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'Centre's focus on dev that is science-based'

Bihar, J'khand miss Centre-State first science conclave as Modi talks 'sabka prayas'

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In a clear indication of the deepening differences between Opposition-ruled States and the Centre, Bihar and Jharkhand on Saturday gave a miss to the 'first-of-itskind' Centre-State Science Conclave inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who said the role of the country's science and people working in this field is "very important" when India is moving towards leading the "fourth industrial

revolution. Both Bihar and Jharkhand are home to political churnings, of late. Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has dumped the form Mahagathbandhan Government in the State besides taking it upon himself to forge Opposition unity to oust the BJP from power in the

2024 Lok Sabha polls. His Jharkhand counterpart Hemant Soren is embroiled in a mining contro-



conferencing from Delhi on Saturday

versy and suspense continues over his continuance in office even as the fear of a BIP strike at his Government lurks.

Nitish is the latest to join the bandwagon of leaders like TMC supremo Mamata Baneriee and TRS chief K Chandrasekhar Rao who have taken upon themselves to cobble up a united Opposition front to take on the BJP jug-gernaut. While Nitish has said

a united Opposition or main front can reduce the BJP's figures by less than 50 Lok Sabha seats, Mamata has publicly announced a joining of hands

The political rumblings notwithstanding, addressing the conclave in Ahmedabad after inaugurating it via video conferencing, Modi said his Government was working with the "thinking of science-based

with Nitish and Hemant.

development".

He pointed out that the organisation of the conclave was a clear example of 'Sabka Prayas'.

"Science is like that energy in the development of 21st Century India, which has the power to accelerate the development of every region and the development of every State," he

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Guj polls in cross hairs of global terror group

ISKP to use riots, Bilkis case as recruitment, strike trigger points: Intel

RAKESH K SINGH NEW DELHI

Intelligence inputs have warned that the international terror group Islamic State Khorasan Province (ISKP) has directed its cadres in India to use the Gujarat riots as a "recruitment trigger point" and the issue of release of the accused and convicts in the Bilkis Bano gang-rape case as the "strike trigger point" to disrupt the forthcoming Assembly elections in Gujarat.

Intelligence assessments also suggest that incidents of rioting and knife attacks against members of the Right-wing organisations by youth radi-calised by the ISKP handlers are likely to occur in the coming weeks.

The ISKP is a front of the dreaded terror group ISIS. ISKP's Indian unit is referred to as the Islamic State Wilayah Hind (ISHP).

The official magazine of ISHP the 'Voice of Hind' has in the past underscored that the terrorist cadres should discover vulnerabilities of the road and Railway networks in the country. The terror propagan-

da magazine outlined in detail the possibility of attacks on the Indian road and Railways net-

The magazine further advised the 'Ansar al-Khilafah' (terrorists) to either perpetrate the strikes as lone wolf attacks or in batches after selecting the targets with diligent reconnoitering, pursuing and ambushing.

It has also advised ultras to target individuals of worth, pilgrims or anything which caters to the jihadist agenda.

To hit the rail network, it has suggested blowing up tracks on the weakest point of the network moments before the scheduled arrival of trains at a railway station, besides hit-ting luxury/business trains car-

rying the elite. The inputs have come just weeks after the Russian Federal Security Service (FSB) had detained a suicide bomber of the ISIS, who was plotting a terrorist attack against an Indian leader for avenging the alleged insult to Prophet Muhammad.
The FSB is the top

Intelligence agency of Russia that had said that the arrested terrorist underwent special training in a Central Asian country for carrying out the planned hit in India. The radical is of Uzbek origin.

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PIL filed in SC against Bilkis Bano rape convicts' remission

New Delhi: A Public Interest Litigation has been filed in the Supreme Court against the remission granted to the 11 convicts in the Bilkis Bano case by a former woman police officer, a former woman Indian Foreign Service Officer, and a renowned academic with expertise on issues of public policy and governance. P4

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MODI GREETS TRUSS ON ASSUMING PM OFFICE New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday spoke to British Prime Minister Elizabeth Truss to congratulate her on assuming office and appreciated her role in

furthering bilateral relations. P4 EC REPLIES ON JMM MLA DISQUALIFICATION Ranchi: Even as Jharkhand CM Hemant Soren's fate hangs in the balance, the Election Commission of India has sent its opinion on the disqualification matter pertaining to his brother and

FIR FILED OVER UK HOME SECY'S FATHER'S PLAINT

JMM MLA Basant Soren to Governor Ramesh Bais. P2

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20 DEAD DURING IDOL IMMERSION IN MAHA Mumbai: At least 20 people have died till now, 14 of them due to drowning, during the immersion of Ganesha idols in

parts of Maharashtra, police

said on Saturday.

ARCHAEOLOGIST BB LAL DIES, PM PAYS TRIBUTE New Delhi: Archaeologist and Padma Vibhushan awardee BB Lal has died at the age of 101. Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday paid rich tributes, saying he will be remembered

More arrests in Moosewala murder case

PNS/AGENCIES

Almost 100 days after singer Sidhu Moosewala was shot dead, Punjab Police on last shooter allegedly involved in his killing. Deepak Mundi, along with two of his associates, was arrested in a joint operation with the Delhi Police and central agencies from the West Bengal-Nepal border, Punjab Director General of Police

Gaurav Yadav said. The two associates have been identified as Kapil Pandit and Rajinder, and they have been accused of providing logistic support and weapons to the shooters. In yet another breakthrough in the case, Punjab Police arrested a member of the Lawrence Bishnoi gang involved in the singer's murder and recovered 11 pis-

ED gets ₹18 cr

from house

close to TMC

SAUGAR SENGUPTA KOLKATA

After 10 hours of counting with eight machines the ED

sleuths accompanied by bank

officials had recovered about

₹18 crore, sources said adding

counting was still going on. The

total amount could increase

Bundles of currency notes of all denominations from

further, sources said.

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King Charles III proclaimed Britain's new monarch

King Charles III pledged to follow the "inspiring example" of his mother, late Queen claimed Britain's new monarch on Saturday in a ceremony, steeped in ancient tradition and political symbolism, televised for the first time in history.

"God save the King" were the words with which those gathered reaffirmed the proclamation made by the clerk of the Accession Council. The Accession Council performs a ceremonial role — it officially announces the name of the new monarch.

Charles then made his proclamation speech, which began with the "most sorrowduty" to announce the death of Queen Elizabeth II, "an example of lifelong love and

selfless service".
"My mother's reign was



From left, Britain's Prince William, Camilla, the Queen Consort and King Charles III, before Privy Council members in the Throne Room during the Access AP I PTI Council at St James's Palace, London on Saturday

unequalled in its dedication and its devotion. Even as we grieve, we give thanks for this

most faithful life," said King

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BJP, Congress slug it out after Rahul meets controversial priest

BJP attacks party With Kolkata fast turning into a city of scams the Enforcement Directorate acting over video; Cong hits back calling on a tip off on Saturday recovered crores from the house of tweet 'atrocious' Amir Khan a businessman from the Garden Reach area of

PNS NEW DELHI

The BJP and the Congress on The BJP and the Congress
Saturday engaged in a fierce verbal face-off over Congress MP Rahul Gandhi's meeting with controversial priest George Ponnaiah during the "Bharat Jodo Yatra".

In the video, the priest could be heard saying, "Jesus is a real God... unlike Shakti."

₹2,000 to ₹50 were recovered Raising questions over the video of Rahul interacting with from the first floor of the house of Amir Khan who was the priest, BJP spokesperson allegedly involved in a fraudulent online gaming racket, sources said. Khan, whose Shehzad Poonawalla tweeted saying the Congress leader is connecting with "Bharat todo father Naser was close to the ruling Trinamool Congress icons". "This man was arrested was missing since Saturday for his Hindu hatred earlier morning. Continued on Page 2 he also said 'I wear shoes

because impurities of Bharat Mata should not contaminate us'. Bharat Jodo with Bharat Todo icons?" Poonawalla tweeted.

"It's Rahul Gandhi's 'Nafrat Jodo Abhiyan'. Today they have made a person like George Ponnaiah the poster boy of the Bharat Jodo Yatra who challenged, threatened Hindus and said inappropriate things about Bharat Mata. The Congress has a long history of being anti-Hindu," Poonawalla said.

Ponnaiah was arrested in 2021 for his alleged comments against Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah and some DMK leaders.

Calling the tweet "atrocious" the Congress accused the BJP of spreading mischief and alleged that the ruling party has turned more desperate ever since the successful launch of the "Bharat Jodo Yatra". Continued on Page 2

173 cases of **lumpy virus** found among cattle in Delhi

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

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m or}$ the first time, the national Capital has reported 173 cases of lumpy skin disease among cattle, mostly in the

southwest district.

However, "no death has been reported so far" due to the disease. According to officials the first case of lumpy skin disease was detected around eight to 10 days ago in the city.

Taking a serious note of it the Government set up a spe-cial control room with a helpline number 8287848586 for queries related to the lumpy virus and advised cattle owners to isolate cattle showing any of the symptoms of the lumpy virus infection, which may include high fever, reduced milk production, skin nodules, loss of appetite, increased nasal discharge and watery among

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OFFICE OF PROFIT CASE ————

EC sends its decision to Guv in CM Soren's brother case

t a time when Jharkhand AGovernor Ramesh Bais is yet to take a call on the Election Commission of India's decision in the office of profit case against Chief Minister Hemant Soren, the ECI is said to have sent its decision to the Governor on CM's younger brother Basant Soren in a similar case on September 09. The ECI had earlier reserved its order in the case after hearing on August 22.

Notably, the Jharkhand BJP unit had complained to the Election Commission that the junior Soren had concealed the fact of taking mining lease in his affidavit given to the commission at the time of Assembly elections 2019. After the complaint the Governor had sent the matter to the Election Commission, which was hearing the case through the lawyers of both the parties. Sources said that both CM

an MLA from Dumka constituency, are likely to lose their membership of the State Assembly after the Governor sends his recommendation back to the ECI.

Earlier, on August 25 a letter sent by the ECI to the Governor mentioning its decision in the office of profit case against Chief Minister Hemant Soren reached the Raj Bhawan. Media reports on the issue raised the political temperature in the State, although there was no word on the letter by the Governor.

Fearing horse trading of its MLAs the UPA called several meetings of its legislative body and the legislators were taken on a picnic near the Capital city. Later, on August 30, 32 MLAs were flown to Raipur in a special flight, where they stayed till September 4, a step the JMM termed "precautionary

to avoid horse trading.

Meanwhile, a delegation

also met the Governor on September 1 and urged him to clear air over the issue. The Governor assured the delegation that he would make things clear very soon (in 2 days). However, on September 2, Bais suddenly went to Delhi and returned only on September 8.

The ruling UPA also called a special Assembly Session on September 5, where a Vote of Confidence was held to show the strength of the ruling coalition. While the BJF protested the move and staged walk out from the House, Hemant Soren won the trust vote by 48-0.

The JMM and Congress party have been repeatedly urging the Governor to clear the confusion in the matter by making public his recommendations to the Election Commission, but no word has come out from the Raj Bhawan yet.

Archaeologist BB Lal passes away, PM Modi pays tribute

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

A rchaeologist and Padma Vibhushan Aawardee B B Lal has died at the age of 101. Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday paid rich tributes, saying he will be remembered as a great intellectual who "deepened our connect with our rich past".

Lal was the director general of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) and had found temple-like pillars during excavation at the Ayodhya site where the Ram temple is now being built. Officials said that he was one of the youngest directors general of ASI and served from 1968 to 1972.

Modi said, "Pained by Shri B B Lal's demise. He was an outstanding personality. His contributions to culture and archaeology are unparalleled. He will be remembered as a great intellectual who deepened our connect with our rich past. My thoughts are with his family and friends. Om Shanti."

Union Culture Minister G Kishan Reddy said the country has lost one of the brightest minds.

Probe launched after complaint by UK Home Secy's father over his Goa property

PTI ■ PANAJI

U^K Home Secretary Suella Braverman's father has complained that his two ancestral properties in North Goa have been grabbed by an unidentified person, following which the Special Investigation Team of the state police has filed a case and launched a probe, an official said

Braverman, an Indian-origin barrister, was appointed as the UK's new Home Secretary by Prime Minister Liz Truss earlier this week.

Braverman's father, Christie Fernandes, has complained that his two ancestral properties collectively admeasuring 13,900 square metres in Assagao have been usurped, Superintendent of Police (SIT) Nidhi told reporters

Based on the complaint, the SIT has registered the First Information Report (FIR), he said, adding that investigation into the case has begun.

ED seizes ₹18 crore from house of...

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All three of his mobile phones were switched off.

In what looked like yet another incident of complacency by the Kolkata Police no action was taken by the Kolkata cops despite a complaint being lodged with the Park Street Police Station way back in February 2021, sources said. It was being ascertained whether political big wigs were involved in the case.

The ED simultaneously raided at least six locations throughout Kolkata sources said adding Khan could be involved in a Paris 77 involved in a Rs 65-70 crore racket.

The unassuming house of the Khans is situated on Shahi Astbal Lane in Garden Reach area that lies in the Assembly constituency of senior Bengal Minister Firhad Hakim. The notes were found wrapped in papers or plastic bags and we're hidden under the beds and other places.

The raid was still underway and could take a few hours more sources said not ruling out hawala links. Some documents and a diary have also been recovered from the place.

Saturday's development comes close on the heels of similar recoveries of Rs 50 crore from the apartments of Arpita Mukherjee a close aide of jailed

former Minister Partha Chatterjee.

The ED was also to ascertain whether the cash belonged to Amir only or he was holding it for some other person or persons.

Meanwhile, Minister Hakim launched a scathing attack on the BJP Government for using central agencies

to cripple business in Bengal.
"Though there are complaints from other parts of the country the ED is being used against Bengal businessmen only apparently to force them to flee thi State ... It seems that a message is being given to them to leave Bengal or face the consequences," Hakim said adding however that he did not mind law taking its own course. The BJP and Left immediately hit

back wondering why he was disturbed by the Saturday's developments. "Is he getting personally affected by the ED actions has to be found out," State BJP president Sukanta Majumdar said.

CPI(M) central committee nember Sujan Chakrabarty said, "the ED should find out the links between this cash and TMC leaders... We are told that the family was close to Trinamool leaders ... So much cash cannot be accumulated without political patronage." He also demanded investigation regarding why the police did investigate the case despite receiving complaints. "Why the police did not act .. Who stopped them ... This should be investigated," Chakraborty

More arrests in Moosewala murder ...

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Manpreet Singh had given shelter to shooters Jagroop Singh Rupa and Manpreet Singh at his Kharar house before they killed Moosewala.

"In a major breakthrough, @PunjabPoliceInd, in a joint operation with central agencies & #DelhiPolice, have arrested Deepak @ Mundi, absconding shooter of #SidhuMoosewala,

with 2 associates. Major victory in war against drugs & gangsters on directions of CM @BhagwantMann," the DGP said in a tweet.

"Deepak, Kapil Pandit & Rajinder have been arrested today by #AGTF team at #WestBengal-#Nepal border in the culmination of intelligence-based operation. Deepak was the shooter in Bolero module, Kapil Pandit & Rajinder provided logistical support including weapons & hideouts," he said in another

Senior Superintendent of Police Vivek Sheel Soni said that Manpreet Singh alias Bhima, a resident of Ludhiana, was nabbed in Kharar. A 9mm Glock pistol, ten 0.32 pistols, three cartridges and a BMW car were recovered from him, police said.

Bhima is an old accomplice of Sunil Kumar alias Monu Gujjar and Jasmeet Singh alias Lucky, both Hoshiarpur natives, and Nikhil Kant Sharma of Patiala. All weapons were supplied by Pehowa resident Ashwani Kumar alias Sarpanch to Bhima, Jasmeet and Nikhil. Ashwani Kumar has already been arrested by CIA Mohali in the case registered at Sadar Kharar

Bhima will be produced in the court to seek his remand.

173 cases of **lumpy virus** found...

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Delhi Development Minister Gopal Rai on Saturday informed that 45 cases of lumpy skin disease have been detected in the Goyla dairy area, 40 in Rewla Khanpur area, 21 in Ghumanhera and 16 in Najafgarh.

Addressing a press conference, Rai said the Delhi government has deployed two mobile veterinary clinics and set up 11 rapid response teams to collect samples. Four teams will make people aware of the

The government will adopt the ring vaccination strategy in which healthy cattle in a 5 km radius of the affected areas will be given goat pox vaccine with the Uttarkashi strain of the virus, he said.

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An isolation ward has been set up in Rewla Khanpur Gau Sadan in southwest Delhi for abandoned cattle suffering from lumpy skin disease, Rai The official said the lumpy

virus has been found in 40

abandoned cows which have been shifted to the isolation ward.The cow shelter can accommodate 4,500 cattle. The isolation ward has been set up away from healthy cattle and mosquito nets have been installed there.

"In Delhi, it is unlikely to

spread to proportions seen in other states as the number of cases is low and manageable. We have responded promptly and taken all the necessary steps to curb the spread," he Another official said the

virus doesn't normally lead to the death of cattle and the mortality rate is just one to two per cent.

The high number of deaths in Rajasthan and Gujarat could be due to poor health of those cattle and the development of secondary infections, he said."Deaths are unlikely if the infected cattle are isolated and proper care is taken. Wounds should be disinfected regularly," the official said.

Lumpy skin disease is a contagious viral disease that spreads among cattle through mosquitoes, flies, lice and wasps by direct contact, as also through contaminated food and water. The disease causes fever and nodules on the skin, and it can be fatal.

Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Parshottam Rupala on Thursday said the outbreak has spread in Gujarat, Rajasthan, Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Andhra

He said around 57,000 cattle have died till Thursday due to lumpy skin disease and told states where cases have been reported to boost vaccination efforts. Madhya Pradesh has reported more than 2,100 cattle infected with the Lumpy skin disease across 10 districts of the state.

The Centre has advised states to make efforts on the ground-level to isolate animals and prevent the disease from spreading. The infection is rapidly spreading in Rajasthan and Gujarat where state governments have created control rooms in districts to monitor and indulge in effective prevention strategies. In August alone, over 3,000 cattle died in these two states due to the viral infection.

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Modi further said, "Today, when India is moving towards leading the fourth industrial revolution, the role of India's science and people related to this field is very important. In such a situation, the responsibility of people in administration and policymaking increases significantly."

He emphasised that science is the basis of "solutions, And, Modi said, "It is with this inspiration, that today's new India is moving forward with Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan, Jai Vigyan as well as Jai Anusandhan.

Commenting on the lessons that people can learn from history that will help both the Centre and the States, the Prime Minister said, "If we remember the early decades of the last century, we find how the world was going through a period of devastation and tragedy. But even in that era, whether it was about the East or the West, scientists everywhere were engaged in their great discovery."

In the West, he said,

"Scientists like Einstein, Fermi, Max Planck, Niels Bohr, and Tesla were dazzling the world with their experiments. In the same period, many scientists including CV Raman, Jagdish Chandra Bose, Satyendra Nath Bose, Meghnad Saha, and S Chandrasekhar were bringing their new discoveries to the fore", said Modi.

The Prime Minister underlined the difference between the East and West "as we were not giving due

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recognition to the work of our scientists.

The Prime Minister pointed out that "when we celebrate the achievements of our scientists, science becomes part of our society, it becomes part of the culture", he said. Modi also requested

everybody to celebrate the achievements of the scientists of the country.

reasons to the country to celebrate them.' He lauded the role of Indian scientists in developing the Corona vaccine and contributing to the "world's biggest vaccine drive."

The Prime Minister reiterated that the government is working with the thinking of Science-Based Development.

'Since 2014, there has been a substantial increase in investment in the field of the efforts of the government, today India is ranked 46th in the Global Innovation Index, whereas in 2015, India was at number 81", the Prime Minister added. He acknowledged the record number of patents being registered in the country. He also noted the climate of innovation and a vibrant startup ecosystem.

The Prime Minister pointed out that "inclination for science, technology and innovation is in the DNA of our young generation. We need to support this young neration with full strength. The Prime Minister listed new

of research and innovation to support the innovative spirit of the youth. He gave examples of Space Mission, National Supercomputing Mission, semiconductor mission, Mission Hydrogen and drone

Mission Hydrogen and drone technology.

The Prime Minister highlighted that in order to make India a global centre of research and innovation in this Amrit Kaal, "we have to many fronts are many fronts." work on many fronts simultaneously."

He stressed the need to take science and technologyrelated research to the local "Scientists", the Prime level and asked states to innovation as per their local

> The Prime Minister remarked that innovation can be encouraged by laying emphasis on the creation of more and more scientific institutions and simplification of processes by the state

"As governments, we have to more and more cooperate and collaborate with our scientists, this will create an science and technology. Due to atmosphere of a scientific

modernity", he said.
The Prime Minister stressed that the states should take full advantage of the ability and expertise of many nationallevel scientific institutes, and national laboratories that are present.

"We also have to take our science-related institutions out of the state of silos for optimum utilisation of scientific institutions and expertise", the Prime Minister added. He asked for science promotion events at the grassroots level. He also advised the state Science Ministers to share good practices and aspects of their science curriculum.

BJP, Cong slug King... it out after Rahul meets...

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factory" is sharing tweets about Rahul Gandhi which has no relation to the audio.

"An atrocious tweet from the BJP hate factory is doing the rounds. It bears no relation whatsoever to what is recorded in the audio.

This is typical BJP mischief that has become more desperate after the successful launch of Bharat Jodo Yatra which is evoking such a huge response," Ramesh said in a statement.

"People who were responsible for the killing of Mahatma Gandhi and the murders of people like Narendra Dabholkar, Govind Pansare, MM Kalburgi and Gauri Lankesh are raising questions! What a morbid joke Such attempts to damage the spirit of #BharatJodoYatra will fail miserably," Ramesh said in

a tweet message.

Another BJP leader Amit Malviya joined his party colleague at lashing-out at Rahul-priest meeting saying: "If meeting a controversial pastor,

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Russia-detained suicide

bomber could be a member of

the ISIS faction led by

Gulmurad Alimof based in

southern Afghanistan and that

the ISIS has developed a significant network of sleeper

Within a week after the

cells in India.

Assessments suggest the

who is known for his visceral AICC general secretary disdain for the majority communications Jairam community and their beliefs, Ramesh said BJP's "hate Rahul Gandhi's idea of "Bharat Jodo", then this Yatra is nothing but a sham. How can indulging faith supremacists serve the larger society and bring cohesion?"

BJP spokesperson Sambit Patra also sought to know whether denouncing one religion for the appeasement of the other is "Bharat Jodo". "This 'Hindu Hatred' of the Congress in general & Rahul in particular is no more a clandestine affair ...Rahul wears it on his sleeves with pride! 'Bharat-Todo' indeed by Rahul Gandhi!" he tweeted.

A war of words has broken up between the BJP and the Congress since the beginning of Rahul's politically ambitious Yatra across the country.

A day before, BJP had

commented at Rahul's T-shirt worn by him during the Yatra and claimed that the high-end shirt cost over Rs 41,000, The Congress countered drawing attention to what it called Rs 10 lakh suit and Rs 1.5 shades worn by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

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"In taking up these responsibilities I shall strive to follow the inspiring example I have been set in upholding constitutional government and to seek the peace, harmony and prosperity of the peoples of these islands, and of the Commonwealth realms and territories across the world," he said. The throne had passed to the 73-year-old former Prince of Wales following the death of his mother, Queen Elizabeth II, ceremony marked his formal declaration and oath-taking at St James's Palace in London.

King Charles was joined by his wife, Queen Consort Camilla, and his son and heir Prince William - the new Prince of Wales, who added their signatures to the formal proclamation documents.

Charles confirmed the tradition of surrendering all revenues and the Crown Estate to the country in return for the Sovereign Grant that covers royal costs in the UK.

All six living former Prime Ministers - Sir John Major, Tony Blair, Gordon Brown, David Cameron, Theresa May and Boris Johnson - and new Prime Minister Liz Truss along with leaders of the Opposition were among those gathered for the sombre ceremony.

It was the decision of King Charles III to allow television cameras into the Accession Council for the first time to allow the public to view the proceedings.

Earlier, the King had

travelled back from Balmoral Castle in Scotland on Friday, where the Queen's health deteriorated, and she breathed

Flags lowered atop the palace in mourning for the late Queen were brought back up to full mast after the Accession Council proclamation, which followed a wave of further proclamations across the UK to go into Sunday - when flags will return to half-mast in a state of mourning for the Queen.

Amid much ceremony, a Principal Proclamation was read in public for the first time by the Garter King of overlooking Friary Court at St James's Palace. It was accompanied by a 41-gun salute fired by The King's Troop Royal Horse Artillery at Hyde Park in London.

The Privy Council, which includes politicians, senior members of the clergy and Supreme Court justices, first gathered without the King to proclaim the new monarch and arrange business relating to the proclamation.

Following the proclamation, King Charles III held his first Privy Council meeting and made his personal declaration to "assume the duties and responsibilities of sovereignty" and follow in the footsteps of his late mother.

On Friday, the King held his first audience with British Prime Minister Truss at Buckingham Palace, soon after he was greeted with applause and cheers by large crowds gathered at the palace gates in mourning for the Queen and to catch a glimpse of the new monarch and his Queen

"It was so touching to see so many people... It's a moment I'd been dreading, but

one must try and keep going," Charles was heard saying to Truss, in a brief clip released of his first audience as the Prime Minister expressed her condolences.

While formal details are to be released by Buckingham Palace, it is expected that the Queen will lie in state at Westminster Hall in London for the public to pay their

In the coming days, the Queen's coffin will depart her Holyroodhouse in Edinburgh - the official residence of the British monarch in Scotland.

From here, it will be taken in procession to St Giles' Cathedral in the city, where the Queen will lie at rest, allowing the public to view her coffin. The coffin will then move to London, ready for lying in state for around four days before her funeral.

Meanwhile, senior MPs, including Prime Minister Truss, have sworn a new oath of allegiance to King Charles III in a special session of Parliament. Commons Speaker Sir Lindsay Hoyle opened proceedings by taking the oath, followed by Sir Peter Bottomley, the longest-serving MP. Truss, 47, was among those taking the pledge, speaking the words: "I swear by almighty God, that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King Charles, his heirs and successors, according to law, so help me

sectors and missions in the field कार्यालय नगर पालिक निगम, भोपाल केन्द्रीय कर्मशाला (मैके. शाखा) तृतीय निविदा सूचना

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> सहायक यंत्री परिवहन शाखा नगर निगम भोपाल

agencies here had warned that the ISKP operatives based in Afghanistan-Pakistan region are coordinating with Indiabased associates to carry out attacks in India through IEDs and vehicle-borne IEDs.

The ISKP has also planned to send its fighters to India to carry out the attacks. The range of targets includes Right-wing leaders, Hindu leaders, security forces, convoys, places of high footfalls and religious congregations. In addition, the group also has plans to hit highways and railways infrastructure.

As reported by The Taliban took over Kabul on Pioneer, in an August 21, 2021 August 15 last year, the security

advisory circulated to stakeholders comprising the paramilitary forces and police administration, the agencies were advised to take preventive and precautionary measures to thwart such illicit designs of the jehadis.

The genesis of the security alert is the intelligence inputs and disclosures made by the ISIS operatives arrested from Jammu and Kashmir and Karnataka, who have indicated continued intent on part of the Islamic State terrorists to carry out attacks in India.

The inputs further indicate that the Islamic State operatives based in Af-Pak region are

coordinating with their cohorts based here for furthering their nefarious anti-India agenda.

The ISKP operatives have

assured their Indian associates to provide funds for procuring Kalshnikov assault rifles, small arms, making of IEDs and preparations for attacks as part of Islamist terror agenda. Busting of 'Voice of Hind'

network of the ISIS in Jammu and Kashmir, and Karnataka by the security agencies also indicates that the Pakistanbased remnants of Indian Mujahideen may have been in contact with IS operatives in India and Af-Pak region.

Intelligence assessments

Mujahideen operatives based in Pakistan may be a part of the IS network planning attacks in India with active connivance and backing from the Pakistan Army and Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI).

Locations that are likely to

suggest that the Indian

attract immense public attention, including Hindu temples, religious gatherings, western interests, security forces, public places, religious gatherings and events expected to witness high footfall, especially those thronged by foreigners could be possible targets, according to the earlier

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We will regularise temporary employees wherever our Govts are formed: Kejriwal

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Saturday lauded the AAP-led Punjab Government for regularising 8,736 school teachers, and urged the Centre and States to do the same by making temporary employees permanent. Kejriwal said the Delhi Government had also brought in a Bill in the Assembly to regularise guest teachers in the national Capital but the Centre did not approve

While appreciating the Punjab Government, Kejriwal said the AAP will prioritise regularisation of contractual workers and secure their rights wherever it comes to power. He said other States should also do the same.

"I appeal to other States and the Central Government to regularise all their contractual employees. The AAP staunchly favours that contractual employees should be regularised in all parts of the country. We will ensure that wherever we come to power, we will give them permanent jobs. It is their right," he said

during an online briefing.

Kejriwal said there is a false narrative about permanent government employees being incompetent. Kejriwal claimed that many permanent Government jobs were kept vacant and employees were hired on a temporary basis. "It is being said that permanent employees are slackers. This is a dangerous misconception. We have busted this myth in Delhi. The education revolution in Delhi is a result of succinct efforts of permanent as well as guest

Government doctors, nurses and hospital staff have done a wonderful job in Government hospitals and mohalla clinics, he said. "At a time when government jobs are being reduced and more temporary employees are being hired, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann regularised the services of 8,736 teachers. This will prove to be an example for others too," Kejriwal

"People working as temporary employees are right at the bottom of the hierarchy, they are the poorest, and they are exploited. It is time to end their exploitation. This trend will spread from Punjab now," he added."These teachers had lost hope after protesting continuously for 10-15 years while some teachers even crossed the age limit due to protests, they have now been given a relaxation," he said.

"Punjab's waves will soon reach the rest of the country. We have been trying to make guest teachers permanent in Delhi; we introduced a Bill in the Assembly over it but the the Central Government refused to approve it.

"Delhi is a half-State, we lack a lot of administrative powers, which is why despite trying our best, we have been unable to regularise guest teachers. all contractual Government employees would STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI be regularised in the States where the AAP comes to power," Kejriwal said.

He termed contractual employment system "highly exploitative" and questioned why government jobs were being cut down by states and Centre if economy was grow-

BJP: AAP Govt did nothing for teachers' regularisation in city

 $D_{ ext{Chief Minister}}^{ ext{elhi BJP lashed out at}}$ Kejriwal saying the AAP Government did nothing for regularisation of teachers in the national Capital despite being in power for the last eight years. "The Kejriwal Government did not even increase the salary of Delhi teachers in last eight years and the teachers here still have to approach the court for their salaries," Delhi BJP leaders said

The BJP reaction comes after Kejriwal appreciated the AAP-led Punjab government for regularising 8,736 school teachers, and urged all state governments to do the same.

The Leader of Opposition in Delhi Assembly Ramvir Singh Bidhuri urged the people of states-Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh do not trust what



Kejriwal is saying. "He lies all the time and mislead the people for those states going to polls," Bidhuri said. The BJP leader questioned how many teachers or contract workers regularised in the national capital? Bidhuri said that out of 1,027 Government schools, only 203 have principals.

There are no vice-principals in 418 schools and 24 thousand posts of teachers are lying vacant. Guest teachers were appointed on 22,000 posts, but none of them were made permanent. This year



there has been a decline of more than 15 per cent in the class X Board results.

Adesh Gupta, the Delhi BJP president said that it is very shameful that Delhi is the only state in the country where teachers work as daily wagers and so much so that even their money is deducted for all holidays like government holidays, festivals or even Sundays. "Also, they neither get TA, DA, HRA and CL nor any medical facilities. Not only this, their salary hasn't increased in six

55K contractual employees still working as guest teachers: Cong

Delhi Congress on Saturday came down heavily on the Arvind Kejriwal Government on regularisation of guest teachers and other contractural workers, saying there are at least 55,000 contractual employees in various departments of the Delhi Government who have not been regularised despite being in power for last eight years. The Congress leader said Kejriwal has blamed Central Government for not "approving" its Bill to regularise the guest teachers, which was a flimsy argument, as he has not regularised temporary employees in other departments as well, though he had promised

in his very first election manifesto that all ad hoc employees will be regularized if he comes to power. The leader said socalled "Delhi Model of Education and Health" was a big fraud being played on people by Kejriwal government and his deputy Manish Sisodia, as no such model exists in Delhi

Stray dogs can't be relocated, says Gzb civic body

A fter a meeting with various stake-holders including Apartment Owners Associations, People for Animals and dog-lovers on Saturday, the Ghaziabad Municipal Corporation said stray dogs cannot be relocated from their territory as it is prohibited under the law and court guidelines.

The meeting was convened at the civic body headquarters on the initiative of Mayor Asha Sharma and Municipal Commissioner Mahendra Singh Tanwar in the backdrop of canine-human conflict hogging the headlines.

Animal rights activist Ambika Shukla stressed the dog-lovers who feed stray dogs cannot be penalised by Resident Welfare Association, and that any complaint should be addressed to the Municipal Corporation only.

It was agreed that dog feeding points will be earmarked on residential society compounds for stray dogs in consultation with feeders, RWA and representatives of the Municipal Corporation. The numbers would depend on the

canine population there.
In accordance with thelaid down law and guidelines, stray dogs cannot be relocated from within the society to outside and vice versa, Ghaziabad Municipal Corporation Veterinary Officer Dr Ashish

It will be kept in mind that feeding points should not be near locations frequented by children and senior citizens, the meeting decided. Both sides agreed that cleaning of the



excreta of stray dogs will not be responsibility of individuals feeding the dog, but of the RWA as part of its regular maintenance activity.

It will be responsibility of pet-owners to clean the excreta of their dogs but the RWA must provide garbage bins where the picked up waste can be thrown, it was decided.

In case of any complaints against pet-owners, the RWAs and its members cannot take any action themselves and they will have to bring it to the notice of municipal corporation, the meeting decided. Dr Ashish urged people to

get stray dogs registered for sterilization in consultation with individuals feeding the dogs and RWAs. This comes in the wake of

a series of dog attack incidents being reported in the media over the past few days.

A video went viral recently, showing a pet dog attacking a minor boy inside a lift of a residential society Ghaziabad. In another incident from Ghaziabad, a teenage boy was attacked by a dog leaving him with multiple stitches.

Another video shows, a food delivery agent being attacked by a dog while coming out of a lift.

Man stabbed to death while four injured in Mangolpuri

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man was stabbed to death Awhile four were injured in Mangolpuri area of the national Capital on Friday afternoon. The neighbours of the victim managed to record the brutal murder on camera. Meanwhile, on Saturday the family members claimed that he was killed when he returned home after attending Ganesh Chaturthi. However, police said there

was no communal issue and it was a coincidence that it took place on the day of Ganesh Chaturthi. Police also said the issue was between two families for area dominance. Police had said an incident

of stabbing was reported in K-Block, Mangolpuri at 4.36 pm on Friday. The victims were identified as Armaan, Monty alias Moin Khan, and Fardeen, were taken to a hospital. The doctors declared Armaan as 'brought dead". Fardeen, who sustained

2.15 pm, he was going somewhere on his motorcycle, and had an altercation outside one Shahrukh's house with his brother Shahbir over his bike. Fardeen went back to his home, where his brother,

minor injuries, said that around

Monty, told him he would resolve the matter peacefully with Shahrukh. When he met Shahrukh, the latter abused Monty and

they had a heated argument. Their cousin Armaan also reached there. Shahrukh and his brother

Shahbir asked their associates to bring knives. The two brothers, with their associates stabbed Armaan, Fardeen, and

Ex-Cong MLA released in |L-G inspects Neela Hauz bio-diversity park accidental firing case

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ADelhi court has released former Congress MLA after due admonition instead of sentencing him to any punishment in a case where he accidentally fired from his liscenced pistol while loading the cartridges in it at a licencing office in 2017.

conviction proved against the accused and the offence proved against the accused is punishable with imprisonment of less than two years and considering the age, character, physical condition of the convict as well as the trivial nature of the offence, the accused be released after due admonition instead of

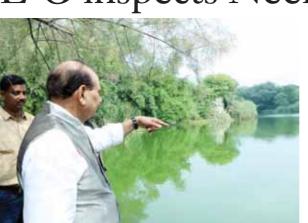


sentencing him to any punishment," Metropolitan Magistrate Rishabh Tanwar said in the order. After the court order, former Congress MLA blamed the AAP and the BJP for implicating him in a false case. "Now, the court has acquitted

me," he said. During the argument, Jai Kishan's advocate had argued that the accused is a person of good standing as he was a former MLA of the Congress Party having a clean political background.

His Counsel argued that a lenient view be taken against the accused as he is of 65 years of age having old age related ailalso a heart patient. Kishan had also submitted his medical documents in support of the contentions.

In May 2017, the incident happened in the Defence Colony police station limits when the ex-MLA had gone to the licencing office for the renewal of his arms licence.



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Delhi Lieutenant Governor, Vinai Kumar Saxena on Saturday visited the Neela Hauz Bio-diversity park developed by the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) in South

Delhi. Walking through the scenic "Constructed Wetland System (CWS)", the LG described it as an exemplary model of urban rejuvenation and appreciated the DDA for developing and maintaining the park. Upon witnessing the two oxidation and stabilisation ponds, filtration zone and aquatic plants without using any power, and the quality of treated water, Saxena instructed officials to explore the possibility of developing such systems over other major drains in the City. "Visited Neela Hauz Bio-diversity park- an exemplary model of urban rejuvenation developed by DDA. Systems like Neela Hauz, apart

natural water treating system that includes in-situ remedia-

tion of sewage water through

from being ecologically sustainable, can also be an effective means of treating drain water before its discharge in the Yamuna, the LG tweeted.

Neela Hauz Biodiversity Park has been developed as the Neela Hauz Lake, which is a natural waterbody and used to supply drinking water to South Delhi, is nearly extinct or dead due to urbanization and construction of Aruna Asif Ali road bridge across the lake by According to officials, the

Lake has been restored to its pristine glory through desiltation and excavation of solid waste dumps and in-situ biological remediation of 1 MLD of raw sewage – the only source of water to the lake. "The novelty of Neela Hauz

opment of integrated Constructed Wetland System (CWS) - a nature based solution for in-situ remediation of raw sewage - and use of treated water for restoration of the lake, which was a nearly extinct lake. The CWS design works on the same principle as that of STP without energy. The CWS

zone, constructed Wetland with aquatic plants and natural wetland," said the official. "The integrated wetlands make 1 MLD of raw sewage into clean water which has the same quality as that of river water and all the water quality parameters (dissolved oxygen, pH, total suspended solids, total dissolved solids, Biological oxygen demand, chemical oxygen demands, ammonia, nitrogen the permissible limits prescribed by CPCB," said the offi-

design has two oxidation/sta-

bilization ponds, a filtration

"The removal percent efficiency of CWS for some water quality parameters like COD is more than 15 per cent and the DO level is enhanced from 0.0 to 7.5 mg (L)," the official

Shutterbugs flock revamped Central Vista Avenue

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Shutterbugs flocked the revamped Central Vista Avenue on Saturday, the first weekend after its inauguration, clicking selfies against the backdrop of the verdant lawns and the newly unveiled 28-foot statue of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

day on the rechristened Kartavya Path – from the Raisina Hill complex to India Gate - which was thrown open to the public on Friday after two years. It was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday.

Selfie takers had a field

Most of the visitors, especially the youngsters, were busy choosing their favourite spots near the lawns and the newly built bridges on the water bodies looking to get the perfect snap of themselves.

"It's a great place for self-ies... I must have clicked over a dozen selfies here," said a civil service aspirant visiting Central Vista Avenue along with his friends.

As evening descended, the number of visitors surged. People took a stroll along the entire stretch and halted at the India Gate complex for more photos and selfies at the memorial."We have been to this place dozens of times.



I hope this will be maintained and people will also keep it clean and avoid littering," said Rakesh Awasthi who was visiting the place with his family.

However, some visitors missed the boating facility in the water bodies along the lawns."I do not see any boats now. Hope they will be here soon since children like them very much," said a security guard near one of the water bodies where a ticket kiosk

existed earlier. Officials said there is a plan to allow boating at two water bodies - one close to Krishi Bhawan and the other near the upcoming Vanijya

Bhawan. The water bodies are a part of the landscape of the avenue. Under the Central Vista Avenue redevelopment pro-

been rebuilt with reinforced edges while redstone pavements have been built along it. Aerators and dissolved air flotation systems have been fitted to keep the water clean.

Another big draw at the spot was cultural performances by artistes from all over the

A large number of people gathered at a stage set up near India Gate, keenly watching Naurta and Kalbelia folk dances and lauding each performance.

After inaugurating Kartavya Path, Modi urged people to visit it and take selfies with it and upload them on social media. New signages bearing the new nomenclature of the ceremonial boulevard have been put up on the street-

while cleaning sewer

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day after a sweeper and a A security guard died of toxic gases while cleaning a sewer in a colony in Mundka area, their family sought justice while asking who allowed him to go down the manhole?"

The deceased have been identified as 32-year-old Rohit Chandilya and security guard Ashok (30). Chandilya worked as a private sweeper in a colony at Bakkarwala and Ashok as security guard in DDA flats.

On Friday late evening, the bodies of both the men had to be pulled out with the help from the fire brigade, as efforts to extract them manually by the colony residents had failed.

Speaking to reporters on Saturday, Satish Kumar said that Chandilya was the husband of his younger sister. "On Friday evening, I got a call that Chadiliya had died after entering the septic tank. When I reached the spot, I got to know that he had died due to inhal-

ing poisonous gas," said Kumar.
"He used to work as a sweeper under one Chandan Kumar Mishra. We want to ask why he went inside the sewer and who asked him or gave him permission to go. We have no idea for how long he was inside the hole," Kumar said. "Chandiliya was the only sole breadwinner for his wife and two-year-old son. He used to live in a rented accommodation. Now what will happen to his family members? Justice should be delivered to his family," Kumar said.

Police got a call at 3.43 pm on Friday informing them that a man had fallen inside a sewer in Pocket-D of Lok Nayak Puram, Bakkarwala. They reached the spot, Highway Apartment, and found two men lying unconscious in a

There was a complaint of sewer blockage in the society and Chandilya was the first one to go down the sewer. But as soon as he inhaled the toxic fumes inside, he fainted and fell down. To rescue him, Ashok too went inside but he also fell unconscious.

They were taken to a hospital where they both were declared brought dead. A post mortem was conducted on Saturday and their bodies were handed over to their family members. A case under section 304A (causing death by negligence) of the IPC has been registered, said police. A senior police officer said that investigation is in an initial stage.

Kin seek justice after | Probe on to find culprit in Azad sweeper, guard killed Market building collapse case

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 $T^{ ext{he Delhi Police on Saturday}}$ said the investigation is underway in connection with a four-storey under construction building which collapsed in north Delhi's Azad market, injuring five people on Friday morning.

A senior police official said the investigation is underway to ascertain the role of the person behind the incident, following which necessary action will be taken. The fire department had received a call about the incident at 8.30 am on Friday. A fire official said one fire tender is still at the spot as standby. The work of removing the debris from the area is still

underway. The injured have been identified as Congresh Yadav (31), Nitesh Yadav (29) and Amarjeet Yadav (21), all residents of Khagaria district in Bihar, and Azizur Rehman (44) and Jamil (45), both residents of Sheesh Mahal in Azad Market.

According to Sagar Singh Kalsi, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), north district, no one was staying in the building which may have collapsed due to overloading. The owner of the building has been identified as Ajay Kumar Jain, a resident of Rajinder Nagar, and the



Mohammad Muzaffir, a resident of Takiya Rajan Mohalla in Azad Market, he had said.

A case under IPC sections 288 (negligent conduct with respect to pulling down or repairing buildings), 337 (causing hurt by act endangering life or personal safety of others) and 34 (common intention) has been registered, he said.

An National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) official, who was present at the spot, had said, "The narrow lane has made the rescue operation difficult for the authorities. We cannot deploy big machines here as we do not have enough space."

Meanwhile, a senior MCD official said that the Building Department of MCD had sanctioned the building plan of the property and permission was granted for construction of the ground floor, first floor, second floor and third floor. "At the time of inspection no deviation and excess coverage was noticed at the site," said the senior MCD official."Prima facie according to information gathered at the site it was found that substandard material was used for its construction and there was heavy load of construction material on the building which caused its collapse. However, the exact cause

can be ascertained only after removal of huge amounts of debris at the site," the senior MCD official said. "MCD has deployed man and machinery from various departments at the collapsed site for removal of debris from the site.

MCD has deployed 10 mini trucks for removal of debris and labourers from maintenance department and dangerous building cell and labour of labour contractor have also been deployed for lifting and removal of debris from the site," the senior MCD official added.

electoral rolls for prez polls

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Facing criticism from his own party men over the procedures on elections to party's Congress chief, its central elecauthority chief Madhusudan Mistry on Saturday said anyone wanting to file nomination for the post of Congress president will be able see the list of all 9,000 delegates from the office of central election authority at the AICC office from September 20.

This after five Congress MPs, including former Union Ministers Manish Tewari, and Shashi Tharoor besides Karti Chidambaram, Bordoloi and Abdul Khaleque, wrote to him raising concern over the "transparency, fairness" in the election process and seeking that the electoral rolls should be securely provided to all electors and potential can-

They also demanded that the list of PCC delegates should be made public in a transparent

Addressing the concerns of the five MPs, Mistry said those seeking to contest the poll can check the names of 10 delegates from the list. "Once the nomination is signed and handed over to the Chief Returning Officer," they will get the entire list of the delegates, he said in a letter to the MPs."If anyone desires to get nominations from ten supporters from different States, the list of all 9000+ delegates will be available in my office at AICC, Delhi from 20th September (11 am to 6 pm), before they file their nomination on 24th September," Mistry said in his letter to Tharoor and others. "They can

by a former woman police

officer, a former woman Indian

Foreign Service Officer, and a

renowned academic with

expertise on issues of public

by Dr Meeran Chadha

Borwankar (former IPS offi-

cer), Madhu Badhuri (former

IFS officer), and activist

Jagdeep Chokkar.

A bench comprising

Justices Ajay Rastogi and BV

Nagarathna tagged the petition,

along with the earlier petitions regarding the issue. Advocate

Vrinda Grover appeared for the

The petition has prayed for the setting aside of the remis-

sion order which directed the

premature release from Godhra sub-jail of all 11 convicts who

had been found guilty of the

gangrape of Bilkis Bano and

two others, and also convicted

for murdering seven persons of

her family including a 3 days'

old infant and a 3 and a half

year old girl child, during the

targeted communal violence in

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sion or premature release, espe-

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visuals are convicts in hate

crimes that caused not only

"irreparable personal harm and

injury to the victim-survivor,

but also ruptured the chord of

social harmony and left a deep

gashing wound on society in

rem." It states that the order for

the early release of the convicts

raises serious questions of legal-

The Petition also calls upon

the State of Gujarat in 2002.

petitioners.

The petition has been filed

policy and governance.

come and choose their 10 supporters (delegates) from the list and obtain their (delegates) signature for nomination," he said.

The Congress President's election will be held on October and nominations can be filed from September 24 to 30. "This should resolve the anxiety of anybody about the process of filing their nominations without knowing the names of the delegates. Once the nomination is signed and handed over to the Chief Returning Officer, they will get the entire list of the del-

"I hope this satisfies the needs of you and other colleagues who have signed the letter. I express my gratitude to Shashi ji for calling and having a conversation with me on the same today," Mistry also said in

Sharing the letter, Tharoor said on Twitter, "I am pleased that this clarification has come in the form of his constructive reply to our letter (attached). In view of these assurances, I am satisfied.

Many will be glad to move on with an election process that in my view will only strengthen the party." Chidambaram also tweeted: "As a signatory to the letter along with my parliamentary colleagues, I am satisfied with the reply from @MD_Mistry ji & I endorse the sentiments of my senior colleague @ShashiTharoor.'

Mistry said those who want to file a nomination should check if they have a delegate identity card available with them. Only people with valid identity cards will be allowed to sign on the nomination papers for the position of the Congress President, Mistry said in his let-

a 3 day old infant and a 3 and a half year old girl child and

that the said order is wholly

without jurisdiction, lacks

authority of law and has been

passed in flagrant violation of

the mandate of Section 432(2)

crime in the form of multiple

gangrapes and seven murders,

in a manner as diabolical as the present case, is an offence

against society at large, and no

reasonable person can come to

a different conclusion unless

they are acting in a malafide

coming from the state executive

send a wrong message to soci-

ety, where sexual offenders are

emboldened and the society

turns further unsafe for

Additionally, the petition-

draws attention to news

reports which provide that

families of Muslims from the

victim-survivor's village have

started leaving the village in

fear after the convicts were

released. It states that the entire

process of granting remission

the entire process was carried

out, and continues to be so

even today, does not instill pub-

lic faith and confidence in the

criminal justice system. There

is a need to provide for guid-

ance and transparency in such

situations, where the State dis-

closes its reasons and the rele-

vant material it has relied on,

to exercise its discretion in

ordering premature release.

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PIL filed in SC against

remission given to 11

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Agencies: A Public Interest ity and propriety, especially in Litigation has been filed in the view of the heinous and grue-

Supreme Court against the some crime of targeted gangremission granted to the 11 rape and murder of Muslims,

Cong to put out | Military station in Arunachal named after Rawat

General Bipin Rawat, the first Chief of Defence Staff(CDS) who died in a helicopter crash in December last year, was honoured on Saturday by naming a military station after him in Kibithu, Arunachal Pradesh. A road leading to the station was also dedicated to him.

The military station in Kibithu was named after General Rawat as he had served there as a Colonel, officials said here. The military camp is important guarding the Line of Actual Control(LAC). Kibithu is a circle under Ajnaw district and is a small hamlet on the banks of the Lohit valley.

General Rawat commanded his Battalion 5/11 Gorkha Rifles as a Colonel at Kibithu from 1999-2000 and contributed immensely in strengthening the security structure of the area. His vision and foresight were instrumental in implementing the infrastructural development and social growth in the area which greatly benefitted the local populace, officials said.

His untimely demise left an irreplaceable void in the country. To honour his selfless service, a solemn dedication ceremony was held at Kibithu on Saturday at the behest of the State Government.



Governor Brigadier(retired)B D Mishra, Chief Minister Pema Khandu, Eastern Command chief Lt General R P Kalita, General Rawat's daughters Kritika and Tarini besides civil and military dignitaries.

During the ceremony, Kibithu Military Camp was renamed as General Bipin Rawat Military Garrison wherein a grand gate built in local traditional architectural style was inaugurated by the Governor. The 22 Kms road stretch from Walong to Kibithu was dedicated as General Bipin Rawat Marg by the chief min-

A majestic life size mural of the General was also unveiled. The event was witnessed by citizens of Kibithu and Walong. The dedication ceremony has further synergized Civil – Military relations and is a befitting tribute to the first CDS

Army chief visits Ladakh amid India-China disengagement

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Aday after India and China agreed to complete the disengagement process from the stand-off site in Gogra-Hot Springs by Monday, Army chief General Manoj Pande is now visiting Ladakh to take stock of the situation and operational readiness to meet any challenge.

He is on a two-day tour of the region and is likely to visit some forward posts at the Line of Actual Control (LAC)

He will be briefed by the operational commanders about the status of the ongoing withdrawal of troops by both the countries from Patrolling Point-15 at Gogra-Hot Springs. The face-off there persisted for more two years.

Besides reviewing the security scenario in the backdrop of the disengagement, Pande will also witness Exercise 'Parvat Prahar.'

General Manoj Pande has proceeded on a two-day visit ti Ladakh sector wherein he will witness Exercise Pravat Prahar, the army tweeted. His visit comes after India and China on Thursday announced mutual disengagement from



Patrolling Point-15. A day later they agreed to complete the pull back process by Monday. The two armies will also dismantle temporary structures raised there during the standoff lasting more than two years.

Announcing the schedule of disengagement, ministry of external affairs said spokesperson Arindam Bagchi had said on Friday, the two sides have agreed to cease forward deployments in this area in a phased, coordinated and verified manner, resulting in the return of the troops of both sides to their respective areas.

It has been agreed that all temporary structures and other allied infrastructure created in the area by both sides will be dismantled and mutually verified. The landforms in the area will be restored to pre-standoff period by both sides. The agreement ensures that the

ly observed and respected by both sides, and that there will be no unilateral change in status quo. With the resolution of stand-off at PP-15, both sides mutually agreed to take the talks forward and resolve the remaining issues along LAC and restore peace and tran-quility in India-China border

The pull back from the Gogra Hot Springs(Patrolling Point-15)came days ahead of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation(SCO)summit in Uzbekistan. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping are likely to take part in the annual

It is not clear whether the two leaders will hold bilateral talks on the sideline of the SCO summit on September 15-16. They will also take part in another high level meet, G-20 summit in November in Indonesia.

India has all along maintained that status quo is the prerequisite for restoring normalcy at the LAC in Eastern Ladakh. It means the Chinese troops have to return to their bases as existing prior to May 2020. Stand-offs had stared then leading to a bloody brawl

that year. Soon, the entire LAC in Ladakh saw massive build up of forces by both the sides at various friction points leading to tension in the border region. The latest disengagement or withdrawal of troops from both the sides from the friction points is the fourth The first withdrawal took place at the Pangong Tso(lake)in February 2021. Incidentally, the face-off at the lake was the first one in 2020

triggering tension all along the LAC in Ladakh. The second disengagement became effective at Patrolling Point-17 in the Gogra-Hot Springs area in August last year besides withdrawal of troops from the Galwan valley.

The two sides had agreed maintain a no-patrolling zone in these areas as a confidence building measure. Now, the armies of the two countries maintain a buffer zone of three to ten kms on either side of the LAC in these sectors to avoid any confrontation. However, stand-offs still persist at the Depsang valley and Demchok.

At present, more than 50,000 troops each from both the sides are deployed at the LAC in Ladakh for the last two years with heavy weapons.



Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurates 'Shri Tanot Mandir Complex' project under Border Tourism Development Work, on the premises of the Tanot Mata temple, in

PM congratulates British PM Truss on assuming office

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday spoke to British Prime Minister Elizabeth Truss to congratulate her on assuming office and appreciated her role in furthering bilateral relations.

"The two leaders discussed various issues of bilateral interest including the progress in the implementation of the Roadmap 2030, ongoing FTA negotiations, defence & security cooperation, and the peo-ple-to-people ties between both countries," a statement from the External Affairs Ministry said.

The prime minister also conveyed deep condolences to the royal family and the people of the UK on the demise of Oueen Elizabeth II. Truss had assumed office as British Prime



Both leaders committed to further strengthening the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership between India and

Secretary and Foreign

Secretary.

Stress, depression may increase risk of long Covid: Researchers

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW

ost of those who went tress like anxiety, depression, worry, and perceived stress before Covid-19 struck them, happened to develop Long Covid, a study published in The JMMA Psychiatry said, suggesting that physical health conditions like smoking, asthma, and other health behaviours were not only the main reasons for Covid-19.

The study by researchers at Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health reinforces the need to increase public awareness of the importance of mental health and to get mental health care for people who need it, including increasing the supply of mental health clinicians and improving access to

"We were surprised by how strongly psychological distress before a Covid-19 infection was associated with an increased risk of long Covid," said Siwen Wang, a researcher in the Department of Nutrition at Harvard Chan School who led the study.

"Distress was more strongly associated with developing long Covid than physical health risk factors such as obesity,

asthma, and hypertension." To determine the effects of psychological distress before Covid-19 infection on developing long Covid, Wang and her colleagues enrolled more than

54,000 people in April 2020. At the beginning of the

study, the researchers asked the rological, or digestive symp-

participants about their psychological distress. Over the following year, more than 3,000 participants contracted COVID-19, and the researchers asked participants about their Covid-19 symptoms and symptom duration. After analyzing the respons-

es and comparing those who developed long Covid to those who did not, the researchers determined that distress before Covid-19 infection, including depression, anxiety, worry, perceived stress, and loneliness, was associated with a 32per cent-46per cent increased risk of long Covid. These types of psychological distress were also associated with 15per cent–51per cent greater risk of daily life impairment due to long Covid

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, about 20per cent of American adults who have had Covid-19 have developed long Covid, which is defined as experiencing Covid-19-related symptoms, such as fatigue, brain

fog, or respiratory, heart, neu-

toms, for longer than four weeks after infection. Severe Covid-19 illness increases the risk of long Covid, although people with milder Covid-19 cases can also develop long Covid. Symptoms, which can be debilitating, could last months or years, and little is known about which traits are linked to developing long Covid.

Mental health is known to affect the outcomes of some diseases. Depression and other mental illnesses have been associated with greater risk of more severe Covid-19 including the risk of hospitalization, which is a risk factor for long Covid.

In other acute respiratory tract infections, such as flu or common cold, mental health conditions are associated with greater severity and longer duration of symptoms.

Previous studies have also suggested that distress is associated with chronic symptoms following Lyme disease and in chronic fatigue syndrome and fibromyalgia, which have symptoms similar to those of long charge of the over five-decadeold institution almost a year

Central Govt's scheme for students to be replicated

DEEPAK KUMAR JHA ■ NEW DELHI

Taking a cue from the Centre's policy to offer internship to graduates and Post Graduates at Central Government Ministries and departments for more learning, the Auroville Foundation is all set to replicate the scheme for students, college pass-outs, and technical or non-technical graduates interning, volunteering and visiting its pristine campus at Auroville town near Chennai.

The program is being launched in line with the Auroville Charter which says "Auroville will be a site of material and spiritual research for a living embodiment of an actual human unity".

'The Auroville Internship and Volunteering is committed to welcoming students who wish to participate in a project that meets one of Auroville's needs, or those aspiring to do their own project within Auroville in a self-financed mode.

The premises will certainly offer the best of atmosphere, clean air amidst the first of its kind sustainable model city called the Auroville which is inhabited in a lush green environment," said Jayanti S Ravi, Secretary, Auroville Foundation, which is mentored by the Union Education

Ministry A 1991-batch IAS officer of Gujarat cadre, Jayanti is herself a scientist who happens to be a vocalist, thinker and author, who is "committed" to restore the original vision, mission and legacy of the Auroville Foundation ever since she took



Auroville Foundation secretary Jayanti S Ravi inaugurating an exhibition on the campus with the inmates

ago. "I have a passion to keep on doing new things wherever I have taken charge in my administrative career and have been fortunate enough to get full guidance and support from the Governing Board, the International Advisory Council, the working groups and the Government always," said Jayanti who was in the national Capital to hold a series of meetings with the related Ministries.

Sources in the Education Ministry, however, said since the Auroville Foundation has limited financial resources and expenses are borne by the Central government, there would not be any kind of stipend for the internship period. "We can help carry out a Volunteering or Internship project on a specific topic, related to Auroville and rooted in an

Auroville activity.

A dedicated team at the ATDC (Auroville Town Development Council) and SAVI will study the intern seeker's specific aptitude, academic qualifications, requirements and provide the candidate with necessary conditions to facili-

tate their work within premises on-site," Jayanti said. Besides this, the Foundation has started a series of programmes and events including short film and essay competitions, and several cultural activities to mark the 150th birth anniversary celebration of iconic social reformer Sri Aurobindo, on whose ideals the Foundation was established by an Act of Parliament in 1988. The ongoing city exhibition

and cultural programs are a part of Invocation- the Gnostic Festival. This has had the presence and participation of Padma Vibhushan Pandit Hari Prasad Chaurasia, Spiritual leader M, D K Karthikeyan, former head of CBI & NHRC, noted artiste Ms Anita Ratnam, Yoga Srinivasan and Aavishkar Garba group, and noted artiste Gangai Amaran among many others.Founded in 1968 by Mirra Alfassa — known as 'The Mother' — Auroville currently has a strength of 3,200 inmates staying at a 3,300-acre green campus. Officials said the Modi Government is committed to expand Auroville into a 'city' in line with its existing Master Plan.





Queen featured on several currencies. Now what?

rent coins and notes being

handed in, the process will be

a gradual one and many of the

coins featuring portraits of Queen Elizabeth II will remain

in circulation for many years to

come," according to Coin

Expert, a British coin research

crown at his coronation, a new

portrait will need to be taken to

use on redesigned notes and

show him facing to the left,

replacing the queen's right-

ward gaze in line with tradition

Coins featuring him will

coins, the website said.

After Charles takes the

ueen Elizabeth II has been depicted on British banknotes and coins for decades. Her portrait also has been featured on currencies in dozens of other places around the world, in a reminder of the British empire's colonial reach.

So what happens next after her death this week? It will take time for the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and other countries to swap out the monarchs on their money.

But that doesn't mean the bills don't work — they do. Here's a look at what is next

for the paper cash featuring the

SWITCHING MONARCHS

The queen's portrait on British notes and coins is expected to replaced by a likeness of the new King Charles III, but it won't be immediate.

"Current banknotes featuring the image of Her Majesty The Queen will continue to be legal tender," the Bank of England said. An announcement on existing paper money issued by the UK's central bank will be made after the official 10-day mourning period has

The Royal Mint, which is



the official maker of British coins, said all coins with her portrait "remain legal tender and in circulation," with more information to come later.

"As we respect this period of respectful mourning, we continue to strike coins as usual," the Royal Mint said on its website.

With 4.7 billion UK banknotes worth 82 billion pounds (\$95 billion) in circulation and about 29 billion coins, British money bearing the queen's image will likely be in circula-

"Rather than all of the cur-

Paddington bear, sandwich laid outside Queen's residence in touching tribute

A Paddington teddy bear and a sandwich wrapped in a plastic bag inscribed with the words "for later" were laid amongst rows of flowers that adorned the gates of the royal residence here, in a rare and touching tribute to the late Queen, media reports said on

Queen Elizabeth II, the longest-serving monarch, died on Thursday at Balmoral Castle in Scotland after reigning for 70 years. She

dating to the 17th century. It dictates monarchs be shown in profile and in opposite direction to their predecessors.

WHAT ABOUT OTHER

COUNTRIES? Other nations' currencies that feature the queen — from Australian, Canadian and Belizean dollars — also will be updated with the new monarch, but the process could take longer, because "it is much easier to enforce a new design in the country where it originates, rather than in other countries where different juriswas 96. For the uninitiated, the

tribute was made in reference to the Queen's conversation with Paddington Bear, a much-loved fictional charac-ter, during the Platinum Jubilee celebrations, according to The Evening Standard

newspaper.
The Platinum Jubilee of Elizabeth II was the international celebration this year marking the 70th anniversary of the accession of Queen Elizabeth II to the throne on February 6, 1952.

diction may take place," the Coin Expert website said.

The Bank of Canada said its current \$20 banknote, made of synthetic polymer, is designed "to circulate for years to come."

"There is no legislative requirement to change the design within a prescribed period when the Monarch changes," the Bank of Canada said.

In general, when a new portrait subject is chosen for Canadian money, the process begins with drawing up a fresh design, and a new note is ready to be issued "a few years later",



Flowers and balloons for Queen Elizabeth II are placed at the gates outside Buckingham Palace, in London. QueenElizabeth II Britain's longest-reigning monarch and a rock of stability across much of a turbulent century, died on Thursday, after 70 years on the throne. She was 96

Russia 'taken by surprise' as Ukraine advances in the east

Ukrainian officials on Saturday claimed major gains in a counteroffensive against Russian forces in the country's northeast, saying Ukrainian troops had cut off vital supplies to front-line

hotspot.

The reports followed several days of apparent advances by Ukraine south of Kharkiv, the country's second-largest city, in what could become the biggest battlefield success for Ukrainian forces since they thwarted a Russian attempt to seize the capital of Kyiv at the start of the nearly seven-month war.

Ukrainian Foreign Ministry spokesman Oleh Nikolenko suggested the Ukrainian troops had retaken Kupiansk, a town along the main supply route to Izyum, long a focus on the Russian front line and the site of heavy artillery and other fighting. Nikolenko tweeted a photo showing soldiers of the 92nd Separate Mechanized Battalion of Ukraine in front of what he said was a government building in Kupiansk, 73 kilometers (45 miles) north of Izyum.

The Security Service of Ukraine, known as the SBU, hours later posted a message which it said showed its forces in Kupiansk, further suggesting it had been seized by Ukrainian troops. The Ukrainian military didn't immediately confirm entering the town, a railway hub which Russia seized in February, when its mayor surrendered to avoid civilian casualties.

Later Saturday, videos on social media began to circulate also appearing to show Ukrainian forces on the rural outskirts of Izyum at a roadside checkpoint. A large statue bearing the city's name could be seen in the footage. Ukrainian forces did not acknowledge holding the city.

Earlier Saturday, the British Defense Ministry told reporters it believed the Ukrainians had advanced as much as 50 kilometers (30 miles) south of Kharkiv, and described Russian forces

around Izyum as "increasingly isolated." "Russian forces were likely taken by surprise. The sector was only lightly held and Ukrainian units have captured or surrounded several towns," the British military said, adding that the loss of Kupiansk would greatly affect Russian supply lines

The Institute for the Study of War, a Washington-based think tank, likewise referenced sweeping Ukrainian gains, estimating that Kyiv has seized around 2,500 square kilometers (965 square miles) in its northeastern breakthrough. The institute said it appeared that "disorganized Russian forces (were) caught in the rapid Ukrainian advance." They cited social media images of apparent Russian prisoners seized in the advance around Izyum and surrounding towns.

Biden: Industry choosing US over China & Japan to manufacture chips



PTI WASHINGTON

Global chips manufacturing industry is opting for the United States over countries like China and Japan to set up their plants, President Joe Biden investments by these companies

"China, Japan, South Korea, the European Union — all these places are investing tens of billions of dollars to attract chip manufacturers to their countries. But industry leaders are choosing us, the United States, because they see America is back and America is leading the way," Biden said at the Intel Groundbreaking Site in New Albany, Ohio on Friday.

"Intel is going to build a workforce of the future right here in Ohio," he said in his breaking of Intel's new semiconductor manufacturing facil-

America invented this chip,

"America invented it. It owered NASA's moon mission. Federal investment helped bring down the cost of making these chips, creating a market and an

six survivors were assessed to be

in stable condition at a local

health centre, with one trans-

ferred to a hospital in the city

of Christchurch as a precaution.

Mackle told The Associated

Press that the water was dead

calm at the time of the accident

and the assumption was that a

whale had surfaced from

sperm whales in the area and

also some humpback whales

with the rescue efforts through-

out the day but the mood in the

town was "sombre" because

the water was so cold and they

feared for the outcome of any-

body who had fallen over-

the past about the possibility of

a boat and whale colliding,

given the number of whales that

frequent the region.

Mackle said he'd thought in

He said there were some

He said locals had helped

beneath the boat.

travelling through.

board.

Kaikoura Mayor Craig

30 years ago, Ámerica had more than 30 per cent of the global chip production," the president

"Then something hap-pened. America manufacturing, the backbone of our economy, got hollowed out. Companies moved jobs over-seas, especially from the industrial Midwest. And as a result, today we are down to produc-ing barely 10 per cent of the world's chips, despite leading in chip research and design," he

"And as we saw during the coronavirus pandemic, when factories that make these chips comes to a halt, driving up costs for families and everyone not just here, but around the world. In fact, one third of the core inflation last year was due to higher prices of automobiles because of the shortage of the semiconductors needed to build those auto-

5 killed, 7 missing in flash flood, landslide in Nepal



At least five people were killed and seven others went missing in incidents of landslide and flash flood triggered by heavy rainfall in Darchula district of far-western Nepal, police said on Saturday.

Due to incessant rains since Friday night, two people were

Lasku Rivers and three others were buried in landslides, police

Six people have sustained injuries while seven others are

A joint team of Nepal Police, Armed Police Force and Army has been mobilised to carry out search for the missing people.

California: Drought, record heat, fires and now maybe floods peratures, deluges and more

alifornians tried to weather the extremes of a changing climate on Friday, as a punishing heat wave that has helped fuel deadly wild fires had the state teetering on the edge of blackouts for a 10th consecutive day while a tropical storm barrelled ashore with the promise of cooler temperatures but also possible flood-

The abrupt swing in conditions even whipsawed weather junkies.

This is perhaps the singularly most unusual and extreme weather week in quite some time in California — and that is saying something.



Whew," Daniel Swain, a climate scientist at the University of

brutal heat waves are forecast to become regular fixtures as climate change warms the planet and weather-related disasters become more extreme. "We'll see these heat waves

continue to get hotter and hotter, longer and longer, more wildfire-plagued," Jonathan Overpeck, dean of the University of Michigan School for Environment and

precipitation are going up. And so that's why we are worried about flooding associated with this remnant hurricane."

5 dead after NZ boat flips in possible

AP ■ WELLINGTON

 $F^{\rm ive\ people\ died\ Saturday\ in}_{\rm New\ Zealand\ after\ the\ small}$ charter boat they were aboard capsized, authorities say, in what may have been a collision with a whale. Another six people aboard the boat were res-

whale strike

Police said the 8.5-metre (28-foot) boat overturned near the South Island town of Kaikoura. Police said they were continuing to investigate the cause of the accident.

Kaikoura Police Sergeant Matt Boyce described it as a devastating and unprecedented

"Our thoughts are with everyone involved, including the victims and their families, their local communities, and emergency services personnel, Boyce said.

He said police divers had recovered the bodies of all those who had died. He said all deemed seditious

mobiles," he said.

HK therapists

sentenced to 19

months for books

Along Kong court sentenced five speech therapists to nearly two years in prison Saturday for their role in the publication of children's books deemed seditious.

The penalties are the latest sign of China's hard line against free speech and any sign of political opposition in the city following the 2019 anti-Government protests.

Beijing responded to the months long demonstrations by imposing a sweeping National Security Law and disqualifying, imprisoning or silencing political opponents, many of whom have sought asylum abroad.

The five defendants have already been jailed for more than a year and may be eligible for early release under the terms of the 19-month sentence handed down Saturday. They had pleaded not guilty but were convicted of sedition Wednesday after they printed a series of children's books about sheep and wolves that a court said was aimed at inciting hatred against authorities.



Judge restores oil lease on land sacred to US, Canada tribes

AP BILLINGS (US)

federal judge ordered the A Biden administration to reinstate a drilling lease that has been in dispute for decades on land near the Blackfeet Indian Reservation that is considered sacred to Native American tribes in the US and Canada.

The 10-square-mile (25square-kilometer) oil and gas lease in the Badger-Two Medicine area of northwestern Montana was first issued in 1982. It was cancelled in 2016 under then-US Interior Secretary Sally Jewell, at the request of the Blackfoot tribes and conservation groups.

There have been efforts to declare the area a national monument or make it a cultural heritage area, and tribal leaders have bitterly opposed drilling in recent decades.

But US District Judge Richard Leon on Friday said Jewell lacked the authority to withdraw the lease so many vears after it was sold and after several prior studies examined the environmental and other impacts of drilling in the area. He ordered Interior

Department officials to reinstate

the lease and a issue a drilling permit to Solenex LLC, the Louisiana company that holds "It is time to put an end to

this interminable, and insufferable, bureaucratic chess match," Leon wrote in his 36-page deci-The Badger-Two-Medicine is adjacent to Glacier National

Park and is the site of the creation story of the Blackfoot tribes of southern Canada and Montana's Blackfeet Nation. The Blackfeet had intervened in the case on the side of the government, and tribal Historic Preservation Officer John Murray said the fight against drilling would continue.

We have lived under this kind of reckless threat to our sacred lands for decades, and we will never surrender to roads and drill rigs in the Badger-Two Medicine," Murray said.

Solenex founder Sidney Longwell, who died last year, bought the lease but never drilled on the site. Instead, Longwell confronted major bureaucratic delays within the US departments of Interior and Agriculture that prompted the company to sue in 2013.



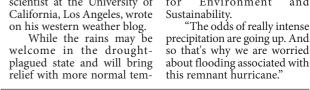
This is for notice of the general public that a political party is proposed to be registered by name of "PRAVRITI" PARTY" (name of the party). The office of the party is Located at 980, Near-Prakash Public School, Palam Village, New Delhi-110045. This party has submitted application to the Election Commission of India, New Delhi for its registration as Political Party under section 29 A of the Representation of People Act 1951. Name and Address of the office bearers of the Party are as Address of the office bearers of the Party are as follows:- PRESIDENT-SUNIL KUMAR, GENERAL SECRETARY-ABHISHEK CHATURVEDI, TREASURER-PARVEEN SUNDRIYAL If anyone has any objection to the registration of "PRAVRITTI PARTY" (name of the proposed party) they may send their Objection with reasons thereof, to the Secretary (Political Party) Election Commission of India, Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001 within 30 days of the publication of this notice

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S/o Late Shri Mohiuddin khan , R/o 23/166 Lodhi colony, New Delhi, is joint owner (with my wife jamal afroze khan) of flat number-30 MIG), sector-A/10, pocket-2, Narela.

I lost/ misplaced the original possession letter of my above mentioned narela flat, ssued vide No. m339 (1056) 04/NA/2996 dated 20/08/2005 and NOC slip of electricity and water connection.

An FIR to this effect has been lodged in the police station, Crime brach, Delhi vide LR No:683903/2022 dated 11.08.2022. Any person (s) claiming any right, documents ay write or contact with above address one No. 7042417545/9868079601 within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. The person(s) claiming any right, nterest, objection within respect of this roperty, can personally inform or write to Deputy Director (SFS) (H) Vikas Sadan INA Colony, Delhi-110023 Gausul Azam khan 23/166, lodhi colony, New delhi 110003.



Office of the Executive Engineer (Civil-Maintenance), Yamuna Bhawan Yamuna Colony, Dehradun, invites online bids from interested parties Brief summary of tenders are given below Tender No.: 10/EE(CM)/DDN/2022-23

e-Tender Notice

Name of work/supply/services etc: Supply & Installation of Godrej make furniture at Multi-storey Corporate Office Building at UJJWAL Campus, Dehradun.

Estimated cost :- Rs. 93,05,753.00 (Exclusive of GST) Date of availability of bid document on website: From 17:00 hrs. of 09.09.2022 Last date for submission of bids on website: Upto 17:00 hrs. of 01.10.2022 For full & further details, kindly visit e-procurement portal "http://uktenders.gov.in" **Executive Engineer (Civil-Maintenance)**

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NOTICE W.R.T. APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF 37TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Notice is hereby given that the financials of the Company for the year ending 31st March 2022 have not been prepared Due to delay in statutory audit, the finalisation of audit report is taking more time and that causes delay in finalizing the financials causing which the Company is unable to convene AGM and shall get the accounts prepared, audited and placed before the shareholders accordingly. It shall not be possible for the Company to hold its Annual Genera Meeting for the Financial year 2021-2022 within the time limit as prescribed under Section 96 o the Companies Act, 2013. The Board of Directors of the Company in their meeting dated 07th September, 2022 has taken a decision to seek the approval of the Registrar of Companies, NC of Delhi & Harvana for extension of the date of 37th Annual General Meeting w.r.t. Financial Yea 2021-2022. In light of the above an application is being forwarded to the Registrar of Companie NCT of Delhi & Haryana seeking a reasonable extension of time for calling and holding of the 37th Annual General Meeting of the Company after 30th September, 2022, the due date A copy of this publication shall also be filed with the Metropolitan Stock Exchange of India

(Formerly: Sunrise Agro Products Limited)

Shafali Verma Company Secretary & Compliance Officer

Place: New Delhi

India's rice exports may fall by 4-5 million tonnes post ban on broken rice, 20% duty

ndia's rice exports could fall by 4-5 million tonnes this fiscal year due to imposition of ban on broken rice as well as export duty on non-basmati rice, except for parboiled grains, exporters said.

India, which commands 40 per cent share in the global rice trade, exported 21.23 million tonnes of rice in 2021-22 fiscal as against 17.78 million tonnes in the previous year. Before the COVID pandemic, the exports were 9.51 million tonnes in the 2019-20 fiscal

During April-August period of the current financial year, the government data showed that the country has already exported 9.35 million tonnes as against 8.36 million tonnes in the year-ago period.

The exports may fall to 16-17 million tonnes in this financial year because of ban on broken rice and 20 per cent export duty," All India Rice Exporters Association (AIREA) former president Vijay Setia told PTI.

He said the country was exporting non-basmati rice for USD 380-400 per tonne, lower than the rate of shipments from other countries.

The price realisation is



"expected to improve at par with our competitors" after these decisions, Setia said.

On Friday, food secretary Sudhanshu Pandey explained the rationale behind the ban on exports of broken rice.

There has been an "absolutely abnormal" rise in shipments of broken rice and the broken grains were also not available in sufficient quantity for animal feed as well as ethanol blending programme, Pandey

"During April to August this fiscal, the export share of broken rice increased to 22.78 per cent as compared to the 1.34 per cent in the corresponding period of 2019-20," the secretary had said.

India exported 3.89 million tonnes of broken rice in 2021-22 fiscal and out of that China imported 1.58 million tonnes of broken rice last fiscal year.

fell to 3.94 million tonne in last Exports of broken rice stood fiscal from 4.63 million tonne in

21, just 2,70,000 tonnes in 2019-August of this fiscal, the exports 20 and 1.22 million tonnes in of premium basmati rice went up to 1.82 million tonnes as In April-August period of against nearly 1.7 million tonnes

this fiscal year, the export of broin the year-ago period. ken rice increased to 2.13 mil-In non-basmati category, exports of parboiled rice lion tonnes from 1.58 million tonnes in the year-ago period. increased to 7.43 million tonnes "Export policy of broken rice ...Is amended from 'free' to in FY22 from 6.17 million tonnes in the previous fiscal, 'prohibited'," the Directorate while shipments of non-par-

As per the DGFT notifica-

tion, provisions under the

Foreign Trade Policy 2015-2020

regarding the transitional

arrangement shall not be applic-

able to this notification. It added

that during September 9-15,

certain consignments of broken

rice will be allowed to be export-

no policy change in parboiled

rice so that farmers continue to

get good remunerative prices.

There is neither a ban nor cus-

toms duty on exports of basmati

Shipments of basmati rice

The government has made

General of Foreign Trade boiled rice rose to 5.21 million (DGFT) said in a notification tonnes from 4.23 million tonnes. dated September 8, 2022. The uptick in domestic wholesale and retail prices of rice The notification comes into effect from Friday, September 9,

was also one of the reasons cited by the government for imposing restrictions The wholesale prices have

risen by 8 per cent to Rs 3,291 per quintal as on September 7 from Rs 3,041 per quintal a year ago, while the retail prices have gone up by 6.38 per cent to Rs .5 per kg from Rs 35.25 per kg. Animal feed prices too have

also gone up. Maize price increased from Rs 19 per kg on January 1, 2022 to Rs 24 per kg on September 8, 2022. Broken rice price has also increased from Rs 16 per kg to Rs 22 per kg during the same period.

On Thursday, the government imposed a 20 per cent export duty on non-basmati rice except for parboiled rice.

by the revenue department, an export duty of 20 per cent has been imposed on rice in husk (paddy or rough)' and 'husked (brown) rice. The export duty comes into effect from September 9.

The ban on broken rice and export duty of 20 per cent on non-basmati rice, expect for pa-boiled, have been imposed amid concern over likely fall in rice output.

The area under coverage for the paddy crop has declined by 4.95 per cent to 393.79 lakh hectare in the ongoing kharif season so far due to poor rains in some states, according to the agriculture ministry data released on Friday.

Paddy was sown in 414.31 lakh hectares (LH) in the yearago period, the data showed. It is the main kharif crop and its sowing begins with the onset of the southwest monsoon in June and harvesting from October onwards.

India's total rice production during 2021-22 crop year (July-June) is estimated at a record 130.29 million tonnes (111.76 million tonnes in kharif and 18.53 million tonnes in rabi season) as against 124.37 million tonnes in the previous year.

Registration of homes in Hyderabad region down 36% in August

 $R_{\text{properties}}^{\text{egistration of residential}} \\ \text{Hyderabad}$ region fell 36 per cent year-onyear to 5,181 units on lower demand, according to Knight Frank India.

In August 2021, 8,144 housing units were registered in the Hyderabad residential market that includes four districts -Hyderabad, Medchal-Malkajgiri, Rangareddy and Sangareddy. Medchal-Malkajgiri district

accounted for 44 per cent of the home sales registrations, followed by Rangareddy district at 38 per cent. The share of Hyderabad district in total registrations was recorded at 14 per cent in August 2022. The total value of properties

transacted in August 2022 stood at Rs 2,657.8 crore, compared to Rs 3,809 crore in the same month last year.

Since the beginning of the year, the city has witnessed sales of 46,078 residential units with total worth of Rs 22,680 crores.

Shishir Baijal, Chairman and Managing Director, Knight Frank India said, "August 2022 witnessed an increase of 20 per cent MoM (month-on-month) in both residential registrations as well as state earnings from home registrations, while

observing a reduction of 36 per cent on YoY (year-on-year)

"Despite the impact of external factors including an increase in interest rates and price, the Hyderabad residential market continues to experience robust demand trends. Going ahead, we expect home demand to remain stable as end-users continue to be drawn to home purchases backed by job security, rising household incomes and savings," he added.

As per the data, residential units in the price band of Rs 25-50 lakhs constituted 55 per cent of the total sales in August 2022, which is an increase from a share of 37 per cent in August

Demand in the less than Rs 25 lakh ticket-size, however, weakened with its share constituting 16 per cent compared to 35 per cent a year ago.

India opts out of IPEF's trade pillar; to wait for final contours

India has as of now opted out **L**of the trade pillar of the 14member Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF), but has decided to join the remaining three subjects pertaining to supply chains, clean economy and fair economy.

Briefing media after the conclusion of the two-day IPEF ministerial meet here, Commerce and Industry minister Piyush Goyal said that India would continue to engage with the trade track in the IPEF and will wait for the final contours to be decided on the trade pillar before it formally joins that

"On one pillar which deals primarily with trade, the contours of the framework partic-

ularly, any commitments required on environment, labour, the digital trade, public procurement are certain areas in which a broader consensus has yet to emerge amongst all the

"We have yet to see what benefits member countries will derive and whether any conditionalities on, for example, the environment may discriminate against developing countries who have the imperative to provide low-cost and affordable energy to meet the needs of a growing economy," Goyal has told reporters here. All the other 13 Indo-Pacific

Economic Framework for prosperity countries have joined the four pillars — trade, supply chains, clean economy and fair

A ministerial statement on three subjects — supply chains, clean economy, and fair economy — and a ministerial text on trade pillar was issued after the ministerial meeting.

in three statements about supply chains, clean economy, and fair economy, there was no mention of India in the ministerial text about the trade pillar. The IPEF was launched

jointly by the US and other partner countries of the Indo-Pacific region on May 23 in Tokyo. The 14 IPEF partners represent 40 per cent of global GDP and 28 per cent of global goods and serices trade

The framework is structured around four pillars relating to trade, supply chains, clean economy, and fair econo-

While India was mentioned

my (issues like tax and anti-corruption).

partnership

responsibilities of the developed world, the developed countries should also be an integral part of any such agreement. And that is a matter which will require deeper engagement and more consultation," he added.

On other three pillars related to supply chains, clean economy and fair economy, India is 'very much" comfortable with the final outcome and text and "I have joined the ministerial declaration," he said.

When asked why India opted out of the trade pillar, US Trade Representative Katherine Tai has said that "I would not characterise it as opting out, India is not in the trade pillar right now"

ial text on trade pillar: "We, the ministers of the US, Australia,

Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam, seek to craft high-standard, inclusive, free, fair and open trade commitments that build upon the rules-based multilateral trading system.' It has stated to deliver tan-

Brunei Darussalam, Fiji,

gible benefits to peoples and advancing resilient, broad-based economic connectivity and integration in the Indo-Pacific region. The 13 countries (excluding India) intend to pursue provisions and initiatives related to labour, environment, digital economy, agriculture, competition policy, transparency and good regulatory practices, trade facilitation, inclusivity, and technical assistance and economic cooperation.



Ford employees hope for better severance package at tripartite meeting on Sep 13

 $E^{\text{mployees}}_{\text{have set their expectations for a positive out-}}$ come on the tripartite talks scheduled to be held next week to discuss the severance package offered by the US-based automobile manufacturer.

The development comes in the backdrop of the recent announcement by Ford India which had said that it has continuously made efforts to negotiate a 'fair and reasonable' severance package with the union, spanning 68 meetings including discussions with senior government officials soon after the company's business restructuring exercise was announced in September 2021.

Maintaining that the company always cared for its employees, Ford said its attempts to negotiate a fair severance package did not yield results because of the union's 'unreasonable' demands.

Responding to it, Ford India Employees Union representatives said the company has left out the tax deduction on the severance package as the employees would be receiving a meagre amount despite serving for several years. "The factory has been shut since August 31 and so far no employees are present at the unit now. Only businesses like after sales (service), sale of parts are being done now. We are not even allowed to enter the factory. They are just asking us to accept the offer they have made," a union representative told PTI.

They have also sent a copy of the severance package settlement as a courier to the residences of the employees so that the family will also accept it," an employee, who has been serving for 19 years at the Maraimalai Nagar factory situated about 50

kilometres from here, said On the severance package, he said very few senior employees would receive a good package of about Rs 80 lakh and for people like us who had served for nearly 20 years around Rs 44 lakh but these amounts are without the deduction of

"Our main point is that the severance pack age announced by the company is not acceptable. We are discussing on September 13 in the presence of district labour authorities on these issues," the employee said. According to Ford, "the company has decid-

ed to roll out the final severance settlement offer to employees which on average is equivalent to 130 days of gross wages per completed year of ser-The final severance settlement offer com-

municated by the company exceeds what the applicable statutes call for and is higher than the industry benchmarks, the company said. "With a cumulative average severance of Rs

41 lakh per employee (from a minimum amount of Rs 33 lakh and a maximum cap of Rs 85 lakh), the final severance settlement offer translates to an average of about 4.6 years-56 month salary for each employee, assuring employees with adequate financial cushion and adequate time to decide their next action," the statement said.

The company strongly encourages employees to accept and sign up for the final severance settlement offer, valid from September 5, 2022 to September 23, 2022, for their own and family's future, the statement said. Ford also clarified that post the deadline of

the severance package, if the company were to retrench workers, the employees would only be entitled to severance pay of 15 days per completed vear of service.

The company continues to provide the employees without placement support as previously communicated," it said. Referring to it, the employee said, "The inten-

tion is for better pay since the future is not bright for people like me. I am 39-years-old and have to take care of my family. There are a lot of people like me (facing this issue). Discussions would be held at the tripartite meeting hoping for a better



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he Asian Development Bank (ADB) will further strengthen its partnership with India and support the country's development priorities for inclusive growth, an official said.

Asian Development Bank (ADB) Vice-President Shixin Chen, on his India visit during September 5 - 9, reiterated the multilateral lending agency's commitment to further strengthen its partnership with

Chen affirmed ADB's support to the government's development priorities that target the country's fast, green, and inclusive post-COVID-19 economic recovery, ADB said in a release on Saturday. During his visit, Chen met with Department of Economic Affairs (DEA) Secretary and ADB Alternate Governor Ajay Seth. Commending the achieve-

ment of record USD 4.87 billion of ADB lending commitment to India in 2021, including USD 274 million for private sector operations, he discussed future cooperation with the country. 'ADB will continue to work

closely with the Government of

India to support the govern-

ment's priorities in reinvigorat-

ing economic activity to gener-

ate more jobs, improve produc-

tivity, and create livelihood opportunities held back by the pandemic," Chen said. He said to achieve this, ADB will enhance investments in health and education; micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises; and public sector management. It will also support India's national flagship initiatives in infrastructure, logistics, urban development, economic

green growth. ADB's current India portfolio comprises 62 ongoing pro-

corridor development, and



jects worth USD 14.65 billion across transport, urban, energy, human development, agriculture and natural resources and finance sectors.

ADB aims to help India battle against climate change by serving as the climate bank for Asia and the Pacific, Chen

He said the agency's support to climate actions in India will focus on decarbonisation of transport, energy transition, climate change adaptation, air

Ambuja Cements closed on

Friday amid lacklustre response

ulatory filing by ACC Ltd, till

6.40 pm on Friday, around 40.51

morning, only 6.97 lakh shares

According to the latest reg

from public shareholders.

quality and water resources improvements, and disaster risk management.

It also endeavours to mainstream gender equality and social inclusion into the design, implementation and monitoring of ADB-funded projects, and enhance regional cooperation through the South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation (SASEC) platform, he added.

ADB's upcoming country partnership strategy (CPS, 2023

- 2027) for India is under preparation, which will guide ADB's

India operations. To kick off the CPS formulation through a comprehensive stakeholder consultation process, Chen along with Seth opened a day-long national workshop on September 6 to discuss the CPS priorities.

Jointly organized by ADB and DEA, the workshop was attended by over 65 senior officials from central government ministries and state governments. The vice-president chaired separate meetings with private sector representatives and development partners to discuss the CPS priorities.

Chen also held sector-specific discussions with secretaries of ministries of road transport and highway; new and renewable energy; environment, forest, and climate change; and Director General of The Energy

and Resources Institute.

Akasa Air launches flights on Chennai-Bengaluru route

Akasa Air on Saturday com-menced its operations on the Chennai-Bengaluru route making the state capital the fifth city on its network, the airliner said

Besides launching two daily flights on the Chennai-Bengaluru sector, the airline also plans to launch services on the Chennai-Kochi with effect from September 26. "Further expanding its operations from Chennai, the

airline will commence one addi-

tional daily daily flight from

September 15 on the Mumbai-

Chennai route and will add an

additional daily flight on the

Bengaluru-Chennai route from

September 26," a company statement said.

We have achieved vet

another milestone today with the launch of commercial flights from Chennai, which is the fifth city in our network." company co-founder Praveen Iyer

cial officer said

per cent. Similarly, for Ambuja Cements only 1.35 per cent of "From today, we will offer double-daily flights in each shares were tendered. direction on this new route," Iyer According to the latest regwho is also the chief commerulatory updates on Saturday

PTI NEW DELHI dani Group's Rs 31,000-Adam Group's No 21,002 Crore open offer to acquire 26 per cent additional stakes in Swiss firm Holcim's two Indian listed entities ACC Ltd and

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lakh equity shares were tendered against the original offer of 4.89 account compared to the origicrore shares, which is just 8.28 nal offer for 51.63 crore shares from the public shareholders.

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Ambuja Cements settled at Rs 453.90 on the BSE, which is 17.89 per cent higher than the offer price.

Though on Friday, which was the last of the open offer, ACC had reported a spurt in volume by more than 2.13 times, while Ambuja Cements traded at a new 52-week high of Rs 484.70 per share.

nies opened on August 26, 2022. In May, the Adani Group had made an open offer at Rs 2,300 per share for ACC and Rs 385 per share for Ambuja

Adani Group's open offer for Ambuja Cements, ACC gets lukewarm response from investors Cements Ltd following its deal to acquire a controlling stake in

for USD 10.5 billion.

fully subscribed.

than the offer price.

Holcim's businesses in India

mated at over Rs 31,000 crore if

the open offer ended, shares of

ACC Ltd settled at Rs 2,365 on

the BSE, 2.82 per cent higher

The open offer was esti-

However, on Friday when

Salisbury, Ram repeat as US Open men's doubles champions

oe Salisbury slammed down an overhead to clinch another US Open men's doubles title, raised his arms and hugged partner Rajeev Ram. There wasn't much of a celebration beyond that. It didn't feel right to the

British player while there's so much sadness at home following the death of Queen Elizabeth II.

"I think it didn't feel appropriate to be overly celebrating or at least showing that too much, because obviously everybody back home and around the world is in mourning at the moment, and it's a very sad time," Salisbury said on Friday.

"Definitely feels a bit strange to be in this situation. Obviously we are very happy with the success that we have had, but, yeah, it's a sad time at the same

Salisbury and Ram became just the second team to repeat as men's doubles champions at the US Open in the professional era with their 7-6 (4) 7-5 victory over Wesley Koolhof and Neal



Salisbury wore a black band around the left sleeve on his shirt, while Skupski, who is also British, wore a black ribbon on his chest. Both teams had played semifinal matches Thursday and learned

of the queen's death on TV shortly after Salisbury and Ram had finished off their

"I haven't really seen much of the news. But incredibly sad for obviously the country and obviously the world for what

"It was a bit strange, us playing when obviously the country is in mourning. She was a great servant and we will obvi ously remember that she was an incred-

Salisbury and Skupski are likely to team up to play doubles for Britain next week in Davis Cup. They could face Ram, who is on the US roster that is in the

Salisbury ensured he will remain the No. 1 player in the doubles rankings with his 17th straight U.S. Open win, combining men's and mixed doubles.

This one made he and Ram, the topseeded team, the only pair other than Todd Woodbridge and Mark Woodforde to go back-to-back in New York since 1968. The Hall of Fame duo from Australia won in 1995 and 1996.

"Obviously if you can kind of emulate them in anything in tennis, it's pretty good company to keep," Ram said.

"I'm sure we will have a discussion about that at some point. It's pretty good

Sports in Britain resume, pay tribute to Queen Elizabeth II

Wearing black armbands, Test cricketers from England and South Africa held a minute's silence before a bell was chimed once by a highranking member of the military at the Oval.

Over to the west of London, golfers from around the world paused their rounds and other pros, officials and caddies gathered on the putting green in front of the first tee at Wentworth to hold a twominute period of silence, also impeccably observed.

There were moving and respectful tributes to Queen Elizabeth II on Saturday as sports resumed in Britain following a nationwide shutdown Friday as a mark of respect for the monarch of more than 70 years who died at the age of 96 on Thursday.

Professional and grassroots soccer — including the Premier League — decided to call off all matches this weekend to give an opportunity for participants to mourn the queen's passing.

International cricket and golf returned, though, as did English domestic rugby, on the back of guidance from the government that stated there was no obligation on sports organizations to cancel or reschedule events during the nation's period of mourning.

The 10 minutes before the start of play in the third and deciding cricket test between England and South Africa were dedicated to paying tribute to

field of play at the Oval in south London to form a guard of honour, through which the teams walked and lined up either side of the wicket.

Following the minute's silence and the one bell chime, the anthems of both South Africa and England were sung by English soprano Laura Wright. After seven decades of the English anthem "God Save the Queen," now it was an emotionally charged rendition of "God Save the King" rippling around the ground.



Casper Ruud wins 55-shot point to reach US Open semifinals

asper Ruud claimed a 55-Shot point to end the first set of his US Open semifinal while building a big lead against Karen Khachanov and held on for a 7-6 (5) 6-2 5-7 6-2 victory that put him in his second Grand Slam title match of the year.

When it ended on Friday, spectators in Arthur Ashe Stadium called out his name, "Ruuuuud!" — and it sounded sort of as if they were booing, rather than saluting.

Ruud, the runner-up to Rafael Nadal at the French Open in June, is a 23-year-old from No. 7 to No. 1 in the rankings by winning the championship at Flushing Meadows on Sunday.

"After Roland Garros, I was, of course, extremely happy, Ruud said, "but also humble enough to think that could be my only final of my career." Well, here he is, back at that

stage just a few months later. His opponent in this final on Sunday will be No. 3 Carlos Alcaraz of Spain or No. 26 Frances Tiafoe of the United States. Like Ruud, Alcaraz went into Friday with a chance to rise to replace 2021 U.S. Open champion Daniil Medvedev atop the rankings after the tournament.

All four men's semifinalists were making their debuts in that round in New York. That had not happened at the event since 1881, when it absolutely had to: That was the inaugural edition of what was then known as the U.S. Championships.

Ruud is coached by his father, former professional play-

er Christian, and the game plan worked perfectly for most of the day against the 31st-ranked Khachanov, a 6-foot-6 Russian with a powerful serve who eliminated Wimbledon runner-up Nick Kyrgios in five sets in the quarterfinals.

To mitigate the effect of Khachanov's serves, Ruud would stand way behind the baseline to return, then look to dominate exchanges from the baseline. Ruud used flawless footwork for side-to-side defense and found openings to deliver deep groundstrokes that could finish

He came up with occasionthe-shoulder volley winner that put him ahead 6-3 in the tiebreaker. Moments later came the point of the match, on Ruud's third opportunity to end that set. It lasted 75 seconds and contained 19 more strokes than the second-longest rally of these entire two weeks, culminating with a down-the-line backhand by Ruud that drew a netted forehand in response.

Dad smiled. His kid raised both arms and put up two fingers on his right hand. Could have been just the index finger to signify No. 1, which could be next to his name soon.

"We both just refused to do a mistake, knowing how important that point is," Ruud said.

"Towards the end, the pulse was getting very high and the legs were almost shaking."

Khachanov couldn't recall a 55-shot rally in his career, and though he hated to lose it, he was initially encouraged afterward by the way he played at the end of

FIFA chief Infantino, AIFF prez Chaubey discuss infra, grassroots, women's football development in India upcoming tournament, and how he and

 $F^{\rm IFA\ boss\ Gianni\ Infantino\ has\ discussed\ infrastructure,\ grassroots,\ men's\ and\ women's\ football\ development\ in\ India$ with the newly-elected AIFF president Kalyan Chaubey, the world football governing body said.

Infantino held a meeting to personal-

ly congratulate Chaubey upon his recent election as president of the All India Football Federation (AIFF). The two discussed a wide range of

issues concerning men's, women's, youth and grassroots football development in India, FIFA said in a press release. After being elected as president in the September 2 elections of the AIFF,

Chaubey – a former professional football player himself – revealed bold reform plans to develop football in India, with a strong focus on infrastructure, grassroots and vomen's football. Speaking after the meeting, Chaubey thanked Infantino for his words of encour-

agement, and praised the role FIFA plays in developing football across the globe. "(FIFA's support) is very essential, as they help to promote sport in India,"

Chaubey said. "So, that's how we have spoken with the FIFA President and I am honoured that he has given his stamp and I'm happy and looking forward to FIFA and the All India Football Federation working together to take Indian football to international level. "Mr Infantino has been really supportive and encouraging, and I hope that we

will go a long, long way.

The AIFF is in the final stages of its preparations to host the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup, which will be played across three cities and kicks off on October 11 and runs until October 30.

In 2017, India hosted a record-breaking men's edition of the FIFA U-17 World Cup in which more than 1.2 million people attended the matches. Infantino received an update on the preparations

ahead of the 16-team tournament. Chaubey talked about his hopes for the

the FIFA president discussed harnessing the opportunity it creates across his vast country, it said. "The All India Football Federation, allied with the Government of India, has identified 40 places, 40 cities and areas where this FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup

replica will be taken, and then each of the 40 places will have one match, one football match," Chaubey explained. "We'll ensure that people living across India will come to know about how the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup is going to take place, and I'm sure, having a (female) President of India this time and a FIFA Women's World Cup being played,

it's going to have a huge impact for Indian women across the globe." Chaubey, a former goalkeeper who has represented both Mohun Bagan and East Bengal in his playing days, was accompanied by the national federation's new secretary general Shaji Prabhakaran to Qatar, host country for the upcoming FIFA World Cup.

Chaubey was elected as the president of AIFF after beating former India captain Bhaichung Bhutia 33-1 in the September elections.

The 45-year-old Chaubey, a Bharativa Janta Party leader from West Bengal, is the first former player to be elected as the head of Indian football's governing body.

WTA tennis: Indian challenge in qualifying draw ends in round 1



PTI ■ CHENNAI

¬he five Indian players in the qualifying draw of the WTA Chennai Open tennis tournament were bundled out in the opening round at the SDAT Stadium on Saturday.

None of the Indians managed to win even a set.

Japan's Yuki Naito, the topseed in the qualifying, beat 16year-old Indian wild card Lakshmi Prabha Arunkumar 6-4, 6-1 and will meet Olivia Tjandramulia, who upset 10th seed Ekaterina Kazionova 6-3, 6-1 in another first-round contest.

Second seed Nao Hibino, also from Japan, outclassed Indian wild card Sai Chamarthi

The other Indians in the fray Rutuja Bhosale, Riya Bhatia and Sowjanya Bavisetti — also went down tamely. Both Bhatia and Bavisetti lost by similar 6-4, 6-0 margins.

In the longest match of the day, the third seeded Lina Glushko beat Maria Timofeeva 4-6, 6-1, 7-6 in two hours and 40 minutes. Players need to win two rounds in qualifying to secure

one of six qualifying spots in the 32-player main draw.

Augsburg keeper preserves 1-0 | Michelle Obama supports win at Bremen amid late drama

AP ■ BREMEN

Augsburg goalkeeper Rafal Gikiewicz saved an injurytime penalty and infuriated Werder Bremen fans by preserving his team's 1-0 win in the Bundesliga.

The game ended with a threat of violence from Bremen fans who stormed from the stand to the advertising hoarding behind Gikiewicz's goal after he put his finger to his lips and gestured in their direction following his save of Marvin Ducksch's penalty in the fourth minute of injury time.

Bremen players appealed to their supporters to stay put and referee Martin Petersen booked Gikiewicz for the alleged provocation.

Augsburg players and coaching staff were already incensed when Petersen awarded the spot kick for Maximilian Bauer's handball. The visitors complained that Bauer had no time or space to avoid the ball



when Ducksch kicked it into his arm. To add to their anger, there was no VAR check of the incident.

Bremen's Niclas Füllkrug earlier had a goal ruled out through VAR for offside in the first half, while Augsburg had Gikiewicz to thank for keeping

the game scoreless until Ermedin Demirovic broke the deadlock in the 63rd minute.

Mergim Berisha crossed for Demirovic to score from close range. It proved to be the winner and it gave Augsburg just its second win from six games. The other four were defeats.

Tiafoe in US Open semis

AP NEW YORK

Michelle Obama waved her arms in the air and yelled, "Let's go, Foe!"

Down on the U.S. Open court below, Frances Tiafoe was pleased to see he had a new fan.

Obama had a seat in the front row behind the baseline to watch the American play Friday night in the semifinals in Arthur Ashe Stadium, giving him a thumbs-up and a shout-out when she was shown on the video screens. "She sees me and she's actu-

ally excited to see me," Tiafoe And to think, he feared

he'd made a bad first impression on the former first lady Not long after he spotted

Obama, even before she was shown to fans, Tiafoe remembered hitting a particularly bad think I shanked a return,"

he said, recalling that he thought "she thinks I'm a bum. Can't



make a return?

Actually, Tiafoe gave her a good show, taking No. 3 seed Carlos Alcaraz to a fifth set before falling 6-7 (6), 6-3, 6-1, 6-7 (5), 6-3.

That ended the deepest run by an American man in the U.S. Ópen since Andy Roddick reached the 1996 final, and left Tiafoe one win shy of becoming the first Black man from the U.S. In a major final since MaliVai Washington was the runner-up

Injured Bopanna pulls out of David Cup tie vs Norway

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

reteran doubles ace Rohan Bopanna has pulled out of India's upcoming Davis Cup tie against Norway due to a knee njury. India will play an away tie on September 16 and 17.

The other members of the squad are Sumit Nagal, Ramkumar Ramathan, Prajnesh Gunneswaran, Yuki Bhambri and Mukund Sasikumar.

"I have had to make a tough call this week against my constant love & devotion towards representing the country & withdraw from the Davis Cup team against Norway. I have an inflammation on my knee & have been advised to rest it before I start competing again," Bopanna tweeted.

It remains to be seen if Saketh Myneni is picked for the doubles tie in place of Bopanna as he has recently forged a successful pairing with Yuki Bhambri at the Challenger level.

FIFA U-17 Women's WC: Odisha **CM** launches host city logo

PTI ■ BHUBANESWAR

Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Saturday launched the official host city logo of the state for the upcoming FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup. Bhubaneswar is one of the three host cities.

The tournament, scheduled to be held between October 11 and October 30 across Odisha. Goa and Maharashtra, will be the first FIFA women's competition to be held in India.

Expressing his delight at the launch event, Patnaik said, "Odisha is emerging as a leading sports destination and hosting the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup India 2022 is a momentous opportunity for our



launch of Odisha is an important milestone which also signifies the progress of women's football. We are excited to host the best young female footballers from across the world and especially, the Indian team who will be

games at the Kalinga Stadium. "As the Indian team makes

their first appearance in a FIFA women's competition, I encourage the people of Odisha to show their support in strong numbers

Unbeaten Lens tops French league after beating Troyes 1-0

entre back Kevin Danso led Lens to a 1-→0 win against Troyes and the unbeaten northern side moved to the top of the French

Danso escaped his marker in the 39th minute and headed the ball home from Przemyslaw Frankowski's free kick on Friday. Lens created more chances after the interval but could not find a cutting edge.

Lens was off to an excellent start with five wins in its seven opening games, drawing the other two. Franck Haise's players moved one point above Paris Saint-Germain and Marseille, which both have one match in hand. Lens was undefeated in its last 15 league games dating to April.

Troyes remained in 11th place, 10 points

PSG hosts Brest on Saturday and Marseille plays against Lille at Stade

Berlin nixes German soccer fans' usual huge World Cup party

 $F^{\mathrm{IFA's}}$ decision to hold the World Cup in Qatar in winter means thousands of German soccer supporters will have to do without their traditional huge "fan mile" viewing party at Berlin's Brandenburg Gate.

Berlin's local environment authority told news agency DPA on Saturday that it was unlikely to approve the special exemptions needed to hold such an event, while the chief executive of the organizing company said it wasn't feasible this year.

Willy Kausch, the CEO of the K.I.T. Group, said it was difficult to organize the fan mile during the Christmas market season and that uncertainties caused by the coronavirus pandemic added to the obstacles.

"We decided not to do it," Kausch



The fan mile had become a key part of German fans' World Cup experience - a mile-long stretch of food and drink vendors with large screens showing games — attracting hundreds of thousands of supporters during previous World Cup tournaments.

Around 9 million supporters took part in the fan mile when Germany nosted the tournament in 2006. When

Germany won the World Cup in Brazil in 2014, Joachim Löw's team presented the trophy to supporters at the fan mile in front of Brandenburg Gate. It last hosted the fan mile in 2018, when the mood was a bit more subdued as Germany flopped as defending cham-FIFA decided in 2015 to move the World Cup — traditionally held in summer — to winter due to the searing heat in Qatar, which was awarded the tour-

German soccer federation president Theo Zwanziger strongly criticized the decision at the time and was later subject to a Qatar-funded multiyear covert influence operation run by former CIA operatives to try and change his mind. It failed.

ruption. U.S. Prosecutors said bribes were paid to FIFA executive committee members to gain their votes for Qatar.

nament in 2010 amid allegations of cor-

Asia Cup final: Pakistan stand in way of Lanka cricket's rebirth

aving witnessed a socio-eco-nomic crisis coupled with worst democratic turmoil in its history, the Sri Lankan cricket team would like to provide its countrymen with an emotional catharsis if it happens to beat a much superior Pakistan in the Asia Cup final here on Sunday.

Technically, Sri Lanka are the hosts of this Asia Cup but call it a cruel twist of fate, the tournament had to be shifted to UAE for security reasons.

It could have been infinitely sweeter had Dasun Shanaka and his men would have played the final at the iconic Khettarama Stadium (now Premadasa Stadium) but the kind of performance they have put in the Super 4s would make anyone believe that it would be anything but easy for Babar Azam's side.

Whether its the Asian Cricket Council or general public of Dubai, everyone wanted an Indo-Pak final but the gutsy cricketers from the island nation have earned their right to be in the summit clash.

And if that wasn't enough, Friday's easy win against their final opponents was the kind of warning signal that will keep Pakistan on tenterhooks.

But at Dubai, buoyed by a sizeable Pakistani population bursting its lungs out, the Mohammed Rizwans, Mohammed Nawazs and Naseem Shahs would like to lift their games on the big day, which has been a tradition that is so relatable with the legacy of their national teams over the

But in Sri Lanka, they have an opposition that could be more than handful and a team that has certainly redeemed itself in a format where they had become world champions back in 2014.



The fortunes of Sri Lanka cricket nose-dived just like the country's eco-system in general, with poor selection and internal politics in the

board not helping their cause either. The team that Shanaka led during their away series in India some six months back had more or less same bunch of players but what Sri Lanka had done successfully is change their T20 gameplan, which is now filled with aggression.

Even without Dushmantha Chammera, the bowling attack has looked potent but there is one area where Rahul Dravid and the Indian team could take a note of is how impactful Sri Lanka's top five batters

Two right handed openers, Kusal Mendis and Pathum Nissanka have been positivity personified at the top while likes of Danushka Gunathilaka, Bhanuka Rajapaksa, Shanaka himself and Chamikaatne Karunaratne have all made runs that matter.

A case in point was how they chased down a target of 70 odd against Afghanistan, where none of the batters scored more than 35 but all of them made those runs at a strike-rate of 150 plus.

In the five games so far, the Sri Lankan batters have hit 28 sixes and 62 fours, which gives a story of their approach.

In bowling, Mahesh Theekshana has come up as a potent spin bowling partner of Wanindu Hasaranga while Dilshan Madhushanka has shouldered the responsibility of the lead pacer quite admirably.

In comparison, Pakistan have made it to the finals but Babar's own form has deserted him throughout the tournament. Only 63 runs from five games isn't something one expects from a player of his calibre.

The skipper would like to sing the redemption song in the match that matters most.

Pakistan's strength is their bowling attack that has Naseem Shah, showing improvement with each passing day, along with Harris Rauf and Mohammed Hasnain.

The two spinners, leg-break bowler Shadab Khan (ER 5.79 and 7 wickets) and left-arm orthodox Mohammed Nawaz (ER 6.05 and 8 wickets) have also been very impres-

However in Dubai, one has seen that toss has become an important factor as Pakistan aren't good while batting first and in the two games that they have lost in the tournament against India and Sri Lanka, they have batted first.

None of the top-order batters have a strike rate of 120 plus, especially those who have faced more than 50 balls in the tournament. Therefore Pakistan's best chance would be to win the toss and field first as Rizwan is always in control when Pakistan are chasing.

Teams (from):

Sri Lanka: Dasun Shanaka (c), Danushka Gunathilaka, Pathum Nissanka, Kusal Mendis, Charith Asalanka, Bhanuka Rajapaksa, Ashen Bandara, Dhananjaya de Silva, Wanindu Hasaranga, Maheesh Theekshana, Jeffrey Vandersay, Praveen Javawickrama, Chamika Karunaratne, Dilshan Madushanka, Matheesha Pathirana, Nuwanidu Fernando and Dinesh Chandimal. Pakistan: Babar Azam (c), Shadab Khan, Asif Ali, Fakhar Zaman, Haider Ali, Haris Rauf, Iftikhar Ahmed, Khushdil Shah, Mohammad Nawaz, Mohammad Rizwan, Naseem Shah, Shahnawaz Dahani, Usman Qadir, Mohammed Hasnain, Hasan Ali. Match starts: 7:30pm IST.



for 118 in deciding test

Ollie Robinson took 5-49 and Stuart Broad weighed in with four wickets as England dismissed South Africa for 118 in 36.2 overs on an emotionally charged third day of the deciding cricket test at the

Oval on Saturday.
Play finally got underway
after the first day was washed out entirely and the second day was canceled as a mark of respect following the death of Queen Elizabeth II at the age of 96 on Thursday.

Players from both teams wore black armbands and there was a minute's silence in honor of the queen ahead of the start of what has essentially become a three-day test match to decide the series, which is currently locked at 1-1.

England is already in command of the match thanks to brilliant bowing from its seam attack, notably Robinson, who claimed the third five-wicket haul of his test career after regaining his place in the team during this series following fitness issues.

He took four of the first six wickets as the Proteas slumped to 36-6 before Khaya Zondo (23) and Marco Jansen (30) led in a mini-recovery.

Robinson completed his five-fer before Broad (4-41) took the final two wickets to wrap up the innings midway through the second session.

Duleep Trophy: Dhull hammers 193 as North Zone takes lead vs East

Talented batter Yash Dhull hit ▲ a superb 193 decorated with 28 fours and two sixes to power North Zone to 433 for 3 in their three of the Duleep Trophy quarter-final against East Zone here on Saturday.

Thanks to Dhull's batting heroics, North Zone have taken a first innings lead of 36 runs with seven wickets in hand, and they are in command in the match.

After a splendid start to his Ranji Trophy career with a century in both innings for Delhi on debut earlier this year against Tamil Nadu, Dhull made his maiden appearance in the prestigious Duleep Trophy a memorable one with a brilliant ton on Saturday. He missed a double ton by just seven runs.

The highly-rated Dhull, who led India to triumph in the A recent run of poor form has seen the 35-

Zone bowlers whenever they erred in line and length. The 19-year old Dhull faced filled innings. He led the North reply as they raced to 100 in the 24th over. He reached to his well-deserved ton from 131 balls with 15 hits to the fence with the team score reading 174

Under-19 World Cup earlier this year, showed his tremen-

dous skills, punishing the East

He continued to look for runs and found the fence 13 more times in a knock that kept the scoreboard ticking at a brisk

Dhull and Manan Vohra (44) put on 128 runs for the first wicket before Shahbaz Nadeem (1 for 107) got the latter. Dhull then added 192 runs with Dhruv Shorey (81, 163 balls, 9 fours) for the second wicket to bring North closer to the East Zone's first innings score of 397.

Australia captain Finch to retire from ODI cricket

AP ■ CAIRNS (AUSTRALIA)

A ustralia captain Aaron Finch says he's retir-ing from one-day international cricket effective Sunday after the team plays New Zealand in the third and final ODI.

year-old Finch average just 3.7 runs, including three ducks, since scoring 62 runs against Sri Lanka in an ODI in June. Cricket Australia said in a statement on

Saturday that Finch will continue to captain Australia's Twenty20 side and will lead it in defence of its world title when the T20 World Cup is played in October and November in Australia.

incredible memories," said Finch, who played 145 ODI matches, 54 as captain.

"I have been extremely fortunate to be a part of some brilliant one-day sides.

"It is time now to give a new leader the best possible opportunity to prepare for and win the next World Cup. I thank all of those who have helped and supported my journey to this point."

One of the most damaging opening batters in the world when at his best, Finch has scored 5,401 runs in the ODI format and averaged close to 40, including 17 centuries. But he's failed to get past 20 in his last seven innings and his continuing place in the side was in doubt. Finch's decision leaves Australia searching for a new one-day captain ahead of next year's World Cup in India. Australia Test skipper Pat Cummins previously indicated he does not want to captain the ODI side.

"Being a bit over 12 months out from the 50over World Cup, I thought the timing was right now." Finch said at a later media conference.



"I could have tried to play another series the series against England post-World Cup — and that would have been a bit of a fairytale finishing at the MCG. But I think that's never been my style to be self-indulgent in any kind of way."

Australia has already clinched the three-match ODI series against New Zealand ahead of Sunday's final match in Cairns, north Oueensland state, after winning the first two matches

Kohli is more skilful than me: Ganguly

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 $B_{\text{century at the Asia Cup,}}^{\text{ack in form with a blazing}}_{\text{century at the Asia Cup,}}^{\text{virat Kohli has earned praise}}$ from BCCI president Sourav Ganguly, who said the star Indian batter is "more skilful"

than him as a player.

Both played aggressive brand of cricket as captains, but Ganguly said in terms of skill set, Kohli is ahead of him.

"I don't think that (captaincy) should be the comparison... The comparison should be in he is more skilful than I'm," Ganguly said of Kohli in the 'Ranveer Show' on YouTube.

Having returned after a month-long break, Kohli recently recorded his first international century in 1020 days, when he slammed a 61-ball 122 not out during India's final Super 4 clash against Afghanistan in Dubai on Thursday.

Showering praise on Kohli, Ganguly further said: "We played in different generations, and we played a lot of cricket. I played in my generation, and he will continue playing, probably playing more games than I did.

"Currently, I have played more than what he has but he'll get past that. He is tremendous.



more hectic, busy. COVID for the last two seasons has made it even tougher because of quarantine and all that went on. But the rewards are good.'

Asked whether he gave Kohli any advice when he was struggling for form, Ganguly said: "I don't get to see them. The poor guys travel a lot."

"Everybody has been under media scrutiny. Just the names keep changing over a period of time. I won't get to know half of it because I didn't read so much. I would enter a hotel and the first thing I would say at the reception, 'Boss, don't put the newspaper under my door in the morning'.

"But now, obviously, it's a lot

computer and phone. But I think cricketers find a way to shut that off," Ganguly added.

Kohli reached the elusive three-figure mark after almost three years, albeit in a format "he least expected to".

His 71st international hundred also put him alongside the great Ricky Ponting in the list of most centuries. Sachin Tendulkar remains way ahead with 100 tons.

During his playing days, Ganguly too went through many ups and downs, especially after his showdown with then India

coach Greg Chappell. Ganguly said cricketers

should take the setbacks posi-

Langer, Harrington lead PGA Tour Champions in St Louis



AP ST LOUIS (US)

 $B^{\mbox{\footnotesize ernhard}}$ Langer holed out for eagle from 76 yards on the opening hole and shot his age for the second time this year with a 6-under 65 for a share of the lead with Padraig Harrington in the Ascension Charity Classic.

Langer turned 65 two weeks ago. He shot a 64 in the Chubb Classic earlier in the year.

Harrington, the three-time major champion and most recent Ryder Cup captain for Europe, played bogey-free at Norwood Hills.

Ernie Els, Jose Maria Olazabal and Steven Alker were in the group at 66.

Harrington has two wins and four runner-up finishes on the PGA Tour Champions in his first full year on the 50-and-older circuit. He's trying to get closer to Alker in the Charles Schwab Cup,

though Alker isn't having many bad weeks. Langer has won the Schwab Cup a record six

times, and even at his age, the two-time Masters champion is not slowing. He won the Chubb Classic early in the year for his 43rd career victory, two shy of the record held by Hale Irwin. In a town obsessed with Albert Pujols of the

runs, Langer is looking to move closer to a milestone he only thinks about when asked. "It's fun to be in that position to have a chance to maybe catch Hale Irwin. It's not going to be

St Louis Cardinals trying to reach 700 career home

easy," Langer said.
"But 10 years ago I didn't think it was easy and five years ago I didn't think it was easy. And it's still not easy. But it was great to win 43 and hope-

fully there will be a couple more left in the tank. Harrington is still getting used to this environment. He came from behind in all three of his majors, and he feels he's at his best when he has to rally. But he's among the longest and the best on the senior circuit, and the Irishman says he's still learning how to cope with trying to win from

"I always found I was a much better chaser than somebody out in front. And the one thing about the Champions Tour now is I've had a few leads and I have to learn, and I am learning," he

"Hard to believe 51 years of age and I'm getting better mentally.'

Steve Stricker, coming off a win two weeks ago in Michigan, and John Daly were among those at

Sandhu wins J&K Open golf

PTI ■ JAMMU

Yuvraj Singh Sandhu of Chandigarh stamped his authority with a resounding seven-shot win at the Rs 40 lakh J&K Open golf tournament here on Saturday.

Sandhu (69-70-65-71), the overnight leader by four shots, shot a steady one-under 71 in the last round to total 13under 275 for the tournament and claim his fourth career win and third title this season.

Sandhu, who bagged the winner's cheque worth Rs 6 lakh, consolidated himself in second position on the PGTI Order of Merit.

Bengaluru's Khalin Joshi (70-68-70-74) secured the runner-up spot at six-under 282 after firing a 74 in round four at the tournament presented by J&K Tourism

Gurugram's Manu Gandas (67) took the third place at three-under 285

Chandimandir's Ravi Kumar shot the day's best score of 66 to clinch 11th place at



two-over 290.

Among the prominent names, Rashid Khan was tied 21st at six-over 294, the 2021 champion Honey Baisova was tied 25th at seven-over 295 and Olympian Udayan Mane was tied 28th at eight-over 296. Sandhu, who had shot the

tournament's best score of 65 earlier in round three, continued his domination in round four to ease to a comfortable win at PGTI's first ever event staged at the Jammu Tawi Golf Course (JTGC).

Aditi adds 70 to first round 68, lies T-15 in Kroger Queen Champs

PTI ■ CINCINNATI (US)

Indian golfer Aditi Ashok fired five birdies before dropping three bogeys for a twounder 70 in the second round to lie T-15th at the Kroger Queen Championship, presented by P&G here.

Aditi played almost as well as she did in her bogey free first round, but results were somewhat different.

Aditi shot four-under 68 in

the first round with four birdies and no bogevs. At six-under for two rounds, Aditi is now T-15th as the LPGA Tour moves into the

last quarter of the season. The highlight of Aditi's second round was a hat-trick of birdies from 12th to 14th after birdies on second and ninth.

She dropped shots on par-5 fourth, par-3 eighth and then right at the end another bogey came on the Par-4 18th.

In the first round, Aditi birdied second, fifth, ninth

Amandeep lie 3 shots behind leader; Diksha, Vani T-17 in Switzerland

PTI ■ HOLZHAUSERN (SWITZERLAND)

rndia's Amandeep Drall shot Lone-under 71, that included an eagle, to stay in contention on tied ninth spot at the VP Bank Swiss Ladies Open golf tournament here.

Amandeep was six-under and lying three shots behind the leader, Liz Young of England.

Meanwhile, Vani Kapoor and Diksha Dagar are looking at a top-10 finish in the Ladies European Tour event as they were T-17 after 36 holes.

Tvesa Malik gained in confidence with a two-under 70 that saw her make the cut very comfortably. At two-under for 36 holes, she is T-25.

But Ridhima Dilawari (76-72) and Neha Tripathi (77-74) were sure to miss the cut, which is likely to fall at one-

Amandeep, who had a superb first round of five-



round with nine straight pars on the front nine. She then landed an eagle on Par-5 10th but later dropped

a shot on par-4 13th and parred the rest for 71. Diksha looked set for a

solid second round and rose as high as sixth as she was threeunder for the second round after 10th. An unfortunate triple bogey on Par-4 14th saw her lose a lot of ground, but a birdie on 15th was small compensation as she ended with 71. At three-under she is T-17.

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On multiple occasions, the Election Commission has written to the Law Ministry to amend the election law to give it the power to de-register political parties for committing financial and other irregularities, writes RAKESH K SINGH

he coordinated searches at 110 locations across the county by the Income Tax Department on September 7 as part of a pan-India tax evasion probe against certain registered unrecognised political parties (RUPPs), think tank Centre for Policy Research, and global NGO Oxfam, has raked up a major controversy.

The raid also covered the Bengalurubased Independent and Public-Spirited Media Foundation (IPSMF). The organization funds several digital media outlets such as The Caravan, The Print, and

As of September 2021, there were 2,796 registered unrecognized political parties, an increase of over 300 percent since 2001. Many RUPPs do not comply with the statutory requirements. Their combined claim of Income Tax exemption is estimated to be in the range of Rs 100 crore to 608

The number of RUPPs saw a 300 percent increase in the last two decades with most of them coming into existence just before Lok Sabha or Assembly elections

Stating that it is placing the facts in the public domain so that the citizens know the affairs of the political parties, the EC said in 2019 that of the 2,354 RUPPs only 623 contested elections even as 87 RUPPs were found to be non-existent on the ground.

The mega clean-up action was conducted by the IT-Department at 110 locations in Gujarat, Delĥi, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Haryana, and some other States following prodding from the Election Commission

However, the critics say that the searches at the RUPPs and the NGOs do not portend well for a healthy democracy. "It's absolutely atrocious that research & advocacy organisations, and independent charitable trusts like CPR, Oxfam, and IPSMF have been raided "at the behest of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah," said Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh, adding, "It's a deliberate move to exterminate all independent media and

Countering the Congress, officials said that by collecting donations and not furnishing the accounts to the relevant authorities, the RUPPs pose a threat not only to the political system in general but also play a dubious role in fomenting trouble to the socio-political environment as well as compromise national security interests by playing it the hands of international donors who could be acting in line with their own vested agenda of foreign governments.

Besides the RUPPs and the NGOs, the I-T Department team also searched the premises of certain dubious individuals like a lawyer in the Mayur Vihar area of the national capital, as part of the synchronized pan-India raids.

The Income Tax Department is also investigating some other instances of political funding through alleged illegal means like hawala and illegal grants from international donors who are not supposed to fund political activities as per the provisions of the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act

The surprise move by the Department came on a 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 poll panel had announced that it was taking action against more than 2,100 entities, categorized as RUPP by it, for flouting rules and election laws like filing of monetary contributions and failing to update their address and names of office bearers.

The EC had said some of these parties were indulging in "serious" financial impropriety. The poll panel acted after chief electoral officers (CEOs) of States reported that these RUPP either were "non-existent" on verification or the letters issued by authorities to verify their addresses and communication details had been returned as undelivered by the department of posts.

Subsequently, the election body decided to withdraw various benefits accorded to these parties under the Symbols Order (1968), including the allocation of common election symbols.

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Earlier, the EC had struck off 87 entities from its list of RUPP after they were found

The poll panel had noted that 87 RUPPs had failed to update their address of communication as mandated by law as also year-wise annual audited accounts, contribution reports, expenditure reports, and updated list of office-bearers.

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In a statement in June, the EC had said any party aggrieved by the EC's action can approach the Chief Electoral Officer concerned for redress with "evidence of existence"

If these 87 RUPPs fail to take remedial steps, they render themselves liable to be "not entitled to have benefits under the Symbols Order, 1968, including allocation of common symbols.

The panel had specific details of such parties, available publicly, that have flouted laws and rules on disclosure of funds and

Later, the EC also sent a reference to the Department of Revenue, under the Union finance ministry, for necessary legal and criminal action against three such parties involved in serious financial impropriety.

The Department of Revenue subsequently sent this report to the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), the administrative body of the Income Tax Department.

According to official data, there are nearly 2,800 registered unrecognized political parties in India, and the EC had been pushing the Government to allow it to deregister many of them.

On multiple occasions, the poll panel has written to the Law Ministry to amend the election law to give it the power to deregister so that it can deter the parties that indulge in financial and other irregularities.

The RUPPs across India have been availing tax relief without properly sharing

drive against such political entities.' In the case of the think tank Centre for Policy Research, charity organization Oxfam

their audit and contribution reports. Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar has been spearheading the cleanup

India, and Independent and Public-Spirited

Media Foundation, the IT officials studied the balance sheets of these organizations and matched these with the receipt of funds through the FCRA route. All NGOs getting foreign funds must be registered under the

Registrations of as many as 1,900 NGOs have been canceled by the Union Home Ministry for violating various provisions of the law in the last five years.

There were 22,762 FCRA-registered organizations till December 2021. The CPR is known for critical examination of government policies and the IPSMF funds several media organisations, many of which conduct investigative stories that question the governments of the day.

The website of Oxfam India, which is part of a global consortium of NGOs under the Oxfam umbrella, says it "campaigns with the public to demand policy changes from governments for creating a just and inclusive country as envisioned in the Indian Constitution".

However, Intelligence agencies have flagged concerns about several foreign NGOs indulging in anti-government activities as also pitching against the development push to retard the country's economic growth trajectory.

These NGOs pump millions of dollars as a charity under a jealously guarded web of deception to mask real motives.

"Accumulated evidence, painstaking examination of the background and intelligence reports on funding patterns show Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) turning into sleeper cells—working and plotting against the government—in potential collusion with the foreign powers," reveals a classified Intelligence dossier.

The dossier has flagged the tricky roles played by voluntary organizations such as IKV Pax Christi (Netherlands), Islamic Research Foundation (IRF), and Compassion International (USA) in taking circuitous route for funding local NGOs in a bid to create and run sleeper cells for the future onslaught against the government.

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The Hong Kong study findings were presented recently at the annual meeting of the American Society of Bone and Mineral Research in Austin, Texas. It analyzed data in 19 countries for patients 50 and older who had fractured their hips between 2005 and 2018. It found that total hip fracture counts were expected to increase over time in 18 of the 19 countries. Hip fracture counts were projected by 2030 and 2050 using predicted population size provided by the World Bank. By 2050, the worldwide hip fracture counts will have likely doubled compared with 2018, with a larger proportional increase in men than women.

The study noted some possible reasons for the sex discrepancy. Although the incidence of hip fractures declined in most countries during the study period, the magnitude of decline was smaller for men. Men's life expectancy, meanwhile, has been increasing, a result of better medical care, hygiene, diet, and other factors. The United Nations projects that the life expectancy of men globally will likely reach over 75 years by 2050, the age after which this study showed a high risk of hip fracture. Thus, researchers expect that the proportion of men with a high risk of hip fracture will grow.

Ching-lung Cheung, Associate Professor, in the University of Hong Kong's Department of Pharmacology and Pharmacy, presented the findings recently at the annual meeting of the American Society of Bone and Mineral Research in Austin, Texas.

At the same time, osteoporosis in men has been underdiagnosed and undertreated for years, Dr. Cheung reported. "Our study also showed that the use of anti-osteoporosis medications following a hip fracture is lower in men than in women by 30% to 67%," he said. "Thus, more attention should be paid to preventing and treating hip fractures in men."

Previous reports on hip fracture incidence are based on outdated data with heterogeneity in methods and study periods. This study examined the most currently available secular trends of hip fracture incidence, mortality, and use of post-fracture pharmacological treatment across 19 countries.

A common protocol and a common data model were applied across all sites to provide comparable data. Age- and sex-standardized annual incidence of hip fracture, mortality, and pharmacological treatment rates

within 12 months were calculated. Using descriptive analyses of patient-level healthcare data, the researchers found wide variability among the 19 countries studied. The overall age- and sex-standardized incidence of hip fracture was estimated to be 180 per 100,000 individuals (Women 236; Men 118). But the average change in hip fracture incidence varied from -2.8% to +2.1% per year. The most pronounced declines in fractures were seen in Denmark (-2.8%), Singapore (-2.8%), increases were in the Netherlands (+2.1%), and South Korea (+1.2%) One-year all-cause mortality ranged from 14.4% to 28.3%, while mortality trends varied from -5.3% to +18.4% per year, with the largest decreases in Australia (-5.3%), the Netherlands (-4.6%), and Singapore (- 4.3%). Use of anti-osteoporosis medications within 12 months of hip fracture ranged from 11.5% to 50.3%, with trends varying from -9.6% to +12.7% per year and declining in 6

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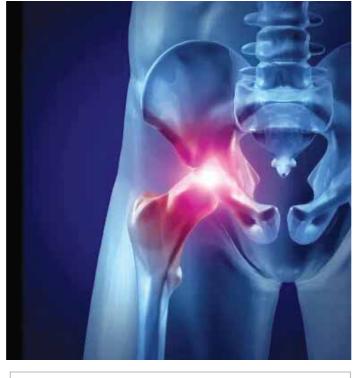
The reasons for the observed variability among countries would require further in-depth research, coauthor Chor-Wing Sing, a research assistant professor said. "One potential reason that some countries have seen relatively large declines in hip fractures is better osteoporosis management and post-fracture care," she said. "Better fall-prevention programs and clearer guidelines for clinical care have likely made a difference." Dr. Sing also noted people's greater awareness of bone health, resulting in an increase in bone mineral density, or BMD, may also have helped. She cited a study in Hong Kong, which had one of the largest declines in hip fractures, which showed that women 50 and older had become more physically active and started doing more weight-bearing exercise, resulting in a significant long-term increase of BMD. The new study's key message, the

authors said, is that the decline in hip fractures in many countries in recent years is not enough to offset the effect of the growing aging population. The burden of hip fracture is going to grow. But post-fracture treatment remains inadequate in many countries. Meanwhile, the incidence of hip fracture in people over 85 (the "oldest old") remains more than double that of other age groups, while postfracture treatment in this population is generally conservative. A larger and more collaborative effort among healthcare providers, patients, and caregivers will be needed to prevent hip fractures and improve the treatment gap and post-fracture care, especially in men and the oldest old. This need is urgent, and growing, worldwide.

According to doctors, the world-wide annual incidence of hip fractures is estimated to be about 1.6 million and is expected to increase to 2.6 million by the year 2025 and 4.5 million by 2050 due to the aging population. Despite the morbidity associated with elderly hip fractures, few studies have evaluated the incidence and epidemiology of hip fractures in India

They aver, as a result, the true figures on the incidence of hip fractures in India is lacking, though the annual incidence is estimated to be over 120 fractures per 100,000 persons over the age of 50, with higher rates in women. Considering that the population of India over 50 is close to 170 million according to the 2011 census, this translates to about 0.2 million hip fractures a year.

According to a study 'Injury



Could blood marker predict the risk of osteoporotic hip fracture in men?

Bone health requires a balanced activity of various bone cell types including bone-forming osteoblasts and bone-resorbing osteoclasts. Osteoporosis occurs when osteoclasts dominate without adequate bone formation to compensate. In new research published in the Journal of Bone and Mineral Research, elevated blood levels of a certain chemokine, or small signaling protein, that promotes osteoclast formation were linked with a higher risk of hip fracture in men.

The study included 55 men and 119 women who had experienced a hip fracture an average of 6.3 years after their blood was collected. The participants were matched individually to controls who did not develop hip fractures.

Investigators observed higher blood levels of the chemokine

Mechanisms of Hip Fractures in India, conducted by a team of orthopeadics led by Dr Vijay Sharma, a fall from a standing height is the predominant mode of injury among hip fractures in India.

Women and increasing age were associated with fall as the mechanism of injury of hip fracture. The majority of falls resulted from a wet floor

CXCL9 in the pre-fracture blood samples of men with subsequent hip fractures compared with their non-fracture controls. No such difference was seen women.

"The unexpected difference in the results between men and women in our study may be explained by how changes in sex hormone levels during aging could influence the level and effects of CXCL9 differently in older men and women," explained corresponding author Woon-Puay Koh, from the National University of Singapore (NUS).

"Our findings open the exciting possibility that early interventions targeting CXCL9 or CXCL9-CXCR3 signalling could be beneficial in preventing hip fractures in older men," added co-corresponding author Christoph Winkler, also from NUS.

or postural changes suggesting that education on environmental safety measures and on postural changes should be included in fall counsel-

"Public behaviour changes and elderly pedestrian safety measures should also be a part of hip fracture prevention programmes. Using the information presented in this study, Deborah Sellmeyer,, medical director of the Johns Hopkins Metabolic Bone Center warns that, "Older adults can have lifethreatening complications during or after surgery to treat a hip fracture, such as blood clots, infections and heart arrhythmias."

"That's why it's important to do all you can to prevent fractures—especially hip fractures."

He give tips for hip fracture prevention **Take your risk seriously**: One in three women and one in five men will have a fracture at some point after age 50.

Screen—and maintain—bone strength: Low bone density doubles or even triples hip fracture risk. That's a major concern, because 56 percent of women and 18 percent of men age 50 and older have reduced bone mineral density, including the 16 percent of women and 2 percent of men with bone density low enough to be categorized as osteoporosis. Another 40 percent of women and 16 percent of men have osteopenia, a milder degree of low bone density.

Bone density tests are recommended for all women age 65 and older, and for younger women at higher-than-normal risk for a fracture. Discuss your individual risk for fracture and need for bone density testing with your doctor. Screening for problems with bone density scans resulted in a 36 percent lower fracture risk in one Johns Hopkins study. Screening for osteoporosis lets you and your doctor make decisions about treatments that keep bones strong and fracture-free, Sellmeyer says.

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Men may want to discuss osteoporo-

further research to plan and assess fall prevention initiatives is recom-

mended," said the study published in

Dr Rajesh Malhotra, all from

Department of Orthopedic Surgery,

All India Institute of Medical

What is an osteoporotic hip

This type of fracture is common

among older adults and can be

related to osteoporosis. This type of

fracture may cause a complication

because the break usually cuts off the

blood supply to the head of the thigh-

• Inability to get up from a fall or

Inability to put weight on the leg

Severe pain in the hip or groin.

bone, which forms the hip joint.

SYMPTOMS

to walk.

A femoral neck fracture happens

Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi.

But don't stop there. Get plenty of potassium-rich fruits and vegetables daily. And don't skimp on protein, which seems to help by maintaining muscle mass (impor-

sis screening with their doctor if they're over

age 70 or at risk for thinning bones due to

factors such as long-term use of corticos-

hip fractures are caused by falls. Exercises

that maintain muscle strength, endurance

and balance can lower your risk for the slips,

trips and tumbles that break bones. In one

study, women who had not exercised in a

year were at higher risk for hip fracture, even

if they did not have osteoporosis. A regular

exercise routine can cut your risk of a fall

by 20 percent to 30 percent, research has

mg of calcium daily for women before age

50 and men before age 70, then 1,200 mg

for women over age 50 and men over age

70. "You also need vitamin D to help absorb

calcium. The current recommendations are

600 IU per day up to age 70 and 800 IU after

age 70," Sellmeyer notes. "There's no

doubt that this combination reduces fracture

Eat for a healthy frame: Aim for 1,000

Keep muscles strong: Nine out of 10

teroid drugs, like prednisone

tant for strength) and by helping build bones.

Check your eyes and your medicines:

If you feel drowsy, dizzy, weak or off-balance when walking, ask your doctor for a medication check. Some prescription drugs can cause these fall-inducing side effects.

"And stay up-to-date with vision checks and eyeglass prescriptions," Sellmeyer says.

"Sharp vision can also help you avoid a fall."

on the side of the injured hip.

Bruising and swelling in and

journal Hip and Pelvis in 2021. The team members included Dr Jaiben Shorter leg on the side of the injured hip.

around the hip area.

George, Dr Kamran Farooque, Dr Samarth Mittal, Dr Vivek Trikha and side of the injured hip.

They can damage surrounding muscles, ligaments, tendons, blood vessels, and nerves. If they're not treated right away, they could affect your ability to get around for long periods of time. When this happens, you run the risk of a number of com-

The risk of hip fracture can be increased if you have:

plications, like: Blood clots in your

Osteoporosis: This condition weakens bones and makes them more likely to break.

Thyroid problems: An overactive thyroid can lead to fragile bones.

Intestinal disorders.:
Conditions that reduce absorption of vitamin D and calcium also can cause

weakened bones.

Problems with balance:

Parkinson's disease, stroke and peripheral neuropathy can increase the risk of falling. Having low blood sugar or low blood pressure also can contribute to the risk of falls.

Certain medications: Cortisone medications, such as prednisone, can weaken bones if taken long-term. Certain drugs or certain combinations of medications can cause dizziness, which can increase the risk of falling. The most common drugs associated with falls include sleep medications, antipsychotics and sedatives.

Nutritional problems: Lack of calcium and vitamin D in the diet of young people lowers peak bone mass and increases risk of fracture later in life. It's also important to get enough calcium and vitamin D in older age to try to maintain bone density. Being underweight also increases the risk of bone loss.

walking, can result in weakened bones and muscles, making falls and fractures more likely. Tobacco and alcohol both can

ular weight-bearing exercise, such as

Lifestyle choices: Lack of reg-

interfere with the normal processes of bone building and maintenance, resulting in bone loss.

Complications: A hip fracture

Complications: A hip fracture can reduce independence and sometimes shorten life. About half the people who have a hip fracture aren't able to regain the ability to live independently.

independently.

When hip fractures prevent movement for a long time, complications can include:

- Blood clots in the legs or lungsBedsores
- Pneumonia
- Further loss of muscle mass, increasing the risk of falls and injuries
- Death

Prevention: Healthy lifestyle choices in early adulthood build a higher peak bone mass and reduce the risk of osteoporosis in later years. The same measures adopted at any age might lower the risk of falls and improve overall health.

healthy bone: Get enough calcium and vitamin D: In general, men and women

To avoid falls and to maintain

- D: In general, men and women age 50 and older should consume 1,200 milligrams of calcium a day, and 600 international units of vitamin a day.
- Exercise to strengthen bones and improve balance: Weight-bearing exercises, such as walking, help maintain peak bone density. Exercise also increases overall strength, decreasing the risk of falling. Balance training also is important to reduce the risk of falls since balance tends to dete-
- riorate with age.

 Avoid smoking or excessive drinking: Tobacco and alcohol use can reduce bone density. Drinking too much alcohol can also impair balance and increase the risk of falling.
- Assess the home for hazards: Remove throw rugs, keep electrical cords against the wall, and clear excess furniture and anything else that could trip people. Make sure all rooms and passageways are well lit.
- Check your eyes: Have an eye exam every other year, or more often if you have diabetes or an eye disease.
- Úse a cane, walking stick or walker: If you don't feel steady when you walk, ask your doctor if these aids might help.

Blame Gut-brain link for your cravings for fatty food

If you have been blaming your tongue for your temptation for those fatty foods causing obesity, diabetes and heart diseases, then better not! Researchers have found that gut-brain connection is the culprit that derives our desire for unhealthy foods having high fats. The HEALTH PIONEER shares findings of the study published in Nature.

At Columbia's Zuckerman Institute, scientists studying mice have found that fat entering the intestines triggers a signal. Conducted along nerves to the brain, this signal drives a desire for fatty foods.

The study raises the possibility of interfering with this gut-brain connection to help prevent unhealthy choices and address the growing global health crisis caused by overeating.

"We live in unprecedented times, in which the overconsumption of fats and sugars is causing an epidemic of obesity and metabolic disorders," said first author Mengtong Li, PhD, a postdoctoral researcher in the lab of the Zuckerman Institute's Charles Zuker, PhD, supported by the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. "If we want to control our insatiable desire for fat, science is showing us that the key conduit driving these cravings is a connection between the gut and the brain?

Researchers found that glucose activates a specific gutbrain circuit that communicates to the brain in the presence of intestinal sugar. Calorie-free artificial sweeteners, in contrast, do not have

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"Ōur research is showing that the tongue tells our brain what we like, such as things that taste sweet, salty or fatty," said Dr. Zuker, who is also a professor of biochemistry and molecular biophysics and of neuroscience at Columbia's Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons. "The gut, however, tells our brain what we want, what we need."

Dr. Li wanted to explore how mice respond to dietary fats: the lipids and fatty acids that every animal must consume to provide the building blocks of life. She offered mice bottles of water with dissolved fats, including a component of soybean oil, and bottles of water containing sweet substances known to not affect the gut but that are initially attractive. The rodents developed a strong preference, over a couple of days, for the fatty water. They formed this preference even when the scientists genetically modified the mice to remove the animals' ability to

remove the animals' ability to taste fat using their tongues. "Even though the animals could not taste fat, they were



nevertheless driven to consume it," said Dr. Zuker, according to the paper, titled "Gut-Brain Circuits for Fat Preference," available on the news website Eurekalert.

The researchers reasoned that fat must be activating specific brain circuits driving the animals' behavioral response to fat. To search for that circuit, Dr. Li measured brain activity in mice while giving the animals fat. Neurons in one particular region of the brainstem, the caudal nucleus of the solitary tract (cNST), perked up. This was intriguing because the cNST was also implicated in

the lab's previous discovery of the neural basis of sugar preference.

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Dr. Li then found the communications lines that carried the message to the cNST. Neurons in the vagus nerve, which links the gut to the brain, also twittered with activity when mice had fat in their intestines.

Having identified the bio-

Having identified the biological machinery underlying a mouse's preference for fat, Dr. Li next took a close look at the gut itself: specifically the endothelial cells lining the intestines. She found two groups of cells that sent signals

to the vagal neurons in response to fat.

"One group of cells functions as a general sensor of essential nutrients, responding not only to fat, but also to sugars and amino acids," said Dr. Li. "The other group responds to only fat, potentially helping the brain distinguish fats from other substances in the gut."

Dr. Li then went one important step further by blocking the activity of these cells using a drug. Shutting down signaling from either cell group prevented vagal neurons from responding to fat in the intestines. She then used genetic techniques to deactivate either the vagal neurons themselves or the neurons in the cNST. In both cases, a mouse lost its appetit for fat.

lost its appetite for fat.

"These interventions verified that each of these biological steps from the gut to the brain is critical for an animal's response to fat," said Dr. Li.

"These experiments also provide novel strategies for changing the brain's response to fat and possibly behavior toward food."

The stakes are high. Obesity rates have nearly doubled worldwide since 1980. Today, nearly half a billion people suffer from diabetes.

Among Indians, the prevalence of obesity has increased in 2019-21 compared to 2015-16, as per the latest National Family Health Survey (NFHS-5) data. Nearly one in every four persons is overweight compared to one in every five earlier. India is already on the verge of becoming the world capital of diabetes.

Obesity is calculated on the basis of a Body Mass Index (BMI). Anyone with a BMI of more than 30 is considered obese; a person with a BMI between 25 and 29.9 is deemed overweight.

"The overconsumption of

"The overconsumption of cheap, highly processed foods rich in sugar and fat is having a devastating impact on human health, especially among people of low income and in communities of color," said Dr. Zuker. "The better we understand how these foods hijack the biological machinery underlying taste and the gutbrain axis, the more opportunity were."

The other authors of the study are Hwei-Ee Tan, Zhengyuan Lu, Katherine S. Tsang, Ashley J. Chung and Charles S. Zuker.

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Sciences, AIIMS, Delhi avers that pandemic conditions like Covid-19 have made us realised the importance of technologies to ensure healthcare of the eye patients.

In this regard, Dr Titiyal says that plans are afoot to

develop a mobile app to improve the treatment and care of eye patients and create awareness about hospital admission, transplantation, and post-surgery follow-up.

He adds, "I think it's a demand of time. COVID has

demand of time. COVID has also made us realise that you have to approach people in a different manner because a physical approach may be difficult sometimes. It's only for people coming from far-off places."

The app will come with a camera system using which patients can share photos and consult with doctors.

"Through the application, doctors can have direct interactions with patients. There will also be a camera system, using which patients can share photos of their eyes and explain their problems and symptoms. Doctors can diagnose them, and if the patients are registered with us, we can tell them the timeframe for admission and surgery at the centre," he says.

He further points out patients can also be called in on



Chief, RP centre for Ophthalmic Sciences, AllMS, Delhi priority based on their disease progression. The app will also

help track patients who have

undergone transplantation and

after a transplant surgery, follow-up becomes quite difficult, the doctor says.

"If somebody develops a rejection of a transplant, it has to be taken care of within a few days. If the patient comes after

reverse the rejection.

"If such a patient is tracked, he or she can be rushed to a nearby hospital so that the graft can be saved. It will be connected with many other hospitals.

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"We will also be connected to various hospitals where people are trained to carry out transplantation or can take care of post-transplant patients,"



Let's 'CARE' about academics

UGC has made multiple efforts to put strict restrictions on clone journals. Still, faculties whose academic promotions are due publish their papers in these clone journals without knowing their authenticity and standards



 $R^{\rm esearch}$ is a significant part of higher education, and publishing a research paper is even more critical for institutionalising the significance of academics in higher education. Hence, research papers have been considered the most essential part of academics. No academics in higher education are complete without a well-written research paper with an appropriate methodology and significant paradigms. This helps every scholar, researcher, and academician to thoroughly evaluate or re-examine the subject. On November 28, 2018, University Grants Commission (UGC) issued a public notice "to stimulate and empower the Indian academia" through its quality mandate and that notice announced the establishment of a dedicated "Consortium for Academic and Research Ethics (CARE)" to fulfil this objective. Therefore, there is a need to evaluate the objectives of this initiative where it intends (i) to promote quality research, integrity and publication ethics, (ii) to promote high-quality publication, (iii) to develop research paradigms and methodology for the identification of standard journals, and (iv) to stop the predatory or dubious journals. Since then, there has been a massive academic research revolution, and an unexpected mad race for publishing research paper(s) in UGC CARE Listed Journals.

But unfortunately, these listed journals have brought many severe shifts in the publication process. The shift allows the researchers to indulge in many illegalities, such as publishing research papers in dubious journals. We now know these journals with a new form, i.e., "clone journals". There are many instances where one can easily trace the clone of the listed journals in the academic world. Researchers publish their papers in most educational institutions (including leading universities and colleges) without knowing its worst impact. They are publishing their papers for the minimum eligibility to submit their thesis and dissertations; faculties are publishing their papers for their due promotions.

As a matter of fact, UGC has made multiple efforts to put strict restrictions on these clone journals. Still, faculties whose academic promotions are due publish their papers in these clone journals without knowing the authenticity and standards of these journals. Despite multiple and sincere efforts by CARE, it has come to public notice that many have published their papers, though sometimes intentionally, in clone journals, especially in language specification journals; for instance, foreign language journals are published multi-lingually in clone format. And many instances are also there where many publishers and editors are publishing the papers with password-protected mechanisms and publishing the papers under "multidisciplinary" despite subject-specific authorisation. This process of publishing papers in "listed journals" has also supported the idea of introducing the "clone" journals because it has been widely noticed that those in listed categories charge a huge amount for publishing

In contrast, on the other hand, many leading listed journals are forcing the researchers to subscribe to their journals or take their lifetime membership to publish their research papers. And even after subscribing to the journals, they are taking a lot of time to publish the research papers. This time-consuming process, which is undoubtedly essential to publish any paper as a part of the peer-reviewed process, is somehow an invitation to accept the calls from the clone journals to publish the research papers. CARE regularly revisits the standards based on their set norms and parameters to halt such unacademic acts over such invitations. They have also removed many leading journals from their

listed categories. Above all, some leading journals publish research papers strictly based on ideological shifts, which is a matter of grave concern. If we are talking about the standard of academics through this consortium, we must first stop this "marketisation of academics". Therefore, it should be the ethical concern of everyone to pursue the research with proper care, and we all need to follow the suggestions carefully and unconditionally given by the CARE to maintain the standard and integrity of research. But still, CARE also needs to understand these issues where, to some extent, the theory is a bit different from praxis and puts severe restrictions on such unacademic acts. Conclusively, we all need to work together to put restrictions over such unacademic steps not only to maintain the standard and integrity but also to protect the apt research environment and, above all, the value of the research.

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End of a legacy with 'Lilibet'

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II passed away at the age of 96. She spent her last days in Scotland, her summer palace known as Balmoral Castle. She has left behind a historical legacy full of hits and misses. She became Queen at the age of 27 in the year 1952 when the world had just come out of a devastating Second World War, the first ever atomic bombing over Japan, the Holocaust and the loss of the largest treasure of the British colonial empire i.e. India. She set the record of becoming the longest serving monarch of the UK by serving the nation for seven long decades.

Once the news of the death of the Queen spread, thousands thronged her official residence, the Buckingham Palace in London, and all other royal palaces around the country. Despite heavy downpour across the UK, the mourners came out in hordes simply to bid adieu to their dear monarch. And finally, all quietly sang: "God save the Queen.

In keeping with the royal tradition, a written statement mentioning the death of the Queen was displayed on all the palace gates. The statement read: "The Queen died peacefully at Balmoral this afternoon. The King and the Queen Consort will remain at Balmoral this evening and will return to London tomorrow."

This indicates that there was no specific illness mentioned in the royal statement of death.

The Queen probably could be the last ever female heir to the seat of the British sovereign for another century. Now the second Elizabethan era has gone. Though the British people never ever looked at the Queen for political leadership, they all identified her with "stability". Despite all the ifs and buts, she remained steadfast and took the leadership to the world stage. She oversaw Britain from a war-weary European nation to a modern multicultural one, finally a sad divorce from the European Union, after a long partnership of 47 years.

The Queen was the head of the 56-member Commonwealth nations around the world. Her Commonwealth leadership though purely ceremonial spanned across all the five continents covering a population of almost 2.5 billion. Today, the Commonwealth is proud that during her tenure as the Head of the organisation, she travelled to almost all the nations of the bloc. Between 1971 and 2018, the Queen missed only one Head of Government Meeting. Her awesome sense of duty and responsibility as the head of the group was always reflected in her actions. She was both a generous host and a consummate diplomat. The last message she sent out for the Commonwealth described the nations as "a modern, vibrant and connected Commonwealth that combines a wealth of history, and tradition with great social, cultur-



A tribute to Queen Elizabeth II on a bus stop in London's West End

al and technological advances of our time. That the Commonwealth stands ever taller is a credit to all who have been involved." This highlights how deeply she felt the bond between the nations and their incremental growth in the decades. Commonwealth was formed initially as the British Commonwealth of nations through the Balfour Declaration at the historic 1926 Imperial Conference. But the group was formalised later only in the year 1931 by the UK through the Statute of Westminster. But the present shape of the Commonwealth was given under the London Declaration of 1949. And Queen Elizabeth took over the headship of this very historic organisation just after three years. She had the experience of the service of 15 British Prime Ministers and met 14 US Presidents during her long tenure as the monarch.

The reign of her son, King Charles III, has just begun. He will be handling a Britain far more politically polarised than what his mother had witnessed. Today, the Conservatives are widely separated from each other as it was seen during the last race for the post of the Prime Minister. And sadly, the Labour is on the decline, and Jeremy Corbyn has left no chance of hope for the party in the near future unless a new leader emerges. It is rightly said that King Charles has prepared for all his life for this day. He has pledged to serve the nation with the same "unswerving devotion", as his mother did. He became King immediately after the death of his mother, but the Accession Council has to make the formal proclamation of the successor. He is already the King, according to the terms of the Act of Settlement 1701. The very purpose of the Accession Council is purely a ceremonial one and it announces the name of the new monarch. Generally such a proclamation is made within 24 hours of the death of the monarch. But this time it has taken a little more time. Again this occasion will have a historic break-as the new King has decided to televise the Accession Council ceremony.

The new monarch has paid his tribute to his "Darling Mama" and called her an inspiration. He also has vowed lifelong service to the people. He further said: "Queen Elizabeth was a life well lived; a promise with destiny kept and she is mourned most deeply in her passing. That promise of lifelong service I renew to you all today.

Queen Elizabeth II remained a beacon of stability for the last 70 years. She will always be fondly remembered for her larger-thanlife image and the role she played in public life. She was an extraordinary person who also lived an extraordinary life. To many of the people of the Commonwealth and those who know her closely, she truly lived the life of faith, service and a sense of duty. This was echoed in one of her historic speeches that she made in 1947 before she became the monarch. She said: "My whole life, whether it be long or short, will be devoted in service." The great British royalty survived and sustained with full might and dignity under

her leadership.

Modern Britain indeed built its edifice on her statesmanship. While paying tribute to her, UK Prime Minister Liz Truss said, "Queen Elizabeth the second was the rock on which modern Britain was built. Our country has grown and flourished under her reign."

It's a clear indication that the current political leadership of the UK has rightly recognised the robust role played by the late Queen. The majestic Queen was fondly remembered as the "Little Lilibet" by her family as she could not pronounce her name Elizabeth properly during her childhood. Today we all miss both the hilarious Little Lilibet and Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth.

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PERSPECTIVE |

Boosting rural economy with start-up village entrepreneurship

This new wave of educated rural youth is a challenge for the policymakers to formulate a policy that caters to the large masses of the rural population



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Rural poverty and inequality are significant roadblocks to building an egalitarian society. Even after 75 years of Independence, it is a significant challenge because a large section of the rural population depends on agriculture.

Looking for a way to economically empower rural India, a well-known management consultant, CK Prahalad, coined the word "future at the bottom of the pyramid" (BOP), eradicating poverty through

Prahalad highlighted the challenges of rural poverty, which need to be addressed by multinational companies (MNCs). A book was also published under the same name with some innovative, fruitful ideas from the bottom of the pyramid.

Even today, MNCs' reach to the remotely heterogenous rural population remains a distant dream. The horizon of

vast that the penetration of services and products is only possible through indigenous village entrepreneurs. And hence the concept and importance of village entrepreneurs is now taken into account by policymakers with the much-discussed rural economy now getting the limelight.

The rural economy of India has been facing an agrarian crisis because of poverty, unemployment and migration. The village economy of India is not sustainable, which is a big challenge for policymakers, and there are many reasons. Even after 75 years of Independence, the rural youth strive for jobs and a decent standard of life. The lack of employment creates migration of the rural population to urban cities. However, the educational campaign by the Government for the rural

youth has motivated them. Due to the increase in litthe Indian rural market is so eracy rate among the rural

youth, they look for holistic employment. The technological advancement in the agricultural sector has changed the dimensions of dependency of rural and marginal workers on agriculture sectors. Rural youths are looking after their career in entrepreneurship, services and self-employment. This new wave of educated rural youth is a challenge for the policymakers and the Government to formulate a policy that caters to the large masses of the rural population. The startup village entrepreneurship programme is the gem among all whose programmes to resolve the agrarian crisis Village

Start-up Entrepreneurship Programme (SVEP) is a budget announced scheme and was approved by the Minister of Rural Development, Government of India, on May 6, 2015, as a subscheme under the DAY-NRLM and the guideline was issued on

June 15 2015.

Deendayal antodaya Yojana (DAY-NRLM) has been centrally sponsored and implemented since May 2013. The main objective of the mission is to eliminate rural poverty through an innovative implementation strategy involving four core components viz., (1) social mobilisation and community institution building; (2) financial inclusion; (3) livelihood promotions; (4) convergence and

social development. The SVEP proposes to address the three major problems of start-ups. Through the programme, the rural entrepreneurs will get the technical support such that the enterprises (both existing and newly promoted) would be profitable through addressing ecosystem vis., (i) a missing knowledge ecosystem, (ii) a missing incubation ecosystem; and (iii) a missing financial ecosystem.

The SVEP programme is a

four-tier structure from cluster level federation to village organisation to self-help group and finally reach beneficiary members. This four-tier structure gives an implementation roadmap for SVEP to block resource centres.

The SVEP is implemented in a project mode through Implementing Agencies (PIAs). The PIAs include the State Rural Livelihood Mission (SRLM), higher-level SHG federation and NGO/NRO with a good track record of promoting rural livelihood. The current pattern of Central assistance for SVEP projects is 60:40 (Centre-State). The ceiling on the administrative cost of the SVEP project is 6 per cent of the total approved budget. The SVEP intends to enable the rural poor to set up business enterprises through village-level Community Resource Persons (CRPs) support. It helps the rural entre-

preneurs to get finance for

starting their enterprises from the National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM), Self Help Groups (SHGs), banks and cluster level federation. There are a few conditions which entrepreneurs need to justify to get the benefits from this programme. These conditions are that the entrepreneur should be either a member of SHGs working in the blocks of a selected district or a member of their family, preferably a female member.

One of the mid-term reviews conducted by the Quality Council of India in 2019 highlights that 75 per cent of enterprises were managed and owned by women. We find the fulfilment of social inclusion one of the core ideas of the national rural livelihood mission satisfied because the sampled entrepreneurs across the blocks reported being from SC, ST, and OBC categories,

which stood at 82 per cent. The number of enterprises supported under the SVEP from 2018-19 to 2020-2021 is 1,34,475. The breadth of block development is blossoming. The inception was with only 125 blocks across the country; during 2021-22, it stood at 205 blocks. A total of 19 blocks are under implementation in Uttar Pradesh which stood first; the second is Jharkhand, with 18 blocks under implementation. Policymakers should focus on this large chunk of the rural population through an incomegenerating innovative entrepreneurship model. The SVEP is all set to transform the lives of the rural poor, and women entrepreneurs have shown their capabilities to lead.

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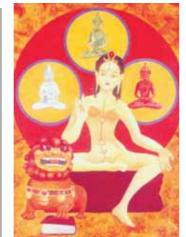




ARIES March 21-April 19

Those with serious ailment fear may be enslaving you, but you need to know that when we are in extreme fear, we simply cannot move forward. You should confront the darker sides of yourself. This is a suitable time to explore your fears, limitations, and unhealthy attachments. Addictions and indulging in material pleasures to forget about your worries are on the card. It is better you avoid all these. Career-wise, the beginning of a project is indicated in which a great deal of creative energy will be invested. This is the time when you need emotional support to go forward in life. You should be highly mature to meet your immediate demands at the workplace. On the love front, you may get hyper on insignificant things with the people who matter to you. Your mind will empower your heart and emotions will take a back seat. Remember words speak

Lucky number 13 | Lucky colour Magenta Lucky day Monday



LEO July 23-Aug 22

This week you have to be grounded and do justice with your body. For good health, it is mandatory for you to take rest and relax. Stay away from spicy and junk food. This week, you will experience stress due to certain unavoidable factors, therefore, be gentle with yourself. Stay calm and avoid anger and aggression. Release your frustration to express it rather than keeping it to yourself. Professionally, you will find stability after a long time. Those who are looking for a job change, you need to disconnect yourself with the current company. People sitting for an interview, or a competitive examination will be successful. Any pending work needs to be completed now. Relationship wise, this is a highly emotional time. Situations can instantly become heated or uncomfortable. Take a break if you need to. Do not hurry to end or to begin a relationship. Lucky number 10 | Lucky colour Blue Lucky day Tuesday



SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 21

Confusion about the medical test/diagnose results is on the card. Take an opinion before making a final decision. Any health changes are likely to take place slowly. And this may be for the best, regardless of how fast you would like things to move. Take things one day at a time and note slight changes. Professionally, you can win any situation with your skill and intelligence. Your logical and analytical skills will help you to come across any difficulties. This is the right time for appearing for an interview and writing the competitive exam. Your writing and communication skills could give you an extra edge over others. Relationship wise there could be explosive arguments with the near and dear ones. This is not the time to look for love as you tend to make wrong decisions. Existing relations could suffer due to misunderstanding.

Lucky number 5 | Lucky colour Dark Grey/ Grey Lucky day Saturday



TAURUS April 20-May 20

This week you need to pay attention to your health. Those dealing with a health problem, need to look for treatments beyond your family doctor and outside your local area. What you truly need is a vacation or a change of environment. Focus on your dreams. You are likely to find some spiritual answers that will help you a lot. On the career front, new opportunities will tempt you. New projects, deals or assignments could be signed this week, which will prove a milestone in your career. Those in business will be able to increase their networking and convert them into benefits. The accomplishment of a big deal is on the card. On a personal level, a new friendship or bonding is likely to turn into a loving relationship for you. An existing relationship will become more intense. If someone is interested in you. give him/her a chance. This relationship could be just what you are looking for. Lucky number 9 | Lucky colour Black



VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

This week your health will be good. Everything will come together, and you are in the right place, doing the right thing. You are likely to achieve that for which you have wished. The week holds new beginnings that naturally emerge out of the accomplished cycle. To balance your energies, avoid rich food and oversleep. This week career may not be so satisfactory. You will feel uncomfortable in your working environment. Your senior may feel that you are not putting your 100 percent effort into a project or task. Your honest nature may fetch you a suspension or displeasure. Avoid any kind of investment or a new deal in business/property. On the love front, you may be possessive. Those in love may face conflict and difficult phase. However, a balanced approach will work in your favour. Lucky number 18 | Lucky colour Brown Lucky day Friday



CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 19

This week your health regime will be on the next level and so will be your maturity and intelligence level. You will not think twice before spending money to stay healthy. You are more inclined towards natural ingredients, herbs and experiencing the spiritual path. Your views in terms of health are conventional and practical and that will pay you rich dividends. On the career front, clear communication will bring many changes in your career. Traveling to a foreign land on account of the job is likely. Your initiative blends with your people skills, so explore and see where it takes you. Your finances will improve, and you may plan a deal on property. On the romantic front, this week you are very lovable. Online love messages will revive your energy and passion. Singles may find a suitable partner or marriage proposals. **Lucky number** 22 | **Lucky colour** Red

Lucky day Friday



GEMINI May 21-June 20

Lucky day Wednesday

You will enjoy good health. This week there will be occasions when three generations of the family will get together. The youngsters are likely to have high morale on receiving a gift in form ancestral property, it could be money or invaluable advice. On the career front, your great insight and mental clarity will generate good results. This is a good time to act and achieve your target goals. Be alert as new opportunities will knock at the door and you are likely to get promoted. This is the time to pursue new opportunities and to draw upon your creativity and mental ability for making more money. In love life, Love relations will blossom and may be turned into marriage. You feel at ease with your spouse/partner and take many important decisions regarding your family. This is a good week for family union and enjoys the bliss of love and relations.

Lucky number 33 | Lucky colour White Lucky day Wednesday



LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

Change is inevitable in your health. You will suddenly seek some spiritual answers that have eluded you for some time. This week you will experience high energy and self-confidence. The card indicates planning of vacations and spending time amidst the natural surroundings. You can expect someone new and exciting to make a move in your direction. Be prepared for a surprise. Relax as everything is under control. Careerwise you will be pushing yourself for a job change. Those in arts fields could collaborate for the first time on a project that will give a great boost to your career. Good opportunities are coming your way, so, promote your ideas. You need to make sure to get intelligent advice before accepting an invitation. Romance is likely to bloom this week. Extension in the family, the birth of child or news of conception is indicated. Lucky number 12 | Lucky colour Mustard Lucky day Saturday



AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

This week your perseverance and relentless efforts in the health sector will pay you. You are likely to enjoy good health. Your self-confidence will draw people to you like a magnet. Those who are worried about health need to relax. Things are not as bad for you as you fear. There is an underlying, spiritual strength that will sustain your health. Career-wise some good news is on the card. This week you are likely to shine. You are likely to use your power and leadership for the benefit of others. Success in the project is on the cards. Those who are looking for a transfer, or job change, should approach an authoritative person to help you in your endeavour. On the love front, doubts about a relationship may nag you. This is the time to be clear about what you want out of life and your relationships and accordingly, plan your actions. Lucky number 15 | Lucky colour Purple Lucky day Wednesday



CANCER June 21-July 22

You will be worried about health this week. Those awaiting test results, need to stay calm as there is nothing much you can do. Relax, things are not as bad as you fear. You will experience a spiritual strength that will help you with good health. Connect with deep joy and love of living. It is advised to do breathing exercises and meditation now. On the career front, work can be either difficult or non-existent and you may feel stagnant. You do not have to stay in a situation that is unhealthy for you. Those who want to pursue higher studies and simultaneously work can go ahead. Love life looks promising. Singles, a new and positive romance is on the horizon. Meeting your love at the workplace is most likely. Do not get carried away in love. You need to keep your balance and your perspective. Those already in a committed relationship will enjoy a new level of understanding and bonding. Lucky number 9 | Lucky colour Yellow Lucky day Thursday



SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

This week you need to manage your stress level to stay in good health. It is highly recommended to face your problems rather than avoiding them. Those looking for spiritual healing ensure to get adequate rest. Avoid health hazards. On the career front, your dream job may suddenly come your way. You will get busier in a positive way. Your accomplishments will put your colleagues in bad limelight. That is mostly their problem, but do not be obnoxious about it. Some of you may attain a position where you can exert power & authority. Control your temper when dealing with subordinates at the workplace. You could feel the negative vibes in the relationship area as well. Conflict with the near and dear ones is on the card. Think calmly and carefully about the person you are in a relationship with

Lucky number 23 | Lucky colour Green Lucky day Sunday



PISCES Feb 19-March 20

This week you will witness a complete change in your health. Those who are suffering from serious ailments will be surprised by the unexpected changes like improvement in their test results. A disciplined and controlled lifestyle is always welcomed. You cannot afford to pamper your craving for sweets and fried food for a long time. Keep a check on it. On the career front, be careful of the source you are making money with. Having an unfair deal to get quick success might put you in legal action. Be cautious as this is the time vhen you can use your power in a negative way. On the relationship front, love seems to be going very well. Those who are committed, this is likely to be a strong relationship that is mutually supportive and beneficial. Singles, this is a much better time to meet

Lucky number 11 | Lucky colour Golden

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hat meets our eyes, people look at it in one's own perspective. Others may have altogether different perspective, contextually relevant from their angle. So, more often ordinary mortals are driven by half-truth, larger picture eluding one's attention. That holds the key to all the pains and sufferings in life. No wonder, the living world is called 'Maya' (illusion). It is not that life as such would be a myth. It does exist for real, as it is in reckoning, and continuously engaged in creativity. How can we call such a vibrant life as an illusion. But then, illusion is there in mind, which drives you crazy.

The root cause for all unseemly mind-play is lack of awareness about indwelling empowerment tools and chemistry of mind. Going by Indian philosophy, three fundamental energies drive a being - Sata, Rajasa and Tamasa - complementing and supporting each other. Sata makes you visualise, ideate, discriminate and evaluate. Rajasa is the activating force driven by passion and desire. Tamasa is purposefully loaded with its inherent sense of inertia. Once Sata ideates or

takes cognisance of an issue in hand, Tamasa makes you take a pause, selfreflect, pick up the right lead, and articulate your actions intelligently before allowing Rajasa get going. You are then able to discriminate between 'what you want' and 'what is right' in so far as your passions and desires are concerned. Also, it makes you evaluate external promptings or challenges ahead and intelligently react and respond.

What further complicates our thought process is our unique preconditioned mind, each manifesting varying desire and mind-trends, often in conflict with others, coming as it may as Karmic carryover from the past. That narrows our vision. What further complicates our mind-play is our sense of Ahamkara (Ego consciousness), which identifies itself with the inherent trends, as if that would be its end game. It doesn't let you go beyond for a reality check or look for a better option if any. Also, it makes you take external stimuli on its face value and tempts you to react or respond on instinctive judgment without applying proper forethought. Caught up in its

Half-truth drive you crazy over these limitations of mind? What is interesting to note here is that mind is a versatile multifaceted instrument.



trap, we fail to invoke another exclusive human privilege – Buddhi (faculty of discriminate intelligence). Applying this exclusive virtue, one could dispassionately explore, evaluate, discriminate and pick up the most appropriate

lead. The irony, however, is that unlike habit tendencies that keep playing involuntarily from the front, discriminating faculty needs to be consciously invoked before taking any call.

The question now is: how to get

It could also self-reflect, identify and acknowledge its own limitations, and address them through fresh educative inputs. Provided we are on full alert to consciously and optimally use our faculties in time. Here again, ahamkara doesn't ordinarily let you identify your own fault lines. Astrology then comes handy. For, it dispassionately reads through energy signature of a being to figure out the inherent mind-trends, both potential and limitations, with a fair amount of precision. The paradox, however, is that caught up in our usual mills of life, we are not left with the mind-space necessary for the purpose. What's the way forward then? Answer lies in purifying the mind of its limitations by pursuing dhyana under the guidance of a proven guide. Also develop awareness. Your vision will expand, whence you will begin looking at things with an open mind without any preconditioning whatsoever. You may then have a larger view, will take things in the right perspective due and pick up right lead. Life may turn into a

pleasant experience. A case in point is of someone, who even in his late fifties continues to be guided by half-truth. Mind indicator Moon is placed adverse to limiting Saturn, which occupies the nakshatra owned by Mars, the 9th lord identified with father. His father brought him up a hard way to let him become strong enough to face the challenges ahead in stride. Father also knew that his son was not shrewd enough to do justice to the callings of his family business. So, he wanted him to work towards a career suited to him. But then afflicted Moon is also conjunct mischievous Neptune. That holds the key to his illusionary perceptions. He nurses grudge against his father being wronged by him. He could not see things from father's perspective. So, he continues carrying hurt feelings. That has adversely affected his inter-personal relationship skills, and evidently to his detriment.

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