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## Eye on 2024, Cong begins 5-mnth Bharat Jodo Yatra

Tiranga under attack by BJP, RSS, says Rahul

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Facing desertion from the party and its sinking support base, the Congress on Wednesday launched its ambitious Bharat Jodo Yatra from Kanyakumari, the land's end at the southern tip of the country.

At the launch of the yatra, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin handed over a Tiranga to senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, who will lead the yatra over the next five months across 12 States, covering 23.5 kilometres every day. However, the yatra will not cover poll-bound Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh, the two States that are going to the polls later this year.

Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, Tamil Nadu's Congress chief CD Meyyappan and a galaxy of stars from the Congress, were present on the occasion.

Congress chief Sonia Gandhi, who is out of the country, in a message said, "In view of the medical check-ups that I am undergoing, I regret my inability to be with all of you in person this momentous evening to launch the historic Bharat Jodo Yatra from Kanyakumari to Kashmir. This is a landmark occasion for our great party with such a glorious



Tamil Nadu CM MK Stalin, Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot and Chhattisgarh CM Bhupesh Baghel along with Congress leader Rahul Gandhi during the launch of 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' in Kanyakumari on Wednesday

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legacy — the Indian National Congress. I am confident that our organisation will be rejuvenated."

She described it as a transformational moment in Indian politics. "I especially want to congratulate some 120 of our colleagues who will complete the entire padyatra that is about 3,600 kilometers long. There will be hundreds and thousands of others who will join the yatra in different states and I extend my greetings to

them as well. Speaking for myself, I will be participating in the Bharat Jodo Yatra daily in thought and spirit. I will, of course, be seeing the Yatra Live as it progresses. So, let us move forward united and firm in our resolve," she added.

Addressing a well attended public rally at Kanyakumari, Rahul came down heavily on the BJP Government at the Centre, which he alleged was disintegrating the country by

inculcating hatred and fear among the people.

Rahul said the tricolour belongs to every religion, State and language, but it is under attack today by the BJP and the RSS that are dividing India on lines of religion and language. The former Congress president said every single institution of the country is under attack as he sought the support of people to help keep the country united.

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## IT raids on illegal funds of unrecognised parties

Rajasthan Minister, think tank CPR, Oxfam, IPSMF offices among pan-India searches

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Income Tax Department on Wednesday conducted a pan-India search operation in connection with tax evasion and dubious financial transactions by around 20 registered unrecognised political parties (RUPP) and launched a survey operation against Delhi-based public policy think tank Centre for Policy Research (CPR) and global NGO Oxfam India.

The survey also covered Bengaluru-based Independent and Public-Spirited Media Foundation (IPSMF), which funds several media organisations. The I-T department also carried out a search operation against a Rajasthan Minister, sources said.

Sources said the I-T officials visited the offices of the CPR, Oxfam and IPSMF and inspected the book of accounts and financial transactions as part of the probe related to alleged contravention of the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA).

Meanwhile, as part of a pan-India tax evasion probe against RUPPs, at least 110 locations in Gujarat, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Haryana and some other States were searched, officials said.

The search teams of the I-T department were assisted by



I-T officials leave after conducting a raid at premises of the think-tank Centre for Policy Research in New Delhi on Wednesday

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the local police. A tax department team was seen at an office of a lawyer in the Mayur Vihar area, as part of this operation.

Meanwhile, Rajasthan Minister Rajendra Yadav said the Income Tax department conducted raids on Wednesday on multiple premises belonging to him and his family.

Income Tax department sources said the searches are being conducted as part of a tax-evasion investigation. The searches are being carried out in State Capital Jaipur and at some locations in Uttarakhand.

"The Income Tax department is conducting raids on business premises and residences in Kotputli and Uttarakhand. Reasons are not known," the Minister of State for Home said.

Yadav, the Congress MLA from Kotputli constituency, and his family are in the business of manufacturing bags for fertilisers, grains, and cement. They are also in food business such as flour and

pulses.

A coordinated action has been launched by the department against certain RUPPs, their promoters and linked entities to probe the source of their income and expenditure, the sources said.

Some other instances of political funding through alleged illegal means are also being investigated as part of the action, they said.

The surprise action by the tax department follows a recent recommendation of the Election Commission (EC) which recently struck off at least 198 entities from its list of RUPP after they were found non-existent during physical verification.

The EC had announced that it was taking action against more than 2,100 entities, categorised as RUPP by it, for flouting rules and election laws, including those related to filing of monetary contributions, failing to update their address and names of office bearers.

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## Battle between LG, AAP rages on

Thakur, Pradhan slam Delhi CM; Sanjay Singh targets Saxena

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The raging war between Delhi Lieutenant Governor VK Saxena and the AAP Government in Delhi continued unabated with the LG forwarding a complaint against Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal over an alleged scam in property sales, while the AAP hit back at the LG by alleging that during his tenure as KVIC chairman serious corruption took place through payment of nearly 2.5 lakh ghost workers in cash every month.

The complaint that the L-G forwarded alleged that Kejriwal sold three commercial

plots in Bhiwani for ₹4.54 crore but showed a grossly undervalued price of ₹72.72 lakh on paper on the same day.

Meanwhile, Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur slammed Kejriwal on his letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi alleging that more than 80 per cent Government schools in the country are worse than junkyards.

"It's unfortunate when those busy with liquor stores call schools a junkyard," Thakur said. His cabinet colleagues Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said it was unfortunate that Kejriwal made a comparison of Government schools with "kabadkhana" (junkyards) and dubbed him as "Bayan Bahadur" who should not be taken seriously.

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Installation of the statue of Subhash Chandra Bose underway at the India Gate, a day ahead of the inauguration of the Central Vista (inset), in New Delhi on Wednesday

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## Long-term Rly land lease, fee cut to boost PM Gati Shakti

Decision to help set up 300 cargo terminals, generate 1.25 lakh jobs, says Centre

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved a policy for long-term leasing of railway land for the PM Gati Shakti programme, which, the Centre said, will help set up 300 cargo terminals in five years and generate 1.25 lakh jobs.

The new policy will help provide land lease for a longer period of up to 35 years as against five years at present, Union Minister Anurag Thakur told the media after the Cabinet meeting.

The new policy will enable



the integrated development of infrastructure and more cargo terminals. It has also cut down land lease fee from 6 per cent to 1.5 per cent, the Railways said in a statement. The proposed changes will pave the way for privatisation of the Container Corporation of India (Concor) because it will help strategic buyers pay much less

amounts as land rentals to Railways for a longer period, officials explained. This was one of the key suggestions put forward by the investment advisors of Concor.

Concor, under the aegis of the Railway Ministry, is engaged in transportation and handling of containers.

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## India keen to foster Russia ties on Arctic subjects, energy: PM

Modi calls for talks to end Ukraine war

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

With the Ukraine conflict showing no sign of coming to an end even after seven months, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday called for dialogue and diplomacy to usher in peace and said the war and Covid-19 pandemic have had a "major impact" on global supply chains.

He also said India is keen to strengthen its partnership with Russia on Arctic subjects and there is immense scope for cooperation in the field of energy as well. Modi made these assertions in an online plenary session at the Eastern



Prime Minister Narendra Modi addresses the plenary session of the 7th Eastern Economic Forum, in Vladivostok, Russia, via a video message from New Delhi on Wednesday

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Economic Forum organised in Vladivostok, Russia. President Vladimir Putin attended the conclave.

Both the leaders are likely to meet on the sidelines of the

Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) in Uzbekistan on September 15-16. However, there is no clarity on the meeting between Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping there. They may hold a bilateral meeting on the sidelines of the G-20 summit in Indonesia in November.

Meanwhile, reiterating the country's stand for a peaceful resolution of the ongoing Ukraine conflict, Modi said the ongoing shortages of food grains, fertilisers and fuel are a "great concern" for developing countries.

Since the start of the Russian military action in Ukraine, Modi has called for an end to hostilities and suggested there should be direct talks between the Russian and Ukrainian presidents.

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## 2 months on, a few takers for plastic ban

92,647 challans issued after ban was imposed on single use plastic

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

The manufacturers and retail sellers of single use plastic items (SUP) are yet to take the law banning such products seriously.

In two months since the prohibition on usage and manufacture of SUP came into effect, at least 92,647 challans were issued in just 11 States against the violators from whom a total 6,41,851 kg of illegal plastic items was seized attracting the penalty of ₹4.6 crore, as per the data available from the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), top pollution regulator in the country.

The figure could be on the higher side given that a majority of the States in the country are yet to submit the report of the action taken against the SUP violators, said a senior

official from the CPCB. Also, only the major violators have been covered while small traders, hawkers and grocers have gone scot-free.

He said that the details of inspections in special zones were as per data submitted by State Pollution Control Boards or Pollution Control Boards (PCC).

Most of the inspections were undertaken at railway stations, airports and e-commerce companies' warehouses in the State /UTs for ensuring enforcement of SUP ban in 11 States and UTs, including Assam, Delhi, Gujarat, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and Puducherry.

The teams also found that the manufacturers continued to produce the banned items,



either ignorant of the new law or giving two hoots to the law.

The identified banned SUP items include earbuds, plastic sticks for balloons, flags, candy sticks, ice-cream sticks, poly-

styrene (thermocool), plates, cups, glasses, forks, spoons, knives, straws, trays, wrapping or packaging films around sweets boxes, invitation cards, cigarette packets, plastic or PVC banners of less than 100

microns and stirrers.

The thickness of plastic carry bags will have to be increased from 75 microns to 120 microns from December 31, said the official. The CPCB has also developed the SUP Public Grievance App to allow the general public to file their grievance in case they observe violation of the ban of the Single Use Plastics. The data of the complaint is registered in a central portal.

These complaints are then redressed mainly by the local bodies and in certain cases by the SPCBs/ PCCs, said the official on the sideline of an event held to mark the International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies.

A total of 3,374 complaints had been registered as of August 28, 2022 of which 1,068 had been resolved.

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# AAP releases list of 10 candidates for Gujarat Assembly elections

**PTI ■ AHMEDABAD**

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) on Wednesday released its third list of 10 candidates for the Gujarat Assembly elections due later this year.

The Arvind Kejriwal-led AAP had earlier announced 19 candidates for polls to the 182-member Assembly in BJP-ruled Gujarat.

No other party has so far declared its candidates for the State elections due in December.

During his recent visits to Gujarat, AAP national convener and Delhi Chief Minister Kejriwal announced a host of pre-poll guarantees related to

electricity, jobs, unemployment allowance, women and tribals if the AAP is elected to power in the state.

As per the list released on Wednesday, the AAP has given ticket to its Gujarat unit treasurer and former Congress leader Kailash Gadhi from Mandvi Assembly seat in Kutch district.

The party has selected Dinesh Kapadia as its candidate for Danilimda seat in Ahmedabad and Ramesh Patel for Deesa seat in Banaskantha.

Social activist and former Bharatiya Tribal Party (BTP) leader Praful Vasava, known for fighting for tribals affected by the Sardar Sarovar Dam project, has been nominated for Nandod

seat in Narmada district.

Lalsh Thakkar has been chosen for Patan seat, Kalpesh Patel for Vajalpur seat in Ahmedabad and Arvind Gamit for Nizar seat in Tapi district.

Vijay Chavda has been given ticket from Savli seat in

Vadodara and Bipin Gameti from Khedbrahma seat in Sabarkantha.

Jeevan Jungi, a local leader of the fishermen community, has been selected to contest from Porbandar seat in the Saurashtra region.

## Man jumps to death from high-rise building in Delhi's Civic Centre Complex

**STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI**

A man allegedly jumped to death on Wednesday from a high-rise building in central Delhi's Civic Centre complex. The deceased identified as Divesh used to work as a data entry operator on the eighth floor of the building that houses offices of the Income Tax department.

According to Shweta Chauhan, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Central district, at 10.25 AM, Civic Centre security in-charge SK Tiwari informed them that an unknown person was lying dead in front of the Income Tax building at E-2 block.

"On reaching the spot, it appeared that the person had



jumped off the Income Tax building," said the DCP adding that further investigation is on.

A senior Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) official said, "We got to know when we were at our office at the Civic Centre that a man had jumped from the towering block that houses the Income Tax office. He was not an MCD employee." He allegedly jumped from the tallest building in the complex, the official added.

The state-of-the-art complex houses five buildings, the tallest of which is 28-stories high.

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**CCRT DIRECTOR FELICITATED WITH NATIONAL AWARD**

New Delhi: The Centre for Cultural Resources and Training (CCRT) Director Rishi Vashist was felicitated with 38th Dr. S. Radhakrishnan Memorial National Award 2022 on the occasion of Teachers Day for his valuable contribution in the field of Cultural Education organised by the Akhil Bharatiya Swatantra Patrakar Evam Lekhak Sangh. The prestigious award was presented by Union Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment Ramdas Athwale. CCRT is an autonomous organization under Ministry of Culture.

**MAN STABS WIFE TO DEATH, KILLS HIMSELF**

New Delhi: A 42-year-old man allegedly stabbed his wife to death before killing himself. The incident took place on Tuesday night in east Delhi's Laxmi Nagar. Police said that the man, identified as Neeraj, also attacked and injured one of his sons. Prima facie, it appears that Neeraj committed suicide after attacking his wife as there were injury marks on his wrist and neck. However, the post-mortem report is awaited, police said.

**DCW ISSUES NOTICE TO POLICE OVER FORCED PROSTITUTION**

New Delhi: The Delhi Commission for Women (DCW) has issued a notice to the Delhi Police after a woman alleged trafficking and forced prostitution at central Delhi's GB Road. In her complaint to the panel, the woman alleged that she escaped from GB Road to save her daughter from being pushed into prostitution. The woman said she was 13-years-old when she was brought to Delhi nearly 20 years ago on a false promise that she would be given a job. However, she was forced into prostitution at GB Road.

**FIRE BREAKS OUT AT SHOP IN BUILDING IN NOIDA SECTOR 18**

Noida: A fire broke out Wednesday afternoon at a shop in a four-storeyed building in Sector 18 of Noida. Ten people were trapped inside the second-floor shop and rescued by fire-fighters who used a hydraulic crane to pull them out through a window as the building got filled with smoke, the officials said. Four fire tenders were rushed to the site and the blaze which was reported at 2.30 P.M. was brought under control.

**STUDENT ATTACKS GUARD WITH ROD AFTER BEING SCOLDED**

New Delhi: After he was scolded for coming late to the school, a Class X student on Wednesday allegedly attacked a 32-year-old guard of his school in west Delhi's Tilak Nagar with an iron rod. According to the police, they got information around 8.15 am that a guard was attacked by someone and he was taken to a hospital. Police found that two days ago, school guard Vijay Kumar, a resident of Prem Nagar in Kirari, had an argument with a 16-year-old student for coming late to the school.

**3 MEN DIE OF ELECTROCUTION AT FARM HOUSE**

New Delhi: Three men died of electrocution on Wednesday morning after an iron trolley which they were using to trim leaves of trees at a farm house in outer Delhi came in contact with a high tension wire. Two of them, Faizan and Suhail, both 19-years-old, of Kithor village of Meerut in Uttar Pradesh, came in direct touch with the high tension wire, while a third, Jubair, 23, also a resident of the same village, died rescuing them.

**LG INAUGURATES ASITA EAST PROJECT NEAR LAXMI NAGAR**

New Delhi: To restore the ecological character of the flood plains of River Yamuna and give breathable public green space to the people of East Delhi, Lieutenant Governor VK Saxena on Wednesday inaugurated the Asita East project near Laxmi Nagar. The project is a part of Delhi Development Authority's (DDA) ongoing Restoration and Rejuvenation program of the Yamuna floodplains. Asita East project is spread over 197 hectares of land, out of which 90 hectares is with DDA and the remaining falls under the jurisdiction of UP Irrigation Department.

**CHARITY EYE HOSPITAL FELICITATES FAMILIES OF DONORS**

New Delhi: Dr Shroff's Charity Eye Hospital on Wednesday organized 'Anar Jyoti', to felicitate the families of donors, in commemoration of National Eye Donation Fortnight (August 25 to September 8). Executive Director Dr Umang Mathur said, "Corneal blindness is a major public health concern in our country. Hence the selfless act of eye donation plays a crucial role in the welfare of society. We organise the Amar Jyoti event to recognise the families of donors, who even during the darkness of loss in their lives, were able to generously bring light into the lives of thousands of patients."

## India keen to foster Russia ties on Arctic...

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During the ongoing session in Vladivostok, the Prime Minister said, "The Ukraine

conflict and the Covid pandemic have had a major impact on global supply chains. Food grains, fertilisers and fuel shortages are of great concern to developing countries."

Addressing the session in Hindi, he said, "we support all peaceful efforts to end this conflict. In this regard, we also welcome the recent consensus on

the safe export of cereals and fertilizers," referring to the UN-brokered deal to resume exports of Ukrainian grain.

Modi said India's ancient principle of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" has "taught us to see the world as one family". He added, "In today's globalised world, events in one part of the world create an impact on the

whole world."

On bilateral cooperation in Russia's Far East, Modi recalled his in-person participation in the Eastern Economic Forum in 2019, when he had announced India's "Act Far East" policy.

"As a result, India's cooperation with various sectors in Russia's Far East has increased. Today, this policy has become an

important pillar of the India-Russia special and privileged strategic partnership," he said.

Whether it is the International North-South Transport Corridor, the Chennai-Vladivostok maritime corridor or the Northern Sea Route, connectivity will play an important role in the development of India-Russia relations in

future, the Prime Minister said.

He said India is keen to strengthen its partnership with Russia on Arctic subjects and there is immense scope for cooperation in the field of energy. Along with energy, India has made significant investments in Russia's Far East in the fields of pharmaceuticals and diamonds, he added.

## Battle between LG, AAP rages...

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The complaint against the Delhi CM alleged that Kejriwal sold the plots through his wife Sunita Kejriwal at a market rate of ₹45,000 per square yard but showed the transaction at the rate of a meager ₹8,300 per sq yard on papers. It alleged that Kejriwal duped the exchequer of ₹25.93 lakh in stamp duty and ₹76.4 lakh as capital gain tax. The Lt Governor office received a copy of the complaint on August 28, addressed

to Delhi Lokayukta against Chief Minister, demanding an inquiry.

"In the process, Arvind Kejriwal and his wife evaded 'stamp duty' of Rs. 10.68 lakh on the plot of 416 sq yard, Rs 8.73 lakh on the plot measuring 340 sq yard and Rs 6.52 lakh on the plot measuring 254 sq yards causing a cumulative loss of Rs 25.93 lakh to the State exchequer," alleged the complainant.

Talking to reporters after

the Cabinet briefing, Thakur said it was "unfortunate" that those busy with "sharabkhana" were calling the schools "kabaddkhana", alluding to the allegations of a liquor scam under Kejriwal Government in Delhi. "PM-SHREE scheme will benefit 20 lakh students through development of 14,597 model schools in the country," Thakur said. Meanwhile, AAP Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh alleged that Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena

misappropriated crores of rupees making payments to "ghost artisans" when he was the chairman of the KVIC, demanding his "immediate" sacking and a probe against him by the central agencies.

Addressing a press conference, Singh backed his claims referring to a 2016 Patna High Court order on payment of wages to artisans and findings of a CVC inquiry into alleged disbursement of crores of rupees to "ghost artisans".

## 2 months on, a few...

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On a positive side, the data showed that many units had started manufacturing alternatives to banned SUP items. For instance, sticks candy and ice-cream sticks have been replaced with wooden sticks.

Earlier, while addressing the event, Union Environment Minister Bhupendra Yadav on Wednesday said innovations in air quality management should become a movement. He said

his Ministry is focusing equally on enforcement and creating awareness among the public.

Factors responsible for air pollution are different in different regions and the authorities are adopting cost-effective solutions to the problem. Yadav said the Government has given a transboundary mandate to the Commission for Air Quality Management recognising the importance of dealing with air pollution at the airshed level.

# Eye on 2024, Cong begins...

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"Our tricolour guarantees the right to practice any religion of choice, but today this flag is under attack," Rahul Gandhi said at the rally.

He said the tricolour did not come easily as it was earned by Indians of every religion, region and language.

Rahul also alleged that India is facing its worst-ever economic crisis along with the highest unemployment rate ever and the country is headed towards disaster.

"This is our effort to soothe the hurt sentiments of the people of India by the BJP during the last eight years. You will see a rejuvenated

Congress after the completion of this yatra by Rahul Gandhi," said C D Meyyappan.

The five-month-long Yatra would traverse 3,500 kms before culminating at Srinagar. Senior leaders of the Congress including K Sudhakaran, VD Satheeshan and Shashi Tharoor were in attendance at the venue where the choir of Congress party recited some of the all time favourite hymns of Mahatma Gandhi.

Stalin handed over the national flag to Rahul Gandhi at the stroke of 5 pm. The next two days will see the Congress boss travelling across the

southern districts before entering Kerala. The day began with the All India Youth Congress endorsing a resolution demanding that Gandhi should take over as the president of the party.

Outspoken party leader from Bihar Kanhaiya Kumar claimed the BJP's 1990 Rath Yatra was for seeking 'satta (power)', but the Congress 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' is for 'satya (truth)'. Kumar, who has been classified as a 'Bharat Yatri' by the party and is slated to walk the entire 3,570-km distance of the Kanyakumari to Kashmir Yatra, said the Congress' initiative is not solely political.

Asked about how this Yatra was different from the ones undertaken in the past such as the LK Advani-led Rath Yatra in 1990, Kanhaiya Kumar said, "That was a polit-

ical yatra. That was for satta, this is for satya." Advani's Rath Yatra in 1990 had triggered a mass movement in support of building a Ram temple in Ayodhya which brought the BJP political dividends.

The yatras will be carried out in other states as 'sub-yatras' and will keep on moving northwards, passing through Thiruvananthapuram, Kochi, Nilambur, Mysuru, Bellary, Raichur, Vikarabad, Nanded, Jalgaon, Indore, Kota, Dausa, Alwar, Bulandshahr, Delhi, Ambala, Pathankot and Jammu, before culminating in Srinagar. Those participating in the yatra have been classified as 'Bharat Yatris', 'Atithi Yatras', 'Pradesh Yatris' and 'Volunteer Yatris'. The tagline of the yatra is "Mile Kadam, Jude Watan".

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The Sr. Divisional Engineer-III, Northern Railway, Delhi Division invites E-Tender for the following work.

1	<b>Name of work :</b> Annual repair and maintenance of MS/CI/DI rainy well pipe line between rainy well at Shastri Nagar at Delhi main station for One year in the section of SSE/WDLI under DEN/Works in the jurisdiction of Sr.DEN-III/DLI
2	<b>Approx. cost of work :</b> Rs. 50,00,184.76/- (Rupees Fifty Lakh One Hundred Eighty Four & Seventy Six Paise only)
3	<b>Earnest Money to be deposited :</b> Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Only)
4	<b>Cost of tender document :</b> Rs. 0/-
5	<b>Date &amp; Time of submission of tender bid and opening of tender :</b> 30.09.2022 at 15:00 Hrs.
6	<b>Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen :</b> <a href="http://www.ireps.gov.in">www.ireps.gov.in</a>

(The tender/s must be registered on the Indian Railway E-Procurement system (IREPS) site i.e. [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) for participating in the e-tender system.

For all terms and conditions please refer tender document.

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**No.: 128-W/280/e Tender Notice/NIT/57/2022-23/W-3 Date:- 06.09.2022 2320/22**

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**Naveen Aggarwal (Advocate)**  
Ch. No. M-7, Near SBI, Western Wing, Tis Hazari Court, Delhi-54

**कार्यालय नगर पालिक निगम, भोपाल**  
**यात्रिक विभाग (मुख्यालय) गोविंदपुरा (बी.एच.ई.एल.)**  
**निविदा आमंत्रण घोषणा-पत्र**  
**भोपाल, दिनांक 07.09.2022**

निम्नलिखित निर्माण कार्य हेतु दो लिफाफा पद्धति के अनुसार म.प्र. लोक निर्माण विभाग में केन्द्रीकृत व्यवस्था के अंतर्गत पंजीकृत ठेकेदार परसेन्टेज मोहर बंद निविदाये निर्धारित प्रपत्र पर ऑनलाईन आमंत्रित की जाती है।

S. No.	Tender ID	Name of Work	Probable Amount of Contract (Rs. in )	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (In Rs.)	Cost of Bid Document (In Rs.)	Period of Completion (in Months)	SOR
1	2022_UAD_214697_2	CONSTRUCTION OF COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL COMPLEX AT THADDARAM COMMUNITY CENTRE, SANT HIRDARAM NAGAR WARD 05 ZONE 01 SECOND CALL	85726519/-	428633/-	20000/-	12 months	MPUADD ISSR 2021

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3. The bidders who bids in the tender will have to submit the document of participating firm. Document of other firm viz any other partnership firm/sister concern ect. will not be valid.

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**Municipal Corporation Bhopal**

**संचालनालय खेल और युवा कल्याण**  
**टी.टी. नगर स्टेडियम, भोपाल (म.प्र.)**  
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# LG for action on plaint of tax evasion by CM

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Lieutenant-Governor's Office has forwarded a complaint against Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal in connection with three property transactions in Bhiwani district in Haryana to the Chief Secretary Naresh Kumar for action.

The complaint alleged that Kejriwal sold three commercial plots for ₹4.54 crore but showed a grossly undervalued price of ₹72.72 lakh on paper. The complaint further stated that Kejriwal sold the plots through his wife Sunita Kejriwal at a market rate of ₹45,000 per square yard but showed the transaction at the rate of a meager ₹8,300 per sq yard on paper.

It alleged that Kejriwal duped the exchequer of ₹25.93 lakh in Stamp Duty and ₹76.4 lakh as Capital Gain Tax. The L-G's Office has received a copy of the complaint on August 28, addressed to the Delhi Lokayukta against the Chief Minister, demanding an enquiry, According to the complainant, whose identity hasn't been revealed, all the three



properties, measuring 340 square yard (Sq Yd), 416 Sq Yd and 254 Sq Yd each were sold through Sunita Kejriwal, at a cost of ₹24.48 lakh, ₹30 lakh and ₹18.24 lakh respectively. "The commercial plots were sold at a rate of ₹8,300 Sq Yd despite the fact that the existing market rate was ₹45,000 per Sq Yd.

The stamp duty paid on the three plots was ₹1,41,200, ₹1,73,700 and ₹1,12,500 respectively," the complainant claimed. One of the buyers, on condition of anonymity, told the complainant that Kejriwal sold the three plots at a market rate of ₹1.53 crore, ₹1.87 crore and ₹1.14 crore respectively and received the amount exceeding the rate of ₹8,300 Sq

Yd mentioned in the sale deed in cash. "In the process, Arvind Kejriwal and his wife evaded stamp duty of ₹10.68 lakh on the plot of 416 Sq Yd, ₹8.73 lakh on the plot measuring 340 Sq Yd and ₹6.52 lakh on the plot measuring 254 Sq Yd causing a cumulative loss of ₹25.93 lakh to the State exchequer," alleged the complainant.

It is also evident that Arvind Kejriwal actually sold the three plots at a market rate of ₹4.54 crore, even as he deceptively projected the sale on paper for merely ₹72.72 lakh at the circle rate.

In the process, he cunningly evaded 'capital gains tax' of ₹76.4 lakh at the rate of 20 per cent on ₹3.82 crore, a figure that is arrived at by subtracting the aforementioned amount of ₹72.72 lakh from ₹4.54 crore," the complainant claimed.

In 2020 Delhi Assembly Elections, Kejriwal, who contested and won from the New Delhi seat, had declared assets worth ₹3.4 crore, a marginal increase of ₹1.3 crore from his 2015 assets of ₹2.1 crore, according to his election affidavit.

## AAP: Saxena gobbled crores via ghost artisans as KVIC chief

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The AAP on Wednesday alleged that out of 4.55 lakh artisans registered under Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), bank accounts were opened for only 1.93 lakh artisans, the remaining 2.5 lakh ghost workers were paid in cash every month. AAP Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh on Wednesday claimed that Delhi Lieutenant-Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena misappropriated crores of rupees making payments to "ghost artisans when he was the Chairman of the KVIC," and demanded his "immediate" sacking and a probe against him by the central agencies.

Addressing a press conference, Singh backed his claims by referring to a 2016 Patna HC order on payment of wages to artisans and findings of a CVC enquiry into alleged disbursement of crores of rupees to "ghost artisans".

He tore a defamation notice sent to him by the L-G recently, saying such notices cannot stop him from "telling the truth". Singh also asked Saxena to respond to allegations using his personal social media handle, saying the official handle of the Raj Niwas "belongs to the Delhi L-G, not you." "VK Saxena is a very corrupt person. When he was

KVIC's Chairman he gobbled crores of rupees of 2.5 lakh workers, and turned the KVIC into a den of corruption," Singh told reporters. "If there is a little honesty in the (Central) Government, it should remove such a corrupt L-G and start a CBI and ED probe. The L-G should be arrested and sent to jail," he added.

He also asked Prime Minister Modi why Saxena was appointed as Delhi L-G when he was "neck deep in corruption." Singh said the Patna HC, while hearing a petition moved by artisans against payment in cash to them by the KVIC, had ordered that the artisans be paid by cheque or directly in their bank accounts.

But the KVIC continued paying them in cash, he claimed. "Rajendra Pratap Gupta, the then member of the KVIC, tweeted on September 25, 2017, saying that he had got a complaint how KVIC was breaching the HC's orders and making cash payments," he added.

When issue came to light, the CVC intervened and started an inquiry, Singh said. The CVC inquiry report observed: "There were complaints that ghost artisans were present in the system as cash payments worth crores were disbursed to unidentified persons without maintaining proper records."

# 80% Govt schools in India worse than junkyards, CM writes to PM

I request PM to fix not just 14,500 but all 10 lakh schools together: says Kejriwal

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Wednesday wrote a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi saying that over 80 per cent of Government schools in the country "are worse than junkyards." Kejriwal wrote the letter on the day he was set to start the Aam Aadmi Party's (AAP's) 'Make India Number One' campaign from Haryana.

He has been showcasing his work in key areas such as education and healthcare in Delhi as the AAP seeks to make political inroads beyond its stronghold.

Kejriwal also shared the letter on Twitter and wrote, "My letter to the Prime Minister. It is good that he announced plans to upgrade 14,500 schools. But there are 10 lakh Government schools in the country. In this way, it will take more than a hundred years to fix all the schools. I request him to make a plan to fix all 10 lakh schools together."

On Monday, Modi said in a tweet that 14,500 schools across the country will be developed and upgraded under the Pradhan Mantri Schools for Rising India (PM-SHRI) Yojana. Modi also sought a plan to upgrade all one million Government schools.

In his letter to the Prime Minister, Kejriwal stated that the condition of Government schools across the country is very bad and there is a great need to upgrade and modernise them. "You have made a plan for the modernisation of 14,500 schools but if we work at this pace, it will take 100 years to upgrade all our Government schools. I request you to prepare a plan for the redevelopment of all 10 lakh (one million) Government-run schools in the country," he said.

He said out of 2.7 million students, 1.8 million go to government schools. "The condition of more than 80 percent of government schools is worse than a junkyard. If we give such education to our children's crores, how will India become a developed country?"

He said the country made a big mistake in 1947 by not developing good Government schools in every village and town. "It's unfortunate that in next 75 years also, we did not focus on giving our children a good education. Will India



## Quality big concern in Delhi Govt-run schools, says BJP

PM-SHREE scheme will benefit 20 L students through development of 14,597 model schools, says Thakur

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur on Wednesday hit back at Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on his letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi alleging that more than 80 per cent Government schools in the country are worse than junkyards. "It's unfortunate when those busy with 'sharabkhana' (liquor stores) call schools a kabadkhana (junkyard)," Thakur said.

Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, too, said it was unfortunate that Kejriwal compared Government schools with junkyards and dubbed him as "Bayan Bahadur" who should not be taken seriously.

Briefing reporters after a Cabinet meeting, Pradhan and Thakur, slammed Kejriwal over his letter to Modi, demanding conversion of all Government schools in the country into model ones. Thakur said, "PM-SHREE scheme will benefit 20 lakh students through development of 14,597 model schools in the country."

Pradhan said that despite "loud mouthed" claims by the Kejriwal Government, Delhi fell behind the national average and a smaller UT like Chandigarh, in parameters of student enrolments, quality of education, opening of new schools and recruitment of new principals. "Some people have assumed issuing statements as a work for themselves. I want to call them 'Bayan Bahadur'. There are people who work and there are others who just give statements,"

continue to waste more time?" "That is why I request you that instead of just 14,500 schools, a plan should be made to transform and modernise all 10

Pradhan said replying to a question about Kejriwal's letter. "Is this how you say in Hindi literature - sarkari schools are worse than kabadkhana. I am also worried that what kind of language was being used for the field of education," he said.

He said "Bayan Veer" who despite funds does not open schools and recruit principals and fails to pay salaries to employees (referring to AAP Government in Punjab), should not be taken seriously. Pradhan claimed that after AAP came to power in 2015, enrolment in Delhi Government schools had declined and despite promising 500 model schools in its election manifesto, the AAP Government has failed to open schools.

Citing Unified District Information System for Education (UDISE) and National Achievement Survey (NAS) data in which 1,602 Delhi Government schools, 10,000 teachers and 65,000 students participated, Pradhan said that Delhi schools have been suffering from quality and governance issues.

In class 3, Delhi's score was 42 as against the national average of 54. In class 5, national average was 48, while Delhi scored 37. Similarly, in class 8 national average was 38, Delhi got 37. Similarly, in class 10, the national average was 40, while Delhi scored 39. Quality is a bigger concern in schools run by the Delhi Government that considers its work in field of education as a brownie point, said Pradhan.

lakh Government schools. All State should be brought together and plan should be implemented in next five years," Kejriwal said in his letter.

## Release ₹383.74 cr to MCD, LG writes to CM

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena on Wednesday wrote a letter to Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, asking him to release Rs 383.74 crore to the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) under education and health heads, pointing out that it has been pending for two years. Sharing the letter on Twitter, the Lieutenant Governor's office said that Saxena has asked for the release of the fund meant to be spent on education and health and that holding the fund "without any reason" was adversely impacting primary education and health in Delhi.

"It has been brought to LG notice that Rs 383.74 crores for the years 2020-21 and 2021-22 under the plan heads of Urban Development, Education and Medical, has not been released to the erstwhile SDMC, NMC and EDMC by the Urban Development Department of Delhi Government," the letter reads referring to the Delhi government. "As against the revised budget estimate approved of Rs 3768.64 crore under the above plan heads during the financial year 2020-2021 only Rs 3384.90 was released resulting in the short-

fall of Rs 383.74 crore," the letter further adds.

The letter points out that the MCD is entrusted with the responsibility of provision of various public services and facilities to the citizens of Delhi including primary health, education, sanitation, roads, parks etc. "The grant is essentially required for operation and development of infrastructure related to schools, hospitals, dispensaries, roads, footpaths etc which impact the daily life of the citizens of Delhi.

It need not be emphasized that the budget estimates were voted and approved by the Delhi Legislative Assembly and it was incumbent upon the Urban Development Department to timely release the funds to the MCD," the letter read. "However it was not done despite several requests and due to non release of funds the provision of various public services by MCD is being adversely impacted causing inconvenience to the citizens of Delhi," it read. "Therefore in the interest of the citizens of Delhi, I will request you to ensure that Rs.383.74 Crores for the Financial Years that is 2020-21 and 2021-22 unfairly withheld by the Urban Development Department is made available to the civic body at the earliest," he said.



# Govt extends cracker ban to online sale too till January 1

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Government has banned the production, sale and use of all types of firecrackers in the national Capital till January 1, 2023. This time there will also be a ban on online sale and delivery of firecrackers in the city, said Delhi environment minister Gopal Rai on Wednesday. Despite a ban on crackers in the last two years, the pollution levels in the national Capital continued to remain in the poor zone in the subsequent week following Diwali.

Rai said in a tweet in Hindi: "To protect people from the danger of pollution, the manufacture, storage, sale, and use of all types of firecrackers will be banned in Delhi this year, like previous years. This year, the online sale/delivery of firecrackers will also be banned. The ban will be in force till

January 2023." The Delhi Police, the Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) and Revenue Department will work together to enforce the ban on firecrackers, which comes ahead of Diwali which will be celebrated in October.

"As Delhi's pollution issues worsen over the winter, the burning of firecrackers also seems to be an important contributing factor. In view of such a situation of pollution, a complete ban is being imposed on the production, storage, sale and use of all types of firecrackers, so that people's lives can be saved," said Rai.

"Last year many incidents of people bursting crackers were reported in Delhi due to easy availability of firecrackers. At the same time, the Delhi government does not want any financial loss to the traders and dealers this time," said Rai. According to data from the Central Pollution Control Board

(CPCB), Delhi recorded its poorest post-Diwali air quality in five years in November 2021, with a deadly cocktail of noxious fumes from firecrackers and stubble burning pushing 24-hour average Air Quality Index (AQI) to "severe" category (462). Residents flouted ban on firecrackers to celebrate Diwali and emissions from farm fires in region had peaked at 36 per cent.

The Delhi Police had arrested 281 people — 138 for selling and supplying firecrackers and 143 for bursting those — during Diwali last year (September 29 to November 4). Firecrackers weighing a total of 19,702.489 kg were seized during period.

In 2020, the National Green Tribunal (NGT) had banned firecrackers from November 9 to 30 in National Capital Region (NCR) and in all places where average air quality that month dropped below the 'poor' category.

# BJP leaders distribute handbills over Excise Policy 'scam'

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi BJP leaders and workers on Wednesday distributed handbills to commuters outside several metro stations, demanding dismissal of Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia over alleged irregularities in the City Government's now-scrapped excise policy.

The leader of opposition in Delhi Assembly, Ramvir Singh Bidhuri, who was distributing handbills outside Vishavvidyalaya Metro Station, said that the people of Delhi should also know that Kejriwal is shining his politics with the help of false propaganda and what are his misdeeds. "We have a clear question to



Kejriwal if he answers it, then probably the people of Delhi will get the answer of more than half the questions. Why did Kejriwal and Sisodia, who were all praise about the new

excise policy in Delhi calling it a policy of profit for revenue, withdrew it later? Not only this, Kejriwal says that the number of liquor shops was not increased, but why were then

more than 850 liquor shops opened everywhere?," Bidhuri said.

He said that Manish Sisodia himself used to say in the Vidhan Sabha that there are 100 wards of Delhi where liquor vends cannot be opened, but why did he open them in clear violation of the master plan. "Delhiites want to know that when Kulwinder Marwah himself, who is the contractor of L-1, himself gave information about the money transactions in the sting operation, then why Kejriwal government is still keeping Sisodia in the cabinet," said Bidhuri.

BJP, MP, Ramesh Bidhuri said that the sale of liquor has more than doubled under the

new excise policy, but still how has there been a loss of Rs 3000 crores in revenue? "Why was the commission increased from two per cent to 12.5 per cent to benefit the liquor mafia? All these questions will be asked to Kejriwal and his favorite Manish Sisodia till they answer it or they accept their wrong doings and sack Sisodia," said the MP.

He said that in a book called Swaraj, Kejriwal himself has written that before opening liquor shops in any area, a decision will be taken by asking the women and RWA organization there, but under the new excise policy, one wonders whose permission was taken for opening these vends.

# NDMC nod to Rajpath renaming



STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

A day before Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to inaugurate the 'Kartavya Path', the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) on Wednesday approved the proposal of renaming the Rajpath.

will be made open to the public. Modi will also unveil the statue of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose at India Gate on the occasion.

A special meeting of the NDMC presided over by the Union Minister of State for External Affairs and Culture Meenakshi Lekhi was held. Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, who is also the member of NDMC, was not present in the meeting.

Over the years, Rajpath and adjoining areas of the Central Vista Avenue had been witnessing pressure of increasing traffic of visitors, putting stress on its infrastructure. It lacked basic amenities like public toilets, drinking water, street furniture and adequate parking space.

## Govt offices, courts to be shut from 3 PM

NEW DELHI: Ahead of the inauguration of the revamped central vista, the Government offices and the Delhi High Court as well as Patiala House Court shall remain closed from 3 pm onwards.

As a large number of VIPs and invitees are expected to attend the function, the Centre government had also issued a circular to all the ministries and departments to direct non-essential staff to work from home, encourage maximum employees to use public transport and close offices post lunch after 4 PM.

## Bid to rescue Akali leader's killer, 6 held

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The sleuths of Delhi Police's Special Cell arrested four assailants along with two others who were allegedly involved in a firing incident attempted to rescue the killer of Youth Akali Dal leader Vicky Middukhera from the police custody after his court appearance in Himachal Pradesh.

The four accused identified as Vakil, (24), Vikram Singh, (23), Pargat Singh, (28) and Gurjant Singh (24) were involved in the firing incident at Nalagarh Court on August 29. The fifth accused Ajay, (22), was involved in supplying logistics while the sixth accused Gagandeep Sharma (30) was the communication handler and local mastermind. The



police said the network was being run by absconding Lucky Patial from Europe and Rinda Sandhu from Pakistan. According to police, the incident of firing took place on August 29 outside the ACJM's court, Nalagarh, Baddi in Himachal Pradesh when Ajay, accused of killing Youth Akali Dal leader Vicky Middukhera was being taken back after his court appearance under the

police escorts. The local police, however, suspected it to be an incident attempted to kill accused Ajay. But there were also reports claiming that the assault was to rescue him. Meanwhile, the Special Cell unit of Delhi Police also launched a probe into the firing incident since accused Ajay was arrested by them in March this year in connection with Middukhera's killing.

## JNU imposed heavy fines for taking part in protests: Students

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Some JNU students have claimed that the administration has imposed thousands of rupees of fines on them for participating in protests and banned them from registering for the next semester. The amount of fine varies from Rs 10,000 to Rs 15,000, the students claimed and accused the administration of 'harassment'.

However, JNU chief proctor Rajnish Kumar Mishra has denied the allegations, saying the actions are taken after following due procedure.

Among the students to get notices are ex-JNUSU vice president and PhD scholar Simone and Kaushik Raj.



# Cabinet allots ₹27,360 cr for PM-SHRI Scheme

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved a Rs 27,360-crore scheme for the development of over 14,000 schools across the country as PM Schools for Rising India (PM-SHRI), which is expected to benefit 18.7 lakh students.

Under the scheme, over 14,500 schools, including Kendriya Vidyalayas and Navodaya Vidyalayas as well as schools run by State Governments and local bodies, will be strengthened to emerge as PM-SHRI Schools, Union Ministers Dharmendra Pradhan and Anurag Thakur told media after the Cabinet meeting.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the scheme on September 5 on Teachers Day to upgrade and modernise existing schools from amongst those managed by the Central and State Governments, as well as local bodies.

The total project cost would be Rs 27,360 crore for five years, of which the central share would be Rs 18,128 crore.

The Government expects this scheme to benefit 18.7 lakh students and these schools will be monitored vigorously to assess progress and understand the challenges faced in the implementation of the new National Education Policy (NEP), 2020.

"PM SHRI will provide high-quality education in an equitable, inclusive and joyful school environment that takes care of the diverse background, multilingual needs, and different academic abilities of children and makes them active participants in their own learning process as per the vision of NEP 2020," said Pradhan, who is the Education and Skill Development Minister. The PM SHRI Schools will provide leadership to other schools in their respective regions by providing mentorship.

"These schools will be developed as 'Green schools', incorporating environment-friendly aspects like solar panels and LED lights, nutrition gardens with natural farming, waste management and plastic free," Pradhan said. Water conservation and harvesting, the

study of traditions and practices related to the protection of the environment, climate-change-related hackathon and awareness generation to adopt a sustainable lifestyle will also be included.

"Pedagogy adopted in these schools will be more experiential, holistic, integrated, play and toy-based (particularly, in the foundational years) inquiry-driven, discovery-oriented, learner-centred, discussion-based, flexible and enjoyable," Pradhan said.

Focus on learning outcomes of every child in every grade, assessment at all levels based on conceptual understanding and application of knowledge to real-life situations will be among the features of the scheme.

It will also include assessment of resources available and their effectiveness in terms of availability, adequacy, appropriateness, and utilisation for each of the domains and their key performance indicators, and filling of gaps in a systematic and planned manner. Linkage with Sector Skill Councils and local industry for

enhancing employability and providing better employment opportunities will also be explored. "A School Quality Assessment Framework (SQAf) is being developed, specifying the key performance indicators to measure outcomes. Quality evaluation of these schools at regular intervals will be undertaken to ensure the desired standards," Pradhan said.

## India, UK MoU on education qualification approved

NEW DELHI: The Union Cabinet approved the MoU signed on mutual recognition of academic qualifications between India and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

The MoU aims to facilitate mutual recognition of educational qualifications, periods of study undertaken, documents related to academic degrees/qualifications and accreditation by educational institutions within two countries.

# Descendants of soldiers martyred in 1971 Bangladesh war honoured

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Wednesday honoured the descendants of Indian soldiers who died in the 1971 Bangladesh liberation war with Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Student scholarships.

Bangladesh has instituted the student scholarship for 200 direct descendants of Indian defence forces personnel who made the supreme sacrifice or were critically injured during the war.

Hasina commenced the scheme with awarding the scholarship to 10 direct descendants of Indian Army personnel on Wednesday. The awardees included grandson of Paramvir Chakra awardee Lance Naik (Late) Albert Ekka, granddaughter of Mahavir Chakra awardee Sepoy (Late) Anaya Prasad and eight others.

As a mark of respect for those who made the supreme sacrifice, the 10 children and their families visited the National War Memorial here on Wednesday and paid homage. Speaking on the occasion, the visiting Prime Minister said youths of both



countries need to interact more closely and connect to the shared history because they are future leaders and leaders across the borders must work in close collaboration like our leaders did in past.

Conferment of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Student scholarships to 100 students of class 10 and 100 students of class 12, is a homage to Indian heroes who made supreme sacrifice for our cause, she said.

Jaishankar said Prime Minister Narendra Modi said Bangabandhu is our national hero too. Both countries have commissioned a biopic on him which is nearing completion. The liberation war of 1971 continues to inspire our bilateral relationship, the external affairs minister said. The award ceremony was also attended by Minister for Liberation of War Affairs, Bangladesh,

Mozammel Haque and Minister of State for Road Transport, General VK Singh (Retired) among others.

Announcing the awards on Tuesday, Hasina had said here "We are grateful for the valuable support from the government and the people of India in the great war of liberation of Bangladesh in 1971, which was a watershed moment in our bilateral relations...."

As many as 1,984 Indian Army personnel were killed in the war, according to the Bangladeshi government. The Hasina government had earlier honoured other Indian supporters of the freedom movement of Bangladesh, including writers and politicians. In the past, Hasina had also proposed to confer similar honours to those soldiers who laid down their lives to liberate the country.

# Kumar is now standing with the corrupt, says Prasad

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Attacking Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar for "standing" with those facing corruption charges and for fearing a "political eclipse", the BJP on Wednesday asserted that his "political farce" will not succeed as the country has moved "far ahead" under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"Jinki rajnaitik dukan khatre main hai wo Rahul ke saath khade hain," said senior BJP leader and former Union Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad in reference to Nitish Kumar's meeting with the Congress leader this week.



quish their claim to the top post. "He is the last one in the queue," Prasad said. "Ekta ka jo swang aap rakh rahain hein, desh uska viswas nahin karega," Prasad further said deriding the Bihar Chief Minister.

Prasad also ridiculed Kumar's claim that a united opposition can reduce the BJP to a 50-seat tally in Lok Sabha and said he cannot object to someone daydreaming.

He termed the Congress's 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' as "hollow" and claimed that it was essentially a "family-saving campaign" to keep control of Gandhi's over the party and was another attempt to establish Rahul Gandhi as a leader.

Prasad said Rahul could not unify his own party as he took a swipe at the opposition party, saying there is a regular "court chorus" for him to become the party president again while he is often abroad.

"Essentially, it is a family-saving campaign. The family's and the party's political expanse has been shrinking while they face corruption charges."

This is not about unifying the country but trying to establish him (Rahul) again as a leader. I would like to know how many times he will be launched and relaunched?" Prasad said.

The BJP leader also alleged that Rahul had in the past "worked to weaken the country's unity" by seeking evidence of the Indian armed forces' action on terror camps inside Pakistan and questioned the government's various moves, including the lockdown during the COVID-19 pandemic.

# Nitish meets Pawar, CPI(ML)'s Bhattacharya to foster Opp unity

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Continuing with his bid to Forge Opposition unity against the BJP, Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Wednesday called on NCP supremo Sharad Pawar and CPI ML general secretary Dipankar Bhattacharya on the last day of his 3-day visit to the national Capital. He had during his stay met several other leaders from the Opposition including Congress, Left and the SP.

On the sidelines of reaching out to leaders, the Bihar CM also paid a courtesy visit to President Draupadi Murmu and Vice President Jagdeep Thakur to whom his party JD(U) had extended support in the elections in July when he was aligned with the BJP in the NDA.

Summing up his meetings, Kumar, who is being touted to be the Opposition's Prime Ministerial candidate to take on Narendra Modi in 2024 Lok Sabha polls, said the grouping will be the "main front" and not the "third front".

"If all non-BJP parties in various states come together, then an atmosphere will emerge for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections where things would not remain one-sided."

With whomever I talked to, there were positive discussions. Whenever someone says there is a need to create a third front, I always say let's make the 'main front'. Whenever it happens, it will be the main front, not the third front.

"Both Pawar and I are keen to unite opposition forces who are not with the BJP. A leader of the alliance can be decided later. It is important to come together first," Kumar said briefing the media. In his about 30-minute meeting with the NCP supremo the broad contours of the opposition alliance



is understood to have been discussed.

"I will not be the leader but I am making efforts to unite the entire Opposition. The BJP is trying to capture the country. If everyone fights the elections together, then the picture will be different, we are talking to all the people," he told reporters.

He also met CPI(ML) general secretary Dipankar Bhattacharya whose party is backing the new alliance led by Kumar in Bihar. There are 16 MLAs of Left parties in the Bihar Assembly supporting the Nitish Kumar government from outside including 12 of CPI(ML) and two each of CPI and CPM. The JD(U) leader said time was ripe to present an alternative to the BJP which, he alleged, was "not doing anything for the people".

During his stay here, he met former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi, CPIM general secretary Sitaram Yechury, CPI general secretary D Raja, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, INLD supremo OP Chautala, SP patriarch Mulayam Singh Yadav and his son and former Uttar Pradesh chief minister Akhilesh Yadav. "I have met all the people in Delhi and many of them thanked me for coming out of the NDA."

Everyone wishes that there should be unity in every state and such an atmosphere will be created in the country in the coming days," Kumar said adding he would come to Delhi once again to meet Congress president Sonia Gandhi, who has been travelling abroad for personal reasons.

The JD(U) leader said that everyone is talking about opposition unity and "more than a face, a united front was required for the country". "Everyone realises that those who have the power in their hands, they are creating damage everywhere in the country," he added.

"We had a discussion on how to work for the development of the state with consensus, how to uplift every section of the society and the work has to be done for the welfare of people," Nitish said after his meeting with Bhattacharya who in turn said they discussed how a united opposition should work towards stopping the BJP's "bulldozer raj" in the country.

"It is good that Nitishji is trying to get the Opposition together. The way that the BJP is trying to make India a one-party nation, we will have to fight together as one to thwart BJP's attempt to undermine democracy," said Bhattacharya.

# Ex-CEO of NSE sent for 2 days' custodial interrogation by ED

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

A Delhi court on Wednesday sent former MD and CEO of National Stock Exchange Ravi Narain to two days' custodial interrogation by the Enforcement Directorate in a money laundering case related to illegal phone tapping and snooping on stock exchange employees.

Special Judge Sunena Sharma allowed ED's plea seeking Narain's custody till September 9 after the accused was produced before him by the probe agency.

ED's Special Public Prosecutor N K Matta told the court that Narain was required to be confronted with other

accused persons and evidence in the matter to unearth the larger conspiracy in the matter. The ED on Tuesday arrested him in the case. Narain was the MD and CEO of NSE from April 1994 to March 31, 2013. Thereafter, he was appointed as the vice-chairman in a non-executive category on the company's board from April 1, 2013, to June 1, 2017.

The ED had registered an Enforcement Case Information Report (ECIR) in July against former Mumbai Police commissioner Sanjay Pandey and former heads of the NSE for allegedly tapping the phones of employees between 2009 and 2017. Former NSE chief Chitra Ramkrishna is also accused in this case.

# 3-year jail term to 2 directors, senior officer of HEPL

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Special Court on Wednesday awarded three-year jail term to two directors and another senior official of Himachal EMTA Power Ltd. (HEPL) in a coal scam case of 2009.

Special Judge Sanjay Bansal also imposed a fine of Rs 2 lakh on each of the three convicts - the company's Directors Ujjal Kumar Upadhyaya and Bikash Mukherjee, and its CGM (Power) N C Chakraborty - for criminal conspiracy to cheat the government of India by misrepresenting facts to acquire a coal block in West Bengal. The judge also imposed a fine of Rs 20 lakh on

Himachal EMTA Power Ltd. The judge, however, suspended the punishment for a period of 45 days to enable the convicts to appeal their conviction before the Delhi High Court.

The court had convicted the accused persons, ruling the prosecution proved the information regarding the investment, land and water tie-up mentioned in the application for acquiring the coal block and feedback form were false.

The accused, the court held, had the knowledge about the false information being submitted in the documents. CBI chargesheeted the accused persons in connection with illegalities the allotment of 'Gourangdih ABC coal block'.

# Delhi-Centre services row: 1st paperless Constitution Bench to hear case

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

A Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court will go "completely paperless" for the first time when it adjudicates the contentious issue of the scope of powers of the Centre and the Delhi Government over control of services, Justice DY Chandrachud said on Wednesday.

The top court said the five-judge Constitution Bench will on September 27 fix the timeline for hearing and told the senior lawyers representing the parties that no bulky case files will be allowed in the courtroom.

Justice Chandrachud said it will be a "green bench" and no papers will be used or relied upon during the proceedings. "Everybody will have a common scanned copy. It will make



life easy for all of us," he said. The bench, also comprising Justices M R Shah, Krishna Murari, Hima Kohli and P S Narasimha, said it would tentatively start hearing the matter concerning the scope of legislative and executive powers of the Centre and the Delhi government by mid-October

## IN SHORTS

**KOVIND ACCORDED Z PLUS SECURITY COVER**  
New Delhi: The Centre has accorded 'Z plus' category VIP security cover of a central paramilitary force to former president Ram Nath Kovind. Kovind will be granted the armed escort on an all-India basis and the CRPF VIP security commando unit will render the task. The former president's house located on Janpath Road in central Delhi will also be secured by the force.

**MONGOL-BREED HORSE GIFTED TO RAJNATH**  
New Delhi: A 7-year-old Mongol-breed horse gifted to Defence Minister Rajnath Singh by Mongolian President Ukhnaagiin Khurelsukh on Wednesday will remain in that country as it is a "symbolic gift". The horse has been named 'Tejas' according to norms. Singh is first Indian defence minister to visit Mongolia.

**COE-SURVEI FOR QUALITY OF IMAGES EVALUATION**  
New Delhi: The Centre of Excellence - Satellite and Unmanned Remote Vehicle Initiative (CoE - SURVEI) has proposed technical parameters for evaluation of the quality of the images obtained by drones which may serve as the world's first standard for land survey, the defence ministry said on Wednesday.

**BJP TAUNTS VADRA ON BHARAT JODO TWEET**  
New Delhi: Businessman Robert Vadra, husband of Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, tweeted posters of the party's 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' with his photo on them, prompting jibes from the BJP leaders who asked if he will speak against corruption now.

**SHINDE FACTION PLEA TO BE HEARD ON SEPT 27**  
New Delhi: A five-judge Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court on Wednesday said it will hear on September 27, an application of Uddhav Thackeray-led faction seeking to restrain the Election Commission from deciding on the claim of Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde-led group over the 'original' Shiv Sena party.

**SC ALLOWS ZUBAIR TO APPROACH DELHI HC**  
New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Wednesday granted liberty to Alt News co-founder Mohammad Zubair to approach the Delhi High Court for quashing of the FIR lodged against him at Sitapur in Uttar Pradesh. It said Zubair's petition will be decided on its own merit, uninfluenced by the order of the Allahabad High Court, which had denied him the relief.

**SC TO HEAR PLEAS ON DEMOLITIONS IN 2 WEEKS**  
New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Wednesday said that it would hear after two weeks petitions filed by Muslim body, Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind and others seeking directions to various state governments to ensure that no further demolition of properties of alleged accused in rioting cases of violence is carried out.

**SC REFUSES TO LIFT BAN ON HIJAB IN EDU INSTITUTIONS**  
New Delhi: The Supreme Court Wednesday said that the question in the Karnataka Hijab ban matter is only about the restriction in schools as nobody is prohibited from wearing it anywhere else they want. The apex court was hearing arguments on a batch of pleas challenging the Karnataka High Court verdict refusing to lift the ban on hijab in educational institutions of the state.

**₹10 LAKH BOUNTY ON HARPREET SINGH**  
New Delhi: The NIA on Wednesday declared a cash reward of Rs 10 lakh against Harpreet Singh alias Happy Malaysia in connection with the conspiracy hatched by International Sikh Youth Federation for a bomb blast in Ludhiana court complex on December 23, 2021.

**MURMU LAUNCHES TB MUKT BHARAT ABHIYAN**  
New Delhi: President Droupadi Murmu will virtually launch the Pradhan Mantri TB Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan on September 9 to reinvestigate the mission of tuberculosis elimination from the country by 2025. The abhiyaan is a step towards garnering community support towards a patient-centric health system, an official statement issued by the Union Health Ministry said.

**2ND PHASE OF KOCHI METRO APPROVED**  
New Delhi: The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved the second phase of the Kochi Metro Rail project, which will have 11 stations covering a length of over 11 km and will cost ₹1,957 crore.



BJP national president JP Nadda interacts with a group of Head of Missions to India under the 'Know BJP' initiative launched by the party to engage with the overseas audience, at BJP headquarters in New Delhi  
PTI Photo



# Now another Bengal Minister in CBI net in coal scam

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

There was more trepidation in the ruling Trinamool Congress ranks as the Central Bureau of Investigation officials on Wednesday raided seven properties of senior Bengal Minister Malay Ghatak.

The Minister was earlier twice summoned by the central agency in connection with coal smuggling. He however would not show up.

The CBI sleuths raided a number of Ghatak's houses including in Kolkata and Asansol from where he hails.

According to sources the name of Ghatak an MLA from Asansol surfaced during the interrogation of prime accused Vikas Mishra, Anup Maji and others. Vikas Mishra is the younger brother of Vinay Mishra the former vice president of Bengal TMC youth



wing.

Vinay Mishra once a close aide of TMC national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee has allegedly fled the country and is presently in island nation of Bhuanuatu. The central agencies have also been questioning Banerjee and his wife in connection with the scam.

The investigation officers who on Wednesday made a surprise entry at Ghatak's official residence reportedly grilled the minister for about five hours.

The Minister cried vendetta. "This is clear harassment and an attempt to malign one's image," the minister said.

Raid on Ghatak's house comes close on the heels of the arrest of his party colleagues Partha Chatterjee (former Education Minister) and Anubrata Mondal (strongman and party national executive member).

"ED, CBI know who were involved in coal smuggling... People too know it ... This is why they are repeatedly electing me," he said adding "I will continue to co-operate with the agencies but at the same time I will continue to remain an ardent follower of my leader Mamata Banerjee," the minister said.

Reacting sharply on the Wednesday's development TMC spokesperson Kunal Ghosh said this was another

raid planned by the BJP.

"Though one should not make comments on the issue and allow the law to take its own course one thing is increasingly getting clearer ... The BJP definitely has a hand in these raids," Ghosh said. "That each raid is preceded by a pre-declaration by some BJP leader only strengthens this claim... this is not only peculiar to Brngal... The same pattern is being followed all over the country," Ghosh, himself a chit fund accused said.

Meanwhile, the CBI has served a second notice on another TMC MLA Subodh Adhikari. The notice of appearance was served in relation to Sunmarg chit fund scam, sources said adding Adhikari's name came up after the arrest of TMC leader and Halishahar municipality chairman Raju Sahni.

# 2 more AGuH terrorists neutralised in Anantnag

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ JAMMU

Two more local terrorists, affiliated with Ansar Ghazwat-ul-Hind (AGuH), an Al-Qaeda affiliate, were killed in a chance encounter in Bijbehara area of South Kashmir's Anantnag district on Wednesday.

In another incident two hybrid terrorists belonging to the Lashkar-e-Tayyeba (LeT) were arrested by the Shopian police along with arms and ammunition.

According to the Additional Director General of Police, Kashmir range Vijay Kumar, "two terrorists were neutralised in a chance encounter by Anantnag police in Thajiwara, Bijbehara area of Anantnag. Both the terrorists have been identified as Fayaz Kumar & Owais Khan. The duo were linked with terror outfit AGuH". Kumar said, "the slain ter-



rorists were involved in several terror attacks on the police personnel". He said they were behind the terror atck in Cheeniwooder Srigufwara on 03-07-2022 in which 01 police personnel Firdous Dar got seriously injured. They were also

involved in the terror attack at Darashikoh park Bijbehara on 12-08-2022 in which one police personnel Gh Qadir got seriously injured. Their names had also figured in a grenade lobbing at Padshahi Bagh on 15-06-2022, he added.

# J&K youths have proved their mettle in sports: LG

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ SRINAGAR

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Wednesday said that the day is not far when we will see the youth of Shahr-e-Khas representing the country in the Olympics and earning a new identity of heroes and the respect for J&K and the country.

After inaugurating the Ellahi Bagh Indoor Sports Stadium, constructed at a cost of Rs 4 crore under the PMDP, LG Sinha said the Shahr-e-Khas area has evolved as a hub of sporting activities, with youngsters determined to achieve glory in sports.

Congratulating the locals, especially the youth of the downtown area for the new sports facility, the Lt Governor said, "I was told by the local people that many areas were

known for the wrong reasons. But, I believe downtown Srinagar has shed its past and it is now a new address of Indian Sporting heroes".

The Lt Governor further said, "In the last two years, downtown has witnessed a massive rise in the number of sports being played and a large number of youth pursuing sports professionally".

"Total 12 sports fields, mini-stadiums in different areas of downtown Srinagar have been upgraded by J&K Sports Council with world class amenities to nurture young talents. Determination of downtown youth to see the tricolor fly high has revived the legacy of football & other games," Lt Governor added.

Amid the cheers of thousands of locals present at the venue, the Lt Governor recounted names of top-class

players who recently went to represent the country at the International sporting events.

"Several youngsters from downtown Srinagar have proved their mettle in International Championships. The day is not far when we will see the youth of Shahr-e-Khas representing the country in the Olympics and earning a new identity of heroes and the respect for J&K and the country," Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor appreciated the Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council for preparing and handing over the Ellahi Bagh Indoor Sports Stadium in record time and extended his best wishes to all the players.

"Opportunities in Sports come knocking if the players are receptive, determined and motivated. You get life only once, do something that everyone remembers. Change your



life and contribute to Nation building, Junaid Azim Mattu, Mayor SMC, lauded the on the occasion, lauded the Lt Governor-led UT Government for reaching out to the Youth from across the UT and taking unprecedented measures to develop sports even in the areas which were neglected

for decades. Dr Darakhshan Andrabi, Chairperson J&K Waqf Board, extended gratitude to the UT Administration for providing resources and necessary support to the youth and sports persons so that they can bring laurels to the UT and the Country.

# Congressman Khanna introduces Bill in US House for CAATSA waiver to India

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

Indian-American Congressman Ro Khanna has introduced a standalone bill in the US House of Representatives seeking a waiver to India against the punitive CAATSA sanctions, asserting that it is in the best interests of both countries to deter "aggressors" in light of Russia and China's close ties.

The Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act (CAATSA) is a tough US law that authorises the US administration to impose sanctions on countries that purchase major defence hardware from Russia in response to Moscow's annexation of Crimea in 2014 and its alleged meddling in the

2016 US presidential elections.

The resolution, which has also been endorsed by Congressman Brad Sherman and David Schweikert along with Khanna, has been sent to the House Foreign Affairs Committee for necessary action.

"While India faces immediate needs to maintain its heavily Russian-built weapons systems, a waiver to sanctions under the Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act during this transition period is in the best interests of the United States and the United States-India defence partnership to deter aggressors in light of Russia and China's close partnership," it said.



A similar legislative amendment to the National Defense Authorisation Act (NDAA) was introduced by Khanna, a Democrat, this summer and it was passed by the House with bipartisan support.

"I first introduced this as an amendment to the National Defense Authorisation Act and

now I am proud to introduce it as a standalone bill to continue to build momentum and support for it. It is necessary for us to pass this in order to strengthen the relationship between the US and India and deter aggressors like China," Khanna told PTI.

The resolution asserts that India faces immediate and serious regional border threats from China, with continued military aggression by the government of China along the India-China border.

While India has started importing the S-400 missile defence system from Russia, US President Joe Biden is yet to take a call on CAATSA waiver sanctions. Under the existing laws, the president can give a

national interest waiver to countries.

Khanna said that this is a strong bill to affirm the US and India defence partnership.

Observing that India relies on Russian-built weapons for its national defence, the resolution says that the United States should take additional steps to encourage India to accelerate India's transition off Russian-built weapons and defence systems while strongly supporting India's immediate defence needs.

It is the sense of Congress that a strong United States-India defence partnership, rooted in shared democratic values, is critical in order to advance United States interests in the Indo-Pacific region, it said.

# HC grants bail to juvenile gang-rape accused

T N RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

The Bombay High Court has granted bail to a juvenile gang rape accused after holding that the boy "has positively responded to the rehabilitative efforts and deserves to be reunited and restored with his family".

The applicant has positively responded to the rehabilitative efforts, during his stay in the Observation Home, which is in tune with the Act of 2015. He deserves to be reunited and restored with his family and it would be in his best interest so that he can develop himself with full potential," Justice Bharati Dangre noted in his order granting bail to the accused.

While granting the accused bail to the accused against a personal bond of Rs.25,000 with one or two sureties in the like amount, the Judge said: "The applicant is now an adult and his education, which is stalled, cannot be further discontinued. The uncle of the applicant had filed an affidavit stating that he shall take care of the child and the apprehension expressed by the learned Special Judge while rejecting the application for bail, being not supported by

any material, cannot be considered".

"With the principle of 'presumption of innocence' incorporated in Section 3 of the Act, he is presumed to be innocent till he is convicted," the Judge observed.

"Furthermore, by invoking principle of repatriation and restoration to the same socio-economic and cultural status that he was in, before commission of alleged crime, with no specific reason being traced out as to why he shall not be denied to repatriation and restoration, he deserves his release on bail under Section 12 of the Act" the Judge ruled.

"The accusations faced by the applicant are undisputedly serious, but he must also derive the benefit of being a 'child', despite he being tried as an adult and the benefit of Section 12 of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 cannot be denied to him," the Judge observed.

With these remarks, the Court granted bail to the accused boy, who was accused in the gang-rape of a minor girl in 2020. The applicant was booked under provisions for alleged gang-rape, criminal assault, stalking, criminal intimidation under the Indian Penal Code as well as provi-

sions of the Protection of Children against Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act.

A charge-sheet came to be filed against the applicant - who was booked along with 5 adults, before the Juvenile Justice Board in 2021.

The Board rejected his bail application twice and after a preliminary assessment came to a conclusion that the trial against him can be transferred before the Children's Court.

Once the proceedings were transferred, the applicant filed for bail under Section 12 of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act.The Special Court also rejected his bail application by noting that if released on bail, he may contact the victim and may harm her. Aggrieved by the order, the applicant moved the Bombay High Court seeking bail.

"The factual matrix of the case would reveal that his application came to be rejected on three occasions, every time on unsustainable grounds. The report which was placed before me, which has analysed his physical and psychological parameters, does not reflect him as a desperado or a person misfit in the society," the HC Judge observed in her order.

# Yogi announces relief for drought-hit farmers

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Wednesday directed senior officials of his Government to constitute a team in all 75 districts to assess the drought situation, an official spokesperson said here.

These teams will oversee work in their respective districts and ensure relief to drought-hit farmers, he said.

The chief minister has also sought a report from all district magistrates within a week regarding the drought situation in their areas, the official said.

The district officers will be held accountable for negligence and delay in sending their reports to the government and providing relief to farmers, the spokesperson said.

He said there was below-average rainfall in 62 districts of the state. To provide relief to farmers, tax realisation in the affected districts will remain suspended, he said, adding that tube well power bill realisation will also be postponed and their connections will not be snapped. The rent will remain suspended in the affected districts.

Yogi Adityanath also said the Irrigation Department would ensure the availability of water in the canals for irrigation, and that the Energy

Department had been directed to increase power supply in the rural areas so that affected farmers could get some relief, according to the spokesperson.

The chief minister has also directed officials to provide seeds of pulses, oilseeds and vegetables to the farmers.

So far this monsoon, Uttar Pradesh has received 40 per cent less rainfall than normal. There should have been 634 mm of rain by now but it is 347.4 mm.

Of these, the districts of western Uttar Pradesh are yearning for the most normal rainfall. Baghpat and Ghaziabad have received 78 per cent of the normal rainfall, Jyotiba Phule Nagar, Rampur, besides Kanpur Dehat, Kushinagar, Jaunpur, Gautam Buddha Nagar are the districts where more than 70 per cent of the rainfall is below normal. The state government is keeping a close eye on the monsoon. The chief minister's office is reviewing the situation on a daily basis. Rainfall data is also being taken every week from the Meteorological Department. Officials and the Meteorological Department are of the opinion that if this indifference of rain continues, then many districts of the state may have to be declared drought-hit.

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6.	Suraj Kumar, Rajeev, F 3/108 A, First Floor, Sangam Vihar, Delhi- 110062 A/c No: LBDEL00002305585	Flat No- Udna 010002, Tower-A-01, UdaanApartment, Group Housing-Pocket- GH 6, Sector-22, At Jaypee Greenssports City East Mirzapur, Uttar Pradesh, Noida- 201301	13/06/2022 Rs. 8,08,179/-	02/03/ 2022
7.	Sushil Kumar, Vimala. 201-B Pocket C Sidharatha Extn Near Jeevan Hospital, New Delhi Delhi- 110014, A/c No: LBDEL00001513088	Regd No- 22420, Scheme Code No-2006-07 (H) (02), LIG Flatnew Okhla Development Authority, Uttar Pradesh, Noida- 201301	13/06/2022 Rs. 6,05,149/-	11/05/ 2019
8.	Trilok Dixit, Rajendra Prasad Dixit, Flat No-3091 Block No- 8, Sector 4 A Vasundhara, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh Ghaziabad-201010, A/c No: LBGHZ00001414949	Flat No. 3091, Sector- 4 A, Vasundhara, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh, Ghaziabad- 201010	13/06/2022 Rs. 6,43,795/-	02/08/ 2022
9.	Vinod Pathak, Anita Pathak, E-513, Jalvayu Tower, Sector 56, Haryana Gurgaon-122003, A/c No: LBDEL00000611278	Flat No. E- 513, Jalvayu Tower, Sector- 56, Gurgaon, Haryana, Gurgaon- 122002	13/06/2022 Rs. 10,30,494/-	02/05/ 2009
10.	Asit Mittal, Navita Mittal, D-102, Sector 65 Noida, 201301, A/c No: LBDEL00000359297	Flat No- C, Shivkala Apartment, Shiva Sahakri Awas Samiti Ltd, B- 9/11, Sector- 62 Noida, Noida	13/06/2022 Rs. 34,70,015/-	26/09/ 2010
11.	Kanhiya Lal Sharma, Radha Sharma, H No- 108 A, Ground Floor, Back Portion, Sector- 11D Faridabad, Faridabad 121006, A/c No: LBFBD00001035933	Plot No -108 A, G. F. (Rear Side), Sector -11, Block D, Dlf Model Town, Faridabad, Faridabad 121003	13/06/2022 Rs. 10,54,251/-	05/10/ 2021
12.	Munendra Dikshit, Jyoti Dikshit, Flat No- 12 A, Block- WP, Pitam Pura, Delhi- 110088, A/c No: LBGUR00001378121	Flat No. 3020, 3rd Floor, Type- C, Srikrishna Lok, Vrindavan Mathura, Mathura- 281204	13/06/2022 Rs. 7,10,683/-	03/10/ 2022
13.	Soma Ray, Il A Ray, Flat No- A-419 Gaur Galaxy, Apartment Vaishali Sector-55th Floor, Uttar Pradesh, Ghaziabad-201010, A/c No: LBDEL00000584895	Flat No- A-419, 4th Floor, Plot No. 5, Sector- 5 Gaur Galaxy, Vaishali, Uttar Pradesh Ghaziabad- 201010	13/06/2022 Rs. 2,20,223/-	03/07/ 2022
14.	Spash Gupta, Manoj Kumar, H No. 65 Sec 30 Old Faridabad Faridabad, Haryana Faridabad- 121002, A/c No: LBFBD00003669864	Flat No-707, Type B, Tower 77th Floor, Auric City Homes, Village Bhatola, Sector-82, Haryana Faridabad 121001	13/06/2022 Rs. 4,95,360/-	31/03/ 2022
15.	Vinay Kumar, Sunita, E-6 Balaji Apttplot No-7, Sec-3 Dwarka Delhi- 110045 A/c No: LBDEL00000646625	Flat No- E-6, Balaji Aptt, Plot No-7, Sector-3, Dwarka, Delhi 110078	13/06/2022 Rs. 3,37,437/-	31/12/ 2020
16.	Aman Kumar, Rakesh Kumari, H No-90, Vill Tilang Pur, Kotla, New Delhi Delhi- 110041, A/c No: LBDEL00002272931	Flat No- 811, 8th Floor, Tower- Life Suites Gayatri Li, Tower- Breeze A Life Suites, Plot No- GH-01, Sector-16 Noida- 201303	09/06/2022 Rs. 3,16,369/-	31/05/ 2015
17.	Aman Kumar, Rakesh Kumari, H No-90, Vill Tilang Pur, Kotla, New Delhi Delhi- 110041, A/c No: LBDEL00002094434	Flat No- 811, 8th Floor, Tower- Life Suites Gayatri Li, Tower- Breeze A Life Suites Plot No- GH-01, Sector-16 Noida- 201303	09/06/2022 Rs. 43,22,637/-	31/05/ 2015
18.	Brijesh Kumar Sharma, Shakuntala Sharma, H. No. 17, Gali No. I, Shivpur, New Vijay Nagar, Ghaziabad- 201001, A/c No: LBDEL00000362377	Plot No. R -216, Hig Duplex, Pratap Vihar, Ghaziabad- 201301	09/06/2022 Rs. 6,72,712/-	31/05/ 2015
19.	Brijesh Kumar Sharma, Shakuntala Sharma, H. No. 17, Gali No. I, Shivpur, New Vijay Nagar, Ghaziabad, Ghaziabad 201001, A/c No: LBDEL00000376913	Plot No R -216, Hig Duplex, Pratap Vihar, Ghaziabad- 201301	09/06/2022 Rs. 2,87,557/-	29/02/ 2016
20.	Brijesh Kumar Sharma, Shakuntala Sharmah. No. 17, Gali No. I, Shivpur, New Vijay Nagar, Ghaziabad-201001, A/c No: LBNOD00000563607	Plot No. R -216, Hig Duplex, Pratap Vihar, Ghaziabad- 201301	09/06/2022 Rs. 2,73,257/-	29/02/ 2016
21.	Mohit Nakra, Shweta Nakrase 417 Lvl 4, 530 Little Collinssst, Melbourne Vic 3000 Melbourne 530 Little Collinssst Melbourne Vic 3000 Melbourne, 3000, A/c No: LBNOD00001987531	Plot No- T6 - 504, Park Generations, Sector 37 D, Gurgaon- 201301	09/06/2022 Rs. 4,48,074/-	31/10/ 2018
22.	Mohit Nakra, Shweta Nakrase 417 Lvl4, 530 Little Collinssst, Melbourne Vic 3000 Melbourne530 Little Collinssst Melbourne Vic 3000 Melbourne, Melbourne- 3000, A/c No: LBNOD00001981408	Plot No- T6 - 504, Park Generations, Sector 37 D, Gurgaon- 201301	09/06/2022 Rs. 97,59,087/-	31/10/ 2018
23.	Ambika Sharma, Vikas Kumar C 1053, Tower- 14, River Height Raj Nagar Extn Ghaziabad- 201001, A/c No: LBGHZ00002390510	Flat No- 1632, 15th Floor, Plot No- GH-05 C Tower- Sharon Gaur Saundaryam, Block- Sharon, Sector- Technozone IV, Noida- 201307	09/06/2022 Rs. 1,93,856/-	07/01/ 2021
24.	Ambika Sharma, Vikas Kumarc 1053, Tower- 14, River Height Raj Nagar Extn Ghaziabad- 201001, A/c No: LBGHZ00002352988	Flat No- 1632, 15th Floor, Plot No- Gh-05 C, Tower- Sharon Gaur Saundaryam, Block- Sharon, Sector- Technozone IV, Noida- 201307	09/06/2022 Rs. 14,19,377/-	07/01/ 2021
25.	Rajeev Dhaka, Mukesh Kumari H No. S- 2, A-202, Govind Puram, A Block Uttar Pradesh Ghaziabad- 201013, A/c No: LBGHZ00002608194	S-2, 2nd Floor, Block C, lhs A-202, Govind Puram, Uttar Pradesh Ghaziabad- 201001	09/06/2022 Rs. 4,10,312/-	03/05/ 2022
26.	Rajeev Dhaka, Mukesh Kumari H No. S- 2, A-202, Govindpuram, A Block Uttar Pradesh Ghaziabad- 20101, A/c No:3 LBGHZ00001168468	S-2, 2nd Floor, Block C, lhs A-202, Govind Puram, Uttar Pradesh, Ghaziabad- 201001	09/06/2022 Rs. 5,51,842/-	03/05/ 2022
27.	Subir Kumar, Priti Prabha Plot No.: A-2455 GF Green Field Colony Near Evergreen School Haryana Faridabad 121001, A/c No: LBNOD00000989014	Plot- No- A-2455, Ground Floor, Green Field Colony, Near Evergreen School, Haryana, Faridabad- 121001	09/06/2022 Rs. 4,37,994/-	05/06/ 2021
28.	Subir Kumar, Priti Prabha Plot No.: A-2455 GF Green Field Colony Near Evergreen School Haryana Faridabad 121001, A/c No: LBDEL00000547540	Plot- No- A-2455, Ground Floor, Green Field Colony Near Evergreen School Haryana Faridabad	09/06/2022 Rs. 3,39,271/-	05/06/ 2021
29.	Ramesh Gupta, Neeru Gupta, H-3/97, Sector 18 Rohini, Delhi- 110085, A/c No: LBDEL00001842438	Plot No. 97, Block-H, Pocket- 3, Sector-18, Rohini, New Delhi, Delhi- 110085	09/06/2022 Rs. 27,42,543/-	02/01/ 2010
30.	Ramesh Gupta, Neeru Gupta H- 3/97, Sector 18 Rohini, Delhi- 110085, A/c No: LBDEL00001636232	Plot No. 97, Block-H, Pocket- 3, Sector-18 Rohini, New Delhi, Delhi- 110085	09/06/2022 Rs. 5,21,77,276/-	02/01/ 2010

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BEYOND SENSES, THERE ARE UNLIMITED ‘SUKHAS’

The ‘sukha’ sensed at the intelligence level is far superior



AJIT KUMAR BISHNOI

What is the difference between a Sanyasi and a common man? Why does a Sanyasi radiate charm, whereas a common man looks worried? This is because a Sanyasi enjoys superior sukha, whereas a common man is bereft of it.

Lord Krishna has spoken about this in several verses of the Geeta. We all are aware of the regular sukha. They are derived from sense objects. And through our minds on account of successes of various kinds. For example, I, a businessman, receive a large profitable order. I immediately call for celebrations with delicacies for all the employees and feel quite satisfied with life. I should have added at least for the time being. But I didn’t, because people don’t think ahead in such moments. Unfortunately, good and bad keep on happening depending upon our ‘prarabdha (fate)’. There is no permanence, and we are aware of this reality.

So, what is this superior sukha? Lord Krishna describes, “Beyond the senses, there is unlimited sukha, which can be experienced through the intelligence.” (6.21) As mentioned earlier, we are quite habituated to experience sukha through our senses and minds. Getting to the level of experiencing sukha through our intelligence is a superior habit. This is possible only after one, who follows dharma, has established a good connection with God, because only when we are linked with God, He will intervene on our behalf.



Once God begins doing it on a regular basis, it stands to reason that He would do so in our tough times also. Why wouldn’t He? Doesn’t God promote dharma more than anything else? Why? Because dharma helps to promote general well-being. It is no wonder that God mentions a yogi when He speaks about such superior sukha. Such a person must be a follower of dharma as well as connected with God.

Lord Krishna continues, “And having attained it, a person doesn’t consider another gain greater than this. Thus situated, a person is not disturbed even by a big suffering.” What is our experience? A genuine Sanyasi won’t return to mundane life, because he or she wouldn’t be disturbed even by a big suffering. He or she would take it into stride and go on, just as Meeraji drank the poison given to her as punishment for being a completely committed devotee of Lord Krishna. She then proceeded to Dwarka. In her case neither the big suffering disturbed her nor affected her because God was in the picture. And what can God not do? We are limited; He is not.

Having understood the qualification for experiencing this superior sukha, let us now understand from Lord Krishna how this can be done on a regular basis. He guides, “Renouncing all desires caused by selfishness and regulating all the senses from all sides by the mind only.” (6.24) There are two important instructions in this verse. One is to renounce all desires caused by selfishness. Lord is being practical, He is only asking us to give up desires caused by selfishness; He is not asking us to give up all desires, because that is impossible.

The other is to regulate all the senses by the mind, as the mind is the leader of all senses. Lord Krishna continues, “By patient intelligence, become detached. Steady consciousness in self, one should not think of anything else.” (6.25) Here again there are two important instructions. One is to be patient, because this is a slow process. The other is to think about God, how He is helping. Lord Krishna goes on to instruct further about mind control in the next two verses.

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China-backed Quad in West Asia on the anvil



NISHTHA KAUSHIKI

China and Russia are working with Pakistan and Iran to squeeze strategic space of the Unites States in West Asia

In the Peloponnesian War, Thucydides stated that “the surest way of harming an enemy is to find out certainly what form of attack he is most frightened of and then to employ it against him”. The insecurity of the US has easily led it to fall into the trap of its competing powers. Russia and China have worked together jointly to isolate the US by creating circumstances in which Washington either adopts a very harsh approach or quits the region altogether. Iran and Afghanistan are two such cases.

The relations between Iran and Russia had remained very minimal given the loss of Iranian territories in the South Caucasus via the treaties of Gulistan (1813) and Turkmenchay (1828). Russia and Iran are the heirs to great empires; they have inherited the same zeal to reclaim their rightful places. It was this instinct to bring back their respective past glory that accelerated the process of their coalition.

As part of their geopolitical strategy, Russia and China always portrayed that they were willing to support the US, but simultaneously worked jointly to cut short the American influence. For instance, Russia concluded a secret deal in 1995, the Gore-Chernomyrdin agreement, in which Moscow agreed to end the supply of its conventional weapons to Iran by 1999. Second, from June 2006 to June 2010, Russia and China did not use their veto in the UNSC to stop sanctions against Iran. This was the same period wherein the US was involved in its war on terror in Afghanistan.

Statistically, during the period described above, Russia and China increased their strategic outreach in Iran. Arms trade between Iran and Russia ballooned from \$300 million between 1998 and 2001 to \$1.7 billion between 2002 and 2005, and more than 70 per cent of Iran’s arms imports came from Russia. In 2016, the delivery of S-300 was completed, and China emerged as Iran’s second largest arms supplier. From 2010 onwards, Russia and China used their veto to favour Iran.

Russia has always stressed an international system which cannot be headed by any single power. It adopted its multi-vectored foreign policy, and Iran, on the other hand, went ahead with its ‘Look East’ policy with a primary focus on Russia, China and India. Further, the emergence of polycharchic actors and their respective interests imposed limits on the use of coercive diplomacy. Grounds for further cooperation thus emerged. A joint anti-American stand having four dimensions brought the two strategically closer. First, opposition to the NATO expansion; Second, American support for the velvet revolutions in the strategic backyards of Russia and Iran-Ukraine, Georgia, and Kyrgyzstan; Third, their shared understandings of the causes of Sunni radicalism in South and West Asia, and finally, their joint support to Syria’s Assad regime.



RUSSIA AND CHINA HAVE INCREASED STRATEGIC OUTREACH IN IRAN. ARMS TRADE BETWEEN IRAN AND RUSSIA BALLOONED FROM \$300 MILLION IN 1998 TO \$1.7 BILLION IN 2001, WITH MORE THAN 70 PER CENT OF IMPORTS COMING FROM MOSCOW

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As the new Cold War gradually progressed, Putin withdrew from several agreements with the US, such as the Nunn-Lugar Cooperative Threat Reduction Program, Open Skies treaty, etc. When Putin visited Iran in 2017, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei stated that the Russo-Iran cooperation could potentially isolate the US. The current hardliner Ebrahim Raisi firmly believes that Tehran is facing an ‘existential threat’ and should side with the other similar oppressed powers like Russia and China by forming an “axis of resistance”.

Currently, the nuclear deal is something that everyone is keenly watching. Biden has been hesitant to give vital concessions to Iran in lieu of the revival of the nuclear treaty. If the deal is not revived, it will usher in more instability in the West Asian region and beyond. The West might lose its battle of non-proliferation in West Asia. If Iran goes nuclear, Russia and Iran will increase their asymmetric warfare in the region. Perhaps it may take just a few months for Israel and Iran to get militarily involved and increase the risk of an armed conflict in West Asia, which will have consequences for the Abraham Accords. The success of the Biden administration would be to ensure that the accords remain functional and Iran is kept engaged. From that perspective, the revival of the deal is essential.

On the other hand, if seen from an Israeli perspective, the revival of the deal might not be in its interests, and Israel might perceive it as a geopolitical ‘compromise’ with the nuclear blackmailing tactics of

Iran. It would raise the bargaining power and geopolitical importance of Iran. Israel might see it as a shift in the American focus to prove its credibility to its other allies owing to the Chinese threat to Taiwan, India and Japan. It might strain the American and Israeli ties. For the US, the choices as of now remain limited. It cannot risk a conflict in West and East Asia simultaneously.

Washington’s uncertainty over the deal can somewhat be compared to the same dilemma of the US when questions arose over its withdrawal from Afghanistan. Today, Russia and China have created the same labyrinth for the US as they did in Afghanistan. Russia and China aided by Pakistan, got the tripartite talks on Afghanistan converted into the six-party talks, thereby diplomatically entangling the US. Simultaneously, reports of Russia rearming the Taliban were in the news, which the US could not do much about it. On the other hand, Pakistan extracted military and financial gains apart from aiding the Taliban. Consequently, the US had adopted a soft approach to terrorist groups such as the Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) and Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM). China, on its part, initiated its OBOR and announced physical outreach to South and Central Asia, thereby making the US feel insecure and provoking Washington to continue its military presence in Afghanistan. The American presence in Kabul provided a much-required security cushion to Chinese regional investments. Also, Beijing normalized its relations with Afghanis-

tan in 2016 and extended aid worth \$73 million to Kabul. It also proposed to set up an anti-terror alliance at a regional level with Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Tajikistan, thereby indicating its future military involvement in Central Asia. Thus, the US was lured strategically to continue its presence.

For long, the US was in the classic Shakespearean dilemma of “to be or not to be”, which had consequences. In 2015-16, Admiral Bob Inman, a US security expert understood the Sino-Russo game plan and called for the Americans to exit Afghanistan through a cooperative security arrangement with SCO, but given the questions on the “strategic ego”, the recommendation was sidelined. As the situation deteriorated rapidly, Washington hurriedly started negotiations with the Taliban, and by 2021 it had to evacuate, leaving behind its “treasure” of military equipment that possibly would have been reverse engineered by China by now.

If one observes post-US exit, the amount of Chinese aid and investments has decreased drastically, and it is hesitant to invest in an insecure environment. China is extracting the natural resources of Afghanistan in lieu of its trade. The same would be done for Iran. As the US prepares to drop out from the revival of the treaty on the grounds of not being “constructive”, the emergence of the new Quad between Russia, China, Pakistan and Iran is almost imminent. It would usher in instability for South and West Asia.

POINT COUNTERPOINT

IS IT (POACHING MLAs OF OTHER PARTIES) PROPER? IS IT CONSTITUTIONAL? IS IT IN LINE WITH ESTABLISHED NORMS? —BIHAR CHIEF MINISTER NITISH KUMAR



BLAMING BJP FOR THE JD(U) SPLIT IS LIKE RUNNING AWAY FROM REALITY. AFTER ARUNACHAL, MANIPUR IS ALSO JD(U)-FREE. —BJP RAJYA SABHA MEMBER SUSHIL KUMAR MODI

Task of teaching pampered generation of students

Teachers have a bagful of challenges to keep pace with technology and also ways to deal with pampered pupils

In an era when the ethos of children is more in sync with social media and electronic devices than academic pursuits and overall growth and wellbeing, it is ticklish for teachers to do their job in earnest. Gone are the days of a hard task master, who the parents also appreciated for keeping the erring students on tracks. A simple verbal reprimand in a classroom, let alone corporal punishment, may lead the flared up parent interrogating school authority the next day for the harassment of the child, quoting the guidelines in place.

No wonder, one teacher in every four or five schools in capital cities faces a police case to defend his alleged ‘misconduct’. It is as if the entire society, media, politician and child rights activists collec-



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tively want to let the student’s whims who believes whatever way he follows must be endorsed (*mein chahe ye karun, men chahe wo karu, meri marji*). The student is catapulted to hero status and all machineries are supposed to work in unison to serve his or her needs. And why not!

A child is often raised in a system where he obliges parents by finishing his breakfast, completing the home work, and visiting his maternal grandfather on his return from the mall. Over the years, education boards have also been pampering students by liberally giving high marks on mediocre performance in written papers. “If a student is short of three or four marks to pass, write down the answer yourself with your pen, so the student gets

through,” announced a senior CBSE official, briefing the answer sheet evaluators in the orientation session, adding that “no mark should be deducted for approximately correct answer”.

In the end, students and parents celebrate the excellent results in big ways. Trouble starts when ushered in the realistic world like admission closed at 98 per cent cut off or when compelled to join a lowly job. Conditions in engineering, management and other institutions are hardly better: uninspired students sans professional commitment. As for parents, they want their darlings to somehow grab an MNC job on a decent package. That was the message being ingrained in the minds of the children over the years.



In our pursuit of the mundane we often overlook that at the back of any innovation — scientific, technological, spiritual, and intellectual or else — is the story of consistent, painstaking efforts, discipline and uncompromising attitude in accomplishing the given task.

It is only an arduous journey that leads to a beautiful destination. Teacher, basically a giver, gives to the disciple what nobody can. Like the

downwards drift of a flow from abundance to scarcity, a teacher imparts knowledge, wisdom, know-how and foremost the blessings, reason enough he is held in high esteem in all communities and regions. In grooming the learner, Aristotle placed good teachers above parents who just gave birth.

However, only a motivated teacher, with an abiding spirit to learn can deliver the best. Unfortunately, in recruiting teachers scholastic record rather than fit aptitude has been the criteria. Consequently, those aspiring to be in civil services, engineering jobs, etc., join teaching; some of them use it as a platform for competitive exams and switch over. Given an opportunity to become Tehsildar or police sub-inspector, how many of

our professors would say ‘No’ even at significantly lower salary.

We can understand the quality of teaching of persons with neither enthusiasm nor loyalty to the profession. The founder of Infosys Narayan Murthy is on record to lament that engineers of our premier institutions first choose management courses and then get busy selling soaps and oils.

We grow only so long as we keep learning, unlike non-living entities that entail no intrinsic change or improvement. “Education is not preparation for life,” said US educationist John Dewey, adding “it is life itself”. One with eyes on the future is reflexively attuned to learning; he is imbued with enthusiasm and optimism to steer clear of any depressive or

melancholy thoughts, affecting most others. In teaching, for good delivery one has to keep spirits of learning aflame, because knowledge is ever expanding and understanding of latest developments can in turn keep the students enlightened. It is with this premise that in-service courses are being continuously conducted by educational institutions.

Apart from the sound knowledge of the subject, the present day teacher not only has the spirit to teach but also has to be well-grounded in electrical gadgets so as not to be fooled. Yet the foremost attribute is the teacher’s ability to gain the confidence of students. Only when a proper rapport has been set up between the two that message shall go down the heart.



# Shelling goes on near Ukraine nuclear plant despite risks

AP ■ KYIV

Russian renewed its shelling in the area of Ukraine's Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant, a local official said Wednesday, a day after the U.N. Atomic watchdog agency pressed for the warring sides to carve out a safe zone there to protect against a possible catastrophe.

The city of Nikopol, located on the opposite bank of the Dnieper River from Europe's largest nuclear power plant, was fired on with rockets and heavy artillery, regional governor Valentyn Reznichenko said.

The reports of nearby shelling, which couldn't be independently verified, have caused international alarm. The head of the International Atomic Energy Agency, Rafael Grossi, warned the U.N. Security Council on Tuesday that "something very, very catastrophic could take place" at Zaporizhzhia.

"There are fires, blackouts and other things at the (plant) that force us to prepare the local population for the consequences of the nuclear danger," Reznichenko said.

The potential peril led the U.N. Atomic watchdog agency to urge Russia and Ukraine to establish a "nuclear safety and security protection zone" around the plant.

There are fears the fighting



could trigger a catastrophe on the scale of the Chernobyl disaster in 1986. The plant was built during the Soviet era and is one of the 10 biggest in the world.

Neither Moscow nor Kiev officials would immediately commit to the idea of a safety zone, saying more details of the proposal were needed.

Russian President Vladimir Putin defied pressure to halt the war, saying Wednesday that Moscow will force ahead with its military offensive in Ukraine until it achieves its goals. He also mocked Western attempts to stop Russia with sanctions.

The eastern city of Sloviansk came under Russian fire on

Wednesday morning, damaging a school and another building, according to the head of the city administration Vadym Lyakh. He said the number of injuries wasn't yet known. Three civilians were killed in Russian shelling in the Donetsk region, the Ukrainian presidential office said. Kharkiv city was hit by rockets twice during the night.

But Ukrainian forces have taken control of an unspecified number of towns in the Kherson region, according to Nataliya Humenyuk, a spokesperson for the southern military command. She said details would come later from the military leadership.

The U.K. Defense ministry said there had been heavy fighting on three fronts: in the north,

near Kharkiv; in the east in the Donbas; and in the south in Kherson Oblast.

Amid a Ukrainian counter-attack in the east, "multiple concurrent threats spread across 500 kilometers (310 miles) will test Russia's ability to coordinate operational design and reallocate resources across multiple groupings of forces," the ministry said Wednesday.

The Russian military held large-scale military drills that began last week and ended Wednesday in the country's east that involved forces from China. It was seen as another show of increasingly close ties between Moscow and Beijing amid tensions with the West over the military action in Ukraine.

# Putin mocks West, says Russia will continue Ukraine assault

AP ■ MOSCOW

Russian President Vladimir Putin said Wednesday that Moscow will press on with its military action in Ukraine until reaching its goals and mocked Western attempts to drive Russia into a corner with sanctions.

Putin told at an annual economic forum in the far-eastern port city of Vladivostok that the main goal behind sending troops into Ukraine was protecting civilians in the east of that country after eight years of fighting.

"It wasn't us who started the military action, we are trying to put an end to it," Putin said, reaffirming his argument that he sent troops into Ukraine to protect Moscow-backed separatist regions in Ukraine, which have fought Ukrainian forces in the conflict that erupted in 2014 following Russia's annexation of Crimea.

"All our action has been aimed at helping people living in the Donbas, it's our duty and we will fulfill it until the end," he said.

Putin claimed that Russia has strengthened its sovereignty in the face of Western sanctions, which he said bordered on an aggression.

"Russia has resisted the economic, financial and technological aggression of the West," Putin said. "I'm sure that we haven't lost anything and we won't lose anything. The most important gain is the strengthening of our sovereignty, it's an inevitable result of what's going on."

The Russian leader acknowledged that the national economy will shrink by 2% this year, but said that the economic and financial situation in Russia has stabilized, consumer prices inflation has slowed down and unemployment has remained low.

"There has been a certain polarization in the world and inside the country, but I view it as a positive thing," he added. "Everything unnecessary, harmful, everything that has prevented us from going forward will be rejected and we will gain development tempo because development can only be based on sovereignty."

Putin emphasized that Russia will keep protecting its sovereignty in the face of what he described as an attempt by the U.S. And its allies



to preserve their global domination, saying that "the world mustn't be founded on the dictate of one country that deemed itself the representative of the almighty or even higher and based its policies on its perceived exclusivity."

He scoffed at Western attempts to cap prices for Russian oil and gas, calling the idea "stupid" and saying that Russia will have enough customers in Asia. "The demand is so high on global markets that we won't have any problem selling it," he said.

"An attempt to limit prices by administrative means is just ravings, it's sheer nonsense," Putin said, adding that "it will only lead to a hike in prices."

"If they try to implement this dumb decision, it will entail nothing good for those who will make it," he warned. "Will they make political decisions contradicting contracts? In that case, we will just halt supplies if it contradicts our economic interests. We won't supply any gas, oil, diesel oil or coal."

Putin noted that "those who try to enforce something on us aren't in a position today to dictate their will," pointing at protests in the West against rising energy prices.

He rejected the EU's argument that Russia was using energy as a weapon by suspending gas supplies via the Nord Stream 1 gas pipeline to Germany.

# Suspect in deadly Canada stabbings has long criminal record

AP ■ JAMES SMITH CREE NATION (CANADA)

As a Canadian Indigenous community comes to grips with a deadly stabbing rampage by two of its own, many blamed rampant drug and alcohol use on the reserve that they linked to repeated failures by the government over many years.

One of the alleged attackers, Myles Sanderson, has 59 criminal convictions, according to parole documents.

He'd been serving a sentence of four years and four months on charges that included assault with a weapon, assault on a peace officer and robbery when he was released.

Public Safety Minister Mendicino said he's been told by the parole board there will be an investigation into its assessment of Myles Sanderson.

"I want to know the reasons behind the decision" to release him, he said. "I'm extremely concerned with what occurred here."

Many of his past crimes happened when he was intoxicated, and he told parole officials substance use made him out of his mind.

He had been sought for a parole violation since May.

"The drug problem and the alcohol problem on these reserves is way out of hand," said Ivor Wayne Burns, whose sister was killed in the weekend attacks.

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Regd Office: 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Hindustan Times House, 18-20, Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi 110 001; CIN: L65100DL1920PLC099621; Phone:011- 66561206  
Email: secretarial.ht@rediffmail.com, website: www.birlacotton.com

## NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the 126<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting ("AGM") of the members of the Company will be held on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2022 at 11:30 A.M. at the Registered Office of the Company at Hindustan Times House, 18-20, K.G. Marg, New Delhi-110001 to transact the business set out in the notice convening the AGM. In compliance with Regulation 42 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosures Requirements) Regulations, 2015 and pursuant to provisions of Section 91 of the Companies Act, 2013, read with Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014, the Register of Members and Share Transfer Books of the Company shall remain closed from Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2022 to Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2022 (both days inclusive) in connection with the Annual General Meeting to be held at the Registered Office of the Company on 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2022.

Notice is further given that in compliance with the Regulation 44 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosures Requirements) Regulations, 2015 and Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Amendment Rules, 2014, the Company is pleased to provide its members the facility to exercise their right to vote at the AGM on the resolution mentioned in the AGM notice by electronic means. The facility of casting votes using an electronic voting system from a place other than the venue of the AGM ("remote e-voting") is being provided to the members by Central Depository Services Limited (CDSL). The notice of the meeting and instruction for remote e-voting have been sent to all members at their registered addresses.

The members are further informed that (a) The e-voting instructions form an integral part of the Notice of the Annual General Meeting which is also displayed at the register's website [www.birlacotton.com](http://www.birlacotton.com); (b) A person whose name appear in the register of members as on the cut-off date i.e. 02<sup>nd</sup> September, 2022, shall be entitled to avail the facility of remote e-voting or ballot papers at the meeting; (c) The remote e-voting shall remain open from 9:00 A.M. on 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2022 to 5:00 P.M. on 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2022 and no e-voting shall be allowed beyond the said date & time; (d) The facility for voting through ballot papers shall be made available at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and the members attending AGM who have not cast their vote by remote e-voting shall be able to vote at the AGM however those members who have cast their vote by remote e-voting may attend the meeting but shall not be entitled to cast their vote again (e) In case of any queries/grievances pertaining to voting by electronic means, the members may contact M/s. Sanchi Sharma, Company Secretary at [secretarial.ht@rediffmail.com](mailto:secretarial.ht@rediffmail.com) or 011- 66561206.

For The Birla Cotton Spinning and Weaving Mills Limited  
Sd/-  
V.K.Charoria  
Director  
DIN-00046895

Date: 07<sup>th</sup> September, 2022  
Place: New Delhi

**Delton Cables Limited**  
CIN: L31300DL1964PLC004255  
Regd. Office : Delton House 4801 Bharat Ram Road 24 Darya Ganj New Delhi -110002  
Website : [www.deltoncables.com](http://www.deltoncables.com), E-mail: [cs@deltoncables.com](mailto:cs@deltoncables.com)

## Notice

Notice is hereby given that 57<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting ("AGM") of the members of Delton Cables Ltd. (the "Company") is scheduled to be held on Friday, September 30, 2022 at 10:00 A.M. through Video Conferencing ("VC")/Other Audio Visual Means ("OAVM"), to transact the business(s) as specified in AGM Notice thereof.

Notice is also hereby given that pursuant to Section 91 of the Companies Act, 2013 and the Companies (Management & Administration) Rules, 2014, as amended from time to time, the Register of Members and Share Transfer Books of the Company shall remain closed from Saturday, September 24, 2022 to Friday, September 30, 2022 (both days inclusive) for the purpose of aforesaid AGM.

Notice of the 57<sup>th</sup> AGM along with the Annual Report 2021-22 was sent by electronic mode to those members whose email addresses are registered with the Company/ Depositories.

As per Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014, as amended from time to time, and Regulation 44 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements), Regulations, 2015 as amended from time to time, the Company is pleased to provide its members the facility to cast their vote electronically, through the e-voting services provided by Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL), on all resolutions proposed to be considered at the aforesaid AGM.

Further, the facility for e-voting shall also be available at the AGM. The members who have already cast their vote through remote e-voting prior to the AGM may also attend the AGM through Video Conferencing ("VC")/Other Audio Visual Means ("OAVM") but shall not be entitled to cast their vote at the AGM.

Mr. Vaibhav Sharma, Company Secretary in whole time practice, Proprietor of M/s Vaibhav Sharma & Associates, Company Secretaries, has been appointed as Scrutinizer to scrutinize the remote e-voting process and the e-voting at AGM in a fair and transparent manner.

All the members are hereby informed that:

- the Ordinary Business(es) and the Special Business(es) as set out in the Notice of 57<sup>th</sup> AGM of the Company may be transacted through voting by electronic means;
- The remote e-voting period commences on Tuesday, September 27, 2022 (10:00 a.m. IST);
- The remote e-voting period ends on Thursday, September 29, 2022 (5:00 p.m. IST);
- Cut-off date is Friday, September 23, 2022;
- any person, who acquires shares of the Company and becomes Member of the Company after dispatch of Notice by the Company and holding physical/demat shares as on the cut-off date i.e. September 23, 2022, may obtain the login ID and password by sending a request at [helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com](mailto:helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com) or call on toll free no. 1800 22 55 33. The same procedure may be followed by Members holding shares in Demat/ Physical mode who have not registered/updated their Email IDs with verification details such as folio no., DP ID/Client ID, PAN (scanned copy), demat account statement. However, if a member is already registered with CDSL for remote e-voting then existing user ID and password/PIN for casting vote is to be used. If a Member forgets password, the same is to be reset by using "Forgot User Details/Password" option available on [www.evotingindia.com](http://www.evotingindia.com).
- the members may note that:
  - remote e-voting shall not be allowed beyond Thursday, September 29, 2022 (5:00 p.m. IST);
  - The facility for voting through e-voting shall be made available at the AGM of the Company and members attending the AGM who have not already casted their vote by remote e-voting shall be able to vote at the AGM;
  - 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;
  - 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 i.e. September 23, 2022 only shall be entitled to avail the facility of remote e-voting as well as e-voting at the AGM;
- The Notice of 57<sup>th</sup> AGM of the Company is available on the Company's website ([www.deltoncables.com](http://www.deltoncables.com)) and CDSL's website ([www.evotingindia.com](http://www.evotingindia.com)); and
- in case of any queries before or during the AGM, members may refer to the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for Members and e-voting user manual available at the [www.evotingindia.com](http://www.evotingindia.com), under help section or write an email to [helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com](mailto:helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com) or contact Mr. Rakesh Dalvi, Sr. Manager, (CDSL) or call on toll free no. 1800 22 55 33.

The information contained in this notice shall also be available on the website of the Company ([www.deltoncables.com](http://www.deltoncables.com)) and on the website of BSE limited ([www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com)).

For Delton Cables Limited  
Sd/-  
Vikas Rawat  
Company Secretary & Compliance Officer  
Date : September 07, 2022  
Place : New Delhi

## PUBLIC NOTICE

To be known to all that I, Subhash Chand Chatterjee S/o Mahima Prasad Chatterjee, Cont. 9999366446, Email: [subhashchandchatterjee83@gmail.com](mailto:subhashchandchatterjee83@gmail.com), R/o, SFS Flat No. 83, Second Floor, Aravali Apts., Kalkaji, New Delhi, has applied for the conversion of aforesaid property. The documents like original Demand/ Allotment Letter of Car/Scooter Garage, 5th & Final Demand letter and Site Possession Slip, issued by DDA, of aforesaid property have been lost. An FIR to this effect has been lodged in police station on dated 06/09/2022. Any person(s) claiming any right, having any objection or found in possession of original document may write/contact with above named person at above address within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice & can personally contact- Deputy Director (LAB housing) D-block, 3rd floor, Vikas Sadan, INA, New Delhi

## PUBLIC NOTICE

My client, **Prem Bhola** S/o Mr. Shri Ram Bhola R/o 34/4, Mukherji Park Extension, Tilak Nagar, Delhi-110018 declare that he and **Ashok Bhola** S/o Mr. Shri Ram Bhola R/o SF, 21/44, West Punjabi Bagh, Delhi-110026 are partners in **M/s Mahadev Industries** (PAN AAIFM9714H) at J-125, Sector-4, DSIIDC, Industrial Area, Bawana, Delhi-110039. Due to ill relations with Ashok Bhola, my client will not be liable for any loan (which he may take in the name of above firm) and other activities related to above partnership firm.

R.K. Tiwari (Advocate) EN.No. D/279-H/89

## PUBLIC NOTICE

My client, **Vijay Bhola** S/o Mr. Shri Ram Bhola R/o B-198, New Moli Nagar, Delhi-110015 declare that he and **Ashok Bhola** S/o Mr. Shri Ram Bhola R/o SF, 21/44, West Punjabi Bagh, Delhi-110026 are partners in **M/s Shivam Industries** (PAN AB0F59537J) and **Shri Ram Industries** (PAN AB0F59537J) both at J-125, Sector-4, DSIIDC, Industrial Area, Bawana, Delhi 110039 and **Total Diagnostics Care** at I-1, Kalishah Park, Moli Nagar, Delhi-110015. Due to ill relations with Ashok Bhola, my client will not be liable for any loan (which he may take in the name of above firm) and other activities related to above partnership firm.

R.K. Tiwari (Advocate) EN.No. D/279-H/89

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public is informed that the cars with the following car numbers which have completed their life Petrol Cars 15 Years Diesel Cars 10 Years. The MCO drive was confiscated by Pine View Technology Pvt Ltd and has not been claimed by anyone till now. All these vehicle owners are informed to come to the company's office and claim the scrap value of the vehicle. Otherwise, all these vehicles will be scrapped in the next three days.

DL3CAG0164,	DL6SQ8499,	DL6SP9372,
DL3CP6286,	DL8SK2524,	UP16H2286,
UP14C1600,	HR10J9567,	DL4SBE6418,
DL7CR6136,	DL6ST8300,	DL8SAE6518,
DL7CB5631,	DL4SBE1436,	DL4SZ4788,
DL7CN4242,	DL6SH0987,	DL8SY4360,
DL2CA0146,	HR08J4500,	DL6SH0398,
DL4CU6794,	DL2CG4727,	DL6ST4786,
DL7CA7999,	DL5SP5139,	DL2CK4162,
DL5CB6656,	DL8SZ0644,	DL2CA66352,
DL3CY2169,	DL9SF7512,	DL2FE30050,
DL4CAG5977,	DL8SR6317,	DL7C7021,
DL8CN81549,	DL8SAF1899,	DL7CF1645,
DL8CK8806,	DL8SU6440,	DL3CL2558,
DL8C-9042,	DL8SD3053,	DL8CK2925,
DL9CDS1900,	DL4SBE0508,	DL8CN7009,
DL3CAG2782,	DI212,	DL8CK2925,
DL3CAG1646,	DL6SY2517,	DL3CAY2381,
DL3CAW1160,	DL4SU6320,	DL8CK2925,
DL9CW1890,	DL2FEY0045,	HR5TJ2253,
DL2CAD1259,	DL2CW2984,	DL8SQ2946,
DL8W014127,	DL2CW8335,	DL8SU9973,
DL8CZ75,	DL6CD1294,	DL8CK3448,
DL3CAJ1696,	DL3CAP1107,	DL5S7915,
DL4CAG2676,	DL6SU9016,	DL6Z6102,
DL10CB3953,	DL7SAD0643,	DL8SH4308,
DL2CA07368,	DL6SW1332,	DL4SK3081,
DL3CAW3661,	UP16M7437,	DL8SU2028,
DL4CAE8280,	DL6SAA1820,	HR5TE1984,
DL4CN6664,	DL4SS9188,	HR01L8684,
HR5TS1251,	DL2SC7533,	DL7CH0863,
DL7SK3797,	DEE3737,	DL4CN4882,
DL6SF9843,	DL7SH7830,	DL3CAE4790

# Ukraine says grain coming to Somalia, but Russia skeptical

AP ■ NAIROBI

Ukraine's president says tons of grain from his country will arrive in the coming weeks in Somalia, where famine approaches and the global crises of food security and climate change put millions at risk.

President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's comment came as Russian President Vladimir Putin accuses the West of sending most of the grain from Ukraine's reopened ports to Europe instead of poorer and hungrier parts of the world.

Speaking at an economic forum in Vladivostok on Wednesday, Putin accused the West of colonialism and suggested that Russia may talk with Turkey about revising the deal that lifted Russia's blockade on



Ukrainian ports and allowed ships safe passage.

"With the exclusion of Turkey as a mediator, practically all the grain exported from Ukraine was sent to the (European Union) nations instead of the poorest countries," Putin said.

"It's obvious that with an approach like that, the magnitude of the food problem in the world will keep growing, and that could lead to an unprecedented humanitarian catastrophe," he added. "Maybe it's worth thinking about restricting the exports of grain and

other products on that route? I will certainly discuss the issue with the president of Turkey."

Russia has raised the allegation before, but this is the first time Putin has echoed it.

The Russian president said of 87 ships loaded with grain from Ukraine, just two carried grain for the UN World Food Programme — 60,000 tons out of the total of about 2 million tons.

Only one ship from Ukraine has arrived in sub-Saharan Africa, docking at the port of Djibouti last week with grain that WFP said would go to drought-affected Somalia and Ethiopia. That first ship carried 23,000 metric tons of grain, which WFP called enough to feed 1.5 million people on full rations for a month.

# Putin, Xi to meet in Uzbekistan next week, says official



AP ■ MOSCOW

Russian President Vladimir Putin and Chinese President Xi Jinping will meet next week at a summit in Uzbekistan, a Russian official said Wednesday.

The two leaders will meet at the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation summit, held in the Uzbek city of Samarkand on Sept. 15-16, Russian Ambassador to China Andrei Denisov told reporters.

"Less than 10 days from

now another meeting of our leaders will take place at the SCO summit in Samarkand. We are actively preparing for it," Denisov was quoted by Russia's state news agency Tass as saying.

The visit to Uzbekistan, if it goes ahead, will be Xi's first foreign trip in 2½ years.

Russian media also reported Xi's plans to visit Kazakhstan prior to the summit in Uzbekistan, but the reports have remained unconfirmed.

When asked about the Uzbekistan trip, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Mao Ning told a daily briefing Wednesday: "On your question, I have nothing to offer."

Putin and Xi last met in Beijing in February, weeks before the Kremlin sent troops into Ukraine.

# UN: Lanka's eco crisis result of past impunity for human rights abuses and eco crimes

AP ■ GENEVA/COLOMBO

Sri Lanka is at a critical juncture in its political life, a UN report has said, noting that "impunity" for the past and present human rights abuses, economic crimes and corruption were the underlying causes for the collapse of the island nation's economy.

The UN report, released on Tuesday, also suggested fundamental changes to address the current challenges and to avoid repetition of the human rights violations of the past.

Interestingly, it comes ahead of the 51st session of the UN Human Rights Council Session, to be held in Geneva from September 12 to October 7, where a resolution on Sri Lanka is expected to be tabled.

This is also the first time

that the top UN body has linked the economic crisis with Sri Lanka's gross human rights violations.

"For sustainable improvement to take place, it is vital to recognise and assist Sri Lanka to address the underlying factors, which have contributed to this crisis, including embedded impunity for past and present human rights abuses, economic crimes and endemic corruption," the report said.

The broad-based demands by Sri Lankans from all communities for accountability and democratic reforms presented "an important starting point for a new and common vision for the future," it said.

"Fundamental changes will be required to address the current challenges and to avoid repetition of the human rights violations of the past," the report said.

# Austria announces price cap to curb rising power prices

AP ■ BERLIN

The Austrian government on Wednesday announced plans for a power price cap to curb the rise in energy costs tied to Russia's war in Ukraine.

Chancellor Karl Nehammer said the cap should ease costs for an average household of three by about 500 euros (USD 494) per year.

The government will provide around 3-4 billion euros to finance the measure, which will come into effect in December and last through the end



of June 2024.

"No one in Austria should be unable to afford their basic electricity needs," the chancellor told reporters in Vienna.

"This is about quick and unbureaucratic help, which is why no one needs to apply for it," he added.

"The electricity price cap is handled automatically for every household. It is another building block in the relief of people in a difficult time."

Nehammer added that low-income households can apply for additional financial support.



# Truss picks diverse Cabinet in shake-up of old guard

PTI ■ LONDON

Prime Minister Liz Truss held her first Cabinet meeting at 10 Downing Street in London on Wednesday after announcing one of the UK's most diverse Cabinets, with key frontline posts going to ethnic minority members of Parliament, including Indian-origin Suella Braverman as the Home Secretary.

Another Indian-origin minister in the Cabinet, Agra-born Alok Sharma, retains his climate action job as the COP26 President, as does Defence Secretary Ben Wallace in a new top team that is otherwise a complete shake-up of the old guard.

London-born junior minister Ranil Jayawardena, of mixed Sri Lankan and Indian heritage, has been promoted as the Secretary of State for

Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

Many senior Tories, who had backed Truss' rival, British Indian former finance minister Rishi Sunak, find themselves without a job – including former justice secretary Dominic Raab, transport secretary Grant Shapps and health secretary Steve Barclay.

The process of appointing the Cabinet and junior ministerial roles began on Tuesday and will continue into Wednesday, when Truss addresses her first Prime Minister's Questions (PMQs) in the House of Commons.

By her side on the frontbenches will be Braverman, whose Tamil mother had her family roots in Mauritius and Goan-origin father migrated to the UK from Kenya.

Also, by her side will be Ghanian-origin Kwasi



Kwarteng as the UK's first black Chancellor and mixed Sierra Leone and white heritage James Cleverly as the Foreign Secretary, Truss' own former portfolio.

Truss has packed the top tier of her Cabinet with close allies, such as Therese Coffey as the Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for

Health and Social Care and Wendy Morton as the Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasury and the first Tory female Chief Whip in charge of party discipline.

Former Tory leadership contender Kemi Badenoch is the new International Trade Secretary, with incumbent Anne-Marie Trevelyan shifted

as Transport Secretary. Another former contestant Tom Tugendhat has been handed the role of the Minister for Security.

Iraqi-origin Nadhim Zahawi has been appointed the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister of Equalities, Brandon Lewis is the new Justice Secretary, and Penny Mordaunt is the Leader of the Commons.

Former junior ministers Jacob Rees-Mogg and Simon Clarke have been promoted as the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, and Levelling Up and Housing respectively, and former policing minister Kit Malthouse is the new Education Secretary.

“We have huge reserves of talent, of energy, and determination,” Truss said in her inaugural address outside 10 Downing Street on Tuesday.

## Japan, US, S Korea reaffirm joint response to N Korea threat

AP ■ TOKYO

Diplomats from the United States, Japan and South Korea reaffirmed their commitment on Wednesday to working together in response to any threat from North Korea, including a possible new nuclear test. The three senior diplomats in charge of North Korean affairs also underscored their efforts to strengthen their security partnership. Japan and South Korea acknowledge their need to improve bilateral and trilateral cooperation. Relations between Japan and South



Korea have been badly damaged by historical disputes over Japan's colonization of the Korean Peninsula.

Takehiro Funakoshi, director-general of the Asian and Oceanian Affairs Bureau of Japan's Foreign Ministry, said the focus of the trilateral coop-

eration is North Korea and its accelerating nuclear and missile development.

Funakoshi said he and his U.S. And South Korean counterparts, Sung Kim and Kim Gunn, were to discuss their countries' responses to North Korea as they work together to enhance regional deterrence amid “a looming possibility of further provocations including another nuclear test.”

North Korea last conducted a nuclear test, its sixth, in 2017, and experts have noted signs of preparations for another test.

## RATHI STEEL AND POWER LIMITED

CIN-L27109DL1971PLC005905  
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### NOTICE OF 51<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, BOOK CLOSURE AND ELECTONIC VOTING INFORMATION OF RATHI STEEL & POWER LIMITED

**Annual General Meeting:** Notice is hereby given that the 51<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting of the members of the Company will be held on Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 05.00 P.M. through Video Conferencing ("VC") / Other Audio Visual Means ("OAVM") for the purpose of transacting the business mentioned in the notice. Notice of the said AGM, e-voting instructions and Annual Report for the year 2021-22 have been sent to the members of the company electronically whose email-ids are registered with the depositories. The said Notice, e-voting instructions and Annual report for the year 2021-22 have also been sent in physical mode to all other members at their registered address by way of permitted mode. A copy of Annual Report 2021-22 along with the AGM notice and the Instructions for Electronic Voting (e-voting) will also be made available on the website of the company ([www.rathisteelandalpower.com](http://www.rathisteelandalpower.com)).

**Book Closure:** Notice is also hereby given that pursuant to the Section 91 of Companies Act, 2013, read with Rule 10 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 and other applicable provisions, if any, and in compliance with SEBI LODR Regulation, 2015 with the Stock Exchanges, that the Register of Members and Share Transfer Books of the Company will remain close from September 22, 2022 to September 28, 2022 (both days inclusive) for the purpose of Annual General Meeting of the Company scheduled on September 28, 2022 at 05.00 P.M. through Video Conferencing ("VC") / Other Audio Visual Means ("OAVM").

**Electronic Voting Information:** Members holding shares either in physical form or in dematerialized form, as on cut-off date September 21, 2022 may cast their vote electronically on the ordinary and special businesses as set out in the Notice of the 51<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting through electronic voting system of NSDL. All the members are informed that (a) the ordinary business and special business as set out in the notice of the 51<sup>st</sup> AGM may be transacted by electronic voting (b) the date of completion of sending of notice of 51<sup>st</sup> AGM is September 06, 2022 (c) voting through electronic means shall commence at 09:00 AM on September 25, 2022 and ends at 05:00 PM on September 27, 2022 (d) voting through electronic means shall not be allowed beyond 05:00 PM on September 27, 2022 (e) Notice of the 51<sup>st</sup> AGM will be made available on the company's website i.e. [www.rathisteelandalpower.com](http://www.rathisteelandalpower.com) and on NSDL website i.e. <https://www.evoting.nsdl.com> (f) for process and manner of electronic voting, members may go through the electronic voting instructions or in case of any queries/ grievances connected with the e-voting, members may refer the frequently asked questions (FAQs) for shareholders and the e-voting user manual for the shareholders available at the download section of <https://www.evoting.nsdl.com/> or alternatively can contact at email id of company investors@rathisteelandalpower.com.

By order of the Board  
**For Rathi Steel and Power Limited**  
 Sd/-  
 (DIRECTOR)

Place: New Delhi  
 Date: 05-09-2022

### Office of the Superintending Engineer 3<sup>rd</sup> Circle, Public Works Department, Pithoragarh E-Mail : [sepwdpth@rediffmail.com](mailto:sepwdpth@rediffmail.com)

**Letter No. : 5931/208 C-03/2022 E-Tender Notice Dated : 06/09/2022**

The Superintending Engineer, 3rd Circle, Public Works Department Pithoragarh invites tender through E-Tendering (**Two Bid System**) in anticipation of Sanction on behalf of Hon'ble Governor of Uttarakhand for following works. All other information will be available from date **14-09-2022 at 5.00 Pm** onward on website <http://www.uktenders.gov.in>

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Cost of Tender (in Rs.)	Earnest Money (in Lac)	Validity of Tender (day)	Period of Completion (months)	Contractor's Category of Registration
1	CM announced no 202/2020 reconstruction and maintenance of shukhidang Danda Minar motor road under state sector & 3 years maintenance.	5000.00 + 18% GST	5.30	120	12	Category 'B' and Above for Road works in any State Govt./ Govt. of India/ Govt. undertaking

**M.P. MADHYA KSHETRA VIDYUT VITARAN CO. LTD.**  
 (Govt. of M.P. Undertaking)  
**NISHTHA PARISAR, BIJALEE NAGAR, GOVINDPURA, BHOPAL-23**  
**Phone No. : 0755-2602033-36, Fax : 2589821, 2586636**  
**Ref. : MD/MK/04/Abgd.NIT/1411 Date : 07.09.2022**

**TENDER NOTICE**

MPMKVVCL, Bhopal, invites following bid from Service Provider through e-tendering.

Tender Specification Number	Particulars	Aproximate Tender Value (Rs. Cr.)	Tender Fee including GST 18% per lot (in Rs.)	Date of Pre-Bid Meeting	Date of Opening of Tender
MD/MK/04/ 802	Appointment of Service Provider Agency to supply Outsourced Manpower for different Operation and Maintenance works in O&M Circle Betul of MPMKVCL, Bhopal	30.20	17700.00	19.09.2022 03:30 PM	29.09.2022 12:00 PM

Other details are available on Company website <https://portal.mpcz.in> & <https://mptenders.gov.in>  
**M.P. Madhyam/106253/2022 CHIEF GENERAL MANAGER (PROC.)**

**Punjab State Power Corporation Limited**  
 (Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001)  
 Corporate Identity Number U40109PB2010SGC033813  
 Website: [www.pspcl.in](http://www.pspcl.in) (Contact No.96461-22185)

**Tender Enquiry No.264/SS-II(D) Dated: 06-09-22**  
 SE/ Substation Design/ TS Organization, C-1 Shakti Vihar, PSPCL, Patiala invites E-tender for Design, Manufacture, Testing, Supply & Delivery of 491 nos. 66KV Current Transformers. For detailed NIT & Tender specification, please refer to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from **07-09-22 (09:00 AM onwards)**  
**Note:** Corrigendum and amendments, if any, will be published online at <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>  
**76155/12/1094/2021/16865 C343/22**

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 BSE Trading Symbol: COSCO

**NOTICE OF 43rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, REMOTE E-VOTING INFORMATION AND BOOK CLOSURE**

Notice is hereby given that 43rd Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Members of Cosco (India) Limited("the Company")will be held on Friday, September 30, 2022 at 12:00 Noon through Video Conferencing ("VC") / Other Audio Visual Means ("OAVM") to transact the business(es), as set out in the Notice of the AGM only through e-voting facility.

The AGM will be held only through VC / OAVM in compliance with the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and circulars dated April 08, 2020, April 13, 2020, May 5, 2020, January 13, 2021, and 5th May, 2022 (MCA Circulars) issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs and SEBI Circular(s) / Facility for appointment of proxy will not be available for the AGM. The Instructions for joining the AGM electronically are provided in the Notice of the AGM.

Notice of the AGM along with the Annual Report for FY 2021-22 has been sent on September 07,2022 only through electronic mode to those Members whose e-mail addresses are registered with the Company or CDSL/ NSDL ("Depositories") and will also be available on the Company's website [www.cosco.in](http://www.cosco.in) and website of the Stock Exchanges viz. BSE Ltd. at [www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com).

Members who have not registered their email addresses and in consequence the Annual Report including Notice of AGM and e-voting instructions could not be serviced, may get their email address and mobile number registered with the Company's Registrar and Share Transfer Agent, M/s. Skyline Financial Services Private Limited, by sending a mail to [info@skylinerta.com](mailto:info@skylinerta.com) or to [admin@skylinerta.com](mailto:admin@skylinerta.com) along with scanned copy of the signed request letter providing the email address, mobile number, self-attested scanned copy of PAN card and Aadhar Card, and Client Master copy in case of electronic folio and copy of share certificate both front and back side of certificate in case of physical folio for obtaining the Annual Report, Notice of AGM and the e-voting instructions.

In compliance with the provisions of section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 20 of Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 as amended and Regulation 44 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, Secretarial Standard-2 issued by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India and the MCA Circular(s), the member are provided with the facility to cast their vote electronically through remote e-voting (prior to AGM) and e-voting (during the AGM) services provided by National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL) on all resolution set forth in the Notice of 43rd AGM.

The Company has engaged the services of M/s. Skyline Financial Services Private Limited as the authorized agency for conducting of the AGM electronically. The remote e-voting period will commence from Monday, September 26, 2022 (9:00 a.m. IST) and ends on Thursday, September 29, 2022 (5:00 p.m. IST). During this period the eligible members of the Company, holding shares either in physical form or in dematerialized form, may cast their vote electronically. The e-voting module will be disabled by NSDL for voting thereafter i.e. voting shall not be allowed beyond 5:00 p.m. on September 29, 2022. Facility for e-voting shall also be made available during the AGM to those Members who attend the AGM and who have not already cast their vote. The Members who have cast their vote by remote e-voting prior to the AGM may also attend/ participate in the AGM through VC / OAVM but shall not be entitled to cast their vote again.

The Company has appointed CS Ravi Sharma (Mem. No. 4468) a practicing Company Secretary as Scrutinizer to scrutinize the e-voting procedure in a fair and transparent manner.

Any person, who acquires shares of the Company and become member of the Company after dispatch of the notice and holding shares as on the cut-off date, may obtain the login ID and password by sending a request at [info@skylinerta.com](mailto:info@skylinerta.com) or [admin@skylinerta.com](mailto:admin@skylinerta.com) or [evoting@nsdl.co.in](mailto:evoting@nsdl.co.in) to cast his/her vote. The detailed procedure for obtaining the login ID and password and exercising e-voting provided in the Notice of AGM.

The cut-off date for determining the eligibility of members for voting through remote e-voting and e-voting at the AGM is Friday, September 23, 2022.

The results of voting will be declared within 48 hours from the conclusion of AGM i.e on or before October 03, 2022 and the results so declared along with the consolidated Scrutinizer's report will be placed on the website of the Company [www.cosco.in](http://www.cosco.in)

In case of any queries / grievances connected with electronic voting, Shareholders may refer the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and E-Voting User Manual for shareholders available at the download section of [www.evoting.nsdl.com](http://www.evoting.nsdl.com) under help section or write an email to [evoting@nsdl.co.in](mailto:evoting@nsdl.co.in) or may contact to Ms. Sarita Mehta , Ass. Manager, National Securities Depository Limited, TradeWorld, 'A'Wing, 4th Floor, Kamala Mills Compound, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel, MUMBAI 400013, email Id:- [evoting@nsdl.co.in](mailto:evoting@nsdl.co.in); [pallavid@nsdl.co.in](mailto:pallavid@nsdl.co.in), Ph.No. 022-2499 4545/1800-1020-990.

Notice is also hereby given pursuant to section 91 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with applicable Rules and Regulation 42 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, that the Register of Members and Share Transfer Books of the Company will remain closed from Saturday September 24, 2022 to Friday, September 30, 2022, both days inclusive, for the 43rd AGM and for determining the entitlement of members for the purpose of AGM for the financial year ended March 31st, 2022.

By Order of the Board of Directors  
**For Cosco (India) Limited**  
 Sd/-  
 Managing Director and CEO  
 (DIN: 00191539)

Place: New Delhi  
 Date: September 07, 2022

Devinder Kumar Jain  
 Managing Director and CEO  
 (DIN: 00191539)

## Fire at karaoke parlour in southern Vietnam kills 14

AP ■ HANOI (VIETNAM)

At least 14 people died in a fire that broke out at a karaoke parlour in southern Vietnam, local media reported on Wednesday.

At least 40 other people were injured in the fire at the four-story venue in Thuan, a city in the province of Binh Duong that began at about 9 pm on Tuesday, trapping staff and customers inside, according to reports on the websites of Tuoi Tre newspaper and other Vietnamese media.

They said the fire was under control within an hour but still smoldering on Wednesday, more than 12 hours later.

The reports said some people were injured from asphyxiation and others with broken limbs when they jumped from upper floors to try to escape the fire.

Firefighters using ladders from their trucks managed to rescue others. Provincial authorities said they were investigating the cause of the blaze.

## US, India will work to advance free and open Indo-Pacific: White House

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

The US will join hands with India to advance a free and open Indo-Pacific and continue to work together to deliver opportunity, security, freedom and dignity to its people, the White House has said, underlining that the two nations have ever-growing people-to-people connections.

White House Press Secretary Karin Jean-Pierre said that India and the United States are partners in many important areas, including defence, vaccines, climate and tech.

The two nations have ever-growing people-to-people connections, she told reporters on Tuesday at her daily news conference when asked in what way the US can assist India in making it a developed nation by 2047, or in the next 25 years.

Responding to a question, Jean-Pierre said the United States will continue to



work together with India every day to deliver opportunity, security, freedom, and dignity to its people.

“The United States will continue to work with India to advance a free and open Indo-Pacific and address the challenges both our countries face around the world. That is our commitment that we have in our partnership with India,” she said, amid China flexing its muscles in the region.

China is engaged in hotly contested territorial disputes in both the South China Sea and the East China Sea. China claims sovereignty over all of the South China Sea.

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**NOTICE**

In continuation to our newspaper advertisement dated 06<sup>th</sup> September, 2022, Notice is hereby given that **49<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting ('AGM') of Modi Rubber Limited ('the Company') will be held on Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2022 at 11:30 A.M. (IST) through Video Conferencing ('VC')/ Other Audio Visual Means ('OAVM')** without physical presence of members at the AGM venue to transact businesses as set out in the notice of AGM. The venue of the AGM shall be deemed to be the Registered Office of the Company at Modinagar - 201204, Uttar Pradesh.

In view of the COVID-19 pandemic in last couple of years and still continuing, the Ministry of Corporate Affairs ('MCA') vide its General Circular no. 02/2022 dated May 5, 2022 read with General Circulars Nos. 20/2020 dated 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2020 ("MCA Circulars"), has permitted the holding of the AGM through VC/OAVM, without the physical presence of the Members at a common venue. Further, SEBI vide its Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/ CMD2/CIR/P/2022/62 dated 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 ("SEBI Circulars"), has granted relaxation in respect of sending physical copies of the Annual Report to shareholders and requirement of proxy for general meetings held through electronic mode. In terms of the said MCA Circulars and SEBI Circulars, the Notice of the 49<sup>th</sup> AGM and the Annual Report of the Company including standalone and consolidated financial statements for the financial year 2021-22 along with Board's Report, Auditor's Report and other documents required to be attached thereto, have been sent on 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2022 through electronic mode to the members of the Company whose email addresses are registered with the Company/ Depository Participant(s).

The Annual Report and Notice of 49<sup>th</sup> AGM are also available on the Company's website i.e. [www.modirubberlimited.com](http://www.modirubberlimited.com) websites of the Stock Exchanges where the shares of the Company are listed, i.e. BSE Limited and National Stock Exchange of India Limited at [www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com) and [www.nseindia.com](http://www.nseindia.com) respectively and on the website of National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL), appointed by the Company for providing remote e-voting/ e-voting facility at the AGM at [www.evoting.nsdl.com](http://www.evoting.nsdl.com).

Further, Members may directly access the Annual Report for FY 2021-22 at the following link: <http://www.modirubberlimited.com/pdf/Annual-Report-21-22-Final.pdf>.

**Members may further note that:**

- The business(s) set out in the notice of AGM, will be transacted through remote e-voting or e-voting facility at the AGM.
- The voting rights of the members shall be in proportion to their share in the paid up equity share capital of the Company as on the cut-off date i.e. **Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2022**. A person whose name is recorded in the Register of Members/Beneficial owners as on the cut-off date shall only be entitled to avail the facility of remote e-voting/e-voting at the AGM and a person who is not a member as on the cut-off date should treat the Notice of AGM for information purpose only.
- The Register of Members and Share Transfer Books of the Company will remain closed **from Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2022 to Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2022 (both days inclusive)** for the purpose of AGM and for payment of final dividend for FY 2021-22, if declared at AGM.
- The notice of AGM inter-alia includes the process and manner of remote e-voting/e-voting and instructions for participation in the AGM.
- The remote e-voting period commences on **Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2022 at 9:00 A.M. (IST) and ends on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2022 at 5:00 P.M. (IST) (both days inclusive)**. The remote e-voting shall not be allowed beyond the said date and time.
- Electronic Voting Even Number (EVEN): 122250
- Any person who acquire shares and become member of the Company after dispatch of notice and holding shares as on cut-off date i.e. **Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2022** may obtain login Id and password by sending a request over email at [evoting@nsdl.co.in](mailto:evoting@nsdl.co.in) mentioning demat account number/folio number, PAN, name and registered address. However Members who are already registered with NSDL for e-voting can use their existing User id and Password for casting their vote through remote e-voting/e-voting at the AGM.
- Manner of voting for members holding shares in physical form, dematerialized form or who have not registered their e-mail address with the Company is provided in the Notice of AGM, which is also available on the website of the Company at <http://www.modirubberlimited.com/>.
- The facility of e-voting shall be made available at the AGM and Members attending the AGM who have not already cast their vote, may cast their vote electronically on business(s) set forth in the notice of AGM. Further members who have cast their vote by remote e-voting prior to the AGM may attend the AGM through VC/OAVM but shall not be eligible to vote at the AGM.
- Mrs. Rashmi Saxena, a Practicing Company Secretary (Certificate of Practice No. 6938, Membership No. FCS 6416), Prop. M/s. Rashmi Saxena & Associates has been appointed as the Scrutinizer to scrutinize the e-voting and remote e-voting process in a fair and transparent manner.
- The results shall be declared not later than forty-eight hours from conclusion of the meeting by posting the same on the website of the Company ([www.modirubberlimited.com](http://www.modirubberlimited.com)), website of NSDL ([www.evoting.nsdl.com](http://www.evoting.nsdl.com)) and by filing with BSE Ltd. and National Stock Exchange of India Ltd. It shall also be displayed on the Notice Board at the Registered Office & Corporate Office of the Company. Subject to the requisite number of votes, the Resolutions shall be deemed to be passed on the date of the AGM i.e. **30<sup>th</sup> September, 2022**.

Members who have not registered their email-id and/or Bank details are requested to register the same by following the procedure given below:

In case of Physical Holding	Send a duly signed request letter in Form ISR-1 along with supporting documents to the RTA of the Company i.e. MAS Services Limited, T-34, 2nd Floor, Block T, Okhla Industrial Estate Phase 2, New Delhi 110020, Phone No. 011-26387281 or scanned copy on e-mail at <a href="mailto:investor@masserv.com">investor@masserv.com</a> and <a href="mailto:Info@masserv.com">Info@masserv.com</a> and provide the following details/documents for registering email address: a) Folio No., b) Name of shareholder, c) Email ID, d) Copy of PAN card (self attested), e) Copy of Aadhar (self attested) f) Copy of share certificate (front and back) Following additional details/documents need to be provided in case of updating Bank Account detail: a) Name and Branch of the Bank in which you wish to receive the dividend, b) Bank Account type, c) Bank Account Number, d) MICR Code Number, e) IFSC Code, and f) Copy of the cancelled cheque bearing the name of the first shareholder
In case of Demat Holding	Please contact your Depository Participant (DP) and register your email address and bank account details in your demat account, as per the process advised by your DP

In case of any queries, you may refer the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for Shareholders and e-voting user manual for Shareholders available at the download section of [www.evoting.nsdl.com](http://www.evoting.nsdl.com) or call on toll free no.: 1800 1020 990 and 1800 224 430 or send a request at [evoting@nsdl.co.in](mailto:evoting@nsdl.co.in). In case of any grievance connected with facility for remote e-voting or e-voting, please contact to Ms. Pallavi Mhatre, Manager, National Securities Depository Limited, Trade World, 'A' Wing, 4th Floor, Kamala Mills Compound, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel, MUMBAI - 400 013 at the designated email id: [evoting@nsdl.co.in](mailto:evoting@nsdl.co.in).

By order of the Board of Directors  
 Sd/-  
**Sanjeev Kumar Bajpai**  
 Company Secretary (A-10110)

Place : Delhi  
 Date : 07<sup>th</sup> September, 2022



# Aspiring to take int'l trade to \$2 trn by 2030: Goyal

PTI ■ SAN FRANCISCO

India's goods and services exports have already crossed USD 675 billion in last fiscal year and the country is now aspiring to take international trade to USD 2 trillion by 2030, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal has said.

Interacting with faculty, researchers, and students at the Stanford University here, Goyal also said by the time India would celebrate the 100th anniversary of its independence, it would be a USD 30 trillion economy.

"...By 2047-2050 period, when India would be completing 100 years of Independence, we will be at least a USD 30 trillion economy on a business as usual scenario and possibly a USD 35-45 trillion economy if some of the aggressive plans that the government is putting together work well. That's the kind of opportunity that I bring to the table," Goyal said.

India, with a GDP of USD 3.3 trillion, is currently the fifth largest economy in the world only behind the US, China, Japan and Germany.

A decade back, India was ranked 11th among the large economies while the UK was at the fifth position. With a 13.5 per cent expansion in June quarter, the Indian economy has overtaken the UK, which has slipped to the sixth spot.

Goyal said the government has spent the last few years lay-



Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal with Jay Zscales, CEO of Zscales, at a meeting in San Francisco

ing the foundation on which the country can rapidly transform, grow its economy, improve its systems, and engage in technology.

"We have recently seen some successes in terms of our international engagement growing to about USD 675 billion (exports of goods and services) for the first time ever last year. We are hoping to do our international trade to about USD 2 trillion by 2030," the minister added.

During April-August 2022-23, India's exports registered a growth of 17.12 per cent to USD 192.59 billion. Imports during the five-month period grew 45.64 per cent to USD 317.81 billion.

The trade deficit widened to USD 125.22 billion in April-August as against USD 53.78 billion in the same period last year. India's exports contracted by 1.15 per cent to USD 33 billion in August due to subdued demand in developed markets.

# Sensex, Nifty decline for second day on growing rate hike fears

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Benchmark BSE Sensex and Nifty ended lower on Wednesday after losses in rate-sensitive banking and auto shares amid weak global market trends as higher interest rate and recession fears hit investor sentiment.

Extending losses for a second straight day, the 30-share Sensex declined by 168.08 points or 0.28 per cent to settle at 59,028.91. During the day, it fell 474.1 points or 0.80 per cent to 58,722.89.

The broader NSE Nifty dipped 31.20 points or 0.18 per cent to 17,624.40.

Analysts said growing worries over higher interest rates after positive US data hit the market sentiment.

"The latest economic figures indicate that the US central bank would continue to raise interest rates," Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services said.

From the Sensex pack, IndusInd Bank fell the most by 1.69 per cent. Mahindra & Mahindra declined 1.32 per cent, Maruti by 1.15 per cent, Bharti Airtel by 1.08 per cent.

State Bank of India fell 0.95 per cent while Tata Steel, ICICI Bank and HDFC also declined.

Gains in IT and pharma stocks restricted losses in the indices.

UltraTech Cement rose the most by 4.13 per cent while



Tata Consultancy Services, Sun Pharma, Wipro and Bajaj Finance advanced.

"Markets ended marginally lower in a volatile trading session amid mixed cues. The Nifty index opened with a down gap, tracking feeble global cues however buying in the select index majors helped the index to pare losses as the day progressed.

"Markets have been maintaining a positive tone amid consolidation while the global indices are reeling under pressure. And, we feel the scenario may extend further," said Ajit Mishra, VP - Research, Religare Broking Ltd.

In the broader market, the BSE smallcap gauge climbed 0.73 per cent and midcap index advanced 0.46 per cent.

Among the BSE sectoral indices, auto fell 1.12 per cent, power declined 0.91 per cent, Utilities (0.75 per cent) and bank (0.51 per cent).

# Former RBI Guv suggests 10-year road map for privatisation of PSBs

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Former RBI governor D Subbarao has suggested that the government should come up with a 10-year road map for privatisation of all Public Sector Banks (PSBs) as it would provide much needed predictability to stakeholders.

Subbarao further said that the big bang approach to privatisation of state-owned banks is not desirable but at the same time the issue should not be put on the back burner.

"Ideally, we should have a road map, maybe over a 10 year timeframe, to privatise all PSBs. That will give much needed predictability to all stakeholders," he told PTI.

Meanwhile, Subbarao said the government should also be thinking about corporatisation of public sector banks so that they come within the umbrella of uniform RBI regulation.

In the Union Budget for 2021-22, the government announced its intent to take up the privatisation of two PSBs in the year and approved a policy of strategic disinvestment of public sector enterprises.

The government think-tank NITI Aayog has already suggested two banks and one insurance company to the Core Group of Secretaries on Disinvestment for privatisation.

According to Subbarao, the impact on the Indian economy of privatisation of PSBs will be in two ways.

"The overall efficiency of



the banking system will improve as public sector banks, freed from the obligation of driving social objectives, will pursue profit maximisation like their private counterparts," he said, adding that the pursuit of social objectives like financial inclusion and priority sector lending might, to some extent, be compromised.

Even so, Subbarao said he believes the net cost benefit calculus of privatisation will be positive. In 2020, the government merged 10 nationalised banks into four large lenders, thereby bringing down the number of PSBs to 12.

The former RBI governor observed that at India's current stage of development, the country should be using other instruments to pursue social objectives rather than continuing to place the burden on bank depositors and borrowers.

A research paper published in the August 2022 issue of RBI Bulletin had said "the

gradual approach to privatisation adopted by the government can ensure that a void is not created in fulfilling the social objective of financial inclusion.

Asked whether high inflation will become the norm in India and if the country's inflation targeting regime faces its biggest test at the moment, Subbarao said he believes the RBI's monetary policy action as well as possible base effect will help bring inflation down to 4 per cent over the next two years.

RBI has been mandated by the government to ensure that inflation remains at 4 per cent with a margin of 2 per cent on either side.

Noting that monetary policy action will involve raising interest rates and withdrawing liquidity which RBI has already started, Subbarao said there is a case for further tightening although he cannot speculate on how much.

# 'Consumer durables sector revenue to rise 15-18% to cross ₹1 L cr this fiscal'

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Despite increasing margin pressure, the consumer durables sector is likely to witness a double-digit volume growth, pushing its revenue up by 15-18 per cent to ₹1 lakh crore this fiscal, according to a report.

According to the report, a 10-13 per cent spike in demand/volume, which will be driven by both urban and rural segments — led mostly by the AC and refrigerator segments, though rural demand will come into play in the second half of the fiscal.

The industry had crossed the pre-pandemic mark in value terms last fiscal, and this fiscal, it will scale past the pre-pandemic volume mark by 3 per cent, a Crisil report said on

Wednesday.

The Crisil report said a 10-13 per cent spike in volume will boost the top-line of the sector by 15 to 18 per cent this fiscal, taking past the size of the durables industry to over ₹1 lakh crore, which will be 3 per cent above the pre-pandemic size.

However, margins are under pressure given the run-away commodity prices of inputs like copper, aluminium, steel and polypropylene, but not to the extent of last fiscal when it fell by 180-200 bps. The report, however, didn't quantify how much the margins will be hit. Another reason for margin compression is the rupee depreciation, which also will shave off profitability as 45-50 per cent of the raw materials are imported.

# Coal India likely to close its production target of 306 MT in first half of FY-2023

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

State-owned CIL on Wednesday said it will reach close to its production target of 306 million tonnes (MT) in the first half of FY23, provided its mining areas are not extremely affected by heavy rains this month.

Coal India Ltd (CIL) accounts for over 80 per cent of domestic coal output.

"At the current pace of production...The company is hopeful of reaching close to the apportioned H1 target of 306 MT," CIL said.

Of the total production target of 700 MT for FY23, the output split is around 44 per cent in the first half and 56 per cent in the second half, the company said in a statement.

Coal India's production increased by 44.6 million tonnes in just five months and four days of the ongoing fiscal



(as of September 4).

CIL's progressive production touched 259.6 MT as on 4 September, compared to 215 MT during the same period date last year, the statement said.

The public sector unit began to chase the production

output with growth rate of 12.4 per cent which, on the back of a strong output performance, fell to 8 per cent at present.

CIL, usually produces higher volume of coal during the second half of the financial year than in the first half.

# Gold falls ₹225; silver drops ₹315

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Gold prices fell by ₹225 to ₹50,761 per 10 grams in the national capital on Wednesday, according to HDFC Securities.

In the previous trade, the precious metal had closed at ₹50,986 per 10 grams.

Silver also declined by ₹315 to ₹54,009 per kg from ₹54,324 per kg in the previous trade.

In the international market, gold was trading higher at USD 1,702 per ounce while silver was flat at USD 18.18 per ounce.

"Gold held near USD 1,700 per ounce on stronger dollar and expected US economic data boosting expectations of aggressive rate hike from US Fed," said Tapan Patel, Senior Analyst (Commodities) at HDFC Securities.

# Sebi extends auction date to Sept 20 for Golden Life Agro properties

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Capital markets regulator Sebi on Wednesday extended the date till September 20 for auctioning properties of Golden Life Agro India Ltd to recover money that was illegally raised by it from the public.

Earlier, the auction was scheduled for September 8.

However, considering the interests of the bidders expressed for inspection of the properties through site visits and submission of bids, it has been decided to extend the date of e-auction to September 20, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) said in a notice.

The regulator will auction two properties of the company for a reserve price totalling ₹8



crore. The properties put on the block are a plot and a double-storied building located in West Bengal. The auction will be conducted online mode between 1030 hours and 1130 hours. Golden Life Agro had raised ₹11.3 crore from 24,915 investors through the issuance of non-convertible debentures by way of a private placement.

The company was engaged in fund mobilising activity through the issue of securities to more than 49 persons without complying with the regulatory norms.

In June 2015, Sebi directed the company and its directors to refund the money raised from investors along with interests.

# Rupee falls 7 paise to 79.89 against US dollar

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The rupee declined by 7 paise to close at 79.89 (provisional) against the US dollar on Wednesday tracking a strong dollar in overseas markets and losses in the domestic equities.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the domestic currency opened at 79.93 per dollar. It hovered in a range of 79.84 to 79.94 during the session.

The domestic unit finally settled at 79.89, down 7 paise over its previous close of 79.82.

Anuj Choudhary - Research Analyst at Sharekhan by BNP Paribas said that a strong dollar overseas hit the rupee sentiment.

The US Dollar surged as economic data from the US



surprised the markets. The US ISM services PMI unexpectedly rose to 56.9 in August from 56.7 in July.

However, weak crude oil prices and foreign fund inflows cushioned the downside.

"We expect Rupee to remain weak on strong US Dollar and weak cues from global markets. Dollar index surged to a fresh 20-year high and is currently trading around 110.45 levels.

# India in much better position to deal with growth, inflation challenges: CII

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India is in a much better position to deal with the challenges related to growth and inflation, said Sanjiv Bajaj, President of industry body CII.

According to official figures, India's retail inflation continues to remain above the Reserve Bank's tolerance level of 6 per cent since January, while the economic growth in the first quarter of the fiscal was 13.5 per cent, lower than the central bank's estimate of 16.2 per cent.

"I don't want to say we don't have our own challenges with growth, with inflation but we are in a much better position and credit must go to everybody including the central and state governments. I



don't see economic growth as an issue," Bajaj, who is also the CMD of Bajaj Finserv, told PTI.

Tata Steel Managing Director and CII's former President T V Narendran also spoke to PTI and appreciated the efforts undertaken by states

to attract investments. "There are complexities to solve but ... I feel the environment is encouraging investments, encouraging growth, there is an attempt to simplify processes, bring more transparency, and also the good thing is that states are competing with each other to attract investments," he said.

India has overtaken the UK to become the world's fifth-largest economy and is now behind only the US, China, Japan and Germany, according to IMF projections.

A decade ago, India was ranked 11th among large economies, while the UK was at the fifth position.

States have been holding investor meets to attract investments in various sectors.

# Maruti Suzuki to launch safety measures awareness drive

PTI ■ KOLKATA

Country's largest car maker Maruti Suzuki will spread awareness about the safety features and address the issues also through its driving schools, a senior company official said on Wednesday.

After the tragic death of former Tata Sons chairman Cyrus Mistry in a road accident, Maruti will focus on the need to put on rear safety belts which had been made compulsory by regulation but very few riders adhere to it, the official said.

"Wearing rear seat belts is compulsory by regulation but riders don't pay heed to it. In the case of front seat belts, only 23 per cent of the riders wear it. It is important to keep passive, active and behavioural safety measures in mind," senior executive director Maruti Suzuki Shashank Srivastava told reporters here.

# Axis Bank aims to make priority sector lending profitable organically

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Axis Bank aims to organically grow its Priority Sector Lending (PSL) book and make it a profitable business, a senior official said on Wednesday.

Speaking at an event to announce a partnership with Paynearby, the third largest private sector lender's head of 'Bharat Banking' initiative Munish Sharda told reporters that the bank wants to become profitable on the PSL front and tie-ups will help in the same cause.



"We want to grow PSL book in an organic manner. We want to meet the targets on our own. Otherwise, any shortfall has to be met through PSL certificate or other means," Sharda

told reporters when asked to elaborate on the profitability comment.

He, however, declined to share the current performance of the bank on the PSL front.

# Govt to invite bids for battery storage, green hydrogen, ammonia projects: RK Singh

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Government will invite bids for battery storage projects from players looking to invest in the renewable energy sector, Union Minister RK Singh said on Wednesday.

Bids will also be invited for green hydrogen and green ammonia projects, the power, new and renewable energy minister said at 'India Ideas Summit' organised by the US-India Business Council

(USIBC) here.

Singh also informed that the bid for 1,000 MW storage project invited by the government earlier has been finalised.

"The bids which I got...(are) quite expensive. The only way to bring down the prices of solar is to start manufacturing here. That is what we are going to do...," he said.

The Minister further said the next round of bids will be under the PLI scheme for grid level only.



# Khachanov vs Ruud in US semi

AP ■ NEW YORK

Karen Khachanov set-up a US Open semi-final duel with Casper Ruud on Tuesday when he battled past "devastated" Nick Kyrgios in a big-hitting five-setter, shattering the Australian crowd-pleaser's dreams of a maiden Grand Slam title.

Russian 27th seed Khachanov triumphed 7-5, 4-6, 7-5, 6-7 (3/7), 6-4 over the Wimbledon runner-up to make the last-four at a major for the first time.

Earlier Tuesday, Norwegian fifth seed Ruud defeated Italy's Matteo Berrettini 6-1, 6-4, 7-6 (7/4) to make his second Slam semi-final of 2022 having finished runner-up to Rafael Nadal at the French Open.

Khachanov fired 30 aces and a total of 63 winners past Kyrgios.

"I did it, guys. Finally, you are showing me some love," Khachanov told the mostly pro-Kyrgios crowd on Arthur Ashe Stadium.

"It was a crazy match I was expecting it would be like this. I'm ready to run, to fight to play five sets. We played almost four hours and that's the only way to beat Nick."

The Russian said he had "nothing to lose" when he faces Ruud on Friday.

"I would like to win it," said Khachanov who lost to the Norwegian on clay in Rome in 2020 in their only previous meeting.

"But as deep as you go the expectations rise up. I did the step forward, I made my first semi-final and I think I have nothing to lose.

"I just want to go for it and be ready for the next match and hopefully it will be a good one."

Kyrgios, who had knocked out defending champion Daniil Medvedev in the last-16, hit 31 aces in his 75 winners.

However, his unforced error count of 58 was almost double the 31 of Khachanov.

"I'm devastated. It's heart-breaking for me and everyone," said Kyrgios.

"I feel like I have let so many people down."

After Kyrgios had levelled the contest just after midnight with a dominant tiebreaker, he allowed Khachanov to break for a 1-0 lead in the final set.

Kyrgios then failed to convert break points in the second and fourth games



and his chance was gone.

They were two of seven break points saved by the Russian on the night.

Khachanov went to match point off a net cord and claimed victory from an unreturned serve after three hours and 39 minutes of action.

## 'WALK ON WATER'

Ruud reached the US Open semi-finals for the first time after breaking Berrettini five times while saving seven of nine break points.

He raced through the first two sets under the roof of Arthur Ashe Stadium

before 2019 semi-finalist Berrettini stopped the rot with a break for 2-0 in the third.

At 2-5 down, the 23-year-old Ruud saved two set points before recovering and going on to dominate the tiebreak.

"It was a better start to a match than I ever had before. Everything was going my way plus Matteo didn't serve as well as he usually does," said seventh-ranked Ruud who could finish the US Open as the new world number one.

"I got a little nervous towards the end of the second set because things were going a little too well.

"You think you can walk on water,

which is not possible. The third set was very tough."

Berrettini, who missed the French Open because of a hand injury and Wimbledon due to Covid, admitted he had endured a day to forget.

"Nothing more I can say than the worst day of the tournament probably in the most important moment," he said.

The remaining quarter-finals take place on Wednesday.

Frances Tiafoe, the conqueror of Rafael Nadal, takes on Andrey Rublev while Carlos Alcaraz, the third seed, meets Jannik Sinner.

# Jabeur, Garcia reach last four

AP ■ NEW YORK

Tunisia's Ons Jabeur became the first African woman in history to reach the semi-finals of the US Open on Tuesday as France's Caroline Garcia ended the hopes of American teenager Coco Gauff to advance to the last four.

Jabeur, who also claimed a notable first in July as the first woman from Africa to reach the final at Wimbledon, scored a 6-4, 7-6 (7/4) win over Australia's Ajla Tomljanovic.

The 28-year-old will now face Garcia in the semi-finals after the in-form 17th seed dispatched the 18-year-old Gauff 6-3, 6-4 in Tuesday's other quarter-final.

Tomljanovic had landed in the quarter-finals after a run which included a third round victory over Serena Williams, in what was most likely the 23-time Grand Slam champion's final singles match before retirement.

But the Croatia-born Aussie's battling campaign came to a grinding halt against the dynamic fifth-seeded Jabeur, the Tunisian attacking from the outset and never letting up.

Jabeur said she had been infused with belief since reaching the Wimbledon final, where she was beaten in three sets by Kazakhstan's Elena Rybakina.

"I believe more in myself," Jabeur said. "After Wimbledon it was very positive. Even though I lost the final, I knew I had it in me to win a Grand Slam. And here I am in the semi-finals of the US Open."

Jabeur is known affectionately as the "Minister of Happiness" by fans in Tunisia for the joy that her progress on court has brought to her homeland.

However Jabeur admitted she had let her frustration get the better of her on Tuesday, when she banged her racquet in frustration several times after coughing up multiple ser-



vice breaks in the second set.

"I think I'm gonna be fired from my job as Minister of Happiness," she joked.

"It is tough to manage my frustration. I apologise for my behavior. I really wanted to keep calm but the racquet kept slipping away from my hand."

Jabeur will head into her semi-final against Garcia aiming to extend an unbeaten record against the Frenchwoman after wins at the 2019 US Open and 2020 Australian Open.

Garcia reached the first Grand Slam semi-final of her career after an ultimately emphatic win over American hope Gauff.

"My head is buzzing, I can't describe how I feel," Garcia said after a quarter-final she dominated almost from

start to finish.

Garcia arrived in New York fresh from winning the Cincinnati Masters, and Tuesday's win was her 13th straight singles victory.

The 28-year-old said she was flourishing after regaining full fitness. She took a two-month break from tennis leading up to the French Open in June to recover from an ankle problem.

Gauff meanwhile took satisfaction from her first US Open quarter-final appearance but admitted her campaign was tinged by disappointment.

"First quarter-final at the US Open, so there's a lot to be proud of. But definitely disappointed," she said.

"I think it makes me want to work even harder. I feel like I know what I have to do."

# Mbappe, Haaland shine in PSG, Man City's CL wins

AP ■ PARIS

Kylian Mbappe and Erling Haaland starred on Tuesday as Paris Saint-Germain and Manchester City made winning starts in the Champions League group stage, but big-spending Chelsea suffered a shock 1-0 defeat away to Dinamo Zagreb.

Real Madrid rode their luck at times before demonstrating their class to kick off their title defence with a 3-0 win at Celtic despite the loss of Karim Benzema to injury.

Mbappe showed why PSG were so desperate to keep him at the end of last season when he seemed set to depart for Real by scoring both goals in PSG's 2-1 victory at home to Juventus, to launch the French champions' quest for the biggest prize in European club football.

"We played well and we got a win in a tremendous atmosphere at home," Mbappe told Canal Plus.

"We always want to play against big teams -- that's why

you play in the Champions League. It's that sort of atmosphere we love; matches like this, in which you have to show character."

The France forward volleyed Neymar's delightful scoop past Mattia Perin in the fifth minute at the Parc des Princes before adding another brilliantly-worked goal midway through the first half.

Substitute Weston McKennie headed Juventus back into the game but PSG held on and are level with Benfica in Group H. The Portuguese side beat Maccabi Haifa 2-0 courtesy of goals from Rafa Silva and Alex Grimaldo.

Pep Guardiola has warned Haaland alone cannot lead City to Champions League glory this season, but the Norway striker kept up his scintillating form for his new team with two goals in their 4-0 rout of Sevilla.

Having already scored 10 times in six Premier League outings, Haaland put City in front on 20 minutes in Spain as he



poked in a Kevin De Bruyne cross.

Phil Foden doubled the lead on the hour before Haaland struck again. Ruben Dias bagged a fourth to compound the misery for a struggling Sevilla side.

Haaland faces a reunion next week with old club Borussia

Dortmund, who eased to a 3-0 win over FC Copenhagen earlier in Group G.

First-half goals from Marco Reus and Raphael Guerreiro had the hosts cruising, with 19-year-old England international Jude Bellingham delivering a late third.

## REAL UP AND RUNNING

Scottish champions Celtic were left to rue not making the most of a bright start against Real in Glasgow as Callum McGregor rattled the post before the Spanish giants made their experience count.

Vinicius Junior, who grabbed the winning goal in last season's final, opening the scoring on 56 minutes and Luka Modric soon doubled the advantage.

Eden Hazard, who came on for the ailing Benzema, netted his first goal for the club since January to seal victory.

"It was like two games, first half we suffered a bit with intensity, second half we had control," Ancelotti told BT Sport.

"We were not surprised (with Celtic's start). We knew they could start really fast. We were lucky because they hit the post."

Shakhtar Donetsk romped to a memorable 4-1 win over RB Leipzig in Germany in the other

Group F game.

Shakhtar, who have not played in their home town since 2014, did not have any competitive matches this year until August 23 due to Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

They have lost multiple key players since as FIFA allowed foreign players and coaches to suspend their contracts and leave the club.

Marian Shved scored twice on his full debut either side of Mohamed Simakan's equaliser. Mykhaylo Mudryk and Lassina Traore made sure of the win for Shakhtar.

Chelsea made a miserable start to their Champions League campaign as Dinamo Zagreb ruined Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang's debut.

Mislav Orsic's first-half strike punished the Blues for another sloppy display.

Italian champions Milan began with a 1-1 draw at Salzburg as Alexis Saelemaekers cancelled out Noah Okafor's opener for the hosts.

# FATHER OF MODERN CHESS STRATEGY

PRAVIN THIPSAY

In our series 'Champion born this month', today I present you with a story on someone who dominated the Chess world for almost five decades and was the first Chess strategist in the history --- François-André Danican Philidor of France.

Philidor (7 September 1726 - 31 August 1795), started playing regularly around 1740 at the

Café de la Régence, Paris. Legall de Kermeur, the best player in France in those days, t a u g h t

Philidor initially, but by 1745, Philidor became the strongest player in the world and continued to be so till his death. At Café de la Régence, Paris, Philidor met and befriended a famous scientist and one of the Founding Fathers of America, Benjamin Franklin, who was a keen Chess amateur player for over four decades. (Though an amateur at Chess, Benjamin Franklin played a great role in propagation of Chess in USA.)

Philidor's book 'Analyse du jeu des Échecs' (Analysis of the game of Chess) was considered a standard Chess manual for at least a century. Philidor was

a century ahead of others in Chess strategy and laid foundation of the modern Chess strategy. An important and popular opening is named after him wherein Black tries to form a strong Pawns barricade with to keep the enemy pieces away. Philidor's quote "Pawns are the soul of Chess" finds place in almost every Chess book.

Philidor's greatest contribution to Chess was by way of his Endgame Studies and their analyses. Unlike other Chess composers, Philidor chose to analyse basic and commonly occurring Endgames. Even today -- over two centuries later -- the Chess world is astonished at the accuracy of his Endgame work. Most of Philidor's Endings are part of every Endgame book and in the syllabus of every Chess school.

In December 1792, at the age of 65, Philidor was forced to leave France for England as his name was on the Revolutionary banishment list (declared by the Convention Nationale) during the French Revolution (1789-1799). Philidor was stuck in England thereafter, died on 31 August 1795 in London and was buried in St James, Piccadilly.

Today I have chosen an interesting Ending by Philidor, a complex position

which is often studied by Chess players superficially, though it deserves serious thinking and analysis.

**White** :-: Kf6,Ra7,Pe5. **Black** :-: Ke8,Rb1.

**Black to play and draw. Solution** :-:

Black can hold the game with **1...Re1!!** But not 1...Rb6+? 2.e6 Rb8 3.Rh7 when White wins immediately. Also bad is 1...Rf1+? 2.Ke6 Kf8 3.Ra8+ Kg7 4.Kd6 Rd1+ 5.Ke7 Rb1 6.e6 Rb2 7.Kd7 Rb7+ 8.Kc6 Re7 9.Kd6 when Black loses the Rook for the Pawn.

**2.Ke6 Kf8!**

The best. Philidor demonstrated that 2...Kd8!? was also good enough to draw with precise play. 3.Ra8+ Kc7 4.Kf6 Kd7! 5.Ra7+ Ke8 6.Ke6 Kd8 7.Ra8+ Kc7 8.Re8 Rh1! 9.Rg8! Re1! [Readers may try to find out themselves if 9....Rh6 check is also good enough] 10.Rg5! Kd8! [To stop Ke7] 11.Rg8+ Kc7 12.Re8 Rh1! when White is unable to make any headway.

**3.Ra8+ Kg7 4.Re8**

4.Kd6 Kf7 5.Ra7+ Ke8 6.e6 [Threatening 7.Rb8] is met with 6...Rd1+! with a more elementary draw. [This is Philidor's position 1 in Rook endings.]

**4...Ra1! 5.Kd7 Ra7+ 6.Kd6 Kf7** with an obvious draw. Black drives away the White King and occupies a square in front of the Pawn after which White has no chances of promoting the Pawn. ½-½

(Pravin Thipsay is an Arjuna Awardee and Internationnal Chess Grandmaster)

AP ■ LONDON

Former Manchester United footballer Ryan Giggs will face a re-trial on domestic violence charges, a UK judge ruled on Wednesday, after a jury last month failed to reach a verdict.

Judge Hilary Manley at Manchester Crown Court set a new trial date of July

# Judge orders retrial of Giggs

31, 2023, after jurors were deadlocked following the initial four-week hearing.

Ex-Wales international Giggs, 48, denied controlling and coercive behaviour against his former girlfriend Kate Greville as well as assaulting her and her

younger sister.

Prosecutor Peter Wright told court Wednesday that "we do seek a re-trial in respect of Mr Giggs.

Giggs will remain on bail until next year's trial.

AP ■ LONDON

Chelsea on Wednesday sacked Cmanager Thomas Tuchel just seven games into the season following a chastening 1-0 Champions League defeat at Dinamo Zagreb.

The London club said in a statement they had "parted company" with the German, who led them to Champions League glory in 2021 and the Club World Cup crown earlier this year.

The former Borussia Dortmund and Paris Saint-Germain boss, 49, leaves Stamford Bridge after less than 20 months in charge.

"On behalf of everyone at Chelsea FC, the club would like to place on record its gratitude to Thomas and his staff for all their efforts during their time with the club," the Premier League club said in a statement.

"Thomas will rightly have a place in Chelsea's history after winning the Champions League, the Super Cup and Club World Cup in his time here."

The Stamford Bridge club, under new owners Todd Boehly and Behdad Eghbali, defended

# Chelsea sack Tuchel



the timing of the decision.

"As the new ownership group reaches 100 days since taking over the club, and as it continues its hard work to take the club forward, the new owners believe it is the right time to make this tran-

sition," the statement said.

Chelsea are sixth in the Premier League table after three wins, one draw and two defeats in their opening six matches.

Chelsea's coaching staff will take charge of the team as the club

"moves swiftly to appoint a new head coach".

## LEIPZIG FIRE TEDESCO

Domenico Tedesco was fired by German side RB Leipzig on Wednesday, a day after a 4-1 home thrashing by Ukraine's Shakhtar Donetsk in their opening Champions League group match.

It comes months after he led them to German Cup success but a dreadful start to their league campaign has yielded five points from five matches in the Bundesliga.

"RB Leipzig have parted company with Domenico Tedesco with immediate effect," the club tweeted.

Even before Tuesday's humiliation, there were rumours that Leipzig had lined up former Borussia Dortmund coach Marco Rose.

The Leipzig-born Rose won two Austrian titles with sister club Red Bull Salzburg.



# OUT OF SORTS INDIA FACE TRICKY AFGHANS



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PTI ■ DUBAI

All but out of reckoning for the summit clash, a dishevelled India would like to put their house in order before facing a gutsy Afghanistan team which could prove to be a proverbial banana peel in the final Super 4 clash of the Asia Cup on Thursday.

The Indian team hasn't performed to its full potential in the Super 4 stage and lack of resources and poor team selection can also be blamed for back-to-back demoralising defeats against Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

What ails the current Indian team is lack of flexibility in its planning and perhaps a few fingers will be pointed at head coach Rahul Dravid.

It seems that Dravid is wary of taking a few hard calls when it comes to team selections as the team does not seem to have a Plan B in its armoury.

In this backdrop, an Afghanistan team with some top quality T20 players like Rashid Khan, Mujeeb Zadran, Mohammed Nabi, Hazratullah Zazai and the exciting Rahmanullah Gurbaz can really set the cat amongst pigeons.

This is a team that can chase down a targets in the 170-odd range with its power hitters and can also restrict opposition to manageable totals with leader of the attack Rashid intimidating the opposition.

What goes against them as a team is collective inexperience of not playing the bigger cricketing nations regularly. However T20 is one format where an individual perfor-

## T20I Rankings: Rohit climbs three places to 14th

PTI ■ DUBAI

India captain Rohit Sharma gained three slots to be at 14th while Suryakumar Yadav dropped a place to fourth among batters in the ICC T20I rankings issued on Wednesday.

Rohit (612 rating points) climbed three spots after scoring a 41-ball 72 against Sri Lanka in an Asia Cup Super 4 match at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium on Tuesday.

However, Suryakumar (775 rating points), apart from his sensational 68 off just 29 balls against Hong Kong, failed to replicate his performances against Pakistan and Sri Lanka in the big games.

Star batter Virat Kohli gained four places and is ranked 29th after scoring 60 against Pakistan.

Ace spinner Ravichandran Ashwin (up eight places to 50th) and young pacer Arshdeep Singh (up 28 places to 62nd) have



also progressed.

Hardik Pandya remained at fifth spot in the all-rounder's chart.

Topping the batting chart is Pakistan's Mohammad Rizwan (815 rating points), who has displaced his teammate and captain Babar Azam (794 rating points).

Rizwan has scored 192 runs in three matches in the Asia Cup and is the leading run getter in the tournament so far.

Sri Lanka's Pathum Nissanka has gained one spot to be placed at number eight, after notching up scores of 20, 35, and 52.

The 24-year-old also made 52 off 37 balls to help his side beat India in a Super Four match on Wednesday.

Afghanistan batter Rahmanullah Gurbaz also gained 14 places to be ranked 15th, after his knock of 84 against Sri Lanka in the Super Four clash.

Pakistan and Sri Lanka, one would expect the skipper to take an inspired call and rejig the top three for a few games to see if there is any apparent change in the results as well as the approach.

One of the reasons for India not being able to close out matches at the death has been Bhuvneshwar Kumar's poor penultimate overs in successive games. That left young Arshdeep Singh with only seven runs to defend in both games.

Skipper Rohit, however urged everyone not to be too harsh on Bhuvneshwar.

"Even experienced bowlers go for runs. Bhuvneshwar has been playing for us for so many years and has won us so many matches in death overs," Rohit said in his senior seamer's defence.

### TEAMS (FROM)

**India:** Rohit Sharma (c), KL Rahul, Virat Kohli, Suryakumar Yadav, Rishabh Pant, Deepak Hooda, Dinesh Karthik, Hardik Pandya, Axar Patel, R Ashwin, Yuzvendra Chahal, Ravi Bishnoi, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Arshdeep Singh, Deepak Chahar.

**Afghanistan:** Mohammad Nabi (C), Najibullah Zadran (VC), Afsar Zazai (WK), Azmatullah Omarzai, Farid Ahmad Malik, Fazal Haq Farooqi, Hashmatullah Shahidi, Hazratullah Zazai, Ibrahim Zadran, Karim Janat, Mujib ur Rahman, Najibullah Zadran, Naveen ul Haq, Noor Ahmad, Rahmanullah Gurbaz (WK), Rashid Khan and Samiullah Shinwari.

## Team is 95% settled, but we still need some answers: Rohit



PTI ■ DUBAI

Starting at an early exit from the Asia Cup, the Indian team is facing some flak for a below-par show but skipper Rohit Sharma insists that the team combination is more or less settled going into the T20 World Cup, though, they are still looking for some "answers".

The absence of an indisposed Avesh Khan and Ravindra Jadeja, who underwent a knee surgery, meant that India competed with only two frontline seamers -- Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Arshdeep Singh -- with Hardik Pandya being the third fast-medium option.

Lack of enough sting in its bowling attack meant that the team suffered back-to-back Super 4 defeats against Pakistan and Sri Lanka, failing to defend par-scores of 181 and 173 respectively.

"It's 90-95% settled, just a few changes that will happen," Rohit said of the team combination after a humiliating defeat against Sri Lanka on Tuesday.

The skipper added that he wanted to experiment a bit in the Asia Cup and see what happens when four specialist bowlers are used.

"When you talk about experiments, yes, we wanted to try out certain things. If you look at the combination we have been playing before the start of the Asia Cup, it was with four seamers, two spinners and the second spinner was an all-rounder.

"I always wanted to try and find answers as to what happens if you play with three seamers and two spinners, and the third spinner being an all-rounder. We are still looking for answers," he explained.

It was done specifically to check if Hardik could fit in as the third seamer.

"I want to be prepared for the World Cup where you are challenged as a team. When you go to the World Cup, you want to have all the answers. Since Hardik Pandya has come back, we have played with 3 seamers.

"It's good to know what can happen when you play with three seamers, two spinners ... These defeats teach us a whole lot of things," he added. Still looking for some answers

While Rohit said that 95 percent of the team is settled, he contradicted himself when he said that a lot of answers are yet to be found.

"There are a lot of questions we need to answer, and along the way, in the three-four series we've played, we have found some answers.

"There will be a time where we will draw a line and say, 'this is the combination we want to play for the World Cup.' After this, we have two more series and then the World Cup. Till our squad is announced, we can try out a few players."

## Neeraj starts favourite in Diamond League Finals

PTI ■ ZURICH

Another historic feat awaits Olympic champion javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra as he will start as favourite in the prestigious Diamond League Finals here on Thursday.

Chopra had made a spectacular return from a one-month injury lay-off by winning the Lausanne leg of the Diamond League series and qualifying for the two-day finals here.

He had missed the Birmingham Commonwealth Games (July 28 to August 8) due to a minor groin injury he had suffered during his Silver-winning performance in the World Championships in USA in July.

The 24-year-old Indian superstar hit form immediately on return as he hurled the spear to 89.08m in his first attempt to seal the win in style in Lausanne on July 26. It looked like the injury had not happened at all as he produced his third career-best effort.

The youngster from Khandra village near Panipat in Haryana will be eyeing his maiden Diamond League Finals title. He had qualified for the Finals in 2017 and 2018 also, finishing seventh and fourth respectively.

The Diamond League encompasses 32 Diamond Disciplines, following a championship style model. Athletes earn points at the 13-series meet to qualify for the final of their respective disciplines. The winner of each Diamond Discipline at the Final will be crowned 'Diamond League Champion'.



## RAHANE STARTS COMEBACK FIGHT WITH DULEEP TROPHY

PTI ■ CHENNAI

It won't be an easy fight to reclaim what he has lost but Ajinkya Rahane will not deviate from his "process driven" methods as he gears up to lead a star-studded West Zone against minnows North East in the opening Duleep Trophy game starting Thursday.

The Indian domestic cricket season starts with revival of Duleep Trophy, back in its zonal format as two quarterfinal matches kick off proceedings.

There couldn't have been a bigger mismatch between the two sides as West boasts of a batting line-up with names like skipper Rahane, the marauding Prithvi Shaw, talented Yashashvi Jaiswal, KKR captain Shreyas Iyer and Rahul Tripathi, who as recently as tour of Zimbabwe was with the Indian team.

But focus will be on Rahane, who will certainly make a last ditch attempt to get back into the Test team after being dropped earlier this year after two years of barren run.

"See, I believe in following my processes. Right now, my focus is on the Duleep Trophy and doing well for West zone team and we will see what happens in future," Rahane said on the eve of the match.

For him, it is about taking each match as it comes.

"Playing one game at a time...Coming back after injury, the focus on what is in hand rather than the future. Looking forward to doing well," he said in response to a question if he saw it as the first opportunity towards working for



the comeback.

He said it was good that Duleep Trophy had returned to the zonal format and said it provided opportunity to domestic players.

Along with the skipper, Shaw and Jaiswal can rack up big scores and the North-East bowlers would be hard pressed to stop them.

Domestic stalwart Jaydev Unadkat forms part of a strong bowling attack that also comprises Baroda pacer Atit Seth and Saurashtra's Chirag Jani.

The powerful West Zone side is expected to carry too many guns for their opponents which consists of players from the North-Eastern region and the Plate teams.

In Puducherry, East will take on North in what appears to be an evenly matched contest on paper. The experienced Manoj Tiwary leads the men from the East with a mix of experience and youth to call upon.

North, on the other hand, led by Mandeep Singh includes Yash Dhull, who captained the India team to under-19 World Cup triumph earlier this year. Dhull's performances will be watched keenly after a brilliant start to his first-class career.

The team includes several experienced names with Navdeep Saini and Siddharth Kaul likely to lead the bowling attack.

## Stokes 'excited' to see Brook debut against South Africa

AP ■ LONDON

England captain Ben Stokes said he was excited by the prospect of Harry Brook's Test debut after confirming the Yorkshire batsman would replace the injured Jonny Bairstow in the series finale against South Africa.

Brook is the only change to the England XI that levelled the three-match series with a commanding victory in the second Test at Old Trafford after Bairstow was ruled out with a freak leg injury suffered playing golf.

Bairstow has been in stellar form this year, scoring 1,061 runs, including six centuries, in 10 Tests.

"Harry is someone who has been spoken about a lot as representing England going forward," Stokes said at the Oval on Wednesday, on the eve of the deciding Test.

"It's amazing how sometimes people's opportunities get presented to them.... He deserved his opportunity to be in the squad initially and he deserves his opportunity this week."

The skipper said he felt "devastated" for Bairstow, who will also miss the T20 World Cup in Australia, which starts next month.

"He's been a massive reason as to why we've had such a successful summer," he said. "It was a freak accident."

But all-rounder Stokes added: "The way in which our middle order has been playing this summer, I feel as if Harry coming in, the way he goes about his game with the bat in his hand is pretty much a like-for-like replacement.

"He's always going to look to take the bowling on, take the positive option. It's obviously devastating to not have



Jonny but I'm very excited we get a replacement with the skill Jonny possesses."

Brook, 23, has played four T20Is for England. South Africa won the first Test at

Lord's by an innings and 12 runs, only for England to bounce back to win by an innings and 85 runs in Manchester during another match wrapped up inside

## ENGLAND RECALL HALES FOR T20 WC

AP ■ LONDON

Alex Hales's long international exile is over after he was recalled to the England squad for the T20 World Cup in Australia as a replacement for the injured Jonny Bairstow.

The 33-year-old Nottinghamshire batsman has not represented his country for three-and-a-half years, having been dumped on the eve of the 2019 World Cup in the aftermath of two failed recreational drug tests.

While his official ban

only totalled 21 days, in line with England and Wales Cricket Board policy, he was left out in the cold after what then white-ball captain Eoin Morgan described as a "complete breakdown in trust".

Now, with Morgan retired, Bairstow sidelined by a "freak" leg injury and fellow opener Jason Roy dropped due to lack of form, circumstances have combined to hand Hales a fresh chance.

Hales recently became the first Englishman to reach 10,000 runs in the T20 format,

and also has useful experience in Australia's Big Bash League so knows the tournament pitches well.

The hard-hitting batter has scored 1,644 runs in 60 T20Is at an average of 31, with a strike rate of more than 136 per 100 balls.

Hales will also be available for the upcoming tour of Pakistan.

The England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) confirmed the player's recall in a short team update issued on Wednesday.

three days.

"We know that South Africa are always going to stay in the game and stay in the moment," said Stokes.

"We put the Lord's defeat

behind us and we concentrated on Manchester so I know that Dean (Elgar, the Proteas captain) and the South Africa team will be doing the same thing here.

"I think it's great for the series that it goes down to the wire. I know that South Africa are going to come out firing but it's how we respond to the questions that they ask us."

## Anupama is new Junior World No. 1

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Young Anupama Upadhyaya has become only the second Indian shuttler in under-19 girls singles category to win the top title in the latest BWF Junior rankings.

The 17-year-old from Panchkula, who had claimed junior international titles in Uganda and Poland earlier this year, replaced fellow Indian Tasnim Mir from the top position on Tuesday.

She has jumped two places to grab the pole position with 18,060 points from 18 tournaments and is one of the four girls who figure in the Top 10 of the junior rankings.

Three other Indian female shuttlers in the Top 10 are Tasnim Mir (2) and two 14-year-olds -- Anvesha Gowda (6) & Unnati Hooda (9).