

Godhra train carnage: Evacuate Indians from Sudan: Modi SC bail to 8 convicts

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Senior advocate Sanjay

Hegde, appearing for the con-

victs whose bail petitions were

rejected, requested the bench to

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The Supreme Court on Friday granted bail to eight people sentenced to life imprisonment in the 2002 Godhra train burning case which plunged Gujarat into a com-

munal conflagration. A bench of Chief Justice DY Chandrachud and Justice P S Narasimha, while granting them the relief took note of the time they have already served and the unlikelihood of their appeals being taken up for disposal anytime soon.

"We direct that the convicts be released on bail subject to such terms and conditions as may be imposed by the sessions court," the bench said. The convicts who were

granted bail are — Abdul Sattar Ibrahim Gaddi Asla, Yunus Abdul Hakk Samol, Mohammad Hanif Abdulla Moulvi Badam, Abdul Rauf Abdul Majid Isa, Ibrahim Abdulrazak Abdul Sattar Samol, Ayub Abdul Gani Ismail Pataliya, Soheb Yusuf Ahmed Kalandar and Suleman Ahmad

Hussain The top court, however, case of stone-pelting as the con-victs had bolted a bogie of the refused to grant bail to four

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ablaze, leading to the death of Mehda, Saukat Abdulla Moulvi Ismail Badam, Mehboob Yakub 59 passengers. Mitha and Siddik Mohammad Several appeals against the

Mora — after Solicitor General conviction are pending before Tushar Mehta opposed their applications highlighting their the Supreme Court.

On February 27, 2002, 59 people were killed when the S-6 coach of the train was burnt at Gujarat's Godhra, triggering riots that soon engulfed many parts of the state. In its October 2017 judg-

adjourn the hearing on their ment, the high court had comapplications, saying there is a muted the death sentence Mehta, who represented awarded to 11 convicts in the the Gujarat Government, had Godhra train burning case to earlier said it was not merely a life imprisonment. It had upheld the life sentence awarded to 20 others

Jaishankar meets UN chief Guterres in New York, stresses on 'successful diplomacy' for Sudan early ceasefire

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With situation worsening in strife-torn Sudan and causing concern about safety of nearly 3,000 Indian nationals there, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday chaired a highlevel meeting via video conference to review the security situation in the African nation. He directed preparation of contingency plans for THE evacuation of Indians from there.

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval, Ambassador of India to Sudan BS Mubarak and other senior officials were present at the briefing, the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said in a statement. It was learnt the IAF and Navy chiefs attended the meet.

Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra, Ambassador of India to Sudan BS Mubarak, along with the envoys to Egypt and Riyadh and Secretary (Consular, Passport, Visa Overseas Indian Affairs), Ministry of External Affairs, Ausaf Sayeed, attended the high-level meet.

Meanwhile, Jaishankar held talks with United Nations (UN) Secretary General Antonio Guterres in New York late on Thursday to discuss the issue and underscored the need for "successful diplomacy," which can lead to an early

zens in Sudan.

ceasefire and create the ground situation for the safety and welfare of people in the strife-torn African nation. During the meeting in New Delhi, the Prime Minister

assessed the most recent developments in Sudan and received a first-hand report of the conditions on the ground, with specific focus on the safety of over 3,000 Indian citizens presently located throughout the country.

The Prime Minister expressed his condolences on the passing away of an Indian national, Albert Agustine, who tragically fell victim to a stray bullet last week.

Modi instructed all relevant officials to remain vigilant, closely monitoring developments and continuously eval uating the safety of Indian nationals in Sudan and extending them all possible assistance.

Modi directed the preparation of contingency evacuation plans, accounting for the rapidly shifting security landscape and the viability of various options. He also emphasised the importance of maintaining close communication with neighbouring countries in the region, as well as those with significant numbers of citi-

As regards talks between Jaishankar and Guterres in New York, the External Affairs Minister tweeted: "Good to

meet UN Secretary General @antonioguterres in New York today afternoon. Discussed the current developments in Sudan, G20 Presidency and Ukraine."

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"Focus understandably was on Sudan. India strongly supports efforts towards an early ceasefire, leading to creation of safe corridors. Will continue to work closely with the UN and other partners in this regard," he said

More than 300 people, including an Indian national, have been killed since intense fighting erupted in the Sudanese Capital Khartoum and elsewhere in the country on Saturday

Man fires at woman in Saket

Court, alleges cheating; held

Jaishankar is headed on a nine-day trip to Guyana,

Panama, Colombia, and the Dominican Republic beginning on Friday, his first visit as the External Affairs Minister to these Latin American countries and the Caribbean. Before his trip to Latin America, he arrived in New York.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi chairs a high-level meeting to review the situation related to Indians in violence-hit Sudan on

He said while his trip to South America was planned quite a while ago, he "came here to the UN mainly because once the fighting started (in Sudan) on the 14th (of April), you could immediately see that this was very serious and a lot of people were trapped by the

situation". "We knew that the UN itself has a large presence in Sudan. This will be the centre. Because at this moment, what is needed is diplomacy, successful diplomacy because it's only diplomacy which can create the ground situation for the safety and welfare of the peo-ple out there," Jaishankar told a small group of journalists here after his meeting with Guterres.

Noting that he had a "very good meeting" with Guterres, aishankar said once the fighting in Sudan started out "I felt that it was very important" that he met the UN Secretary-General.

"Most of our meeting was on the Sudan situation. We also of course discussed the G20 and we also spent some time on the Ukraine conflict. But essentially it was about the Sudan situation," he said.

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IIT-M student kills self: 4th case this year

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n more trouble for the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras, a second-year BTech

hostel room. Hailing from

Madhya Pradesh, the young

man is suspected to have taken

his own life. This is the fourth

case of suspected suicide to be

reported in IIT-Madras this

year in the last three months

Police, the student's body has

been taken for autopsy, while a

preliminary investigation is

on Friday when the student's

friends suspected that some-

thing was amiss when he did

not open his hostel room door.

They informed the warden

Kotturpuram police station.

On breaking open the door,

police found the body hanging

and sent it for post-mortem

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The incident came to light

and the twelfth since 2018.

CBI calls Malik for clarification on J&K insurance scheme

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CAPSULE UK DY PM RAAB RESIGNS OVER BULLYING CHARGE London: In a major blow to British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, his close aide and Deputy Prime Minister Dominic signed on Friday afte allegations that he bullied staf members while working as a Cabinet minister across different cations. government departments. Sunak expressed his "sadness as he accepted the resignation of 49-year-old Raab



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STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI In a shocking incident, a woman was chased and shot at in full public glare on Friday







ANDHRA STUDENT SHOT DEAD BY ROBBERS IN US

New Delhi: A 25-year-old Telugu student, days away from graduating with a master's degree, was shot dead by an unknown miscreant when he resisted a robberv attempt at a fuel station in United States's Ohio on Thursday morning, his family said in Andhra Pradesh's Eluru town on Friday

DECISION ON CHAR DHAM DAILY CAP WITHDRAWN

Dehradun: Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami on Friday withdrew his decision to impose a daily limit on the number of pilgrims visiting the four famous Himalavan temples in Uttarakhand, a day before the Char Dham yatra is slated to beain

agency's Akbar Road guesthouse here for "certain clarifi-"They want certain clarifi-

cations for which they want my presence. I am going to Rajasthan so I have given them dates from April 27 to 29 when I am available," Malik said.

Last year, the CBI had examined him in connection with the alleged scam.

In April, 2022, the CBI lodged two FIRs over corruption allegations levelled by Malik in the award of contracts for a group medical insurance scheme for Government employees and civil work worth ₹2,200 crore related to the Kiru hydroelectric power project in J&K.

In a tweet in Hindi, Malik said, "I have exposed the sins of some people by speaking the truth. Perhaps, this is why I have been summoned. I am the son of a farmer, I will not be scared. I am standing with the truth. #CBI."

When contacted, the CBI declined comment.

and Trinity Re-Insurance Brokers Limited as accused in its FIR related to a controversial health insurance scheme for J&K Government employees reportedly cleared in the State administrative council meeting on August 31, 2018.

...Unknown officials of Finance Department of Government of J&K by abusing their official position in conspiracy and connivance with Trinity Reinsurance Brokers Ltd, Reliance General

Insurance Company Ltd and other unknown public servants and private persons have committed the offences of criminal conspiracy and criminal misconduct," the FIR alleged.

In the scheme which was initially signed up with RGIC for one year, the employees and pensioners would have got Rs 6 lakh cover for themselves and five dependent family members by paying an annual premium of ₹8,777 and ₹22,229 for employees and pensioners,

call me (sic)," he wrote.

respectively.

Uthe two countries, Pakistan Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has said his visit to India next month to attend the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Foreign Ministers' meet should not be seen in terms of bilateral ties The conclave will take place in Goa on May 4 and 5.

Bilawal has said his participation in the meeting in India reflects Islamabad's commitment to the charter of the SCO. Responding to a question on a programme on Dunya News aired, he said he would represent Pakistan at the Foreign Ministers meeting to be held in Goa next month "We are committed to the SCO charter and this visit should not be seen as a bilateral one but in the context of the SCO," he said

"It will not be appropriate to focus on a particular member," MEA spokesperson Arindam Bagchi had said on Thursday on participation of Pakistan in SCO Foreign Ministers' meet.

South Delhi by a suspended lawyer who fired 4-5 rounds, triggering panic at the court. Soon after the shooting, victim M Radha, in her 40s, was rushed to hospital, where her condition is said to be stable.

Delhi Special Commissioner of Police (Crime) Ravindra Yadav said the assailant, identified as Kameshwar Singh, was later arrested from Faridabad.

According to preliminary reports, Singh, a former advocate at the Saket court, had filed a case of cheating against Radha over a monetary dispute involving ₹25 lakh and the hearing in the case was scheduled for Friday.

Videos of the incident that went viral show Singh and Radha arguing on the court complex and the man pulling out a gun and running after her. He fired two shots from a close range at the Radha, who scrambled to move away from him screaming for help. The man then fired a

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A woman who sustained bullet injuries at Saket Court being taken to hospital in New Delhi on Friday Agency photo

there ran in panic and one of them could be heard saying 'someone save the woman". However, majority of them remain mute spectators

Singh then moved inside the building and the injured woman who got shot in her abdomen. She was taken away by the bystanders and securi ty personnel present there to a nearby hospital. Eyewitnesses said at least two more rounds were fired during the incident that took place around 10.30 am

As per an FIR filed by accused Kameshwar Singh, the woman and an advocate, Rajendra Jha, have been

blamed for defrauding and cheating him of ₹25 lakh in November last year under Sections 406 (Punishment for criminal breach of trust), 420 (cheating), 120 B (criminal conspiracy), and 34 (common intention) of the IPC at the Saket police station.

"Iha showed me a very good plan of investment in which money was paid at a very high rate of interest, i.e., @ 20-40 per cent per month. He and Radha are in collusion with each other and have roped in so many people and cheated them on a large scale," says issues arising out of him being

in love with a woman. **Continued on Page 2**

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Big B titillates Twitterati after losing 'blue tick'

PNS/PTI MUMBAI

fter Twitter began remov-Aing the blue checks from accounts that don't pay a monthly fee, celebrities from across the Indian entertainment industry, including megastar Amitabh Bachchan, had a field day on Twitter after losing their verified status on the social media platform.

Besides Amitabh, actors Shah Rukh Khan, Salman Khan, Akshay Kumar, Ajay Devgn and Rajinikanth, among others, lost verified blue ticks on their Twitter accounts.

Amitabh, an active user of Twitter, had a funny response after the blue tick got removed from his official page. "Aye Twitter bhaiya! Sun

rahe hain? Ab to paisa bhee

neel kamal hot hai na, hamaar naam ke aage, u to vaapas lagaay den bhaiya, taaki log jaan jaayen kee ham hee hain Haath to jod liye rahe ham. Ab ka, godava jode padee ka?? (Hey Twitter bro! Are you listening? Now that I've even paid the money, please put back that blue tick mark in front of my name, so that people know that it's me. I have folded my hands. Should I prostrate

bhar diye hain ham. Toh u jo

now?)," the megastar tweeted. Actor Aditi Rao Hydari Hydari, "Once upon a time there was a blue tick... did @Twitter and I live happily ever

after?! #GoFigure" Comedian Vir Das had a sarcastic response to the plat-form's decision. "I like this world. To verify an artist, buy



people ... you take care." "Rockstar" actor Nargis tick. I'm okay with someone Fakhri wondered what's the impersonating me on twitter. point of having a blue tick YOU deal with the things they when one can pay for it. "I Actor Prakash Raj posted, never really come on here. I just 'Bye bye #BlueTick It was noticed I'm no longer verified with that blue thingy. So now nice having you....My journey .. My conversations.. My shareveryone with a blue check ing...will continue with my pays a fee for it. Hmm okay. If

the point," she tweeted. Actor-turned-politician

Khushbu Sundar said her subscription ends next year in March but yet her account has been unverified.

"My account says subscription will end on 17th March 2024, yet it says it is canceled. I have paid for a year. Why does it stand canceled @TwitterBlue ?"

TV star Kaushik said, "I'l be here tomorrow Freely Tangled up, Triggering a few, loving n loved by few, misunderstood by many n vibe with few but Mainly UNVERIFIED."

'Twitter is losing the plot Maybe it's time to lose twitter, Dogra tweeted.

Twitter started removing the blue tick that had verified

anyone can buy it then what's the identity of the user behind an account, from the profiles of thousands of celebrities, politicians and journalists on

Thursday. The blue tick was considered something of a status symbol but under Musk. who

bought Twitter for USD 44 billion in October, the social media service is now charging individuals a monthly fee of ₹650 on the web and ₹900 on mobile devices to maintain

their verification status. The microblogging

platform also offers a discounted annual plan of ₹6,800 per year.

Twitter had about 300,000 verified users under the original blue-check system — many of them journalists, athletes and public figures.

Massive combing ops on to nab Poonch butchers

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massive manhunt has been Alaunched to nab the terrorists who killed five Indian Army personnel in Poonch on Thursday. Drones and sniffer dogs were used and a MI chop per conducted a recee of the dense forest area of Bata-Doriva in Poonch on Friday. An NIA team visited the

ambush spot and conducted full inspection of the area and the vehicle targeted in the attack. Top police and army officers, including DGP Dilbag Singh, ADGP Mukesh Singh and GoC reviewed the search operation, officials said.

The entire area of Tota-Gali-Bata Doriya has been cordoned off.



Sources said the attack is suspected to have been carried out by a group of three to four terrorists who used some explosive, possible a sticky bomb or grenade, due to which the vehicle caught fire.

Those who executed the attack are believed to have been present in Rajouri and Poonch from more than one vear and had adequate knowledge of the terrain which is

quite tough, they said. **Continued on Page 2**



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2.21L people in Bihar get notices PM to lay foundation of for not completing PMAY houses

PTI PATNA

The Bihar Government has served notices to 2.21 lakh beneficiaries for not completing their houses under the Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana Gramin (PMAY-G) even after disbursal of the entire amount (Rs 1.20 lakh per unit) in their respective accounts by the authorities concerned in the state. The Rural Development

department of the State Government has also initiated departmental action against 347 government employees (309 Aawaas Sahayak and 38 Awaas Paryavekshak) for not ensuring complete construction of houses even after disbursal of the entire amount to

the account of beneficiaries in their respective rural blocks. While, 94,027 beneficiaries have been served 'red notices', 1,27,463 have been served 'white notices' by the state Rural Development department for not completing their houses despite receiving funds for the purpose several months/years ago under the PMAY-G scheme, according to the documents accessed by

PTI. The red notice is issued to those violators against whom the department is now preparing to initiate legal action and the white notice is considered as warning to the violators for immediate completion of the house under the scheme. Talking to PTI on Friday, Bihar

Rural Development minister Shrawan Kumar said, "Yes, the department has served notices (both red and white) to 2,21,490 beneficiaries in the state who have not completed pucca houses under the PMAY-G scheme even after disbursal of the entire amount in their accounts.

"Some of the violators have not constructed their houses even after several years/months of the payments made by the department. Of course, state government officials are also responsible for this and that is the reason actions have been initiated against 347 officials". The department has served maximum number of notices (Red and White) to 21,375 beneficiaries in Gaya district fol-

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lowed by East Champaran (16,955), Madhubani (14,753), Begusarai (13,709), Nawada (13,344), Araria (11,806) and Madhepura (11338). Besides, Kishanganj and Buxar are the two districts where the numbers of violators are lowest in the state.

While 152 notices (both) have been served in Kishanganj, 822 have been served to beneficiaries in Buxar district, according to documents.

Launched by the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs in June 2015 and implemented from April 2016, the PMAY-G is a flagship programme of the Central government in its mission to provide affordable housing for all.

projects in 2 States, UTs New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Madhya Pradesh, Kerala,

Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu from April 24 to 25 and inaugurate and lay foundation of many projects in two states and union territory besides flagging off 'Vande Express' Bharat in Thiruvananthapuram.

The Prime Minster would also be accorded a 'huge reception' in Kerala and a road-show is also planned by BJP workers during the Prime Minister's visit to the state, according to the BJP sources. On April 24, Prime

Minister will attend a programme marking National Panchayati Raj Day in Rewa, Madhya Pradesh, where he will lay the foundation stone



and dedicate to the nation mia. projects worth around Rs. 19,000 crores. The Prime Minister will flag off 'Vande Bharat Express' Thiruvananthapuram Central Railway Station on April 25. Thereafter, at around 11 AM, Prime Minister will lay the foundation stone and dedicate to the nation, development projects worth more than Rs. 3200 crore, at Central Stadium,

Thiruvananthapuram, according to the Prime Minister's office. Apart from this, Prime Minister will lay the foundation stone of Digital Science Park in Thiruvananthapuram. Digital Science Park is envisaged as a key research facility to develop digital products and services by industry and business units in collaboration with the acade-

Modi will visit NAMO Medical Education & Research Institute on April 25 and lay the foundation stone and dedicate to the nation various development projects worth more than Rs 4850 crores at Silvassa, Dadra and Nagar Haveli. On the same day the Prime Minister will inaugurate the Devka Seafront at Daman.

Rahul to launch poll campaign in Udupi on Apr 27



Mangaluru: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi will visit Udupi on April 27 for the Karnataka election campaign ahead of the May 10 elections to the state assembly, Udupi district Congress committee president Ashok Kumar Kodavoor said on Friday.

Addressing reporters here, he said Gandhi would address the fishermen community in Uchila in the district on April 27 to understand their problems and sufferings. Karnataka PCC President D K Shivakumar will also be visiting Udupi district on April 23 and 24, he said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is expected to arrive in Udupi on May 4 as part of the ruling BJP's vigorous election campaign, according to BJP sources. Shivakumar will address a public rally in Byndoor on April 23 and visit Kollur temple. A huge road show is also scheduled for April 24, in which he will travel from Udupi city bus stand to Ajjarkad and address a public meeting there. Over 10,000 people are expected to participate in these events.

Kodavoor said a vigorous campaign will be taking place in the days ahead for all five candidates in Udupi district. 'We will ensure a Congress victory in the district," he said. Udupi Congress candidate Prasad Raj Kanchan was also present.

IIT-M student kills self; 4th case this year

From Page 1 The institute had witnessed another death on April 2 when a 32-year-old PhD student died by suicide in his room. The man, who hailed from Bengal posted a WhatsApp status on March 31 caving "I March 31 saying, "I am sorry not good enough," that alarmed his friends. They rushed to his house and found him hanging in his room in Velachery.

On 14 March, a third-year B. Tech student , from Andhra radesh hanged himself in the

campus and a month earlier a

research scholar from

Evacuate...

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Jaishankar said in Sudan, the UN is at "the heart of the efforts" to establish a ceasefire. "And that is really key because at the moment, unless there is a ceasefire and unless there are corridors, it is not safe for people to really come out," he said.

"The UN is doing its bit talking to everybody. We of course have obviously very strong interest in the matter because so many Indians are there," Jaishankar added.

Jaishankar said New Delhi is in touch with several countries and he has spoken to Foreign Minister of Saudi Arabia Faisal bin Farhan and UAE Foreign Minister Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan. "We have been in touch with Americans, I have also been in touch with my British counterpart," he said.

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Earlier on Thursday morn-States, ing, he had a "long conversa-Intergovernmental Authority tion" with Egyptian Foreign on Development] and the Minister Sameh Shoukry for European Union, as well as representatives from a number of being Sudan's neighbour and countries that are deeply comhaving a "strong interest and strong understanding." "So, the focus is how do mitted to solving the crisis.

you get the diplomatic processes to yield the desired result. The desired result is a workable, on-the-ground observed ceasefire. And then to take the next step, which is how do you create corridors for movement, what are the options of movement, what are the assembly points," Jaishankar said.

Meanwhile, the team in New Delhi is in "continuous touch" with the Indians in Sudan, advising them saying we know it's very difficult for everybody, but keep calm, don't take unnecessary risk. They'll have to wait for this to sort itself out, he said. "I hope that the efforts,

including that led by the Secretary General, will yield something very soon. But we will have to wait and see," We hope so too," he added. Jaishankar said. Earlier on Thursday, Guterres had a meeting convened by the tense" and is focusing on ensur-African Union on the "dramatic situation" in Sudan, the Indian community, includ-

bringing together the United Nations, the League of Arab

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PUBLIC NOTICE It is to inform to the public at large that **Mr. Ram Kumar** S/o Late Mr. Vishwanath Prasad was the owner of Plot no. 98, area measuring 64 Sq. Yards, out of Khasra no. 407, Situated at village Roopwas, Raj Enclave, Pargana & Tehsil Dadri, Distt. Gautam Budh Nagar, U.P., who is owner of the aforesaid property vide Sale Deed clated 17. 10.2014, which is duly registered vide Document No. 20727, at SRO-Dadri, on 17. 10.2014, Now he intent to Gift aforesaid property to His son **Mr. Pawan Kumar**. That All the Original Ownership Documents in respect of the aforesaid Property are Lost / Misplaced Not available. We give this public notice that if any Person having any type of My client Mr. Santosh Kumar and Mr. Dinesh Ahto intends to purchase Freehold DDA Flat o. 631, Type-A, Blk-E, Pkt-3, Bindapur, warka, New Delhi from Mrs.SweetyTanwar (registered owner of the said property by virtue of Sale Deed dated 18.08.2022) who had lost/misplaced the Original Allotment Letter dated 30.05.1997-16.06.1997 in the name of Mr. Ashok Kumar Sharma and my client is mortgaging the same to LIC HFL, If anybody including Bank, Financial Institutions, ersons, relative has any claim, right, interest

Bilawal's India visit only...

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He also said it is premature to say bilateral meeting between Zardari and External "There was a strong con-Affairs Minister S Jaishankar sensus on condemning the may take place on the sidelines of the SCO conclave. ongoing fighting in Sudan and calling for a cessation of hos-

Pakistan on Thursday announced that its Foreign Minister will lead his country's delegation to the meeting of SCO Foreign Ministers (CFM).

Pakistan Foreign Office Spokesperson Mumtaz Zahra Baloch said during a weekly brations, to allow civilians trapped in conflict zones to escape and to seek medical treatment, food and other press meet on Thursday Zardari was attending the SCO-CFM meeting at the inviessential supplies," Guterres tation of Jaishankar.

Jaishankar said there have Bilawal will be the first been earlier attempts at a cease-Minister to visit India after then fire that did not hold. "What he Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif (UN SG) said to me was visited New Delhi in 2014 for encouraging in respect of the the swearing in ceremony of people who are trapped right Prime Minister Narendra now because...as he said that Modi. In 2011, then Pakistan it is more important than ever Foreign Minister Hina Rabbani before that this ceasefire holds. Khar visited India. In December 2015, then External India on Thursday said Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj the situation in Sudan is "very visited Pakistan and days later, Modi made a brief visit to the neighbouring country. Meanwhile, it would be ing the safety and well-being of

the highest-level visit to India by any Pakistani leader in recent years and a possible opportunity to break the ice between the two nations.

The ties between India and Pakistan came under severe strain after India's warplanes pounded a Jaish-e-Mohammed terrorist training camp in Pakistan's Balakot in February 2019 in response to the Pulwama terror attack.

The relations further deteriorated after India announced

the withdrawal of Jammu and Kashmir's special powers and the bifurcation of the erst-

while State into Union Territories in August 2019. India has been maintaining that it desires normal neighbourly relations with Pakistan while insisting that the onus is on Islamabad to create an environment free of terror and hostility for such an engagement.

The SCO was founded at a summit in Shanghai in 2001 by the presidents of Russia, China, the Kyrgyz Republic, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. Over the years, it has emerged as one of the largest trans-regional international organisations. India and Pakistan became permanent members of the Beijing-based SCO in 2017.

India, which currently holds the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) presidency, sent the invitation to SCO members including the new Foreign Minister of China Qin Gang

and Zardari in January. The eight-member SCO is a major regional powerhouse that was established over two decades ago with the aim of promoting economic, political, and military cooperation among its member nations. It represents around 42 per cent of the world's total population and 25 per cent of the global GDP.

Notably, this year's SCO Foreign Ministers meeting comes in the wake of escalating Russia-Ukraine war and India's G20 Presidency.

Protests over rape, murder of minor girl in North Bengal

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE KOLKATA

Police fought pitched battle with agitators at Kaliaganj a border town in North Dinajpur district of North Bengal after local residents blocked roads after a minor girl from Rajbangshi community was found raped and murdered at Kaliganj a town bordering Bangladesh in North Dinajpur district of North Bengal.

The incident takes place days after three tribal women were made to crawl a mile to the Trinamool Congress party in North Dinajpur district office as a measure of penance for joining the BJP.

The body of the teenage girl, who was missing since Thursday evening, was found floating in a canal on Friday morning sources said adding she went missing since Thursday evening when she had gone for her tuition classes. After the body of the girl was fished out the angry locals blockaded the roads and stopped the police from taking her body away leading to a clash between the two sides.

"The police had to lathcharge and fire tear gas shells to disperse the crowd who had blocked roads, pelting stones and burning tyres," a senior offi-

cer said, adding the situation was presently under control. The police were trying to crack the case, he said adding the perpetrators of the crime would not be spared. The Opposition BJP immediately swung into action, blaming the TMC Government for allowing the law and order situation to stoop to a level where the girls from weaker communities were being targeted. "This was a Rajbangshi girl

who was raped ... last week they were three tribal women who were made to crawl for a mile because they had joined the BJP ... is this a government running ... is this a police administration at work ... the total law and order situation in this State has crumbled ... the Chief Minister who is also the police minister must explain the conduct of the police," State BJP president Sukanta Majumdar said.

"In a State where the police are busy organizing TMC's 'prince' Abhishek Banerjee's Jan Ŝanyog Yatra ... how can they concentrate on law and order and protect the poor ...," he said. The incident takes place months after a teenage girl was raped and then burnt alive at Hanshkhali in Nadia district leading to a massive furore among the people.

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ICICI BANK LIMITED VS.	Vehicle No HR51BX2139, Make and
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ICICI BANK LTD VS	Vehicle No DL1CT2392, Make and
SHAGUFTA, CS No.	Model- MAHINDRA & MAHINDRA LTD
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ATUL KUMAR SINGH, CS	Model- HYUNDAI MOTORS LTD I20,
(COMM.) NO.2524/2019	Manu Year- 2018,
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JATIN RAI, Ex. No.	Model- HYUNDAI MOTORS LTD
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Massive combing ops on to nab Poonch butchers

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The area is a hot bed of Jammu & Kashmir Gaznavi Force (JKGF) as its "commander" Rafiq Ahmed, alias Rafiq Nayi, who is a resident of the area, they added. At present, three to four terrorist groups are active in the region of Rajouri and Poonch, the sources said.

The army found bullet marks on the vehicle and the body of a jawan. According to initial investigation, the attack to their native places by road, was carried from both the they said. Meanwhile, Jammu witnessed several protests by sides. Top army and police officials on Friday laid wreaths and BJP, VHP, Rastriya Bajrang Dal, Shiv Sena, Dogra Front paid homage to the soldiers. Officials said a high alert has and Jammu Statehood organibeen sounded in the twin borsation among others.

Maharashtra hanged himself in his room inside the campus on 14 February. IIT-Madras conveyed its der districts of Rajouri and condolence to the bereaved Poonch amid heightened vigil man's family. In a statement it along the Line of Control. The said: "We are deeply anguished mortals remains of Havildar to convey the untimely passing Mandeep Singh of Chankoian away of an undergraduate stuvillage of Ludhiana (Punjab), dent from the Chemical Engineering Department in Lance Naik Kulwant Singh of the afternoon of 21 April 2023 Charik village of Moga district (Punjab), Sepoy Harkrishan Singh of village Talwandi of Gurdaspur district (Punjab) in his hostel room. The institute has lost one of its own, and the professional community and Sepoy Sewak Singh of Bagha village of Bathinda dishas lost a good student. trict (Punjab) were being sent

The reason for the demise is unknown. Police are investigating. The parents have been informed." The Institute said it is taking all possible measures to proactively identify and help students under stress. "We will continue to keep strengthening these measures.

Man fires at woman...

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"Jha and Radha have paid me only ₹3,00,000 through the RTGS facility and no further money was paid to me thereafter. They have grossly violated the terms and conditions of my investment," read the FIR. "Both the persons have hatched a conspiracy against me, defrauded me heavily and grossly cheated me in a sum of ₹25 lakh along with interest @ 20 per cent per month thereon," the FIR added.

This incident is the latest in a series of shootings that have occurred on court complexes in Delhi. Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal took to Twitter and expressed concern at the poor law and order situation in the only two jobs — Police and

national Capital. "L-G sahab, what is happening in our Delhi? The law and order situation in Delhi has completely deteriorated. Instead of creating obstacles in the work of others and engaging in dirty tweeted in Hindi. politics on every issue, every-Later, AAP chief spokesperone should focus on their own work. And if they cannot man-

son and Cabinet Minister Saurabh Bharadwaj, too, trained age, they should resign so that his guns at Lieutenant-Governor someone else can do it. The Vinai Kumar Saxena, saying he safety of people cannot be left to chance," he tweeted in Hindi. should take responsibility for the incident as Delhi Police report AAP chief spokesperson to him. "The L-G has only two jobs -- Police and DDA. After and Cabinet Minister Saurabh Bharadwaj, too, trained his the arrival of the new L-G sir, guns at L-G VK Saxena, saying the law and order situation in he should take responsibility Delhi has gotten worse. Guns are fired in courts. The police are for the incident as Delhi Police report to him. "The L-G has involved in Rs 350-crore cor-

ruption," he tweeted in Hindi.

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Saket Court firing raises questions on security cover

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELH

The firing incident at the The firing incluent in Saket court complex on Friday morning has raised several questions on the security arrangements made by Delhi Police at the district courts in the national capital. While the police said they have tightened the security, some lawyers called for a strict vigil at the entry gates and those entering the court premises should be frisked and their vehicles checked thoroughly.

The security personnel deployed at the court complex claimed not many lawyers get themselves frisked but some lawyers asserted they themselves offer to be checked and follow the security rules and regulations.

Police said they have increased the number of barricades inside the court complex and deployed additional paramilitary forces.

According to advocates who practice law at the court, general entry is allowed through four gates. Gate no five remains closed permanently. And through gate no 6, every-one can exit but only judges can enter. Through gate no 1, judges can enter but no pedestrian entry is allowed. Through gate no 2, only lawyers, police and court staff can enter.

Gates no 3 and 4 are open to all but no vehicle is allowed to enter through them. Metal detectors are placed at gates no 3 and 4. There are adequate



number of CCTV cameras attacker had gotten over. inside the court complex, the "When he started abusing

her, I intervened and told him On Friday, security perto not abuse since she is a sonnel at gate no 3 claimed they woman. But he continued. frisked everyone passing them Then suddenly, I don't know and checked their baggages. what happened. He took out a Still, a man dressed as a lawyer pistol and started firing at the and carrying a gun gained woman," he said. entry to the court complex and

Some lawyers claimed hunfired multiple shots at a woman dreds of them visit the court for over a monetary dispute involvtheir respective cases everyday and if each one of them is The woman received bulfrisked, they will get delayed for let injuries in her abdomen and work. They also said it is difficult to get every vehicle checked. "Besides the litigants, a hand as she ran screaming around the lawyers' block to there are hundreds of lawyers escape the attacker, an advocate who come to the court. So if who was suspended by the each of us are checked, then Saket Court Bar Association. our work would get delayed and there will be a huge queue. Videos of the incident were widely circulated online and several users questioned the Plus even though vehicles are checked, security personnel do not check the vehicles from security at the court complex. One of the lawyers, who witnessed the incident, said the inside. So it is easy for anyone to carry anything," he said. woman had come to the

lawyers' block after hearing in the cheating case filed by her Dhir Singh Kasana, a former secretary of the bar assoman shot the woman is under CCTV surveillance. Wondering how the man entered the court complex with a gun pistol, the advocate alleged the arrangement for checking vehicles belonging to lawyers is inadequate.

"Vehicles bearing court stickers that are as old as 6 or 10 years get easy access inside the court premises. It is also possible that lawyers may have transferred the ownership (of the vehicles) or they have given the stickers to their client so that they can have an easy entry. We demand that these stickers should be renewed every year by the Supreme Court or the High court and there should be a uniform sticker," he said. He also said the guards sitting at the entry gates should be vigilant.

He said a bigger incident could have happened - like the one that occurred at the Rohini Court in 2021. Two men posing as lawyers had gunned down jailed gangster Jitendra Gogi inside the courtroom.

Following the Saket Court incident, teams of crime branch and special cell visited the crime scene. Deputy Commissioner of Police Chandan Chowdhary too visited the court complex for a second time to review security and held discussions with lawyer association members about the need to boost secuAAP slams LG over Delhi's poor law & order situation STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

Led by Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, the AAP slammed Lieutenant-Governor (LG) VK Saxena over the city's law-and-order situation on Friday, following a shooting incident inside the Saket court complex. No response was available from the LG's office on the AAP's attack on Saxena.

In an apparent dig at the LG and the BJP-led Centre, Kejriwal in a tweet said Delhi's law-and-order situation is "creaking" and instead of creating hurdles in others' jobs and indulging in dirty politics, everyone should pay atten-tion to the job at their hands. He also said those responsible for the situation should resign if they are not able to handle

People's safety cannot be left to the mercy of gods, the AAP national convenor said. Sharing a video on Twitter of the Saket court firing incident, in which a woman aged around 40 years was shot at, Kejriwal asked, "LG sahab, what is happening in our Delhi?"

Senior AAP leader and Delhi minister Atishi also urged Saxena to focus on providing a safe city to its people,

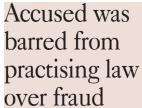


while accusing him of that the LG has is putting up obstructing the work of the Arvind Kejriwal government.

Addressing a press con-ference, Atishi said the national capital witnessed a very shameful incident. "All of us know that women have never been safe in Delhi. A woman was shot at multiple times in a highly secured area. The incident took place in broad daylight, in a protected area and in the national capital. There cannot be a more shameful incident than this.

'In any city, a court complex is one of the most secured areas. Policemen and women, PCR vans and metal detectors and scanners are there. Despite such high security, a woman was shot at," she said.

A video purportedly of the incident was also played at the press conference. Reiterating that the only job



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obstacles in the work of the NEW DELHI AAP dispensation, Atishi requested him not to meddle

in the government's work.

the ground level. The LG sahab

does only one work --obstructing Arvind Kejriwal's

work. He also goes and gets

himself clicked at various

places where Delhi govern-

ment projects are underway. I

have never seen any photo of

his conducting a surprise inspection at a police station, a PCR van or in crime-prone

areas. "You have been given

certain responsibilities. Please

allow the elected government in Delhi to work. With folded

hands, I urge you to pay heed

to your responsibilities and

work towards providing a safe

Delhi to women, children and

elderly people," the Kalkaji MLA said.

"The LG says he works at

Kameshwar Kumar Singh, arrested for firing at a woman in Saket court, was barred from practising law in 2022 following allegations of fraud and threatening another woman, Prem Lata, her lawyer claimed on Friday.

The woman, an advocate erself, had filed a case under IPC Section 420 (cheating and dishonestly inducing delivery of property) against Singh in 2016 at Mehrauli police station, said Rajesh Ťiwari, her

lawyer. Tiwari said his client was setting a building constructed out the builder fraudulently gave the flats to Singh for Rs 70 lakh following which she approached the police. Since then, Singh used to threaten her, Tiwari claimed.

SC orders Delhi to give ₹500 cr from ECC fund to RRTS corridor

advocates said.

ing Rs 25 lakh.

STAFF REPORTER MINEW DELHI

 $T_{\rm Friday}^{\rm he \ Supreme \ Court \ on}$ Delhi government to contribute Rs crore from the Environment Compensation Charge (ECC) fund to the Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) corridor being con-structed linking Delhi to Meerut within 10 days.

The semi-high speed rail corridor will connect Delhi with Meerut and the estimated cost of the 82.15-km stretch is Rs 31,632 crore. The corridor, with 24 stations, will cover the distance from Sarai Kale Khan in Delhi to Modipuram, Meerut in 60 minutes.

A bench of Justices S K Kaul and A Amanullah asked the Centre's counsel to obtain instructions with regard to Delhi-Alwar RRTS corridor after the apex court was ormed that approval of the fun central government is awaited.



ment's sanction for the Delhiwhich is handling the project, Panipat corridor is also awaited. Singh told the bench the said the Delhi-Meerut RRTS Delhi government has moved corridor is scheduled to be an application for grant of Rs 500 crore from the ECC fund, completed in 2025 and the apex court had noted in its in which around Rs 1,100 was lying, for the Delhi-Meerut RRTS corridor. March 2019 order that the contribution of the Delhi government towards it stands at Rs 1.138 crore

She referred to the March In its March 2019 order, the apex court had noted the 6, 2019 order of the apex court which had directed the Delhi government to contribute Rs contribution of the Government of India for the 265 crore, which included the tax liability, from the ECC Delhi-Meerut RRTS corridor Delhi-Meerut RRTS corridor. The amicus contended the top court had earlier said the ECC has to be used for developing the infrastructure of Delhi to reduce pollution and the application for grant of Rs 500 crore from the ECC fund should be allowed as the project will help reduce the inflow of vehicles coming to the

AAP alleges ₹350 cr scam in Delhi Police, seeks probe

STAFF REPORTER NFW DFI HI

The AAP on Friday demanded a probe by an independent agency into an alleged Rs 350-crore scam in the Delhi Police and asked Lieutenant Governor (LG) V K Saxena to take responsibility of the matter. Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal also asked whether those guilty will go to jail.

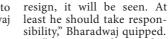
Tagging a media report on the alleged scam, Kejriwal tweeted in Hindi: "Prime minister, the Delhi Police comes under you. Will this be investigated? Will the guilty go to jail?

Addressing a press con-ference, Aam Aadmi Party's (AAP) chief spokesperson and Delhi minister Saurabh Bharadwaj said the law-andorder situation of the nation-Friday's firing incident in the Saket court complex is a proof of that. "If a place is secure in the country, it is the courts. There were several rounds of firing in a court. What is the police doing? A lawyer was recently killed at Dwarka. Elderly people are being killed, while mobile phone and chainsnatching incidents are taking place. Vehicles are being stolen from posh areas. Even if a crime is captured on



CCTV, police are unable to catch the culprits," Bharadwaj said.

He added that the LG should take moral responsibility for the deteriorating law-and-order situation in Delhi. "What is the LG doing? He goes to a DJB sewer treatment plant to take stock of the ongoing work, but he should also go to a police station or



We want to know what did you do? How is it possible that the scam happened in the Delhi Police and the police will probe it? Where is the CBI and the ED? It is a scam of Rs 350 crore in Delhi's biggest security agency.

the LG trying



Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has approved the name of senior AAP councillor Mukesh Goyal as the presiding officer for the mayoral polls in the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD). In a tweet, Kejriwal said the file on the presiding officer's appointment has been sent for approval to Lieutenant-Governor VK Saxena.

"Mayor election is due on April 26. In accordance with past tradition, I approved the name of Mukesh Goyal, senior-most councillor as presiding officer for the session to elect mayor and deputy mayor. Sent file to LG. Decision is binding on LG unless he decides to refer the matter to the President," he said.

Responding to Kejriwal's or Farnac



said it was "regrettable" that the chief minister was trying to "mislead" the public even on the issue of constitutional arrangements like the appointment of the presiding officer for mayoral elections.

In February, a row had erupted with the AAP dispensation opposing Saxena's deci-sion to appoint BJP councillor Satya Sharma as the presiding officer. The Kejriwal government had sent names of some councilors, including that of Goyal, to the LG for appointesiding officer

February but it was rejected.

mayor were conducted by

Sharma amid stiff protests by

AAP councillors and leaders in

the MCD House. Delhi BJP

spokesperson Praveen Shankar

objection over a senior coun-

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polls, but Kejriwal was trying

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Kapoor said there was no

The elections to the post of

The bench also asked the counsel appearing for the Delhi government to take instructions regarding sanction for the Delhi-Panipat RRTS corridor.

Senior advocate Aparajita Singh, who is assisting the court as an amicus curiae in a pollution related matter in which the issue about RRTS has cropped up, told the bench the Centre's approval is await-

ed for the Delhi-Alwar corridor, while the Delhi governnational capital. Senior advocate A N S Nadkarni, appearing for the

Uttar Pradesh Rs 5,828 crore and the National Capital Region of Delhi Rs 1,138 crore.

The bench noted in its order passed on Monday that the amicus, while referring to the March 2019 order, has no objection to release of Rs 500 crore on the same terms and conditions as set out in the 2019 order. "We accordingly direct the Delhi government to contribute Rs 500 crore from ECC funds within 10 days," the

national capital region transbench said. When will the LG get himself clicked at a police station? A woman was dragged (by a car) in Kanjhawala, but he did not go there. He should have taken reporters there too. You are roaming from drain to drain, but not going to a police station.

The LG sahab has not done any work that will make one say that the law-andorder situation is improving. He should take moral responsibility for this. If he wants to

protect? He is completely silent on this. Please accept your responsibility. You are answerable. You are accountable. We demand that the LG sahab clear his position on the scam and an independent agency probe this," Bharadwaj said.

The Delhi Police has ordered an inquiry into the alleged misappropriation of funds allocated to the force in last year's Union Budget, officials said on Thursday.

Suri replied, "The power to appoint the presiding officer wrests with the administrator(Section77 MCD act) also this has been the convention. I was myself appointed as presiding officer by lg in 2007. Suggest u both stop fighting and work for betterment of Delhi".

Sources in the LG's office confirmed that the file has been received but said Saxena is yet to take a decision.

The Delhi BJP, however,

ing the name suggested by him was binding on the LG. Priest, aides held for murdering Nepalese national

PARVESH SHARMA 📕 GURUGRAM

The 57-year-old priest, Ajit Singh, alias Joker Nath, alias Pujari, and his associates, Sonu, alias Seela, 27, and Premjeet, alias Sonu Balhara, 32, were arrested for murdering 24-year-old Dinesh, alias Raju a native of Nepal, police said

According to the police, the incident took place on Wednesday after Dinesh damaged 2-3 fingers of an idol while

cleaning it at a temple in Khandsa village. The deceased body was recovered on Thursday afternoon from the temple premises after Mahesh, a native of Mathura in Uttar Pradesh, who is also an eyewitness in the case alerted the police. The complainant Mahesh told the police that he was doing the work of installing tiles at the temple along with his co-workers for the last few days.

Sachdeva alleges 'scam' in issuance of autorickshaws' fitness test certificates



STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

D^{elhi} BJP president Virendra Sachdeva on BJP president Friday alleged a "scam" in issuance of fitness test certificates for autorickshaws at the transport department's fitness centre at Burari here, and demanded the resignation of Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot. No immediate reaction was available from the Delhi government or the Transport department on the allegations of the BJP

At a press conference here, Sachdeva alleged that training certificates and vehicle fitness test certificates were being issued in the name of deceased drivers.

He said a delegation of

Delhi BJP will meet Lt

Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena with proof of alleged corruption at the Burari fitness centre and seek his intervention in the matter. Sachdeva said auto drivers going to the Burari centre for fitness test of their vehicles are made to undergo a training session and alleged they are issued certificates without any training.

Also, there is just one inspector at the Centre who is supposed to handle the rush of autorickshaws, he said. Sachdeva showed a fitness

test certificate issued in the name of a deceased driver, saying a probe was needed to unearth the "scam" and sought answer from Transport Minister Kailash Gehlot.

Covid cases in Capital stabilised, may taper off, says Health Min

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

Delhi Health Minister Saurabh Bharadwaj on Friday said that Covid cases in the national capital have sort of stabilised and are likely to taper off in the coming days. The Health Minister also said that most of the coronavirusrelated deaths recorded in the national capital in recent times have been caused by co-mor-bidities, and Covid was incidental

Delhi on Thursday logged 1,603 COVID-19 cases with a positivity rate of 26.75 per cent along with three fatalities, according to data shared by the city health department here. With the new fatalities, the death toll in the city due to the coronavirus pandemic rose to 26,581.

Out of 7,976 Covid beds in the hospitals of Delhi, 390 are occupied, the health department data showed. A day earlier, the city reported six deaths along with 1,757 new cases with a positivity rate of 28.63 per cent.

Bharadwaj said, "Covid cases have sort of stabilised. Recently, it was being said that the cases were showing an upward trend. Now, it is likely



to taper down in the coming days.

Asked about the fatalities being reported regularly in Delhi due to the viral disease, he said, "In most of these cases, patients had serious illnesses for a long time and Covid was incidental. But, any death is unfortunate, and it

should not happen". Asked if any special arrangements are being considered for schools and children in view of the Covid cases, the minister said, no such step was being planned as of

now. "We are telling teachers that if students have cough and cold, those children should be advised to take rest. We will appeal to parents to not send

their children to school if they have such symptoms," he said

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On the Delhi government's preparedness to fight the Covid pandemic, Bharadwaj said, We have all our arrangements in place, including Covid beds, oxygen beds, ICU beds, oxygen supply and others."

Later interacting with reporters, the Delhi health reporters, the Defin health minister said Covid wave is fading and will end in the next few weeks. "We analyse every fatality and most of them happening due to comoribidi-ties. A healthy person has not developed serious illness due to this variant," he claimed, adding those with comoribidities should take precautions and avoid going to crowded

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STAFF REPORTER MEW DELHI

ongress leader Rahul Gandhi, who was disqualified as MP after conviction in a defamation case, moved out all his belongings from his official residence on Friday, with sources saying he will hand over the 12, Tughlaq Lane bungalow to the Lok Sabha secretariat on April 22.

The former Congress pres-ident was asked to vacate the premises by April 22 following his disgualification after the conviction and two-year sentence by a Surat court for his "Modi surname" remark.

The former Congress chief had on April 14 shifted his office and some personal belongings from the bungalow to his mother Sonia Gandhi's official residence.

Sources said Rahul Gandhi

moved out his remaining articles on Friday evening from the bungalow which was allotted to him as an MP. A truck was seen moving out the building with his belongings. He has been living in the bungalow for nearly two decades.

MP

Rahul to hand over

official bungalow to

After shifting his office, he started living with his mother and Congress Parliamentary Party Chairperson Sonia Gandhi at her 10, Janpath res-

idence, the sources said. A Surat court on March 23 had convicted Gandhi of defamation and given him two-year sentence, leading to his disqualification. He had challenged the magisterial court order in the sessions court in Surat which rejected his appeal to set aside the conviction

which would have paved the

way for his reinstatement as



Greenhouse gases touched record levels in 2021

2022 was fifth warmest year despite La Nina conditions: WMO

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

The global mean temperature in 2022 was 1.15 degrees Celsius above the pre-industrial (1850-1900) average, making it the "fifth or sixth" warmest year on record despite the La Nina conditions, the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) said in a report on

As per the latest report, carbon dioxide, methane and

nitrous oxide – greenhouse gases majorly contributing to global warming – reached record levels in 2021. But what is more worrying is that with the prediction of

warming El Niño making a comeback later in the year, climate scientists have warned that 2023 and 2024 can further smash high-temperature records. The eight years from 2015 were the warmest ever and the concentrations of the three main greenhouse gases -- carbon dioxide, methane and nitrous oxide -- touched record highs in 2021, the latest year for



which consolidated global values are available (1984–2021), the report titled "State of the Global Climate 2022" said. "Antarctic sea ice fell to its

lowest extent on record and the melting of some European glaciers was, literally, off the charts," it added. Keeping the global

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temperature rise below the 1.5 degrees limit (as compared to pre-industrial levels) is important to avoid the worst impacts of climate change.

The WMO said the 2022 pre-monsoon period was exceptionally hot in India and Pakistan. Pakistan witnessed its

hottest March and hottest April on record, with both months having national mean temperatures more than four degrees Celsius above the long-term average. In India, grain yields were reduced by the extreme heat and there were a number of forest fires, particularly in Uttarakhand. "Heatwaves in the 2022 pre-

monsoon season in India and Pakistan caused a decline in crop yields. This, combined with the banning of wheat exports and restrictions on rice exports in India after the start of the conflict in Ukraine, has threatened the availability, access to and stability of staple foods within international food markets and southern and central parts.

Lapses by prosecution led to acquittal

of Naroda Gam riots accused: Cong

posed high risks to countries already affected by shortages of staple foods," the report read.

India also reported significant flooding at various stages during the monsoon season, particularly in the northeast, in June. Around 700 people died due to floods and landslides, and another 900 from lightning strikes. Floods also triggered 6.63 lakh displacements in

Assam, the WMO observed. Heavy monsoon rains caused severe flooding and landslides in Pakistan, leading to a spread of water-borne diseases, with the greatest impacts in the most vulnerable and food-insecure regions of the country's

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Make India's interest basis of all decisions, Modi exhorts babus



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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday urged bureaucrats to make national interest the sole basis of their every decision, saying the country has put its faith in them and they must uphold that trust. Addressing bureaucrats on the occasion of Civil Services Day here, Modi said it is the duty of civil servants to analyse whether a political party in power is using taxpayers' money for its own benefit or for the nation. On the occasion Modi also hit out at the corruption of previous governments.

The prime minister also hailed the contribution of civil servants to nation building and said India's rapid development would not have been possible without their active participation. In his nearly 33minute speech, Modi urged "each and every" government employee, whether at state or central level, to ensure national interest is the sole basis of every decision they take. "As the world is saying

that India's time has arrived, there is no time to waste for the bureaucracy of the country. The country has put its faith in you, work while maintaining that trust. National interest should always be the basis of all your decisions," he said.

Speaking on the theme of this year's Civil Services Day, 'Viksit Bharat' (Developed India), he said the concept is not limited to modern infrastructure. "It is important for Viksit Bharat that India's government system supports the aspirations of every Indian and every government servant helps every citizen in realising their dreams and the negativity that was associated with the

turns into positivity," he said. Modi said the motto of his government is "nation first, citizen first" and its priority is prioritising the deprived. He told the civil servants that there are two approaches to life -- first, getting things done and second,

Need for good comprehensive health to reap benefits of demographic dividends: Rajnath why health sector is key for our

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Friday stressed on the need for comprehensive health, including physical, mental and spiritual, to fully realise the benefits of demographic dividend.

Virtually addressing the National Academy of Medical Sciences (NAMS) on its 63rd Foundation Day here, he said the country's strong and youthful human resources must be nurtured properly to leverage their strength in making country stronger and self-reliant.

He complemented the NAMS for its contribution to the growth of Indian health sector, medical education and



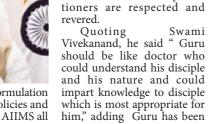
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research, as well as formulation establishment of six AIIMS all Highlighting health as a

ment of any nation, Rajnath said overall development of the country is possible only if its ier people will be able to work for the progress of the country



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one can have glimpse of God. Listing out the steps taken government in ensuring health for all, the defence minister called upon the medical fraternity to focus more on research of public health relatin a better manner and that is ed issues.

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

The Congress on Friday alleged that lapses on the part of the prosecution led to the acquittal of all 67 accused in the post-Godhra riots in Ahmedabad's Naroda Gam and hoped that while justice may be delayed it will not be denied. The party also said it will continue to pursue this case and reaffirmed its support for the victims of these heinous crimes and the families that survive them.

The Ahmedabad-based court of S K Baxi, special judge for Special Investigation Team (SIT) cases, acquitted all the 67 accused, including former Gujarat minister Maya



leader Babu Bajrangi, in one of the worst massacres witnessed during the state-wide riots triggered by the Sabarmati train carnage on February 27, 2002, after a trial spanning 13 years and half a dozen judges. The Naroda Gam case was probed by a Supreme Court-appointed SIT.

"While we will await the detailed judgment to offer a

ing state can prove this to be false is if they pursue the appeals process with seriousness and expediency," Congress chief spokesman Jairam Ramesh said in a statement. "Justice is a right that must be secured through a constant

vigil. The Indian National Congress will continue to follow this case. We also reaffirm our support for the victims of these heinous crimes and the families that survive them. We hope that while justice may be delayed it will not be denied,

he also said.

Little proof China approaching Ladakh talks with goodwill: US

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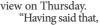
s situation remains tense at A the border with China for the last three years in Eastern Ladakh and several rounds of talks held between the two sides in an effort to restore normalcy, the US has said it has seen "little evidence" that Beijing is seriously approaching the talks with a sense of goodwill.

Making this assertion, a top Biden administration official, however, reiterated that Washington supports a resolution of the India-China border dispute through a negotiated settlement and direct conversations between the two countries. Indian and Chinese troops are



has maintained that its bilateral ties with China cannot be normal unless there is peace in the border areas.

"Our position on India's border dispute with China is long-standing. We support a resolution of that border dispute through a negotiated settlement and through direct conversations between the two



"Having said that, we see little evidence that the Chinese government is seriously approaching these talks with a sense of goodwill. What we see is the opposite. We see provocations that happen on the Line of Actual Control (LAC) on a pretty regular basis," Lu said in response to a question.

India, the senior State Department official said, can count on the United States' standing with India as it faces the challenge of its northern neighbour.

We demonstrated that resolve in 2020 during the Galwan crisis, and we continue to find opportunities to cooperate with India on information but also on military equipment, ses and that will g frontation in certain friction State for South and Central Asia ward into the years ahead," he Donald Lu told PTI in an intersaid

Major India-US def collaboration may be announced in a few mths

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ndia and the US have forged a robust defence and strategic partnership and a major bilateral defence collaboration venture may be announced in the next few months for India to manufacture sophisticated

weapon systems. This was stated by the Biden administration's point person for South and Central Asia Donald Lu late on Thursday in Washington. "I think it makes eminent sense dia to produce world class defence equipment for its ment in India. own needs, and potentially as



an exporter, for the world," US Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asia Donald Lu told PTI in an interview.

The senior State Department official, however, refrained from giving details of the major defence collaboration to manufacture modern and

partners in the defence field. We, over the last 20 years, have had a defence trade of over \$ 20 billion. And I know our private companies and our governments, our ministries of defence are talking on a regular basis about how we cooperate," he said.

Lu pointed out that last system in the previous years April during the Two Plus Two Dialogue involving India's Minister of Defence and External Affairs Minister and their American counterparts Secretary of Defence and Secretary of State, for the first time there was American sup-

parties with different ideologies in a democracy, the prime minister stressed the need for the bureaucrats to assess whether a political party in power is using public money for its own growth or for the nation.

Recalling the words of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, India's first home minister, who termed the bureaucracy the steel frame of India, the prime minister said it is time to live up to the expectations and ensure that the dreams of youths are not crushed and taxpayers' money is not destroyed.

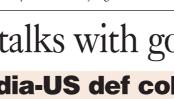
Attacking the past governments, Modi said it was the legacy of the earlier system that there were over four crore fake gas connections, four crore bogus ration cards in the country, and it was the legacy of the earlier system that one crore fictitious women and children were getting assistance from the Women and Child Development Ministry. "It was also the legacy of the earlier system that lakhs of fake accounts were created under MGNREGA to transfer the benefits of workers who never existed," he said.

He credited the civil servants for the transformation of the system and preventing nearly Rs 3 lakh crore from landing in the wrong hands, which, he said, is now being used for the welfare of the poor.

Highlighting his government's initiative to do away with the protocol of hierarchy, Modi said he constantly meets secretaries, assistant secretaries and trainee officers.

During the event, Modi also conferred the Prime Minister's Awards for Public Excellence in Administration to recognise the extraordinary and innovative work done by districts and organisations of the central

and state governments. Union Minister of State for Ministry of Personnel Jitendra Singh; Principal Secretary to Prime Minister P K Mishra; Cabinet Secretary Raiiy Gauba: and Secretary, Department of Administrative Reforms and were also present on the occa-



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Health Ministry gets PM Award for National Covid Vaccination Programme

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

The Union Health Ministry was on Friday bestowed with the Prime Minister Awards For Excellence in Public Administration, 2022, for the National COVID-19 Vaccination Programme. Rajesh Bhushan, Secretary in the Health Ministry, received the award at the 16th Civil Services Day event here.

"A Proud Moment! @MoHFW_India team has been conferred with PM Awards For Excellence in Public Administration, 2022, for National COVID-19 Vaccination Programme.

Congratulations to the entire team who worked tirelessly with the mantra of vaccinating everyone," Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya

said in a tweet in Hindi. As part of Civil Services Day, Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Public Administration are presented to districts/implementing units for implementation of priority programmes and innovation categories. The award has been insti-

tuted to recognise the extraordinary and innovative work done by districts, and organisations of the central and state governments for people's wel-

PNS NEW DELHI

A group of more than 1,800 scientists, science teachers and educators has written an open letter raising concerns about the chapter on "Theory of Biological Evolution" being dropped from the NCERT textbook for Class 10.

The signatories to the letter include scientists from noted institutions such as the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR), Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) and IITs, among others. As part of its curriculum rationalisation exercise, the NCERT had last year announced that the chapter "Heredity and Evolution" will be replaced with "Heredity" in the Class 10 science textbook.

Dropping of theory of evolution by

NCERT worries scientists, teachers

Among the topics dropped from the chapter are 'Evolution', 'Acquired and Inherited Traits, Tracing Evolutionary Relationships', 'Fossils', 'Evolution by Stages, 'Evolution Should Not Be Equated With Progress' and 'Human Evolution'.

The new books as per the rationalised curriculum have hit the market now with the commencement of new academic session. Demanding that the theory of Darwinian evolution be restored in secondary education, the signatories, who are part of the "Breakthrough Science Society", have said that understanding the process of evolution is "crucial in building a scientific temper" and depriving students of this exposure is "travesty of education".

"Knowledge and under-standing of evolutionary biology is important not just to any sub-field of biology, but is also kev to understanding the world around us. Evolutionary biology is an area of science with a huge impact on how we choose to deal with an array of problems we face as societies and nations from medicine and drug discovery, epidemiology, ecology and environment, to psychology, and it also addresses our understanding of humans and their place in the tapestry of life," the letter said.

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Cheetah again moves out of Kuno; Namibian experts say park is small

ARCHANA JYOTI NEW DELHI

 $E^{ven}_{Oban'}$ now rechristened Pawan has again moved out from the Kuno Palpur Sanctuary in Madhya Pradesh, keeping the wild officials on their toe, Namibian top scientists have warned that more felines may venture out soon as the size of their habitat is small when compared to the space needed for free movement of the predators.

Kuno National Park is an and cause conflicts with neighunfenced wilderness area bouring villages," noted the spread over an area of 750 square kilometres.

"As Kuno National Park is IZW in Namibia. A total of 20 small, it is likely that the cheetahs from Namibia and released animals will move far South Africa have been intro-

duced to the park since last year to establish a free-ranging population-for the first time since their extinction in India 70

years ago. However, in their letter published in the journal Conservation Science and Practice, the scientists minced no words as they said that reintroduction of the big cats to India was planned without considering their spatial ecology and they may come into conflict with people in the neighbouring villages.

"Regardless of the size of their territories established in India, the three Namibian males will have occupied the entire national park, leaving no room for further territories of

the additional cheetahs recently transferred from South África," they added.

Spatial ecology addresses the fundamental effects of space on the movement of individual species and on the stability of multispecies communities.

"There are initial findings that reintroduced cheetahs undertake long forays over an area of several thousand square kilometers in the first few months after translocation. We therefore predict that cheetahs will most likely be also found far outside the national park and could come into conflict with farmers in the vicinity of the park," the scientists said



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Ajit skips NCP meeting, attends events in Pune

Senior Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) leader Ajit Pawar on Friday skipped a meeting of his party's Mumbai unit raising eyebrows in political circles as speculation about his next political move refuses to die down.

Speaking to reporters in Pune, Pawar played down the buzz saying that he was unable to attend the NCP convention as he had to remain present for some other programmes happening at the same time in Pune. He said nothing much should be read into this. BJP said Maha Vikas Aghadi leaders were defaming him and

questioning his credibility. The daylong meeting in Mumbai was addressed by party chief Sharad Pawar and other senior leaders like Praful Patel, Jitendra Awhad, Supriya Sule, Chhagan Bhujbal and state president Jayant Patil. Praful Patel said Mumbai and Thane region have 60 Assembly

minister. NCP has fought elections in Mumbai in alliance with the Congress with mixed results, said Jayant Patil. "We also have to renew efforts to strengthen ourselves at the grassroots and connect with people on issues of housing and basic amenities," he said.

288-member Assembly.

do well if civic elections are fought under the leadership of Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray in an alliance. NCP, Congress and the Shiv Sena under Thackeray were part of the Maha Vikas Ághadi (MVA) government that collapsed last year following a rebellion by Eknath Shinde, who later joined hands with the Bharatiya Janata



NCP leader Ajit Pawar Will 100% like to seats and NCP must do well in be Maha CM, this belt if it has to emerge as the number one party in the state. says Ajit Pawar In the 2019 state elections, the party had won 54 seats in the Pune: Amid speculation over his

next move, senior Nationalist Awhad said the party can Congress Party (NCP) leader Ajit Pawar on Friday said his outfit can stake a claim to post of Maharashtra's Chief Minister "now also" instead of waiting for 2024 when Assembly polls are due in State. The Leader of Opposition in Assembly also told an interviewer that he will "100 per cent" like to be Chief Minister of Maharashtra. PTI

SC orders UP to put water tubs for wazu in Gyanvapi mosque

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court asked the Varanasi District Collector on Friday to ensure that a sufficient number of plastic tubs with water is made available for "wazu" (ritual ablution) for Muslim devotees at the Gyanvapi mosque complex.

A bench comprising Chief Justice DY Chandrachud and Justice PS Narasimha recorded the statement of Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, who appeared in the court on behalf of the Uttar Pradesh Government, that the collector would ensure the availability of water at the mosque complex.

'The solicitor general states that in order to facilitate the performance of 'wazu', the District Magistrate shall ensure that a sufficient number of tubs for water is made available to avoid inconvenience," the bench said.

The apex court had earlier directed the collector to hold a meeting for providing congenial working arrangements for "wazu" at the mosque complex. The court was hearing a plea moved by the Anjuman Intezamia Masjid Committee, seeking permission for "wazu" at the mosque complex in Varanasi during the month of Ramzan.

Supreme Court had earlier referred to its order passed on May 20 last year, directing that facilities for "wazu" and washrooms be provided to devotees following the sealing of certain areas



inside the mosque premises. The Solicitor General had assured the court that a meeting shall be convened by the collector so that a congenial working arrangement is provided, the bench noted in its order. The court had also recorded the mosque management committee's statement that it will be satisfied even if mobile toilets are provided.

The apex court had, on November 11 last rear, extended till further orders the protection of the area inside the mosque complex where "Shivling" was claimed to have been found.

Senior advocate Huzefa Ahmadi, appearing for the mosque committee, had requested the bench to take up the matter for hearing soon, saying the month of Ramzan is underway and adequate arrangements should be made. He had said the water for "wazu" was being used from a drum and the number of worshippers had increased in view of Ramzan.

PM woos Eshwarappa via video call after son denied K'taka poll ticket

PNS NEW DELHI

Tn a reminder to the

Himachal Pradesh elections

, last year, when Prime Minister

Narendra Modi made a 'pla-

catory' telephone call to a BJP

leader denied ticket by the

party, former Karnataka min-ister and sitting MLA KS Eshwarappa on Friday received

a video call from Modi, days

after his son's candidature was

passed over for the Shivamogga

Assembly seat in the poll-

Minister lauded Eshwarappa

for his "commitment to the

BJP." Eshwarappa, 74, who

recently announced his retire-

In the call the Prime

bound Karnataka,

heard saying that he will meet him whenever he visits pollbound Karnataka. In reply, Eshwarappa told the PM that the BJP will win the upcoming election.

In 2022 Himachal elections the Prime Minister had reportedly made a similar call to Kripal Parmar, the BJP leader in Himachal Pradesh after he was not allotted the party ticket in the assembly polls. Parmar, however, contested as an independent even after the phone call from Modi but lost his election.

Parmar, 63, who contested from the Fatehpur seat and finished third with just 2,800 votes.

ment from electoral politics, After speaking to the Prime Minister, Eshwarappa, a also shared a video of him talkbackward class leader, told newspersons "I had no clue ing to Modi in a phone call. In the video, the Prime Minister is heard saying, "You even in my dream that the have demonstrated your com-Prime Minister will call me. His mitment to the party. I am very happy with you. So, I decided phone call has inspired me. We will win the election in the to talk to you." Modi is also Shivamogga city.

NOW, HC ORDERS CBI PROBE IN MCD SCAM Cash for job: CBI raids another TMC MLA's house

SAUGAR SENGUPTA κοι κατα

There was more embarrass-ment for Mamata Banerjee's Trinamool Congress with the Central Bureau of Investigations on Friday raiding the residence of party MLA Tapas Saha in connection with the school-level cash-for-job case that has already seen three party legislators including former Education Minister Partha Chatterjee and Manik Bhattacharya, a former TET

chairman, going to jail. Days after the federal agency arrested party's Baroan MLA Jiban Krishna Saha in the same case the CBI on Friday raided the house and office of Tapas Saha a TMC MLA from Tehatta in Nadia district. This, even as the Calcutta High Court on Friday gave a fresh order directing the CBI to investigate the multicrore State municipal services

by a pond behind his house burning a pile of documents, sources said adding the officials had taken cognizance of the matter. Incidentally, the "Ponds" had been playing an important role in recent investigations. A few days ago arrested TMC MLA from

Baroan, Jiban Krishna Saha too had lobbed off his two mobile sets into a pond behind his house. The CBI which took about 60 hours to fish out the two mobile phones on Friday however said that the phones were water resistant and were being

sent to Delhi for forensic tests. The Baroan MLA who The Baroan MLA who had allegedly raised Rs 300 crore by selling school teach-ers' jobs allegedly owned joint properties (lands) with a member of the State's highest political family, the investiga-tors here allocatly found tors have allegedly found. Cut to Tehatta. Unlike

Chatterjee, Bhattacharya and Jiban Krishna whose names up during investiga obbed tion by Enforcement Directorate and CBI that were conducting probe following a High Court order, the Bengal government started probes against Tapas Saha after some party members and Nadia residents reported to TMC national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee about his alleged involvement in recruitment racket.



Heartiest Greetings to all on Bhagwan **Parshuram Jayanti Akshaya Tritiya**

come before Enforcement Directorate while conducting raids related to the school-level recruitment scam.

Back at Tehatta, Tapas Saha was being grilled for more than six hours when reports last came on Friday evening, sources said. Curiously in a video going viral hours before the raids, the Tehatta MLA was seen sitting

Tiruppur textile hub happy as work hours go up

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN COIMBATORE

The textile hub of South India, Tiruppur, heaved a sigh of relief on Friday as the Tamil Nadu Government acceded to the long pending demand by the industry to increase the working hours of the textile units from eight hours to 12 hours per day in the backdrop of the failure of the units to meet the deadline caused by Covid-19 and the resultant of shut down.

Eight lakh families in Tiruppur and surrounding regions were facing uncertainties as many units started downing the shutters for reasons ranging from shortage of labor and poor infrastructure facilities in the knitwear capital of the country.

The Government has been sitting over the industry's demand for increasing the working hours by four hours. The Pioneer had reported recently about the dire consequences faced by the Tirupur Textile Association because of the callousness of the State administration. Κ Μ Subramanian, president, TEA,



in a statement on Friday welcomed the Government's move to increase the working hours. "The employees are ready and the units are willing to pay the overtime wages. But we did not get the green signal from Chennai," said Subramanian.

He also stated that during peak period, the requirement of overtime was absolutely needed to meet the delivery schedule and make shipment in time. "Transporting the goods by air is a costly affair and it brought down the competence of our units," said S Sakthivel, executive secretary, TEA.

Many demands made by the TEA remain unfulfilled, said Sakthivel. The district as well as Tirupur Municipal Corporation limits which were vibrant and lively till the pandemic struck in 2019, are yet to get back to the rails, said Rajendra Prasad Pareek, owner of a small scale industrial unit.



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Different standards

British Dy PM has to resign on charges of bullying but liberal politicians get away with such allegations

D ritish Deputy Prime Minister Dominic Raab had to quit on Friday over the allegations that he bullied his colleagues. He had himself requested the investigation D in November after government officials filed formal complaints about his behaviour. Though he resigned, saying that he felt "duty bound" to accept the outcome of the inquiry, he was unapologetic about his conduct. He said that, according to the probe, in the last four and a half years, he didn't abuse, shout at or physically intimidate anyone. However, the report found him guilty on two complaints. Raab asserted that the threshold for bullying is low and it sets "a dangerous precedent for the conduct of good government." He went on to say that it will "have a chilling effect on those driving change on behalf of your government—and ultimately the British people." A couple of points need to be made here. First, in mature democracies, the rules governing the conduct



of politicians, especially those in office, are very strict, and strictly implemented. A British prime minister is hauled over the coals for violating the Covid rules; another one is penalized for not wearing the seat belt while driving. This is in sharp contrast with the situation in our country where our political masters believe that rules are for fools, which are made by wise men and women. At any rate, there is hardly any possibility of a traffic policeman getting near a top politician's convoy and enquiring about the compliance of traffic rules.

The charges against Raab and his eventual resignation hint at a pattern: conservative, Right-leaning politicians are more likely to be noticed by the media

and hauled over the coals by opinion makers than their liberal counterparts. Liberal politicians, especially those leaning Leftwards, are handled with kid gloves. Consider the case of US Vice-President Kamala Harris. In December 2021, there were reports about an "exodus" of her personal staff. "Staffers who worked for Harris before she was vice president said one consistent problem was that Harris would refuse to wade into briefing materials prepared by staff members, then berate employees when she appeared unprepared," The Washington Post reported. A former staffer was quoted as saying that her criticism was "soul-destroying." The exodus did not hurt her; she continues to bungle her way as the chief functionary in-charge of stopping the influx of illegal aliens from the southern border. Similarly, former US president Donald Trump is being prosecuted for paying a porn star, even though the money was not drawn from the public exchequer. On the other hand, the mainstream media downplayed US President Joe Biden's son Hunter's improprieties. Raab, however, is a major Conservative leader, a close aide of Prime Minister Rishi Sunak. He expressed his "sadness" in accepting Raab's resignation. With the low threshold for bullying, Raab there will encourage "spurious complaints" against ministers. Sunak must ensure that doesn't happen.



'Blue economy' as next great frontier-REBECCA MATHAI

This economy encompasses cross-cutting sectors, ranging from fisheries and aquaculture to maritime transportation and renewable energy

edged behind towering skyscrapers is the 800-year-old Worli Koliwada, the home of Koli community in Mumbai. A lively fish market typically awaits visitors at the entrance of these settlements. However, behind the charm of such "artisanal fishing" is a tale of threats to their very source of livelihood, fish, to a receding and restrict-ed shoreline. The upcoming coastal road is built on land reclaimed from the sea and the long-term impact of the reclamation on the availability of fish stock hasn't been assessed.

Worli Koliwada is just a tiny blip on the 7,516-km-long jawline of the country that abuts the sea. This long coastline was the subject of a performance audit conducted by the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India last year. By its very nature, a performance audit goes beyond conventional audit to evaluate the key challenges in say, a programme or a scheme and provide actionable recommendations to the Government. This audit on the conservation of coastal ecosystems in India covered ecological, societal and economic issues on the coastline under the larger gamut of the blue economy

The blue economy emerged as one of the two priority areas (the second theme being Responsible Artificial Intelligence) for collaboration amongst Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) of G20 nations — the SAI20 — at the meeting in Guwahati in mid-March under the chairmanship of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India. The coastline of G20 countries accounts for 45 per cent of that of the world's and India's theme found an encouraging resonance among the member SAIs.

The blue economy encompasses a wide range of cross-cutting sectors ranging from fisheries and aquaculture to maritime transportation and renew-

navigate in the audit. But it also

World Bank pegs the economic potential of ocean resources at \$24 trillion to provide livelihood to over 3 billion people. India has 1.85 lakh licenced vessels for industrial fishing, besides small-scale artisanal fishery that bears a significant footprint of fisherwomen. Living in fishing hamlets

with a proud history like Worli Koliwada and now, sharing the same uncertain future. Nearly 34 per cent of global fish stocks are currently overfished, and another 60 per cent are fished at their maximum sustainable level. Ocean ecosystems are under threat from many directions. For instance, ballast water of large shipping vessels has brought along alien invasive species like Mytella Strigata, a mussel of South American origin, which has wiped out populations of green mussel (Perna viridis) in the Ramsar site of Ashtamudi Lake in Kerala, besides threatening the survival of indigenous clam and backwater oysters. The enormous potential

OCEAN ECOSYSTEMS ARE **UNDER THREAT** FROM MANY DIMENSIONS. FOR INSTANCE, **BALLAST WATER** OF LARGE SHIPPING **VESSELS HAS BROUGHT ALONG** ALIEN INVASIVE SPECIES TO **INDIAN SHORES** coastal map into thousands of bite-sized squares. For instance, the Worli hamlet falls in grid number 75 in a 100-plus grid for the coastline in Maharashtra. Each grid demarcates an ecologically sensitive zone, supported by management plans that specify the (permissible) activities that it can sustain — fisheries, tourism, infrastructure pro-

jects etc. One of the areas examined in the performance audit was the extent of compliance with management plans for grids along 6,100 km of the coastline, which would have been impossible to check but for the use of a technology-enabled toolkit. Using GIS software, the grids were assigned geographical attributes that transformed the management plan maps into dynamically active spatial files with grids colour-coded on the grade of their ecological sensitivity. By transposing on this base (of "what should be"), the images from Google Earth (of "what is"), the auditors could see how far the on-site reality differed

from what is mandated. The toolkit revealed,

among others, a racetrack in

a Coastal Regulation Zone-1

Zone-1 being the ecologically most sensitive in the hierarchy of regulated areas. While resorts and shopping malls dotted "no development zones" along the coastline of Kerala.

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This toolkit is not just an audit resource shared by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India at the SAI20 meeting. It can be adapted for use by the Government for oversight of compliance with the coastal management plans. And since it uses open resources, the same tools can be put together in an app that allows communities to partner government in conservation as "blue marshals".

Imagine if the Kolis were to be drafted to monitor activities in grid number 75. And what if the Kolis could join hands with other fishing communities along the coast just as auditors and Governments join hands under the G20 banner — to protect the waters which, in any case, recognise no grids or boundaries? The waters bind us to one earth, one familv and one future and as Amitav Ghosh reminds us: "No place was so remote as to escape the flood of history (Mathai is the Additional Deputy CAG and Gahlaut is Senior AO, CAG of India)



Children bathe in the Hooghly river on a hot summer day, in Nadia

A-HELP for sustainable livestock, a better life

major role in processing,

packaging and selling dairy

products. "More than a third

of dairy cooperatives mem-

bers in India are women,"

Prime Minister Modi

emphasised at International

Dairy Federation World

In every village/ pan-

Bridging the gap

chayat, there is a veterinary

manned by a vet, livestock

dispensary aid centre

assistant and attendant. This

staff often gets engaged in

campaigns etc, leaving

behind other routine duties.

Their responsibilities do not

allow them to take up the

responsibility of a primary

service provider.

Dairy Summit, 2022.



Accredited Agent for Health and Extension of Livestock Production is bridging the gap between livestock farmers, health service providers

ivestock production is a very important compo-Inent of the national economy, a contribution that goes beyond direct food production to include multipurpose uses such as skins, fibre, fertiliser and fuel, as well as capital accumulation.

Livestock management practices and production diseases are seriously influencing the productivity of the livestock population. As an outcome of livestock diseases, animal protein output has not been able to meet up with the demand. Livestock diseases can be infectious, communicable or zoonotic.

The prevention and control of animal diseases is a reoccurring problem which brings about direct action by veterinary services. The services make the farmer aware of livestock management in terms of prevention and control of animal diseases Empowerment by shar-

ing responsibilities

In India, women are often responsible for the day-to-day care and management of livestock. They also often provide basic veterinary care, such as administering medicines and treat-

Role of A-HELP A-HELP will act as a "Livestock Resource Person" for the designated area/village. The selected person will serve as a last-mile extension worker providing 24x7 services at the doorstep of farmers. She will sensitise livestock owners on ear-tagging, registration on the Information Network for Animal Productivity & Health (INAPH), scientific health management of livestock, basic sanitation and ing injuries. They play a

hygienic practices. A-HELP is like ASHA

Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying came up with a new band of community-based functionaries; named A-HELP to fill this void by utilising the existing cadre of Pashu Sakhis under DAY-NRLM, which is a cadre of commu-

nity animal care providers. This was institutionalised on September 1, 2023, for leveraging the SHG platform for rural economic growth.

Developing a training module for A-HELP and their master trainers was the biggest obstacle. The A-HELP training was undertak-en using a "consortium" approach with DAHD,

to have a complete approach towards livestock health, welfare, and women's empowerment to make it a sustainable model. After the 42-day basic training by NRLM, the Animal Husbandry Department will provide a further 16 days of training to make them eligible to become "A-HELP". National Dairy Development Board is the nodal institution for training which includes ToT programmes for vets and SRLM

officials and a comprehensive 16-day training programme with hands-on farm practicals for selected Pashu Sakhis. Following training, their performance will be tested and accredited by the Rural Self Employment Training Institutions.

The success of ASHA workers in the Health sector paved way for this novel idea of A-HELP in the livestock sector, which will act as the first port of call for any livestock health-related issues, especially those who find it difficult to access veterinary health services.

(The writer is Asst Commissioner, DAHD, GoI, New Delhi)

ing critical issues such as able energy, making it a complex and labyrinthine landscape to tive coastal spatial planning. holds tremendous value. The Spatial planning divides the

of the blue economy cannot

be realised without address-

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A GREAT SCIENTIFIC FEAT

Sir — The universe is a never-ending saga of cosmic forces such as black holes colliding to emit gravitational waves, neutrinos and even vibrations emanating from the expansion of the universe. Much progress has been made in the field of gravitational waves ever since it was first detected by Albert Einstein in 1916. It delves deeper into the antecedents of cosmic collisions by closely watching the sky through gravitational wave observations. With the recent Cabinet approval for the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory (LIGO) India project, the country has taken a big leap forward in terms of inculcating scientific temper. This is the third LIGO coming to Maharashtra after Louisiana and Washington in the US which will work in tandem with them.

This ambitious project began with big fanfare in the US and now Europe and Japan have also joined hands. Advanced gravitational wave detectors and an international web of observatories will keep a hawk's eye to determine exactly why, when and where cosmic collisions take place. A rare observatory in fundamental science at the global level of operational expertise that is likely to groom newer enthusiasts and can make a huge impact. A new era has dawned that will set the stage for new vistas for young scientists to make a mark in this mysterious realm. A new observatory on Indian soil has the potential to open up newer avenues only if it can come to terms with ultra-sophisticated technology. Now it remains to be seen as to how far Indian scientists, science educators and budding enthusiasts can extract their true potential and grab the opportunities with both hands that underlie gravitational wave physics. Vijay Singh Adhikari | Nainital

SHOCKING INCIDENT

Sir — Shocked to read that, in another incident, five Army soldiers were killed while another was injured in Jammu and

A laudable act of compassion



s the father of an 18-year-old boy studying A in faraway south, my heart is shattered read-ing about the inconsolable sudden death of 18-year-old Rudra in Pune and feeling the shock and pain of his father Haladhar Let, a migrant labourer from Birbhum district. But along with such grief, my chest also swells with pride and joy on reading about the humanity and liberalism of labour contractor Abdul Gaffar (also from Birbhum) who, despite his modest means, imme

when the vehicle they were travelling in caught fire due to the likely use of grenades by terrorists, as per the Army's statement. The Army vehicle was fired on by unidentified terrorists, taking advantage of heavy rains and low visibility in the area.

The Army said the vehicle caught fire due to the likely use of grenades by terrorists. Five personnel of the Rashtriya Rifles unit deployed for counter-terrorist operations in this area have unfortunately lost their lives in the incident. "Another seriously injured soldier was evacuated immediately to an Army Hospital and is under treatment," the Army said, adding that operations were in progress to locate the perpetrators of the dastardly act. It has been observed that it has become routine of killing soldiers by terrorists before the State Assembly elections.

Bhagwan Thadani | Mumbai

INDIA SURPASSES CHINA

Sir — In the Global Hunger Index, India is at the 101st position out of the Kashmir's Poonch district on Thursday 116 countries on the list. But while surg-

diately paid ₹80,000 for embalming the body and transporting it to Birbhum in an ambulance!

"I just had my iftar ... I thought it was my duty as a pious Muslim to help Haladhar in this time of distress. It was not about money, it was about humanity," the words of Abdul Gaffar are music in this rabidly communal environment. May all Indians draw inspiration from this Haladhar-Gaffar saga and return to their allembracing cultural roots and take a vow not to sacrifice their secular legacy and the all-embracing spirit of the Indian Constitution on the altar of sword-flexing barbaric "celebration" of epic heroes leading to all sorts of communal disharmony! May the humanitarian spirit of Rabindranath-Nazrul-Gandhi-Nehru-Netaji enjoy the last laugh in Bengal and India and let this be the spirit on the holy occasion of Eid-ul-Fitr. Kajal Chatterjee | Kolkata

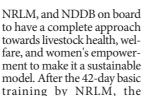
ing ahead on this index, which is a welcome development, India has surpassed China in terms of population numbers and our nation now boasts of the maximum number of people in any country in the world.

However, it remains to be understood well that it is not really a good piece of news, rather it's an alarming indication. Nearly 50 per cent of the Indian population is currently below the age of 25 years, as per the United Nations Fund for Population Activities. No wonder that it is becoming increasingly harder for the Governments to provide jobs, healthcare and a host of other necessary facilities to the youth. Understandably, it is hard for our Governments to create employment for such a huge population, so it should strictly consider the policy of birth control. Now we should strictly focus on the policy, 'Hum do, hamare do'

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FIRSTCOLUMN TIPS FOR SOLO WOMEN TRAVELLERS

It's time to enable an environment that welcomes solo travellers without fear



NIHARIKA NIGAM

y latest travel fiction novel 3..2..1..JUMP has become a favourite with travel influencers for its various shades of travel: the yearn-ing for a scenic destination, the apprehensions, making new friends, impulse excursions, and yes, the loneliness of it too! It's a treat to experience all of it, as a part of it. Practically, however, the moment you think to vocalise this desire to friends and family, the safety concerns are the hardest to dodge! These are of course genuine concerns, and well-founded. However, with some planning, your next solo trip can be a breeze and a half!

PLAN IN ADVANCE

While living spontaneously is one of the perks of solo travel, have a few basics in place. What's the usual mode of transport? How crowded are roads at night? How far your accommodation is from the places or adventures you wish to have? These help you account for your money, and time.

CARRY-ONS

A pepper spray for creeps, pee safe for public restrooms and hand sanitisers for everywhere! Mustmust must. Always have cash handy, you'd be surprised by how many places en route can leave you with terrible network and no signal.

ADVENTURE

When choosing adventure operators, always do your due diligence in terms of their expertise. This should not be taken lightly. Look at testimonials, the years of operations and their safety standards



ACCOMMODATION

When looking at cheaper accommodation alternatives, look at customer reviews and make sensible decisions. If the location is isolated and dingy, chances are it isn't frequented by solo women travellers and you'd rather choose differently. Hostels are great for meeting new people and there are tons of cool options now as the hostel culture seems to be here to stay!

BUY YOUR DRINKS

Earth Day and 'Sanatan' ecology



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On Earth Day we must resolve to recreate ancient doctrines of regenerative lifestyle to ensure our planet and its inhabitants remain healthy

he celebration of Earth Days or for that matter any day is the occasion for educating the public on issues of concern to humanity, discussing concerns having global relevance, mobilising pub-lic opinion, showcasing the achievements of humanity, and revisiting the civilizational discourses for drawing a road map for the future. Human civilization is at a cross-road due to the planetary climate crisis. Unquestionably, human indulgence and the plundering of natural resources is the prime reason for the mess we are in.

The Vedic culture is a set of doctrines for living in perfect harmony with nature. The verses in the Vedas manifest the sacred relationship between biotic and abiotic components. To the Vedic people, the Earth was an object of worship and its bountiful natural resources were utilised to meet the bare minimum needs for survival. A Hymn in Prithvi Sukta in Atharva Veda is the foremost inspirational ecological proclamation. Through this, we earnestly vouch for the ever-lasting allegiance to Mother Earth- 'Mata Bhumih Putroham Prithivyah. Rig Veda (8.8.49.4) contemplates that 'United be your purpose, harmonious be your feelings, collect-ed be your mind, in the same way as all the various aspects of the universe exist in interconnectedness, wholeness and oneness'.

Prithvi Sukta says 'O Mother Earth! Be kind to us and bestow happiness upon us. May you be fertile, arable, and nourisher of all? May you continue supporting people of all races and nations?' Through these, Mother Earth's blessings are sought for the prosperity of all creatures and the fulfilment of righteous aspirations of man. We solemnise Mother Earth for all her natural bounties, especially for her gifts of water, herbs and vegetation, and we pray for the wellness of the sky, hills, mountains, rivers, clouds, seas and oceans and wish that all components of Earth remain healthy.

Through such principles, man secured the Earth from all environmental misadventures and ill-treatment. In Sanatan culture, we firmly believe that the earth and all its objects are not merely the creation of God but also possess his divine energy ('Tat sristva ta devanu pravisat': after creating the universe, He entered into every object created). Thus, we developed close interconnections and a co-existential mindset with nature. Contrastingly, to satisfy our greed and unlimited wants, we are now polluting the hydrosphere, lithosphere, biosphere and atmosphere- crucial components of Earth. Consequently, mother earth is wounded, its ecosystem polluted to the extent of becoming incapable of supporting. Verse 12.1.35 in Bhumi Suktam warned us about the overexploitation of natural resources irreparably damaging the environment. In Athary Veda, we prayed that What, O earth, I dig out of thee, quickly shall that grow again: may I not, O pure one, injure thy vitals or thy heart. Since we no longer celebrate the divine energy in Earth and its components, our indulgence with nature has become 'Prakriti Virodhi'. Therefore, the question arises: What should be our Sanatan discourse on the irreversible planetary climate crisis? Contextually, the Sanatan worldview, scholarship, traditions, civilizational discourses and nature-cenWE SHOULD NOT LIVE IN THE **ILLUSION THAT** MAN IS SPECIAL **OR DIFFERENT** FROM OTHER **BIOTIC AND** ABIOTIC COMPONENTS AND ALSO FROM EACH OTHER

tric indulgence can provide a spir-itual roadmap to address the threat of climate change.

Pancha mahabhutas (Prithvi, Agni, Jal, Akash, and Vayu) originate from nature and depend upon each other for existence. Earth, the densest of all, is the ground upon which life originates and flourishes. For us, the Earth is an organic entity, metaphysically and metaphorically. We worship these elements for their sacredness and divine energy. We used to perform the prayer before any action that we thought might pollute these elements. Through yagnas and sacrificial fire, we used to purify the environment. Practices like daily greetings to mother earth before stepping onto it, praying to the sun at the first sight, greetings to food and offering it to God before eating, worshipping rivers, mountains, vegetation and various other lands- and life-forms, and thanking God before sleeping amply demonstrate the depth of our intimate relationship with nature. In Vishwamitra Smriti we pray Samundravasane devi parvatstanmandale? Vishnupatni namstubhyam padsparsh kshamaswame-Oh Mother Goddess, the one who is covered with oceans as her garments and mountains as her bosom, the consort of Lord Vishnu, please forgive us for touching You with our feet.

us that human beings are not the supreme species and have no right to dominate or conquer other entities. Vedas advised us to live in a co-existential mindset. Ishavasya Upanishad verse-1 says that Isavasyamidam sarvam yatkinca jagatyam jagat; Tena tyaktena bhunjitha ma grdhah kasya sviddhaman; meaning that 'All natural resources belong to the God and our share is the bare minimum necessary for survival and earn without committing sins. So we should not covet others' wealth. The irony is that the modern Hindus are en-route to forgetting their traditional sacred relationship with nature and their ecological vision is becoming blurred. Consequently, the life support system of the earth has been degraded and polluted and the earth is becoming unfit to nurture and support life. We need to restore our ancient ecological vision to reverse this trend. We ought to embrace our traditional lifestyle, world view and civilizational discourses of green living. The Vedic philosophy of oneness must be the guiding principle for our indulgence with nature where the universe is considered an integral part of our own higher self. From scientific materialism and dualistic Western metaphysics, we learnt that man is independent of nature and God is independent of both, man and nature. This prompted us to consider mother earth a dead object and encouraged us to exploit nature that can be naturally regenerated whereas

Atharva Veda taught us: 'O Mother Earth, May whatever I dig from you grow back again quickly, and may we not injure you by our labour'. This is leading to the collapse of the earth's ecosystem. The fact is Mother Earth does not discriminate against the creatures decorating her body and soul. To Her, all creatures are equally important. Thus, we arrive at the dictum 'Sarva Bhuta Hita'.

We should not live in the illusion that man is special or different from other biotic and abiotic components and also from each other. We must restore and promote the deep-rooted benign interconnectedness that exists between man and nature. We need to interface our Sanatan worldview and modern science to experience and enrich inner harmony and peace, universal brotherhood and respect for mother earth. We need to recreate ancient doctrines of regenerative lifestyle which can ensure the sustainability of nature. We must ensure that all life-sustaining components of mother earth remain healthier than ever before. On Earth Day, can we commit ourselves to restoring Earth's life-sustaining ecosystem, re-establish the Sanatan connection with nature and natural resources, celebrate God's creativity and divine energy, and relearn to live harmoniously with Nature? After all, 'Wisdom comes to a man, who meditates, acts and lives according to the true eternal laws of Nature' (Rig Veda).

Nobody, and I mean nobody, should be trusted with your drinks when you're by yourself. Get bottled water and get your drinks made. Spiking drinks is more common than you think and winging it is a recipe for disaster

Try local experiences. Chances are, there's a reason they're popular. Rishikesh has gained popularity for adventures like Bungy and rafting. Goa is expanding beyond beaches and nightlife too!

Have fun with the world around you, and let it take you in. As long as you're well and safe!

WRAPPING UP

Planning and strategizing your trip in advance will help you be prepared for the troubles you might face. There are many women-friendly zostels and hostels available in various places these days. You can research and check reviews about the same. Services like homestay are also good to go. Ensure that your loved ones are aware of the place you stay and try to be in touch with them at least once a day. A solo trip will help you meet the miraculous person you are. People often find the answer to their questions this way. You never know, it might heal you to be a better person and even strengthen your mind to face anything. Hope you have a great experience!

(The writer is the Director, of Business Development Jumpin Heights)

This does not mean that Hindus mindlessly worship the superiority of nature due to fear or superstition. Vedic culture taught

Earth Day is for everyone, everywhere

Climate change is undoubtedly the biggest environmental issue we face today, and we are running out of time to combat it

rarth is home to nearly 7 billion people, 300,000 plant species, and about 10 million animal species. Ecosystems around the world provide precious services and resources to sustain all life on Earth, yet humanity continues to take them for granted. Our activities and climate change are threatening the planet, and we need to do everything we can to conserve and protect our homes. Earth Day reminds us of the biggest environmental issues and their drivers. The theme of Earth Day in 2023 is "Invest in Our Planet". Earth Day is celebrated to raise public awareness about the environment and mark the anniversary of the first Earth Day. Decades later, environmental issues continue. The fight for a clean environment

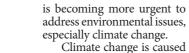


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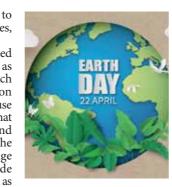
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by human activities such as burning fossil fuels, which emit heat-trapping carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases into the atmosphere that raise global temperatures and disrupt weather patterns. The impacts of climate change around the world include extreme weather events such as floods and intense wildfires.

The first Earth Day helped put environmental issues on the national agenda in the U.S. The event also inspired various environmental legislation in the 1970s, including the Clean Water Act (1972) and the Toxic Substances Control Act (1976), according to Columbia



Planet(opens in new tab) news website

And the impact of Earth Day has gone far beyond the U.S. For example, the United Nations General Assembly formally recognized April 22 as International Mother Earth Dav in 2009, according to the United Nations Environment University's State of the Programme (opens in new

tab). On Earth Day 2016, the undoubtedly the biggest envi-United Nations adopted the Paris Climate Agreement (opens in new tab), which saw nations around the world aim to keep global warming preferably below 1.5 Celsius (2.7 Fahrenheit) and well below 2 C (3.6 F) compared to preindustrial levels. However, despite Earth

(The writer is Vice-

Chancellor, Central

University of Punjab,

Bathinda)

Day moments such as the Paris Climate Agreement pledges, climate change is far from resolved. The UN Secretary-General António Guterres said at the Economist Sustainability Summit in 2022 that the 1.5-degree goal is on "life support," and with emissions continuing to increase, "we are sleepwalking to climate catastrophe." GET INVOLVED

ronmental issue we face today, and we are running out of time to combat it. The latest reports published by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change warn that global temperatures will very likely rise 1.5°C above preindustrial levels by 2040, and it's "now or never" to limit global warming. Despite the progress on climate pledges, it is not enough. **CIVIL ACTION**

Public pressure and civil society mobilisation are the greatest tool in the global shed to drive institutional and systemic changes. Hold politicians, governments and companies across sectors accountable for their actions – target organisations and businesses Climate change is that are linked to fossil fuel

industries, deforestation, and harmful activities to the environment that could lead to the loss of habitats and biodiversity. Whether it is the fast fashion industry that is generating millions of tonnes of textile waste and wastewater or the companies that neglect plastic pollution, you can use your voice and make a difference. From local petitions and advocacy to large-scale boycotts and protests, there's no action too small.

INDIVIDUAL ACTION We can achieve a sustain-

able future for us with our combined efforts if every individual in the world makes changes to their lifestyles. You can make it a habit to join in community reforestation efforts or beach clean-ups. On the individual level, simple switches to plant-based diets (or at least reduce meat consumption) can alleviate significant stress on deforestation and emissions in the agricultural sector; eliminating singleuse plastics and replace them with reusable and recyclable materials; giving up fast fashion in support of sustainable fashion; opting for public transportation and low-emission means of transport such as biking and electric cars can all go a long way. Acts of composting and recycling are not to be underestimated in reducing your carbon footprint.

The current warming is happening at a rate not seen in the past 10,000 years. Scientific information taken from natural sources and modern equipment show the signs of a changing climate.



Pak parl notifies law to curtail powers of CJ

PTI ISLAMABAD

 $P_{\rm Friday\ notified\ a\ law\ to}^{\rm akistan's\ parliament\ on}$ curtail the powers of the Supreme Court Chief Justice from taking sou motu actions and authority to constitute panels of judges for cases to be heard, taking the prevailing tensions with the judiciary a notch higher. Relations between the judiciary and the ruling coalition have become sour ever since the ruling Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N)-led government has been pushing for the Supreme Court (Practice and Procedure) Bill 2023 to dilute chief justice's power to take suo motu action and form a panel

of judges for hearing of cases. It was initially passed by both houses of parliament and sent to the president for his assent. However, the president sent it back, saying that the proposed law travelled "beyond the competence of parliament".

On April 10, the bill was passed for the second time by a joint sitting of parliament with certain amendments, amid a noisy protest by lawmakers from ousted prime minister Imran Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party. Through its Twitter

account on Friday, the National Assembly announced that the controversial bill became law after mandatory ten days since the parliament passed the bill

again after the president had returned it without an endorsement for reconsideration.

Supreme Court (Practice and Procedure) Act, 2023 of the Majlis-e-Shoora (Parliament) is deemed to have been assented by the President [...] under clause (2) of Article 75 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan. It is hereby published for general infor-

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mation," the tweet said. The parliament went ahead to notify the law despite an eight-member bench of the Supreme Court, including Chief Justice Umar Ata Bandial, last week barring the government from processing the then-bill to become a law.

The moment that the bill receives the assent of the president or it is deemed that such assent has been given, then from that very moment onwards and till further orders, the Act that comes into being shall not have, take or be given any effect nor be acted upon in any manner," said an interim order issued by the bench of the court April 13.

The key piece of legislation dilutes the powers of the chief justice by stating a three-member panel of senior judges, including the chief justice would decide if suo motu notice should be taken.

It also gave the right of appeal in all suo motu cases with retrospective effect. The law also states that ment.

Pakistan cable operators warned against airing Indian channels

Islamabad (PTI): Pakistan's elecevery cause, matter, or appeal tronic media watchdog on Friday before the apex court would be ordered local cable TV operators heard and disposed of by a across the country to stop airing Indian channels, warning that bench, constituted by a comstringent action would be taken mittee made up of the chief justice and the two senior-most if they were found violating its orders.

Previously the chief justice In a statement, the Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory enjoyed sole power to take suo motu and set up benches. Authority (PEMRA) mentioned that several operators in the There was no concept of past were found violating the appeal in an action taken under rules set in place by it and the By giving the right of Supreme Court.

On Friday, PEMRA ordered appeal, among others, former remier Nawaz Sharif disqualits regional offices to conduct ified by the Supreme Court enforcement drives on reports of under suo motu powers would violations by cable operators who were airing Indian channels. get the right to appeal within 30

"No channel other than Since the court had already Pemra licensee would be allowed stopped the government from for distribution on cable TV networks and any operator found enforcing the act into law, it is not clear if the right of appeal defying the orders henceforth would be entertained by the would be dealt with strictly in accordance with the PEMRA However, the new law furlaw,"the authority said in the ther increased the gulf between statement.

the judiciary and the parlia-The Karachi regional office conducted surprise inspections ment – the latter getting the full in various areas and raided cable operators, namely Digital Cable Earlier, the law was passed twice by parliament because Network, Home Media Communications (Pvt) Ltd, the president returned it after Shahzaib Cable Network and Sky it was sent back by the president without his signatures, Cable Vision. which are required for any bill

Similar raids were conducted in Sindh's Hyderabad and However, if the same bill is Punjab's Multan region by the passed without any changes, the president cannot only delay PEMRA enforcement teams and they confiscated illegal equipment and show-cause notices it for ten days and it becomes were issued to the violators, the statement said

Twitter begins removing verified blue checks from users who don't pay

San Francisco (AP): Many of Twitter's high-profile users are losing the blue checks that helped verify their identity and distinguish them from impostors on the Elon Muskowned social media platform.

After several false starts, Twitter began making good on its promise Thursday to remove the blue checks from accounts that don't pay a monthly fee to keep them. Twitter had about 300,000 verified users under the original blue-check system - many of them journalists, athletes and public figures. The checks — which used to mean the account was verified by Twitter to be who it says it is - began disappearing from these users' profiles late morning Pacific Time.

High-profile users who lost their blue checks Thursday included Beyoncé, Pope Francis, Oprah Winfrey and former President Donald Trump.

The costs of keeping the marks range from USD 8 a month for individual web users to a starting price of USD 1,000 monthly to verify an organisation, plus USD 50 monthly for each affiliate or employee account. Twitter does not verify the individual accounts, as was the case with the previous blue check doled out during the platform's pre-Musk administration.

Celebrity users, from basketball star LeBron James to author Stephen King and Star Trek's William Shatner, have balked at joining — although on Thursday, all three had blue checks indicating that the account paid for verification.

King, for one, said he hadn't paid.

"My Twitter account says I've sub-scribed to Twitter Blue. I haven't. My Twitter account says I've given a phone num-ber. I haven't," King tweeted Thursday. "Just so vou know." In a reply to King's tweet, Musk said

'You're welcome namaste" and in another

tweet he said he's "paying for a few person-

ally." He later tweeted he was just paying for King, Shatner and James.

Singer Dionne Warwick tweeted earli-

Musk's Twitter drops labels for govt-funded media

New York (AP): Twitter has removed labels describing global media organisations as government-funded or state-affiliated, a move that comes after the Elon Musk-owned platform started stripping blue verification checkmarks from accounts that don't pay a monthly fee.

Among those no longer labelled was National Public Radio in the U.S., which announced last week that it would stop using Twitter after its main account was designated state-affiliated media, a term also used to identify media outlets controlled or heavily influenced by authoritarian governments, such as Russia and China.

Twitter later changed the label to "government-funded media," but NPR which relies on the government for a tiny fraction of its funding — said it was still misleading.

Canadian Broadcasting Corp. and Swedish public radio made similar decisions to quit tweeting.

CBC's government-funded label vanished Friday, along with the state-affiliat-

er in the week that the site's verification system "is an absolute mess."

"The way Twitter is going anyone could be me now," Warwick said. She had earlier vowed not to pay for Twitter Blue, saving the monthly fee "could (and will) be going toward my extra hot lattes." On Thursday, Warwick lost her blue check (which is actually a white check mark in a blue background). For users who still had a blue check Thursday, a popup message indicated that the account "is verified because they are subscribed to Twitter Blue and verified their



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ed tags on media accounts including Sputnik and RT in Russia and Xinhua in China.

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The checks used to mean the account was verified by Twitter to be who it says it is.

phone number." Verifying a phone number simply means that the person has a phone number and they verified that they have access to it - it does not confirm the person's identity. It wasn't just celebrities and journalists who lost their blue checks Thursday. Many government agencies, nonprofits and public-service accounts around the world found themselves no longer verified, raising concerns that Twitter could lose its status as a platform for getting accurate, up-to-date information from authentic sources, including in emergencies.

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Russia's air force bombs its own city!

Moscow (AP): Russia's military acknowledged that a bomb accidentally dropped by one of its warplanes caused a powerful blast in a Russian city not far from Ukraine's border, injuring

kilometers (25 miles) east of the Russia-Ukraine border, has faced regular drone attacks during Russia's current military operation in Ukraine. Russian authorities blamed the earlier strikes on the Ukrainian military, which refrained from directly claiming responsibility for the attacks.

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residents had experienced

before. Witnesses reported a

low hissing sound followed

by a blast that made nearby

apartment buildings tremble

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vard flanked by apartments,

damaged several cars and

threw one vehicle onto a

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Austin seeks to stem discord with allies over document leaks

Ramstein Air Base (Germany): Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin sought Friday to tamp down any discord between the US and its allies over the massive US leak of classified documents, as he met with defence leaders from around the globe to coordinate additional military aid to

Acknowledging that the other nations have closely followed the issue, Austin hit the

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global economic downturn, India, which is now

a USD 3 trillion economy, has now set an ambi-

tious goal of becoming a USD 10 trillion econ-

omy in a decade and a developed country by

acle," Assistant Secretary of State for South and

Central Asian Affairs Donald Lu told PTI in an

"We want to be part of your economic mir-

subject head on in his opening remarks to start the meeting. The move underscored the gravity of the situation, since

in battle — intelligence matters the other defence officials are keenly involved in."I take this

said at the start of the daylong session at Ramstein Air Base in Germany

"And we will continue to work closely and respectfully with our deeply valued allies and partners. "Austin said hed spoken to allies and partners about the matter, and "I've been struck by your solidarity and your commitment to reject efforts to divide us. And we will not let anything fracture our AP

Biden Petro meet amid growing differences



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AP WASHINGTON

President Joe Biden hosted Colombian President Gustavo Petro on Thursday for talks at the White House amid deep differences on US drug policy and Venezuela but a shared desire to deepen cooperation on climate change, migration and energy policy.

The leaders, in remarks

Wednesday and Biden, at 80, is the oldest US president in history. But their exchange before the cameras glossed over some of the growing differences tween Washington and Bogota. Petro has sharply criticised US-led efforts to prohibit cocaine, saying at a speech at the United Nations last year that oil consumption promoted by "global powers" is more deadly than cocaine and that the "war on drugs has failed". White House officials said the leaders were expected to discuss counternarcotic efforts, Venezuela, energy and other matters.

a "united, equal, democratic

and economically prosperous"

'Colombia is the key to the

their ages; Petro turned 63 on

The two even joked about

hemisphere," he said.

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Ukraine.

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US wants to be part of India's economic miracle: Official

Washington: Observing that the more India interview on Thursday. "We strongly support

uted online revealed details on the status of the war in Ukraine and the ongoing delivery of weapons and other equipment to Ukrainian forces

issue very seriously," Austin unity."

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'Little evidence' of China approaching India to resolve border dispute: US

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PTI WASHINGTON

Reiterating that the United States supports a Rresolution of the India-China border dispute through a negotiated settlement and direct conversations between the two countries, a top Biden Administration official has said that Washington has seen "little evidence" that Beijing is seriously approaching the talks with a sense of goodwill.

Indian and Chinese troops are locked in a three-year confrontation in certain friction points in eastern Ladakh. India has maintained that its bilateral ties with China cannot be normal unless there is peace in the border areas.

"Our position on India's border dispute with China is long-standing. We support a resolution of that border dispute through a negotiated settlement and through direct conversations between the two countries," Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asia Donald Lu told PTI in an interview on Thursday.

"Having said that, we see little evidence that the Chinese government is seriously approach-ing these talks with a sense of goodwill. What we see is the opposite. We see provocations that happen on the Line of Actual Control (LAC) on a pretty regular basis," Lu said in response to a question.

India, the senior State Department official said, can count on the United States' standing with India as it faces the challenge of its northern neighbour.

India oar to gr its econom States, and for the world, Biden Administration's way. The more India grows, the better it is for India, for the United States and for the world. point person for South Asia on Thursday said that the US wants to be part of New Delhi's eco-A prosperous India will have more resources to help address global problems like climate One of the fastest-growing major world change and future pandemics," Lu said in response to a question. economies for the past several years despite the

The United States, he said, is proud to host more than 200,000 Indian students who are studying at US universities.

'In fact, just a few days ago, we have preliminary data from the Indian Ministry of Commerce to indicate our bilateral trade and goods grew by an additional seven per cent," he said. PTI

the Oval Office meeting, tried to keep the focus on areas of agreement, including strengthening their democracies and building economies less dependent on carbon sources.

"We are going down the same river, a river that leads us to ever-greater democracy and ever-greater freedom," Petro said. He added: "We have a common agenda and a lot of work to do." Biden said the countries shared a goal to build

Muslims celebrate Eid al-Fitr holiday with feasts, prayers AP BEIRUT The holiday of Eid al-Fitr ush-ered in a day of prayers and joy



al-Fitr with feasts and family visits The start of the holiday is traditionally based on sightings of the new moon, which vary

a better future.

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according to geographic loca-In Sudan's capital, Khartoum, staccato blasts of gunfire marked the early hours of the feast day. A deadly conflict in the vast African country

that erupted in the past week has forced many people to shelter indoors ahead of the holiday, even as water and food for civilians runs low.

In Jerusalem, thousands of faithful gathered at Islam's third holiest shrine, the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, where tensions with Israeli authorities have seethed in the past month. The compound also hosts Judaism's holiest site. Following holiday prayers, a clown enter-



Palestinians attend Eid al-Fitr holiday celebrations by the Dome of the Rock shrine in the AI Aqsa Mosque compound in Jerusalem's Old City on Friday.

and brooms to clean grave-

stones. "After the Eid prayer we

always visit our dead ... to pray

and pay our respects, may God

have mercy and forgive them on

this blessed day," said Atheer Mohamed in Baghdad's

Azamiya cemetery. Islam's hol-

idays follow a lunar calendar. But

some countries rely on astro-

nomical calculations rather than

physical sightings. This fre-

quently leads to disagreements

between religious authorities in

different countries - and some-

times in the same country - over

the start date of Eid al-Fitr.

tained children and a woman painted the cheek of a girl with the green, red, black and white Palestinian flag. Some attendees trampled on an Israeli flag and unfurled banners in support of Palestinian militant groups.

The streets of Arab capitals of Damascus, Baghdad and Beirut were crowded with worshippers heading to mosques and cemeteries. Many Muslims visit the graves of their loved ones after the early morning prayer on the first day of Eid al-Fitr. Visitors toted bouquets of flowers, jugs of water for plants,

10 killed in South Africa mass shooting Johannesburg (AP): Ten members of the same family, seven of them women, were killed in a mass shooting at a house in South Africa, police

said on Friday. According to initial reports, they were ambushed by unknown gunmen at the home in the city of Pietermaritzburg in the eastern KwaZulu-Natal province, police said.

The shooting happened Thursday night or early Friday morning.

Police Minister Bheki Cele was due to visit the scene on Friday.

South Africa has one of the highest homicide rates in the world and there has been a spate of mass shootings in recent vears.

Eight people were fatally shot at a birthday party in the south coast city of Gqeberha in January. Last year, 16 died in a mass shooting at a bar in the Johannesburg township of Soweto when a group of armed men, some of them wielding rifles, opened fire on customers. On the same day of that Soweto shooting, 12 people were shot, four of them fatally, at a bar in Pietermaritzburg.



Sunak rocked by resignation of close ally Dominic Raab

PTI LONDON

In a major blow to British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, his close aide and Deputy Prime Minister Dominic Raab resigned on Friday after allegations he bullied staff members while working as a Cabinet minister across different government departments.

Sunak was handed the independent report into allegations made by several civil servants on Thursday, a copy of which has now been released by Downing Street.

Sunak expressed his "sadness" as he accepted the resignation of 49-year-old Rabb.

While Sunak praised Raab for keeping his word to resign in the event of any finding of bullying, he also pointed to "shortcomings" in the historic process that highlighted the need for better handling of such matters in the future.

"It is with great sadness that I have accepted your resignation," wrote Sunak in response to Raab's resignation letter earlier.

"As you say, you had rightly - undertaken to resign if the report made any finding of bullying whatsoever. You have kept your word. But it is clear that there have been shortcomings in the historic process that have negatively affected everyone involved. We should learn from this how to better handle such matters in future," he said.

In a clear indication of his disappointment to see his close Cabinet colleague's exit, Sunak referenced a string of his achievements within the Conservative Party government and also his "steadfast personal support" during his leadership campaign last year.

"I will always be grateful for your steadfast personal support during last year's Conservative Party leadership contest from the day you introduced me at the launch to the last day of the contest. The subsequent dedication, commit-



were doing the rounds in the ment and loyalty with which you have discharged your media over the course of the responsibilities as deputy prime nvestigation.

In his letter addressed to minister has been typical of Sunak, Raab said: "I called for your belief in public service," he notes. In his resignation letter the inquiry and undertook to posted on Twitter, Raab noted resign, if it made any finding of that the report into his conduct bullying whatsoever. I believe had upheld two claims against it is important to keep my him. However, he did call them word."

"flawed" and claimed they set Raab, however, warned a dangerous precedent of a low that the findings will encourage "spurious complaints" threshold for bullying for the conduct of good government. against ministers, and have a "Whilst I feel duty bound chilling effect on those driving to accept the outcome of the change on behalf of the govinquiry, it dismissed all but two ernment and British people. of the claims levelled against

The Tory MP for Surrey in south-east England said min-"I also believe that its two isters should be able to exercise direct oversight with respect to senior officials over critical adverse findings are flawed and set a dangerous precedent negotiations.

"I am genuinely sorry for any unintended stress or offence that any officials felt, as "In setting the threshold for bullying so low, this inquiry has a result of the pace, standards and challenge that I brought to plaints against ministers, and the Ministry of Justice. That is, however, what the public expects of ministers working driving change on behalf of on their behalf," said Raab.

your government - and ulti-The and Oxford added. The outgoing minister Cambridge University law graduate, who worked as a solicitor before embarking on a political career, was among the frontline Conservative MPs who were seen by Sunak's side shouted at anyone, let alone as he campaigned to become thrown anything or otherwise the party's leader and Britain's physically intimidated anyone, first Indian-origin Prime nor intentionally sought to belittle anyone" - referring to Minister last year. He was rewarded with not one but some of the allegations that two plum posts in his Cabinet.

Indian-origin researcher warns racism 'enduring feature' of British society

London (PTI): New research involving an Indian-origin academic has found that racism is an "enduring feature" of British society, with more than a third of people from ethnic and religious minority groups in the country having experienced some form of racist assault.

Dr Dharmi Kapadia, Senior Lecturer in Sociology at the University of Manchester and one of the co-authors of the collaborative project called for a rethink of policies and procedures that enable racist discrimination.

Kapadia along with authors from King's College London and the University of St. Andrews worked on a major new survey of racism and ethnic inequalities entitled Evidence for Equality National Survey (EVENS), carried out by the Centre on the Dynamics of Ethnicity (CoDE).

"Our data is stark evidence that racism is an enduring feature of British society today,"

said Kapadia. "However, tackling racism is not just a case of merely removing 'bad apples' from workplaces and institutions such as the Metropolitan Police - we need to seriously transform the policies and procedures that enable racist dis-

crimination to persist, in order to ensure better outcomes and life chances for ethnic and religious minority people," she said.

The racism reported by the survey's respondents took different forms - physical, verbal or damage to property and happened in all areas of life including education, work and when looking for housing. Overall, almost one in size

respondents had experienced a racially motivated physical assault, and over a third of people identifying Gypsy/Traveller, Roma o Other Black reported that they had been physically assaulted because of their ethnicity, race colour, or religion.

Nepal's border points with India sealed ahead of bypolls

Kathmandu (PTI): Nepal's border points with India in the country's southern Bara district have been sealed for 72 hours in view of the by-election in Bara-2 constituency on Sunday

Nepal's Election Commission is conducting by-elections for the House of Representatives in the three constituencies of Tanhun-1, Chitawan-2 and Bara-2. The District Administration Office in Bara said in a statement on Thursday that the border points shall remain closed from midnight of Thursday to Sunday midnight. The sale and supply of liquor have been restricted in the district until the vote counting is completed. Also, vehicular movement along the Postal Highway in the district has been closed except for emergency ones from Saturday midnight to Sunday 7 pm.

As the by-polls draw close, political par-

ties displayed their strength by organising rallies for the last time on Thursday.

The ruling coalition held election rallies in Chitwan and Bara on Thursday.

Nepali Congress President Sher Bahadur Deuba, Prime Minister and CPN-Maoist Centre chair Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda', and senior leaders of the alliance addressed the rallies in a bid to woo votes for their common candidates.

The newly formed Rastriya Swotantra Party (RSP) has fielded its candidates in all three constituencies.

Journalist-turned-politician Ravi Lamichhane is contesting the -election from Chitawan-2 while prominent economist Swornim Wagley and former Deputy Police Chief Ramesh Kharel are contesting from Tanhun-1 and Bara-2 constituencies.

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Hong Kong bishop China steps up threats invites China's against Taiwan state-backed AP BEIJING church head

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Hong Kong (AP): Hong Kong's Roman Catholic bishop on Friday said he had invited the state-appointed archbishop of Beijing to visit his city, in a symbolic gesture that experts said could strengthen the fragile trol over the island are "playmsmp mg the Vatican. Bishop Stephen Chow said Joseph Li, who is the leader of the mainland's Communist Party-sponsored version of the Catholic church, appeared to be "quite positive" about the invitation. The report gave no indication when Li might visit. Chow announced the invitation on the last day of a fiveday trip to Beijing, the first by a bishop of Hong Kong in nearly three decades. Chow's trip followed a year of strained relations, in which Beijing unilaterally appointed two church leaders and Hong Kong arrested a cardinal. "Hong Kong is affiliated with the Vatican, so implicitly, it can be said that this strengthens Vatican-Sino ties," said Lo Lunglem kwong, an honorary senior research fellow at the Divinity School of Chung Chi College at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. Last month, Chow said that Li's invitation to Beijing underscored the mission of the Hong Kong Diocese to be a bridge church. Beijing and the Vatican severed diplomatic ties in 1951, following the Communists' rise to power and the expulsion of foreign priests.

China's foreign minister Stepped up threats on Friday against the self-governing island of Taiwan, saying those who go against Beijing's demand to exert con-

reflected a harsher tone of Chinese language over the possibility of a military clash over Taiwan.

As former chief spokesperson at the Foreign Ministry, Qin was a forerunner in taking Xi's more confrontational approach toward lations with the United

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North Korea lambasts G-7. says its nukes are stark reality

Qin Gang's remarks on Friday came at the end of a speech espousing China's contribution to the global economy and the interests of developing nations, in which he repeatedly praised Communist Party Secretary General Xi Jinping's Global Security Initiative.

Chinese military exercises surrounding Taiwan and the The concept is the latest of China's moves to position its strengthening of US alliances single-party political system, in Asia aimed at responding to Beijing's increased military with its claim to social stability and economic growth, as presence. an alternative to the Western

liberal approach that largely defines international relations. Toward the end of his speech in the financial hub of

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London (PTI): Buckingham Palace on Friday marked what would have been the late Queen Elizabeth II's 97th birthday with a previously unseen photograph of the monarch with 10 of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The photograph, clicked by Catherine, Princess of Wales (Kate Middleton), was taken last year at the late monarch's Scottish residence of Balmoral Castle just before she passed away on September 8.

The Queen is seated in the centre surrounded by Prince William and Kate's children Prince George, Princess Charlotte and Prince Louis, along with her other great-



grandchildren Mia, Lucas and the incredible life and legacy of Lena Tindall, and Savannah and Isla Phillips.

Standing at the back are the Queen's grandchildren Lady Louise Mountbatten-Windsor and James, Earl of Wessex - the children of her youngest son Prince Edward. "we remember

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, on what would have been

her 97th birthday," Buckingham Palace said in a statement posted on social media. "When Her Majesty was born in April 1926, Princess Elizabeth and her

would one day become Qu Following the abdication of uncle King Edward VIII 1936, her father acceded to throne. When King George died in February 1952, Prin Elizabeth became Ouee Elizabeth II when she was just 25. Her Majesty went on to be Britain's longest reigning Monarch - the only one in history to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee," it said.

The late Queen traditionally spent the warmer months between August and October at Balmoral Castle in Aberdeenshire in Scotland, where she was at the time of her death last year.

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Buckingham Palace marks late queen's 97th b'da

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Sensex, Nifty settle almost flat in volatile trade; auto, metal shares drop

 $B^{\text{enchmark indices Sensex}}_{\text{and Nifty ended almost flat}}$ on Friday in a muted trade as investors awaited financial results by leading corporates for further cues amid largely weak global markets.

In a volatile trade, the 30-share BSE Sensex edged up 22.71 points or 0.04 per cent to settle at 59,655.06 as 15 of its shares advanced and the rest declined. During the day, it hit a high of 59,781.36 and a low of 59,412.81.

The broader NSE Nifty ended at 17,624.05, showing a marginal dip of 0.40 points.

Ămong Sensex firms, ITC rose the most by 1.99 per cent, edging past HDFC to become the seventh largest valuable company on BSE with a market capitalisation of Rs 5,07,373.82

crore at the close. HDFC slipped to eighth rank with a market cap of Rs gains

5,06,264.24 crore as its shares advanced 0.64 per cent.

Among others, Tata Consultancy Services, Wipro, the release of its financial results Asian Paints, HCL Technologies, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Bajaj Finance, Infosys, Sun Pharma, Hindustan Unilever, Power Grid and HDFC Bank also posted

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Vodafone Idea shares rally

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for the quarter and fiscal ending Tata Steel, UltraTech Cement, March 2023 post-market hours. Tata Motors and ICICI Bank HCL Technologies climbed were among the laggards. 1 per cent after the company on Vinod Nair, Head of Thursday posted a 10.85 per Research at Geojit Financial

tainty in both global and domestic markets has kept Indian equities highly volatile. Weak signals of a softening job market and declining manufactur-ing activity in the US have raised fears of a possible recession.

Despite the RBI MPC's unanimous decision to pause rates, its minutes revealed that its members continue to hold concerns about high inflation. However, the market received some support towards the closing bell from the IT and FMCG sectors, facilitating its recovery, Nair said. "Markets remained in a

consolidation mood and ended almost unchanged, in absence of any major trigger. After the flat start, Nifty drifted gradually lower however recovery in select heavyweights in the latter half pared all the losses," said Ajit Mishra, VP - Technical Research, Religare Broking Ltd.

BSE midcap gauge dipped 0.36 per cent and smallcap index declined 0.27 per cent.

Among indices, realty fell by 2.07 per cent, metal went lower by 1.03 per cent, auto declined 0.94 per cent, commodities went

lower by 0.91 per cent, capital goods (0.61 per cent). Energy, FMCG, healthcare, IT, telecommunication and teck were the gainers.

"Most global markets fell on Friday, extending losses into a third straight session as concerns over an economic slowdown were exacerbated by weak data, while hawkish signals from the Federal Reserve also rattled sentiment," said Deepak Jasani, Head of Retail Research, HDFC Securities. In Asian markets, Seoul, Japan, Shanghai and

Hong Kong ended lower. European markets were trading on a mixed note. The US markets ended in the negative territory on Thursday.



RBI: Monetary policy is at work, substantial disinflation achieved

Monetary policy is at work. Substantial disinflation has been achieved, but the road to be travelled stretches ahead till inflation declines to the target of 4 per cent, said an article published in RBI's latest Bulletin.

The government has mandated the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to ensure retail inflation based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) remains at 4 per cent with a margin of 2 per cent on either side. Inflation during January-

February 2023 exceeded the upper tolerance limit of 6 per cent after a transitory respite during November-December 2022

The central bank, which effected six back-to-back hikes in the key short-term lending rate (repo) since May 2022 to check high inflation, decided to pause early this month. The cumulative rate hike since May 2022 is 250 basis points.

The retail inflation in March fell to a 15-month low of 5.66 per cent and came back to the Reserve Bank's comfort level of 6 per cent.

The article authored by a team led by RBI Deputy Governor Michael Debabrata Patra noted that the global economic conditions are beset by heightened uncertainty as financial conditions remain volatile

of a bumper rabi harvest, the fiscal thrust on infrastructure, and the revival in corporate investment in select sectors augur well for the economy, it said. "Monetary policy is at work Substantial disinflation has been achieved, but the road to be travelled stretches ahead till inflation is at or close to the target of 4 per cent," said the article titled 'State

In India, aggregate demand

conditions remain resilient, sup-

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RBI Bulletin April 2023. In response to monetary policy actions and supply side measures, the authors said headly declined from its peak of 7.8 per cent in April 2022 to 5.7 per cent in March 2023 and is projected to ease further to 5.2 per

ter 2023-24. The article further said that in time, enduring price and financial stability will strengthen the foundations of the economy and provide a fillip to

The RBI has taken the road that is less travelled by, balancand pace, the article said.

RBI refuses exceptions on CRR. SLR; gives some leeway on PSL, investments for merger: HDFC PTI MUMBAI

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Central banks across the world that are invested with dual mandates are at a fork in their course

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Maruti Suzuki to recall 7,213 PTI 📕 NEW DELHI

Forex reserves rise by \$1.657 bn to \$586.412 bn as of April 14

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India's forex reserves rose by USD 1.657 billion to USD 586.412 billion as of April 14, marking their second consecutive week of increase, according to the RBI data released on Fridav

returns to company board In the previous reporting week, the overall reserves rose by USD 6.306 billion to USD 584.755 billion

PTI 📕 NEW DELHI For the week ended April Shares of Vodafone Idea jumped nearly 7 per cent on 14, the foreign currency assets, a major component of the Friday after Aditya Birla Group reserves, increased by USD 2.204 billion to USD 516.635 bil-Chairman Kumar Mangalam



Affected vehicle owners will be receiving communication from Maruti Suzuki authorised dealer workshops for replacement of the defective parts, free of cost, the company said. In a post on its website, Maruti Suzuki India also said it would be undertaking a service campaign for 676 vehicles of Ertiga and XL6 model manufactured between June 24,

2022 and July 7, 2022 for suspected issue in front driveshaft, which in a rare case may generate a peculiar noise while turning the vehicle but does not impact the functioning.In January this year, the company had recalled 17,362 units of models Alto K10, S-Presso, Eeco, Brezza, Baleno and Grand Vitara to replace faulty airbag controller.

S^{BI} General Insurance, the Sunlisted arm of State Bank, on Friday said its net income surged 40 per cent year-on-year to Rs 184 crore in FY23 on a gross written premium income

PTI MUMBAI

SBI General FY23 net profit jumps 40%

to ₹184 crore, premium up by17.6%

of Rs 10,888 crore. The company said it could sustain the strong growth momentum through the year, as visible from the 40 per cent jump in net profit and 17.6 per cent growth in gross premium over the 12 trailing months.

It said the year also saw its market share rise to 4.21 per cent with over 22 crore customers.

The privately held arm of the nation's largest bank did not investment details and other

The managing director and chief executive Kishore Kumar Poludasu said the year saw the

company achieve the milestone and financial markets are on India's major ports handled highest

PTI NEW DELHI

Tndia's major ports handled the highest ever cargo at 795 mil-lion tonne in 2022-23, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and



offer a detailed financial statement, such as investment gains/loss, the combined ratio, which is the key profitability metric for a general insurer,

numbers.



Reliance Jio Q4 net profit ever cargo at 795 mn tonne in FY23 rises 13% to ₹4,716 crore

ding to the Weekl Statistical Supplement released by the RBI.

Expressed in dollar terms, the foreign currency assets include the effect of appreciation or depreciation of non-US units like the euro, pound and yen held in the foreign exchange reserves

Gold reserves dropped by USD 521 million to USD 46.125 billion, the RBI said. The Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) were down by USD 38 million to USD 18.412 billion, the apex bank said.

The country's reserve position with the IMF was up by USD 12 million to USD 5.19 billion in the reporting week, the apex bank data showed.

ed to the board debt-ridden firm as an additional director in a non-execu-

tive and non-independent role. The stock of the telecom firm ended at Rs 6.48, a jump of 6.93 per cent on the BSE. During the day, it zoomed 9.73 per cent to Rs 6.65.

At the NSE, it rallied 6.61

per cent to settle at Rs 6.45. On the traded volume front, 738.77 lakh shares of the company were traded on the BSE and over 32.62 crore shares at the NSE during the day.

Birla had stepped down from Vodafone Idea Ltd (VIL) board in August 2021 as nonexecutive chairman of the company. ... The board of directors of



the company...At its meeting appointed Kumar Mangalam Birla, as an additional director (Non-Executive and Non-Independent) with effect from 20 April 2023," VIL said in a regulatory filing on Thursday.

VIL is reeling under a debt of Rs 2.22 lakh crore, comprising deferred spectrum payment obligations of Rs 1.39 lakh crore and adjusted gross revenue liability of Rs 69,910 crore that are due to the government.

increase in net profit to Rs 4,716 crore for the fourth quarter ended March 2023, the com-

pany said in a regulatory filing. Reliance Jio posted a net profit of Rs 4,173 crore in the year-ago period.

The country's biggest telecom operator Reliance Jio on

PTI NEW DELHI

Its revenue from operations in the reported quarter increased by about 12 per cent to Rs 23,394 crore from Rs 20,945 crore in the March 2022 quarter.

For the year ended March 31, 2023, the company's net profit rose about 23 per cent to Rs 18,207 crore from Rs 14,817 crore in 2021-22. The annual revenue from operations grew by about 18 per cent to Rs 90,786 crore in the last fiscal compared to Rs 76,977 crore in 2021-22.

Pant said on Friday.

Pant further said that with transactions worth about Rs 5,000 crore, the shipping ministry has surpassed its FY23 asset monetisation target of about Rs 3,700 crore.

He also said that next week, Ports, Shipping and Waterways Minister Sarbananda Sonowal Chidambaranar), will launch 'Green Port' guidelines to make India's ports Kolkata (including Haldia) and green. Jawaharlal Nehru Port. "Four or

"Our major ports have handled the highest ever cargo in the history of the ports at 795 million metric tonne. This is 10 per cent higher than the previ-ous year's cargo handled," he told PTI.

highest ever cargo," Pant added. He also pointed out that India has 12 major ports --



Deendayal (Kandla), Mumbai, after many many years, the Mormugao, New Mangalore, major ports have recorded a Cochin, Chennai, Ennore higher annual growth than that (Kamarajar), Tuticorin (V O of non-major ports.

Non-major ports are administered by state governments. Many state governments have given such ports on lease to private partners.

five of the major ports, includ-"So, this year (2022-23), ing Syama Prasad Mookerjee major ports achieved an overall Port (Kolkata), Deendaval growth of 10.4 per cent, while (Kandla), Jawaharlal Nehru Port and Paradip have recorded the non-major ports achieved a growth 1.5 to 2 per cent less than this," he said.

said in a letter to the exchanges. HDFC Bank and HDFC announced a USD 40 billion merger, the largest in Indian corporate history, last April and are awaiting the final regulatory go-ahead for the same. In pursuit of the same scheme, HDFC Bank sought relaxations on certain regulatory require-

sought by it ahead of the merg-

er of mortgage financier parent

ever, allowed some leeways on

the priority sector lending front,

the city-headquartered bank

The central bank has, how-

HDFC with itself.

ments from the regulator. The bank informed the exchanges that it has received a letter from RBI with views on certain matters, while clarity on other requests is expected in due course.

"HDFC Bank shall continue to comply with extant requirements of CRR, SLR and LCR (liquidity coverage ratio) from the effective date (of merger) without exceptions," the lender said quoting the letter from RBI.

CRR is the percentage of deposits which a commercial bank like HDFC Bank has to park with the central bank for which it does not earn any interest, while SLR is a percentage of deposits which are mandated to be invested in government securities. A non-bank lender is exempt from the same requirements and HDFC Bank had sought leeways on compliance.

On PSL, the RBI has told the bank that adjusted net bank credit may be calculated considering one-third of the outstanding loans of HDFC as on the effective date of the amalgamation for the first year, and the remaining two-thirds of the portfolio of HDFC shall be considered over a period of next two years equally.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

2ND INT'L CONF ON ELECTRICAL, ELECTRONICS COMMUNICATIONS

The second annual International Conference on Recent Advances in Electrical, Electronics, Ubiquitous Communication and Computational Intelligence (RAEEUCCI) began at SRM IST on Wednesday. At the inaugural function, speakers emphasised the importance of research and also lauded SRM IST for the high-quality research carried out by it. In his special address, Dr K Porkumaran, Chairman Madras Section, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), said the conference would benefit the scientific community as it provided a platform to share recent findings and connect industry and partners, academicians, research scholars, and students. Lauding SRM IST, Dr Porkumaran said while reviewing the research outcome, they found SRM was not taking benchmark database butinstead used realtime data and engaged in pure, applied research.

PFC APPROVES EV FINANCING FACILITY OF **₹633 CRORE**

Power Finance Corporation Ltd (PFC), a Maharatna company and the leading NBFC in Indian power sector, has sanctioned a loan of Rs 633 crore to Gensol Engineering Ltd (GEL) for the

purchase of 5000 passenger Electric Vehicles (EVs) and 1000 cargo EVs. The passenger EVs will be leased to Blusmart Mobility Pvt Ltd (BMPL) to expand its fleet of ride-hailing cabs. The first tranche of the loan has been disbursed, and the first lot of EV cabs has hit the roads of Delhi. Addressing on the occasion of flagging off the first lot of EVs, Ravinder Singh Dhillon, CMD, PFC said, "Emobility adoption is going on at a fast pace in the country, and we believe that there is a huge potential in this field. Through this funding, PFC has endeavoured to contribute towards India's Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) goals, and this will go a long way for moving towards a healthy and sustainable mode of transport."



Loa9 commissions country's first commercial Li-ion cell manufacturing line

PTI NEW DELHI

 $B^{\text{attery technology startup}}_{\text{Log9 Materials on Friday}}$ inaugurated the country's first lithium-ion cell manufacturing facility in Bengaluru.

The company launched the commercial Li-ion cell production facility at its campus in Jakkur, Bengaluru.

The plant has an initial capacity of 50 MWh.

"Our cells are designed from the ground-up in India, for India; to suit Indian operating conditions, climate, and customers, and are hence going to play a crucial role in making India self-reliant while helping the nation realise its ambitious electric mobility vision," Log9 Materials Co-Founder & CEO Akshay Singhal said in a statement.

The company has deployed almost 3,000 batteries in EVs which have covered around 5.5 million kilometres, he added

'Ultra-high net worth individuals put 6% of investable wealth in gold last yr'

Visakhapatnam, Paradip and

PTI NEW DELHI

Ultra-high net worth indi-viduals (UHNWIs) allocated 6 per cent of their total investable wealth in gold last year, according to property consultant Knight Frank India.

In 2022, the average UHNWI wealth allocation in gold was 3 per cent globally and 4 per cent in the Asia Pacific region.

"According to the Attitudes Survey conducted by Knight Frank, 6 per cent of the total investable wealth of Indian ultrahigh net worth individuals was allocated towards gold in 2022," the statement said.

India and Chinese Mainland were positioned second on the list with a 6 per cent wealth allocation in gold by the UHNWIs of both the countries in 2022.

Austria ranked first on the list with 8 per cent allocation.

There has been an increase in the allocation to gold by the Indian UHNWIs from 4 per



attributing the rise to significant returns that the yellow metal has

provided over the years. Gold has delivered a stellar returns of over 69 per cent in the past 5 years (From FY2019 to FY2023).

The pandemic has resulted in a low interest rate, and easy liquidity strategy adopted by the

cent in 2018 to 6 per cent in 2022, Knight Frank said, while

consultant said. "In the wake of uncertainties in the global economic

global central banks gave a massive push to the prices, the

Frank India, said.

landscape, consumers resorted

to allocate incremental capital to

assets that offer stability and

serve as a hedge against infla-

tion," Shishir Baijal, Chairman

& Managing Director of Knight



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elled the tie for the home team with

on the night and ahead on aggre-

gate. But in the final seconds of reg-ular time, Paulo Dybala scored for

Roma to send the tie to extra time. Stephan El Shaarawy struck

from close range to put Roma

ahead 11 minutes into extra time

and Lorenzo Pellegrini scored

from a rebound three minutes

League, Fiorentina blew a three-

goal first-leg advantage over Lech

Poznan before scoring twice in the

last 12 minutes to lose 3-2 at

home but advance 6-4 on aggre-

West Ham at the London Stadium

when Hugo Cuypers put them

ahead on aggregate after 20 min-

utes. But Michail Antonio scored

twice, Lucas Paqueta converted a

penalty and Declan Rice also

scored in a comfortable 4-1 win for

France's last representative in

Adams headed the deciding goal in

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ual section where former World

Championship silver medallist

Jyothi Surekha Vennam has

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a deflected shot.

MAN UTD COLLAPSE AT SEVILLA

AP SEVILLE

anchester United imploded in Seville in the Europa League on Thursday while Juventus completed a good evening for the club by holding on away to Sporting and advancing to the semi-finals.

In the quarter-final second legs, United succumbed 3-0 at Sevilla to go out 5-2.

Juventus hung on to draw 1-1 with Sporting in Lisbon to advance 2-1 on aggregate while Bayer Leverkusen won 4-1 in Belgium to eliminate Union Saint-Gilloise 5-2.

Jose Mourinho's Roma beat Feyenoord 4-1 after extra time to advance 4-2.

United, who led by two goals with six minutes left in the first leg before conceding a pair of late own goals, completed the collapse in Spain.

Goalkeeper David de Gea had disastrous night as lacklustre United were dispatched by the sixtime competition winners.

After eight minutes De Gea rolled a pass to an isolated Harry MaGuire, scorer of one of the first-leg own goals. This time, ambushed by three opponents, he gave the ball away and Youssef En-Nesyri accepted the present. Sevilla dominated and could

have scored again before centre back Loic Bade headed onto his own shoulder and looped the ball over De Gea in the 47th minute.

In the 81st minute, De Gea



charged out but sliced a dropping ball. It fell to En-Nesyri who curled into the empty net to complete the victory

"It's clear that when we make

a football game. We have to do better. That's a demand," said United coach Erik ten Hag. Juventus received potentially

"It's clear that when we make mistakes, it's very difficult to win when Italy's highest sporting court

revoked a 15-point Serie A points deduction for illicit transfer activity but asked that the case should be re-examined.

In Lisbon, Juventus started fast as Adrian Rabiot spun and scored

after Sporting failed to clear a ninth-minute corner.

The French midfielder then fouled Manuel Ugarte in the penalty area and Marcus Edwards converted the 20th-minute penalty.

The home team struggled great, but once you get there you against the Juventus defence and want more," said Leverkusen coach Ricardo Esgaio and Sebastian Coates missed Sporting's best Xabi Alonso whose team will face Roma for a place in the final. After a cagey first hour in Rome, Leonardo Spinazzola lev-

chances in the closing minutes. Juventus will next face Sevilla and coach Massimiliano Allegri said he had thought the writing was on the wall for United.

"I expected Sevilla to be honest. They are a tricky team," the Juventus coach said. "They have won so many Europa Leagues so they definitely have an advantage. The signs from the last game were in their favour, I had that feeling.

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In Brussels, Union Saint-Gilloise could not claim a second German scalp.

In the first leg in Leverkusen, Union Saint-Gilloise had managed a draw as they had in the round of 16 on their way to eliminating Union Berlin.

On Thursday, their hopes of a repeat began to fade after 90 seconds, as Moussa Diaby pounced on some poor defending and rounded goalkeeper Anthony Moris. Mitchel Bakker volleyed a sec-

ond after 38 minutes. Morris then played the ball straight to Jeremie Frimpong who

West Ham to advance 5-2 on fired it straight back past the Luxembourg international after 60 aggregate. Europe, Nice went out 3-2 on aggregate after losing 2-1 in extra minutes. Casper Terho replied for Union time at home to Basel. Kasim

but Adam Hlozek restored the three-goal advantage. "Being in the semi-finals is

the 98th minute.

Compound mixed team in final, India eyeing two WC gold

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Packed football calendar makes no sense: Ancelotti

AP MADRID

Real Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti complained about the packed football calendar on Friday and insisted something has to change to protect the play-

Madrid beat Chelsea this week to reach the Champions will play the first leg three days after competing against Osasuna in the Copa del Rey final. "The calendar is a calendar that we have said many times, objectively makes no sense,' Ancelotti told a news conference. "It's too packed, there are too many games. La Liga are thinking about themselves, the (Spanish football) federation are thinking about themselves, UEFA are thinking about themselves, FIFA are thinking about themselves, and they don't consider the players.

Tuventus' 15-point penalty for illicit transfer activity was revoked on Thursday but the

AP TURIN

spectre of sanction did not disappear completely after Italy's highest sporting court ruled that the case should be re-examined.

In a statement, the Sports Guarantee Board asked the Italian Football Federation's (FIGC) appeals court to revise punishments handed down in the original ruling to the club and some key figures, including former deputy chairman Pavel Nedved.

However the long bans given to former chairman Andrea Agnelli, ex-CEO Maurizio Arrivabene and sport-

were upheld. The Sports Guarantee Board has a month to publish the reasoning behind its ruling, only after which the FIGC court can then reassess the case, meaning the affair will likely drag on until the end of

the season

eration.

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Spurs' Paratici resigns after

Juventus' transfer penalty



to third on 59 points while they await a new ruling from the FIGC court.

Iuve are 16 points behind League places as a result.

The compound mixed pair of Jyothi Surekha Vennam and her debutant partner Ojas Deotale showed perfect chemistry and cruised into the final with three easy wins to confirm a second medal for India in the

Mohd Juwaidi Mazuki 157-154 to set up a gold medal clash against 12th seed Chinese aipei, slated on Saturday. Tarundeep Rai will also fight for

a second gold when they take on their Chinese counterparts on Sunday. India also are in con-

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

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AC Milan have been bumped						
out of Serie A's Champions						
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The Indian men's recurve team of Atanu Das, B Dhiraj and

advanced into the semi-final. Jyothi and her 20-year-old partner, who got a bye into the second round after qualifying as second seed, began with some flawless shooting as they defeated Luxembourg and France

tention for a third medal in the dropping just one point.

भोपाल, दिनांक ../../2023

निम्नलिखित निर्माण कार्य हेतु दो लिफाफा पद्धति के अनुसार म.प्र. लोक निर्माण विभाग में केन्द्रीयकृत व्यवस्था के तर्गत पंजीकत टेकेटार परसेन्ट्रेज मोहरबंट निविटापें निर्धारित पुपत्र पर ऑनलाईन आमंत्रित की जाती है।

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revoked but new ruling looms

PTI ANTALYA

Archery World Cup Stage 1 here on Friday. The duo defeated Malaysia's

"It's not a good path for football, something has to change, rested.

added the Italian. "I am not wor ried about this.

players), what has to change is

there are too many games."

cup final, on May 6 and Man

City's visit to the Santiago

Bernabeu on May 9, Ancelotti

said he would not be forced to

rotate his team between the

"I think (I can use the same

matches.

Despite the proximity of the

Madrid host Celta Vigo on Saturday in La Liga, looking to reduce Barcelona's lead at the top of the table to eight points before they host Atletico Madrid on Sunday

Ancelotti confirmed striker Karim Benzema was fit to play, despite the French forward taking a knock against Chelsea on Tuesday at Stamford Bridge. Benzema was substituted

and did not seem happy to be removed, but Ancelotti said he had explained to the 35-year-old that sometimes he needed to be

failed appeal against ban AP LONDON

> Tottenham's managing director of football Fabio Paratici resigned on Friday after losing an appeal against a 30-month worldwide ban.

Paratici was handed the suspension by the Italian football federation (FIGC) in January after his former club Juventus were found guilty of

they told us initially and we find

ourselves in a difficult situa-

tion." Nadal, who turns 37 in

June, said he and his team

have decided to try a different

treatment and see if things

improve, but that he was not

setting a deadline for his come-

back

false accounting. Initially the ban only applied to his homeland, meaning he was free to continue working at Spurs, who he joined in June 2021. duties as our managing direc-tor of football," Tottenham tor of football," Tottenham However, FIFA last said in a statement.

month extended the scope of the ban to having worldwide effect, following a request from the Italian fedfocus on his legal position in On Thursday, Paritici's

appeal was dismissed by Italy's highest sports court.

"Whilst there continues to be a dispute as to the scope and extent of the ban, the current worldwide ban pre-vents Fabio from fulfilling his

Barcelona Open quarters

Alcaraz reaches

"Fabio has consequently taken the decision to resign from his position at the club with immediate effect to

respect of the FIGC and FIFA rulings." Paratici had already

stepped back from his role pending the appeal with Scott Munn appointed as Tottenham's new chief football officer earlier this month.

'Don't know when I'll be back': Nadal out of Madrid Open

AP MADRID

 $R^{afael \ Nadal \ admitted \ on}_{Thursday \ he \ doesn't \ know}$ when he'll be back after announcing he will miss next week's Madrid Masters as he continues to struggle to recover from a hip injury which threatens to destroy his French Open hopes.

"For the moment I've missed Monte Carlo and Barcelona. And unfortunately I won't be able to be in Madrid either," Nadal said on Instagram.

"The injury still hasn't healed," he added.

The 36-year-old Spaniard has not played since losing in the second round of the Australian Open in January.

Nadal is hoping for a record-extending 15th French Open title at Roland Garros in May, but his hip flexor problem he suffered in Melbourne has badly disrupted his run up to the tournament. The 22-time Grand Slam champion -- he



shares the men's record with "The reality is that the sit-Novak Djokovic -- had originaluation is not what we would ly thought he would be out for have hoped for. All medical up to two months. indications have been followed, but the healing has not gone as

He pulled out of hardcourt tournaments at Indian Wells and Miami, with his sights set on a return at the start of the clay-court season, but it did not come to fruition.

"In principle it was supposed to be a recovery period of six to eight weeks and now we're around 14," said Nadal.

World number two Carlos Alcaraz had to sweat as he beat Roberto Bautista Agut 6-3, 7-5 to reach the Barcelona Open quarter-finals on Thursday. Alcaraz pulled out of the recent Monte Carlo Masters with back and hand problems

> fessionalism and hard work," he continued.

"It was very hard to play at Top seed Alcaraz breezed the best level, for Roberto too, I'm sure.

but found it much tougher Earlier, second seed Stefanos going in the last 16 amid windy Tsitsipas eased past Denis Shapovalov 6-3, 6-2, to set up a conditions as he continued his Barcelona title defence on the quarter-final clash with Australia's Alex de Minaur. court named after Rafael Nadal.

"I'm very happy to go through to the next round, it was De Minaur progressed with walkover after Bulgarian a very difficult game," Alcaraz told Spanish broadcaster Grigor Dimitrov withdrew due to illness.

Jannik Sinner beat Yoshihito "Everyone knows the capac-Nishioka 6-1, 4-6, 6-3 and will ity Roberto has, how tough he face Italian compatriot Lorenzo is, and it wasn't easy at all with Musetti, who overcame Briton Cameron Norrie 3-6, 6-4, 6-1. However, world number

Alcaraz said that he had to accept the weather conditions three Casper Ruud was knocked with a "good face and a good out by Argentina's 32nd-ranked attitude". "We say that games like Francisco Cerundolo, 7-6 (7/5), this you have to win with pro-6-3.

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Jadeja, Conway script 7-wicket win for CSK

PTI CHENNAI

avindra Jadeja's threewicket haul was comple-K wicket haul was comple-mented by a magnificent unbeaten fifty from opener Devon Conway as Chennai Super Kings cantered to a comfortable seven-wicket win against Sunrisers Hyderabad in a low-scoring IPL match

here on Friday. Jadeja (3/22) spun a web of spin with a three-wicket haul to restrict SRH to a below-par 134 for 7 and Conway then slammed a 57-ball 77 not out as CSK made light of the target, reaching 138 for 3 in 18.4 overs for a fourth straight win over SRH at Chepauk.

The stylish left-handed batter hit 12 fours and one six during his sensational knock and shared an 87-run stand with opening partner Ruturaj Gaikwad (35) to provide a rollicking start to the chase.

Conway and Ruturaj Gaikwad notched up 50 in the 6th over.

Conway waded into the tall pacer Marco Jansen, smacking a six and four boundaries as CSK appeared to hurtle towards the target. The New Zealand batter

reached his 50 from 33 balls to power CSK's chase, overshad-

owing the talented Gaikwad in the process.

The opening duo appeared set to see the team home when misfortune struck Gaikwad, who was run-out after a shot by Conway got deflected off Umran Malik's hand and hit the stumps with the CSK batter out of his

crease. Leg-spinner Mayank Markande was the best per-former with the ball for SRH on a rather forgettable day, finishing with 2 for 23 (4 overs). He got the wickets of Ajinka Rahane (9) and Ambati Rayudu (9), bowling the latter with a googly.

In the end, Moeen Ali (6) hit the winning runs of Washington Sundar.

Earlier, it was trial by spin for the Sunrisers Hyderabad batters as the Chennai Super Kings slow bowlers, especially Jadeja, came up with a superb performance to restrict the visiting team to a modest

134 for 7. Jadeja was the best bowler for CSK with 3 for 22, while Abhishek Sharma (34) was the top scorer for the Sunrisers, who just couldn't get going after being sent in to bat by skipper M S Dhoni.

SRH batters faltered



Dhoni made the spinners bowl in tandem from over 7 to 15. Jadeja, as always, got through his 4 overs quickly

and put the brakes on the SRH and put the brakes on the SRH scoring. He picked up the wickets of Sharma, Tripathi and Mayank Agarwal (2). Such was the dominance of the spinners that after 10.3 overs, SRH batters couldn't get

any boundary for the next 36 balls

Brook appeared to find his groove and hit Tushar Deshpande for two consecutive boundaries before he fell to a good catch by Ruturaj Gaikwad off Akash Singh.

Sharma, who hit the first six of the match in the third over off Singh, hit three fours and a sixer before becoming Jadeja's first victim. The left-handed batter fell

to a good catch by Ajinkya

Rahane in the deep as Jadeja

got into the act.

Tripathi (21) as the CSK spinners took over. There was no significant partnership in the middle order as the Hyderabad batters failed to push the score, struggling against the CSK spinners. Jadeja was the key bowler

for the Super Kings as he spun a web around the opposition batters.

The experienced Jadeja (3/22) and Maheesh Theekshana (1/27) strangled the SRH batting unit after

Agarwal, who was bumped down the order to No.6 did not last too long. After surviving a caught and bowled chance to Jadeja, who could not hold on to a chance as Klaasen got in the way, Agarwal jumped out of the crease only to miss the ball as Dhoni did the rest behind the stumps.



GT seek return to winning ways

PTI LUCKNOW

Gujarat Titans would look to shrug off the defeat in the previous outing and get their mojo back when they clash with Lucknow Super Giants, who will be eager to keep the winning momentum going in IPL here ons will have their task cut

MI look to maintain momentum against PBKS

PTI MUMBAI

Perennial slow starters Mumbai Indians have found their mojo and will be favourites against a faltering Punjab Kings in their Indian Premier League clash here on Saturday .

Having made a poor start with defeats in first two matches, Mumbai Indians, who are placed sixth in the points table, have been able to bounce back impressively with wins against Delhi Capitals, Kolkata Knight Riders and Sunrisers Hyderabad.

On the other hand, Punjab Kings, ranked seventh in the points table, have stuttered in the absence of their regular captain and the highest runscorer Shikhar Dhawan, who is unlikely to play against Mumbai Indians here at the Wankhede Stadium owing to a shoulder injury.

Dhawan played a key role in PBKS making a confident start to the season but his absence has made a significant difference in the outcomes that have come along their way.

Punjab Kings' fielding coach Trevor Gonsalves informed after their 24-run loss to Royal Challengers Bangalore on Thursday that Dhawan would need another 2-3 days to attain complete fitness.

Punjab Kings have three wins to show from overall six matches but all three losses have come in their last four



matches, with PBKS desperately missing the stability and firepower that

Dhawan provides at the top. With the ball, PBKS have again blown hot and cold and it will be a challenge to stop the Mumbai batters, who seem to have found their feet and have fired in unison.

The troika of Arshdeep Singh, Kagiso Rabada and stand-in captain Curran, the costliest player ever in the history of IPL auction, will have their task cut out as Punjab Kings look to arrest their slide.

Rohit Sharma and Ishan Kishan at the top have provided brisk starts to Mumbai Indians, getting their runs at an almost 10 runs per over which has

set the platform for the others that fol-

The overseas pair of Cameron Green and Tim David has done well in the last three games or so with the bat, but it remains to be seen how their middle-order mainstay Suryakumar Yadav goes about his job.

In the bowling department, Mumbai Indians are likely to be without their overseas star Jofra Archer who continues to carefully tread his way back into top flight cricket.

The right-arm pacer has not played since MI's opening match against RCB on April 2, while he has trained with the team but not in the full tilt.





during the match.

that is maybe a little

While the Titans will look to start afresh after the three-wicket loss to the Rajasthan Royals, LSG got a confidence-boosting 10-run win against the Sanju Samson-led side to climb to the second spot in the points table

Both teams have been a tad inconsistent this season, losing two games each although the Titans have played a match less than LSG.

The Titans, who are fourth in the league table, have struggled to defend totals this season.

Mohammed Shami has been a constant wicket-taker and has looked potent in the powerplay but more is expected of Alzarri Joseph and Josh Little.

Skipper Hardik Pandya also hasn't been at his best with the ball, having picked only one wicket so far. Pacer Mohit Sharma, however, has done well in the two games he has played.

Rashid Khan has spearheaded the spin department, but against the Royals when he was taken to the cleaners by Samson, GT had no answer but to hand debut to 18-year-old Afghan wrist

of a formidable batting line

But the reigning champi-

spinner Noor Ahmad, who did well under pressure,

department looks sorted with

likes of Shubman Gill, David

Miller, Sai Sudarshan striking

The Gujarat batting

albeit in a losing cause.

the ball well.

LSG have no dearth of ower in their batting, with Kyle Mayers, Nicholas Pooran and Marcus Stoinis capable of pulverising any opposition. Mayers has been in sensational form at the top while Pooran and Stoinis doing the job in the middle order.

But skipper KL Rahul's form is a little concerning. He has batted with strike rate of 114.79 this season. Allrounder Deepak Hooda is also yet to play an impactful innings he is capable of.

Talented leg-spinner Ravi Bishnoi and veteran Amit Mishra are doing well for LSG in the spin depart-ment while Krunal Pandya has also put in a match-win-

ning performance. In Mark Wood, Avesh Khan and Yudhvir Singh Charak, LSG also possess a good pace department. Debutant Naveen-ul Haq sizzled in his maiden game against RR and will look to

continue in the same vein. The Titans, however, may have a slight psychological edge having defeated the Super Giants on both occasions last season.



IPL final to take place in Ahmedabad on May 28

PTI NEW DELHI

The Narendra Modi Stadium I in Ahmedabad will host Qualifier 2 and the final of the ongoing Indian Premier League on May 26 and 28 respectively, the BCCI said on Friday. Chennai's M.A.

Chennai's M.A. Chidambaram Stadium will stage the Qualifier 1 and the Eliminator on May 23 and 24 respectively, the IPL said in its advisory after the sport's apex body finalised the schedule for the league four biggest matches.

The 16th IPL began on April 31 at the Narendra Modi Stadium, the world's biggest cricketing arena. The venue also hosted the final of the league's last edition in 2022.

The 2022 edition was played across four venues in Mumbai and Pune but the play-offs and the final were held in Kolkata and Ahmedabad.

Mumbai Indians left-arm pacer Jason Behrendorff does not think the "Impact player' rule introduced in the Indian Premier League this season will be implemented at the international level anytime soon.

The 'Impact Player' rule allows teams to replace any one member of their playing XI

DC recover stolen cricketing gear, culprits found: Warner

PTI NEW DELHI

Delhi Capitals cricketers have something more to cheer about after their maid en victory in IPL 2023, with skipper David Warner confirming on Friday that most of the cricket gear, which had been stole in transit from Bengaluru to Delhi a few days back, had been recovered.

Warner had posted a message on social media about the theft, giving details about the items stolen and he revealed on Friday that most of the gear had been recovered and the culprits "found".



"They found the culprits. Few (bats) missing still but thank you," he wrote on Friday.

Hailstorm ends Pak-NZ 4th T20I after Chapman blitz

AP RAWALPINDI

hailstorm shower ended Athe fourth T201 in Rawalpindi after New Zealand's Mark Chapman and Chad Bowes hit aggressive half centuries against Pakistan on Thursday.

Chapman was 71 not out off 42 balls as New Zealand -- sent in to bat by Pakistan -- were 164-5 in 18.5 overs when rain stopped play at Rawalpindi stadium.

It turned into a hailstorm as match officials assessed the

conditions before calling off the match as abandoned.

Pakistan leads the fivematch series 2-1 after winning the first two matches by 88 and 38 runs while New Zealand took the third by four runs -- all in Lahore.

The final match is in Rawalpindi on April 24 after Eid holidays. Left-hander Chapman

held the innings with stands of 54 for the fourth wicket with Bowes who made 38ball 54, lifting New Zealand

Zealand by dismissing Tom Latham (13), Will Young (six) and Daryl Mitchell (three) to finish with figures of 3-19 in his four overs.

scored eight.

aries and a six before falling to Shaheen Shah Afridi.

"I do not think we will see

it at the international level for probably a while," Behrendorff told the media during MI's prematch media conference.

PCB propose to host

at neutral venue: Sethi

India's Asia Cup matches

"Looking back at what the Big Bash (League) has done in Australia with some different rules coming in at different stages, different competitions are going to try to have something,

The Board of Control for

Cricket in India (BCCI) had

refused to travel to Pakistan

due to political tension between

the two nations and demand-

ed the shifting of the continen-

hybrid model that Pakistan

home and India their matches

tainty over the venue.

'We have decided on this

venue.

PTI 📕 KARACHI

ent that can change the course of their competition or their game, but at this stage I do not see the international game changing too much.'

Behrendorff backed Mumbai Indians to continue their winning momentum, having bounced back from a familiar poor start to win three games on the trot.

Pakistan capable of winning **WCs: Arthur**

PTI KARACHI

Pakistan's new team director Mickey Arthur has no doubt that captain Babar Azam will become a legend of the game and feels the country is capable of winning world cups and top rankings across formats.

Arthur, who signed a oneyear contract with the Pakistan Cricket Board on Thursday, was asked about backing Babar when he was the team's head coach between 2016 and

which will emerge from the ACC qualifiers.

The qualifying tournament is underway in Nepal.

Sethi hoped that the visit of his country's foreign minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari next month to the Indian coastal city of Goa for the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation's (SCO) Council meeting will help thaw relations between the two nations.

"We have been told that, maybe, the ice will keep on melting. If this happens when The Asia Cup, involving six teams, will be played from September 2 to 17, though the the Champions Trophy is held in Pakistan in 2025, India exact schedule of matches is yet would consider playing in Pakistan. We have been advised to be announced due to uncerto play the Asia Cup at a neu-tral venue and also go to India for the World Cup," said Sethi Besides Pakistan and India, the other competing countries are Sri Lanka, Afghanistan, but did not say exactly who has Bangladesh and one team advised them

2019. "What impressed me most were his hands, the speed of his hands. When Grant Bradburn first told me look at this guy in the nets, I was

amazed. I had never seen such hand speed and a talent like him, and the key was to give him opportunities to succeed," Arthur said.

"I knew he was going to become a key part of the team. I believe he is the number one batsman right now and he is a wonderful, wonderful talent. I still think he has room for improvement. I will keep chal-lenging him. He is going to be a legend of the game."

Arthur, who rejected an offer to become a full-time head coach with the Pakistan team, said there is "no such thing like an online coach".

tal tournament to a neutral plays its Asia Cup matches at from a precarious 3-54. at a neutral venue and that is

Pakistan's left-arm spinner Imad Wasim had derailed New our proposal to the Asian Cricket Council," said Sethi, who took over as the PCB chairman from former cricketer Ramiz Raja, during a press conference.

Chapman, who hit ten boundaries and a six, completed his 1,000 T20I runs on 49 and also added 56 for the fifth wicket with Rachin Ravindra who

Bowes hit seven bound-

The PCB has proposed that India can play their Asia Cup matches at a neutral venue while Pakistan and other competing teams play in the host country, its chief Najam Sethi revealed on Friday. Sethi said they have sent a proposal to the Asian Cricket Council (ACC).