreparable hardship, since there was no possibility of the appellant and the first respondent (Panneerselvam) acting jointly to convene a meeting, much less a General Council Meeting

to discuss single leadership. The single Bench's direction only furthers the functional deadlock that was already in existence in the party, said the judges.

The court also held that when majority of the General Council members, who were elected by the primary members, were in favour of convening a general council meeting on July 11 and had also supported the resolution for single leadership made on June 23, the balance of convenience was in favour of the appellant (Palaniswamy).

The justices in their verdict running into 127 pages quoted precedents of similar cases in the past, rulings by the Supreme Court and said that the July 11 general council meeting was in order and was held legally. They also pointed out that the Supreme Court did not accept the demand by Panneerselvam to declare the July 11 General Council meeting as null and void.

# ED grills Abhishek Banerjee for 6 hrs in coal scam

Amit Shah is biggest pappu I have seen, says Didi's nephew

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Moments after emerging from the Central Government office complex, where he was grilled by the Enforcement Directorate for more than six hours in the coal smuggling case, Trinamool Congress national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee on Friday spat fire on Union Home Minister Amit Shah, calling him the real perpetrator of coal and cattle smuggling.

"If a cow is smuggled out of the country and the BSF cannot stop it and if coal is smuggled away from the mines and the CISF that guards it cannot prevent it then it is the controlling authorities of these two forces which are to be blamed ... So both cow and coal scams are the scams of Home Minister Amit Shah whose Ministry controls these forces and no one else,"



Banerjee who was reportedly asked "very uncomfortable questions" by the ED said. Banerjee was twice questioned by the CBI and ED earlier. His sister-in-law, too, has been summoned by the central agency on Monday.

Banerjee's attack on Shah also came hours after the Supreme Court provided him a temporary relief extending on Friday the interim stay on his arrest for another couple of days. The Apex Court directed the ED not to take any strong step against the TMC leader till Monday.

Going all guns blazing against the Home Minister, Banerjee who is also the nephew of Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee said Shah was the "biggest Pappu" he had seen. "The jallads (killers) of Delhi have been defeated in 2021 elections ... so

they are trying to victimise the our leaders knowing well that the TMC is the only thorn in their path ... But they cannot make me bow before them ... I will never surrender before them ... If they can prove that I have embezzled even five paise then I am ready to hang," Banerjee who is also a party MP from Diamond Harbour said adding failing to defeat the Bengal ruling outfit politically "they are trying to arrest BJP me so that they can get an empty goalpost ... But that is not going to happen."

Wondering why ED and CBI were not sent in BJP-ruled States like Gujarat, MP, UP and Assam and why they were only sent to opposition-ruled states the TMC leader who also claimed that Bengal Opposition Leader Suwendu Adhikari had telephonic conversations with fugitive TMC leader and prime accused in the coal scam Vinay Mishra some 6-8 months ago.

"Suwendu Adhikari had held telephonic conversations with Vinay Mishra who has allegedly fled to a foreign country ... I dare Adhikari babu to file a defamation suit against me ... I am ready to furnish the

audio details before the court ... He had a talk with Vinay Mishra some 6-8 months ago when he had assured him of handling his case in India," Banerjee said.

Mishra was the vice president of TMC Yuva, the youth organisation of the party once led by junior Banerjee. The accused has since fled the country and is presently living in Bhaniatu where he is known to have acquired the citizenship after surrendering his Indian

credentials. Adhikari however would not deny Banerjee's charges directly and when asked to comment on allegations brought by him. He however brought counter-allegations linking some foreign accounts to Banerjee's wife.

"First let him answer whether money was transferred to the account of one Ms Rujira Narula in Thailand ... first let him answer this then I will answer other questions," Adhikari said.

## ANOTHER ARREST IN CHIT FUND SCAM ₹80L, gun recovered from TMC leader's house

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ KOLKATA

Bengal witnessed a deficit monsoon this year. Notwithstanding it seems to be raining cash from ruling Trinamool Congress leaders' houses.

There was more embarrassment for the Bengal ruling outfit after the Central Bureau of Investigation on Friday arrested Raju Sahani a middle-rung party leader and the Chairman of the Halisahar municipality in North 24 Parganas in the northern fringes of Kolkata for his alleged involvement in chit fund scam.

More than Rs 80 lakh in cash was recovered from his sprawling Hooghly river-side house, sources said. Counting was going on when reports last came in. A country-made gun was also recovered from his house, sources said.

According to sources the CBI raided his house following reports that he had extracted protection money from the owners of a ponzi company allegedly involved in chit fund business. Like many of TMC leaders Sahni too had bank accounts in Thailand sources said adding records to that effect was recovered from

his house. Sahni's case comes close on the heels of ED recovering Rs 50 crore and jewellery worthy many more crores from the apartments of Arpita Mukherjee a close aide of former Bengal minister Partha Chatterjee who is presently in jail for his alleged involvement in school-level recruitment scam.

Another senior TMC leader and party strongman Anubrata Mondal too was arrested from Birbhum on charges of cow smuggling and the CBI recovered documents of properties worth several hundred crores from his house and those of his close aides.

Reacting to the latest development CPI(M) central committee member Sujan Chakrabarty said "it is a stinking government ... this government will fall under the weight of its corruption ... people will depose them."

Congress leader Adhir Chowdhury said "the TMC had no moral right to continue in power like this ... every department you look into is polluted with corruption."

BJP state president Sukanto Majumdar said "if this continues then one wonders whether this government will last more than six months."

# BSF makes tear gas shell dropping drone for crowd control

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Border Security Force (BSF) has developed a tear gas shell-dropping drone system that can be used by police for controlling protesters and rioters.

The "drone tear smoke launcher" can be used for launching these shells from an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) or drone and it will be a potential force multiplier for the security forces working in the law-and-order management domain, officials said.

The new system was tested recently at its famed Tear Smoke Unit (TSU) in Tekanpur, Madhya Pradesh and this was informed at the annual governing body meeting of the special unit held in Delhi under the chairmanship of BSF Director General (DG) Pankaj Kumar Singh, a BSF spokesperson said.

The TSU was established under the BSF in 1976 and it develops and manufactures anti-riot tear smoke munitions for supply to both Central and State police forces. The BSF is primarily deployed to guard the Indian borders with Pakistan and Bangladesh, besides play-



ing a variety of roles in the country's internal security domains including in the Naxal theatre. A video clip shared by the Force showed at least six tear smoke shells placed tightly in a metal cage fixed under a hexacopter drone. The drone system drops the tear shells from the air at designated spots.

During the meeting, the BSF DG praised the TSU for bringing out a variety of non-lethal munitions for police and security forces as he said "indigenous production of these items has reduced the country's dependence on foreign munitions".

The TSU also produces a variety of other lachrymatory munitions, flash-bang shells, impact munitions and customised products for special operations, the spokesperson added.

## India, Indonesia discuss edu, skill development ties

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan on Friday met his Indonesian counterpart Nadiem Anwar Makarim and discussed areas of mutual interest in education and skilling.

Pradhan, who is on a visit to Bali to attend G20 Education Ministers' meeting, also met Anne Aly MP, Minister for Early Childhood Education and Minister of Youth, Australia.

"The Ministers had fruitful discussions on expanding academic and skill development partnerships and also realising the full potential of Comprehensive Strategic Partnership between Indonesia and India.

Both the leaders explored opportunities for collaborations in education and skilling, especially in the areas of curriculum design, student exchange and research," the Ministry of Education (MoE) said in a statement.

"Pradhan also held a bilateral meeting with Anne Aly MP, Minister for Early Childhood Education and Minister of Youth, Australia. They had productive conversations towards deepening ties in the field of early childhood and school education between both the countries," it added.

# Maha Cong denies reports of Chavan-Fadnavis meeting

T N RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Amid speculation in a section of the media that certain of its MLAs were "in touch" with the ruling BJP leaders in the State, Maharashtra Congress on Friday vehemently dismissed as "false, mischievous and misleading" the speculation that former Chief Minister and its senior party leader Ashok Chavan had a secret meeting with Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis.

While both Chavan and Fadnavis dismissed the speculation that a meeting had taken

place between them, Congress' Legislature Party leader Balasaheb Thorat slammed a section of the media that was speculating about Chavan's meeting with the deputy chief minister.

In a statement issued here in the evening, Thorat said: "Reports in the media regarding my colleague and senior congress leader @AshokChavanINC are false, mischievous and misleading in nature. Ashokaraoji is actively planning the Bharat Jodo Yatra in the state. Together we are determined to strengthen the Congress in Maharashtra."

Newspapers and electronic media are expected to report responsibly in matters relating to our senior leader like Ashok Chavan, but in the last few days there has been an attempt to deliberately create confusion carrying false news about Chavan and the Congress party.

We request the media to stop this," Thoat said. On his part, Fadnavis also denied that he had met Chavan. "I happened to bump into him at a Ganapati festival function. When I reached a Ganapati festival function, I saw Chavan leaving the venue.

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Form of the Application are available at the Reception of the VIPS and duly filled form shall be submitted at the Reception on or before 22/08/2022 up to 4.00 PM.  
1. The admission under the quota of the Management is purely in accordance with the merit of the candidates in their qualifying examination. They shall also be qualified in the relevant CET/CIAT/NI/CET.  
2. Reservations as per the rules will be observed.  
3. The admissions made under this quota of the Management shall be subject to and in accordance with the provisions of Delhi Professional Colleges or Institutions (Prohibitions of Capitation fee, Regulations of Admissions, fixation of non-exploitative fee and other Measures to ensure Equity and Excellence) Act 2007 (Delhi Act 9 of 2007) Govt. of NCT Delhi and GGSIIP University No. GGSIIP/InCharge (Admission)/2022/87 dt. 01/08/2022.  
4. The fee structure for the course will be the same as that of the other students.  
5. The candidates may refer University Brochure 2022-23 and also may visit the website of the Institution.  
6. Any kind of communication regarding Management Quota Seats sent via E-mail/Post/Fax will neither be entertained nor binding on the Institute.  
Principal

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**ICICI Bank**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE - TENDER CUM E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET**  
[See proviso to rule 8(6)]  
**Notice for sale of immovable assets**  
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immoveable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.  
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **physical possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Limited will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis as per the brief particulars given hereunder:  

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of E-Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Mr. Prabhat Arora (Borrower), Mr. Sudesh Lal Arora (Co-Borrower) LBDEL00004132477, LBDEL00004966577, LBDEL00005121577	Shop no. G-52, Ground Floor, Plot No. 9-B and 9-C, Cross River Mall, Shahdara, Delhi-110032. Area: 738 Sq. Ft.	Rs. 1,14,93,473.05, as on 29th Aug 2022	Rs. 1,17,70,000/-	Sept 12, 2022 from 11 AM to 12 Noon	Sept 26, 2022 from 11 AM to 12 Noon

  
The online auction will take place on the website of e-auction agency **M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited (URL Link-<https://disposalhub.com>)**. The Mortgagors/ noticee are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till **September 23, 2022 before 05:00 P.M** failing which, this/these secured asset/s will be sold as per schedule.  
The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at **ICICI Bank Limited, Plot No 23, Shal Tower 3rd Floor, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh Delhi-110005** on or before **September 23, 2022 before 05:00 P.M** and thereafter they need to submit their offer through the above mentioned website only on or before **September 23, 2022 before 05:00 P.M** along with scan image of Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. Kindly note, in case prospective bidder(s) are unable to submit their offer through the website then signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at **ICICI Bank Limited, Plot No 23, Shal Tower 3rd Floor, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh Delhi-110005** on or before **September 23, 2022 before 05:00 P.M**. Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalised/ Scheduled Bank in favour of "ICICI Bank Limited" payable at Delhi.  
For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the e-auction or submission of tenders, kindly contact **ICICI Bank Limited on 9372730494/7304914763**.  
Please note that Marketing agencies 1. **M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited** 2. **Augeo Asset Management Pvt Ltd** have also been engaged for facilitating the sale of this property.  
The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons.  
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit [www.icicibank.com/n4p4s](http://www.icicibank.com/n4p4s)  
**Date : September 03, 2022**  
**Place : Delhi**  
**Authorized Officer**  
**ICICI Bank Limited**

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1.	Doordevices India Pvt Ltd (Borrower), Ankur Khanna (Co-Borrower) Dalip Kumar Tandon (Co-Borrower) LBNO00003160455 LBNO00002976426	Property No. 1A/40, Block H, Sector-63, Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh. Area 2153 Sq.Ft	Rs 2,06,88,661.54/- as on August 29, 2022	Rs. 9,24,35,000/-	September 20, 2022, From 11:00 AM To 02:00 PM	October 10, 2022, From 11:00 AM Onwards

  
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INDIA MUST DEVELOP A NARRATIVE FOR WORLD

India's G20 presidency may focus on solving global issues



KUMARDEEP BANERJEE

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar delivered a lecture on ‘Asian Century’ at the launch of Asia Society Policy Institute in New Delhi this week. He outlined the concern regarding “rising but divided” Asia and emphasised the need for China and India to come together for the emergence of Asian century. Towards the end, in what almost seemed like the guiding principle of India’s foreign policy, he said that “India espouses a cooperative, inclusive, and consultative approach to international relations. We believe that multipolarity, rebalancing, fairer globalization and reformed multilateralism are all advanced by the progress of Asia.”

There were several direct and indirect references to China with an emphasis on respecting “territorial integrity, sovereignty, agreements and judgments”, which should reflect “broad-based agendas” rather than “national objectives”. Clearly, India has been trying to push for a multi-polar world order at all forums, especially with China making life difficult in mountains and deep oceans along the country’s borders.



India is also moving on to taking the G20 presidency for a year, beginning December 2022 when India will continue being chair of the United Nations Security Council. This unique opportunity puts India in an envious position to steer the narrative on future global order.

India must develop a narrative for the world which is agile to the changing geopolitical dynamics as well as rooted in maintaining the values and sanctity of these multilateral forums. The G20 agenda setting has to with direct engagement with Indonesia and Brazil, the outgoing and future presidency for G20. The three nations, two from Asia and one from South America, are generally grouped together as global swing states which have a significant say in the emerging world order. India will have to pare its G20 agenda with the fall out of the Ukraine war, leading to severe fractures in world order.

It is now an accepted reality that the US and Russian relations are not going to get mended any time soon. China and Russia have grown more intimate in their “no threshold friendship” primarily due to economic factors. Russia will continue to be dependent on China, primarily due to the vocal support it has received from the dragon in almost all multilateral forums. The war has ensured a sharp rise in global energy prices, leading to many of India’s neighbours such as Sri Lanka, Pakistan and Bangladesh staring at severe economic crises. Add to the fact that Russia and Ukraine account for nearly 30 per cent of global wheat exports, and nearly 50 per cent of sunflower seeds and oil.

The war has ensured restrictions being put on Russia to export its wheat to the global markets and Ukraine farmers being crippled by Russian shelling are unable to send their produce abroad. This leads to a food-grain crisis, export restrictions and ultimately high food bills for millions across the globe. This comes at a time when the world has just started recovering from one of the worst crises of human history in a century, Covid. Meanwhile, the impacts of climate change in India and India’s neighbourhood are blaring alarms, with one third of Pakistan under water, and at least seven Agri intensive states of India facing droughts. Europe witnessed one of the harshest summers this year, bringing the doomsday predictions regarding climate change closer home.

It is against this backdrop of war, famine, drought, and messy geopolitical order that India will take over the G20 presidency. Indonesia had three broad agendas—global health, digital transformation, and sustainable energy transition—as priority areas during its presidency. It is not extremely divergent from India’s stated targets at multilateral forums. It can always tweak the priority areas to make them more relevant for the evolving geopolitical order.

*(The author is a foreign policy commentator)*

Towering corruption:  
Time to punish guilty

Emerald Court residents fought a battle against Supertech; now onus is on the Government to fix the accountability



The twin towers built by Supertech Ltd. in Noida and termed by some news channels as “Towers of Corruption” were finally demolished on Sunday. The UP government has proposed action against officers of the New Okhla Industrial Development Authority (NOIDA) employees and the builders, including the architect involved, as the collusion between the development authority and realty company has been proved in the construction of the twin towers in violation of the law. The government had set up a four-member special investigation team in September 2021 under the chairmanship of the commissioner of infrastructure and industrial development to fix the responsibility of officials of the NOIDA and Supertech builders after the Supreme Court observed that there was collusion between the two in the illegal construction of the twin towers. Based on the committee’s report, action has been initiated against 26 people, including the officers and employees involved in the case, the directors of Supertech Limited, and their architects.

An FIR was lodged by NOIDA in Vigilance Establishment in October 2021, against the officials of the development authority, the directors of Supertech Limited and the architect involved in the case. In addition, a case was also filed by the NOIDA in the district court at Gautam Buddha Nagar for prosecution against the development authority’s personnel and M/s Supertech Limited.

Apart from the government officers, the list also contains the names of four directors and architects of Supertech Limited. The list includes the names of following officials: Mohinder Singh, CEO, New Okhla Industrial Development Authority (retired); SK Dwivedi, CEO, NOIDA (retired); RP Arora, Additional CEO of the development authority (retired); Yashpal Singh, Officer on Special Duty, NOIDA (retired); Saif Mairajuddin, Planning Assistant, NOIDA (retired); Rituraj Vyas, Associate Town Planner (currently General Manager in-charge of Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority); SK Mishra, Town Planner, NOIDA (retired); Rajpal Kaushik, Senior Town Planner, NOIDA (retired); Tribhuvan Singh, Chief Architect Planner, NOIDA (retired); Shailendra, Deputy General Manager, Group Housing (retired); Baburam, Project Engineer (retired); TN Patel, Planning Assistant, (retired); VA Devapujari, Chief Architect Planner, (retired); Anita, Planning Assistant (presently in UP State Industrial Development Authority); NK Kapoor, Associate Architect (retired.); Mukesh Goyal, Planning Assistant (currently working in GLDA on the post of Manager Planning); Praveen Srivastava, Assistant Architect (retired); Gyanchand, Law Officer (retired); Rajesh Kumar, Legal



UNDER THE NEW AMENDMENT, THE FLOOR AREA RATIO FOR TOWERS NUMBERS 16 AND 17 WAS INCREASED. UNDER THE NEW CHANGES, PERMISSION WAS GIVEN TO INCREASE THE HEIGHT OF BOTH TOWERS TO 40 STOREYS

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Adviser (retired); DP Bhardwaj, Planning Assistant; Vimla Singh, Assistant Town Planner; Vipin Gaur, General Manager (retired); MC Tyagi, Project Engineer (retired); KK Pandey, Chief Project Engineer; PN Batham, Additional Chief Executive Officer; and AC Singh, Controller of Finance (retired).

Directors and architects of Supertech Ltd who are likely to face the axe include RK Arora, (director), Sangeeta Arora, (director), Anil Sharma, (director) and Deepak Mehta (associate architect), Navdeep (interior designer).

The construction of the twin towers in Sector 93A of Noida began in 2004. At that time, Mohinder Singh was posted as CEO in NOIDA. The list includes the names of Singh and the five CEOs appointed after him. During their tenures, approval was given to build or increase the height of the towers.

**TOWERS OF CORRUPTION**

Why were the twin towers demolished? The saga of corruption started in 2004, about 18 years ago. The NOIDA allotted plot number 4 of group housing scheme in Sector 93A to the Emerald Court on November 23, 2004. This was to be built by the Supertech builders. The group housing society submitted a proposal for construction of 14 towers to the New Okhla Industrial Development Authority. The Authority passed the proposal of G+9, i.e., nine storeys with a ground floor, for all the 14 towers.

After almost two years, on

November 26, 2006, the development authority made the first amendment to the map of the group housing societies. The builder was given permission to build two more floors. Thus, permission was given for all 14 towers to construct 11 floors instead of nine. In the meantime, the development authority also gave permission for the construction of two more towers -- called tower 15 and tower 16. The builder was also given permission to construct 11-storey buildings. The height of the tower was fixed at 37 metres. There were constant changes in the construction plan of the towers. In this sequence, on November 26, 2009, the map of Tower No. 17 of the Group Housing Society was passed.

The map of tower number 16 was amended. According to the new map, the construction of 24 storeys was allowed in towers number 16 and 17. Now its height was fixed at 73 metres. The matter did not stop here. The third revision of the tower map was made on March 2, 2012. Under the new amendment, the floor area ratio for towers numbers 16 and 17 was increased. Under the new changes, permission was given to construct 40 storeys in both the towers

**THE EXPOSURE**

The corruption was exposed after the members of the resident welfare association raised questions about these constructions. For the first time in 2012, the residents of the society approached the court. The builder had sold the

flats to them promising green areas around them, instead, twin towers were erected there. Udaybhan Singh Teotia along with SK Sharma, Ravi Bajaj and MK Jain won the long legal battle. One of this quartet – Jain — died of COVID-19 recently. Udaybhan Teotia, president of Emerald Court Residents Welfare Association led the battle which started in High Court and ended in the Supreme Court.

Bhan claimed that initially, the builder did not even give the building plan. Before going to the court, he wrote a letter to all the authorities, including the then UPOI Urban Development Minister Mohammad Azam Khan. Slowly the fight was reduced to a fight between residents and the builder. A legal committee was formed in the society to fight the battle against the builder. There were about 40 people in this committee. They fought this case by collecting donations from society. Initially, they asked for donations of Rs 500 rupees, then ₹3,000, and lastly ₹17,000.

**LOSS OF SUPERTECH**

The cost of a 3 BHK flat in the Supertech Emerald Court project was said to be around Rs 1.13 crore. There were about 915 flats in both towers, which would have earned the company around ₹ 1,200 crore. Out of the total 915 flats, around 633 were booked and the company collected around ₹180 crore from the buyers. Now the company has been asked to return the money of these people with a 12 per cent rate of interest.

POINT COUNTERPOINT

THE CURRENT (UNION) GOVERNMENT IS THE MOST CORRUPT GOVERNMENT OF ALL TIME... YOU (MODI) ARE FOOLING THE PEOPLE. —DELHI CHIEF MINISTER ARVIND KEJRIWAL



KEJRIWAL HAS YET TO ANSWER OUR QUESTIONS ON THE EXCISE POLICY. IF YOU'RE HONEST, SAY THIS IN COURT.. — BJP PRESIDENT JP NADDA

Capture economy on prowl as corporate profits rise

Corporations worldwide have clocked record profits, but the gains have not been shared with employees or customers

The high inflationary trend that has gripped India is stated to be a global phenomenon of corporate adventure to maximize profits by controlling political systems even in times of economic distress. The western inflation trends have severely impacted the Indian economy, forcing the Narendra Modi government to squeeze expenditure, the RBI increasing interest rates, plummeting rupee and the society compromising on lifestyle spending. Studies in the US and UK are concerned about the corporate ingress into the governance structure in different countries. Studies in the US are specific that the corporations are raising prices, having more profits and transferring costs to consumers. Indian



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inflation has risen to 6.82 per cent in July from 6.43 per cent in June and 3.92 per cent a year back. As per the wholesale index, it is at 13.93 per cent. Primary articles cost 15.04 per cent more, food 9.41 per cent, manufactured products 8.16 per cent and fuel and power 43.75 per cent. But the International Monetary Fund puts India’s growth at 7.4 per, faster than the rest of the world though some others show lower figures.

In the US, inflation remains at 8.7 per cent, a bit lower than the highest reached in 40 years at 9.1 per cent. Inflation in Britain is at the highest level since 1982. At the August weekend, the UK hiked electricity and gas bills by 80 per cent, in a dramatic

worsening of the cost-of-living crisis. Overall consumer inflation is at 10.1 per cent. It may head for a negative growth next year, the Citibank predicts, and prices are likely to rise by 18 per cent.

In contrast, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das says that the apex bank is moving towards the four per cent inflation target in a steady manner, without much growth sacrifice. After hitting its peak in April 2022, Das expects retail inflation to ease to four per cent by 2023-24. Assuming crude oil prices at \$105 per barrel, the RBI Governor stated that current account deficit (CAD) will be manageable and financing will be done in a reasonably comfortable manner in 2022-23. Real gross

domestic product (GDP) growth projection as per the August MPC is fixed at 5.4 per cent though overall growth rate forecast remains unchanged at 7.2 per cent.

It looks brighter but the way the corporate are raising prices and maintaining a profit trend that may hurt the people world over and Indian government in particular rushing through many infra projects. Rising prices has become a global trend for various reasons, including the Russia-Ukraine war that has changed lifestyles on both sides of Europe.

In 2021, the US companies logged their most profitable year since the 1950s, as many took advantage of economies of scale and other more efficient production processes. Yet,

firms increasingly held on to the savings they gained from these reduced costs, rather than passing them on to customers in the form of lower prices, according to Alexander J Mackay. He says that between 2006 and 2019 the difference between prices charged and the marginal cost incurred by a company climbed about 25 per cent. The new US commerce department data show corporate earnings jumped 35 per cent in 2021, while workers got an 11 per cent jump.

In 2017, Senator Sheldon Whitehouse noted that America faces a crisis of corporate capture of democratic government, where the economic power of corporations has been translated into political power with disastrous effects for people’s lives. He

warns that “corporations of vast wealth and remorseless staying power have moved into our politics to seize for themselves advantages that can be seized only by control over government” through what he calls, the “immense pressure deployed by the corporate sector in our government”.

Corporate interests can vastly outspend labor or public interest groups in the US elections, he said. In 2014, business interests spent \$1.1 billion on state candidates and committees compared to the \$ 215 million that labour groups spent. That same year, business political action committees (PACs), spent nearly \$380 million in federal elections, while labour union PACs gave close to \$60 mil-

lion. In 2016, it is estimated that \$1 out of every \$8 went to super PACs. They from corporate sources raised \$1.8 billion for the 2016 elections. He found that \$800 million of political spending were from obscure donors.

Mackay apprehends that large political contributions will prevent Congress from tackling the important issues facing Americans today, like the economic crisis, rising energy costs, reforming health care, and global warming. A World Bank publication “Seize the State, Seize the Day” says some firms in transition economies have been able to shape the rules of the game to their own advantage, at considerable social cost, creating what it calls a “capture economy”.



# FIGHTING GOES ON NEAR UKRAINE NUCLEAR PLANT; IAEA ON SITE



AP ■ ZAPORIZHZHIA (UKRAINE)

Heavy fighting continued Friday near Europe's largest nuclear power plant in a Russian-controlled area of eastern Ukraine, a day after experts from the U.N.'s nuclear watchdog agency voiced concerns about structural damage to the sprawling Zaporizhzhia site.

Britain's Defense Ministry says shelling continued in the district where the Zaporizhzhia power plant sits. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's office said Russian shelling damaged houses, gas pipelines and other infrastructure in the Nikopol region on the other bank of the Dnieper River.

The team of inspectors from the International Atomic Energy Agency, braving gunfire and artillery blasts along their route, crossed the frontlines to reach the Zaporizhzhia plant on Thursday in a mission to help safeguard the plant against catastrophe. Fighting Thursday prompted the shutdown of one reactor — underscoring the urgency of their task.

The 14-member delegation

arrived in a convoy of SUVs and vans after months of negotiations to enable the experts to pass through the front lines. Speaking to reporters after leaving colleagues inside, IAEA director Rafael Grossi, said the agency was “not moving” from the plant from now on, and vowed Thursday a “continued presence” of agency experts.

Grossi said it was “obvious that the plant and the physical integrity of the plant has been violated several times” — but couldn't assess whether by chance or on purpose. “I will continue to be worried about the plant until we have a situation which is more stable,” he said.

Grossi said IAEA experts toured the entire site, including control rooms, emergency systems and diesel generators, and met with the plant's staff.

The plant has been occupied by Russian forces but run by Ukrainian engineers since the early days of the 6-month war. Ukraine alleges Russia is using it as a shield to launch attacks, while Moscow accuses Ukraine of recklessly firing on the area.

Before the IAEA team

arrived, Energoatom, Ukraine's state nuclear power company, said 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.

IAEA announced plans for a news conference later Friday from its headquarters in Vienna to discuss the mission.

Energoatom on Friday accused Russian forces of “making every effort” to prevent the IAEA mission from getting to know the facts on the ground. On Thursday, Russian Foreign Ministry Sergey Lavrov said Russia was making sure that the plant was secure and safe, and that mission “accomplishes all of its plans there.”

Elsewhere in Ukraine on Friday, Zelenskyy's office said four people were killed and 10 injured over the last day in the eastern Donetsk region, a key hub of the Russian invasion, and reported rocket attacks on Sloviansk that destroyed a kindergarten. It said heavy fighting continues in two districts of the Kherson region to the south.

# G7 to urgently implement price cap on Russian oil imports

AFP ■ GERMANY

G7 industrialised powers vowed Friday to “urgently” move towards implementing a price cap on Russian oil imports in a bid to cut a major source of funding for Moscow's war in Ukraine.

The G7 said it was working towards a “broad coalition” of support for the measure but officials in France urged caution, saying a “final” decision could only be taken once all 27 members of the European Union had given their assent.

Households on the continent have borne the brunt of rising energy prices, with governments under pressure to alleviate the pain of the resulting high inflation.

“Russia is benefitting economically from the uncertainty



on energy markets caused by the war and is making big profits from the export of oil and we want to counter that decisively,” German Finance Minister Christian Lindner said in a press conference after the move was announced. The aim of the price cap on oil exports was to “stop an important source of financing for the war of aggression and contain the rise in global energy prices”, he added.

Ahead of Friday's decision, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov sounded a clear warning.

## White House seeks \$13.7 bn more for Ukraine

AP ■ WASHINGTON

President Joe Biden is asking Congress to provide USD 13.7 billion in emergency dollars for Ukraine as US aid to the war-torn country is running out.

The request, which comes as lawmakers are preparing to return to Washington, is part of a larger USD 47.1 billion emergency spending package the White House is proposing to pay for the COVID-19 response, the ongoing monkeypox outbreak and help for recent natural disasters in Kentucky and other states. Congress will have to extend current financing for federal agencies before it runs out on September 30.

The money for Ukraine would be on top of USD 40 billion that was approved earlier this year.

## Ship carrying Ukrainian corn briefly stranded in Istanbul

AP ■ ISTANBUL

A cargo ship carrying tons of grain from Ukraine was stranded in Istanbul's Bosphorus and had to be rescued early Friday.

Turkey's Directorate General of Coastal Safety tweeted that the 173-metre cargo ship was stuck off the coast of the scenic Bebek neighbourhood late Thursday because of a rudder malfunction.

The busy strait was closed to traffic for the rescue by coastal safety boats. The Panama-flagged Lady Zehma was towed and the strait reopened.

The cargo ship had departed the Ukrainian port of Chornomorsk under the deal brokered by the United Nations

The adoption of a price cap “will lead to a significant destabilisation of the oil markets,” he said. Moscow would “simply not supply oil and petroleum products to companies or states that impose restrictions,” Russia's Deputy Prime Minister Alexander Novak had warned on Thursday, according to Russian news agencies.

“Interference in the market mechanisms of such an important industry ... will only destabilise the oil industry, the oil market. And for this, European and American consumers will be the first to pay,” he said.

At a summit in June, the G7 leaders agreed to work towards implementing the ceiling on crude sales.

In their statement, finance ministers from the G7 said they would “urgently work on the

finalisation and implementation” of the long-considered measure, without specifying the cap level.

The price cap was “one of the most powerful tools we have to fight inflation and protect workers and businesses in the United States”, US Secretary of the Treasury Janet Yellen said in a statement Friday.

However, the French finance ministry said technical work on the price cap was still “in progress”. “It is clear that no final decision can be taken until we have consulted and obtained unanimous support from all 27 member states of the European Union,” it said.

“We support all measures that reduce the income that Russia derives from the sale of oil,” French Finance Minister Bruno Le Maire added.

## Argentine Prez says man tried to shoot VP



AP ■ BUENOS AIRES (ARGENTINA)

A man has been detained after he aimed a handgun at Argentina's politically powerful Vice President Cristina Fernández, and President Alberto Fernández said the assassination attempt failed because the gun did not fire.

“A man (Thursday night) pointed a firearm at her head and pulled the trigger,” the president said in a national broadcast.

He called it “the most serious incident since we recovered democracy” in 1983 and urged political leaders, and society at large, to repudiate the incident.

Supporters of the vice president have been gathering in the streets surrounding her home since last week, when a prosecutor called for a 12-year sentence for Fernández as well as a life-long prohibition in holding public office as part of a case involving alleged corruption in public works during her 2007-2015 presidency.

Fernández, who is not related to the current president, has denied all charges.

The president spoke shortly after video from the scene broadcast on local television channels showed Fernández exiting her vehicle surrounded by supporters outside her home when a man could be seen extending his hand with what looked like a pistol.

The vice president ducked as supporters surrounding the person appeared shocked at what was happening amid the commotion in the Recoleta neighbourhood of Argentina's capital.

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2 Approx. Cost of work.	Rs. 17269863.67	
3 Earnest Money Deposit	Rs. 236400/-	
4 E-Tender Bid Online submission period	15.09.2022	
5 E-Tender Bid Submission End Date & E-Tender Open Date & Time	29.09.2022 (15:00 hrs.)	
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#### NOTICE OF 39TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND REMOTE E-VOTING & BOOK-CLOSURE INFORMATION

Notice is hereby given that 39<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting ("AGM") of the members of Pasupati Acrylon Limited ("the Company") will be held on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2022 at 10:30 A.M. at the Registered Office of the Company at Kashipur Road, Village Thakurdwara, Distt. Moradabad (U.P.) – 244601 to transact the businesses as set out in the notice of 39<sup>th</sup> AGM.

Pursuant to Section 91 of the Companies Act, 2013, the Register of Members and Share Transfer books of the Company will remain closed from Friday, September 23, 2022 to Thursday, September 29, 2022 (both days inclusive) for the purpose of 39<sup>th</sup> AGM.

In accordance with, the General Circular No. 20/2020 dated 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2020 issued by Ministry of Corporate Affairs and Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD2/CIR/P/2022/ 62 dated 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 issued by SEBI, Notice of 39<sup>th</sup> AGM and Annual Report for the financial year 2021-22 have been sent through emails to all those members, whose email addresses are registered with the Company/ RTA or their respective Depository Participant. The dispatch of 39<sup>th</sup> AGM Notice and Annual Report through email has been completed on 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2022.

In terms of Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with rules made thereunder and Regulation 44 of SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015, the Company is providing remote e-voting facility to its Members enabling them to cast their vote electronically on the businesses to be transacted at 39<sup>th</sup> AGM, through e-voting services provided by National Securities Depository Limited.

#### Members may note that :

- The resolutions set out in the Notice of 39<sup>th</sup> AGM may be transacted through voting by electronic means.
- Remote E-voting shall commences on Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2022 at 10:00 A.M. and ends on Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2022 at 5:00 P.M.
- Cut-off date for determining the eligibility to vote by electronic means or in the 39<sup>th</sup> AGM shall be 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2022.
- Any person who becomes member of the company after sending of AGM Notice and holding shares as on cut-off date may obtain the login ID and password by sending a request at [evoting@nsdl.co.in](mailto:evoting@nsdl.co.in).
- Remote e-voting shall not be allowed beyond 5:00 P.M on 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2022.
- The members attending the 39<sup>th</sup> AGM, who have not cast their vote by remote e-voting, shall be able to exercise their right to vote at the 39<sup>th</sup> AGM through ballot paper.
- A member may participate in the AGM even after exercising his right to vote through remote e-voting but shall not be allowed to vote again in the AGM.
- A person whose name is recorded in the Register of Members or in the Register of Beneficial Owners maintained by the depositories as on the cut-off date only shall be entitled to avail the remote e-voting facility as well as voting in the AGM.
- Annual Report and Notice of 39<sup>th</sup> AGM is available on the Company's website [www.pasupatiacrylon.com](http://www.pasupatiacrylon.com) and NSDL's website [www.evoting.nsdl.com](http://www.evoting.nsdl.com).

In case of any query/ grievance connected with remote e-voting, please write an e-mail to [evoting@nsdl.co.in](mailto:evoting@nsdl.co.in) or [helpdeskreply@mcsregistrars.com](mailto:helpdeskreply@mcsregistrars.com) or contact Mr. Bharat Kapoor, Company Secretary, email id: [palsecretarial@gmail.com](mailto:palsecretarial@gmail.com); Phone : 11-47627400; Address : M – 14, Middle Circle, Connaught Place, New Delhi - 110001

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	COMPANY SECRETARY
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AP ■ WASHINGTON

US President Joe Biden will meet with South African President Cyril Ramaphosa this month, the White House announced on Thursday, as the administration looks to draw African nations closer to the US at a time when South Africa and many of its neighbours have staked out neutral ground on Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Announcement of the September 16 visit comes on the heels of US Secretary of State Antony Blinken's visit to South Africa last month, in which he said the Biden administration sees Africa's 54 nations as “equal partners” in tackling global problems.

But the administration has been disappointed that South Africa and much of the continent have declined to follow the US in condemning the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

South Africa abstained in a United

Nations vote to condemn Russia's action, and Ramaphosa has avoided any criticism of Russia and instead has called for a mediated peace.

Biden and Ramaphosa, who spoke by phone in April, are expected to focus their talks on trade and investment, infrastructure, climate and energy, public health and South Africa's leading role on the continent, officials said.

“The two Presidents will reaffirm the importance of our enduring partnership, and discuss our work together to address regional and global challenges,” White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said in a statement announcing this month's meeting.

Biden also plans to host a US-Africa leaders summit in December.

During the Blinken visit, Foreign Minister Naledi Pandor maintained South Africa's neutrality on the Ukraine war. In a press briefing following the meeting, Pandor accused the US and

## Ex-president Gotabaya to return to Lanka today, say official sources

PTI ■ COLOMBO

Former Sri Lankan president Gotabaya Rajapaksa will return to the country from Thailand in the early hours of Saturday, official sources confirmed on Friday, nearly two months after he fled the country following an uprising against his government over the island nation's worst-ever economic crisis.

Rajapaksa, 73, fled the country on July 13 after months-long mass public demonstrations demanding his immediate resignation on July 9 gained momentum after protesters stormed the President's House in Colombo and several other state buildings in the capital.

Rajapaksa is to return to Sri Lanka in the early hours of tomorrow, official sources here said.

His flight details are not known yet, sources said. It was not clear if he would be returning to his private house in the Colombo eastern suburb of Mirihana.

As a former president, Rajapaksa is entitled to a government house and other privileges.

Rajapaksa fled Sri Lanka to the Maldives on a Sri Lanka Airforce plane and then proceeded to Singapore, from where he sent in his resignation on July 14.

Later, he flew to Thailand,



seeking temporary shelter. Thailand's foreign minister Don Pramudwinai has said that Rajapaksa can stay in the country for 90 days because he is still a diplomatic passport holder.

However, Rajapaksa was not allowed to engage in political activities in Thailand. He is also reportedly confined to a hotel and surrounded by security personnel.

After Rajapaksa was ousted, Sri Lanka's parliament elected then-Acting President and six-time former Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe as the new Head of State. He had the backing of Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP), the largest bloc in the 225-member parliament.

Media reports say President Wickremesinghe has made arrangements for his return after the SLPP led by the Rajapaksas requested him.

## China could use US oil to support Russian invasion of Ukraine: GOP

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

A group of GOP lawmakers has expressed concerns that US oil to Unipet America, a company operated by the Chinese Communist Party, could be used by China to support Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

To ensure the Biden administration is properly managing the sale of critical assets, the lawmakers are once again calling on Department of Energy (DOE) Secretary Jennifer Granholm to provide an immediate briefing and all documents and communications related to the SPR sale.

“We are continuing oversight of the US Department of Energy's depletion of oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR). According to DOE, the Biden administration recently sold almost a million barrels of SPR oil to Unipet America, a subsidiary of Sinopec, a company owned by the Chinese Communist Party,” said House Committee on Oversight and Reform Ranking Member James Comer and Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Ranking Member Nancy Mace.



## Iran briefly seizes 2 US sea drones in Red Sea amid tensions

AP ■ DUBAI

Iran said Friday its navy seized two American sea drones in the Red Sea before letting them go, the latest maritime incident involving the US Navy's new drone fleet in the Mideast.

Cmdr Timothy Hawkins, a spokesman for the Navy's Mideast-based 5th Fleet, acknowledged the incident on Friday to The Associated Press but declined to immediately elaborate.

Iranian state television aired footage it said came from the deck of the Iranian navy's Jamaran destroyer, where life-jacket-wearing sailors examined what appeared to be two Sallidrone Explorers. They tossed one overboard as another warship could be seen in the

distance.

State TV said the Iranian navy found “several unmanned spying vessels abandoned in the international maritime routes” on Thursday.

“After two warnings to an American destroyer to prevent possible incidents, Jamaran seized the two vessels,” state TV said. “After securing the international shipping waterway, the Naval Squadron No. 84 released the vessels in a safe area.”

This marks the second such incident in recent days as negotiations over Tehran's nuclear deal with world powers hang in the balance. The earlier incident involved Iran's paramilitary Revolutionary Guard, not its regular navy, and occurred in the Persian Gulf.



# Pro-Taliban cleric among 18 killed in Af mosque blast



AP ■ HERAT (AFGHANISTAN)

An explosion tore through a crowded mosque in western Afghanistan on Friday, killing at least 18 people, including a prominent cleric close to the Taliban, Taliban officials and a local medic said. At least 21 people were hurt.

The explosion in the city of Herat left the courtyard of the Guzargah Mosque littered with bodies, the ground stained with blood, video from the scene showed. Men shouted, "God is great," in shock and horror.

The bomb went off during Friday noon prayers, when mosques are full of worshippers.

Among the dead was Mujib-ul Rahman Ansari, a prominent cleric who was known across Afghanistan for his criticism of the country's Western-backed gov-

ernments over the past two decades. Ansari was seen as close to the Taliban, who seized control over Afghanistan a year ago as foreign forces withdrew.

His death was confirmed by the chief Taliban spokesman, Zabihullah Mujahid. Just before the bombing, Ansari had been meeting in another part of the city with the Taliban government's deputy prime minister, Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar, who was on a visit to Herat. He had rushed from the meeting to the mosque to get to the noon prayers, an aide to Baradar said in a tweet mourning the cleric.

Ambulances transported 18 bodies and 21 people wounded from the blast to hospitals in Herat, said Mohammad Daud Mohammadi, an official at the Herat ambulance center.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for Friday's blast.

Last month, a bombing at a mosque in the capital Kabul targeted and killed a pro-Taliban cleric in an attack claimed by the Islamic State group. ISIS has waged a bloody campaign of attacks on Taliban targets and minority groups, particularly Shiites whom the extremist Sunni IS considers heretics. It has frequently hit mosques with suicide attacks during Friday prayers.

Herat's Guzargah Mosque, where Ansari has long been the preacher, draws followers of Sunni Islam, the dominant stream in Afghanistan that is also followed by the Taliban.

Ansari was for years a thorn in the side of Afghanistan's pro-Western government. In his sermons at the Guzargah, he urged his many supporters to carry out protests against the governments and preached against women's rights.

# Voting closes in UK Prime Minister race between Sunak, Liz

PTI ■ LONDON

The race to replace Boris Johnson as the Conservative Party leader and the British Prime Minister closed on Friday evening, the deadline for Tory members to register their choice between Indian-origin former Chancellor Rishi Sunak or Foreign Secretary Liz Truss.

Sunak, 42, and Truss, 47, have gone head-to-head in a dozen hustings up and down the UK over the past month to win over the votes of an estimated 160,000 Tory electorate. With the ballots now closed, the result will be declared at 12.30pm local time on Monday by returning officer Sir Graham Brady, the Conservative Campaign Headquarters (CCHQ) said.

"This hustings programme has shown the strength of our party across the UK, with sold



out events filling Wembley Arena to Perth Concert Hall," said Conservative Party Chairman Andrew Stephenson.

"I'd like to thank Rishi Sunak and Liz Truss for participating in what, at times, must have been a gruelling schedule in good spirits and giving our members the opportunity to question them up front and personal, answering

over 600 questions and putting themselves under the spotlight... Whatever the result come Monday, I know our party is ready to unite around a new Leader and tackle the challenges we face as a country ahead," he said.

The CCHQ said 19,859 attended the 12 hustings events and a total of 2.2 million people viewed them across online platforms. While the British Indian former minister pegged his campaign on getting a grip on soaring inflation as an immediate priority, the foreign minister has pledged tax cuts from day one in office.

Overall, it is how they plan to tackle the cost-of-living crisis faced by the British public that has dominated the debates even as the duo addressed their final hustings in London on Wednesday night, where they reiterated many of their pledges.



## Satellite image: Israel attack damaged Syrian airport runway

AP ■ DUBAI

An Israeli attack targeting a Syrian airport tore a hole in the runway and also damaged a nearby piece of tarmac and structure on the military side of the airfield, satellite photos analysed on Friday by The Associated Press showed.

The attack on Wednesday night on Aleppo International Airport comes as an Israeli strike only months earlier took out the runway at the country's main airport in the capital, Damascus, over Iranian weapons transfers to the country. The satellite photos taken on Thursday by Planet Labs PBC showed vehicles gathered around the site of one of the strikes at the airport, near the western edge of its sole runway.

The strike tore a hole through the runway, as well as ignited a grassfire at the airfield.

Just south of the runway damage on the military side of the airport, debris lay scattered after another strike that struck an object on the tarmac and another structure.

Syria, like many Middle East nations, have dual-use airports that include civilian and military sides.

# Myanmar court convicts Suu Kyi of vote fraud

AP ■ BANGKOK

A court in Myanmar on Friday sentenced ousted leader Aung San Suu Kyi to three years' imprisonment with labour after finding her guilty of election fraud, adding more jail time to the 17 years she is already serv-

ing for other offenses prosecuted by the military government.

The latest verdict also carries potentially significant political consequences for Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy party by lending support to the government's explicit threats to dissolve it before a new election

the military has promised for 2023. Suu Kyi's party won the 2020 general election in a landslide victory, but the army seized power.

# Trump, his die-hard followers trying to undermine American democracy: Biden

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

President Joe Biden has warned Americans that his predecessor Donald Trump and his die-hard followers are trying to "undermine" democracy and asked them to confront the "extremists" who fan the flames of political violence in pursuit of power.

Delivering his sharpest rebuke yet of Republicans in a prime-time speech from the iconic Independence Hall in Philadelphia, where the US Declaration of Independence was signed nearly 250 years ago, Biden warned that the supporters of Trump's "Make America Great Again" (MAGA) agenda are a threat to American democracy.

"As I stand here tonight, equality and democracy are under assault," Biden, a Democrat warned, ahead of crucial mid-term elections in November that will determine control of Congress.

"Too much of what's happening in our country today is not normal. Donald Trump and MAGA (Make America Great



Again) Republicans represent an extremism that threatens our very republic. MAGA Republicans do not respect the Constitution," the 79-year-old president said, in a rare instance of slamming his predecessor by name.

"There's no question that the Republican Party today is dominated, driven and intimidated by Donald Trump and the MAGA Republicans," Biden said, referring to Trump's 2016 campaign slogan, Make America Great Again.

"And that is a threat to this country," Biden said.

"MAGA forces are determined to take

this country backwards. Backwards to an America where there is no right to choose, no right to privacy, no right to contraception, no right to marry who you love. They promote authoritarian leaders. They fanned the flames of political violence," Biden said.

In his 25-minute speech, Biden repeatedly called out Trump, who is still questioning the outcome of the 2020 election.

"History tells us that blind loyalty to a single leader and a willingness to engage in political violence is fatal to democracy," he said.

He said he was not condemning all 74 million Americans who voted for Trump in 2020. "Not every Republican, not even a majority of Republicans, are MAGA Republicans," he said.

Alleging that MAGA Republicans do not respect the Constitution, Biden called them "insurrectionists and election deniers" who "embrace anger and thrive on chaos".

MAGA Republicans are a "clear and present danger to our democracy," he alleged. They live not in the light of truth but in the shadow of lies, Biden said.

## US slams China on human rights violations in Xinjiang, vows to hold Beijing accountable

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

Slamming China for its continued violation of human rights of minority communities in Xinjiang, Tibet and elsewhere in the country, the US has vowed to work closely with its partners and the international community to hold Beijing accountable for its abhorrent actions against its own people.

Welcoming the damning UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Report on Xinjiang that was released on Wednesday, White House Press Secretary Karen Jean-Pierre said it deep-



ened "our grave concern regarding the ongoing genocide and crimes against humanity that China is perpetrating."

"The United States welcomes this report — this important report, which describes authoritatively the abhorrent human rights treatment of the Uyghur and other minority communities by the People's Republic of China government," she said during her daily news conference on Thursday.

## Snubbed by Putin, Gorbachev to be buried in low-key funeral

AP ■ MOSCOW

Former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev is set to be buried Saturday in a ceremony falling short of a state funeral that will not be attended by Russian President Vladimir Putin or top international leaders.

The relatively low-key funeral reflects the Kremlin's uneasiness about the legacy of Gorbachev, who has been revered in the West for ending the Cold War but despised by many at home for the collapse of the Soviet Union and the ensuing economic meltdown that plunged millions into poverty.

Putin privately laid flowers at Gorbachev's coffin on Thursday because of what the Kremlin described as the pres-

ident's busy schedule that would prevent him from attending the funeral.

Asked what specific business will keep Putin busy, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said in a conference call with reporters that the president will have a series of working meetings, an international phone call and must also prepare for attending a business forum in Russia's Far East next week.

Gorbachev, who died Tuesday at the age of 91, will be buried at Moscow's Novodevichy cemetery next to his wife, Raisa, following a farewell ceremony 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.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

This is to inform public in general that Kotak Mahindra bank Ltd has organized an auction in below mention respect of Vehicles.

**VEHICLES FOR SALE**

1) ASHOK LEYAL1611COGD REG. NO. UP17AT6548-YOM-2018

2) ASHOK LEYAL1611COGD REG. NO. UP17AT8849-YOM-2018

3) ASHOK LEYAL1611COGD REG. NO. UP17AT6549-YOM-2018

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**BSES**

**BSES Rajdhani Power Limited, New Delhi**

**TENDER NOTICE** Date: 03.09.2022

Sealed tenders under two Bid System (Unpriced & Priced) is invited for following job from all bidders.

NIT No.	Brief Item Description	Estimated Cost (₹)	Cost of EMD (₹)	Due Date & Time of Submission	Date & Time of Opening
CMC/BR/22-23/RB/CR/SS/1060	CONSTRUCTION OF BOUNDARY WALL FOR BAKKARWALA GRID, DIVISION MUNDKA, NEW DELHI.	1.13 Crore	2.26 Lakhs	23.09.2022 15:00 HRS	23.09.2022 15:15 HRS
CMC/BR/22-23/RB/PR/KG/1061	SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, TESTING & COMMISSIONING OF 4NOS 11KV CABLE FAULT LOCATING MACHINE	2.1 Crore	4.2 Lacs	23.09.2022 15:00 HRS	23.09.2022 15:30 HRS

Cost of each Tender Document: ₹ 1180/-

For details in respect of Equipment/BOM/Services, Qualifying requirements, Terms & conditions, purchase/submission of tender documents etc. please visit our website [www.bsesdelhi.com](http://www.bsesdelhi.com)

Head (Contracts & Materials)

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**CORRIGENDUM TO NOTICE OF 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Members of the Company kindly note that, the Company has issued a Corrigendum to Notice dated September 02, 2022 convening the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the members of the Company scheduled to be held on **Thursday, September 15, 2022 at 12:30 P.M. through Video Conferencing ("VC")/Other Audio Visual Means ("OAVM")** sent to the members by email. One of the Special Businesses at Item No. 7 has been inadvertently mentioned to be passed as an "Ordinary Resolution" instead of as a "Special Resolution". Accordingly, the words "Ordinary Resolution" appearing in Item No. 7 of Notice and Explanatory Statement be substituted as "Special Resolution". Other contents of the Notice remain unchanged.

All the concerned are hereby requested to read the AGM Notice along with the corrigendum. The corrigendum can be downloaded from the Company's website i.e. [www.perfectpac.com](http://www.perfectpac.com) and can also be accessed from the website of the Stock Exchange i.e. [www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com) and National Securities Depository Limited ("NSDL") at [www.evoting.nsdl.com](http://www.evoting.nsdl.com).

For Perfectpac Limited  
Sanjay Rajgarhia  
Managing Director

Place : New Delhi  
Date : 02.09.2022

**ESAF**

REGD. OFFICE: ESAF Bhavan, Mannuthy, Thrissur - 680 651, Kerala.

**GOLD AUCTION NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given for the information of all concerned that Gold ornaments pledged with ESAF Small Finance Bank and not redeemed by borrowers, despite repeated reminders and notices, of our branches, are listed below. This will be auctioned as per the details given below:

DATE OF AUCTION : 13-09-2022 TIME : 10 AM TO 4 PM

AUCTION VENUE : THROUGH E-AUCTION

AUCTION ADDRESS : <https://gold.matexnet.org/>

To register as bidder for the e-Auction with terms and conditions, and full details of e-Auction please visit the above site

BRANCHES & LOAN ACCOUNT NUMBERS	
NEW DELHI - PASCHIM VIHAR: 63210001046271, 1046301, 1032237,	
NEW DELHI - MAYAPUR VIHAR: 63210001000718	

Customers who are interested to release the ornaments by paying the total due amount may do so, at the respective branches, on or two days before the date of the auction.

Bidders who wish to participate in the auction shall produce their KYC documents. GST No. is mandatory for registered firms/companies. Bidders shall deposit a sum of Rs.50,000 as EMD before participating in the auction.

Thrissur Date: 03-09-2022 Sd/- Authorized Signatory

**National Yuva Cooperative Society Ltd**

Regd Office: 209, 2nd Floor, A/2-B, Vardhaman, Janak Market Janshpuri, New Delhi-110058. Phone: 011-25531063/40153681 E-Mail: [nycs.ltd@gmail.com](mailto:nycs.ltd@gmail.com), Website: [www.nycsindia.com](http://www.nycsindia.com)

**PUBLIC NOTICE** Date: 03.09.2022

Notice is hereby given to all General Body members of the Society U/R 19 and 20 of The Multi State Cooperative societies Rules 2002 for the Election of the Directors and office Bearer of the society. Required for Information U/R 19 and 20 read with Schedule:

1. Number of Vacancies to be filled-up by election: 13
2. Number of specified constituencies from which the member is to be elected (for Details Kindly see Clause No.24(i) and 24(iv) of Bye Laws of National Yuva Cooperative Society Ltd.)
3. Qualification of Members: Member to file nomination must be valid Representative of National Yuva Cooperative Society Ltd. as on 20th July 2022.
4. Name of Returning Officer: Shri Bharat Bhushan Bhagat

**Particulars of Election:**

Sl.No	Date	Particulars
1.	20.09.2022 at 10 AM to 5:00 PM	Date and time for receiving of Nominations at NYCS Office.
2.	21.09.2022, 11:00 AM	Scrutiny of Nomination Papers.
3.	21.09.2022, 3:00 PM	Publishing of accepted nominations.
4.	22.09.2022, 11:00 AM	Last date and time for Withdrawal of Nominations.
5.	22.09.2022, 11:30 AM	Publishing of Final List of Nominations
6.	22.09.2022 01:00 PM to 03:00 PM	Voting at NCUI, New Delhi-110016
7.	22.09.2022, 5:00 PM	Declaration of Election Result by Returning Officer

**Prakash Chandra Sahu**  
President  
National Yuva Cooperative Society Ltd.

Date: 03.09.2022

**COSCO (INDIA) LIMITED**

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF COSCO (INDIA) LIMITED

In view of the continuing Covid-19 pandemic, the Ministry of Corporate Affairs ("MCA") vide its circular nos. 14/2020, 17/2020 20/2020 & 02/2021 issued by Ministry of Corporate Affairs on April 8, 2020, April 13, 2020 May 5, 2020 and January 13, 2021 respectively and 03/2022 dated 5th May, 2022 (MCA Circulars) permitted to hold Annual General Meeting (AGM) through Video Conferencing/Other Audio-Visual Means ("VC/OAVM") facility without the physical presence of the members, at common venue. In compliance with the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 ("The Act") and Rules framed thereunder SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ["SEBI (LODR)"] read with SEBI Circulars nos. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD1/CIR/P/2020/79 & SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD2/CIR/P/2021/11 dated 12 May, 2020 & January 15, 2021 respectively ("SEBI Circulars"); and MCA Circulars, the Board of Directors of the Company has decided to convey the 43rd AGM of the Company on Friday 30th, September, 2022 at 12:00 Noon through Video Conferencing/Other Audio-Visual Means ("VC/OAVM") to transact the business that will be set out in the AGM Notice.

Please note that the requirement of sending physical copy of the Notice and Annual Report to the Members have been dispensed with vide MCA and SEBI Circulars.

To comply with the provisions of MCA and SEBI circulars, the Notice of the 43rd AGM and Annual Report of the Company for the FY 2021-22 along with the login details for joining the 43rd AGM through VC/OAVM including e-voting details will be sent only by e-mail id, to all those members whose e-mail addresses are registered with the Company or Company Registrar and Share Transfer Agent (RTA) M/s. Skyline Financial Services Pvt. Ltd. or with their respective Depository Participants (DPs). Members can join and participate in the 43rd AGM through VC/OAVM facility only. The instructions for joining the AGM, casting their vote at the AGM and casting vote through remote e-voting will be provided in the Notice of the 43rd AGM. The Notice of the 43rd AGM and the Annual Report shall also be available on the Company website [www.cosco.in](http://www.cosco.in) and stock exchange website [www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com)

The Company is providing remote e-voting facility and e-voting facility to all its members to cast their vote on all the resolutions set out in the Notice of the 43rd AGM. Detailed instructions for remote e-voting and e-voting during the AGM is provided in the Notice of the 43rd AGM. Members will have an opportunity to cast their vote remotely on the businesses as set out in the AGM Notice through e-voting.

Members holding shares in the physical form who have not registered their e-mail address with the Company or RTA, can register their e-mail address for receipt of Notice of 43rd AGM, Annual Report and the login details for joining the AGM through VC/OAVM facility by sending a request to Skyline Financial Services Pvt. Ltd. Registrar and Share Transfer Agent of the Company at [info@skyline.rta.com](mailto:info@skyline.rta.com)/ [admin@skylinert.com](mailto:admin@skylinert.com) or contact Company Secretary at [sudha@cosco.in](mailto:sudha@cosco.in) by providing their name, folio no., scanned copy of Share Certificates (front and back), self-attested scanned copy of PAN card and Aadhar Card in support for registering their e-mail addresses

Members holding Shares in demat form whose e-mail addresses are not registered are requested to register their e-mail address for receipt of Notice of the 43rd AGM, Annual Report and login details for joining the AGM through VC/OAVM facility, as per the process advised by their DPs. The registered e-mail address will also be used for sending future communications.

Any person, who acquire shares and become member of the Company after the date of electronic dispatch of the Notice of the 43rd AGM and holding Shares as on cut-off date i.e., Friday, 23rd September, 2022 may obtain the Login-ID and password by sending a request at [info@skylinert.com](mailto:info@skylinert.com)/ [sudha@cosco.in](mailto:sudha@cosco.in)

This notice is used for the information and benefit of all the members of the Company and is in accordance with the applicable circulars of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs and Securities and Exchange Board of India.

**For Cosco (India) Limited**  
Sd/-  
Devinder Kumar Jain  
Managing Director and CEO  
DIN No. 00191539

Add: C-124, DLF Colony, Gurgaon- 122001

Place: Delhi  
Date: 2nd September, 2022



# Markets settle flat in choppy trade; HDFC twins shine

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The BSE Sensex ended with mild gains after a see-saw session on Friday, capping a week of volatility amid concerns over global growth and rate tightening by central banks. A depreciating rupee and foreign fund outflows further crimped risk appetite, traders said.

The 30-share Sensex oscillated between gains and losses during the session before finally ending just 36.74 points or 0.06 per cent higher at 58,803.33.

The NSE Nifty dipped 3.35 points or 0.02 per cent to end at 17,539.45.

HDFC was the top performer in the Sensex pack, spurting 1.75 per cent, followed

by ITC, Larsen & Toubro, HDFC Bank, Axis Bank, NTPC, Kotak Mahindra Bank and SBI.

However, Maruti, Reliance Industries, IndusInd Bank, Nestle India, PowerGrid, Tata Steel and Infosys were among the laggards, shedding up to 1.19 per cent.

"The market has struggled for a firm direction today as global markets were largely under selling pressure ahead of the release of US jobs data, which could provide insight into upcoming Fed actions."

"Oil prices rose ahead of the OPEC+ meeting on the expectation of a reduction in output, despite the fact that weak global growth prospects remain a concern. A surging dollar index and rising US bond yields could be reflected in the elevated



volatility of the domestic market in the near term," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services.

During the holiday-shortened week, the Sensex dipped 30.54 points or 0.05 per cent, while the Nifty lost 19.45 points or 0.11 per cent.

"Indian markets have been showing resilience despite several global headwinds. While markets in the near term may remain volatile in a broader range, we are positive on the mid- to long-term perspective on the back of healthy domestic macros, strong fundamentals, earnings growth and upbeat festive season."

"Broader market has been outperforming well and is likely to remain in flavour with action in niche midcap sectors,"

said Siddhartha Khemka, Head - Retail Research, Motilal Oswal Financial Services Ltd.

The broader market ended on a mixed note on Friday, with the BSE smallcap gauge climbing 0.04 per cent and midcap index falling 0.35 per cent.

Among the BSE sectoral indices, capital goods jumped 1.13 per cent, industrials 0.87 per cent, bankex 0.40 per cent and FMCG 0.33 per cent.

Metal, energy, basic materials, oil & gas, realty were among the losers.

World stocks were mixed ahead of US jobs data, which would provide clues on the pace of rate hikes by the Federal Reserve. Fresh COVID-19 lockdowns in China also stoked fears of a fresh hit to global growth.

Elsewhere in Asia, markets in Seoul, Tokyo and Hong Kong ended lower, while Shanghai settled in the green.

Bourses in Europe were trading with gains during mid-session deals. The US markets had ended mostly higher on Thursday.

Meanwhile, the international oil benchmark Brent crude climbed 2.01 per cent to USD 94.22 per barrel.

The rupee declined by 26 paise to close at 79.82 (provisional) against the US currency on Friday, tracking Asian peers and strong dollar demand from importers.

Foreign institutional investors (FIIs) offloaded shares worth a net \$8.79 crore on Friday, as per exchange data.

## Hiring activity remains stable in Aug: Report 'Insurance sector witnesses steep growth'



PTI ■ MUMBAI

Hiring activity remained stable in August with a 6 per cent year-on-year growth, driven by the insurance sector, according to the Naukri JobSpeak Index.

There were 2,828 job postings on the Naukri.Com platform, as against 2,673 in the same month last year. However, sequentially the platform witnessed a 10.78 per cent decline in job postings compared to 3,170 in July.

The Naukri JobSpeak is a monthly index that calculates hiring activity based on the job listings on the Naukri.Com website every month.

The insurance sector, which posted an annual growth in hiring for the seventh time in a row, witnessed a steep year-on-year jump of 87 per cent.

Within the sector, maximum traction was seen for the 4-7 years' experience band (103 per cent), followed by 0-3 years (99 per cent) and 8-12

years (42 per cent).

City-wise, the insurance sector showed a significant jump in hiring activity in the National Capital Region (136 per cent) and Mumbai (129 per cent) in August 2022 compared to last year.

There has been a positive intent to hire in other sectors as well, including travel and hospitality (56 per cent), auto and auto ancillary (29 per cent), real estate (24 per cent) and retail (18 per cent).

While pharmaceutical and biotech remained flat, the IT/software sector recorded a decline of 10 per cent year-on-year in August.

Further, the index revealed that among tier-II cities, Coimbatore led with over 28 per cent y-on-y growth, followed by Kochi at 27 per cent. Barring Chandigarh (-17 per cent) and Vadodara (-11 per cent), other emerging cities recorded double-digit growth in hiring activity in August.

Among the metros,

Mumbai led at over 21 per cent growth, whereas Delhi/NCR, Hyderabad and Pune remained flat. Bengaluru showed a dip of 10 per cent.

In terms of experience, hiring activity showed single-digit jump across all experience brackets such as 0-3 years (7 per cent), 4-7 years (5 per cent), 8-12 years (6 per cent), 13-16 years (7 per cent) and below 16 years (7 per cent).

"After witnessing an extravagant growth rate in the last 2-3 months, hiring activity is seeing signs of stabilisation, and it would be interesting to see how the trend continues in the coming months."

"Important to note that insurance as a sector has been flourishing since the start of this year as there has been continuous growth in hiring, which is creating opportunities across experience bands with over 100 per cent y-on-y growth in 0-7 years' experience band," Naukri.Com Chief Business Officer Pawan Goyal said.

## Bring existing digital loans under modified norms by Nov 30: RBI to banks, NBFCs

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The Reserve Bank has given time till November 30 to banks and NBFCs to put in place a mechanism to ensure that existing digital loans are in compliance with the modified norms aimed at protecting the interest of customers.

Last month, the central bank tightened norms for 'digital lending' to prevent charging of exorbitant interest rates by certain entities and also check unethical loan recovery practices.

In a circular, the RBI said outsourcing arrangements



entered by Regulated Entities (REs) with a Lending Service Provider (LSP)/ Digital Lending App (DLA) do not diminish the REs' obligations and they shall

continue to conform to the extant guidelines on mout-sourcing.

It further said the instructions are applicable to the 'exist-

ing customers availing fresh loans' and to 'new customers getting onboarded'.

"However, in order to ensure a smooth transition, REs shall be given time till November 30, 2022, to put in place adequate systems and processes to ensure that 'existing digital loans' are also in compliance with these guidelines in both letter and spirit," the Reserve Bank said.

Under the new norms, all loan disbursements and repayments are required to be executed only between the bank accounts of borrower and the regulated entities (like banks and NBFCs)

without any pass-through/ pool account of the Lending Service Providers (LSPs).

Also, "any fees, charges, etc, payable to LSPs in the credit intermediation process shall be paid directly by RE and not by the borrower", the Reserve Bank had said on August 10.

Issuing a detailed set of guidelines for digital lending, the RBI had mentioned about the concerns primarily related to unbridled engagement of third parties, mis-selling, breach of data privacy, unfair business conduct, charging of exorbitant interest rates, and unethical recovery practices.

## India's external debt rises 8.2% to USD 620.7 bn till Mar 2022

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India's external debt rose by 8.2 per cent year-on-year to USD 620.7 billion as of March 2022, which according to the finance ministry is sustainable. While 53.2 per cent of it was denominated in the US dollar, Indian rupee-denominated debt, estimated at 31.2 per cent, was the second largest, as per the status report on India's external debt released by the ministry.

"India's external debt continues to be sustainable and prudently managed. As of end-March 2022, it stood at USD 620.7 billion, growing by 8.2 per cent over the level a year ago. External debt as a ratio to GDP was 19.9 per cent, while reserves to external debt ratio were 97.8 per cent," it said. Foreign currency reserves as a ratio to external debt stood slightly lower at 97.8 per cent as of end-March 2022 than 100.6 per cent a year ago.



The report said the long-term debt estimated at USD 499.1 billion constituted the largest chunk of 80.4 per cent, while the short-term debt at USD 121.7 billion accounted for 19.6 per cent of the total.

The short-term trade credit was predominantly in the form of trade credit (96 per cent) financing imports. The sovereign debt at USD 130.7 billion rose higher by 17.1 per cent over its level a year ago, mainly because of the additional allocation of Special Drawing Rights (SDR) by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) during 2021-22.

The non-sovereign debt, on the other hand, grew 6.1 per cent to USD 490.0 billion over the level as of end-March 2021, it said, adding commercial borrowings, NRI deposits and short-term trade credit are the three biggest constituents of the non-sovereign debt, accounting for as much as 95.2 per cent. While NRI deposits declined by 2 per cent to USD 139.0 billion, commercial borrowings at USD 209.71 billion and short-term trade credit at USD 117.4 billion rose by 5.7 per cent and 20.5 per cent, respectively, it said.

## Forex reserves down USD 3 bn to USD 561 bn

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The country's foreign exchange reserves declined by USD 3.007 billion to USD 561.046 billion in the week ended August 26, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) data showed.

In the previous week ended August 19, the reserves had dipped by USD 6.687 billion to USD 564.053 billion.

The fall in the reserves during the reporting week ended August 26 was on account of a dip in the foreign currency assets (FCA), a major component of the overall reserves, and the gold reserves, according to the Weekly Statistical Supplement released by the RBI on Friday.

FCA decreased by USD 2.571 billion to USD 498.645 billion in the reporting week.

Expressed in dollar terms, the foreign currency assets include the effect of apprecia-



tion or depreciation of non-US units like the euro, pound and yen held in the foreign exchange reserves.

Gold reserves decreased by USD 271 million to USD 39.643 billion, the data showed.

The Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) dropped by USD 155 million to USD 17.832 billion.

The country's reserve position with the IMF also dipped by USD 10 million to USD 4.926 billion in the reporting week, the data showed.

## Created 10K women-led green businesses in 100 districts, claims EDII



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII), a Centre of Excellence recognised by the Government of India, on Friday, said it created 10,000 women-led green businesses in 100 districts in 1000 days by joining hands with corporates..

The announcement was made following a roundtable meeting organised by EDII on "Technology-enabled women-led green businesses" at the India International Centre (IIC), New Delhi.

The day-long session witnessed deliberations on the latest practices in women-led green enterprises, collaboration for collective action for increased women empowerment and the use of low-cost technologies to scale up green businesses. Notably, CSR heads from the corporate world, PSUs, senior officials from ministries and representatives from international organizations participated in the session.

EDII's Director General

Dr Sunil Shukla said, "EDII has been successfully offering entrepreneurship and skill development training to artisans, weavers, women start-ups and the unemployed, leading to sustainable livelihood options for them. I am glad that with corporates endorsing the power of entrepreneurship, we will continue to progress with remarkable results."

Dr Raman Gujral, Director, Department of Project (Corporates), EDII, emphasized the growing requirement for high-end value-added products and services in the market with minimal environmental harm.

"The need for sustainability in business applies to both big corporates and small enterprises. Keeping this in mind, we need to focus on what strategies can be developed for promoting green enterprises and businesses for economic growth and to save the environment. There is a need for newer innovations and eco-friendly practices both in rural and urban sectors," he said.

## 'Will divest entire 40 % stake in Cebu airport in Philippines'

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

GMR Group on Friday said it will divest its entire 40 per cent stake in Cebu international airport in Philippines for an upfront payment of Rs 1,330 crore as well as earnouts to be received over a period of more than four years.

The airport is being operated by GMR-Megawide Cebu Airport Corporation (GMCAC) and GMR Airports International BV (GAIBV) holds a 40 per cent stake in the venture. A definitive agreement has been signed between GMR Airports International BV (GAIBV) and Aboitiz InfraCapital Inc (AIC) for the divestment of stake in Cebu airport. AIC is the infrastructure arm of the Philippines-based Aboitiz Group.

According to a regulatory filing, the stake is being divested as part of the focus on deleveraging GMR Airports Ltd and churning assets for higher returns on investment.

"The transaction will be undertaken at an enterprise value of PHP 49.7 billion (INR 70.5 billion) and GAIBV will receive an upfront amount of PHP 9.4 billion (INR 13.3 billion) in lieu of the shares being transferred, and notes being issued. "We would continue to operate as the technical services provider to GMCAC until December 2026," the filing said.

## Logistics performance ranking of States for 2022 likely to be released in October

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The commerce and industry ministry in October is expected to come out with the ranking of states for 2022 in terms of the logistical support they provide to promote trade.

The LEADS (Logistics Ease Across Different States ) 2022 exercise is scheduled to be completed by the end of September, which shall be followed by the release of the report in October, the ministry said on Friday.

The LEADS survey assess-



## Steel prices in India to remain under pressure over near future: Icra

New Delhi: Icra on Friday said it expects steel prices to remain under pressure in the country over the near future as the prices in the domestic market cannot be cushioned from the global trends. The rating agency also expects the steel demand in the domestic market to grow at 7-8 per cent in the current financial year, making the country the fastest-growing large steel markets globally this year.

"We expect domestic steel prices to remain under pressure over the near term, since domestic steel prices cannot be insulated from the trends emerging in global steel markets,"

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## Rupee falls 26 paise to close at 79.82 against US dollar

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The rupee declined by 26 paise to close at 79.82 (provisional) against the US currency on Friday tracking Asian peers and strong dollar demand from importers.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the domestic currency opened at 79.63 per dollar. It hovered in a range of 79.61 to 79.83 during the session.

The domestic unit finally settled at 79.82, down 26 paise over its previous close of 79.56.

Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the green-



back's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading 0.33 per cent lower at 109.32.

Brent crude futures, the global oil benchmark, rose by 2.10 per cent to USD 94.30 per barrel ahead of the meeting of oil cartel OPEC and other producers which are likely to dis-

cuss output cuts.

"Taking cues from the regional currencies, the rupee depreciated against the American dollar. The risk-off moods and higher crude oil prices also weighed on the local unit," said Dilip Parmar, Research Analyst, HDFC Securities.

Parmar further said that technically, spot USDINR back above the short-term moving averages while the oscillators remained sideways indicating range-bound trades in the near term. The pair is having resistance at 80.13 and support at 79.20.

## OLECTRA bags contract from Assam for 100 electric buses

Olectra Greentech Limited (OLECTRA) has received a Letter of Award from Assam State Transport Corporations for 100 Electric Buses.

This is the first order bagged from North-Eastern states. The company has received on an outright basis and which shall be delivered over a period of nine months and will be responsible for maintenance of these buses for a period of five years. The value of these 100 Buses supply would be approximately Rs. 151 Crores for Olectra. "We feel happy to get the first order from the North-Eastern States and Assam."



# Rafa overcomes freak racquet injury & Fognini

AP ■ NEW YORK

Rafael Nadal overcame a freak injury scare when he accidentally hit himself with his own racquet to reach the US Open third round on Thursday. The Spaniard defeated Italy's Fabio Fognini 2-6, 6-4, 6-2, 6-1 but only after suffering a bizarre self-inflicted injury when leading 3-0 in the fourth set.

The four-time champion, and holder of a men's record 22 Grand Slam titles, was hurt when his racquet bounced back off the court as he stretched for a ball and hit him squarely on the nose.

The 36-year-old Australian and French Open champion dropped his racquet to the Arthur Ashe Stadium floor and sprinted to the sidelines where he lay on his back with his nose bloodied.

He required a medical timeout to have the wound tended before resuming the match with a bandage across the bridge of his nose.

Nadal goes on to face France's Richard Gasquet against whom he boasts a 17-0 career record after coming through his late night scrap which saw a total of 15 breaks of serve and 97 unforced errors.

## NO HANDSHAKE

Azarenka triumphed against Marta Kostyuk 6-2, 6-3 in a match dominated by bitter exchanges over the conflict in Ukraine.

Last week, Belarusian star Azarenka was axed from an exhibition event aimed at raising money for the war-ravaged country.

Ukraine's Kostyuk had refused to take part in protest at the presence of Azarenka who she has criticised for a perceived failure to condemn the invasion of her home country.

Belarus is a close ally of Russia and has allowed Moscow to use its territory to launch attacks into Ukraine.

The tension between the two was evident at the end of their tie on Court 17 with Kostyuk offering just a touch of racquets instead of the customary post-match



handshake.

"How did it make me feel? It's not the most important thing in the world right now," said Azarenka.

Kostyuk, the 20-year-old World No 65, said a handshake would not have been appropriate.

"I genuinely wanted to warn her that I'm not going to shake her hand," she said.

"She never came up to me personally to tell me her opinion, what she thinks (about the war)."

Away from the controversy, World No 1 and French Open champion Iga Swiatek cruised into the third round with a 6-3, 6-2 win over 2017 champion Sloane Stephens.

Paula Badosa, the fourth seed and potential semifinal opponent of Swiatek, suffered another miserable return to the city of her birth.

The Spaniard's failure to get beyond the second round will stretch for another year after losing 6-7 (5), 6-1, 6-2 to Petra Martic of Croatia.

Sixth seed Aryna Sabalenka, a semifinalist in 2021, came back from 1-5 down in the second set and saved two match points to defeat Kaia Kanepi, 2-6, 7-6 (8), 6-4.

China will have four women

in the last 32 for the first time at a Slam after Zheng Qinwen defeated Anastasia Potapova and Yuan Yue got the better of Irina-Camelia Begu.

Zhang Shuai and Wang Xiyu had already booked their spots in the next stage.

## ALCARAZ THROUGH

Spanish teenager Carlos Alcaraz dug deep to save 13 of 14 break points to defeat Federico Coria of Argentina.

World No 4 Alcaraz, a quarterfinalist in 2021, went through 6-2, 6-1, 7-5 on the back of 46 winners and will next face Jensen Brooksby of the United States.

It was the 46th victory of the year for the 19-year-old, tying him with Stefanos Tsitsipas for the best stretch.

Also going through was 2014 champion Marin Cilic, a 6-3, 7-6 (4), 6-3 winner over Albert Ramos Vinolas.

Cameron Norrie and Dan Evans reached the third round giving Britain four men in the last 32 in New York for the first time since 1933.

Seventh seed Cameron Norrie saw off Portugal's Joao Sousa 6-4, 6-4, 7-6 (4) while Dan Evans defeated James Duckworth of Australia 6-3, 6-2, 4-6, 6-4.

## Rohan Bopanna loses in men's and mixed doubles



AP ■ NEW YORK

The Indian challenge at the US Open ended on Thursday after Rohan Bopanna lost both his first round mixed and men's doubles matches at the Major in New York.

The 42-year-old world No 19, who made it to the French Open semifinal earlier this year, was the ninth seeded pair along with partner Matwe Middelkoop of the Netherlands. But they ended up losing 7-6 (2), 6-2 to Italian pair of Andrea Vavassori and Lorenzo Sonego on Court 8.

Bopanna was back in action a few hours later, this time on Court 6, for his mixed doubles match along with Chinese partner Zhaoxuan Yang - seeded sixth. They came up against Canadian Gabriela Dabrowski - with whom Bopanna won the 2017 French Open title - and Australia's Max Purcell.

But it was the unseeded scratch-pair that went on to win the match 7-5, 7-5 to end the Indian contingent's hopes at the last Slam of the year.

Sania Mirza, for whom this was expected to be the last Major appearance of her career, pulled out of the event a week before due to injury.

Along with Bopanna, Ramkumar Ramanathan was the only other Indian who was competing in the main draw. But he and Serbian partner Nikola Patic lost 6-4, 6-4 to 15th seeded Italians Simone Bolelli and Fabio Fognini.

## Serena & Venus out of US Open women's doubles

AP ■ NEW YORK

Serena and Venus Williams' glittering Grand Slam doubles career was brought to an abrupt end at the US Open on Thursday as the reunited sisters crashed out in the first round against Czech duo Lucie Hradecka and Linda Noskova.

The Williams sisters — in what is almost certainly their final outing together as a Grand Slam doubles duo — slumped to a 7-6 (7/5), 6-4 loss at the Arthur Ashe Stadium.

The American pair — winners of 14 Grand Slam crowns and three Olympic Gold medals

— had not played together in a doubles tournament since 2018.

But they were handed a wild card into the draw for this year's US Open just weeks after Serena indicated she planned to retire following the tournament.

While Serena showed flashes of the sort of brilliance that has studded her singles performances this week, elder sister Venus struggled to find her best form against the Czech duo.

The Williams sisters were unable to take advantage of two opportunities to gain a crucial service break in the first set, and paid the price as Hradecka and Noskova clinched the tie break.



Buoyed by their opening set performance, the Czechs scored an early break in the second and were soon 4-1 ahead with victory beckoning.

The Williams' were determined not to go down without a fight however and after holding serve dug out a service break and held again to level at 4-4.

But hopes of an epic comeback were snuffed out rapidly with Noskova comfortably holding serve for a 5-4 lead.

The Czech duo then took three match points at 0-40 on Serena's serve, converting on the second opportunity to clinch victory.

## Sancho sinks Leicester as Man Utd win three in a row

AP ■ LEICESTER

Jadon Sancho fired Manchester United to a 1-0 win at Leicester on Thursday as the England forward showed he still has a role to play despite the big-money signing of Brazil winger Antony.

Sancho netted with a clinical finish in the first half to seal United's third successive Premier League victory.

It was a well-timed contribution from Sancho, coming just hours after United officially confirmed their £82 million (\$94 million) swoop for Ajax's Antony.

United manager Erik ten Hag worked with Antony in Amsterdam and the 22-year-old looks likely to be a regular in the right wing role currently occupied by Sancho.

If there are doubts in his mind about retaining his place, Sancho did his best to remind Ten Hag of his qualities with his second goal of the season.

United moved up to fifth place and sit just one point adrift of the top four as Ten Hag begins to make an impact after a nightmare start to his reign.

Beaten by Brighton and Brentford in their first two matches of the Ten Hag era, United have climbed off the bottom of the table without ever looking completely convincing.

But Ten Hag will be satisfied with his team's latest display of spirit and determination, the qualities he demanded they show after losing 4-0 at Brentford.

United were unchanged from the side that won 1-0 at Southampton last weekend, meaning Cristiano Ronaldo started on the bench for a third successive game.

Ronaldo had hoped to leave United before the transfer window shut on Thursday, but the Portugal star was unable to find a suitor willing to meet the club's asking price and his desire



to play in the Champions League.

Ten Hag says he is "on the same page" with the 37-year-old striker about his role, but Antony's arrival could further limit Ronaldo's playing time.

The Brazilian did not sign in time to feature against the Foxes, leaving Sancho, Marcus Rashford and Anthony Elanga to form United's attacking trio.



## KOOPMEINERS TAKES ATALANTA TOP IN SERIE A

AP ■ BERGAMO

Ten Koopmeiners slid home an 84th-minute penalty against Torino on Thursday to complete a hat-trick and a 3-1 win that lifted Atalanta to the top of Serie A.

Atalanta moved to 10 points after four games, level with Roma, but the third goal put the Bergamo team top on goals scored.

Torino, who could also have taken over the lead with a big enough win, dominated possession but squandered good chances and stayed seventh.

Koopmeiners was ruthless, particularly from the penalty spot.

Deep into first-half added time, Ola Aina took down Brandon Soppy. Koopmeiners converted from the spot.

Two minutes into the second half, Torino cleared a free-kick only as far as the Dutch

midfielder who smashed the ball home from 25 yards out. That took Atalanta into a tie for first.

Nikola Vlasic knocked the hosts off top spot with a goal on 77 minutes. Koopmeiners had the last word. Valentino Lazaro brought down Atalanta substitute Ademola Lookman and Koopmeiners rolled his penalty right and inside the post.

That brought a joyous end to an evening that got off to an emotional start for the home fans as Josip Illicic bid them farewell.

The Slovenia forward was one of the symbols of a flamboyant Atalanta side which enchanted Europe with an all-out attacking style of football.

Mental health and physical problems meant he hardly featured over the last two years. The 34-year-old agreed on Wednesday to terminate his contract with the club.

## Chaubey becomes first player-president of AIFF with comprehensive win over Bhutia

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The All India Football Federation (AIFF) on Friday got a former player as its president for the first time in its 85-year history when Kalyan Chaubey trounced the legendary Bhiachung Bhutia in the election for the top post here.

The 45-year-old Chaubey, who played as a goalkeeper, emerged winner with a comprehensive 33-1 margin -- a result that was expected as former captain Bhutia did not have many supporters in the 34-member voters' list, made up of state association representatives.

Chaubey's last two predecessors — Priya Ranjan Dasmuni and Praful Patel — were full-time politicians.

The 'Sikkimese Sniper', also 45, is one of the biggest legends in Indian football and his candidature had got the elections additional traction.

Chaubey, a BJP politician who lost the last parliamentary election for the Krishnagar seat in West Bengal, never played for the India senior team though he was in the squad on a few occasions.

He, however, played for India in age-group international tournaments. He was also a former goalkeeper at Mohun Bagan and East Bengal, both heavyweights in Indian club football with a rich legacy.



In fact, Bhutia and Chaubey were one-time teammates at East Bengal.

In his first reactions after the polls, Bhutia said, "I will keep working for the betterment of Indian football in future. Congratulations to Kalyan, I hope he will take Indian football forward."

"Thanks to all football fans across India for showing supporting me so much. I've been working for football before the elections, and will continue to do

the same. I'm there in executive committee."

The elections of the AIFF office bearers brought to an end a sordid saga which saw the ouster of former president Praful Patel for failing to hold polls due in December 2020, the formation of the Committee of Administrators (CoA) and its removal by the Supreme Court after India was suspended by world football governing body FIFA for "undue influence from third parties".

## PL clubs shatter spending record in £1.9bn spree

AP ■ LONDON

Premier League clubs shattered their single-season spending record during an incredible £1.9 billion (\$2.1 billion) spree during the summer window.

Deloitte's Sports Business Group estimated the gross spending by the 20 English top-flight clubs during the transfer window that ended on Thursday was the highest in the history of the competition.

Despite the cost-of-living crisis gripping Britain, Premier League teams needed just one window to break the £1.86 billion mark set in the summer and winter transfer periods combined during the 2017-18 season.

According to Deloitte, the gross spend on a total of 169 players was also 34% higher than the previous record for a single window of £1.4 billion in the summer of 2017.

It was 67% higher than last

year's total Premier League summer window spend of £1.1 billion.

Nine Premier League clubs spent over £100 million each as expenditure recovered dramatically after two seasons of decline caused by the coronavirus.

In total, the Premier League spent more than Spain's La Liga, Italy's Serie A and Germany's Bundesliga combined.

## CHELSEA SPLURGE

New ownership at Chelsea, with Todd Boehly's consortium taking over from Roman Abramovich, acted as a catalyst for the increased spending.

With a £255 million splurge, Chelsea spent more in one window than any team in Premier League history.

Their spending was £53 million more than Manchester United, who



were the next biggest in this window at £202 million.

United's £82 million signing of Ajax forward Antony on deadline day was the fourth biggest transfer in Premier League history.

Liverpool's move for Benfica forward Darwin Nunez could eventually beat that fee, with the initial £67 million outlay potentially rising to £85 million depending on contract clauses and add-ons.

Chelsea's biggest deal during the window was the £70 million purchase of French defender Wesley Fofana from Leicester.

Boehly also funded moves for Marc Cucurella (£60 million), Raheem Sterling (£50 million), Kalidou Koulibaly (£33 million) and Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang (£10.3 million).

At Old Trafford, Casemiro (£60 million) and Lisandro Martinez (£51 million) joined Antony in

United's top 10 most expensive signings of all time.

Champions Manchester City strengthened their squad with the £50 million move for Borussia Dortmund striker Erling Haaland, who has already started to repay that fee with nine goals in five games.

Newcastle striker Alexander Isak and West Ham midfielder Lucas Paqueta were among seven players to be signed for over £50 million this summer, while 19 players were signed for £30 million or more.

Even Nottingham Forest, back in the Premier League for the first time since 1999, recorded a gross spend of £126 million on an astonishing 21 players.

That was only the third time Deloitte has reported any club spending over £100 million immediately after promotion to the Premier League.

## Chelsea swoop for Barca's Aubameyang

AP ■ LONDON

Chelsea signed Barcelona forward Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang in a reported £10.3 million (12 million euro) deal on Thursday as the club's incredible transfer window spending went over £240 million.

Backed by Chelsea's new owners, Blues boss Thomas Tuchel has embarked on a frenzied shopping spree that culminated with the deadline-beating swoop for Gabon star Aubameyang.

The deal, announced after the window officially shut at 2200 GMT, brings Aubameyang back to the Premier League on a two-year contract just months after he left Arsenal

following a rift with Gunners boss Mikel Arteta.

Aubameyang fell out with Arteta over a number of disciplinary incidents, including his failure to report to training on time after visiting his ill mother in France.

Chelsea hope Aubameyang's reunion with Tuchel will bring the best out of the 33-year-old after he thrived during their time together at Borussia Dortmund.

"I'm really happy. It's an honour to be part of this team and I can't wait to start," Aubameyang told Chelsea's website.

"I have some unfinished business with the Premier League so it's good to be back and really exciting."



# It's India vs Pak again on Sunday

## Men in Green crush Hong Kong by 155 runs to enter Super 4s of Asia Cup T20 tournament

PTI ■ SHARJAH

Pakistan set up a second showdown against arch-rivals India in as many weeks with a record 155-run win over Hong Kong in a must-win Asia Cup match here on Friday.

Mohammad Rizwan had to work hard for his 78 off 57 balls as Pakistan got a much-needed final flourish to post 193 for two against Hong Kong.

Hong Kong were simply blown away in the run-chase with Pakistani attack proving to be too good for them. Their innings folded up for just 38 in 10.4 overs, sending Pakistan into the Super 4s as the second placed team from Group A.

It was Pakistan's biggest win in the shortest format.

Pakistan will meet India, who topped Group A, on Sunday.

Hong Kong had shown a



bit of potential with the bat against India but they simply surrendered to the Pakistani attack.

It was a procession after Naseem Shah struck twice in

the third over of the innings. Then it was the turn of the spinners, Shadab Khan (4/8) and Mohammad Nawaz (3/5), to do the damage as they shared seven wickets.

Shadab's googlies were far too good for the opposition batters before he ended Hong Kong's innings with a straighter one to dismiss Mohammad Ghaznafar.

The outing was a good learning experience for Hong Kong, a team full of amateurs who had to qualify for the tournament.

Like they had done against India, Hong Kong bowlers did well to keep Pakistan quiet for majority of the innings before losing their way. With Rizwan and Fakhar Zaman (53 off 41) struggling to find the boundaries, Pakistan reached 64 for one in 10 overs. Khushdil Shah came up with a 15-ball 35 towards the end to ensure Pakistan put up a strong total.

Skipper Babar Azam (9 off 8) endured his second failure in as many innings in the tournament. Trying to accelerate, Babar went for an aerial stroke over the bowlers' head but ended up hitting straight back to spinner Ehsan Khan, who dived to his right to take a fine catch.

Rizwan could only find the ropes in the fifth over as

he square cut medium pacer Ayush Shukla before guiding it towards third man for back to back fours.

The first six of the innings came in the 11th over when Rizwan stepped out to to leg-spinner Ghazanafar to tonk it straight for a maximum.

With Pakistan in dire need for big hits, Fakhar was able to release some pressure by smashing the spinners for couple of sixes in the cow corner region.

Struggling amid the heat and humidity, Rizwan was able to change gears after completing his half-century.

Lacking experience in crunch situations, Hong Kong bowlers once again lost the plot in the death overs, allowing Pakistan to collect 77 runs off the last 30 balls.

The 20th over bowled by Aizaz Khan alone yielded 29 runs and it included five byes and four sixes from Khushdil Shah's bat.



## Joe Carter's 197 puts New Zealand A in strong position

PTI ■ BENGALURU

Joe Carter missed out on a double century by just three runs but put New Zealand A in a strong position against India A on day two of the first unofficial Test here on Friday.

Carter, who resumed the day on 73, went on to bat for 305 balls helping New Zealand A post 400 all out in their first innings.

They had resumed the day at 153 for five. It was a one-man show from Carter who was the sole batter to cross the 40-run mark before reaching his highest first class score.

In response, India A were 156 for one in 37 overs with opener Abhimanyu Easwaran (87 batting off 120) nearing a century. Captain Priyank Panchal perished after scoring 47 off 83 balls.

Ruturaj Gaikwad (20 batting off 19) was in the middle alongside Easwaran at stumps. India A still trail by 244 runs.

On his debut, pacer

Mukesh Kumar picked up a deserving five-wicket haul having taken three wickets on the opening day.

The Indian bowling was not as effective as day one which was impacted by rain. Mukesh was impressive again but the others could have done better.

Mukesh was the one who got the crucial breakthrough by breaking the 87-run stand between Carter and Sean Solia (32).

The Indians made a promising start with Easwaran and Panchal sharing a 123-run stand for the opening wicket. After Panchal's dismissal, Gaikwad displayed aggressive intent by smashing two fours and a six.

**Brief Scores:** NZ A 1st Innings 400 all out in 110.5 overs (Joe Carter 197; Mukesh Kumar 5/86, Arzan Nagwaswalla 1/75, Yash Dayal 1/75, Kuldeep Yadav 1/119) India A 1st Innings: 156/1 in 37 overs (Abhimanyu Easwaran 87 batting).



## Jadeja out with knee injury, Axar replaces him

PTI ■ DUBAI

India all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja was on Friday ruled out of the remainder of the Asia Cup due to a knee injury and Axar Patel will replace him in the squad.

Jadeja had made a significant contribution with the bat in India's five-wicket win over Pakistan, mak-

ing crucial 35 runs off 29 balls on August 28.

The Saurashtra all-rounder did not get to bat against Hong Kong but returned tidy figures with the ball, conceding only 15 runs from his four overs with a wicket.

"The All-India Senior Selection Committee has named Axar Patel as the replacement for Ravindra Jadeja

in the ongoing Asia Cup," the BCCI said in a statement.

"Ravindra Jadeja has sustained a right knee injury and is ruled out of the tournament. He is currently under the supervision of the BCCI medical team.

"His replacement, Axar Patel was earlier named as one of the standbys in the squad and will join

the team in Dubai soon."

Axar comes into the tournament, having recently played the ODIs in Zimbabwe. He was also part of the squad on tours of West Indies and England.

The team management would hope for a quick recovery of Jadeja ahead of the T20 World Cup in Australia in October-November.

India are scheduled to play their first Super 4 game in Asia Cup on Sunday.

## BCCI bought Neeraj Chopra's javelin for ₹1.5 cr

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

It was BCCI, which had made a winning bid of ₹1.5 crore for Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra's javelin when Prime Minister Narendra Modi's collection of mementos was e-auctioned last year, a Cricket Board official told PTI on Friday.

Chopra had presented one of his javelins to Modi when Prime Minister hosted Indian athletes after the Tokyo Games.

The javelin was part of many items that were presented during the e-auction, the proceeds of which went to 'Namami Gange Programme'.

'Namami Gange Programme',



launched in 2014, integrates the efforts to clean and protect the Ganga river.

The auction was held between September and October in 2021.

"BCCI had made the winning bid for Neeraj's javelin. But we also bid for a couple of other collectibles. It (Namami Gange) is a noble cause and the office bearers in BCCI felt that as one of the premier sporting bodies in the country, we had a duty towards the nation," a senior BCCI official said.

"As an organisation we are proud that we have a sporting good of one of India's greatest athletes," the official said.

The BCCI had also contributed ₹51 crore to PM Cares fund during the first wave of COVID-19 pandemic.

Apart from Chopra's javelin, BCCI also bought an angavastra, autographed by the Indian Paralympic contingent for Rs 1 crore.

While Chopra's javelin that was bought by BCCI fetched the highest bid value, fencer Bhavani Devi's sword fetched ₹1.25 crore while Paralympic champion javelin thrower Sumit Antil's javelin was bought for ₹1.002 crore by other bidders.

Lovlina Borgohain's boxing gloves were bought for ₹91 lakh.

During the auction last year, 1348 mementos including sports collectibles were put in for the e-auction and a total of 8600 bids were received.

Recently, Chopra had donated the javelin he used to win the Olympic gold in Tokyo, to the Lausanne based Olympic museum. It was confirmed by the official twitter handle for the Games.

## MCC tells ICC to speed up game, streamline DRS process

PTI ■ LONDON

Concerned over the issue of slow over rates plaguing the game, custodians of the laws of cricket, MCC on Friday called for streamlining of the Decision Review System protocols and cut down on time-wasting tactics.

The MCC's 12-member World Cricket Committee, which is headed by Mike Gatting and also has BCCI president Sourav Ganguly, made the observations following a research into how much

time was lost on each day's play during New Zealand's three Tests in England in June.

Making their suggestions to the ICC, the MCC on Friday said in a statement: "In general, ICC playing regulations be reviewed to tighten the parameters around when substitutes are permitted onto the field of play i.e. With gloves, drinks etc."

Going into details, it said: "The fielding team should immediately return to their positions, ready to bowl the next delivery" when a decision is

reviewed.

"Batters should also remain in the proximity and prepare to recommence play. No drinks should be brought onto the field. If the decision is overturned to Out, the fielding side will still have time to celebrate," it said.

It further urged the umpires and match referees to be "more proactive at speeding up play and enforcing Laws 41.9 and 41.10, which provide a warning for the first offence, followed by the award of Penalty runs for deliberate slow play."

## Jason Roy dropped from England's T20 WC squad

AP ■ LONDON

Jason Roy has been left out of England's T20 World Cup squad as the opener paid for his run of poor form.

Roy had a series of low scores for England throughout the summer and endured a miserable time in The Hundred, averaging 8.5 over six innings for Oval Invincibles and making three ducks.

The 32-year-old had previously been an integral part of England's white-ball sides.

Lancashire's Phil Salt and Yorkshire's Harry Brook were included in a 15-strong squad for the tournament in Australia, which takes place in October.

With Roy axed, Dawid Malan could be promoted to open the batting to accommodate Ben Stokes' return in the middle order.

Stokes, England's Test captain, has missed all of his country's T20 matches since March 2021.

Mark Wood and Chris Woakes have been included despite last featuring during the Test tour of the West Indies in March, with both fast bowlers having completed long recoveries from injury.

That pair's presence edged out Richard Gleeson, who is one of three travelling reserves alongside Tymal Mills and Liam Dawson.

England will take 19 players to Pakistan later this month for a seven-match T20 series - their first tour of the country since 2005 - with five uncapped players bolstering the travelling squad.

Will Jacks, a rising star with Surrey and Oval Invincibles is included alongside Jordan Cox, Tom Helm, Luke Wood and Olly Stone.

Chris Jordan and Liam Livingstone will both skip the Pakistan tour to work on their fitness ahead of the World Cup.

England white-ball captain Jos Buttler will lead the trip but has already indicated that his calf injury will rule him out of the early stages of the Pakistan series.

Moeen Ali will take over as skipper for those games.

England, the current 50-over world champions, were beaten semi-finalists in the previous T20 World Cup in 2021.

**England squad:** Jos Buttler (captain), Moeen Ali, Harry Brook, Sam Curran, Chris Jordan, Liam Livingstone, Dawid Malan, Adil Rashid, Phil Salt, Ben Stokes, Reece Topley, David Willey, Chris Woakes, Mark Wood.



## Harbhajan, Irfan to lead Manipal Tigers, Bhilwara Kings in LLC

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Former India stars Harbhajan Singh and Irfan Pathan will lead Manipal Tigers and Bhilwara King, respectively, in the upcoming Legends League Cricket.

The league will start from September 16 at the Eden Gardens in Kolkata.

Off-spinner Harbhajan took 417 Test wickets in 103 matches, besides representing India in 28 T20 Internationals and 236 ODIs.

"Playing alongside all great players over the years, I have picked the nuances of the game which has made me a better cricketer. As a cricketer I

did not get an opportunity to captain the team but this will be something I am really looking forward to," said Harbhajan in a release.

Pathan, a bowling all-rounder, won the man-of-the-match award in the final of the inaugural ICC World T20 in 2007.

"This opportunity is unique but I am confident we as a team will make some heads turn around. Watch out as we close on the team names for the draft," said Pathan.

The upcoming edition will be a four-team tournament and a 16-match affair. It will be played in India for the first time and will be hosted across six cities.



Kumar, who finished second in 25m rapid fire pistol in the 2012 Olympics, had taken a break due to a chronic shoulder injury.

Posted at the Himachal Pradesh police headquarters (PHQ) in Shimla as a deputy superintendent of police, Vijay

had made a comeback to competitive shooting last year after a gap of five years, "starting from zero", nearly a decade after crowning himself in glory by winning the Silver in London.

A five-time Commonwealth Gold medalist, Vijay had left the Army to join Himachal Pradesh Police in 2017.

A 24-member shotgun squad was already announced earlier for the Shotgun World Championships beginning in Osijek, Croatia, from September 19.

The current team is full of World Championship first-timers with Olympic silver medalist Vijay and silver medalist from

the previous World Championships, Anjum Moudgil, bringing in the experience.

The experienced campaigners in the squad include the likes of Olympians Manu Bhaker, Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar and Elavenil Valarivan, besides Divyansh Singh Panwar, who has qualified in the junior section.

Shiva Narwal, who will be leading the Indian trio in the men's 10m air pistol, is not yet 17 and will be in his first Worlds.

Others like Swapnil Suresh Kusale, who is among the country's top rifle shooting exponents, particularly in small-bore, will also be featuring in his first World Championships.

## Prannoy loses in quarterfinals after valiant effort

PTI ■ OSAKA

HS Prannoy went down fighting in the men's singles quarterfinals against world champion bronze medalist Chou Tien Chen of Chinese Taipei, bringing down the curtains on India's campaign at the Japan Open here on Friday.

The 30-year-old Indian played out of his skin and saved three match points, only to endure the agony of losing it in the end, as Chou emerged victorious 21-17 15-21 22-20 in a pulsating contest that lasted an hour and 20 minutes.

One of the most consistent Indian players in the circuit this season, Prannoy recovered well from an opening game reversal, and kept breathing down his opponent's neck till the last point but, in the end, Chou's perseverance saw him through in this match at the Super 750 tournament.

Coming into the match after his twin wins against Chou in the last two meetings, Prannoy engaged in a battle of attrition with his rival, and was up 12-8 in the opening game.

However, Chou recovered to turn the tables at 15-14 when Prannoy went to net. The Taiwanese was pumped up as he



moved to a two-point advantage after the Indian faltered with his net shot twice.

Another stiff return on his opponent's backhand ended with Prannoy sending one to the net, and when he put his forehead to the net, there were three game point opportunities for Chou.

A precise cross court return gave Chou the bragging rights.

After the change of sides, Chou again opened up a slender 5-4 lead before a lucky net chord brought it on an even keel. While Chou's returns got steeper and his attack stronger, Prannoy's errors piled up as he fell behind 6-10.

Prannoy tried to set the

pace of the rallies, and a fantastic rally ended with a lucky net chord for the Indian, who drew parity at 10-10 when Chou faltered at the front court.

However, Chou had his nose ahead at the interval with Prannoy failing to defend a shot on his backhand.

After resumption, Prannoy showed better defence and produced some accurate down-the-line smashes to nose ahead of his opponent, who suddenly committed a series of errors, especially in the front court.

With Prannoy leading 19-14, Chou unleashed a cross-court smash off the Indian's serve to break the run of play. But Prannoy ensured there

were no hiccups as he took the match to the decider with Chou going long.

Prannoy had an erratic start to the decider as he sprayed the shuttle wide to fall behind 1-4. Chou went long thrice before producing a body smash to end a gruelling rally and take a 6-4 lead.

Things didn't go Prannoy's way as he struggled to control the shuttle and a series of unforced errors saw Chou take a six-point cushion at the break.

Prannoy constructed the rallies well and precision in his returns, including two delightful cross-court returns, helped him make it 12-13. But once again, unforced errors crept in his game as he went long and to the net, to allow Chou take a 17-14 lead. The Taiwanese produced a body smash to maintain his three-point lead before gaining three match points chances with the Indian going to net.

Chou went wide twice and Prannoy unleashed a down-the-line smash in between to save the three match points, but he served out next to once again hand his opponent a match point, and he sealed it in his favour when Prannoy went wide.

## PIASTRI TO DRIVE FOR MCLAREN IN 2023

AP ■ ZANDVOORT

Oscar Piastri will join McLaren on a multiyear deal in 2023 after Formula One's contracts board ruled in his favor and against Alpine on Friday.

Alpine was in dispute with Piastri - the team's reserve driver - after he said he didn't want promotion to the Alpine seat vacated by Fernando Alonso for next year. Alpine team principal Otmar Szafnauer wanted to retain the 21-year-old Australian driver.

The matter went before F1's Contract Recognition Board this week and the four-person



tribunal ruled that McLaren had an existing contract in place. "The only contract to be recognized by the board is the contract between McLaren Racing Limited and Mr Piastri dated 4 July 2022," governing body FIA said in a statement. "Mr Piastri is entitled to drive for McLaren Racing Limited for the 2023 and 2024 seasons."