**OPINION 6** 

THE KEY TO WILD

LIFE CONSERVATION

The Bench delivered the

verdict on the interpretation of

the MTP Act and whether

unmarried women or single women can be allowed like

their married counterparts the benefit of abortion up to 24

The Bench, on August 23, had reserved its verdict on

interpretation of the MTP Act

provisions which makes a dis-

tinction between married and unmarried women on the issue

Observing there is a need to "fine-tune" the provisions in the MTP rules, the top court

had also said it would like to add a category of women, who

suffer desertion irrespective of

marital status, to the seven cat-

egories of women eligible to

seek abortion till 24 weeks of

pregnancy.

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**Gift to women** 

came just after

**Safe Abortion Day** 

 $T^{\text{he SC's decision was a gift}}_{\text{to women on International}}$ 

Safe Abortion Day. After the

judgment was pronounced, a

lawyer informed the Bench

that September 28 happens to be the International Safe

would coincide with safe abor-

tion day. Thank you for informing us", Justice Chandrachud said.

"I had no idea that this

Abortion Day.

of abortion.

**WORLD 8** 

NATO BELIEVES BALTIC SEA

GAS LEAKS WERE SABOTAGE

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'All women entitled to Cong looks for 'suitable safe, legal abortion'

Now, SC extends provision of MTP at 24 weeks to single ladies too

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

In a landmark order, the Supreme Court held on Thursday that all women are entitled to safe and legal abortion till 24 weeks of pregnan-cy under the Medical Termination of Pregnancy (MTP) Act, and making any distinction on the basis of their marital status is "constitutionally unsustainable". The apex court also said that the meaning of offence of rape must include marital rape for the purpose of the MTP Act.

A Bench of Justices DY Chandrachud, JB Pardiwala and AS Bopanna said the rights of reproductive autonomy give similar rights to unmarried women as that to married

The Bench, in its verdict, said the distinction between married and unmarried women under the abortion laws is "artificial and constitutionally unsustainable" and perpetuates the stereotype that only married women are sexually active.

Under the MTP Act provisions, the upper limit for the termination of pregnancy is 24 weeks for married women,



THE CATEGORIES OF WOMEN MENTIONED IN RULE 3B OF THE MTP RULES FRAMED BY THE CENTRAL

- Survivors of sexual assault or
- rape or incest
- Change of marital status during the ongoing pregnancy (widowhood and divorce)
- Women with physical disabilities, major disability as per criteria laid down under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016. Mentally-ill women including

special categories including survivors of rape and other vulnerable women such as the differently-abled and minors. However, the time period The foetal malformation that has substantial risk of being incompatible with life or if th child is born it may suffer from such physical or menta abnormalities to be seriously

Women with pregnancy in humanitarian settings or disaster or emergency situations as may be declared by

handicapped;

is 20 weeks for widows and unmarried women, who are or were in consensual relationships, for allowing abortion under the statute.

# boy' for party prez poll

#### **Ashok Gehlot** apologises to Sonia, but fate uncertain

PNS NEW DELHI

The Congress leadership on Thursday continued to battle with a two-fold crisis: Deciding the fate of Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, and picking up an "official" capand picking up an "official" candidate for the party president's election. Gehlot on Thursday met Congress interim president Sonia Gandhi, tendered an apology for the revolt in Rajasthan Congress, and offered to step down if Sonia so desired.

However, the party seemed in no mood to forgive him. He was signaled to pull out of the presidential race and asked to wait for a decision on his continuation as the Chief Minister. Congress general Secretary KC Venugopal said the party president will decide on the Rajasthan Chief Minister's post within a

Gehlot echoed the same view. Asked if he will continue as Chief Minister, Gehlot said Gandhi will decide on the issue. "I have apologised to Sonia ji because a simple resolution, which is our tradition and which we always pass could not be passed as a situation emerged. I, as a CLP leader, whatever the reasons, could not get the resolution passed," he said.



Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot addressing media persons after a meeting with party interim President Sonia Gandhi, at 10 Janpath in New Delhi on Thursday

Gehlot, a three-time Chief Minister, described himself as a disciplined soldier of the party and expressed his sadness over

the turn of events in the State. "In the last 50 years, I have worked as a loyal Congress soldier from the time of Indira Gandhi, Rajiv Gandhi, Narasimha Rao, and Sonia ji, be it becoming a Central Minister or State unit chief, general secretary, or Chief Minister for the third time, I cannot forget that. The events that happened (on Sunday) have shaken all of us. Only İ know how hurt I am because a message went out that I want to remain Chief Minister," Gehlot said.

Gehlot's bete noir Sachin Pilot also met with Sonia late in the evening and told media persons that the party chief is committed to solving the Rajasthan crisis and his main goal was to bring the Congress back in power after the 2023 Assembly

Sources said during the Sonia-Pilot meeting, former chief Rahul Gandhi joined them virtually from his night halt container in Tamil Nadu. Both Sonia and Rahul heard Pilot and are believed to have assured him that they would take steps to address his grievances.

"I met Congress president. She listened to me calmly. We held a detailed discussion on whatever happened in Jaipur, Rajasthan. I told her my sentiments, my feedback. All of us want to win the 2023 polls (in Rajasthan) by working hard. We'll have to work together," Pilot said briefing the waiting media outside the residence of

Sonia. Meanwhile, former Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Digvijaya Singh on Thursday picked up the nomination papers for the party president's post and is likely to formally join the race.

However, it was unlikely that he could be the party's

"official" candidate. Continued on Page 2

# ₹5 cr fine on PFI for damage during Kerala strike: HC

**KUMAR CHELLAPPAN** ■ KOCHI

The Popular Front of India (PFI), which was banned for five years by the Union Home Ministry on Thursday, got another jolt in the form of an order by the Kerala High Court (HC) to deposit ₹5.2 crore with the Additional Chief Secretary (Government of Kerala), towards the damages estimated by the State Administration as well as the Kerala State Road Transport Corporation on account of its

The PFI observed the strike across Kerala to protest arrests of its leaders from different places in the State on September 22.

flasĥ strike on September 23.

A Division Bench of Justices AK Jayasankaran Nambiar and CP Mohammed Nias ruled that the PFI and its general secretary were "wholly and directly" responsible



Association for Protection of Democratic Rights (APDR) and Bandi Mukti Committee members being detained by police during a protest against the ban on PFI and its affiliate organisations, in Kolkata on Thursday

supporters on the citizens as also for the damage caused to

public and private properties. The PFI activists had riot-

ed across the State on September 23 and forced shop-

for the injuries inflicted by their keepers to down their shutters and blocked roads.

They damaged commodities stored in the shops of traders who refused to oblige them

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# Oracle fined \$23 mn for bribing officials in India, Turkey and UAE

PNS NEW DELHI

The US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on September 27 fined tech giant Oracle \$23 million for violating the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) in 2019 for creating slush funds for bribing officials in India, Turkey and the UAE.

This is the second time Oracle has been accused of engaging in corrupt practices in India. In 2012, the SEC had fined Oracle for corrupt practices in India in relation to the contracts with the Ministry of Information Technology in 2006-2008.

As per the 10-page order by SEC, \$3,92,000 (₹2.8 crore) was the slush fund created by Oracle India to bribe an Indian Railway-owned transport firm

in 2019. Detailing the company's India operations, the SEC said Oracle India's employees used "an excessive discount scheme" in connection with a transaction in 2019 with a transportation company owned by the Ministry of Railways.

However, the order by SEC did not specify the name of the transport company that had been bribed.

Page six of the SEC's order details Oracle's operations in India with a headline 'Improper Conduct at Oracle India.

It said that in 2019, Oracle India sales employees also used an excessive discount scheme in connection with a transaction with a transportation company, a majority of which was owned by the Indian Ministry of Railways (Indian SOE).

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# 175 drug peddlers held after CBI raids on narco networks

## held to dismantle, disrupt networks with int'l linkages

PNS NEW DELHI

 $T^{\text{he CBI on Thursday carried out a massive countrywide crackdown on nar-}}$ cotics networks in coordination with the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB), Interpol and police in multiple States. The searches led to the arrest of 175 alleged drug peddlers and seizure of drugs.

The CBI carried out the raids as part of 'Operation Garuda' which started earlier this week to "disrupt, degrade and dismantle" drug networks with international linkages, the CBI said in a statement.

The global operation was planned through a "rapid



exchange" of Intelligence on narco-trafficking and coordinated actions with enforcement agencies across international jurisdictions through

Interpol, the CBI said. The police of eight States and Union Territories, including Punjab, Delhi, Himachal Pradesh, Manipur, and Maharashtra, and the NCB tracked around 6,600 suspects

during the operation. The agencies filed 127 FIRs and arrested 175 people, including six absconders and proclaimed offenders, the CBI said.

The agencies targeted smuggling of illicit drugs and psychotropic substances, with a special focus on the Indian Ocean Region, the statement

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the Kremlin's St. George's Hall.

regions of southern and eastern

Ukraine claimed on Tuesday

night that 93 per cent of the

ballots cast in the Zaporizhzhia

region supported annexation, as did 87 per cent in the

Kherson region, 98 per cent in

the Luhansk region and 99 per cent in Donetsk

However, an adviser to Ukraine's President said that

Ukraine was determined to

reclaim territory that Russia

Administrations in the four

#### **CAPSULE**

## INTEREST RATES HIKED ON SMALL SAVING SCHEMES

New Delhi: The Government on Thursday raised rates on some small savings schemes by up to 30 basis points in line with the hardening interest rate in the economy.

## SC ORDERS NAVLAKHA'S HOSPITALISATION

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Thursday directed the Taloja Jail Superintendent to immediately shift activist Gautam Navlakha, jailed in connection with the Elgar Parishad-Maoist link case, to Mumbai's Jaslok Hospital for treatment.

#### TWIN BLASTS RATTLE **UDHAMPUR**

**Udhampur:** The garrison city of Udhampur, housing Indian army's Northern command headquarters, was rattled by the twin bomb blasts inside passenger buses. P5

# 6 airbags in cars mandate put off by one year

PNS NEW DELHI

Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari on Friday announced that the implementation of "the proposal mandating a minimum of six airbags in passenger cars (M-1 category) would be from October 1, 2023." Earlier it was planned to be implemented from this

October. "Considering the global supply chain constraints being faced by the auto industry and its impact on the macroeconomic scenario, it has been decided to implement the proposal mandating a minimum

of six airbags in passenger cars (M-1 Category) w.e.f October 01, 2023," Gadkari said in a statement released by the

The Road Ministry had earlier announced mandatory six airbags from October 1,

Earlier in September, MoRTH issued draft rules to make it mandatory for car makers to install an alarm system for rear seat belts.

Besides, there has to be a speed alert system to check over-speeding and manual override for the central locking

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# 4 regions of Ukraine to be annexed by Russia today; Kyiv defiant

Russia confirmed on Thursday it will formally annex parts of Ukraine where occupied areas held Kremlin-orchestrated "referendums" on living under Moscow's rule that the Ukrainian

Government and the West denounced as illegal and rigged. Russian President Vladimir Putin will attend a ceremony on Friday in the Kremlin when four regions of Ukraine will be officially fold-ed into Russia, spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters.

Peskov said the pro-Moscow administrators of the regions will sign treaties to join Russia during the ceremony at neighbour.

will annex and takes seriously Moscow's threats to use nuclear weapons in the war with its

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#### **NCRPULSE**

2 GIRLS INJURED AS TEMPLE WALL COLLAPSES ON THEM New Delhi: Two girls were injured after the wall of a temple in southwest Delhi's Kishangarh collapsed on them. According to police, the incident took place on Wednesday when the girls were passing by a temple and its wall caved in on them. They were rushed to AIIMS Trauma Centre for treatment.

#### 30-YR-OLD MAN STABBED BY 3 JUVENILES, DIES

New Delhi: Three juveniles in west Delhi's Sultanpuri area stabbed to death a 30-year-old man who used to snatch their money to buy drinks and often thrashed them. On Wednesday at 8.24 pm, police got information from Saniav Gandhi Hospital that a man had been admitted by his sister with serious stabs. The victim was identified as Ajay, a resident of the Labour Colony, Sultanpuri,

#### **'STUDENTS WANT TO CONTRIBUTE TO NATION'S PROGRESS'** New Delhi: The students of Delhi Government schools not only conside

themselves as "the future of the country" but also wish to "contribute for the progress of the nation", Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia said on Thursday. Reviewing the curriculum-related activities at a government school. Sisodia said that the confidence in students has gone up and that they now have a "vision to improve their careers."

#### CHARRED BODY RECOVERED FROM BURNT CAR

New Delhi: A charred body was recovered from a burnt car in northwest Delhi's Kanjhawala area on Thursday. The body, which was completely charred, is yet to be identified. Police said that a PCR call was received around 6.40 am regarding a burning car in Kanjhawala. On reaching the spot, the car was found on the route from Majra Dabas to Jatkhod. The body and the car were completely burnt. The police are analysing CCTV cameras in the vicinity to ascertain the sequence of events.

#### **NBW ISSUED AGAINST OWNERS OF IVF FIRM**

New Delhi: A non-bailable warrant (NBW) has been issued against Dr Reeta Bakshi and her son, Sarthak Bakshi, the owners of Embryo Health Private Limited, located at Delhi's Green Park by the Tees Hazari Court. The nonbailable warrants have been issued in the case filed by Dr Seema Bajaj who has alleged that the cheque issued by the IVF firm owners worth Rs 52 lakh bounced due to insufficiency of funds. Besides, they have also been charged with cheating and fraud.

#### LABOURER DIES AFTER FALLING INTO 40-FT DEEP BASEMENT

New Delhi: A labourer died after he allegedly fell into a 40 feet deep under construction basement at Safdarjung railway station redevelopment site here on Thursday morning. The deceased, identified as Shamsher, is a resident of Araria district of Bihar. Police said that around 6 am, an information was received at Sarojini Nagar police station that the labourer while working on a construction site near the railway station fell and got trapped under the

#### **GLOBAL LEADERS URGE FOR URGENT, TARGETTED INVESTMENT**

New Delhi: Global leaders at the annual PMNCH Accountability Breakfast highlighted the need for urgent, targeted investment in programmes and policies to tackle the devastating social and economic impact of these crises on the health and wellbeing of vulnerable women, children and adolescents. The issues explored and lessons learned apply across the world, including in South Asia. Data from WHO and UNICEF shows that in 2021 alone, 25 million children did not receive the basic vaccine against diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis, a marker for immunization coverage in general.

# **Shinde wanted to ally with Cong, NCP** to topple Maha BJP-Sena Govt: Chavan

T N RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

In a shocking revelation, the Opposition Congress and Shiv Sena claimed that the current Chief Minister and Shiv Sena's rebel faction leader Eknath Shinde –who was part of the then Sena-BJP alliance—had reached out to the Sonia Gandhi led-party in 2014 and 2017 for an alliance to form a new Government in the State

In a disclosure that sought to establish that rebel Sena leader had been trying to move from the saffron alliance Government and form a new Government in alliance with the Congress and NCP, senior Congress leader Ashok Chavan said that Shinde was part of a delegation that had met him in 2017 to topple the then Fadnavis

Government in alliance with the then Opposition Congress-NCP combine.

Talking to media persons at his home town of Nanded, Chavan claimed that the meeting had happened at a time when the Shiv Sena-BJP alliance was on the verge of breaking ahead of the 2017 municipal elections in the state. Both the saffron allies fought the civic body polls separately

"Ahead of the municipal corporation elections in the state, Shinde had met me along with others in my office in Mumbai with an offer that he would support the Congress and NCP to form a new government in place of the then Devendra Fadnavis government. I had then told Shinde and other leaders present in the delegation to consult NCP chief Sharad Pawar first. I don't

if they consulted Pawar saheb or not," Chavan said.

Simultaneously, Shiv Sena's former minister Chandrakant Khaire said Chavan's claim and said that, Shinde along with a group of around 15 Sena MLAs had met Congress with a pro-posal to form a Sena-Congress-NCP government in the state."But nothing happened aftewards," Khaire said.

Another senior Sena leader Vinayak Raut also alleged that Shinde wanted to "snap ties with the BJP" and ally with the Congress-NCP.

The revelations by Chavan and Khaire shoule be seen in the light of the oft-repeated claim by Shinde that he had rebelled against he had led the rebellion against Shiv Sena President and former chief minister Uddhav Thackeray he did not like the Sena chief's

decision to go against the Hindutva ideology and ally with the Congress-NCP alliance to form government in the state.

It may be recalled that in the third and fourth week of June this year, hinde had led the rebellion within the Shiv Sena with the support of 40-odd party MLAs. leading to the resignation of Uddhav Thackeray as the chief minister and fall of the MVA government in the

Having played a crucial part in the fall of the Uddhav Thackeray-led Government in Maharashtra, the BJP on June 30 anointed rebel Shiv Sena leader Eknath Shinde as the chief minister and its own former chief minister and senior party leader Devendra Fadnavi as the deputy chief minister.

## Govt blocks 67 porn sites

**STAFF REPORTER** NEW

The Government has ordered internet service providers (ISPs) to remove 67 pornographic websites in response to court rulings and for violating new IT guidelines announced in 2021.

In an email to internet service providers, Department of Telecom (DoT) requested that they block 63 websites based on a Pune court decision and four websites based on an Uttarakhand High Court ruling and Ministry of Electronics and IT

orders (MeitY). "MeitY in compliance of the said (Uttarakhand High court) order read along with rule 3(2)(b) of the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021, and in view of certain obscene material available in the below mentioned website that tarnish the image of modesty of

women, has directed to imme diately take down (block) the ... websites/URLs," the DoT order dated September 24

The IT Rules 2021 invoked by MeitY mandates IT companies to remove or disable access to content hosted, stored or published by them which "shows such individual in full or partial nudity or shows or depicts such individual in any sexual act or conduct" and also content which is allegedly impersonated or artificially morphed.

Earlier, on Wednesday the Intelligence Fusion and Strategic Operations (IFSO) unit of the Delhi Police had blocked 23 accounts on Twitter for showing child pornographic content.

On September 20, the DCW had issued summons to Delhi Police and social media platform 'Twitter' regarding presence of several tweets on Twitter which were displaying child pornography.

#### 4 regions of Ukraine to be annexed by Russia...

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Presidential adviser Mykhailo Podolyak insisted that nothing would change on the battlefield if Russia moves to incorporate four regions of southern and eastern Ukraine. "We will liberate our territory by military means," Podolyak said. "And for us, our actions depend not so much on what the Russian Federation thinks or wants, but on the military capabilities that Ukraine has.'

The official annexation was widely expected following the votes that wrapped up on Tuesday in the areas under Russian occupation in Ukraine and after Moscow claimed residents' overwhelming supported for their areas to for-

mally become part of Russia. The US and its Western allies have sharply condemned the votes as "sham" and vowed

never to recognise their results. German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock on Thursday joined other Western officials in denouncing the votes. "Under threats" and sometimes even (at) gunpoint people are being taken out of their homes or workplaces to vote in glass ballot boxes," she said at a conference in Berlin.

"This is the opposite of free and fair elections," Baerbock said. "And this is the opposite of peace. It's dictated peace. As long as this Russian diktat prevails in the occupied territories of Ukraine, no citizen is safe. No citizen is free."

### Cong looks for 'suitable boy'...

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To begin with, he had no meeting with Sonia Gandhi on Thursday, something is seen as a must if the party was going to field him in the race.

Secondly, Diggy Raja is seen as the poster boy of "appease-ment" politics, something the Congress could ill afford to put up with at a time when the BJP is riding high on the Hindutva wave. That leaves the field open for a wild card entry. There are speculations that Maharashtra Dalit leader Mukul Wasnik could be that wild card.

Wasnik is the son of the late Maharashtra leader and former

MP Balkrishna Wasnik. Meanwhile, talking to the

media at the AICC headquarters Digvijaya Singh said he has collected the nomination papers and will most probably file them on Friday. Asked if he was acting at the behest of the party leadership, he said, "I am responsible for myself.

More than 10 Congress legislators from Madhya Pradesh will reach Delhi to be the proposers for Digvijaya Singh when he files his nomination. Singh, arrived in Delhi late Wednesday night leaving the Bharat Jodo Yatra midway.

Singh met the party MP from Thiruvananthapuram on Thursday after collecting nomination papers for the polls. "Received a visit from Digvijaya Singh this afternoon. I welcome

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his candidacy for the Presidency of our Party," Tharoor said in a tweet. "We both agreed that ours is not a battle between rivals but a friendly contest among colleagues. All we both want is that whoever prevails, @incIndia will win!" he said.

Responding to Tharoor's tweets, Singh said,"I agree @Shashi Tharoor we are fighting the communal forces in India. Both belief in the Gandhian Nehruvian Ideology and shall fight them relentlessly, come what may. Best wishes."Tharoor has already declared that he will file his nomination for the post of Congress president on Friday, the last day of the nomination process.

Meanwhile, the Congress leadership warned of strict disciplinary action against all party leaders at any level from making public statements against other leaders or about the party's internal matters. "We are noticing statements of Congress leaders in Rajasthan regarding the Party's internal matters and against other leaders. Strict disciplinary action will be initiated under the provisions of the Constitution of the Indian National Congress if any violation of this advisory is made," Venugopal said in a statement.

The terse warning came after Rajasthan Congress leader Dharmendra Rathore, who has been sent a notice for 'indiscipline' by the party leadership, on Thursday accused Sachin Pilot loyalist Ved Prakash Solanki of being a "traitor", producing a video that purportedly proves

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read with Rules 12 and 13 of the

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Versus Mr. Dinesh Malik & Others

Defendants:
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Roshan Lal Malik, Resident of H. No. 24, 1st Floor, Saini Vihar, PH

4, Baltana, Zirakpur, Chandigarh 140604, Punjab.

Floor, Tower-B Unnati, The Aranya, Plot No. GH 02, Sector-

119, Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar- 201301 (U.P.).

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140604, Punjab. **ALSO-** Flat No. TB-105, 1st

119, Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar- 201301 (U.P.).

3) M/s. Unnati Fortune Holdings Ltd., Reg. Office at T-07-LL-02,

Commonwealth Games Village, New Delhi- 110092.

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Uttar Pradesh)

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publicly available procurement website indicated that Oracle India faced no competition because it had mandated the use of Oracle products for the project," said the order. "One of the sales employees

request. In fact, the Indian SOE's

employees responsible for the transaction," said the SEC order on the bribery in India by Oracle. The SEC order requires Oracle Corporation to pay more than \$23 million to resolve charges that it violated provisions of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) when "subsidiaries in Turkey, the

involved in the transaction maintained a spreadsheet that indicated \$67,000 was the "buffer" available to potentially United Arab Emirates (UAE), make payments to a specific Indian SOE official. A total of and India created and used slush funds to bribe foreign approximately \$330,000 was officials in return for business funneled to an entity with a repbetween 2016 and 2019," the utation for paying SOE officials SEC said in a statement on and another \$62,000 was paid to Tuesday evening.

#### 6 airbags in cars mandate put off... an entity controlled by the sales From Page 1 The Government has been

considering enforcing the use of rear seatbelts after Cyrus Mistry, the former chairman of Indian conglomerate Tata Sons, died in a car crash recently. He was sitting in the rear seat and did not have his seat belt on, local media reported, citing police officials.

According to the proposal, seat belt reminders or alarms will be mandatory in M and N category vehicles, with an audio-video warning in case the seat belts, including the rear

ones, are not worn.

#### 'All women entitled to safe...

by Additional Solicitor General Aishwarya Bhati, had told the top court that discrimination, if any, is not in the Act passed by Parliament and if the court is willing to intervene, then it should do so in the MTP Rules, 2003. Bhati, appearing for the Centre and assisting the court on the issue, had said there is no discrimination under the MTP (Amendment) Act of 2021 and that categorisation has been provided in the rele-

vant rules under the Act. and according to them cateto draft our judgment in such PNDT Act", the court had said.

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The Centre, represented

She had said experts have their own views on these issues gorisation has been done to avoid the misuse of laws including the Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (PC-PNDT) Act due to sex determination of the foetus. "One thing, we should make it clear that we are going a way that we are not going to dilute the provisions of PC-

On July 21, the top court had expanded the scope of the MTP Act to include unmarried women and allowed a 25-yearold to abort her 24-week pregnancy arising out of a consensual relationship. "A woman's right to reproductive choice is an inseparable part of her personal liberty under Article 21 of the Constitution and she has a sacrosanct right to bodily integrity," said the apex court. "Denying an unmarried woman the right to a safe abortion violates her personal autonomy and freedom. Livein relationships have been recognised by this Court," added the SC

#### | 175 drug peddlers held after CBI raid on narco...

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"Drug trafficking networks with international linkages require law enforcement cooperation across international jurisdiction.

Operation Garuda, CBIled global operation, seeks to target drug networks with international footprints for action against handlers, operatives, production zones and support elements," it said.

The CBI and NCB worked with intelligence agencies and police of different States for information exchange, analysis and oper-

ational information, they

"Illicit drugs and psy-chotropic substances, including 5.125 kg heroin; 33.936 kg ganja; 3.29 kg charas; 1,365 gm Mephedrone; 33.80 gm of smack; around 87 tablets, 122 injections and 87 syringes of Buprenorphine; 946 Alprazolam tablets; 105.997 kg Tramadol; 10 gm hash oil; 0.9 gm Ecstacy pills, 1.150 kg opium, 30 kg poppy husk; 1.437 kg intoxicant powder and 11,039 pills/capsules were recovered," the agency added in its statement.

#### ₹5 cr fine on PFI for damage during Kerala...

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The justices said that the hartal on September 23 was a violation of the Kerala High Court order of January 2019 that made flash hartals and bundhs illegal since these caused great hardship to the poor who toil from morning till evening to meet the ends

The State Administration represented by the Secretary to the Department of Home told the Court that despite taking preventive measures, the PFI ĥad indulged in violent incidents such as blocking public pathways, preventing vehicular traffic, attacking vehicles, pedestrians, shops and other establishments and throwing bombs at few places.

"The hartal sympathizers also obstructed the police by applying force with an intention to deter them from carrying out their official duty... In addition to the heavy losses suffered by the KSRTC, private

vehicles and establishments also suffered from the wrath of the hartal sympathizers," the justices quoted the State Administration as saying in their reply to the Court notice.

The Court asked the PFI leadership to deposit the amount of Rs 5.2 crores within a period of two weeks from September 29 with the additional chief secretary to the Government of Kerala.

The amounts so realized shall be purely provisional and shall be duly accounted for and held by the State Government in a separate and dedicated account for disbursal to those claimants who are identified by the Claims Commissioner as entitled to such accounts. The respondents (General secretary and PFI) shall also be liable to such further amounts as are found to be payable to the claimants in the adjudication proceedings before the Claims Commissioner," said the Court

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# 3 premises used by PFI to be sealed: MHA

Three premises used by the Popular Front of India (PFI) in Delhi have been ordered to be sealed and its funds will be freezed, according to a Union Home Ministry notification.

The move came a day after the Central Government banned the PFI for five years for allegedly having "links" with global terror organisations like the ISIS and trying to spread communal hatred in the

The premises which were ordered to be sealed are F-30/1B, Ground Floor, Zaid Apartment, near Royal Hotel, Shaheen Bagh; N-44/A-1, Hilal House, Ground Floor, Abul Fazal Enclave, Jamia Nagar; and B-27/2, 3rd Floor, Thokkar No-7, Jamia Nagar.

The notification said Delhi Police Commissioner Sanjay Arora issued the order after the Home Ministry on Wednesday delegated the powers to all State and Union Territory authorities to exercise two specific provisions of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act to take action against the PFI and eight of its associate organisations which were also declared outlawed.

The two provisions of the

premises and freezing of funds used by a banned organisation."I, hereby, also empower the SHO, or any other Inspector of PS Shaheen Bagh to take all actions necessary for the execution of this notification," the commissioner said in the notification.

Earlier, on Wednesday the Centre banned PFI and several of its associates/fronts for five years under the stringent antiterror law Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, accusing them of having "links" with global terror groups like ISIS and Jamat-ul-Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) and invovement in radicalisation.

The PFI was accused of indulging in "disturbing" communal and secular fabric of the country and "posing a grave threat" to the national security by advancing its radical ideology and calling for estab-lishment of political Islam in India besides allegedly carrying out targeted killings of Hindu

The PFI, the Home Ministry alleged, is encouraging and trying to enforce a terror-based regressive regime, continue to propagate antinational sentiments and radicalising a particular section of society to create disaffection

activities which are detrimental to the integrity, security and sovereignty of the country.

Besides PFI, the associated outfits banned under the UAPA include Rehab India Foundation, Campus Front of India, All India Imams Council, National Confederation of Human Rights Organisation, National Women's Front, Junior Front Empower India Foundation

and Rehab Foundation, Kerala

With the ban, the PFI joins a dubious club of 43 proscribed outfits notified by the Union Home Ministry including Communist Party of India (Maoists), Students Islamic Movement of India (SIMI), Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Tayyaba and Jaish-e-Mohammad, Hizbul Mujahideen, Al Badr. global terror groups Al Qaeda and ISIS, Jamat-ul-Mujahideen Bangladesh, a host of Khalistani terror groups like Sikhs for Justice (SFJ) and several insurgent groups of the

The notification banning the PFI will be followed by a number of actions against the outfit, including seizure of its properties, freezing of bank accounts and a complete prohibition of its usual activities.

## Activities on social media will not be | IMD: Monsoon has considered for ECA admission: DU

**STAFF REPORTER** NEW DELHI

 $F_{ ext{the social media among}}^{ ext{ollowing the rising trend of}}$ youth in the country, Delhi , University (DU) on Thursday announced that the activities including YouTube uploads, Facebook and Instagram reels, and 'vlogs' will not be considered public performances for markings during admission under 'Extra Curricular Activities' (ECA) quota.

Admission through the ECA quota for the academic year 2022-23 will be done in 14 ECA categories, said the officials during a webinar, adding that candidates can apply for a maximum of three ECA categories. However, admission will be offered in only one cat-

During the webinar, Deepti Taneja, Joint Dean, Cultural Council Office, "YouTube uploads, Facebook and Instagram reels, vlogs, and other similar uploads on other non-peer reviewed video streaming sites will not be considered for marking as part of public performance for admission under ECA categories," said.

"Jigs in restaurants or other private platforms, not involving peer-reviewed mechanisms, will not be considered for marking," she said, adding public performance implies



performance through some group or organisation for mass public viewing," Taneja said. For admissions under the ECA supernumerary quota, a candidate's Combined ECA Merit (CEM) score will be considered," Taneja said.

The CEM score of a candidate will be the summation of 25 per cent of the highest program-specific CUET percentage score of all the programs in which s(he) has applied and 75 per cent of the highest ECA score obtained from the ECA categories for which the candidate is being considered.

The candidates are required to upload the relevant ECA certificates at the time of filling up the Common Seat Allocation System-2022 application form. "The uploaded certificates will also have to be brought for the offline trials," she said. For an ECA score of

75 marks, for all 12 categories (except NCC and NSS), 60 marks shall be awarded based on physical trials and 15 marks shall be awarded based on the submitted certificates. The certificates are divided into four categories: participation, prizes training/examinations, work-

published works and exhibi-On Monday, the university had commenced the second phase of the admission process for undergraduate programmes

shops, public performance,

their programme and college combination preferences. Phase I, which started on September 12, and Phase II will remain open till October 10. The Common University Entrance Test (CUET) scores will also be required in both

to allow candidates to choose

# withdrawn from city

Meteorological Department (IMD) on Thursday announced that the southwest monsoon - which gave highly uneven rainfall this year has withdrawn from Delhi. The national Capital recorded an overall rain deficit of 19% this monsoon season. Up to 19 percent of deficient and excess rain is considered 'normal', according to the IMD.

Usually, the monsoon starts retreating from northwest

India by September 17 and withdraws from Delhi within a week. The capital recorded 164.5mm of precipitation against a normal of 125.1 mm in September. "The southwest monsoon has withdrawn from Punjab; some parts of Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, west Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Rajasthan and entire Delhi," IMD said. The Safdarjung Observatory, Delhi's primary weather station, logged 516.9 mm of rainfall this monsoon season, less than half of the precipitation received last year (1169.4 mm).

The IMD data showed that north-east Delhi has rain deficit of 55 percent; west Delhi 48 percent; central Delhi 9 percent; New Delhi 21 percent; north Delhi 3 percent; north-west delhi 20 percent; south Delhi 4 percent and south west 12 percent this monsoon season so far. Only East Delhi was

an exceptional case which received 30 percent excess rainfall. Delhi stared at a much larger rain deficit till September 20. However, a late spell of incessant rains from September 21 to September 24 — due to an interaction between a cyclonic circulation and a low-pressure system — helped it cover the margin to a large extent.

The rainfall recorded at the

Safdarjung Observatory swung from a 49% deficit on September 21 to a surplus of 39% on September 24. The capital recorded 164.5mm of precipitation against a normal of 125.1 mm in September.

Weather experts said that Delhi is an arid zone, which often sees less rain days. "Delhi is a dry area and the axis line of the monsoon trough is towards the south of its normal position. Hence, the city has received less rain," experts said.

Though the country as a whole has received excess rainfall, the distribution has been uneven with the desert state of Rajasthan reporting 36 per cent more rains than normal and north-east region, which witnesses copious showers, receiving deficit rainfall.

IMD classifies rainfall in deficit when it is over minus 19%. If the rain falls between minus 19 and 19%, it is classified as normal but anything between 20 and 59% is considered 'excess' rainfall.

# AAP objects to delimitation commission's draft report

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ NEW DELHI

rhe AAP on Thursday 1 objected to the delimitation commission's draft report flagging wide variations in the number of electorates in different municipal wards in Delhi and demanded equal distribution of voters across seats. The AAP raised multiple

objections to the recommendations made by the delimitation committee set up by the Centre to re-carve municipal wards in Delhi, and also demanded that the civic polls be held "at the earliest".

The AAP delegation included AAP spokesperson Saurabh Bharadwaj, AAP MLA Durgesh Pathak and Azadpur Mandi Chairman Adil Khan. "We had two major concerns on the recommendations of the committee. Firstly, as per ated wards will have a population around 90-95 thousand while the others will only have



a population of 30 thousand. Every ward gets the same amount of funds and this will create a problem in governing wards with a large popula-tion," said Pathak. "We sug-gested that every ward should have a uniform population so that the elected councillors are best placed to serve the citizens of their constituency," said Pathak. "Secondly, they have created island type of areas from their main wards and is as less as 35 thousand while landlocked by another ward from all directions. There are thousand people.

ed to the names of the wards as well. We have submitted comprehensive feedback to the Committee," said Pathak.

Further, in its letter submitted to commission, the AAP has alleged there were several constituencies where the number of wards were neither increased nor reduced, but certain areas have been moved from one ward into another "The Delimitation Committee has to tell the rationale behind this move to the people of Delhi. Previously, the population was uniformly spread across the wards in the respective Assembly Constituencies and they had almost similar populations," the letter stated.

"The Committee has arbitrarily changed the boundaries of the wards and now, some some wards have as much as 93

## Delay in nod for cutting trees for AIIMS redevelopment project: LG says he will take up issue with CM

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ NEW DELHI

The work on the redevelopment of AIIMS is expected to start by the end of this year, after permission for cutting trees is granted by the city government's forest department.

Expressing "displeasure" at the "inordinate" delay in getting the permission for cutting trees that could affect the project, Delhi LG V K Saxena said he would take up the matter with Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal to ensure its early resolution, according to the statement.

The LG chaired the fourth meeting of the Apex Committee constituted to facilitate approvals for the implementation of Master Plan of Redevelopment of the AIIMS into a World Class Medical University, as approved by the Union Cabinet.

informed Saxena that 18 out of the 20 statutory approvals from in place and only two of them were pending.

The only major pending approval was that of tree cutting permission by Delhi gov ernment's Department of Forest and Environment. Saxena was told that this

approval was pending for about a month-and-a-half despite 26 hectares of land in Aaya Nagar and 6 hectare of land in Sultanpur having been identified for compensatory afforestation and tree transplantation, it said. As for the other pending

matter of five land parcels to a single land parcel being allotted to a single lessee by L&DO, it was informed that the same was a procedural issue which will get completed within a few days, it said. It is expected that with the

approvals in place, work on the start in the right earnest by the end of this year, the statement

## DCW urges hospitals to conduct HIV tests of rape victims ing the HIV status of the

The Delhi Commission for ■ Women (DCW) has recommended hospitals to conduct mandatory HIV tests of sexual assault survivors on their first visit. The recommendations come in the backdrop of the panel learning that several hospitals were not conducting HIV tests of all sexual assault survivors. The DCW had issued a notice to the Delhi Government's health department seeking information regarding the number of cases in which HIV tests were conducted for survivors and the accused and the steps and Standard operating procedures (SOPs) being followed to prevent transmission of HIV in sur-

According to the data received, it was observed that several hospitals were not recual assault survivors, the panel said. The panel cited the exam-

Hospital, which reported that of the 180 medico-legal examinations conducted on survivors, HIV tests were done in only a few cases. "Hospitals like Dr Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hospital and Rao Tula Ram Hospital do not even maintain data pertaining to HIV tests of rape survivors. Furthermore, follow-up HIV testing and counselling, which must be done after three and six months, is not being done for most survivors and neither is the data for the same being maintained by hospitals,' the panel said.

It also claimed that the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Rao Tula Ram Hospital, and Jag Pravesh Chandra Hospital said they had no data available on follow-up tests for survivors.

Only two hospitals, Acharya Shree Bhikshu Govt Hospital and Guru Gobind informed that Delhi Police pro-

accused, the DCW said. The women's panel also

said the Integrated Counselling and Testing Centre (ICTC) functioned only from 9 am to 4 pm, forcing many survivors to return the day after the incident for HIV tests."Many hospitals reported a lack of SOPs being followed to maintain confidentiality of the survivors' identities and HIV test results," it noted.

The panel further alleged that many hospitals did not maintain data on administration of Post Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP), the first line of defence against HIV.

The DCW has recommended that the government and police must ensure immediate preventive care and treatment of HIV for survivors of sexual assault. "The commission has recommended that all hospitals should mandatorily

# Discoms to provide temporary power connections ahead of festivals **GRAP from October 1 to contain pollution**

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ NEW DELHI

The BSES Rajdhani Power Yamuna Power Limited (BYPL) will provide 'Tatkal' temporary electricity connection for Pujas, Diwali Melas, Ramlilas and Marriages in order to tackle air and noise pollution during the festive season. To tackle air pollution,

Delhi is set to implement the revamped graded response action plan (GRAP) from October 1. The plan will come into force 15 days before the usual time to control the buildup of pollutants, according to the directions of the commission for air quality management (CAQM). To do its bit for tackling

pollution and joining in the festivities, BSES Rajdhani Power Limited (BRPL) and BSES Yamuna Power Limited (BYPL) will provide 'tatkal' temporary make payment for the tempoelectricity connection for pujas, Diwali melas, Ramlilas and

"Getting them is not only hassle free, it is also cheaper, safer, noise and pollution free," the statement said. Under the scheme, a consumer will be able to get a temporary connection the same day of applying and completing the requisite commercial formalities. Normally, it can take up to seven days for a temporary connection, it stated.

To get a 'tatkal' temporary electricity connection, a consumer has to contact BSES call centre numbers 19123 (BRPL) and 19122 (BYPL) or visit the customer care centre/digi seva kendra at the division office and complete

They can also apply and rary connection online on website (www.Bsesdelhi.Com) and from BSES' mobile app, the

statement said. According to a BSES official, "Our entire machinery is geared up to make 'same day' connections possible. Our advanced IT capabilities and processes will play a major part in facilitating this.

This scheme is our way of join-

ing in the celebrations and

tackle air pollution in Delhi as

it will curb the use of diesel

generators.' "To ensure reliable power supply during festivals, BSES discoms are undertaking several measures, including putting its operations and maintenance teams on high alert," the official said.

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'finer' Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) — a set of anti-air pollution measures followed in the national Capital and its vicinity according to the severity of the situation— will come into from October 1 and environment experts believe advance action this year will lead to lesser incidences of severe pollution. Earlier, GRAP would come into effect from October 15.

The Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM), a statutory body established in August 2021, for management of air quality in Delhi-NCR decided to imple-

ment GRAP early, considering suggestions from the public and experts that advance action can prevent drastic deterioration in air quality. Under the revised GRAP, curbs can be imposed on polluting activities up to three days in advance based on fore-

Earlier, the authorities would implement the measures only after the PM2.5 and PM10 concentration touched a particular threshold. This time, restrictions will be based on air quality index (AQI) values rather than PM2.5 and PM10 concentration. Sunil Dahiya, an analyst at Centre for Research on Energy and Clean Air, hoped that advance

action would lead to lesser incidences of severe air quality. "However, only sustained awareness campaigns and continuous engagement with all stakeholders will resolve the problems such as stubble burning.

Action just before the stubble burning period is unlikely to yield good results, he said. In Delhi, officials said the environment department will be using the new real-time source apportionment system which will help ascertain the contribution of all pollution sources in real time.

The green war room will monitor violations and redress complaints and grievances in keeping with the practice

being followed for the last two years. Dr Mahesh Narang, the head of the farm engineering department at Punjab Agricultural University, said the "finer" GRAP and preemptive curbs will prevent a repeat of the air quality crisis seen on Diwali and the following days last year due to the convergence of emissions from

"Stubble burning peaks in November and Diwali is on October 24. This is a crucial factor. So, it may not lead to a severe situation on Diwali provided all other measures are followed strictly," he said. The government has provided more machines for the

farm fires and firecrackers.

We hope for better results," Narang said. GRAP has now been classified under four different stages of adverse air quality in Delhi: Stage I -'Poor' (AQI 201-300); Stage II - 'Very Poor' (AQI 301-400); Stage III - 'Severe' (AQI 401-450); and Stage IV - 'Severe Plus' (AQI >450). Under Stage I, the CAQM has recommended strict action against

polluting industries, vehicles

and biomass burning.

The use of coal and firewood, including in tandoors in hotels, restaurants, open eateries; and diesel generator sets, except for emergent and essential services, is banned under

# Traders urge Excise Dept to allow sale of unsold booze

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ NEW DELHI

¬he Confederation of Indian Alcoholic Beverage Companies (CIABC) has written to the Excise Department of the Delhi Government seeking its urgent attention for the disposal of the unsold stocks.

The Delhi Government had on November 17, 2021 brought Excise Policy 2021-22, which ended the near absolute monopoly of the Government in sale of liquor, opening the tightly guarded revenue stream to private players, with the city for a brief period seeing opening of fancier liquor shops. This policy was withdrawn in July after the Lieutenant



Governor recommended a CBI excise Policy, operational before probe in its implementation November 17, 2021, was accusing government of combrought back from September mitting irregularities. The old 1. "The matter of stocks leftover

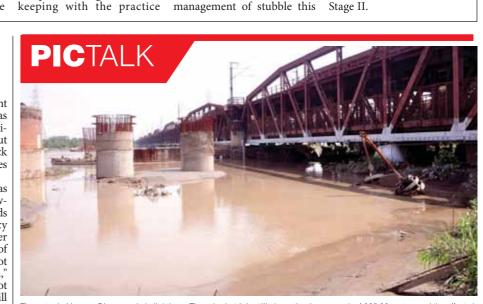
in L1 warehouses of companies on 17 November 2021 when the policy changed is yet to be resolved. "Excise department had allowed companies to transfer these stock to their new L1 licensees but permission to sell it was not granted despite such assurance," said Vinod Giri, Director General CIABC.

"Both leftover stocks are partly due to the fact that on both policy changeover occasions, the companies responded to the appeal by the government to ensure sufficient product supplies during the transition periods and thus it is only fair that the government resolves this matter on priority," said Giri in his letter to the

Excise Commissioner.

A senior Delhi government officer said that the matter was under consideration and a decision was yet to be taken about the leftover stock. "The stock comprised about 70 lakh bottles of liquor. The Excise department was

learnt to be in favour of allowing sale of stock of liquor brands registered under excise policy implemented from September 1. "A decision about stock of those brands that were yet not re-registered is yet to be taken," said officer. If the stock is not allowed to be sold, then it will require to be destroyed as liquor can not be sold without a legitimate license, officials said.



The water in Yamuna River receded slightly on Thursday but it is still above the danger mark of 205.33 metres and the affected people will have to wait for a few more days before they can return to their homes in low-lying areas along the river in Delhi. Ranjan Dimri I Pioneer

# Have procedure to punish officers for adultery: SC to Armed forces

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

The Supreme Court on Thursday said Armed forces must have some kind of mechanism for disciplinary proceedings against their officers for adultery as "this is a conduct that can shake up the life of officers".

The top court said adultery creates "pain" in a family and it should not be treated in a lighter manner. "In uniformed services, discipline is of paramount importance. This is conduct that can shake up the life of officers. Everybody is ultimately dependent on the family as a unit of society. The integrity of society is based on the faithfulness of one spouse to another.

"This (adultery) is going to shake the discipline in the Armed forces. Armed forces must have some kind of assurance that they will take action. How can you cite Joseph Shine (judgment) and say it cannot



said a five-judge Constitution bench headed by Justice KM Joseph. It said the apex court 2018 judgment, which declared penal provision on adultery as unconstitutional, cannot be referred to halt disciplinary proceedings against guilty. "Adultery creates pain in a family. We have held so many sessions as judges in the high courts and seen so families are torn. We are telling you that do not treat this in a lighter manner.

There was one incident where the mother, who committed adultery filed a habeas

her children. They (children) refused to talk to the mother. That's the kind of hate that happens," the bench observed.

The top court, on a plea filed by NRI Joseph Shine, in 2018 had struck down Section 497 of the Indian Penal Code, dealing with the offence of adultery while holding it unconstitutional.

The observations by the bench, also comprising Justices Ajay Rastogi, Aniruddha Bose, Hrishikesh Roy, and C T Ravikumar came after Additional Solicitor General Madhavi Divan, appearing for the Centre, submitted a plea seeking clarification of the 2018 judgment has been filed

The Ministry of Defence (MoD) had moved the apex court saying that the September 27, 2018 judgment striking down adultery as an offence could come in the way of armed forces personnel being convicted for adulterous acts.

plinary actions were taken against certain army personnel for adultery, however, the Armed Forces Tribunal (AFT) quashed such proceedings in many cases, citing the Joseph Shine judgement. "We are seeking that striking down of section 497 will not come in the way of armed forces taking action against officers for unbe-

The ASG informed the apex court that disciplinary actions taken in the Army are gender neutral and even if a female officer is found to be indulging in adulterous activities, she will also face action for misconduct.

coming conduct," Divan said.

The top court said there was nothing in the 2018 judgment which precludes the armed forces and it can challenge the individual orders of the AFT. The ASG sought time to go through the 2018 judgment in detail. The top court then posted the matter for hearing on December 6.

## Def Min visits LAC, reviews security preparedness

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Thursday reviewed the situation along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) facing China in Arunachal Pradesh and operational readiness of the Armed forces to meet any challenge.

He visited the forward

areas of 3 Corps in Anini, a village in Dibang valley of Arunachal Pradesh and made an on-the-ground assessment of the country's defence preparedness along the LAC by taking stock of the entire gamut of security-related aspects, defence ministry officials said

Army Chief General Manoj Pande, Eastern Command chief R P Kalita and other senior officers accompanied the defence minister who also interacted with the troops posted in the area. After his visit to the forward areas, Rajnath had an interaction with armed Forces personnel in Tezpur, Assam. In his address, he commended the dedication and sacrifice of the soldiers posted at the borders, bravely protecting the sovereignty,



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh meets troops during his visit to Anini village, in Dibang valley, Arunachal Pradesh on Thursday

unity and integrity of the country. Strengthening India's military prowess has been the government's top priority ever since it came to power since 2014, with focus on equipping the Services with state-of-theart weapons and equipment through an 'Aatmanirbhar' defence industry, he said. The defence minister appreciated the fact that the government's efforts have resulted in making a strong military which is fully capable of protecting the nation from all kinds of threats. As part of the day's engagements, Rajnath also interacted with the members of second religious expedition to Athu Popu, an annual trek of local Idu Mishmi

tribe, which is being facilitated by the Indian Army since 2021 as part of outreach and continued efforts towards supporting the locals and development of tourism.

On Wednesday, he had visited army formation in Dinjan, Assam. He is on a three-day visit to Assam and Arunachal Pradesh till September 30.

During the visit, the defence minister reviewed the operational readiness of the formation in the easternmost part of the country. He was briefed on infrastructure development along the LAC as well as capability development and operational preparedness.

#### 'India strives to have relationship with China built on respect'

New Delhi/Washington: With most of the stand-offs ending at the border in Ladakh after two years, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has said India strives to have a relationship with China that is built on mutual sensitivity, respect and interest.

His remarks late Wednesday in the US capital came on a day when Chinese envoy to New Delhi Sun Weidong said the situation at the Line of Actual Control (LAC) is moving towards being "normalised."

He also called for India and China to work more closely together to resolve differences, in a speech marking the 73rd anniversary of the People's Republic of China.

Ambassador's statement comes weeks after the two sides agreed to disengage at Patrolling Point (PP) 15 at the LAC, one of several "friction PNS/AGENCIES

## India, Australia agree to enhance Defence ties

New Delhi: India and Australia reviewed the entire gamut of their defence ties and agreed to further enhance collaboration during talks between Navy Chief Admiral R Hari Kumar and Royal Australian Navy (RAN)chief Vice Admiral Mark Hammond in Australia during his three-day visit there.

Giving details of his visit ending Wednesday, Navy officials said here on Thursday it was the first official visit of Admiral Kumar to Australia after he assumed charge as the Navy chief nearly 10 months back. Besides holding talks with his Navy counterpart,

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Kumar also held parleys with Vice Chief of Australian Defence Forces Vice Admiral David Johnston, Secretary of Defence Greg Moriarty and Chief of Royal Australian Air DELHI/WASHINGTON

Robert Chipman. "During these meetings, the leaders expressed their commitment to pursue collaborative activities in several areas of bilateral convergence,' the Navy said in a statement.

Force (RAAF) Air Marshal

The discussions also highlighted the need for raising the level of synergy and focused efforts for overcoming the challenges of maritime environment, the Navy said.

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#### 'India has all along called for cessation of hostilities between Russia-Ukraine'

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 $P^{\text{rime Minister Narendra}}_{\text{Modi's message to Russian}}$ President Vladimir Putin that "today's era is not of war" do not reflect a change in India's position on the conflict, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has said.

Clarifying this position, he also said late Wednesday in the US capital that India has all along called for early cessation of hostilities between the two

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## ED raids Chinese firms, freezes ₹9.82cr

New Delhi: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has conducted search operations and frozen account balances of Rs 9.82 crore of various Chinese-controlled entities maintained with payment gateways, in connection with an investigation relating to the misuse of Appbased token named "HPZ" and other similar applications by several entities.

The searches under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) were conducted against Comein Network Technology Private Limited, Mobicred Technology Private Limited, Magic Data Technology Private Limited, Baitu Technology Private Limited, Aliyeye Network

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The ED initiated money laundering investigation on the basis of an FIR dated October 8, 2021 filed under various IPC sections by Cyber Crime Police Station, Kohima, Nagaland, against HPZ token and others. "The HPZ Token was an 'App-Based Token', which promised users of large gains against investment by declaring the same as 'investing in mining machines for Bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies," the ED said in a statement.

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#### to decode brain scans tic, neurophysiologists need to New Delhi: Researchers at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), in collaboration with the All India Institute of

Researchers develop algorithm

Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Rishikesh, have developed an algorithm that they said can help decode brain scans to identify the occurrence and type of epilepsy. In epilepsy, a neurological disease, the brain emits sudden bursts of electrical signals in a short amount of time, resulting in seizures, fits, and in extreme cases, death.

Based on the point of origin of the brain's erratic signals, epilepsy is classified as either focal or generalised epilepsy. Focal epilepsy occurs when the erratic signals are confined to a specific region in the

If the signals are at random locations, then it is termed as generalised epilepsy. To identify whether a patient is epilepmanually inspect EEGs (electroencephalograms), which can capture such erratic signals, an IISc statement said.

Visual inspection of EEG can become tiring after prolonged periods, and may occasionally lead to errors, says Hardik J Pandya, Assistant Professor at the Department of Electronic Systems Engineering (DESE) and the corresponding author of the study published in 'Biomedical Signal Processing and Control'. In their study, the team

reported a novel algorithm that can sift through EEG data and identify signatures of epilepsy from electrical signal patterns.

"The algorithm aims to differentiate EEG of normal subjects from epileptic EEGs. Additionally, the developed algorithm attempts to identify the types of seizures.

### **IN SHORTS**

#### PFI TWITTER HANDLE TAKEN DOWN

New Delhi: The Twitter handle of the Popular Front of India (PFI) was taken down on Thursday, a day after the group was banned by the government for five years for allegedly having "links" with global terror organisations like the ISIS and trying to spread communal hatred in the country "Account Withheld. @PFIOfficial's account has been withheld in India in response to a legal demand," a message in the page

## DCGI ALLOWS MALARIA VACCINE EXPORT

New Delhi: India's drug regulator has allowed the export of the first produced-in-India vaccine against malaria, developed by scientists at the University of Oxford and manufactured by Serum Institute to the UK, official sources said on Thursday. The DCGI has granted permission to send two lakh doses of the

## EX-IAF CHIEF UP NODAL OFFICER FOR DEF

New Delhi: Former IAF chief Air Chief Marshal RKS Bhadauria (Retired) has joined as Chief Nodal Officer of the Uttar Pradesh Defence Industrial

D MURMU HOSTS IFS New Delhi: President Droupadi Murmu on Thursday said India's leadership in several fields has become unchallenged now and the country plays an important role as a frontline state in the fight against terrorism. She was addressing a group of IFS trainees who had called on her at

#### **MUKESH GETS Z PLUS** SECURITY COVER

the Rashtrapati Bhavan here.

New Delhi: The Home Ministry has upgraded the security cover of Reliance Industries Limited Chairman Mukesh Ambani to 'Z plus' from the current Z category. The cost of security will be borne by Ambani. Ever since the Antila explosive incident, an upgrade was in the offing.

CJI RECOMMENDS **ORISSA CJ TRANSFER** 

New Delhi: The Supreme Court Collegium headed by Chief Justice Uday Umesh Lalit is learnt to have recommended to the Centre the transfer of Chief Justice (CJ) of Orissa High Court Justice S Muralidhar, as the CJ of the Madras High Court.

## **Activists hail SC's** verdict on abortion

NEW DELHI

Soon after the Supreme Court's historic verdict **DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL** allowing married and unmarried women to seek abortion at 24 weeks of pregnancy under

the law, abortion right activists and advocates across India hailed it Date 18.09.2022

tice," she said. Ashutosh Kaushik, CEO, FRHS India and CAG member for Pratigya Campaign echoed similar views, saying, "The judgement has shown some light towards the safe abortion practice that a

> pregnant person wants to take, free of stigma,

Gynaecologist from Rainbow Children's Hospital, Delhi, agreed with Kaushik. She said, "This means a lot for women emancipation and emphasizes the right to reproductive autonomy. When a woman goes for abortion she is already in a very vulnerable position. Abortion has many social and psychological implications for her."

"It's much-awaited move as girls were visiting unsafe and shady clinics at the cost of their health for abortion to avoid unnecessary questions, Dr Vaishali Sharma, a gynecolo-

Milkesh Kumar A Mistry, Shalini M Mistryh No S 123, Uppal, South End Sohna Road, Gurgaonsouth End Sohna Road, Gurgaon, Flat No-2105, 21st Floor, Tower-5, Supertech Azalia, Sector-68, Golf Course Extn. Road, 06-Sep-2022 Rs. 40,35,833/-ALOK RANJAN AND ANOTHER Gurgaon 122001 A/c No:- LBGHZ00003367828 Gurgaon, Gurgaon as a 'progressive' move, one that free of disrespect, free of abuse." (Summons to defendant under Flat No- A1- 2605, 25th Floor, Tower- A1, Victory Ace, Plot No-GH-02, Sector-143 Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar 06-Sep-2022 Rs. 51,95,629.21/-Mukesh Kumar Singh, Nikita Singhplot No.330 Flat No.201, Sector 4 Vaishali Ghaziabad, 03-06-2022 section 19(4) of the Recovery of will let women make decisions Dr Rinku, senior consul-1. Alok Ranjan S/o. Shri Uttam Debts due to Banks and regarding their own body. Obstretics Prasad Rana R/o. 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# No efforts made for decades to develop Guj coastline, says Modi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said although Gujarat has the longest coastline in the country, no attention was paid for its development for decades post-Independence, but "honest attempts" were made in the last 20 years by the BJP Government to turn it into the country's "door of prosperity"

He said the BJP Government in Gujarat implemented several big-ticket projects along the state's coastline without wasting money on

Modi also said the BJP always fulfils the promises it



power is only a means to serve

He was addressing a public rally at Jawahar Maidan in Bhavnagar city of Gujarat's Saurashtra region after inaugurating and performing the ground-breaking ceremony of projects worth more than Rs

Bhavnagar, Botad and Amreli districts. Some of these projects in Bhavnagar included the world's first CNG terminal, development of a brownfield port and a cargo container manufacturing unit.
"Gujarat has the longest

coastline in the country, but no attention was paid for its development for decades after India gained independence. As a result, the coastline created challenges for the people living along it," he said in a veiled attack on the Congress.

But honest attempts were made in the last 20 years to turn the State's coastline into India's door to prosperity, he said the massive gathering.

Minister of Gujarat from 2001 to 2014. Since May 2014, he has been serving as the Prime Minister of the country. "We have developed many

ports and modernised several others. Today, there are three LNG terminals and a petrochemical hub on the Gujarat coast. Apart from playing a crucial role for the export and import sector, Gujarat's coastline has created employment opportunities for lakhs of youths," the prime minister said.

According to him, the State's coastline has now become synonymous with the renewable energy sector and hydrocarbon ecosystem.

#### DREAM city project will make Surat safest, convenient diamond trading hub: PM

Surat: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said once the Diamond Research and Mercantile (DREAM) city project is completed, Surat will emerge as the safest and convenient diamond trading hub in the world.

Addressing a rally after laying the foundation stone and inaugurating a host of projects here in Gujarat, Modi said in the last 20 years Surat has progressed by leaps and

# Twin blasts in 8 hours rock Udhampur

The garrison city of Udhampur, housing Indian Army's Northern command headquarters, was rattled by the twin bomb blasts inside passenger buses in a span of 8 hours in which two civilians received injuries in the last 24

According to Additional Director General of Police Mukesh Singh, "the first blast took place late wednesday night around 10.30 p.m inside a bus parked near the petrol pump in Domel chowk of Udhampur while the second blast was reported early Thursday morning around 6.00 am at an old bus stand in

In both the cases the passenger buses were empty and

no loss of life was reported. Singh said, both the injured were out of danger. They have been identified as Sunil Singh and Vijay Kumar, both the cleaners. They were present inside the bus when the first blast was triggered. Due to the intensity of the blast several

The fact that the blasts took place ahead of the three day long visit of the Union

buses parked in the close vicin-

ity also suffered major dam-

Jammu and Kashmir beginning October 3 is keeping the entire security apparatus on its tenterhooks across the region.

This is the third incident of a similar bomb blast in the Udhampur city this year. Earlier, a street vendor was killed when a blast ripped apart his cart leading to his death and injuries to atleast 17 others present in the busy market area of Udhampur on

# 100 workers hospitalised after ammonia gas leak in Aligarh meat factory

In a shocking incident in Aligarh, about one hundred of workers, mostly women, fell ill after inhaling ammonia gas that leaked in a meat factory on Thursday morning.

The workers were rushed to a nearby hospital after they complained of breathing difficulties following leakage of

ammonia gas.
DIG Range Aligarh Deepak Kumar said, "Around 60 female workers were admitted to hospital and all of them are stable currently.

The incident took place at the Al-Dua meat factory that falls under the jurisdiction of

PTI MALAPPURAM

ongress leader Rahul

Gandhi on Thursday con-

cluded his Kerala leg of the

Bharat Jodo Yatra, which

entered the State on September 10 and will resume the foot march from Tamil Nadu in the

After the yatra ended its

Kerala phase at Vazhikaddavu

Congress leaders Jairam

Ramesh and Digvijaya Singh

thanked the KPCC and UDF

leaders, party workers and

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been part of the #BharatJodoYatra in this beau-

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Roravar police station. Several women are engaged in the factory for packaging-related

Sources, however, maintained that about 100 workers were rushed to different hospitals of Aligarh after they started fainting following ammonia gas leakage.

"Information was received about an ammonia gas leak in any eventuality.

Last phase of Cong's Bharat

porters in the morning phase of

secretary in-charge communi-

cations, tweeted, "Day 22 of

#BharatJodoYatra is last day in

Kerala. Padayatris are walking

Vazhikaddavu this morning.

From Vazhikaddavu we cross to

Gudalur in Tamil Nadu by

vehicle thro' Nilgiris hills. We

are extremely grateful to people

of Kerala for their goodwill

national coordinator of the

yatra, Digvijaya Singh tweeted,

"All PCCs in other States should

come and learn the organisa-

tional work of Kerala PCC.

Finally a Big Thank You to the

People of Kerala and all

Congressmen of Kerala for their

Senior Congress leader and

Nilambur

the yatra, tweeted.

and response."

Jodo Yatra in Kerala ends

a meat factory in the Roravar area where women workers are engaged in packaging work. Around 60 workers were admitted to a medical college hospital after they complained of breathing difficulties. Doctors confirmed that everyone is stable," DIG Range

Aligarh Deepak Kumar said.

The doctors said that everyone who was in the factory was brought to the medical college hospital and they are being treated. "Everyone is out of danger and there is nothing to worry about as of now," they said.

The fire brigade personnel were also summoned to avert

"today we leave Kerala after 22

days of warm hospitality of

response of the people of Kerala

the lovely green terrain and also

enjoyed the Boat Race. Thank

Sudhakaran ji and our most

active State Coordinator K

Suresh ji for responding to all

resumed from Marthoma

College Junction at

Chungathara here -- took a

break at CKHS Manimooly at

Vazhikadavu after covering

around 8.6 km. According to the

itinerary of the yatra, from

Vazhikadavu, Gandhi would

travel to Government Arts and

Science College at Gudalur in

Tamil Nadu by car as the route

goes through a forest reserve

and it is not possible to go on

foot there, Congress party

The foot march -- which

our requests," he further said.

"All our Bharat Yatris loved

PCC President K

was most encouraging.

The factory is reportedly owned by one Haji Zaheer and the local police so far managed to pick up one of the managers to grill him regarding the cause of the gas leakage.

It may be mentioned that in a similar incident in 2020, two senior officials working at the Phulpur plant of Indian Farmers' Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (IFFCO) in Prayagraj died while 13 others fell sick following a gas leak. The PF-1 unit of the IFFCO plant located around 25 km from Sangam city in the trans-Ganga area of Prayagraj had developed an issue and ammonia gas began to leak. The leakage was later stopped by experts at the plant.

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## 'Foreign ultras in Valley below 200'

Outgoing CRPF DG Kuldiep Singh on Thursday said despite a slight upward trend in the number of foreign terrorists operating in Jammu and Kashmir post the Taliban takeover in Afghanistan last year, the overall strength of jehadis in the

Valley is just below 200. He said all the security forces operating in Kashmir are working in a coordinated manner and terrorist incidents have gone down post the abrogation of Article 370 from the erstwhile State in 2019.

"This is a challenge... After Afghanistan, this challenge has grown in many forms and you can see it... Also like the number of foreign terrorists

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goes up and sometimes down. However, the total number of terrorists in I&K is less

It is under 200 now as compared to the earlier times when it used to be 230-240," Singh said when asked during a Press conference about the killing of locals and Kashmiri Pandits by lone wolf terrorists.

## Farewell parade for outgoing CRPF DG stirs row the Paramilitary Forces such

PNS NEW DELHI

The farewell parade for the Toutgoing CRPF DG Kuldiep Singh

has stirred a row with a section of officials pointing to the violation of the BPR&D manual for drafting over a battalion strength of the Force for his send off.

As a custom and tradition, outgoing chiefs of three services and also of farewell parades.

as BSF, CRPF, CISF etc are given ceremonial farewell on the day they demit office.

instructions for such farewell parades have been given and institution-

alised in BPR&D Drill manual 2012, which stipulates a designated strength of offi-

cers and jawans for such

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by them from the Bank and the loans have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). A notice was

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Ajay Grover, Satnam Grover, 741, Pocket- E, Mayur Vihar Phase- II, New Delhi, Delhi- 110091, A/c No:-LBDEL00001916232		E-1506, Assotech Windsor Court, Gh- 04a,sector-78, Noida Uttar Pradesh Gautam Buddha Nagar.	08-Aug-2022 Rs. 43,22,187/-	16-04- 2022
2.	Asha Gupta, lila Devi H. No.361, Pocket- E 19 Sec- 3 Rohini Delhi- 110085 A/c No:- LBDEL00000946884	H. No. 361, Blk.E, Pkt.19, Rohini Residential Scheme, Sec- 3, Rohini, Delhi .	08-Aug-2022 Rs. 1,89,443/-	06-04- 2022
3.	Harpreet Kaur, Jaswant Singh. Flat No- W-1/502, Lifestyle Homes, Vatika India Next, Sector 83 Haryana Gurgaon- 122004 A/c No:-LBDEL00003197802	Flat No- 502, 5th Floor Tower W1, Life Style Homes, 33 A, Homes Avenue, Vatika India Next, Sector 83, Haryana Gurgaon	08-Aug-2022 Rs. 54,08,975/-	08-05- 2022
4.	Jaideep Goel, Veenu Goel C - 2, Divine Park View Apartments, Abhay Khand- 3 Indirapuram Shipra Suncity Uttar Pradesh Ghaziabad- 201014 A/c No:- LBNOD00003098547	Flat No. 1206, Tower- F, 12th Floor, Bulland Elevates Plot No. GH-03 A, Sector-16 C Uttar Pradesh, Noida	08-Aug-2022 Rs. 42,74,024/-	04-05- 2022
5.	Jay Paudyal, Surabhi Paudyal A- 3/112, 2nd Floor, Sector 11 Rohini Delhi- 110085 A/c No:- LBDEL00004303684	Flat No. 701, 7th Floor, Tower- 9, Goa Paradise, Rio De Goa, Block 9, Survey No. 215/1 Sancaole Mormugao, Goa, Margaon.	08-Aug-2022 Rs. 45,33,233/-	21-05- 2022
6.	Mohit Kohli, Arpita Dhupar 14 Ground Floor, D 01 Block South City 02, Sohna Road Haryana Gurgaon- 122018 A/c No:- LBGUR00003216356	Flat No. 2408, 24th Floor Tower-5 , Village Badshapur, Sector- 68, Haryana, Gurgaon.	08-Aug-2022 Rs. 34,14,444/-	06-05- 2022
7.	Neerja Sharma, Vinay Kumar 504 Vrindavan Garden Sec 5, Rajendra Nagar Sahibabaduttar Pradesh Ghaziabad-201010 A/c No:- LBNOD00002198890	E-201 2nd Floor, Tower- E, Officer City, Nh- 58 Raj Nagar Extn., Uttar Pradesh, Ghaziabad.	08-Aug-2022 Rs. 29,07,743/-	06-05- 2022
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9.	Ravindra Singh, kiran. House No-864 Sector- 64, Ballabgarh, Haryana, Faridabad- 121004. A/c No:- LBFDB00005322484	Property, House, No-1088/LIG-1 A, Sector- 62, Housing Board Colony, Haryana, Faridabad.	08-Aug-2022 Rs. 26,56,783/-	09-05- 2022
10.	Rohit Bhardwaj, Shivani. 1014 Charms Solitaire, Ahinsa Khand 2 Indrapuram, Uttar Pradesh, Ghaziabad- 201014. A/c No:- LBDEL00005234578	Flat No. 904, 9th Floor, Block No. 01, Type Tulip, Charms Solitaire, Khasra No. 519 M & 537, Village Mohiddinpur, Kanawani, Indrapuram, Uttar Pradesh, Ghaziabad.	08-Aug-2022 Rs. 42,91,340/-	11-04- 2022
11.	Suman Chawla, Manoj Kumar Chawla 151 Geeta Apartments Block 17, Geeta Colony East Delhi Delhi- 110031. A/c No:- LBDEL00004364956	Flat No. 602, 6th Floor, Tower CS-7, Cape Town, Plot No Gh-01/A, Sector- 74, Noida, Uttar Pradesh, Gautam Buddha Nagar.	08-Aug-2022 Rs. 42,87,760/-	06-04- 2022
12.	Vinod Hans, Shipra Hans A 5/63 Sector 16 Rohini, Ground Floor Delhi Delhi- 110085. A/c No:- LBDEL00004132346	Plot No- 39, First Floor Without, Roof Rights, Sector -25, Pocket- 02, Rohini Residential Scheme, Rohini, Delhi.	08-Aug-2022 Rs. 39,83,706/-	06-05- 2022
13.	T Dhir, Hema B-151 A Ground Floorpul Pehladpur, New Delhi, Delhi, 110044. A/c No:- LBDEL00003111981	Flat No- L -1/222- B, Dda Flat, 1st Floor, Kalkaji, Delhi.	09-July-2022 Rs. 43,89,403/-	30-09- 2019
14.	Gaurav Kaushik, Beenu Sharma, Purshotam Das, Tif Digital Pvt Ltd, H No. 1504 Sector 21, Gurgaon Gurgaon- 122016 A/c No:-LBGUR00004412343	Plot No-1504, Sector-21, Gurgaon.	09-July-2022 Rs. 45,18,073/-	15-10- 2019
15.	Sumit Gulati, Poonam Gulati Plot No. B-47 Ground Floor, Sanjay Enclave Uttam Nagar New Delhi Delhi- 110059 A/c No:-LBDEL00002887786	201, 2nd Floor Tower C Apex Golf Avenue, Plot No. GH 3 Sports City Adjoining, Techzone Sec 1 Greater Noida, Noida.	09-July-2022 Rs. 33,35,102/-	05-04- 2022
16.	Ravinder Dahiya, Shikha, H No. 532 B Village Bhadana Sonipat, Haryana Sonepat- 131001. A/c No:- LBDEL00002421129	Flat No. 1104, 11th Floor Tower H KDP, Grand Savana KH No. 966 To 971, Village Noornagar Pargana Loni Tehsil, Ghaziabad.	09-July-2022 Rs. 31,48,948.08/-	06-04- 2022
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PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI** 

The Supreme Court on Thursday directed the Taloja jail superintendent to immediately shift activist Gautam Navlakha, jailed in connection with the Elgar Parishad-Maoist link case, to Mumbai's Jaslok hospital for treatment. The top court said receiving medical treatment is a fundamental right of a prisoner.

A bench of Justices K M Joseph and Hrishikesh Roy also allowed Navlakha's partner Sabha Husain and sister to meet him in the hospital. "Having heard the counsel for parties, we are of the view that receiving medical treatment would be a fundamental right. We direct that the petitioner be taken immediately for thorough medical check-up.



"Accordingly, we direct Superintendent Taloja jail to take the petitioner to Jaslok hospital so that he is able to undergo requisite medical check-up and receive treatment. We make it clear that the petitioner will remain in police custody," the bench said.

The 70-year-old activist linked to Maoists has appealed the apex court against the April 26 order of the Bombay High Court dismissing his plea for house arrest over apprehensions of lack of adequate medical and other basic facilities in Taloja jail near Mumbai where he is lodged.



sources said.

#### **New Okhla Industrial Development Authority**

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2	31/GM/SM(WC-10)/ET/2022-23 D/o Sector-151 (Laying Interlocking C.C. Paver Block in footpath of 24 mtr. wide road in sector-151) Noida.		78.01					
3	05/GM/SM(WC- 2)/2022-23 M/o Road (Demolishing & Laying C.c. Interlocking tiles on roads Patries in sector-26), Noida.		82.07					
4	07/GM/SM(WC-2)/2022-23 M/o Road (Repair of Brick work, Plaster & Chequrred tile along Parallel road from Atta Peer crossing to DLF Mall near MP-2 road) Noida.		87.41					
5	15/GM/SM(WC- 2)/2022-23	M/o Drain (Improvement of footpath & raising of drain in sector-29 & 37 MP-3 to Brahmputra Market T-Point) Noida.	81.04					

The above tenders can be uploaded by dated 13.10.2022 up to 5.00 PM. Pre-qualification shall be opened / downloaded on dated 14.10.2022 at 11.00 AM. Principal General Manager

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# **Incongruity**

The Govt slams freebies and yet extends the free ration scheme for three months

he Government's move to extend the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalvan Anna Yoiana (PM-GKAY) for a further period of three months, from October to December 2022, flies in the face of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's stand on freebies. The incongruity appears starker against the backdrop of resistance by the Finance Ministry to the extension. Under this scheme, 5 kg of food grain per person per month is provided free of cost for all the beneficiaries covered under the National Food Security Act (NFSA). The PM-GKAY came into being during the first wave of Covid-19 over two years ago to provide food security to the poor, needy, and the vulnerable households. Even after the pandemic subsided and normalcy restored, the Government kept extending the scheme. The Finance Ministry also said that since the pandemic has abated considerably, distress for which relief was given doesn't appear to be prevalent. Financial implications for the Central Government have been about Rs 3.45 lakh



crore so far. The latest extension will cost about Rs 44,762 crore. The official press release announcing the latest extension called it a "welfare scheme." This may not be a very accurate description, for the economy is back on track with hardly any restrictions on people and businesses. The rationale offered by the Government for the extension is that major festivals like Navratri, Dussehra, Milad-un-nabi, Deepawali, Chhath pooja, Guru Nanak Dev Jayanti, Christmas, etc., are forthcoming. Another extension would help people "celebrate [these festivals] with great gaiety."

At best, this is a specious justification: the festive season arrives every year, but that doesn't mean

that government, at the Centre or in states, should start distributing one thing or the other for free. The business of government is governance, not distributing freebies, especially when the fiscal situation is strained and when the economy is facing global and domestic headwinds. This is the reason that the Finance Ministry talked about the fiscal pressure due to the Russia-Ukraine War, effect on fuel prices, and rise in other subsidies. The Finance Ministry is also worried that the continuation of the scheme for a long period could give the impression of its permanent or indefinite continuation. FinMin bureaucrats seemed to be echoing great economist Milton Friedman's famous quote, "Nothing is so permanent as a temporary government programme." The Finance Ministry has made some very valid points, but are the powers that be listening? The answer may not be very comforting. It seems that all the fuss the Modi Government and the Bharatiya Janata Party have been making about freebies is politics; there may not be any genuine desire to restrain the evidence of freebies. Otherwise, the Government would not have continued with the scheme of free rations for another three months. What was a welfarist measure a couple of years ago has become a freebie. One can only hope that the PM-GKAY doesn't get another extension.



Commuters cross the Ganga river during sunset, in Patna

# **Real face of PFI**

PFI is not as clean as it claims; the truth is that it hides behind a carefully constructed veil

ans of psychological thrillers rate Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde as one of the best novellas ever written. The story published in 1886 by RL Stevenson is about Dr Jekyll, a gentleman, and Mr Hyde a murderous criminal, and a series of murders that shook society. It turns out that Jekyll and Hyde are the same person with Jekyll transforming into Hyde with the help of a chemical concoction. A real-life drama of the Jekyll and Hyde genre is being staged in India with the Popular Front of India and the Social Democratic Party of India (SDPI) as the main characters. The SDPI is the political face of PFI, a terrorist organisation that is responsible for murder and mayhem in the many States of India. Nobody was surprised when the National Investigation Agency and Enforcement Directorate swept down on the leaders of the PFI and SDPI across the country on Thursday and arrested nearly 100



prominent faces of these outfits. The PFI called for a hartal in Kerala last Friday to protest against the raids and arrests of its establishments and leaders respectively. Unlike the previous hartals, the one on Friday turned out to be the most violent.

Police looked the other way when the Popular Front of India workers damaged the Karnataka SRTC buses and made shopkeepers down the shutters. Shop owners who refused to heed the hartal call saw their shops and establishments getting destroyed. Policemen were attacked and there were a couple of attempts on the lives of policemen who were on patrol. It was the suomoto intervention of

the Kerala High Court which made the police take action against the hartal mongers. Strangely, neither chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan nor the Opposition Congress were heard condemning the widespread rioting by the PFI activists. The recent rallies staged by the PFI and which were attended by lakhs of activists stand out for the kind of slogans raised by the participants. All one could say is that they were despicable of the highest order. The SDPI, the political arm of the PFI plays a double game by washing its hands off the words and deeds of the latter. This is a ploy to facilitate the growth of the PFI, an organisation known for its religious bigotry. There is no space in Indian society for organisations that promote religious hatred and communal divide. It is time we identified real cancer that is eating up the ageold Indian psyche.

# The key to wild life conservation



Wildlife conservation cannot be achieved by ad hoc measures, it should involve people and have a grounded policy framework

he African cheetahs arrived in India earlier this month amid great fanfare and political hoopla. They have been kept in an enclosed area for now but will soon be released in the hope that they will boost efforts to conserve India's threatened and largely neglected grasslands. However, many wildlife conservationists believe that the introduction of these cheetahs not only goes against national conservation priorities but will also not have any impact on protecting grasslands and open forest ecosystems has been claimed. Conservation scientists like Ravi Chellam contend that a quicker and more efficient way to conserve the grasslands would be to stop categorising them as wastelands and delete them from the Wasteland Atlas of India. This would enable a more focused conservation plan for them.

But has protecting habitats always been the prime consideration behind all decisions related to wildlife conservation? If yes, why was the Galathea National Park, an iconic nesting site of the leatherback sea turtle, located in the Great Nicobar Island, denotified in 2021? Entire sanctuaries have been denotified and erased off the map of India in the name of development, says Prerna Bindra, author and former member of, the National Board for Wildlife. The denotification of the Galathea National Park coincided with the development plans for Great Nicobar put forward by the NITI Aayog, the government's public policy think tank. Little thought was given to where the leatherbacks would nest once their site was destroyed for a shipping project and how this would accelerate the steep decline in their population, contends Bindra.

Securing the Wild

Protecting habitats for the leatherback turtles assumes critical importance as their numbers are decreasing sharply. These are the world's largest turtles and the cies without scales and a hard shell. Named after their tough rubbery skin, leatherback

turtles have existed in their current form since the age of the dinosaurs. As leatherbacks are migratory, some of them swim over 10,000 miles a year between nesting and foraging grounds. The chances of survival for these turtles making this arduous journey and then finding their nesting grounds destroyed are bleak. Shouldn't this project

have been stopped by the National Board for Wildlife (NBWL), the government institution constituted to protect wildlife, sanctuaries, and parks? Bindra points out that instead of exercising its authority and taking corrective action, the NBWL allowed this to happen. While denotification of

the Galathea National Park could not be prevented, a move to denotify a wildlife sanctuary in Himachal Pradesh to set up a cement factory was scuttled thanks to a newspaper report by awardwinning veteran journalist Usha Rai.

Why Stories Are Important This was not the only time Rai used her pen to stop the destruction of wildlife in the name of development.

It was Rai's story on how



IT IS A FACT THAT POLICIES ALONE **CANNOT PROTECT** WILDLIFE. AN **INFORMED COMMUNITY IS** PERHAPS THE **BIGGEST CONSERVATION** CHAMPION the rich and powerful like may have become extinct industrialist Sameer Thapar, owner of ICT Mills, Phagwara, would fly in helicopters and shoot at wildlife in the Corbett National Park that sent shockwaves across the country with the issue even being raised in Parliament. A case was lodged against Thapar for flouting environmental norms by landing a helicopter inside the Corbett Tiger Reserve, a protected area.

These stories are part of an absorbing book that chronicles fifty years of the Wildlife Protection Act 1972. This is what makes the book, titled 'Wildlife India @50,' a great read. The book has been edited by Manoj Kumar Misra, a former Indian Forest Service officer, this 517-page Rupa publication. **Conservation Champions** 

It is a fact that policies alone cannot protect wildlife. An informed community is perhaps the biggest conservation champion. This has been seen over and over again across the country. In Arunachal Pradesh had it not been for the commitment of the community, the rea panda, an endangered species, found only in the eastern Himalayas,

much like the cheetahs. Engaging the community constructively has worked not only in Arunachal Pradesh but also in Kerala. Realising the importance of tapping the potential of the community in planning and management of conservation of wildlife habitats paid rich dividends in Kerala's Parambikulam Tiger Reserve. Making forest management inclusive and participatory was key to sustaining the protection of wildlife habitats. For the first time, forestry students, local scientists, naturalists, photographers, and the local tribal community along with the staff of the Reserve were involved in planning which areas needed to be

categorised as buffer zones. The sixth assessment report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has underlined that India's human vulnerability. Climate change coupled with a 'developmentat-any cost' attitude is a double whammy for India's fragile ecosystem and wildlife.

(The author is a journalist writing on aevelopment and gender. The views *expressed* are personal.)

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### **APPOINTMENT OF THE NEW CDS**

Sir — The Appointment of New Chief of Defence Staff, Lt Gen Anil Chauhan (Retd), military adviser to the National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS), is the most timely and most needed one, he will be the 2nd CDS of the country after the sad demise of 1st CDS Gen Bipin Singh Rawat in a helicopter crash. Lt Gen Anil Chauhan is a highly experienced army officer who has held significant positions like that of the GOC of the eastern command, Director Of Military Operation, and has extensive counterinsurgency experience in I and K and NE, he has wide experience in strategic and national security issues.

India's prevailing security environment is marked by regional instability with a nuclear overhang, on the western front is Pakistan and on the eastern sector is China and both have a common agenda of destabilizing India, they can't see India inching towards becoming a global economic power. The appointment of the 1st CDS was a significant step to carry out India's most significant military reform since Independence. The post of CDS is an institution that carries tremendous responsibility for modernizing the Indian military, hence more than ever before, it is now necessary for the national security decision-makers to be given 'single-point military advice that takes into account the operational strengths and weaknesses and the inter-dependence of each of the armed forces. New CDS Lt Gen Anil Chauhan has a Hercules task to carry forward the unfinished agenda of his predecessor Gen Rawat, who was pushing forward the agenda of the modernisation and reorganization of the armed forces into the integrated theatre commands

Ramesh G Jethwani | Bengaluru

#### **TOKENISATION IS SAFE AND SIMPLE**

Sir — Tokenisation is a welcome mandate of RBI. Tokenisation is a safe, secure, simple, and fast method for online payment. It is the replacement of actual card details with a unique configurable token

## **Healthcare must be digitalised**



he Covid-19 pandemic has made the healthcare industry worldwide realize the need for speeding up its infrastructure on digital transformation. The 2018 Digital Trends report from Econsultancy, a leading Digital Marketing organization in London, reveals that only seven percent of healthcare and pharmaceutical com-

panies have gone digital, compared with 15 percent of companies in other industries. ("Digitised healthcare depends on faster connectivity", Sep. 26). The pandemic has taught a lesson to the healthcare industry on the value and importance of digitalization of medical service, which provides dual benefits of lower costs and higher quality. In fact, in Austria, e-Medication has been successfully running for years, with Electronic Medical records allowing patients there to view all their e-Results anytime and anywhere.

Similarly, doctors in Sweden and Denmark send e-prescriptions to pharmacies. Also, the National Health Service in the UK is working with Google to deploy Artificial Intelligence in the medical field. Digital transformation in medical services will allow patients to manage their treatment independently and share data with doctors. Medical history is critical in emergencies when a physical copy may not be available. In such a scenario, digitization helps by keeping the doctor informed about the patient's medical history in every situation

Ranganathan Sivakumar I Chennai

without exposing the sensitive card details of consumers

With the help of this, our sensitive card details will be safe and cannot be stolen. It will have benefits such as twofactor authentication like OTP ( One Time Password). It is simple to use with just three easy steps, First - Punch in your card number, Second- Agree to securely save your card one time, Third - Enter the OTP received via SMS. Like this merchants can't access consumers' data. Thanks to the RBI for a great mandate.

Somya Agrawal | Ujjain **MOONLIGHTING A BIG NO-NO** 

Sir — Bottom line is that the issue of moonlighting is simply a mess and a lack of authentic information spoils the show. If you pay all your employees well no one will moonlight. And it is quite common sense that no one wants to trade extra 4 hours of sleep and 48 hours of the weekend if your primary employee takes good care of you and your family. Instead of sacking their employees, they need to stop exploiting them and thereby reduce the workload and provide them with the best way possible.

This raises the question of why their employees were forced to or even motivated to engage in such risky, work-life balance and ultimately a career in healthimpacting behaviour. Same competency, double delivery, two different laptops same WiFi and thereby catering to two different clients- all from the comfort of their own home, in their hometown. In the background, India is integrating all of its islands of excellence in the best way possible. Moonlighting should not fade the light at the end of the tunnel

CK Subramaniam | Mumbai

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We have, we have never thought that it was an easy process. But we do believe that the need for reform cannot be denied

forever





work with allies and partners to bring even more pressure on Russia and the individuals that are helping

support its attempted land grab. **US State Dept spokesperson** –Ned Price

I take feedback from my sons a lot They have a very incredible rage. They have watched all kinds of cinema. They have a very

refined perspective. And think, that is the perspective we need

—Hrithik Roshan



side's favour in the FIH Women's Hockey World Cup, the fact that the team was still alive in the competi-

tion is all that mattered right now. Indian women hockey team captain —Savita

Being daughter-inlaw of Vadra family, she (Priyanka) is no more member of Gandhi family as per Indian

tradition

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## **FIRST COLUMN INDIA HEADS G20 AMID FLUX**

Multilateralism is pushed to the wall as world order looks fluid



KUMARDEEP BANERJEE

xternal Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has been a busy man in the last few months, more so, last week when he managed marathon meetings at the United Nations General Assembly. The meeting participants suggest India's new foreign policy stance of finding allies and strategic partners around the globe. India met with its QUAD (US, Australia, and Japan) partners, also Libya, Syria, Cuba, renewed its commitment to France, India, Australia trilateral and France, India UAE strategic partnership.

France, Australia, UAE trilaterals with India are relatively new, born out of the need to find allies post pandemic and keep a check on China in the Indo Pacific region. Prime Minister Narendra Modi was on a short visit to Japan this week to attend the funeral of former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe. The focus was Indo pacific, shared interests and building on the India Japan bilateral.

Clearly, the world order has undergone a significant shift since 2020 with two course altering events, the Covid pandemic and Russia's military attack in Ukraine, thereby shattering the myth of no war in the Eurozone.

If the Covid pandemic and the subsequent disruption in global supply chains (mostly concentrated in China) hadn't dented the existing order, Russia's invasion of Ukraine and subsequent push to annex territories has created a shock in energy and food prices around the globe. There are multiple streams of evolving partnerships which will forever shape the way planet earth emerges in the 21st century.



First, faced by a clear danger of nuclear-powered Russia in the backyard, the larger European countries are rethinking their nuclear strategies. Most of them except for France had given up the nuclear shield to be under US-led NATO providing them umbrella cover. Meanwhile in the eastern hemisphere, Japan faced by a belligerent neighbour, China, is also rethinking its nuclear celibacy strategy.

The US and the UK have already come together to provide Australia with nuclear capabilities in the Indian Ocean region to prevent China from being adventurous. The headwinds are a clear indication of a world again looking at nuclear weapons as a go to deterrent/safety net in case of full-fledged war.

Second, global energy prices, threatening to put almost all of Europe prough a very cold and dark winter of 2022, will shape the way the hastily glued western alliance against Russia will behave in 2023.

A clear and present danger in Russia is forcing ideological shifts in Europe. Meanwhile, the energy and food prices have pushed a couple of nations (including two in India's neighbourhood) in Asia and Africa on the verge of economic breakdown and are looking at institutions such as the IMF for bailouts.

Third, there is a huge drop in acceptance for multilateral institutions as platforms for sorting global common problems. China has been persistently denying India and a couple of other large economies from taking their rightful positions as permanent members of the United Nations Security Council.

There is a huge lack of consensus globally on ways to reap the dividends of a digital economy and therefore effectively tax the technology companies.

This leads to India's presidency of the G20 beginning towards the end of the year. The current Indonesia presidency ends in November and depending on the outcome the baton will be passed on to New Delhi to shape the global narrative. This will be at a time when India would be the most populous democracy, besides being the fifth largest economy in the world. It must find innovative ways of negotiating a consensus on most pressing world issues.

(The author is a foreign affairs commentator)

# Freebie powers the AAP Govt in Delhi



The State of Delhi stands out for all the ills plaguing the politics of freebies across the country, for many people have been deprived of basic amenities

o speak against distribution of freebies, of course, will attract the wrath of those who benefit from them. That is, if we say that electricity, water, travel should not be made free or that television sets or other types of temptations by political parties are wrong and they should end, then it is possible that people unaware of the possible consequences of announcements of such freebies may not

After Independence, the emphasis has generally been on development, poverty alleviation, better social services, drinking water, road, rail, etc. But now some political parties have started making promises to provide electricity, water, transport, television sets and even mangalsutra, all for free, despite poor economic conditions of the states.

Result of such freebies is that states

are coming under huge debts and the quality of public services is the major victim. Significantly, Delhi is a prosperous region of the country. The per capita income here is second highest in the country, after Goa. Due to this, the revenue of Delhi is also very high.

A large number of migrants also live in Delhi, who have migrated from other states in search of employment. Their economic conditions are not so good, which can be gauged from the fact that a large number of people had to leave for their villages, as soon as the lockdown was imposed due to the pandemic. The sight of a large number of migrants going on foot, on bicycle or in buses, with just one bag, still haunts us. Most of the migrant labourers are daily wage earners, or engaged in micro businesses. A large number of them live in horrible conditions, where even basic

facilities are lacking.

In such a situation, there is usually no question of their families joining them. The number of such migrant labourers in Delhi is not less than 50 lakhs. The labourers who bring their families with them are living in very pathetic conditions in Delhi. Schools, colleges and other educational institutions are needed for them

There is also a need for a better sewerage system and good health facilities. Roads, flyovers, etc., are also needed for their movements. But all these works quire nuge expenditure. It is seen that due to lack of funds, Arvind Kejriwal's Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government in Delhi is not able to provide a budget for development and maintenance.

After assuming power in 2015, till date the AAP-led Delhi government has not been able to build any new school, college, hospital, flyover, etc. In such a situation, the plight of the poor can be easily imagined. The roads, water and sewage system are also not being taken care of properly. Lack of finances is the main reason for this. It is not that the



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The fact is that the per capita revenue in Delhi is much higher than the rest of India and is increasing continuously. The total revenue of Delhi for 2021-22 is estimated at ₹53,070

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crore, which is 3 per cent of the revenue of all the states. In 2019-20 it was ₹47,136 crore and in 2014-15, it was only ₹29,584 crore. But along with this increasing

revenue, the expenditure on free electricity, water, and transport of the Delhi government is increasing. The expenditure on free electricity was ₹1639 crore in 2015-16, which increased to ₹2968 crore in 2021-22. The Power Department has demanded ₹3200 crore from the Delhi government for this power subsidy for 2022-23. That is, it can be understood that the burden on the budget is increasing in the name of making electricity free by the Delhi government and it has almost doubled between 2015-16 and 2022-23. By huge spending on free electricity, water and transport, there is always a snortage of funds for essential civic amenities.

As a result of the exercise of Delhi Government towards reducing water bills to zero, both the deficit and debt of the Delhi Jal Board are mounting. In the first three years of the Kejriwal government, the loss of Delhi Jal Board tripled from ₹220.19 crores in 2015-16 to ₹663 crores in 2018-19.

According to the CAG report, in 1998-99, ₹26,620 crore was lent to the Delhi Jal Board, out of

which only ₹351 crore was returned and till March 31, 2018, ₹26,269 crore was outstanding. Meanwhile, the Delhi government has given ₹41,000 crore as loan to Delhi Jal Board in the last five years. The deteriorating conditions of Delhi Jal Board can be gauged from the slow pace of its development works and poor water system. It is believed that the financial conditions of the Delhi Jal Board have become very bad due to the Delhi government and

the free water policy. Slow pace in water connection in unregulated colonies by Delhi Jal Board and poor conditions of sewer system is primarily because of poor financial health of Delhi Jal Board. The opposition parties have also been making allegations of alleged corruption in Delhi Jal Board.

Apart from this, free travel for women in Delhi Transport Corporation buses is yet another freebies scheme run by the Delhi government. Thousands of crores of rupees are lost by the government through freedies. It is natural that due to the limited resources, this freebies policy puts pressure on the government finances and many essential expenditures are

At present, the AAP, which is in power, promised in its election manifesto in the year 2015, about opening 20 new colleges in Delhi, providing free Wi-Fi, building 20000 public toilets, constituting women security force, installation of three lakh CCTV cameras, expansion of health facilities, among others.

There were 69 such promises, including creation of eight lakh jobs, skill training of one lakh youth every year by Delhi Skill Mission, which either remained mere promises or in which progress was very slow. It may be noted that prior to AAP government, 15 years between 1999-2000 and 2014-15, growth in capital expenditure was 19.6 per cent per annum (increase from ₹ 510.5 crores to ₹7430 crores), which declined to hardly 9.2 per cent in the first five years of the AAP government (increase from ₹7430 crores to hardly ₹11549 crores). It can be easily understood that the main reason behind the stalling of Delhi's development was lack of resources, as more and more resources are being used for giving freebies.

If it is said that these freebies schemes are targeted at the poor, then it will not be right. In 2021-22, in Delhi, where per capita income at current prices was ₹401,982 per year, out of 54.5 iakn electricity consumers, 43 lakh people are being provided electricity either free of cost or at half price. A big chunk of those, who can easily pay for electricity, are also being given electricity free. The facilities are being badly affected and the debt on the government is increasing, so it cannot be justified.

Not only this, 20,000 liters of water per month is also being provided free of cost to 5.3 lakh

THERE IS ALWAYS DISCIPLINE INSIDE THE CONGRESS... SONIA GANDHI JI IS OUR PRESIDENT. I HAVE APOLOGISED TO HER. —RAJASTHAN CHIEF MINISTER **ASHOK GEHLOT** 





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# BJP will play up the question of Modi-versus-who?

## The Opposition dreams of unity but has a decisive disadvantage as it is still searching for a challenger to Narendra Modi

Political parties in India have begun advance planning for the 2024 Lok Sabha polls. However, it is early yet; the ruling National Democratic Alliance and the Opposition parties have been vying with each other in their preparations. They are making and remaking strategies according to the political climate. The stage is set for the next general elec-

tions in 2024 The regional parties might threaten the Bharatiya Janata Party. While the ruling BJP plans a hat-trick for Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Opposition is trying to unseat him. Both sides are strengthening with a 350plus target in a Modi-versus-

all scenario. The Opposition dreams



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journalist)

of unity but has a decisive disadvantage as it is still searching for a challenger to Modi. This lack of a prime ministerial candidate may hurt the Opposition—and the BJP will play up the question of Modiversus-who.

With Mamata Banerjee in West Bengal, Nitish Kumar in Bihar, K Chandrasekhar Rao, MK Stalin in the south, and Arvind Kejriwal in the north, the BJP has formidable contests from different regions. There are more than 200 seats in the Opposition strongholds. Himachal Pradesh and Gujarat vote later this year, and next year six key states—Karnataka, Tripura, Telangana, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, and

quer the southern states (129 seats). While Aam Aadmi Party

chief Kejriwal takes on the PM on the corruption issue, others plan to corner the BJP on price rise and unemployment.

Secondly, right or wrong, the BJP is clear about its ideology, has a compelling narrative and poll preparedness, active cadres, and huge finances to fight the poll. Modi has the Government machinery and welfare schemes and works to show while the regional satraps are pretty strong in their states.

Modi has not only kept his flock together but, despite criticism, has also broken other parties and lured them

Parivar, like Ram mandir, removal of Article 370 in Kashmir, and triple talaq. He is likely to take up the issue of a uniform civil code soon. All these will keep his committed voters intact.

However, the recent Parliamentary Board revamp and JD(U) exit in Bihar last month triggered some unrest within the BJP. Still, leaders bank on the BJP's ability to make course corrections. The BJP also needs to get more allies.

The party has begun aggressive preparations for the general elections. It held a meeting recently in Delhi to draw a blueprint for strengthening its position in 144 Lok

core agenda of the Sangh focus on the 70 Lok Sabha seats it never won.

On the other hand, the Opposition is not coherent and is a mixture of different ideologies. They all must adopt a give-and-take pos-ture. While regional leaders have performed well in their respective states, they must work out a common minimum programme acceptable to all partners.

Despite their indifferent health, Deve Gowda, Lalu Yadav, Nitish Kumar, and Sharad Pawar may collaborate to unite the former Janata constituents. With the Congress, they could consolidate across multi-party states such as Haryana, Karnataka, Bihar, Jharkhand and Uttar Pradesh. That's nearly 200

Gandhi's current Bharat Jodo Yatra might help Congress if it clicks.

The Samajwadi Party, a solid regional party in UP, focuses on strengthening its organisational structure. On the other hand, UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has targeted 75 seats for the BJP, which has 80 Lok Sabha seats.

The BSP has launched a massive membership drive with a target of making 75,000 members from each assembly segment as the first step. BSP chief Mayawati has been facing defeat after defeat in the past decade but has a solid Dalit

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Chhattisgarh—go to the polls. Into the BJP. More impor-The BJP is yet to con-tantly, he has fulfilled the The party also proposes to Lok Sabha seats. Rahul to perform or perish. He has

also launched a door-todoor visit of his legislators. Telangana chief minister K.Chandrashekhar Rao also plans to launch a national party, seeking a national role. It will be a thrilling ride until 2024 for all players.

Modi will have ten years of anti-incumbency behind him, but the BJP depends on his magic. But there are many questions, like will Modi perform a hat-trick? Will the Opposition unite? Will Rahul emerge as a successful challenger?

In politics, one week is said to be a long time. We have 18 months to go before the 2024 polls. The picture will become clear when we get near the elections. Till then, political pundits will whistle in the dark.

# North Korea fires missiles after India can play stabilising, bridging **Harris leaves South Korea**

n a show of defiance, North Korea fired two short-range ballistic missiles into the sea on Thursday, hours after U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris flew home from a visit to South Korea during which she emphasized the "ironclad" U.S. commitment to the security of its Asian allies

It was the third round of missile launches by North Korea this week, extending a record pace in weapons testing as it accelerates a push to expand its arsenal and pressure Washington to accept it as a nuclear power.

South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said the North Korean missiles were fired nine minutes apart from an area near the city of Sunchon, just north of the capital, Pyongyang, and flew toward waters between the Korean Peninsula and Japan. It didn't immediately release more details.

Japan's military said it also detected a launch. North Korea fired two short-range ballistic missiles on Wednesday, while Harris was in Japan, and fired one before she left Washington on Sunday.

Harris earlier capped her fourday trip to Asia with a meeting with South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol and a stop at the Demilitarized Zone dividing the Korean Peninsula, where she addressed the threat posed by the increasingly hostile North.



There are also concerns that North Korea may conduct a nuclear test, which would move the country closer to being acknowledged as a full-fledged nuclear power. Visiting the DMZ has become something of a ritual for American leaders hoping to show their resolve

to stand firm against aggression.
At the DMZ, Harris went to the top of a ridge, near guard towers and security cameras. She looked through bulky binoculars as a South Korean officer pointed out military installations on the southern side Then an American officer pointed out some of the defenses along the

military demarcation line, including barbed-wire fences and claymore mines. He said American soldiers regularly walk patrols along a path.

"It's so close," Harris said. Harris then visited one of a row of blue buildings that straddle the demarcation line, where an American officer explained how the buildings are still used to conduct negotiations with North Korea. Sometimes they pass messages back and forth and sometimes they use a megaphone, he said.

That's high tech," Harris joked, before adding, "We've stepped into "It's still going," the colonel

Harris agreed. "The past and present are happening every day."

She then walked out of the

building and up to the demarcation line. On the North Korean side, two figures dressed in what appeared to be hazmat suits peeked out from behind a curtain in a second-floor window. Then they disappeared back inside.

Harris described the North Korean missile launches as provocations meant to "destabilize the region" and said the United States and South Korea remain committed to the "complete denuclearization" of the North."I cannot state enough that commitment of the United States to the defense of the Republic of Korea is ironclad," she said.

"In the South, we see a thriving democracy. In the North, we see a brutal dictatorship," she said before flying out of the border on a U.S. military helicopter.

Earlier, Harris met with President Yoon at his office in Seoul and reaffirmed the U.S. commitment to defend the South with a full range of its military capabilities in the event of war, Yoon's office

They expressed concern over North Korea's threats of nuclear conflict and pledged an unspecified stronger response to major North Korean provocations, including a

# role: Jaishankar

PNS/AGENCIES NEW DELHI/WASHINGTON

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar Chas said India can play a stabilising and a bridging role at a time when in the world it is not an "optimistic picture" and there is a "worried international community." Underlining the country's growing global stature, he also said late Wednesday in the US capital India can also contribute towards de-risking of the global economy and in political terms, in some way, help depolarise the words. He said there are more than oppor-

tunities for India, because it is a very difficult situation. "I think there are contributions that India can make. I think we have today, a stabilising role today. We have a bridging role. We have a diplomatic role. We have to really see in economic terms, how can we contribute to the de-risking of the global economy? I think in political terms, how can we in some way help depolarise the world?" he said. "I think those are really expectations that a lot of other countries, especially countries of the global south have of us. Obviously, we will try and do what we can, and we remain in touch with all the bottom countries of the world," he said. During his just-concluded trip to New York to attend the annual session of the United Nations General Assembly(UNGA), Jaishankar had nearly 100 meetings with world leaders and his counterparts from across the world.

"Today, there is an expectation and here I go back to my UNGA discussion. One of the reasons why there were so many meetings this time. Frankly, there was a lot of demand for meetings. Countries wanted to talk to us," he said

US: China's overreaction to Taiwan spells danger to peace in Southeast Asia

China is endangering peace in Southeast Asia with its "over-reaction" to US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's visit to Taiwan, America's envoy Nicholas Burns said on Thursday, while reiterating that there is no shift in America's 'one-China policy' as alleged by Beijing. Pelosi visited Taiwan on August 2, becoming the highest-ranking American official in 25 years to visit the selfruled island claimed by China, which conducted a series of provocative military maneuvers in retaliation for her presence.

The US has not shifted its stance on Taiwan and remains committed to the 'one-China policy', but Beijing's "overreaction" to Pelosi's visit to Taipei risks a peaceful resolution, Burns said. Burns, who was appointed US Ambassador to China in March, said countries in Southeast Asia should also be concerned about China's aggression in the Taiwan Strait, given its importance as a major shipping

"If anyone has changed policy here, it's really the People's Republic of China, with their overreaction, for nearly two months now since Speaker sincerity" but "reserve all Pelosi's visit," he said speaking at

in Singapore.

We've had a median line in the Taiwan Strait (separating between China and Taiwan) for 68 years; it has really kept the peace. [China] tries to erase that: they fired missiles over Taiwan into the Japanese economic zone, they simulated a naval blockade and air blockade," Burns was quoted as saying by the Hong Kong-based South China Morning Post. For days, China has launched massive military drills encircling Taiwan, which it regards as a breakaway province after Pelosi defied Beijing's warnings and visited the self-ruled

It later suspended dialogue with the US on military and climate change matters. For its part, China earlier angrily responded to US prezremarks that the US forces would defend Taiwan if Beijing tries to invade the self-ruled island, saying it will "strive" for the peaceful reunification of Taiwan with "utmost

island in early August.

## Japan's army issues rare apology over sexual harassment case

**AP** ■ TOKYO

In a rare admission of sexual harassment in Japan's military, its army chief apologised Thursday to a former soldier for suffering caused by a group of servicemembers.

Yoshihide Yoshida, head of Japan's Ground Self-Defence Force, said an internal investigation found evidence that several servicemen were involved in the case brought by former soldier Rina Gonoi last month.

"Representing the Ground-Self Defence Force, I deeply apologise to Ms. Gonoi for the pain she had to suffer for a long time," Yoshida told a news conference.

"We offer a sincere apology."

The investigation was ongoing and further details, including the assailants and their punishment, were not yet released Thursday.

Japan's Defence Minister Yasukazu Hamada earlier this month ordered a ministry-wide investigation into growing reports of sexual assault after Gonoi brought allegations of harassment of her and others.

Gonoi came forward in late August to request a reinvestigation of an alleged assault on her in 2021 by former male colleagues.

She also said she had received informa-

had been harassed while on duty.

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a school in Oakland on



The ministry said the number of various types of harassment complaints rose from 256 in 2016 to 2,311 last year.

In a country where gender inequality remains high, sexual harassment is often disregarded and the #MeToo movement has been slow to catch on. But Japanese women have started to speak up.

Earlier this month, Gonoi submitted a petition to the Defense Ministry signed by more than 100,000 people seeking a reinvestigation of her case by a third party.

She said three senior male colleagues in August 2021 in a dorm at a training ground pressed the lower part of their bodies against her, forcing her to spread her legs, as more laughed, but none tried to stop them.

At least 6 people wounded in

shooting at school in Oakland

## Sri Lanka's Parliament to debate 22nd Constitutional amendment next week

Sri Lankan lawmakers will debate next week on the 22nd Amendment to the Constitution aimed at empowering Parliament over the executive president.

Party leaders agreed to take up the debate on the 22nd Amendment in Parliament on October 6 and 7, Communications Department of Parliament said on Thursday.

The decision was taken at the Business Committee meeting held at Parliament Complex on Thursday morning chaired by Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena.

If enacted, the amendment would

come to be known as the 21st Amendment to the Constitution of Sri Lanka which was first adopted in Earlier this month, the Supreme

Court ruled that the bill seeking the 22nd Amendment to the Constitution can be adopted with a two-thirds majority in the House but



clauses inconsistent with the Constitution are left out of the Bill. The government responded then

saying that debatable clauses would be left out for its adoption in Parliament. The draft bill on the 22nd

Amendment was approved by the Cabinet and gazetted last month. The amendment was formulated amid the ongoing economic turmoil in the country which also caused a politi-

It is meant to replace the 20A unfettered powers to ex-President economy.

Gotabaya Rajapaksa after abolishing the 19th Amendment. With protests raging calling for Rajapaksa's resignation since March end, the need to reform the Constitution to reduce absolute power in the office of the President was brought forward by the protest movement.

Rajapaksa had reversed through 20A the features of the 19A which had empowered Parliament over the

Rajapaksa was ousted in mid-July through the popular uprising against

# UN envoy: Israel defies UŃ

halting settlements

AP UNITED NATIONS

resolution on

Tsrael continued its defiance of a 2016 UN Security Council resolution demanding an immediate halt to all settlement activity in lands the Palestinians want for their future state, advancing plans for construction of nearly 2,000 housing units in the last three months, the UN Mideast envoy said Wednesday.

Tor Wennesland told the council that no progress was made by Israelis and Palestinians on other demands in the resolution -- preventing all violence against civilians, refraining from acts of provocation, incitement and inflammatory rhetoric, distinguishing between Israeli territory and territories occupied since the 1967 credible negotiations."

He did cite several positive steps during the three-month period ending Sept. 20 -- two contacts between Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and high-level Israeli officials in July, Israel's issuance of some 16,000 permits for workers and businesses for Palestinians in Gaza, and a 1.5 per cent increase in imports and 54% increase in exports through the main Kerem Shalom crossing from Israel to Gaza compared to the monthly average for the first two quarters of 2022. But Wennesland said "We continue to see little progress" in implementing the resolu-

tion since its adoption in December 2016.

The resolution was approved by the Security Council when the United States, in the final weeks of the Obama administration, abstained rather than using its veto to support longtime ally Israel as it had done many times previously. The Trump administration strongly opposed the resolution. U.S. Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield told the council Wednesday that from day one the Biden administration has supported a two-state solution, a position President Joe Biden reiterated to world leaders at last week's high-level meeting at the General Assembly.

## Iraq summons Iranian Ambassador after drone bombing campaign

**AP** ■ BAGHDAD

Traq summoned the Iranian ambassador on Thursday to deliver a diplomatic complaint following a deadly drone bombing campaign, the Iraqi

Foreign Ministry said in a statement. The Iranian drones targeted an Iranian-Kurdish opposition group in northern Iraq on Wednesday, killing at least nine people and wounding 32 oth-

The strikes took place as demonstrations continued to engulf the Islamic Republic after the death of Mahsa Amini, a 22-year-old Iranian Kurdish woman who died while in the custody of the Iranian morality police.

Iran's attacks targeted positions of the Democratic Party of Iranian Kurdistan in Koya, some 65 kilometres (35 miles) east of Irbil.

The group, known by the acronym KDPI, is a leftist armed opposition force banned in Iran.

The Foreign Ministry said in its statement that civilians were among those killed. It added that the Iraqi government condemned "this crime, which represented the continuation of Iranian forces' encroachment on Iraq's sovereignty."

The ministry also warned of repercussions on "the societal peace of both countries and on regional security and stability."

#### Wednesday, officials said. The scene of the shooting was "no longer active," according to Alameda County Sheriff

APPENDIX IV A

[See proviso to Rule 8(6)] Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Properties

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spokesperson Lt. Ray Kelly. Paramedics had transported six patients to hospitals, all with gunshot wounds, according to Oakland Fire Department spokesperson Michael Hunt. Oakland Mayor Libby

Schaaf tweeted that all of the



wounded were adults and the shooting happened at Sojourner Truth Independent Study, an alternative K-12 school that is located on the same block as three other are reporting." He said the

schools. Officials didn't say if any of the victims might be students age 18 or older.

Three of the wounded were critical condition at Highland Hospital in Oakland, the other three were taken to Eden Medical Center in Castro Valley and their conditions were not known, officials said.

John Sasaki, a spokesper-son for Oakland Unified School District, said in a statement that district officials "do not have any information beyond what Oakland Police Sojourner Truth Independent Study headquarters has no students. Television footage showed dozens of police cars and yellow tape on the street outside the schools and students leaving the campus.

City Council Member Treva Keid said investigators told her the shooting may be tied to rising "group and gang violence."

Oakland Police Capt. Casey Johnson confirmed in a brief news conference that six people were shot, and didn't answer any questions.

## People trapped, 2.5M without power as Ian drenches Florida

Hurricane Ian left a path of destruction in southwest Florida, trapping people in flooded homes, cutting off the only bridge to a barrier island, damaging the roof of a hospital intensive care unit and knocking out power to 2.5 million people as it dumped rain across the peninsula on Thursday. One of the strongest hurricanes to ever hit the United States threatened catastrophic flooding around Ian's tropical-storm-force winds

extended outward up to 415 miles (665 km), drenching much of Florida and the southeastern Atlantic coast.

Authorities confirmed at least one storm death in Florida. A 72-year-old man was found dead early on Thursday in water in a canal behind his home in Deltona near Daytona Beach, the Volusia County Sheriff's Office said in a statement.

It said he appeared to be using a hose to drain his pool into the wide canal and fell down an incline that was "extremely and slippery due to the heavy rain.

Another Florida sheriff said he believed the death toll would be "in the



hundreds." Lee County Sheriff Carmine Marceno told ABC's "Good Morning America" that his office was receiving thousands of 911 calls from people needing rescue in the county that includes Fort Myers, but roadways were still impassable and bridges are compromised.
"It crushed us," Marceno said. "We

still cannot access many of the people that are in need." Emergency crews sawed through toppled trees to reach people in flooded homes, but with no electricity and virtually no cell service, it was impossible for many people to call for help from the hardest hit coastal areas where the

## As Japan and China mark 50-year ties, moods are mixed

apan and China marked the 50th anniversary of normalization of their ties Thursday as their leaders Fumio Kishida and Xi Jinping stressed the importance of their strengthened relationship over the decades, though they still face difficulties.

On Sept. 29, 1972, then-Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka and Chinese Premier Zhou Enlai signed a communique normalizing their ties and pledging peace and friendship. In the communique, Japan expressed remorse over wartime damage on China and acknowledged Beijing as the country's only legitimate government.

Despite the milestone, the ceremony lacks a celebratory mood as the two countries remain at odds over disputed East China Sea islands and China's growing military and economic influence in the



Japan considers China a security threat and is promoting security and trade frameworks with the United States and other democracies as a counter to Beijing's growing influence. China's escalating tension around Taiwan is also a growing concern. While Japan-China relations today have a variety of possibilities, they face a number of issues and concerns, Kishida said in a message to Xi, which was shown on a big screen at a ceremony sponsored by Japanese influential business organisations and friendship groups and held at a Tokyo hotel. Kishida said he hoped to devel-

op "constructive and stable relations" with China to fulfil a responsibility they share as major powers in contributing to regional and global peace and stability, looking ahead the next 50 years of their ties.

He said it is important to remember their starting point 50 years ago when the normalization was achieved. Xi, in his message sent to Kishida, said normalization of their ties in 1972 opened "a new chapter" in bilateral relations and the two countries have since deepened exchanges and cooperation, bringing welfare to both peoples and peace and development to the region and the world.

He said he attaches "great importance" to the development of their ties and is willing to work with Kishida "to build a China-Japan relationship that meets the requirements of the new era.'

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# **Hundreds of children from east Ukraine stranded in Russian camps**

he Russian occupation I radio and newspaper ads promoted the camps as a summer break from the war for Ukrainian children under their control, free of charge. Hundreds of families agreed in the occupied east and the south, Ukrainian officials and parents say. One bus convoy left Izium at the end of August, with the promise that the children would return home in time for the school year. Instead, Ukrainian forces swept though in early September, driving the Russians into a disorganized retreat and liberating territory that had been in enemy hands for months.

Fifty-two children from Izium and around 250 more from other towns in the Kharkiv region, all between the ages of 9 and 16, are now scattered in camps, according to a Ukrainian intelligence official and a mother who hitchhiked into Russia to retrieve her daughter. Both, like nearly everyone involved in the issue, spoke on condition of



anonymity to describe a sensitive and fraught situation.

'Our main goal was to give the children a break from everything that was happening here, from all the horrors that were here," said Valeriya Kolesnyk, an Izium teacher whose 9-year-old is now in

Russia. "The problem is that the Russian side does not plan to return the children to us."

That doesn't seem to have been the initial expectation.

Kolesnyk said she had sent her elder daughter to a camp in July and the girl returned home with no complications. The orators, willing participants in handing their children over to the enemy. "We are simple people. We could never afford a seaside

afraid they are seen as collab-

holiday for our children and we saw this as a chance," said one Izium father who has a 9-yearold child among the group. No town official was present at Wednesday's gathering.

The Washington Post first reported on the stranded children last week, but AP was able to learn the magnitude of the issue after speaking with 20 parents and officials in both Russia and Ukraine.

Families of the missing children said the Izium couple who organized the trip now tell them Ukraine is too dangerous for children. The couple are planning a permanent future in Russia. "I'm not going back," said the husband, Valeriy Polyvoda, reached by phone in Russia. Polyvoda blamed the children's plight on local authorities in Russia. He refused to say how many chil-

# US: Focus on new Russia sanctions on oil revenue, arms supplies

Future sanctions over President Vladimir Putin's invasion of Ukraine must focus on depriving Putin of what he needs to fund and fight the war: revenue from Russia's oil and gas sales and access to global supply networks to replenish his military, two architects of the Biden administration's sanctions campaign told lawmakers on Wednesday.

While calling for stronger action against Russia, the State and Treasury department officials appearing before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee faced complaints from both Democrats and Republicans that the first rounds of sanctions did not hit Moscow as hard or fast as the administration had forecast.

"What we were told was these were going to be the toughest sanctions ever on a country. That they were going to have certain impacts," said

Sen. Jeanne Shaheen, a New forces. Within the past week, Russia has started calling up hundreds of thousands of civil-Hampshire Democrat, recounting early predictions from administration officials that the

impact that was described to us. "The frustration is we know that while we're playing the long game, Ukrainians are dying, Shaheen added.

sanctions would plunge the

country into recession, send the

value of the ruble plunging, and trigger unrest among Russians.

"And we have not seen the full

Putin has vowed to press his offensive in Ukraine despite battlefield losses to motivated and NATO-supplied Ukrainian ian men to replenish its depleted forces in Ukraine and held sham referendums in Russianoccupied territory, as an expected prelude to claiming those lands for Russia.

In response to those referendums, the U.S. and its allies are preparing new sanctions that White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said Wednesday would impose a severe economic cost on Russia when they move forward with

# loscow tries to draft fleeing Russian men at borders

everything. About two dozen

parents gathered Wednesday

outside a closed café in Izium

overlooking one of the town's

countless bombed out build-

ings. Desperate, angry and

almost crazed with worry, they

say they need more help to

ong lines of Russians trying Long lines of reasonable up to escape being called up to fight in Ukraine continued to clog highways out of the country on Wednesday, and Moscow reportedly set up draft offices at borders to intercept some of

North Ossetia, a Russian region that borders Georgia, declared a state of "high alert" and said that food, water, warming stations and other aid should be brought in for those who have spent days in queues. Volunteers

on the Georgian side of the border also have brought water, blankets and other assistance.

North Ossetia restricted many passenger cars from entering its territory, and set up a draft office at the Verkhy Lars border crossing, Russian news agencies said. Some media outlets released photos at the crossing showing a black van with "military enlistment office" written

Another such draft checkpoint was set up in Russia along the Finnish border, according to the independent Russian news

Tens of thousands of Russian men have fled in the week since President Vladimir Putin announced a mobilization to bolster struggling Russian forces in Ukraine. Although Putin said the callup was "partial," aimed at calling up about 300,000 men with past military service, many Russians fear it will be much broader and more arbitrary than that. There are numerous reports of men with no military training and of all ages receiving draft notices.

Alexander Kamisentsev



Georgia, described the scene on the Russian side of the border.

"It's all very scary — tears, screams, a huge number of people. There is a feeling that the government does not know how to organize it. It seems that they want to close the border, but at the same time they are afraid that protests may follow, and they let people leave," he told the

He said he decided at the last moment to leave "because I am not going to kill my Ukrainian brothers or go to

Protesters Georgian and Ukrainian flags and signs like "Russia Kills" greeted Russians at the border Wednesday. Giga Lemonjava of the political party Droa, which organized the protest, said the evacuees threaten Georgia's security and economy.

One protester, Helen Khoshtaria, tweeted: "We organized a protest at the border today so that the incoming Russians know how we feel about their `Russian world."

Russians have been crossing

by car, bicycle, scooter and foot. According to Yandex Maps, the traffic jam leading to Verkhny Lars, a town near the border between Georgia and North Ossetia, stretched for about 15 kilometers (over 9 miles) on

Georgia's Interior Ministry said over 53,000 Russians had entered the country since last There also are long lines at

the border with Kazakhstan, which has taken in more than 98,000 Russians in the past

# NATO believes Baltic Sea gas leaks were sabotage



US candidate to lead UN telecoms

agency after US-Russia race

**AP** ■ COPENHAGEN, DENMARK

NATO said Thursday it would retaliate for any attacks on the critical infrastructure of the 30-membercountries organization as it suggested that damage to two gas pipelines off Denmark and would-be member Sweden in international waters in the Baltic Sea is the result of sabo-

tage.
"Any deliberate attack against Allies' critical infrastructure would be met with a united and determined response," NATO ambassadors

"is of deep concern.' The alliance also said that "all currently available information indicates that this is the result of deliberate, reckless, and irresponsible acts of sabotage. These leaks are causing risks to shipping and substantial environmental damage."

said in a statement. They said

that the damage to the pipelines

between Russia and Germany

The Swedish coast guard on Thursday confirmed a fourth leak on the Nord Stream pipelines off southern Sweden.

"We have leakage at two positions" off Sweden, coast

guard spokesperson Mattias Lindholm. There are two more off Denmark, he said.

Two of the leaks are on the Nord Stream 1 pipeline that recently stopped supplying gas, while the other two are on Nord Stream 2 that never startweren't running, both pipelines were filled with gas, which has escaped and bubbled to the sur-

The Nord Stream pipelines run through the Baltic to transport gas from Russia to Germany. The Danish and Swedish governments believe that the leaks off their countries were "deliberate actions."

Before the leaks were reported, explosions were recorded. A first explosion was recorded by seismologists early Monday southeast of the Danish island of Bornholm. A second, stronger blast northeast of the island that night was equivalent to a magnitude-2.3 earthquake. Seismic stations in Denmark. Norway and Finland also registered the explosions.

## Another top Chinese official indicted on bribery charges ahead of CPC's key meeting



**PTI** ■ BEIJING

The purge of top Chinese offi-L cials of the ruling Communist Party ahead of its key Congress next month in which President Xi Jinping is widely expected to get endorsed for an unprecedented third term, continued on Thursday with another top official being indicted over

corruption charges. Zhang Yongze, former vice chairman of the provincial government of Tibet Autonomous Region, has been indicted on charges of taking bribes, staterun Xinhua news agency reported.

According to his indictment, Zhang took advantage of his former positions and power to seek benefits for others in areas, including project contracting and personnel promo-tion, and illegally accepted a large amount of money and

valuables in return.

The National Commission probe into Zhang's case and initiated a public prosecution against him at the Intermediate People's Court of Xi'an.

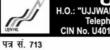
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## **Finland to ban entry to Russian** tourists starting midnight

AP HELSINKI

The Finnish government said Thursday it would significantly limit passenger traffic on Finland's border with Russia, banning Russian citizens travelling with tourist visas from entering the Nordic country effective Friday.

aims to completely prevent Russian tourism to Finland and the related transit through Finland," Foreign Minister

news conference. The government justified its

decision by saying that continued arrivals of Russian tourists in Finland is endangering the PUBLIC NOTICE

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> It said it had discussed the issue with Ukraine's leadership, among others, ahead of the

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Doreen Bogdan-Martin of the United States was elected on Thursday to head the UN's telecommunications agency, winning a US-Russia face-off for the leadership of a key global agency that sets guideposts for radio, internet and television communications — ending a race that has been overshadowed by geopolitics in the wake of Russia's war in Ukraine.

**AP** ■ BUCHAREST (ROMANIA)

Envoys from the 193 mem-

#### ber states of the Geneva-based International Telecommunications Union, selected Bogdan-Martin over lone rival Rashid Ismailov of Russia at the latest meeting in the Romanian capital of its policy-making body -

which meets every four years. Bogdan-Martin, who will begin her four-year term as ITU secretary-general on January 1, is a 29-year ITU veteran and the current director of its telecommunication development bureau. Her career began in the US Commerce Department.

She won the position in a 139-25 vote in which there were also a number of abstentions.

Speaking in the plenary hall in Bucharest after she was elected on Thursday, Bogdan-Martin described the leadership position as "an immensely important position" and said it will be an "honour for me and my country" to lead the organisation.

She is the first woman to head the ITU, and the first American in charge since the

## Ukrainian activist among winners of Alternative Nobel

**AP** STOCKHOLM

The Right Livelihood Award ▲ — known as the "Alternative Nobel" - was awarded on Thursday to community activists and organisations working on three continents, including a Ukrainian civil rights

Oleksandra Matviichuk and the Center for Civil Liberties that she heads were honoured "for building sustainable democratic institutions in Ukraine and modeling a path to international accountability for war crimes." In a statement released by

award committee. Matviichuk said that "now we are going through a very dramatic time of Ukrainian history ... This award is a gesture of support for our struggle in general, and for my work, in par-

Somalia human rights activists Fartuun Adan and Ilwad Elman, who lead community-based peacebuilding initiatives and provide support to marginalised groups, were cited



Somalia in the face of terrorism and gender-based violence." Two organisations were also honoured. Cecosesola, a Venezuelan

association of cooperatives, was cited "for establishing an equitable and cooperative economic model as a robust alternative to profit-driven economies." The Africa Institute for

Energy Governance (AFIEGO) won "for their courageous work for climate justice and community rights violated by extractivist energy projects in Uganda."

# India 'star' emerging market economy: S&P

'Estimated

7.3% growth SRatings on Thursday said in FY-2023' rising rates and

European energy insecurity are hitting growth in almost every country, but India with an estimated 7.3 per cent growth this fiscal, would be the 'star' among emerging market economies.

In a report, S&P said global macro performance over the next few quarters points towards growth slowdown with tightening financial conditions amid rate hikes by central banks. Most leading and sentiment indicators are pointing toward slower growth as well.

Growth eased in the second quarter across emerging markets as inflation reduced real household income, business confidence deteriorated, and the external environment became more complicated, it said.

Emerging-market central banks have been ahead of their advanced-country counterparts in hiking policy rates, and in Latin America they are now near the end of their tightening cycles.

Elsewhere, core inflation continues to rise, suggesting there is more work to do. Large recent hikes by the US Federal Reserve are exacerbating balance-of-payment strains across emerg-



ing markets.
"For the 16 emerging economies that we cover, excluding China, 2022 GDP growth will hit 5.2 per cent this year, in our view. This forecast is up 30 basis points from our previous round. India is the star of this group with growth of 7.3 per cent this fiscal year (ending in March 2023)," S&P said. The US-based agency said as central banks aggressively raise rates to fight inflation, our confidence is waning that they can avoid generating a sharp downturn.

We are now expecting a mild recession in the US," it said, adding that rising rates, increased European energy insecurity, and the lingering effects of Covid-19 are hitting growth almost everywhere.

"This may be the most anticipated economic slowdown on record, but the data have yet to fully fall in line," S&P said.

## Current account deficit widens to 2.8% of GDP in Q1 of FY23



ndia's current account deficit, **L**a key indicator of the balance of payment position, widened to 2.8 per cent of GDP at USD 23.9 billion in the first quarter of the current financial year, mainly on account of a higher trade deficit. As per the data released by

the Reserve Bank on India's Balance of Payments during the First Quarter (April-June) of 2022-23, the current account balance recorded a deficit of USD 23.9 billion (2.8 per cent of GDP) in the first quarter, up from USD 13.4 billion (1.5 per cent of GDP) in January-March

current account surplus stood at USD 6.6 billion, equivalent to 0.9 per cent of GDP in the first arter (April-June) of 2021-22.

"Underlying the current account deficit in Q1:2022-23 was the widening of the merchandise trade deficit to USD 68.6 billion from USD 54.5 billion in Q4:2021-22 and an increase in net outgo of investment income payments," the

It also said net services receipts increased, both sequentially and on a year-onyear (y-o-y) basis, on the back of rising exports of computer and business services.

# Govt lowers borrowing target for FY-2023

#### To borrow just ₹5.92 lakh crore in second half

PTI NEW DELHI

Aday after doling out Rs 444,762 crore for free ration to the poor, the Government on Thursday cut its market horses in a terret for the cur. borrowing target for the current fiscal by Rs 10,000 crore in signs of buoyant tax collections.

In a statement, the finance ministry said the government will do total borrowing of Rs 5.92 lakh crore during October-March period of the current fiscal, including from issuance of its maiden Sovereign Green Bonds of Rs 16,000 crore.

The government had in Budget for 2022-23 projected a gross market borrowing of Rs 14.31 lakh crore.

Of this, the government decided to borrow Rs 14.21 lakh crore during 2022-23.



"Accordingly, the balance retain an additional subscripamount of Rs 5.92 lakh crore tion of up to Rs 2,000 crore (41.7 per cent of Rs 14.21 lakh against each of the securities indicated in the auction noticrore) is planned to be borrowed in the second half of the fiscal year 2022-23 through The amount dated securities, including Rs through this option will be lim-16,000 crore through issuance ited to 3 to 5 per cent of the of Sovereign Green Bonds

Rupee rises 13 paise

to close at 81.80

gross issuance for second half (SGrBs) as per the announceand within the gross borrowing limit for the 2022-23. The ment made in the Union gross direct tax collections till The government will continue September 17 grew 30 per cent to exercise greenshoe option to to over Rs 8.36 lakh crore.

# Sensex slips for 7th day amid F&O expiry

## **RBI** policy in focus

PTI MUMBAI

 $B^{\text{enchmark indices failed to}}_{\text{hold on to early gains and}}$ closed in the red for the seventh straight session on Thursday, with participants remaining in wait-and-watch mode ahead of the RBI's interest rate decision. Unabated selling by foreign

funds added to the pressure, though a modest recovery in the rupee cushioned the fall, traders said.

After rallying in early trade, the 30-share BSE Sensex came under selling pressure in the afternoon session and closed 188.32 points or 0.33 per cent lower at 56,409.96. Similarly, the broader NSE

Nifty dipped 40.50 points or 0.24 per cent to end at 16,818.10.

biggest laggard in the Sensex pack, tumbling 5.22 per cent, followed by Tech Mahindra, Titan, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Bajaj Finance, TCS, Wipro and Bajaj Finserv.

In contrast, ITC, Dr Reddy's, Tata Steel, Sun Pharma, Nestle India, M&M and NTPC were among the major winners, climbing as much as 2.51 per cent.

The Reserve Bank of India

Adani Enterprises Ltd on Thursday said it's three wholly-owned subsidiaries

have achieved financial closure

for the access-controlled six-

lane greenfield Ganga

Expressway Project in Uttar

Pradesh under public-private

ment said it has secured

finances of Rs 10,238 crore

from lenders, and the conces-

sion period of the project shall

be 30 years with traffic link

The company in a state-

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

partnership mode.



(RBI) may take cues from its global counterparts, including the US Federal Reserve, to raise interest rate for the fourth time in a row on Friday to tame stubborn inflation.

The RBI, which has since May raised the short-term lending rate (repo) by 140 basis points (bps), may again go for a 50-bps increase to take it to a three-year high of 5.9 per

"The initial uptick in the domestic market was shortlived due to its weak global peers and declining rupee. As the yield differential between India and the US fell to a multiyear low of 348 bps, foreign investors are still departing from the Indian market.

"Amid the ongoing global trend of aggressive rate hikes, markets are braced for a 50 bps increase by RBI.

Adani Enterprises' subsidiaries secure ₹10 K cr

"Budaun Hardoi Road Private Ltd (BHRPL), Hardoi

Unnao Road Private Ltd

(HURPL) and Unnao Prayagraj Road Private Ltd (UPRPL) —

wholly-owned subsidiaries of

Adani Enterprises Ltd (AEL) —

have achieved financial closure

for the access-controlled six-

lane (expandable to eight lane)

greenfield Ganga Expressway

Project (Group-II, III & IV) in

Uttar Pradesh (UP) respec-

tively on DBFOT (toll) basis

under PPP mode," it

The Ganga Expressway in

fund for Ganga Expressway Project in UP

#### **'Retirement** planning not topmost priority for urban India'

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

 $R^{\rm etirement\ planning\ is\ not}_{\rm the\ topmost\ priority\ for}$ urban India but they worry that savings will not be enough to cover for old age life, with only one in three actively working to meet retirement goals, accord-

Max Life Insurance in partnership with marketing data firm Kantar conducted a survey to assess the urban salaried class' readiness for content and financially independent retired life. About 90 per cent of people above the age of 50 years in the survey regretted not starting early enough in life to save for retired life.

In its second edition, the survey finds the India Retirement Index Study (IRIS) remaining at 44, pointing there is a lag in preparedness over the last one year among the urban salaried class for retired life planning.

Conducted through a selfadministered digital manner, the survey involved 3,220 male as well as female respondents across 28 cities, of which 6 were 12 tier II cities.

Life expectancy is consistently rising over the years.

The objective here is to create a barometer or mirror through which we can keep observing how we are making progress. I think there are several questions when you start to consider about retirement," Prashant Tripathy, Managing Director and CEO, Max Life Insurance said.

way to be implemented on Design, Build, Finance,

Operate and Transfer (DBFOT)

business CEO K P Maheshwari

said the State Bank of India has

underwritten the entire debt

requirement of Rs 10,238 crore

AEL's road portfolio has

rown to 18 projects with more

than 6,400 lane kilometres and

an asset value exceeding Rs

44,000 crore spread over ten

states - Uttar Pradesh,

Chhattisgarh, Telangana,

Adani Enterprises' road

model.

for the project.

#### Gold gains ₹460; silver rallies by ₹1,035



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Gold rose by Rs 460 to Rs 49,960 per 10 gram in the national capital on Thursday amid a rally in prices of the precious metal in international market, according to HDFC Securities.

In the previous trade, the yellow metal settled at Rs . 49,500 per 10 gram. Silver also rallied by Rs

1,035 to Rs 56,230 per kg.

"In the physical market of Delhi, Gold prices traded higher in the morning trade after spot COMEX Gold witnessed a rally in US trading sessions," said Dilip Parmar, Research Analyst at HDFC Securities. In the international mar-

ket, gold was trading higher at USD 1,642 per ounce while silver was up at USD 18.57 per

## Flyers to get 5G services at IGIA

PNS NEW DELHI

The Indira Gandhi International Airport in Delhi is ready to support 5G services and passengers will be able to utilise the high-speed mobile service inside Terminal-3 (T-3) and its surrounding areas as soon as it is rolled out. Flyers having a 5G-enabled mobile phone and sim card can experience a better signal strength, seamless connectivity, negligible latency, and faster data speed at the Domestic Departure pier and International Arrival Baggage area at Terminal 3, and between T3 Arrivals and Multi-Level Car Parking (MLCP).

According to the GMR group, passengers can avail these services once 5G is rolled out in the country. Apart from these, people visiting GMR Aerocity Delhi can also get a feel of the 5G network at GMR

'The 5G network offers a faster speed and lower latency. At the airport, this feature of technology will help improve able Wi-Fi system, it said.



connection density and will also lead to greater efficiencies and aid in faster decisionmaking," Videh Kumar Jaipuriar, CEO at DIAL in a Wi-Fi relies on the unli-

censed spectrum which is free for anyone to use, as per the Delhi International Airport Ltd (DIAL). With the rise in passenger footfall, the airports have witnessed a rise in demand for more bandwidth and faster speed for using gadgets like smartphones and laptops, among others.

Airlines and other airport stakeholders are also seeking fast, seamless and secure connectivity for their essential technologies to meet the demand, DIAL said, adding with 5G network passengers will be able to enjoy a 20 times the next-generation mobile faster data speed over the avail-

#### against US dollar **PTI** MUMBAI The rupee consolidated in a

Budget 2022-23," it said.

I narrow range and settled 13 paise higher at 81.80 against US dollar on Thursday, ahead of the RBI monetary policy decision scheduled to come out on At the interbank forex mar-

ket, the local unit opened at 81.60 against the greenback. It witnessed an intra-day high of 81.58 and a low of 81.94 during the session. It finally ended at 81.80, up

13 paise from its previous On Wednesday, the rupee

plunged below the 82-mark for the first time in intraday trade before settling 40 paise down at 81.93 against the dollar.

"In the last hour of trade, the Indian rupee strengthened along with the Chinese Yuan which appreciated after a report of China state bank may stock up for Yuan intervention. However, the month-end rebalancing, foreign fund outflows and dollar demand from the importers limited the gains in



Traders remained cau-

tious ahead of the RBI's monetary policy decision. In the near-term, spot

USD-INR is having resistance near 82.40 and support at 81.30. A recent, parabolic up move in USD-INR in the last seven days warrants some retracement in the coming days but the directional trend remains up as long as it trades above 80.10," Parmar added.

measures the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, rose 0.55 per cent to

## **BUSINESS BRIEF** 'Merger between LIC Mutual Fund, IDBI MF at an advanced stage'

 $M_{
m Mutual}^{
m erger}$  between LIC Mutual Fund and IDBI Mutual Fund is at a "fairly advanced stage", a top official said on Thursday. "The process is on, it is at

a fairly advanced stage," LIC MF's managing director and chief executive T S Ramakrishnan told reporters, when asked about reports of the merger.

Recent media reports have said that LIC Mutual Fund plans to absorb IDBI Mutual Fund following a regulatory diktat barring a single promoter from owning more than 10 per cent stake in two asset management companies. IDBI Bank, the parent of IDBI MF, is majority owned by LIC for the last few years.

Ramakrishnan added that as and when LIC MF, the 22nd largest MF in the country with over Rs 18,000 crore in assets under management, is in a firm comment on the merger process, it will inform every-



According to reports, there were two attempts to sell IDBI Mutual Fund that could not be successful, and it resulted in the merger with a company owned by the same parent.

Meanwhile, Ramakrishnan said the fund house is targeting to be among the top 10 by AUM (Assets Under (Assets Management) in the next five years, and will be taking specific steps like pushing its distribution efforts and investing in the brand.

It is aiming to increase the share of equity investments to the industry average of 45 per cent of the AUM by FY24 from the present level which is about 12-13 per cent lower, Ramakrsihnan said.

The fund house will play to its core strength of reach in the tier-II and tier-III cities which present the biggest opportunity of growth for the industry, he said, adding that focus on high net-worth individuals will also continue.

## The dollar index, which

#### RELIANCE RETAIL LAUNCHES LUXE BRAND 'AZORTE' Bengaluru: Reliance Retail on Thursday launched a large format

premium fashion and lifestyle store brand 'AZORTE'. The new store format includes several tech-enabled interventions such as smart trial rooms, fashion discovery stations, "endless aisles" and self-checkout kiosks, it said in a statement.

"AZORTE will house the best of global trends and contemporary Indian fashion with an original take on style ranging from western and Indian wear to footwear, fashion accessories, home, beauty and more." it added.

#### 'GOVT POLICIES UP DOMESTIC TOY PRODUCTION' Chennai: The government policy on increasing customs duty on

imported toys and making BIS certification mandatory for toys has boosted domestic toy manufacturing, an official of the Toy Association of India said on Thursday. The move by the government has also helped the industry to explore global markets enhancing exports, president of the association Ajay Agarwal said here. The Indian toy market is growing at over 12 per cent. Three years ago, nearly 80 per cent of the toys were imported, but, today, the scenario changed as imports dropped dramatically, he was quoted as saying in a press release. Citing data provided by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, he said imports of toys which stood at USD 304 million in 2018-19 fell to USD 36 million in 2021-22.

IOC FLOATS SUBSIDIARY FOR TREASURY OPERATIONS New Delhi: State-owned Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) has floated a wholly-owned subsidiary to carry out finance activities such as fund

pooling and treasury operations, it said on Thursday. In a stock exchange filing, IOC said its board has accorded approval for formation of the subsidiary - Finance Company and opening its office in the International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) at Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (Gift City) in Gandhinagar. The unit will "carry out finance activities including activities like fund pooling of foreign companies and utilising the same for carrying out trade financing of IOC and group companies." It would also do global treasury operation and utilising IFSC to raise capital and debt from

#### extension provision of six years, Uttar Pradesh, which will con-Andhra Pradesh, Madhya nect Meerut with Prayagraj, including three years of con-Pradesh, Kerala, Gujarat, West will be India's longest expressstruction period. Bengal and Odisha.

Ford India loss widens to ₹4,229 cr in FY-22

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Indian arm of US car-I maker Ford, which had last year decided to exit from the country, saw widening of its loss after tax to Rs 4,229 crore in fiscal 2021-22, according to data provided by business intelligence platform Tofler.

Ford India Pvt Ltd had posted a loss after tax of Rs 188 crore in 2020-21.

The widening of loss was



primarily driven by restructuring and included exceptional items outgo of Rs 4,226 crore. Revenue from operations in FY22 stood at Rs 10,202 crore as against Rs

per cent. The total revenue from operations included domestic sale of Rs 2,399 crore, which was 49 per cent lower than the prior year's figure of Rs 4,742 crore, as per regulatory filings by Ford India Pvt "Financial performance for the current year is largely

impacted by restructuring deci-

sion announced in September

2021. The decision resulted in

12,057 crore in FY21, down 15

manufacturing operations at Chennai and vehicle manufacturing operations at Sanand," the company said. In terms of volume, Ford India sold 69,223 cars during

exit from vehicle and engine

2021-22 as compared to 94,112 cars in the prior financial year, down 26 per cent. This included domestic sales of 15,870 cars, as compared to 48,042 units in the previous year, down 67 per cent.

### scholarships to aspiring individuals **PTI** ■ CHENNAI

the company said on Thursday. The Chevening

TVS Motor signs MoU with FCDO to offer

programme that aims to attract select students around the world who demonstrate greatest potential to become leaders, decision-makers in their own country. The United Kingdom government's global scholarship programme is awarded to those individuals with strong



can also demonstrate their leadership potential, a company statement said here. "At TVS Motor Company it

has been our endeavour to

create future leaders and sup-

Kingdom is a testimony to this commitment," TVS Motor Company MD, Sudarshan Venu said. "This partnership is an unique opportunity for the talented and dynamic minds in the country and we are excited to be a part of their growth,"

port them in their journey. Our

collaboration with FCDO and

the Government of United

Two and three-wheeler Programme, is a scholarship programme that aims to attract Company has signed a memorandum of understanding with the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office to offer Chevening TVS Motor Company Scholarships to candidates who show great potential to become decision-makers,

## Qatar says WC fans do not need MAX: I DON'T REALLY THINK ABOUT C'SHIP Covid vaccination



oronavirus vaccinations will Unot be mandatory for the million-plus fans going to the World Cup in Qatar this year, the Gulf state said Thursday.

But players and match officials may be forced into a secure "bio-bubble" if Covid-19 cases take off again, with the threat of expulsion from the tournament for those who breach the secure environment, the health min-

istry said. The 29-day tournament will be the first major global sporting event with fans since the eruption in December 2019 of the Covid pandemic, which has since killed more than six million people.

Qatari organisers, who have predicted that more than one million people will pack Doha for the matches, and football's governing body, FIFA, have said they want the event to be a sign the world is getting over the devastating pandemic.

But Qatar's health ministry warned in its World Cup guidelines that special measures would be ordered "in the event of a worsening pandemic situation in the country", such as the emergence of a threatening new variant.

With Covid-19 currently considered under control, "there will be no vaccination requirement for participants and visiting spectators," the ministry said.

All visitors aged over six will have to produce negative Covid-19 tests before taking flights to Oatar for the tournament that starts November 20.

Fans will have to wear masks in public transport but authorities are only recommending the use of masks at the eight stadiums in the Doha region where matches will be

Anyone who tests positive for Covid-19 in Qatar will have to isolate for five days, the guidelines added.

#### **BIO-BUBBLE READY**

Organisers and FIFA are most worried about the first two weeks of the tournament when four matches a day are planned and the peak number of supporters from the 32 competing nations will be packing stadiums, fan zones and tourist spots.

Some estimates say there could be up to 350,000 visiting fans in Doha at the same time during the weekend of November 26-27.

Officials say Doha airport and the city's roads will be facing peak pressure that weekend.

Because of the pressure on accommodation, only fans with tickets can enter Qatar from November 1, though each person with a ticket is allowed to invite three guests.

Each person entering the country must download a special fan pass, a Hayya card, and Qatar's anti-Covid health application, Ehteraz.

The app has to be shown at the entrance to metro stations and most shopping malls.

"If metro stations and malls want to check the app, then people need to be ready for some queues," said one tourism consultant who is advising a major chain of hotels in Qatar.

Other measures may also be difficult to enforce because of the shear numbers, experts said.

The ministry is recommending a one metre (three feet) space between diners in cafes

ax Verstappen on Thursday said he thinks he is "quite a long shot" to retain his Formula One world championship at this weekend's Singapore Grand Prix, even though it is mathematically pos-

**AP** SINGAPORE

Red Bull driver Verstappen, who will celebrate his 25th birthday on Friday, is running away with the title battle but must win Sunday's race and then depend on his closest rivals faltering, or the fight will move on to Japan the following week.

"I don't really think about the championship," said the dominant Dutchman, who has won 11 of 16 races in 2022 and the last five in a

"It's quite a long shot and I just want to enjoy the weekend and of course try to win it," he told

"I need a lot of luck for it to happen here so I don't really count on it." Verstappen admitted he knew the scenario required for him to secure

back-to-back championships. "I need to win and Checo (Red Bull teammate Sergio Perez) needs to finish fourth or lower and (Ferrari's) Charles (Leclerc) eighth or lower.

"So I mean it's a bit unrealistic for it to happen, so I don't really think about it," he said.

Verstappen said he was more concerned about the single-lap pace of the Red Bull at Singapore, where qualifying in pole position is crucial on a track where it is almost impossible to overtake.

"We really need to focus over one lap. This year we've never really been

incredible over one lap," he said. "We've always been good in the race but around here we know that one-lap performance is very impor-

Verstappen has never won Singapore's spectacular night race, which is returning to the calendar for the first time since 2019 because of

The nature of the city centre circuit and Singapore's tropical heat and humidity means it is the most demanding venue on the calendar, both physically and mentally.

Every running of the Singapore Grand Prix has featured a safety car and the race requires huge powers of concentration.

There are no long straights to give drivers a breather and concrete walls line the bumpy tarmac ready to punish the slightest error.

"We haven't been to Singapore for a while so it will be interesting to see how the track has evolved," said Verstappen, who has a 116-point lead

## Hamilton 'feels for fans' as Verstappen runs away with title

**AP** ■ SINGAPORE

Seven-time world champion Lewis Hamilton on Thursday said that he feels for the fans with Max Verstappen on the cusp of wrapping up the world championship early at this weekend's Singapore Grand Prix.

Last year's title chase saw Verstappen pin Hamilton on the

Verstappen pip Hamilton on the very last lap of a controversial final race of 2021 in Abu Dhabi.

But Verstappen can clinch his second successive world championship for Red Bull on Sunday night with five races to spare if he claims a sixth consecutive win and his rivals finish down the field.

After some patchy results in the first three races of 2022, after which Verstappen found himself 46 points behind Ferrari driver Charles Leclerc, the Dutchman has dominated.

Verstappen has won 11 of 17 races and now has an almost unassailable 116-point lead over Leclerc with just six grands prix to

"I definitely feel for the fans because, even for us, last year going right down to the wire was intense for everybody," said Hamilton, who has struggled all season in his Mercedes and is himself out of the championship running.

"So it's never great when the

season finishes early," he said. The 37-year-old Briton said he was "grateful" to have his 2008 season -- when he won his first world title -- right down to the last 17

"And obviously last year, pretty much much the same thing. Let's hope for the future, it's a bit better," he said.

Hamilton has grappled all season with a car that has suffered

from instability over bumps and bouncing at high speed.

But he said the team now understands the new 2022 car "100 percent" better than at the season's previous street races at Monaco and Baku, and that gives him hope for this weekend.

"We've learned a huge amount about the car," he said.

"I think we're very fortunate that we're in a much better place than I think we have ever been. So I hope we are not that far away. We hope that the car works

better here but it really depends how bumpy it is. The bumps often set the car off and upset the car in a lot of instances. We do know it will be bumpy.
"They have resurfaced some

parts of the circuit so hopefully it is not as bouncy as before. Maybe the car will be fine, maybe it Hamilton is looking to keep his

proud record of winning at least one race in every season since his debut for McLaren in 2007.

"For me, we've still got six races, I'm still enjoying the challenge and proud of the strength and the growth in our team," he said.

Just seeing how hard everyone works is for me the most inspiring thing. Trying to come up with solutions, trying to crack the code. That's really impressive because it's just relentless.

"I have no expectations at all, just going to try and have the best weekend with whatever we are faced with."

to equal the single-season mark of 13 jointly held by Schumacher (2004)

over Leclerc following his victory at the Italian Grand Prix three weeks ago. He is 125 clear of third-placed

He needs to extend his lead to 138 points by Sunday's chequered flag to secure the earliest championship win since Michael Schumacher won in 2002 with six GPs remaining.

Verstappen needs two more wins

and Sebastian Vettel (2013). "It will be nice if we get it," said

Verstappen. "But for me personally it's not something. It's nice what we've done the last few races but I don't think about it any more.

"I'm just focusing on what we have to do here.'

## **UWW** gives 18 World C'ship quotas for **Paris Olympics to World Qualifiers**

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The top-five and not top-six Championships will earn quota places for the 2024 Paris Games in each of the 18 weight categories, as the world governing body UWW has announced changes to the qualification process for the Olympics.

The 18 quota places taken away 2023 Championships, the first event offering quotas, have been added to the World Qualifiers, which will be the last chance for wrestlers to secure spots for the Paris Games.

United World Wrestling (UWW) President Nenad Lalovic was quoted as saying by the official website of the world governing body on Wednesday that the changes are aimed at creating "further fairness in the distribution between the World Championships and the World Qualifiers.

The World Championships is set to be held in Russia from September 16-24. Apart from the 2023 World Championships, the continental qualifiers (Asia, Africa, Pan-America, European) in 2024, and the 2024 World Olympics Qualifiers will also



offer quota for the Games. Earlier, 108 quotas were awarded at the World Championships (six

per Olympic weight) but now 90 quota places will be on offer.
From India Bajrang Punia

(65kg), Ravi Dahiya (57kg), Deepak Punia (86kg) and Vinesh Phogat (53kg) had qualified for the Tokyo Games through the 2019 World Championships in Nur Sultan while Anshu Malik (57kg), Sonam Malik

(62kg) had qualified through the Asian event in Almaty, Kazakhstan. Heavyweight wrestler Sumit Malik (125kg) had qualified through

the World Qualifiers in Sofia, Bulgaria.

In Russia next year, all four medallists (gold, silver and two bronze winners) will secure the quotas for their respective nations and the two bronze medal play-offs losers will contest for the fifth spot.

A total of 144 wrestlers will qualify for the Paris Games through the continental qualifying events (Asian, European). The top two wrestlers in each Olympic weight class will get one spot each for their NOCs.

The quota winners at the 2023 World Championships will not be eligible to participate in the continental qualifiers unless they participate in a different style.

At the World Olympic Qualifiers three quotas in each Olympic weight class instead of the two previously will be at stake.

Not just the gold and silver medal winners will secure quotas but the bronze medal winners will also get a chance to qualify for the Olympics.

The bronze winners will fight it out for the quota in each of the 18 categories.

Unused quotas due to withdrawal, doping offence, or non-participation, will be transferred to the next best wrestler of that weight category of the tournament.

The deadline for the Olympic Games entries will be July 8, 2024. The wrestling competition will be held from August 4-11.

## PM Modi declares 36th National Games open

PTI ■ AHMEDABAD

The 36th National Games was inaugurate 📘 ed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at a glittering opening ceremony here on Thursday evening in the presence of over 100,000 ecstatic spectators.

In keeping with the Olympic convention, but with a modern twist, Gujarat's swimming star Maana Patel brought in the symbolic Torch of Unity into the arena and handed it over to the Prime Minister.

Watched and applauded by several current and past sports icons, including Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra, Olympic medallists PV Sindhu, Ravi Dahiya, Mirabai Chanu, Gagan Narang, former national hockey captain and new HI chief Dilip Tirkey along with World Championship medallist Anju Bobby George, the Prime Minister placed the Torch on the podium for it to be lit by augmented

When the PM rose to speak, a roar as loud as thousand lions echoed in the stadium, underlining his continued popularity in the

"This sight, this ambience can't be described in words. In the world's biggest stadium, one of the world's youngest countries is witnessing India's biggest sports festival,"

# Messi's form gives Nice defenders reason to fear PSG trip

**AP** ■ PARIS

Nice's defenders must be hoping their former coach Christophe Galtier is kind enough to rest Lionel Messi for Saturday's game at Paris Saint-Germain.

Messi's two goals for Argentina against Jamaica on Wednesday — a typical solo goal followed by a free kick — made it nine goals in his past three games for the national team, taking his international tally to 90.

So far this season Messi has four goals and a league-high seven assists for league leader PSG and his partnership with Neymar is looking much like their Barcelona days from 2013-

"We have known each other for a long time, by heart, since Barcelona," Messi told sports channel TUDN in an interview this week.

"We are happy to be together. I love playing with him."

With Messi serving up scoring chances galore thanks to his rare vision of the game and exquisite passing, it is perhaps no surprise that Neymar is leading the league with eight goals and that France star Kylian Mbappé is next with seven.

None of which is good news for a Nice side languishing in 13th place; weakened during the offseason by the sale of key forward Amine Gouiri to Rennes and by Galtier's departure to PSG after Mauricio Pochettino

A rash of late summer signings seemed like a quick fix and created an unbalance to the side that Nice coach Lucien

Favre has yet to resolve. Losing Galtier after just one season in charge was a big blow.

His arrival at PSG surprised some observers, as it marked a significant shift away from the club's habit of chasing big-name, fan-pleasing coaches. Galtier's credentials were etched in fact rather than any illustrious reputation. After all, he is a threetime French league manager of

He knocked PSG off its perch when he led Lille to the eague title against the odds in 2021, before joining Nice and sending PSG out of the French Cup in Paris.

In a combined five games as Lille and Nice coach, Galtier's sides were unbeaten against PSG without conceding a goal. A remarkable statistic considering the firepower PSG has, and proof of Galtier's shrewd tacti-

cal sense. The fact Galtier's made such a fine start to this campaign, with seven wins and a draw, is also because he knew just how to eliminate the same PSG weaknesses he had exploited.

"I worked a lot on PSG's last season and previous seasons. I also had a lot of my own analysis on PSG," Galtier said. "I worked to find the best system possible to really bring out the incredible qualities of the play-

That has certainly worked with Messi and also with Neymar, who is fitter, leaner and hungrier than for many years.

# Injury-hit Barca visit Mallorca with hole in defence

When Xavi Hernández oversaw the remodeling of Barcelona's squad this summer, the coach made sure he was so well covered at rightback that his club could afford to loan out United States defender Sergiño Dest to AC

Milan. But after a spate of injuries that has decimated Barcelona over the international break. Xavi may have a huge hole in his defense ahead of Sunday's game at Mallorca.

Jules Koundé, Ronald Araújo and Héctor Bellerín, who have played at right back this season, are all out for an undetermined period of time. Koundé and Araújo, who can play at center back as well, were hurt while playing for France and Uruguay, respectively, in games to prepare for the World

hurt his left leg while training for Barcelona.

Roberto can recover from a muscle problem that has side-Islands.

to shoehorn a player with little or no experience at right back into the position, draft a player from Barcelona's youth team, or opt to play with three centerbacks and two wing backs. Barcelona will also be with-

player for Xavi this season. Of the injuries, Araújo's appears to be the most serious.

That leaves Barcelona waiting to see if veteran Sergi

lined him for three weeks in time for the trip to the Balearic If not, Xavi may be forced

out midfielder Frenkie de Jong and foward Memphis Depay after they were both hurt while playing for the Netherlands. Neither has been a first-choice

Barcelona faces two Champions League group games against The 23-year-old defender Inter Milan and a clásico against



Finland to repair an abductor muscle in his right thigh that he that damaged in Uruguay's 1-0 loss to Iran on Friday. Over the next three weeks,

The only good news for Robert Lewandowski returned in perfect shape from his stint with Poland. The striker leads the Spanish league with eight goals

Mallorca, coached by

**BENZEMA BACK** Karim Benzema is back for Real Madrid after recovering from a tendon injury and a strained muscle in his right thigh that had kept him off the field for over three weeks.

lost 12 of the last 13 visits by

Barcelona to its stadium. Its

only win during that stretch

came in 2009 with Barcelona

already crowned the league

Spanish league double last season after scoring 44 goals in all competitions. But his team has not missed him much and has kept up its perfect record this

season of nine wins in as many

games in all competitions. Carlo Ancelotti's side leads the league by two points ahead

fifth-placed Osasuna on Sunday. "I'm feeling very good, comfortable. I'm looking for-

Benzema said. "We've got a great team, although it could be said that we've got two teams. There's no difference between those who start the game and those who come on.

ward to the game on Sunday,"

A struggling Sevilla faces a tough test when it visits Benzema led Madrid to Atlético Madrid on Saturday. the Champions League and Pressure is growing on coach Julen Lopetegui and the club's leadership, which sold off talented players this summer, after the team has won just once in eight games overall.

Third-place Real Betis

plays at Celta Vigo on Sunday, while fourth-place Athletic was fired. Bilbao hosts Almería on

# **BUMRAH RULED OUT OF T20 WC**

Jasprit will be forced out of action for six months due to a back injury

ndia's pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah was on Thursday ruled out ▲ of the T20 World Cup due to a back stress fracture, dealing a massive blow to team's chances at the ICC flagship

event starting next month in Australia.

A BCCI official told PTI that
Bumrah will be forced out of action for

six months due to the back injury.
"Bumrah is not going to play the T20 World Cup for sure. He has a serious back condition. It's a stress fracture and he could be out for a period of six months," a senior BCCI official told PTI on conditions of anonymity.

Stress fracture is a tiny crack in the bone, caused by overuse and is common in sports persons. When stress reaction (bone bruise) goes undetected for a considerable time, it develops into stress fracture.

Almost 50 per cent of sports injuries are caused by stress fractures. Back stress fractures do not require surgery but a lot of time to heal. Rest is best solution to treat stress fractures.

It is understood that either Deepak Chahar or Mohammed Shami could replace Bumrah in the main squad. Both were named as stand-by players for the prestigious tournament by the

Bumrah, who played the second and third T20 against Australia, had travelled with the team to Thiruvananthapuram for the series-opener against South Africa but left for Bengaluru to be at National Cricket Academy (NCA) for rehabilitation.

The 28-year-old fast bowler is the second senior star player to be ruled out after Ravindra Jadeja, who is recovering from a knee surgery.

The Indian team is already looking unsettled at the moment and



Bumrah's injury has only compounded the woes for skipper Rohit Sharma and coach Rahul Dravid.

"Losing Bumrah and Jadeja will be huge for India. We didn't expect that things will pan out as they have. He was rested for the Asia Cup precisely to manage his workload management. Now it remains a question if he was even fit enough to play the Australia series," the senior official said.

Many senior players have been given adequate rest, keeping in mind their workload.

What is more interesting is the fact that Bumrah has played only five Tests, five ODIs and as many T20Is in 2022 apart from IPL games for

Mumbai Indians.

"That's not a lot of cricket, considering that he was rested for Asia Cup, West Indies tour and also some of the bilateral cricket played in India. That's a lot of rest.

"As of now he is at the NCA and the rehab will be a long and arduous one. Yes, World T20 is important but

he is still young and India's biggest bowling asset. You can't take risk with him," the official said.

Bumrah, who has a slinging action, puts a lot of pressure on his back durng loading. Former West Indies pace bowling great Michael Holding had assessed that Bumrah was always a candidate for back injuries.



## Arshdeep's focus is on adaptability ahead of T20 World Cup

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**r**oung India left-arm pacer Y Arshdeep Singh said "adaptability" is the main focus of the team ahead of the T20 World Cup, starting next month in

The T20 World Cup will be held in Australia from October 16 to November 13, and Arshdeep said the Indian bowlers are geared up for the tough challenge that awaits

"Adaptability is the big motive of our team. The main motive is adapting to the situa-tions and demands of the team, whatever the situations and conditions are," said the 23-yearold pacer, who made a sensational comeback after a disappointing outing in the Asia Cup recently

"When we go there (Australia) we will see how the conditions are. I'm looking forward to doing well.

Arshdeep (3/32) and Deepak Chahar (2/24) broke South Africa's backbone to help India register an easy eight-wicket win over the Proteas in the lowscoring first T20I.

"We are trying to tick all the boxes in the practice sessions and trying to execute all our plans on the field. Today (Wednesday) was really a good example of showing a good power play bowling and we are looking forward to do amazing things in the coming days, Arshdeep said at the post-match presentation.

The left-arm pacer, a key arsenal in India's death bowling scheme of things for the ICC showpiece next month, missed the preceding three T20Is against Australia after he was sent to the

NCA for conditioning.
"The purpose of the last 10 days was to get refreshed and come back stronger and fitter that will help me in my bowling. I feel really refreshed and looking forward to doing good things on the field," Arshdeep said after his exploits with the

Bowling with the new ball in the absence of Jasprit Bumrah and Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Arshdeep came back with a bang, grabbing three wickets in five balls to reduce South Africa to 8 for 4 inside the second over. Arshdeep, who made his

debut in the tour of England in July this year, said he always strives to give his best on the field without bothering about They told me you're 'in the plan' back end of the IPL, that

I'm in the scene... I guess the main motive was to keep doing well whatever opportunities I get, that's my job and I don't think much about the selection part," he said. Arshdeep had a forgettable Asia Cup campaign in the UAE,

where he struggled to get wickets in the power-play and also made headlines for dropping a sitter in their loss to Pakistan in the 'Super 4' stage. But with some assistance

from the Greenfield track, he dismissed Quinton de Kock, Rilee Rossouw and David Miller in the second over to silence his

"Getting the wickets early on was always a great feeling. The plan was really simple, the ball was swinging. I had to pitch it in the right places and it worked well. It was about hitting the right areas and making sure the line was good.'

He also credited his senior teammate Chahar for holding up the pressure from the other

"We practice in every type of situation, our job is to adapt to the situations and do well for the team. Today (Wednesday) it was more about the new ball and we worked really well as a pair, a lot of credit goes to DC bhai as well," he signed off.

## Rauf sends warning to India ahead of T20 WC opener

Pakistan pacer Haris Rauf is banking on his knowledge gained from the Big Bash League to outsmart Indian batters in the Cup at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on October 23.

The arch-rivals, who don't play bilateral series due to geopolitical tensions, will clash for a fourth time in one year at the

"If I give my best, they won't be able to play me easily. For the upcoming World Cup match, I'm very happy because it is at the Melbourne Cricket Ground," Rauf, who plays for Melbourne Stars in the BBL, said in the post-match interaction after their six-run win over

England.
"It is my home ground because I play for the Melbourne Stars, and I have an idea of how the conditions play out there. I've already started planning on how I would bowl against India," he

Pakistan took a 3-2 series lead in the seven-match T20I

Pakistan defeated India by 10 wickets — for the first time in a world tournament — in the last edition of the T20I World Cup in UAE. But recently in the ical five-wicket win before losing to Pakistan in the 'Super 4'

The 28-year-old fed the Indian batters with short-pitch deliveries as he returned wicketless in their first match of the Asia Cup. But in the Super 4 stage, he accounted for the key wicket of India skipper Rohit

The 28-year-old ended the Asia Cup with eight wickets from six matches. But in the ongoing series he's been at his best, leading the tally with eight wickets from five matches.

The match between India and Pakistan is always a highpressure game. In the World Cup last year, I was feeling so much pressure. But in the past two matches in the Asia Cup, I didn't feel much of it because I knew I just had to give my best,'

as Rajasthan Royals opener

when he was dismissed in a sim-

ilar fashion by veteran Indian

off-spinner Ravichandran

Aswhin, who was back then

(mode of dismissal) in the game

because they always create such

a talking point when it should be

about the battle between bat and

No one wants to see them

playing for Kings XI Punjab.

## SKY is now India's highest run-scorer in T20Is in single calendar year

Curyakumar Yadav's status 🕽 as Índia's best T20I batter in recent times has been reaffirmed as he became the highest scorer in a single calender year with 732 runs, surpassing Shikhar Dhawan's 689 back in

Suryakumar, who scored one of his finest T20I half-centuries against South Africa on a seaming track in Thiruvananthapuram on Wednesday, is only 24 runs short of completing 1000 runs in the format.

His strike-rate in 2022 is a whopping 180.29, while his career strike-rate is a stagger-

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outh Africa left-arm spinner

Keshav Maharaj feels the

Proteas need to re-assess how to

combat the new ball which

swung "prodigiously" in the first

few overs of the series opener

crumbled as Indian seamers

Arshdeep Singh (3/32) and

Deepak Chahar (2/24) swung

the ball both ways to set up an

eight-wicket win for the hosts in

the first T20I here on

we need to dwell too much on.

However, we do need to chat

about how we started," Maharaj

said at the post-match press con-

"I don't think it's a chapter

South Africa's batting unit

against India.

Wednesday night.

has already hit 57 sixes and 88 boundaries in his career so far. Coming onto bat at No.4

position in the first T20I against South Africa with India being reduced to 17/2 in the seventh over, Suryakumar hit two sixes off his first three balls to give the innings a change in momentum after a slow start.

He remained unbeaten on 50 off 33 balls as India scaled the target with more than three overs to spare and eight wickets in hand. With the two sixes early in

the innings, Suryakumar also went past Pakistan's Mohammad Rizwan to record the most sixes in any calendar

SA need to find ways to combat new ball: Maharaj

"The application we saw

upfront, we need to re-assess that

and find ways to combat the

swing. The ball did swing prodi-

giously in the first couple of

Maharaj, who top-scored for the visitors with a 35-ball 41,

feels some adjustment and a

change in mindset could help

address is the new ball, the way

"Something that we need to

them combat the swing.



we are playing it, there is a lot of

swing in it. So maybe just adjust our plan and mindset and take

before Aiden Markram (25)

and Wayne Parnell (24) steadied

them over the 100-run mark.

bounce at various points,"

ward and hopefully we can rec-

Maharaj said.

tify that," he added.

it from there," he added.

year in T20Is. Rizwan held the record for his 42 sixes in 2021 with Martin Guptill also smashing 41 sixes in the same Suryakumar has taken his tally of sixes to 45 in 2022

already, a record in all T20Is, with three more months to widen the gap with Rizwan.
While Rizwan took 26 innings to hit 42 sixes, Suryakumar has broken the

record batting five times fewer. Suryakumar is up to second position in the latest MRF Tyres ICC Men's T20I Player Rankings with 801 rating points after his half-century in the third and final T20I against

Australia in Hyderabad.

## Wicket was tricky, it was nice to play a game like that: Rohit



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Skipper Rohit Sharma said the Indian team got to "learn a lot" while chasing a meagre target on a "tricky track" in the series-opener against South

Suryakumar Yadav's unbeaten 50 off 33 balls got India over the line despite KL Rahul's struggles on a track where South Africa were left tottering at 9/5 at the start of the game on Wednesday.

The wicket was tricky. You learn a lot playing such a game. You understand what the team needs to do in tough conditions. It was nice to play a game like that," Rohit said at the postmatch presentation ceremony.

'We knew the bowlers will get something seeing grass on the pitch, but we didn't expected help for the full 20 overs."

Rohit admitted that the pitch was a bit damp and that

kept South Africa in the hunt despite a paltry score of 106/8. "It was damp. Both teams were in the contest and the team that played better won the game.

We started well, got five wickets

in quick time and that was the

turning point. It was a perfect showcase of how to bowl when there is help for the pacers.

While Rahul scored a halfcentury (51) off 56 balls, Rohit said conditions need to be

"We knew it wasn't going to be easy. Got to respect the conditions. Lost two wickets and that partnership between KL and Surya got us home."

KL Rahul, whose scratchy batting got papered over by Suryakumar Yadav's regal halfcentury, said that his partner's attacking intent allowed him to take his own time.

It was because of Rahul's struggles that India scored only 17 runs in six Powerplay overs but Surya's imperious form didn't allow South Africa to make

a comeback. "Definitely, right up there (as the toughest pitch)," Rahul said when asked if it was the toughest strip he has batted on in

T20Is.

"We have played in some difficult conditions like this but I haven't got runs. So this was

He was all praise for Surya's approach.

"It was unbelievable for Surya to come out there and play those shots. We have seen how balls were flying, nipping around, two-paced and everything that can be hard for a batter that was the wicket today.

"And for Surya to come with that approach after the first ball that hit him, he just woke up and wanted to play his shots, be aggressive and take on the bowling. That helped me take my

time and play one end."
Rahul also praised young Arshdeep Singh, whose three wickets in his first over set-up the game.

"He's (Arshdeep) growing with each game and with each outing he gets better, he is somebody who has a big heart and I have seen him in close quarters while playing in the IPL. This season what he did for his franchise was phenomenal and to be the number one death bowler in a team (Punjab Kings) which has Rabada speaks high-

"We always want a left-arm seamer and it is great to have someone like Arshdeep," he said.

ly of him.

# Buttler & Moeen Ali not in favour of running out batters at non-striker's end

England white ball captain Jos Buttler and his deputy Moeen Ali said that running out a non-striker for backing too is not "their thing" and that they would rather call the player back if any of their teammates used it as a mode of dismissal.

Custodians of the laws of cricket MCC have re-affirmed that a non-striker's run out while backing up is within the laws of the game but there has been no end to the debate in the aftermath of the third and final women's ODI between India and England where Deepti Sharma ran out Charlie Dean to complete clean sweep for visi-

"No, I am calling the batsman back," the 32-year-old Buttler, who is recovering from a calf injury ahead of the World Cup, told TalkSPORT.



cricket. They always seem to happen at unsavoury times.'

Moeen, the stand-in captain in their current T20I series against Pakistan, echoed similar sentiments: "No, it's not my

thing."
"I don't think I'll ever do it unless I was really angry with someone. It's in the laws and there's nothing illegal so people that do it have the right, but I just

mon thing, or something that's regularly done," Moeen told the 'Telegraph'. You are not really working

to get a wicket. At least with a run-out, there's a bit of work that has to be done, and with all the other dismissals. This is just waiting for the guy and taking the bails off. Even when I played cricket as a kid in the garden, it's not my thing to do." The mode of dismissal cur-

rently listed in the MCC's 'Unfair Play section of the laws (41.16.1) is to be moved to the 'Run Out section from October 1, when an update to the ICC Playing Conditions comes into effect. "Whilst (the dismissal) was

indeed an unusual end to an exciting match, it was properly officiated and should not be considered as anything more," a statement from the MCC has

#### Naseem Shah tests positive for Covid

**AP** ■ LAHORE

Pakistan fast bowler Naseem PShah has tested positive for COVID-19 and will miss the remaining two T20s against England, the Pakistan Cricket Board said on Thursday. Shah was discharged from

hospital on Thursday after being diagnosed with pneumonia and the PCB said the fast bowler was feeling "much better." "Shah is back in the team hotel where he will follow all

COVID-19 protocols," the PCB said in a statement. Pakistan is due to leave for New Zealand next Monday to participate in a triangular T20 series also featuring Bangladesh.

the team to New Zealand. Shah played only one game in the seven-match series against England in Karachi.

The PCB didn't clarify whether

the fast bowler will accompany