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## Death for lynching, minor's rape: Bills replace British Raj-era laws

**Bills also provide for life in jail for gangrape, end sedition charges**

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday introduced in the Lok Sabha three major Bills for the overhaul of "colonial-era" criminal laws, including the repeal of the controversial sedition law. The Bills provide for the end of sedition charges, the death penalty for the rape of minors and mob lynching, and a punishment of 20 years imprisonment or life in jail for gangrape.

According to the existing sedition law, anyone involved in the crime is punished with life imprisonment. Currently, there is no specific law to deal with cases of mob lynching.

The three Bills that will replace the Indian Penal Code, Criminal Procedure Act, and Indian Evidence Act are named the 'Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita' Bill, 'Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha' Bill, and 'Bharatiya Sakshya' Bill, respectively. The Bills were introduced and subsequently sent to the standing committee for further suggestions and consultations.

Describing the Bills as "revolutionary", the Home Minister stated that the repealed laws dating back to 1860 were meant to "strengthen British raj" and



Home Minister Amit Shah speaks in the Lok Sabha during the Monsoon session of Parliament in New Delhi on Friday. PTI

not to deliver justice to Indian citizens.

Shah revealed that under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, he began working on these Bills in 2019. He emphasised, "Root and branch changes are being made in the criminal justice system of the country," and highlighted that the entire process of FIR filing is to be digitised.

"It is made compulsory for police to videograph so that innocents are not victimised," he added. "Without videography, a police challan will not be legal."

Shah further pointed out

that cases that carry a jail term of seven years or more cannot be closed by the States without informing the victim. He also mentioned that old cases handled by retired or higher-ranking police officers will now be handled by the SPs in charge, speeding up the justice process.

In contrast to the repealed IPC, the new Bill will have the "first chapter on crimes against women and children," with "gang-rape cases inviting a 20-year jail term," Shah highlighted.

"In total, 313 changes have been made," said the Home Minister, which was met with

loud thumping of desks by the treasury benches.

"The three Bills that I am moving today include the principal laws for the criminal justice system. One is the Indian Penal Code, which was formulated in 1860; the second is the Criminal Procedure Code, formulated in 1898; and the third is the Indian Evidence Act, formulated in 1872. The sedition law will be completely repealed," Shah said.

"From 1860 to 2023, the country's criminal justice system functioned according to laws made by the British. The three laws will be replaced,

bringing a major change in the criminal justice system," the Home Minister explained.

Shah emphasised that the Bill entails stringent punishment for organised crime and includes provisions for the attachment of property of proclaimed offenders. Additionally, cases that involve jail terms of seven years or more would require forensic teams to visit the crime scene to reduce chances of acquittal. Forensic science will be given prime importance in investigating cases, and the government is training 30,000 experts in this regard.

Shah also highlighted plans for digitised court proceedings and video conferencing trials. He predicted that by 2027, all courts in the country will be computerised.

Furthermore, Shah announced that videography of victims' statements in sexual violence and harassment cases would be made mandatory. He underlined that the new bill shifts the priority to crimes against women and children.

Under the new bill, a charge sheet must be filed within 90 days of lodging a complaint, investigations must be completed within 180 days for all cases, and judges must deliver their verdicts within 30 days of framing charges.

BJD's Bhartruhari Mahtab welcomed the three Bills, terming the move "revolutionary." He humorously stated that the IPC was indeed the "Irish Penal Code."

## Hate speech unacceptable, form panel, SC asks Govt

**Harmony onus on communities, says apex court**

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday directed the Centre to establish a committee focused on addressing hate speech incidents unfolding across the nation.

This significant step follows a petition presented by journalist Shaheen Abdullah, which urgently implored the Supreme Court to compel the Centre to take robust action against what it termed "blatant hate speeches."

These speeches, the petitioner said, openly advocating violence against particular communities and advocating for their economic and social exclusion, have gained prominence within rallies spanning the country.

Notably, the recent communal clashes in Haryana led to the loss of six lives.

The bench, comprised of Justices Sanjiv Khanna and SVN Bhatti, underscored the vital need to cultivate harmo-

ny and mutual understanding among communities.

The court's observation was explicit: "There must be harmony and comity between the communities. All communities share responsibility. The issue of hate speech is detrimental and unacceptable to society."

The Court directed Additional Solicitor General KM Nataraj, representing the Centre, to promptly seek instructions and provide a response regarding the proposed committee's formation by August 18.

The bench further advised the petitioner to amass all pertinent evidence, including videos, and submit them to designated nodal officers.

Abdullah, in his petition, expressed hope that State Governments and law enforcement agencies would proactively thwart hate speeches targeting any community, irrespective of their identity. The petition fervently emphasized



the imperative of avoiding physical violence and harm to properties.

"The Supreme Court will instruct the police chief to constitute a committee, with the specific mandate of investigating hate speech complaints lodged with police stations across different regions," Justice Khanna said.

The next hearing on this critical matter is slated for August 18.

In the midst of heightened tensions following the recent bout of communal violence, a "mahapanchayat" took place in Gurugram on August 7. The event was organized by the Hindu Samaj Mahapanchayat, without prior police authorisation.

## Judge who refused to stay Rahul's conviction in SC mass transfer list

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Gujarat's Justice Hemant M Prachchhak, who recently declined to stay the conviction of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, finds his name in the list of judges transferred on Friday by the Supreme Court Collegium, as part of a significant overhaul involving as many as 23 judges. Justice Prachchhak will be transferred to Patna High Court.

Justice Prachchhak's 123-page judgment had dismissed Rahul's plea for relief in a defamation case related to the "Modi surname" comment, stating that there was no basis to grant a stay on the conviction. The Collegium, headed by Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud and composed of Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul, Sanjiv Khanna, BR Gavai, and Surya Kant, released a resolution explaining that these recommended transfers are aimed at ensuring improved admin-



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istration of justice. This decision was reached during a meeting held on August 3, 2023.

The Collegium has further proposed the transfer of Justice Samir Dave, who chose not to participate in the proceedings related to Teesta Setalvad's plea seeking the cancellation of an FIR against her. The FIR pertained to the alleged fabrication of evidence in the 2002 Godhra riots case. Additionally, Justice Gita Gopi, who recused herself from a hearing regarding Rahul's plea for the suspension of his conviction, is also recommended for transfer.

Notably, Justice Dave had recently attracted attention due

to a controversial reference to "Manusmriti" during a hearing involving a plea from a minor rape survivor. The case concerned the survivor's request for permission to terminate her pregnancy.

Those recommended for transfer are: Justice Vivek Kumar Singh from Allahabad HC to Madras HC; Justice Alpesh Y Kogte from Gujarat HC to Allahabad HC; Justice Kumari Gita Gopi from Gujarat HC to Madras HC; Justice Hemant M Prachchhak from Gujarat HC to Patna HC; Justice Samir J Dave from Gujarat HC to Rajasthan HC; Justice Arvind Singh Sangwan from Punjab and Haryana HC to Allahabad HC; Justice Avneesh Jhingan from Punjab and Haryana HC to Gujarat HC; Justice Raj Mohan Singh from Punjab and Haryana HC to Madhya Pradesh HC; and, Justice Arun Monga from Punjab and Haryana HC to Rajasthan HC.

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## Rahul says Modi's No-Trust speech unbecoming of a PM

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Former Congress president Rahul Gandhi launched a scathing attack against Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday, responding to the Prime Minister's no-confidence reply speech in Parliament. Rahul accused the PM of displaying unseemly behaviour during a discussion on the Manipur violence in the Lok Sabha.

"Yesterday, the PM spoke in Parliament for about 2 hours and 13 minutes. In the end, he spoke on Manipur for 2 minutes. Manipur has been engulfed in turmoil for months, with lives being lost and heinous crimes being committed, but the PM was seen laughing and making jokes. This behaviour is unbecoming of his position," Rahul said during a press conference at the AICC headquarters.

Rahul emphasised that the discussion should have focused on the serious issue at hand instead of taking jibes at the Congress or himself. "The



Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and Jairam Ramesh address a press conference in New Delhi on Friday. Ranjan Dimri | Pioneer

Indian Army has the capability to quell this situation within two days, but it appears that the PM is more interested in fanning the flames in Manipur than dousing the fire," Rahul remarked. This press conference marked his first since his reinstatement as an MP in the Lok Sabha earlier in the week.

Addressing the PM's comments regarding a "no-confidence motion in 2028," Rahul emphasised that the critical concern wasn't whether PM

Modi would retain his position in 2024, but rather the dire situation in Manipur, where innocent lives were being lost.

"The (PM's) speech wasn't about India; it was about Narendra Modi. He was speaking about his viewpoints, his political agendas, and his aspirations. The crucial matter is not whether he becomes the PM in 2024; the pressing issue is that Manipur is in turmoil," Rahul asserted.

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## Opp boycotts LS in protest against Adhir suspension

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Opposition parties within the INDIA bloc alliance staged a boycott of the Lok Sabha proceedings as a response to the suspension of Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury. The suspension was implemented on Thursday, and Chowdhury stands charged with "repeated misconduct," pending an investigation by the privileges committee.

The suspension decision also triggered a storm in the Rajya Sabha, where Leader of Opposition M Mallikarjun Kharge voiced his criticism of the move. Kharge stated, "Chowdhury was suspended on a flimsy ground. He had just said 'Nirav Modi.' 'Nirav' means 'peaceful and silent.' For uttering 'Nirav Modi,' you are suspending a member," as he

addressed the Rajya Sabha. Kharge said during a debate in Parliament remarks are often made and that if a remark is deemed unparliamentary and hurtful, it should be addressed promptly. He continued to voice his concerns despite Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar's interventions.

Kharge stated, "I am pleading with you as Vice President of India and chairman of this House. You have to protect democracy. One should not be suspended like this."



Opposition members protesting in the Rajya Sabha.

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## LS suspends Raghav over breach of privilege

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) MP Raghav Chadha was suspended on Friday from the Rajya Sabha for "breach of privilege" after complaints from four MPs alleging he named them in a House panel without their consent.

The Select Committee was proposed by Chadha in the Upper House. After the deputy chairman read out the names to be included in the proposed committee, Home Minister Amit Shah said members had complained their names were included without their signatures in the proposal moved by the AAP leader.

After his suspension, Chadha raised a series of questions pointing at the Centre for debarring him from the RS.

"Namaskar, I am suspended RS MP Raghav. What is my crime, is it that I stood in Parliament and asked questions of the tallest leaders of the world's biggest party, the BJP? Is my crime that, while speaking on the Delhi Services Bill, I asked the BJP's biggest leaders for justice," Chadha asked.

## Minor's body found in bed box; hunt on for accused woman

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The body of an 11-year-old boy was found inside a storage bed box at a residence in the Inderpuri area of West Delhi. A woman, who was captured leaving the house on security camera footage, has been accused of strangling the boy to death and subsequently placing the body in the bed box. The victim lived with his mother in a rented flat in E Block, Inderpuri.

On Thursday, around 8.30 pm, the police received information from BLK Hospital regarding a boy displaying strangulation marks, and he was pronounced dead upon arrival. On his mother's statement, a murder case was registered, said Deputy Commissioner of Police (West) Vichitra Veer. The post-mortem examination was conducted at RML Hospital.

The accused has been identified, and multiple teams have been deployed to apprehend her. Raids are being conducted at several potential hideouts, informed Veer.

According to the informa-



tion gathered thus far, the suspect was familiar with the deceased boy's family and had even visited their residence in the past. However, a dispute over a certain issue had arisen between them, noted the DCP.

On Thursday, she entered the house when the victim's mother was absent and committed the offence, the police stated. The boy was later discovered by his mother inside the bed's storage box. He was rushed to hospital but did not survive, the police added.

The mother, Neelu, informed the police that upon returning home from her office on Thursday evening, she found her apartment locked from the outside. Assuming that Divyansh had gone somewhere, she grew concerned when his dance teacher called to report that the boy had not attended the class.

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## 6 cops among 7 dead in Chamba landslide

PTI ■ SHIMLA

Seven persons were killed while four injured in Chamba district on Friday when their vehicle fell into the Siul river after being hit by a landslide, prompting the formation of an inquiry board to probe the matter and prevent similar accidents in future.

The deceased include six police personnel who were from the 2nd Indian Reserve Battalion posted at the Chamba Border. They have been identified as Rakesh Gora, Praveen Tondon, Kamaljeet, Sachin, Abhishek and Lakshay Kumar, while the seventh deceased is Chandru Ram, a local resident.

Meanwhile, the Opposition BJP demanded a high-level enquiry into the accident and

slammed the Government for reopening the road stretch despite recurring landslides.

The vehicle carrying 11 persons was on its way from Bairagarh to Tissa when the accident took place near the Tarwai Bridge in the Churah area of Chamba, the police said.

Preliminary investigation suggested that a large boulder hit the vehicle from the top, due to which it got imbalanced and skidded into the river.

Following the incident, DGP Sanjay Kundu has constituted a Board of Inquiry to be led by DIG North Abhishek Dullar, comprising Chamba SP Abhishek Yadav and Khushal Sharma.

Commandant IRB Sakoh, officials said.

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## File affidavit on 183 encounter killings since 2017, SC asks UP

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday called for a "comprehensive affidavit" from the Uttar Pradesh Government regarding the progress of investigation and prosecution into 183 police encounter killings that have allegedly taken place in the State since 2017.

The court sought a response from the UP Government on the extent of compliance with past guidelines issued in relation to police encounters. The court directed the Government to submit an affidavit from a senior officer at the rank of DGP.

Additionally, the court said it will consider the formulation of further guidelines to address the issue of custodial killings.



The bench, comprising Justices S Ravindra Bhat and Aravind Kumar, was presiding over two petitions. One petition was filed by Advocate Vishal Tiwari in light of the killings of gangster-politician Atiq Ahmed and his brother.

Tiwari sought an independent enquiry by a former Supreme Court judge into the 183 police encounters that occurred in UP since 2017, the Live Law reported.

The second petition was filed by Atiq Ahmed's sister, Aisha Noori, requesting a court-monitored investigation into the killings of her brothers in April 2023 when they were in police custody for a medical checkup.

During the hearing, Justice Bhat underscored the court's intention to focus on the broader context, stating, "We're not here to conduct an investigation. We want to see the system in place here."

The Advocate General of Uttar Pradesh informed the bench that the State had filed an affidavit outlining the steps taken and that the enquiry by the Commissions constituted by the State for the Atiq gang killings was ongoing.

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# TMC MLA raised ₹300 cr in job scam: CBI probe

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Two mobile phones seized from arrested Trinamool Congress MLA Jiban Krishna Saha have yielded transaction details of about Rs 300 crores, sources in the Central Bureau of Investigation have said. Saha was arrested for his alleged role in the multi-crore teachers' recruitment scam that has shaken the Bengal ruling outfit as never before.



Behind his house and the CBI officials had a trying time in fishing out the two phones.

According to sources, chat records between Saha and his "clients" found in the mobile phones, pen drives hidden inside a jewelry box, memory cards and also two bags stuffed with documents including copies of admit cards, OMR sheets etc have been revealed. The CBI had recovered the bags hidden in a bush behind his house.

The central agency arrested Saha from his village house at Baroan in Murshidabad district in April this year after a marathon grilling of about 65 hours. During the interrogation Saha had allegedly thrown his two mobile phones into a pond

promised his 'clients' to return only half the amount collected from them and "remain satisfied with that." He also warned them against raising their voices as then he would get them arrested on false charges, sources said quoting the chat records.

When contacted Saha's advocate said that the claim had been made by the CBI and "they will have to prove their claims ... we will give our reply only during the trial."

Thousands of wait-listed aspirants for primary, secondary and higher secondary teachers' jobs have been agitating at various places in Kolkata for the past several years demanding early recruitment. Hundreds of cases have been filed in Calcutta High Court in which genuine aspirants have alleged that despite having passed the selection tests they were deprived of their legitimate jobs and those who had greased the palms of the politicians were given appointment through manipulation of OMR sheets or computer servers.

# With 2.10 lakh new cancer cases, UP becoming hotspot for deadly disease

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

With 2.10 lakh new cancer cases in 2022—up from 2.01 lakh in 2020—and 1,16,818 cancer deaths, Uttar Pradesh is becoming a hotspot for the deadly disease in the country, according to the data from the Union Health Ministry.

As per the recent data tabled in the Parliament, among states, while Uttar Pradesh topped the list, Maharashtra too followed suite with 1,21,717 cases and West Bengal (113581), Bihar (109274), and Tamil Nadu (93,536) came thereafter.

The surge in cancer deaths corresponded with the cases. Of the total cases reported across India in 2022, as many as 8,08,558 died suggesting a mortality rate of over 55%. This means that every second person diagnosed with cancer in 2023 could not survive. Here too, UP topped the list with 1,16,818 deaths.

The death rate for UP was the same as the national average. Maharashtra stood second in terms of death too. West

Bengal and Bihar, Tamil Nadu followed next in the hierarchy.

In his written reply to the Rajya Sabha, Union minister of State for Health SP Singh Baghel said: "the treatment in government hospitals is either free or highly subsidized for the poor and needy besides informing that treatment of cancers is also available under Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY). Experts believe that the numbers are an underestimation of the actual trend as cancer is a notifiable disease in only 15 states.

And this list excludes Uttar Pradesh which accounts for maximum burden of both cases and deaths. India will see a surge in cancer cases in the coming years which can go up to 20 lakhs per year by 2026, as estimated by AIIMS, Delhi based on the data provided by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR).

"In 2022, as many as 14,61,427 cancer cases were registered compared to 14,26,447 in 2021. The corresponding figure for 2020 was 13,92,179," the data showed.

# Amid surge, scientists say adenovirus may be related to severe thrombocytopenia

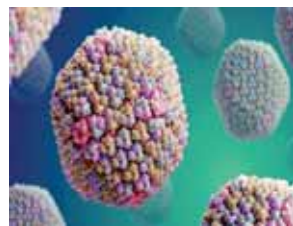
PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Amid reports of a surge in Adenovirus which causes mild cold-and flu-like symptoms among children, a team of scientists has flagged concern that the bug may be associated with blood clots and severe thrombocytopenia, a condition where platelets levels drop at a fast pace throughout the body.

"This adenovirus-associated disorder is now one of four recognized anti-PF4 disorders," said Stephan Moll, professor of medicine in the Department of Medicine's Division of Hematology from University of North Carolina Health Care. "We hope that our findings will lead to earlier diagnosis, appropriate and optimized treatment, and better outcomes in patients who develop this life-threatening disorder."

This is the first time that the common respiratory virus has been linked with blood clots and severe thrombocytopenia.

According to the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, adenovirus



infections can result in significant illness in those who already have respiratory or cardiac disease, have weakened immune systems, or both.

However, the new observation by the scientists from UNC Health Care sheds new light on the virus and its role in causing an anti-platelet factor 4 disorder. Additionally, the discovery opens a whole new door for research, as many questions remain as to how and why this condition occurs – and who is most likely to develop the disorder.

Antibodies are large Y-shaped proteins that can stick to the surface of bacteria and other "foreign" substances, flagging them for destruction by the immune system or neutralizing the threat directly.

In anti-PF4 disorders, the

person's immune system makes antibodies against platelet factor-4 (PF4), a protein that is released by platelets. When an antibody forms against PF4 and binds to it, this can trigger the activation and rapid removal of platelets in the bloodstream, leading to blood clotting and low platelets, respectively.

Sometimes, the formation of anti-PF4 antibodies is triggered by a patient's exposure to heparin, called heparin-induced thrombocytopenia (HIT), and sometimes it occurs as an autoimmune condition without heparin exposure, which is referred to as "spontaneous HIT."

In the last three years, thrombocytopenia has been shown to rarely occur after injection with COVID-19 vaccines that are made with inactivated pieces of an adenovirus.

These vaccines are different than the ones made in the United States, such as those by Moderna and Pfizer. The condition is referred to as vaccine-induced immune thrombotic thrombocytopenia (VITT).

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2.	HariKishan Rai/ Binu Rai/ (0960001820 & QZDEL0004997807)	S.No.2- Plot No-RZ-147, Second Floor, KH, No.904 To 911, Vill. Nawada, Block-A, Gulab Bagh, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi/ August 08, 2023	March 28, 2023 Rs. 12,06,587/-	Delhi/ NCR

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1.	Manish Kumar/ Harish Kumar/ Rekha Rani/ LBDEL0000532921 & LBDEL00005123296	Dda LIG Flat No. 27 D, Third Floor, Block BB, Type-E, Shalimar Bagh East, Delhi/ August 07, 2023	March 15, 2023 Rs. 29,14,704/-	Delhi/ NCR
2.	Parshant Jain/ Surinder Kumar Jain/ LBNOD00004690485	Property No. 33, First Floor With Mezanine Room Between First And Second Floor Without Roof Rights, Block-G, Pocket-17, Sector- 15, Rohini, Delhi/ August 07, 2023	April 06, 2023 Rs. 25,41,258/-	Delhi/ NCR
3.	Chandra Nigri/ Ravinder Singh/ LBFDB00005495684	Flat No-007, Habitat 78, Tower B-2, Ground Floor, Sector 78, Faridabad/ August 08, 2023	April 06, 2023 Rs. 21,29,261/-	Delhi/ NCR
4.	Manoj Kumar/ Anshul Sharma/ LBGHZ00005341948/ LBGHZ00004861411	Unit No B 607, Tower B, 7th Floor, "Ajnara Homes", Plot No Gh 03, Sector 16 B, District Gautam Budh Nagar, Noida/ August 08, 2023	March 15, 2023 Rs. 17,90,983/-	Delhi/ NCR
5.	Simmi Vij/ Rajesh Kumar Vij/ LBDEL00004913388	Plot No. F- 64, Third Floor With Roof Rights, Block F, Vikaspuri, Delhi/ August 08, 2023	March 07, 2023 Rs. 43,56,293/-	Delhi/ NCR
6.	Sukhvinder Kaur/ Manjeet Singh/ LBNOD00004232257	Plot No. 331, 3rd Floor With Roof Rights, Property Bearing No. WZ-93, Khayala Kanhiya Park, Chand Nagar, Tilak Nagar, Delhi/ August 08, 2023	March 09, 2023 Rs. 33,16,561/-	Delhi/ NCR
7.	Tarif Khan/ Mohd Ahmed Khan/ LBNOD0002380736	Flat No. 10173, 10th Floor, Marvella, Mahagun My Woods, Plot No. Gh- 04, Sector 16C Greater Noida/ August 08, 2023	March 09, 2023 Rs. 35,84,564/-	Delhi/ NCR
8.	Devdutt Sharma/ Rinju Kumar/ LBFDB00005791882	Flat No. 1104, Tower A2, Floor 11, Sector- 78, Habitat- 78, Faridabad/ August 09, 2023	April 06, 2023 Rs. 20,08,823/-	Delhi/ NCR
9.	Shweta/ Satvir/ LBFDB00006283397 & LBPLW00006244731	Khwat Khata, No. 115/120, Rect No. 5, Killa No.18 (2-11), Mauza Fazalpur, Nayaganj, Alwarpur, Palwal/ August 09, 2023	February 27, 2023 Rs. 45,87,629/-	Delhi/ NCR
10.	Rajesh Bhatia/ Renu Bhatia/ Bhagwan Dass Bhatia/ Sunil Kumar Bhatia/ Survesh Bhatia/ Simmi Traders/ LBFDB0000967391	Bungalow Plot No. 53, Neighbourhood No. 2, Block - B, New Township, Faridabad Faridabad/ August 09, 2023	April 18, 2023/ Rs. 10,09,680/-	Delhi/ NCR

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date : August 11, 2023  
Place : Delhi NCR  
Authorized Officer  
ICICI Bank Limited

# Judge who refused to...

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In a separate resolution, the Collegium proposed to transfer Justice Prakash Padia, judge, at Allahabad, to the High Court of Jharkhand, for better administration of justice.

In ten separate resolutions, the Collegium has proposed the transfer of the following HC judges: Justice Duppala Venkata Ramana, Judge, High Court of Andhra Pradesh to the High Court of Madhya Pradesh; Justice Shekhar B Saraf, Judge, High Court at Calcutta to the High Court of Judicature at Allahabad; Justice Lapita Banerji, Judge, High Court at Calcutta, to the High Court of Punjab and Haryana; Justice Bibek Chaudhuri, Judge, High Court at Calcutta, to the High Court of Judicature at Patna.

Meanwhile, Justice G Anupama Chakravarthy, Judge, High Court for the State of Telangana, has been recommended to be transferred to the High Court of Judicature at Patna; Justice Munnuri Laxman, Judge, High Court for the State of Telangana, to the Rajasthan High Court; Justice Madhuresh Prasad, Judge, High Court of Judicature at Patna to the High Court at Calcutta; Justice Narendar G, Judge, High Court of Karnataka, to the High Court of Orissa; Justice M Sudheer Kumar, Judge, High Court for the State of Telangana to the High Court at Calcutta; and, Justice C Sumalatha, Judge, High Court for the State of Telangana to the High Court of Gujarat.

# Minor's body found in bed...

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Upon entering the apartment, Neelu noticed that the bedsheets and mattress were disarranged. It was then that she discovered her son's body inside the storage box of the bed, as reported by the police.

The hospital notified the police. Preliminary medical examinations indicated that the cause of the boy's death was strangulation, leading the police to suspect a woman of committing the crime.

This is to inform General Public Notice that Mr. Iqbal Talwar and Mr. Vikram Talwar acquired the entire Property i.e. Plot No-28 area measuring 250.539 sq. meters, situated at Block-G, Saket, New Delhi vide Will dated 08.10.2000 executed by Mr. Manohar Lal Talwar in favour of his wife Mrs. Kamlesh Talwar and after her death Property has devolved on Mr. Iqbal Talwar and Mr. Vikram Talwar. Further, if any person, body, individual, institution having any claim, title, interest and/or objection in respect of or against or relating to or touching upon said property or part of the property by way of sale, exchange, lease, lien, mortgage, charge, encumbrance, gift, trust, easement, maintenance, inheritance, testamentary disposition or otherwise or having in their custody any title, documents pertaining to the said property shall communicate the same to the undersigned at below mentioned address within 10 days from the publication of this notice with documentary evidence in support thereof, failing which all the claim of such person shall be considered to have been waived and/or abandoned. Any objections raised after the completion of the 10 days shall not be binding upon the said property or my Client's in case anyone has any objection, the same may be raised within 10 days of this publication to Mr. Manojesh Chawari/ Mr. Satish Jain (Advocate), Law Vertas North, Unit no 907, 9th Floor, GD-DTL Tower, (B-08), Netaji Subhash Place, Delhi-110034; or contact at: 9066707172/9816228536 (M).

# Rahul says Modi's No-Trust..

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"The PM should have at least visited Manipur, engaged with the communities, and conveyed that he stands as their Prime Minister, ready to initiate a dialogue. Unfortunately, I don't witness any such intention," the Congress MP said.

Rahul further criticized the PM for not utilizing the various tools at his disposal to address the escalating violence. "In Manipur, there is a lack of dialogue; violence has taken root. The initial step should be to quell the violence and put an end to it. However, he is doing nothing and even seems to be laughing," Rahul remarked.

Regarding the suspension of Opposition MPs from Parliament, he said, "Our duty will remain unaltered even if the Government chooses to suspend MPs. Our duty is to halt the violence in Manipur."

Meanwhile, Rahul is scheduled to visit his Parliamentary constituency in Wayanad, Kerala, over the weekend. He is set to address a public gathering, and the locals are planning a warm reception for him on his first visit after his disqualification and subsequent reinstatement.

# Opp boycotts LS in protest against...

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Kharge further noted the significant roles that Chowdhury holds, such as his involvement in the Public Accounts Committee, Business Advisory Committee, and selection panels of the CBI director and CVC. He expressed his disapproval of the consequences of the suspension, adding, "It is not good."

The Opposition parties also organised a protest march within the Parliament premises, attracting former Congress chiefs Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi, alongside leaders from other political parties. Additionally, Congress workers held a protest in front of Raj Bhawan in Kolkata, West Bengal.

This boycott decision was made during a morning strategy meeting in the chamber of Rajya Sabha Leader of Opposition and Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge. The Opposition further criticized the government for the suspension of various Opposition leaders on what they consider to be flimsy grounds, including AAP Rajya Sabha members Sanjay Singh, Raghav Chaddha, and TMC MP Derek O'Brien.

Parliamentarians from SP, Left Parties, Shiv Sena, RJD, JDU, TMC, AAP, and others actively participated in the protest march after boycotting the day's proceedings in the Parliament. <

Holding placards with slogans such as "Democracy in Danger" and "Save Democracy," the protesting members gathered at Parliament premises, demanding the revocation of Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury's suspension.

The Congress did not mince words in criticising the Government's actions. Lok Sabha MP Manish Tewari stated that the situation "is a fit case" for going to the Supreme Court.

Kharge emphasised the importance of protecting the Constitution and democracy. He criticised the suspension as an attempt to suppress democracy and undermine constitutional norms, stating, "They want to 'suppress' democracy and not work according to the Constitution, and that is why 'we are protesting'."

# छत्तीसगढ़ पर्यावरण संरक्षण मंडल

पर्यावास भवन, सेक्टर-19, नवा रायपुर, अटल नगर, जिला-रायपुर (छ.ग.)

**// सर्व संबंधित को सूचना //**

भारत सरकार, पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय की ई.आई.ए. अधिसूचना दिनांक 14/09/2006 (यथा संशोधित) के अंतर्गत सर्व संबंधित को सूचित किया जाता है कि मेसर्स फ्लग स्टोन वयारी (प्रो.- श्रीमती रजनी सिंघ), ग्राम- कुर्दवी, तहसील- गुण्डदेही, जिला- बालोद विद्युत खसरा क्रमांक 714/1 एवं 715, कुल क्षेत्रफल - 1.17 हेक्टर में से 0.64 हेक्टर में पूर्व से संचालित फर्शी पथर (गौण खनिज) खदान उत्खनन क्षमता- 1,250 टन (500 मनीटोर) प्रतिवर्ष के पर्यावरणीय स्वीकृति हेतु लोक सुनवाई बाबत छत्तीसगढ़ पर्यावरण संरक्षण मंडल, नवा रायपुर अटल नगर, रायपुर में आवेदन किया गया है। उक्त परियोजना के संबंध में आपत्ति/ सुझाव/ विचार/ टीका टिप्पणी, इस सूचना के जारी होने के दिनांक से 30 दिवस के अंदर क्षेत्रीय अधिकारी, छत्तीसगढ़ पर्यावरण संरक्षण मंडल, नवा रायपुर अटल नगर, रायपुर में मौखिक अथवा लिखित रूप से कार्यालयीन समय में प्रस्तुत की जा सकती है। इस परियोजना के लिये लोक सुनवाई दिनांक 14/09/2023 को समय दोपहर 12:00 बजे, स्थान- ग्राम-कुर्दवी, तहसील अर्जुवा के शासकीय उचित मूल्य दुकान में, जिला- बालोद में निवृत्त की गई है। यह भी सूचित हो कि:-

1. लोक सुनवाई के दौरान सम्मिलित होने वाले व्यक्तियों को फिजिकल / सोशल डिस्टेंसिंग का पालन करना अनिवार्य होगा।
2. लोक सुनवाई में सम्मिलित होने वाले व्यक्तियों द्वारा मास्क का उपयोग किया जायेगा तथा समय-समय पर सेनेटाइजर का उपयोग किया जाना अनिवार्य होगा।
3. लोक सुनवाई स्थल पर सम्मिलित होने वाले व्यक्तियों की बैठक व्यवस्था कम से कम 02 मीटर की दूरी रखना अनिवार्य होगा।
4. कोरोना वायरस के नियंत्रण एवं रोकथाम हेतु शासन द्वारा जारी सम्स्त दिशा-निर्देशों का अक्षरशः पालन किया जाना अनिवार्य होगा।

ई.आई.ए. नोटिफिकेशन 14 सितम्बर 2006 (यथा-संशोधित) के अनुसार संबंधित व्यक्तियों के अवलोकन/ पठन हेतु ड्राफ्ट ई.आई.ए. रिपोर्ट, कार्यालयक सार हिन्दी एवं अंग्रेजी भाषा तथा सी.डी. (साफ्ट कॉपी) डायरेक्टर, पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार, इंदिरा पर्यावरण भवन, जोर बाग रोड, नई दिल्ली, क्षेत्रीय अधिकारी, एकीकृत क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार, अरण्य भवन, नार्थ ब्लॉक, सेक्टर-19, नवा रायपुर, अटल नगर, रायपुर, छत्तीसगढ़, कलेक्टर, कार्यालय कलेक्टर, जिला- बालोद, मुख्य कार्यालय अधिकारी, जिला पंचायत, जिला- बालोद, महाप्रबंधक, जिला व्यापार एवं उद्योग केन्द्र, जिला- बालोद, सरपंच/ सचिव, ग्राम पंचायत कुर्दवी, जिला- बालोद, क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, छत्तीसगढ़ पर्यावरण संरक्षण मंडल, 5 / 32 बंगला, भिलाई, जिला- दुर्ग एवं मुख्यालय, छत्तीसगढ़ पर्यावरण संरक्षण मंडल, पर्यावास भवन, सेक्टर-19, नवा रायपुर, अटल नगर, जिला- रायपुर में रखी गई है।

सदस्य सचिव  
छत्तीसगढ़ पर्यावरण संरक्षण मंडल,  
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# File affidavit on 183... 6 cops...

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Justice Bhat responded, "Commissions will go on. If you want to investigate and prosecute, the commission won't come in the way." He pressed for more concrete actions, seeking information about the accused, the stage of the investigation, and adherence to National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) guidelines.

Justice Bhat also raised concerns about the prevalence of crimes within jails and the larger network behind such incidents. He remarked, "It's not only in these high-profile cases; there are crimes in jails. It's a worrisome matter - there's a nexus. We want to know who's interested in breaking the nexus?"

Justice Aravind Kumar echoed his colleague's concerns, inquiring about the steps taken by authorities to monitor the situation. The Advocate General replied, "We've filed an additional affidavit. The Commission requires one month's time." Justice Bhat delved deeper into the matter, questioning how accused individuals gained access to information that aids their criminal activities within jails.

Referring to the landmark DK Basu case, which established guidelines to prevent custodial torture and deaths, Justice Bhat added, "Why did the DK Basu case happen? It's a systemic issue; we need to keep correcting it."

Advocate Vishal Tiwari intervened at this point to voice concerns about the credibility of the Special Investigation Team (SIT) handling the Atiq Ahmed murder case, given the allegations against the police themselves.

Justice Bhat emphasised introducing a high-ranking officer to supervise the probe to ensure a more accountable and trustworthy process. The judge expressed surprise at Atiq Ahmed and his brother being killed while surrounded by police officers. He questioned potential elements within the police being involved and the need for transparency.

The bench sought the status of investigation and trial in the 183 encounter cases. Justice Bhat proposed a mechanism to monitor progress, stating, "We'll record your statement on progress. Let it be done by DGP - status of investigation and copies of the chargesheet."

The Advocate General submitted that a Magisterial Inquiry had been conducted in most cases and accepted. However, Justice Bhat expressed skepticism about the efficacy of a routine Magisterial inquiry. He clarified that the bench would issue notice, focusing solely on the issue of framing guidelines.

Raj, who is also the party's state vice-president, demanded a high-level inquiry into the accident, according to a statement issued here. He said that strict action should be taken against the PWD officer, whose negligence cost so many lives.

Since the onset of monsoon in the hill state on June 24 till August 11, the death toll due to rain-related incidents and road accidents has reached 252, of which 41 persons died in 87 landslides and 107 died in road accidents, according to the state emergency operation centre.

# Guns & roses, high-tech at Gyan Path for I-Day celebrations

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Gyan Path in front of the Red Fort will be decked up with flowers and G20 signage and more than 10,000 security personnel will be deployed for the Independence Day celebrations when Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address the nation.

Around 1,000 cameras with facial recognition and video analytics systems will be installed in and around the Mughal-era fort and at other strategic locations to ensure foolproof security and monitor VVIP movements, police said.

Around 70 to 75 couples from every State are among the special invitees to the programme and they will attend it in their traditional dresses. Nurses, sarpanches of

vibrant villages, fishermen and labourers engaged in the construction of the Central Vista project are also among the special invitees.

"This year more than 20,000 officials and civilians will take part in the Independence Day celebrations. Gyan Path is being decorated with flowers and G20 signage for the national festival," a senior police officer said. Security has been beefed up across the national Capital in view of the 77th Independence Day celebrations on Tuesday with more than 10,000 security personnel to be deployed.

The areas surrounding the Red Fort will be demarcated as a "no kite flying zone" until the programme gets over. Several personnel will be deployed with necessary equipment on strategic locations to intercept

kites, police said. During Modi's Independence Day address in 2017, a kite had landed just below the podium. The Prime Minister had, however, continued with his speech unfazed.

According to the police, anti-drone systems will be installed at the Red Fort as is convention. All anti-terror measures are being initiated, including installation of air defence guns. Snipers, elite SWAT commandos, kite catchers and sharpshooters will be positioned at strategic locations for the security of the Prime Minister and other VVIP guests.

"There were certain restrictions over the last couple of years due to COVID-19. However, Independence Day will be celebrated with full enthusiasm this year. Therefore,



Army personnel during a rehearsal for Independence Day celebrations at Red Fort, in New Delhi

there will be a robust and adequate deployment of police. Besides, we will also be coordinating and sharing real-time information with other agencies to provide security. The Delhi Police will also use technology

for security purpose. We are on our toes and doing rehearsals," Special Commissioner of Police (Law and Order) Dependra Pathak said. "The Delhi Police has also intensified patrolling and anti-sab-

otage checks. Hotels, guest houses, parking lots and restaurants are being checked and verification of tenants and servants is being carried out. Meetings are also being held with RWA (resident welfare associations) and MWA (market welfare associations) members," Deputy Commissioner of Police (North) Sagar Singh Kalsi said.

Police on Thursday imposed prohibitory orders under CrPC Section 144 in areas such as Rajghat, ITO and Red Fort ahead of Independence Day. "In view of Independence Day celebrations, Section 144 of CrPC (Code of Criminal Procedure) has been invoked in areas nearby Rajghat, ITO, Red Fort etc. No gathering of any kind is permitted in these areas," police posted on X.

This year there will be no huge wall of shipping containers at the main gate of the fort. In 2021, Delhi Police had erected a huge wall of shipping containers decorated with graffiti at the main gate of Red Fort for security reasons.

The containers were placed in such a way that no one will be able to see inside the premises of the fort when the Prime Minister addressed the nation.

Flying of sub-conventional aerial platforms like para-gliders, paramotors, hang gliders, UAVs, micro light aircraft, remotely piloted aircraft, hot air balloons, small size powered aircraft, quadcopters or para-jumping from aircraft etc. are prohibited over the jurisdiction of National Capital Territory of Delhi up to August 16.

## Farmers, khaps demand fair probe into Hry violence

Urge people to avoid making, sharing communal videos, intimate police about such posts, maintain peace

PARVESH SHARMA ■ GURUGRAM

The farmer unions and khap panchayats in Haryana have demanded a fair probe into the violence that rocked Nuh and Gurugram districts on July 31. They also urged people to avoid making and sharing misleading communal-based videos, intimate the police about such videos and not take the law into their own hands.

The Haryana Government on Friday extended till Sunday the suspension of mobile internet and SMS services in Nuh where conditions are "still critical and tense". A total of 393 people have been arrested and 118 taken into preventive detention in connection with the communal clashes in Haryana earlier this month.

Various farmer unions, Khap panchayats, and religious leaders have appealed for peace from the people of the riot-hit district. They sought the arrest of Mohit Yadav aka Monu Manesar, a cow vigilante, the prime suspect in the killing of Nasir and Junaid earlier this year.

The 'Mahapanchayat' in this regard was called in Hisar to condemn the Nuh riots. The gathering was attended by 2,000 people including several Haryana Khap panchayats, farmers unions, and religious leaders of different communities. "We demand a fair investigation into the matter and we



Police personnel stand guard outside a mosque during Friday prayers, in violence-hit Nuh district

also urged people of Nuh not to act over misleading communal videos and if they received such videos from any channels they should first report to the law agencies to avoid any incident," Suresh Koth, president Bhartiya Kisaan Union said. He further said after the completion of the investigation Haryana Khap, farmer unions, and religious leaders will visit Nuh and will talk to people for peace. Violence erupted when a procession organized by the Vishva Hindu Parishad (VHP) was stopped by a group of people. The clashes resulted in the loss of six lives, including two home guards and a cleric.

In Nuh 59 FIRs have been registered and apprehended 218 individuals in connection with the clashes. Manesar reportedly posted

a video on social media claiming his participation in the Nuh religious procession and encouraged his followers to gather in Nuh. However, he did not attend the procession after advice from the VHP which feared that his presence could escalate tensions.

Meanwhile, after the clashes schools and banks have been opened in Nuh after 11 days. Authorities have also encouraged Muslim clerics to conduct Friday prayers at home. Nuh administration released a statement stating, "In view of the normal situation in the area, it has been decided to open all educational institutions from August 11. Bus services of Haryana State Transport are also being fully restored from August 11. Curfew was relaxed on Friday for five hours.

## Amid call by VHP to complete yatra on Aug 28, G'gram police issues appeal for restraint

Asks residents not to take out any rally or procession without permission

STAFF REPORTER ■ GURUGRAM

Amid a call by some Hindu groups to "complete" on August 28 the religious march that was attacked last month in Nuh triggering a communal riot, the Gurugram police Friday appealed to the residents not to take out any rally or procession without permission. The Vishva Hindu Parishad (VHP) procession called the 'Braj Mandal Yatra' was attacked by a mob on July 31 in Nuh which triggered a communal riot that spread to neighbouring districts, killing six people.

VHP division minister Devender Singh said on Friday, "All the Hindu groups decided to complete the yatra on August 28 which was attacked on July 31 in Nuh. Hope that the yatra will be completed with admiration and enthusiasm."

Also, a message has been

doing the rounds on social media that the "Mewat Dharma Yatra will be completed on August 28, 2023". It also claimed the yatra covering the entire area of Manesar will be flagged off from the Baba Nyaramdas Mandir Gaushtala. In an official statement, the Gurugram Police Friday requested the general public to refrain from raising provocative slogans, making speeches, carrying banners or indulging in acts that may hurt the sentiments of any community and disturb the peace. "We have not made this appeal for any specific procession. The situation is normal in the district and we appealed only to maintain peace, law and order in the district," said Varun Dahiya, ACP crime.

Meanwhile, most people offered Friday prayers at their homes with very few turning up at mosques. Police said they deployed personnel around all mosques, idgahs and at open spaces. Meanwhile, Union Minister of State Rao Inderjit Singh met representatives of various social organisations and villagers of Tigra, Badshahpur, Palda and Wazirabad in a PWD rest house on Friday.

## Delhi Govt to get energy audit done, says Atishi

To cut power consumption, BEE, Power Dept to audit Govt offices, buildings and streetlights

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

In a bid to reduce electricity consumption and promote energy efficiency, an energy audit of Delhi Government buildings, offices and streetlights will be carried out by the Power Department and the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE). Sharing the information, Delhi Power Minister Atishi said the primary objective of this energy audit is to pinpoint areas of excessive energy use and devise strategies to manage and control it.

"The Government will get an energy audit done of all its buildings with a sanctioned load of 500 kilowatts and above, by a certified energy auditor from the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE)," reads a statement issued by the AAP Government.

Regarding the energy audits of Government buildings and streetlights across the national



Capital, Atishi said, "The Kejriwal Government is committed to conserving every unit of electricity. To achieve this, an energy audit will be conducted of all Government buildings under the Delhi Government. This process involves measuring the actual energy consumption of various devices and appliances within the buildings, comparing it with the estimated minimum energy required for the processes, and then identifying economically and technically feasible methods to achieve energy savings."

The Power Minister further added that the Delhi Government's power department has made the 'energy audit' of government buildings a priority under its mission@2023 and is working on it in mission mode. In addition to government buildings, the Delhi government intends to conduct energy audits for its streetlights. Currently, streetlight maintenance in Delhi is primarily handled by MCD, NDMC, and PWD. MCD has successfully replaced approximately 6.06 lakh streetlights with LED lights. In the southern district, MCD has collaborated with EESL to replace around 3 lakh streetlights with energy-efficient LEDs, out of the total 92000 maintained by PWD, 22500 have already been replaced. The process of replacing the remaining streetlights is ongoing.

Atishi further emphasized, "It is said that saving one unit of energy at the user end is equiv-

## Govt empowers Excise Commissioner to declare dry days in Delhi

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Government's Finance Department has empowered the Excise Commissioner to declare dry days for closure of liquor outlets in the city. A notification to this effect has been issued.

According to officials, the proposal of the Excise Department on the declaration of dry days was earlier sent for approval of the Chief Minister. No immediate reaction was available from the AAP Government on the notification.

Last month, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal approved a proposal of the Excise Department for declaring Muharram, July 29, Independence Day, August 15, Janmashtami, September 7, and Eid-e-Milad on September 28, as dry days. However, the notification issued by the Finance Department on July 28 stated that the Excise Commissioner with prior concurrence of the Principal Secretary (finance) can exercise the power of the Government

for the purpose.

"In exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (1) of Section 8 of Delhi Excise Act, 2009 (10 of 2010), the Hon'ble Lt. Governor of National Capital Territory of Delhi hereby directs that the power of "Government" under Rule 52 of Delhi Excise Rules, 2010, may be exercised by Commissioner (Excise) with prior concurrence of Pr. Secretary (Finance), GNCTD," read the notification. Rule 52 of the Excise Rules 2010 deals with declaration of dry days and conditions applicable to it.

"No licensee shall sell liquor on the days, which are notified as dry days by the Excise Commissioner, with the previous approval of the Government from time to time," says Rule 52 (1). It excludes hotels, bars, clubs and such other excise licensees. However, all the establishments selling or serving liquor from their licensed premises are prevented from doing so on Republic Day, Independence Day and Gandhi Jayanti.

## HC seeks stand of NewsClick, EIC on ED plea

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court on Friday sought the stand of news portal NewsClick and its Editor-in-Chief on a plea by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) seeking vacation of an earlier order granting them protection from coercive action in a money laundering case. Issuing a notice to NewsClick and its editor-in-chief Prabhakar Purkayastha, Justice Saurabh Banerjee observed that prima facie, the investigation agency's submissions for vaca-

tion of interim protection have merit and require deliberation. The application is part of the ongoing proceedings on a petition by the portal seeking a copy of the Enforcement Case Information Report (ECIR) lodged by the ED in the case.

The ED counsel said new material has been unearthed, revealing the commission of offence of money laundering. He also said the petition was not maintainable as the ECIR is an internal document that cannot be supplied and the petitioners

cannot "piggyback" on the interim relief.

This is a criminal conspiracy for "paid news" where crores of rupees have come in violation of laws, the ED's counsel submitted. "Prima facie, in the opinion of this court, the above contention has merit and requires deliberation. In view thereof, issue notice," Justice Banerjee said and listed the matter for further hearing on September 6. Counsel for the petitioners said there was no urgency in the matter.

## DJB to set up 5-MGD capacity RO plant for BSF Chhawla Camp

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The armed forces and their families living in Chhawla Border Security Force (BSF) Camp in Delhi will no longer have to wait for water. The Delhi Jal Board (DJB) will soon start supplying clean drinking water to BSF Chhawla Camp. In a press statement, the DJB said that Board will be setting up an RO plant of up to 5-MGD capacity near the Chhawla BSF camp to supply water for the armed forces and the construction work of the

RO plant will begin soon. To connect Daulatpur water pipeline and Chhawla BSF camp, a new connecting water pipeline of one kilometer will be laid between them that will bring end to the water supply problem in the BSF camp.

On Friday, BSF officials met DJB Vice Chairman Somnath Bharti regarding water supply issues at Chhawla BSF Camp. The DJB Vice Chairman assured the BSF officials that water supply will be provided at Chhawla camp soon.

## Man held for killing Sarus crane in UP

STAFF REPORTER ■ NOIDA

A suspected hunter has been arrested after a dead Sarus crane — the State bird of Uttar Pradesh — was found in his possession in Greater Noida while his partner managed to flee the spot, police said on Friday.

The accused was held during patrolling by local police along the Chachura border in the Rabupura police station area of Gautam Buddha Nagar district on Thursday evening, they said.

"Two men on motorcycle UP 13 AP 0979 were carrying the dead Sarus crane when they were intercepted by the police following a tip-off," a police spokesperson said. "During a preliminary probe, they said they had trapped the Sarus crane by putting a noose around its neck after they spotted it in the jungle of nearby Myana Village," the spokesperson said.

The police said while they were able to arrest Risiya, around 35, his partner Kamal managed to escape and efforts are underway to nab him again. Risiya hails from Amroha, while Kamal is a native of Aligarh, the police said. An FIR has been lodged under provisions of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972, the police added. The Sarus crane was designated as Uttar Pradesh's state bird in 2014 amid its dwindling population globally, highlighting the importance of conserving its population and habitat.

## Gas leak near school sends 24 students to hospital

Students released later in the day; MCD to probe cause

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

As many as 24 children studying in a school in West Delhi were hospitalised on Friday after a gas leak was reported from nearby railway tracks. According to officials, 15 students were rushed to the Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital while nine were sent to the Acharya Shree Bhikshu Hospital.

"The students fell sick apparently due to some gas leak incident near the school. All students are fine, they are being attended to by doctors at the two hospitals," officials said. "An unfortunate instance of hospitalisation of 24 school students from MCD school in Naraina has been reported. The gas leak had taken place at nearby railway tracks. A team of doctors from the health department of MCD along with officials of the Education Department are also present at the hospital to monitor the situation," officials said.

Officials from the civic health department rushed to the two hospitals and also to the school. The education department of the MCD is also on the job, the official added. "We will be probing from our level, too, as to what



caused this incident," officials said. In a statement issued later, the MCD said, "The gas leak had taken place at the nearby railway tracks."

Sharing the details, the police said they received a call regarding some students falling sick and vomiting at the Nigam Pratibha Vidyalaya, Inderpuri. "As per the information available so far, 24 children have been sent to the hospital. Regular updates are being taken from hospitals and as per the latest update, all of them are feeling fine," Deputy Commissioner of Police (West) Vichitra Veer said.

As per the initial assessment, a foul smell filled some classrooms, which made the children feel sick. Apparently, the

children had just eaten. The smell has subsided, but as a precaution, all classrooms have been vacated, the DCP said.

"Further examination of the premises is being done to ascertain the source of the smell. There is a railway track nearby. However, it is yet to be ascertained where the smell was emanating from," Veer said.

AAP MCD in-charge Durgesh Pathak met the students at the RML Hospital and said they were doing fine. "Preliminary examination by doctors has ruled out the possibility of food poisoning... Investigation is underway to ascertain where this gas came from since there was nothing in school that could have led to it.

## Now, DU to have East Campus

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The East Delhi campus of the Delhi University (DU) will come up in Surajmal Vihar and a new college will be set up in Najafgarh. DU's Vice-Chancellor Yogesh Singh made this announcement during a meeting of the university's Academic Council on Friday. During the meeting, the syllabi of semesters four five and six under the Faculty of Science in the various departments and colleges based on the Undergraduate (UG) Curriculum Framework 2022 was approved along with the syllabus of semester six for the Department of Computer Science under the Faculty of Mathematical Sciences was also

approved. DU has 12 acres of land in Surajmal Vihar and it will use Higher Education Financing Agency (HEFA) loan to develop an academic complex there. Some portion of the School of Correspondence will be shifted there.

"East Delhi campus of DU would be set up in Surajmal Vihar and a new college of DU would be set up in Najafgarh," Singh told the council. Director of DU's South Campus Prakash Singh said the entire 12-acres will not be used for the campus. The academic complex will be readied in the next two years, he said.

"We will not use the entire 12 acres but a portion of it. The money would be given by HEFA. The loan is under

process," Prakash Singh said. The Academic Council meeting on Friday was presided by Yogesh Singh. The council accorded approval to the University Grants Commission's letter regarding granting Category-1 university status to DU.

The move has been opposed by several members of the council as well as other teachers claiming that it will make higher education costly and more difficult for the disadvantaged sections of society to avail it.

However, the university rejected these allegations, saying the fee structure will remain more or less the same.

"The autonomy will allow us to introduce new courses. It

will not have much impact on the fee structure," said Prakash Singh. During the meeting the syllabi of Semester- IV, V and VI under Faculty of Science in the various Departments/College, namely Department of Geology, Department of Zoology, Department of Environmental Studies, Department of Home Science, Department of Anthropology, Department of Chemistry, Department of Physics and Astrophysics, Department of Botany, ACBR, Sri Venkateswara College and Bhaskaracharya College of Applied Science, based on UG Curriculum Framework 2022 implemented from the Academic Session 2022-2023 was approved as accepted with minor modifications.

**MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF DELHI**  
ASSESSMENT & COLLECTION DEPARTMENT (H.O.), 14th Floor,  
Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Civic Centre/Jawahar Lal Nehru Marg,  
Minto Road, New Delhi - 110002

No.: TAX/HQ/MCD/2023-24/D-2182 Date 10.08.2023

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

For a more transparent & responsive property tax regime in Delhi and better provisioning of service delivery, MCD launched mobile app to geo tag properties. Public at large is hereby requested to complete the process of geo-tagging of their property as soon as possible and contribute to the development of Delhi.

The mobile app [Unified Mobile App (UMA)] can be downloaded on both Android & IOS phones or by visiting the website at <http://mcdonline.nic.in/mcdapp.html>.

Though the onus is on taxpayers to geo tag their properties but keeping in view large area and complexity involved and exercising powers vested under section 172 & 175 read with Sec. 124 & 135 of DMC Act, 1957 (as amended), officials of MCD shall visit non-residential properties (viz hotels, hospitals, schools, guest houses, banquet halls, malls, godowns, showrooms, shops etc.) and geo tag the same. The owner/occupiers of such properties are requested to extend all possible help to such officials and provide them access to their properties. The visiting team may be asked to display their identity cards

(KUNAK KASHYAP, IRS)  
Assessor & Collector,  
MCD

R.O. No.34/DPI/MCD/2023-24

# India advises nationals to vacate Niger at earliest

**PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI**

Taking note of turmoil in Niger, India on Friday advised its nationals residing there to leave it as soon as possible in view of escalating violence in the country.

At present, around 250 Indians are living in Niger that has witnessed widespread protests and violence following last month's coup, according to officials.

In an advisory, the Ministry of External Affairs said those who may be planning to travel to Niger should reconsider their plans until the situation normalises.

External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said at his weekly media briefing that India is closely monitoring the ongoing developments in Niger.

"In light of the prevailing



situation, Indian nationals whose presence is not essential are advised to leave the country as soon as possible," he said.

"They may bear in mind that air space is currently closed. When departing through a land border, utmost precautions may be taken to ensure safety and security," he added, reading out the advisory.

"All those Indian nationals who have not registered with the Indian Embassy in Niamey

# India-UK to jointly fight pro-Khalistan extremism

**PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI**

India and the United Kingdom have resolved to strengthen their bond to fight pro-Khalistan extremism with the latter's Security Minister Tom Tugendhat announcing a 95,000 pounds funding to fight this challenge.

The British minister arrived here on Thursday and met External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and made this commitment during the talks, it was learnt on Friday.

Tugendhat said the outlay of 95,000 will enhance the British government's understanding of the threat posed by pro-Khalistan extremism and complement work being done by the India-UK joint extremism task force.

The funding will also improve the UK's ability to identify and disrupt extremist narratives and activity, said a statement from the UK high commission.

The collaboration is designed to advance intelligence sharing and strategize joint operations between the two countries. Speaking on the matter, Tugendhat said, "The living bridge between India and the UK is emblematic of our profound friendship. This isn't just about shared heritage; it's about a shared future. A deeper partnership means a combined force against security threats, especially the likes of



extremism, no matter its guise."

The sentiment was echoed by British High Commissioner to India, Alex Ellis, who added, "Our nations have always had a unique connection, and it's not just economic. Through initiatives like the Joint Extremism Task Force, we're putting up a united front against threats, such as pro-Khalistani extremism, ensuring the safety of our people."

Tugendhat is in India on a three-day visit to attend the G20 anti-corruption ministerial meeting in Kolkata. He met National Security Adviser (NSA) Ajit Doval here on Friday. The activities of pro-Khalistan elements in the UK reportedly came up in the meeting.

They also discussed global security and outcomes from a meeting of the joint extremism task force held early this month, the statement said.

Violent protests by Khalistani elements outside the Indian high commission in London, including one in

# LS Speaker adjourns House sine die, ends Monsoon Session



**PNS ■ NEW DELHI**

Lok Sabha speaker Om Birla on Friday adjourned the House sine die, marking the end of the stormy Monsoon session that a day before also debated no-confidence motion moved by the Opposition which was rejected by the house.

The house passed 22 bill in the session which was marred by the continuous protests by the Congress-led opposition on the Manipur issue. The opposition demanded presence and a statement from the Prime Minister on the Manipur ethnic violence.

Birla said the lower house functioned for 44 hours and 15 minutes over 17 sittings beginning July 20.

The Speaker said that 20 Bills were introduced and 22 Bills passed during the session. Thereafter, he adjourned the House sine die.

Prime Minister Modi was present in the House.

Earlier, in the three-day no-confidence debate in the House a total of 60 members, including the Prime Minister, participated. The motion was defeated on the floor of the Lower House on Thursday.

The session witnessed regular confrontation between the ruling and opposition sides and witnessed suspension of Congress leader in the house Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury.

**FORM NO. 5 DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL**  
600/1, University Road, Near Hanuman Setu Mandir, Lucknow-226007 (Area of Jurisdiction-Part of Uttar Pradesh)

**SUMMONS FOR FILING REPLY & APPEARANCE BY PUBLICATION**  
O.A. NO. 1006/2022  
Date: 24-07-2023

[Summons to defendant under Section 19(3) of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 read with Rules 12 and 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993]

**ICICI BANK LTD. ...Applicant**  
Versus  
**BOSKI NIRWAN & OTHERS ...Defendants**

To, Defendants :-  
1. BOSKI NIRWAN W/O DINESH RANA  
R/o E-5, Ground Floor, Radha Kunj, Brij Vihar, Ghaziabad.  
Also at : Flat No. B-504, 5th Floor, Casa Grande, Plot No.-7 A, Sector Chh-V, Noida, Noida-201307, U.P.

2. DINESH RANA S/o ROOP SINGH RANA  
R/o E-5, Ground Floor, Radha Kunj, Brij Vihar, Ghaziabad.

In the above noted application you are required to file reply in Paper Book form in two sets along with documents and affidavits (if any) personally or through your duly authorized agent, or legal practitioner in Tribunal after serving copy of the same on the applicant or his counsel/duly authorized agent after publication of the summons, and thereafter to appear before the Tribunal on 01/02/2024 at 10:30 a.m. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.

**FORM NO. 5 DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL**  
600/1, University Road, Near Hanuman Setu Mandir, Lucknow-226007 (Area of Jurisdiction-Part of Uttar Pradesh)

**SUMMONS FOR FILING & APPEARANCE BY PUBLICATION**  
O.A. NO. 1005/2022  
Date: 24/07/2023

[Summons to defendant under section 19(3) of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 read with Rules 12 and 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993]

**ICICI BANK LTD. ...Applicant**  
Versus  
**AWDHESH KUMAR & OTHERS ...Defendants**

To, Defendants:-  
AWDHESH KUMAR S/o. HEERA LAL  
R/o. House No. 1122/29, 2nd Floor, Sec-7, Kapoor, House Krishna Colony, Gurgaon-122001.

Also at: Flat No. 1904, 19th Floor, Tower-A, Antriksh Valley, Block-A, Plot No. Gh-15d, Sector-1 Greater Noida, Noida- 201307, U.P.

2. PRATIMA MAURYA R/o. House No. 1122/29, 2nd Floor, Sec-7, Kapoor, House Krishna Colony, Gurgaon-122001.

3. DILIGENT BUILDERS PRIVATE LIMITED.  
Marketing, Office: A-60/C, 2nd Floor, Sector-63, Noida- 201307, U.P.

In the above noted application, you are required to file in Paper Book form in two sets along with documents and affidavits (if any), personally or through your duly authorized agent or legal practitioner in this Tribunal, after serving copy of the same on the applicant or his counsel/duly authorized agent after publication of the summons, and thereafter to appear before the Tribunal on 01/02/2024 at 10:30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.

Registrar  
Debts Recovery Tribunal  
Lucknow

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

[Mrs. Sarita Aggarwal W/o Sh. Kailash Chand Aggarwal R/o A-5/7 DLF City Phase-1 Gurgaon have lost the Original Builder Buyer's Agreement of Property No. A-5/13, measuring 502.32 sqyds, DLF City Phase-I, Gurugram, Haryana. Any person would find the above said Original Builder Buyer's Agreement, kindly contact undersigned.

Mrs. Sarita Aggarwal (Owner)  
Mob: 9811168222  
W/o Sh. Kailash Chand Aggarwal  
R/o A-5/7 DLF City Phase-1 Gurgaon

**FORM NO. 5 DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL**  
600/1, University Road, Near Hanuman Setu Mandir, Lucknow-226007 (Area of Jurisdiction-Part of Uttar Pradesh)

**SUMMONS FOR FILING & APPEARANCE BY PUBLICATION**  
O.A. NO. 1004/2022  
Date: 24/07/2023

[Summons to defendant under section 19(3) of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 read with Rules 12 and 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993]

**ICICI BANK LTD. ...Applicant**  
Versus  
**DEEPAK AGARWAL & OTHERS ...Defendants**

To, Defendants:-  
1. DEEPAK AGARWAL S/o NATHU LAL AGARWAL, R/o Room No. 110 1st Floor Plot No. 22, Opposite Image Garden Function Hall Hyderabad.

Also at:  
Flat No.-1707, 17th Floor, Tower-A, Plot No. Gh-15d, Antriksh Valley, Block-A, Sector-1, Greater Noida, Noida- 201307, U.P.

2. M/s. DILIGENT BUILDERS PVT. LD., Registered Office at : A-60/C, Sector-63, Noida-201307, U.P.

In the above noted application, you are required to file in Paper Book form in two sets along with documents and affidavits (if any), personally or through your duly authorized agent or legal practitioner in this Tribunal, after serving copy of the same on the applicant or his counsel/duly authorized agent after publication of the summons, and thereafter to appear before the Tribunal on 01/02/2024 at 10:30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.

Registrar  
Debts Recovery Tribunal  
Lucknow

**FORM NO. 5 DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL**  
600/1, University Road, Near Hanuman Setu Mandir, Lucknow-226007 (Area of Jurisdiction-Part of Uttar Pradesh)

**SUMMONS FOR FILING REPLY & APPEARANCE BY PUBLICATION**  
O.A. NO. 1007/2022  
Date: 25-07-2023

[Summons to defendant under Section 19(3) of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institution Act, 1993 read with Rules 12 and 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993.]

**ICICI BANK LTD. ...Applicant**  
Versus  
**DEEPAK BICHORIA & OTHERS ...Defendants**

To, Defendants :-  
2. BRIJ LATA AGARWAL W/O DEEPAK BICHORIA, R/O 403, Tower-18, Paras Tierrea, Sector-137, Noida-201304, U.P.  
3. GAYATRI DEVELOPMENTS PVT. LTD., Office At : H-133, Sector-63, Noida

In the above noted application you are required to file reply in Paper Book form in two sets along with documents and affidavits (if any) personally or through your duly authorized agent, or legal practitioner in Tribunal after serving copy of the same on the applicant or his counsel/duly authorized agent after publication of the summons, and thereafter to appear before the Tribunal on 02/02/2024 at 10:30 a.m. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.

**FORM NO. 5 DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL**  
600/1, University Road, Near Hanuman Setu Mandir, Lucknow-226007 (Area of Jurisdiction-Part of Uttar Pradesh)

**SUMMONS FOR FILING REPLY & APPEARANCE BY PUBLICATION**  
O.A. NO. 1009/2022  
Date: 27/07/2023

[Summons to defendant under Section 19(3) of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institution Act, 1993 read with Rules 12 and 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993.]

**ICICI BANK LTD. ...Applicant**  
Versus  
**POOJA JAISWAL & OTHERS ...DEFENDANTS**

To, Defendants :-  
1. POOJA JAISWAL W/O SHAIKESH CHANDRA R/o F-3, 9/2/21 JUDGE Colony Vaishali, Sector-7, Ghaziabad-201010, U.P.

Also at : Flat No. 1503 A, 15th Floor, Tower-A, Antriksh Golflinks, Plot No. Gh-15A, Sector-01, Greater Noida, Noida-201307, U.P.

2. SHAIKESH CHANDRA S/o Parmeshwar Singh Chandra R/o F-3, 9/2/21 JUDGE Colony Vaishali, Sector-7, Ghaziabad-201010, U.P.

In the above noted application you are required to file reply in Paper Book Form in two sets along with documents and affidavits (if any) personally or through your duly authorized agent, or legal practitioner in Tribunal after serving copy of the same on the applicant or his counsel/duly authorized agent after publication of the summons, and thereafter to appear before the Tribunal on 06/02/2024 at 10:30 a.m. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.

# NIA arrests 2 key operatives of Canada-based terrorist Arsh Dala

**PNS ■ NEW DELHI**

In an early morning operation, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Friday arrested two key operatives of Canada-based 'listed terrorist' Arsh Dala as soon as they landed at the Indira Gandhi International Airport here from Manila, Philippines.

Manpreet Singh alias Peeta and Mandeep Singh were both 'wanted' close operatives of Dala and had non-bailable arrest warrants against them for carrying out terror acts, including threats and intimidation, and terror funding for banned terrorist organisations in India, the NIA said.

"Originally from Punjab, they had been living in Manila and were nabbed by the NIA team waiting at the airport, the moment they landed," the agency said.

NIA investigations had revealed that the accused had entered into a criminal conspiracy to raise funds for Khalistan Tiger Force (KTF), a banned terrorist organisation. They were also engaged in smuggling of arms, ammunition and explosives for the KTF from across-the-border.

"The duo had been working for individual 'listed terrorist' Arshdeep Singh Dala who had been operating from Canada for the last 3-4 years and got many terrorist killings in Punjab over the last few years. He has been guiding and commissioning terrorist acts and also promoting terror, violence and large scale extortion in India on behalf of the KTF. Besides smuggling weapons from Pakistan, they were also involved in recruitment of youth to carry out acts of violence and terror in the country at the behest of the KTF," the NIA said.

Peeta and Mandeep were also allegedly part of an extensive extortion racket for raising funds for the KTF and Arsh Dala. They used to identify extortion targets, including businessmen, and threaten them into paying up huge amounts. Their India-based associates would even open fire at the homes and other premises of the identified targets who refused to pay up, thus forcing them to succumb to their threats and extortions, it said.

A special NIA court here had issued non-bailable warrants against them earlier in a case related to the terrorist activities of banned pro-Khalistan terrorist organisations in India. The two also have several criminal cases registered against them in Punjab.

NIA had registered a suo moto case on August 20, 2022 under various sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and



Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 in connection with the terrorist activities of banned terrorist organisations in India.

The agency has been cracking down on individual terrorist outfits and terrorists conspiring to smuggle terrorist hardware, such as arms, ammunition and explosives besides raising funds for carrying out terrorist acts in the country.

**PUBLICATION DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL**  
(Area of Jurisdiction-Part of Uttar Pradesh)

600/1, University Road, Near Hanuman Setu Mandir, Lucknow - 226007  
DRC NO. 731/2022

NOTICE UNDER RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961 READ WITH SECTION 29 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBT DUE TO BANKS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ACT, 1993.

**ICICI BANK LTD.**  
Vs  
**SRI SHISHU PAL SINGH & OTHERS**

1. Sri Shishu Pal Singh  
H. No. 1203 Sector-3, Vasundhara, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201012

Also at: Flat No. 1001, Floor No. 1, Alpine Heights situated in Village Rithani, Tehsil Pargana, Meerut, Uttar Pradesh-250003.

Also At: C-56/4 Industrial Area, Sector 62, Noida Uttar Pradesh-201301

2. Mr. Israil Khan,  
Flat No. 708, Block B, Arunima Palace, Sector-4, Vasundhara, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh

...Defendants

This is to notify that a sum of 1,07,48,202/- (Rupees One Crore Seven Lacs Forty Eight Thousand Two Hundred Two Only) together with pendente lite and future interest @ 9.00% per annum with monthly rest from the date of filing, 30-11-2017 original application till full realization is made has become due from you as per the Certificate bearing No. 731/2022 dated 02-03-2022 in Original Application No. 996/2017 passed against you by the D.R.T. Lucknow.

2. You are hereby directed to pay the sum within 15 days of the receipt of this Notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Bank and Financial Institution Act, 1993.

3. You are hereby ordered to declare on Affidavit the particulars of asset on or Before 12/09/2023

4. You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on 12/09/2023 at 10:30 A.M.

5. In addition to the sum aforesaid you will also be liable to pay the following Costs:-  
Application fee Rs. 1,10,000/-  
Advocate fees Rs.  
Publication charges Rs.  
Miscellaneous Expenses Rs.  
Given under my hand and seal at Lucknow this 18th day of July, 2023.

Recovery Officer I  
Debts Recovery Tribunal  
Lucknow

**FORM NO. 5 DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL**  
600/1, University Road, Near Hanuman Setu Mandir, Lucknow-226007 (Area of Jurisdiction-Part of Uttar Pradesh)

**SUMMONS FOR FILING & APPEARANCE BY PUBLICATION**  
O.A. NO. 440/2023  
Date: 07.08.2023

[Summons to defendant under section 19(3) of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 read with Rules 12 and 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993]

**ICICI BANK LTD. ...Applicant**  
Versus  
**AMIT KUMAR CHAUDHARY & OTHERS ...Defendants**

To, Defendants :-  
1. AMIT KUMAR CHAUDHARY S/O KRISHNA KUMAR CHAUDHARY, R/o F1 Tower, Flat No. 502, Design Arch, E Home Apartment, Gautam Budh Nagar, Greater Noida, Noida-201301, U.P.  
Also At -Flat No. 202, 2nd Floor, Unibera Tower-2, Plot No. Gh-16f, Sector-1, Greater Noida, Noida-201307, U.P.

2. SADHANA CHAUDHARY W/O AMIT KUMAR CHAUDHARY R/o F1 Tower, Flat No. 502, Design Arch, E Home Apartment, Gautam Budh Nagar, Greater Noida, Noida-201301, U.P.  
Also At -Flat No. 202, 2nd Floor, Unibera Tower-2, Plot No. Gh-16f, Sector-1, Greater Noida, Noida-201307, U.P.

3. UNIBERA DEVELOPERS PVT. LTD. Corporate office: A-11A, Sector-58, Noida, U.P.- 201301

In the above noted application, you are required to file in Paper Book form in two sets along with documents and affidavits (if any), personally or through your duly authorized agent or legal practitioner in this Tribunal, after serving copy of the same on the applicant or his counsel/duly authorized agent after publication of the summons, and thereafter to appear before the Tribunal on 01/02/2024 at 10:30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.

Registrar  
Debts Recovery Tribunal  
Lucknow

**FORM NO. 5 DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL**  
600/1, University Road, Near Hanuman Setu Mandir, Lucknow-226007 (Area of Jurisdiction-Part of Uttar Pradesh)

**SUMMONS FOR FILING & APPEARANCE BY PUBLICATION**  
O.A. NO. 474/2022  
Date: 03/08/2023.

[Summons to defendant under section 19(3) of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 read with Rules 12 and 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993]

**ICICI BANK LTD. ...Applicant**  
Versus  
**SAMEER SACHDEVA AND OTHERS ...Defendants**

To, Defendants:-  
1. SAMEER SACHDEVA S/O NARESH CHANDRA SACHDEVA Ferrera 225, Mahagun Mascot Crossing Republic Near Abej, Engineering College, NH 24 Ghaziabad,- 201016, U.P.

Also at : Flat No. 1501, 14th Floor, Tower-C3, Victory Ace, Plot No. Gh-02, Sector-143, Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar-201301, U.P.

2. SAMITA MADAN W/O SAMEER SACHDEVA Ferrera 225 Mahagun Mascot Crossing Republic Near Abej, Engineering College, NH 24 Ghaziabad,- 201016, U.P.

Also at: Flat No. 1501, 14th Floor, Tower-C3, Victory Ace, Plot No. Gh-02, Sector-143, Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar-201301, U.P.

3. DREAM PROCON PRIVATE LIMITED.  
Registered Office at: 702-704, D Mall, Netaji Subhash Place, Pitampur New Delhi- 110034

In the above noted application, you are required to file in Paper Book form in two sets along with documents and affidavits (if any), personally or through your duly authorized agent or legal practitioner in this Tribunal, after serving copy of the same on the applicant or his counsel/duly authorized agent after publication of the summons, and thereafter to appear before the Tribunal on 15/02/2024 at 10:30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.

Registrar  
Debts Recovery Tribunal  
Lucknow

**FORM NO. 5 DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL**  
600/1, University Road, Near Hanuman Setu Mandir, Lucknow-226007 (Area of Jurisdiction-Part of Uttar Pradesh)

**SUMMONS FOR FILING & APPEARANCE BY PUBLICATION**  
O.A. NO. 441/2023  
Date : 07/08/2023

[Summons to defendant under section 19(3) of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 read with Rules 12 and 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993 ]

**ICICI BANK LTD. ...Applicant**  
Versus  
**TANVEER SINGH & OTHERS ...Defendants**

To, Defendants :-  
1. TANVEER SINGH S/O. RAMPAL SINGH R/o. C-19, Jawahar Quarter, Meerut City, Meerut Shiv Mandir, Meerut- 250002

2. M/S TANVEER SINGH & SONS Through Its Proprietor Mr. Tanveer Singh Having its office at: C-19, Jawahar Quarter, Meerut City, Meerut, Shiv Mandir, Meerut- 250002

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Registrar  
Debts Recovery Tribunal  
Lucknow

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**ICICI BANK LTD. ...Applicant**  
Versus  
**SARTAJ HUSAIN & OTHERS ...Defendants**

To, Defendants:-  
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# NIA arrests another accused in Pune ISIS module case

**PNS ■ NEW DELHI**

In yet another breakthrough in the Pune ISIS module case, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Friday arrested one more accused for active involvement in promoting terrorist activities of the designated foreign terrorist organisation. This is the sixth arrest by the NIA in the case.

The accused, Shamil Saquib Nahan of Padgha, Thane, was found involved in the fabrication, training and testing of Improvised Explosive Devices (IED) for commission of terrorist acts, the NIA said.

The agency said Nahan had been working in collaboration with five other accused, identified as Zulfikar Ali Barodawala, Mohammed Imran Khan, Mohammed Yunus Saki, Simab Nasiruddin Kazi and Abdul Kadir Pathan, along with some other suspects.

Two of the accused, namely Imran Khan and Mohammed Yunus Saki, were members of the 'Sufa terrorist gang' and were absconding. NIA had declared them 'most wanted' in a case relating to recovery of explosives from a car in Rajasthan in April 2022.

"These members of an ISIS sleeper module, including



Shamil, were operating from a house in Kondhwa, Pune, where they had assembled IEDs and also organised and participated in bomb training and making workshops last year.

They had also carried out a controlled explosion at this location to test an IED fabricated by them," the NIA said in a statement.

Investigations by the NIA into the ISIS Pune module case on August 3, 2023, have shown that the accused had plans to commit terrorist acts with the aim to disturb peace and communal harmony of the country. They had planned to wage a war against the Government of India in furtherance of the ISIS agenda.

ISIS, also known as Islamic State (IS)/Islamic State of Iraq and Levant (ISIL)/Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS)/Daish/ Islamic State in Khorasan Province (ISKP)/ISIS Wilayah Khorasan/Islamic State of Iraq and the Sham Khorasan (ISIS-K), has been working on its anti-India agenda by spreading terror across the country through violent acts.

The NIA has been carrying out extensive investigations to foil the terrorist outfit's plans to spread terror and violence in India.

# Adverse entry given to ACMO

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ VARANASI

Adverse entry was given to an additional chief medical officer (ACMO) for not monitoring health services smoothly in the urban areas and not improving the work culture despite instructions. Besides, a show cause notice was issued to the district programme manager (DTM) for not presenting the data correctly and giving the required information. These decisions were taken at the meeting of the District Health Committee held under the chairmanship of District Magistrate (DM) S Rajalingam at Vikas Bhawan here on Thursday. The DM also took district accounts manager to task for not providing satisfactory information about progress of funds spent against the allocated budget while reviewing the progress of Ayushman Bharat-Health and Wellness Centres (HWCs) and tele-consultation services.

The DM expressed displeasure over pending payments for the previous year under Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY). He directed all medical officers-in-charge that all beneficiaries should be paid on time. All hospital in-charges were directed to get proper information about causes of maternal death in the district



DM S Rajalingam reviewing the progress of health programmes in Varanasi

so that they can be checked. He also said that beds, clean sheets, water, equipment etc should be arranged for patients in all hospitals apart from creating such an environment so that doctors and staff can work smoothly. Chief Development Officer (CDO) Himanshu Nagpal said all medicines should be kept as per the standard norms at the health centres, including hospitals, so that patients do not have to buy medicines from outside. He directed all doctors to provide list of essential medicines prescribed by them to the medical superintendents concerned of the hospitals every month so that availability of medicines can be ensured. Apart from this, Ayushman

Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana kiosks should be opened at all district hospitals and community health centres (CHCs) so that beneficiaries do not face any problem.

The CDO expressed displeasure over the working of the urban nodal officer for not feeding the details of prenatal checkups and less identification of complicated deliveries on the RCH portal. He emphasised on safe delivery of women with high risk pregnancy (HRP) at all 10 First Referral Units (FRUs) in the district. Apart from this, the CDO also did an in-depth review of all the programmes. In the meeting Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Dr Sandeep

Chaudhary said 226 HWCs are functional in the district by which services are being provided and on an average 25 to 30 people are being given services at per HWC's OPD in which eight to 10 persons are being given tele-consultation. He informed that instructions have been given to increase tele-consultation. He also gave detailed information about the Intensive Mission Indradhanush (IMI) 5.0, National Deworming Day and other programmes. Superintendents of government hospitals, ACMOs, deputy CMOs, DPMs, DCPMs, medical officers in charge and other medical officers, WHO, UNICEF representatives and other officers were present in the meeting.

# Mobile court held for solving problems of Divyangjan

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ VARANASI

As per the basic spirit of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, a 'mobile court' was organised for the first time in the Commissionerate auditorium here on Thursday for solving the basic problems of the Divyangjan (persons with disabilities) of remote backward / rural areas in a quick manner at the local level. This mobile court was organised under the chairmanship of Ajit Kumar, State Commissioner (Divyangjan) in the presence of Deputy Commissioner (Divyangjan) Shailendra Sonkar in order to end the discrimination with the disabled persons apart from providing them full and effective participation and getting their complaints/problems resolved at the local level quickly.

In the event, the persons with disabilities participated enthusiastically and apprised the State Commissioner/ Deputy Commissioner about their problems like ration cards, electricity/ water, pension, Aadhaar cards, UDID cards, housing problems, employment etc. After listening carefully to the problems of the disabled persons, the offi-

cers directed the departments concerned to take immediate necessary action in connection with the problems of the Divyangjan.

Out of 307 complaints received in the event, 235 were redressed on the spot by the State Commissioner/ Deputy Commissioner. The remaining 72 problems/complaints could not be resolved by them due to paucity of time. Regarding the remaining complaints, the officers said that the same will also be resolved from the headquarters (Lucknow) soon. Chief development officer, chief medical officer, basic shiksha adhkari (BSA), district supply officer, district disabled empowerment officer, district social welfare officer, district probation officer, district programme officer, district minority welfare officer and many others also present.

**PANCHANG SABHA:** Kanchi Kamkoti Peethadhiswar Shankaracharya Swami Shankar Vijayendra Saraswati, who is staying in this holy for his 'Chaturmasya Vrat' since July 17 at Sri Kashi Kamakoti Temple at Hanuman here, said that Panchang is important for the promotion of Sanatan Dharma and religious unity. "The Panchang is not superstition but

it is a jyotish shastra (astrology) which provides harmony and karmkand (rituals)," he said while addressing the All India Panchang Sabha, which was held in this holy city for the first time here on Thursday. He said that Indian tradition is the root of all sciences as it is eternal. He said that with the coordination of the ancient and the new as well as the exchange of faith and pride, this confluence of Panchang editors of 15 states apart from Nepal, Malaysia and Sri Lanka will give far-reaching results in the future. "Information and awareness is the main theme of the promotion of Panchang.

Just as Nakshatra Purnima is important for the temple, in the same way the Shastra and Mimamsa are also for the people," he said. The programme was presided over by Sundar Ram Bajpai and coordinated by Ram Sharma and conducted by Shailendra Nath Dixit. Scholars like BS Subramaniam Mani, Pandit Ganesh Shastri, Dravid Nageshwar etc were present in the programme. Earlier, the Shankaracharya honoured 10 Vedic scholars. He said that the Vedas will be preserved only by preparing youth for Veda education.

# Investiture ceremony of Boys' High School held



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ PRAYAGRAJ

The investiture ceremony of the Boys' High School (BHS) and College was held on Friday at Saint Patrick's auditorium in the school premises. DCP (Traffic) Abhinav Tyagi was the chief guest. The function is of great importance as the school confers ceremonial ranks to students to inculcate values of leadership and responsibility in them.

BHS Principal DA Luke, Academic Supervisor CB Luke and Headmistress R Mandal welcomed the chief guest. The function started with the opening prayer and singing of the school song. On behalf of newly-elected cabinet, college captain Ansh Mishra took the oath and promised to discharge the duties and responsibility vested in them by the school to the best of their capability and for the glory of the institution.

Addressing the students, the chief guest Tyagi quoted 'With great power comes great responsibility'. He urged the newly inducted leaders to handle their appointed roles with impartiality and discipline. He also emphasised the significance of upholding the integrity of badges as they symbolise not only their positions but also trust and faith reposed in them by the institution. He stressed on the importance of striving for excellence in every endeavour. He encouraged the students to set high standards for themselves and their peers fostering an environment of continuous improvement. He encouraged the students to consider a path in civil services. He highlighted the impact they could have on society through such a career. The function came to an end with the vote of thanks by college section in-charge Dr AR Mukhopadhyaya followed by the singing of the national anthem.

The newly-elected office-bearers of BHS are as follows: College captain: Ansh Mishra, (12-F), College vice- captain: Ujjwal Srivastava (12-C), College sports captain: Mohd Arsh Siddiqui (12-E), sports vice-captain: Zeeshan Raza, (12-B), Cultural captain: Shikhar Sanskrit (12-D), Cultural vice-captain: Tejas Bhaduria (12-A), St Andrew's House Captain: Shivansh Agrawal (12-D), Vice-Captain: Devansh Kumar (12-C); St Patrick's House Captain: Vishnu Tiwari (12-G), Vice-Captain: Kartik Raj (12-D), St. George's House Captain: Pankaj Mishra, 12-C, Vice Captain: Raj Singh Rathore, 12-D, St Peter's House Captain: Sudhanshu Singh (12-B), vice-captain: Mohd Shezher Shahab (12-C), cultural prefects: Advaya Rai, Brahmmand, Raghav Chawla, Shreyans Singh, Abhay Soni, Krishiv Kakkar, Aditya Kumar,

Vaibhav Shukla, Aryan Srivastava, Football captain: Anupam Singh (12-F) Swimming captain: Nishchal Mishra (12-B), Cricket captain: Ansh Mishra (12-F), Basketball captain: Pragyay Yadav (11-E), Badminton captain: Srijal Srivastava (12-F), NCC (Army): JUO: Anshuman Yadav, SGT: Abhinav Tiwari, CHM: Priyanshu Chatterji, Corp: Krishna Pandey, Rishabh Srivastava, L Corp: Abhidev Singh; NCC (Naval): Cadet Captain: Om Sharma, Pranay Mishra, Akshat Jaiswal, Shreyansh Tiwari and Tanmay Upadhyay.

The newly-elected office-bearers of HTS are as follows: School captain: Shlok Shangloo, School vice-captain: Shreyasi Mishra, sports captain: Abhyudai Singh, cultural captain: Vyanktesh Km Shukla, St Andrew's House captain: Yashasvi Singh, vice-captain: Ayush Srivastava, St George's House captain: Sherlyn Zyna Mandal, vice-captain: Aradhya Gupta, St Patrick's House captain: Vaidhrithi Shukla, vice-captain: Shreyash Kumar Arya, St Peter's House captain: Aradhya Tiwari, vice-captain: Vaibhav Singh, prefects: Ayush Rai, Bhuv Saran, Raghav Makhija, Viraj Srivastava, Shipra Singh, Kavya Srivastava, Suyash Shukla, Devansh Sharma, Arjeet Singh, Krishna Agarwal, Kaustubh Mishra, Shaurya Gupta, Shubheek Srivastava, Rajvardhan Pandey, Vaibhav Chandra and Auric Singh.

**PROGRAMME:** A guidance and exhortation programme was organised for the newly-elected office-bearers on Friday. The Principal Girls' High School and College welcomed and introduced the chief guest, Shradha Narendra Pandey, DCP, Police Commissionerate, Prayagraj. The principal introduced the chief guest as a brave and courageous officer who faced many challenges and attained this position at a very young age. The new office-bearers for the session 2023-24 were introduced to the chief guest by college coordinator A Lawrence.

The chief guest emphasised on adopting three important rules for success in life. Firstly, not to get carried away by the titles they have got. Secondly, to always maintain integrity and to do even a small job diligently. Thirdly, to handle social media wisely as it may lead them astray.

She advised the students to maintain softness as it gives them power, harshness cannot take them anywhere. She guided them to practice self-control as whatever one has in mind is reflected in their action. In the end she asked the students to be grateful for everything and thank God for whatever He has given. The programme ended with a vote of thanks by N Dayal.

“देश के युवाओं को सशक्त बनाना, हमारी सरकार के कार्यों के केंद्र में है। विभिन्न क्षेत्रों में, हम एक ऐसा इकोसिस्टम तैयार करने के लिए प्रतिबद्ध हैं, जहां प्रत्येक युवा की आकांक्षाएं पूरी हो सकें।”

**- नरेन्द्र मोदी**

**Ambitious and Educated Youth – Nation's Pride**

# International Youth Day

## Greetings to all

August 12, 2023

- Government jobs to 1 lakh 10 thousand youths in a transparent manner
- Shri Vishwakarma Skill University was established to provide skill training to the youth
- Formation of Haryana Skill Development Mission' (HSDM) with the aim of making youth skilled
- Skill training provided to more than 80 thousand youth
- Super-NDA programme - For the preparation of 100 students for NDA and SSB exams
- Haryana's first 'Model Skill Centre' started in village Panniwala Mota (Sirsa)
- Tuition fees up to post-graduation level waived-off for girls belonging to the families with annual income less than Rs 1.80 lakh
- Rozgar portal launched to provide employment opportunities to the youth of Haryana

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PAPER WITH PASSION

## Whataboutery

The no-confidence debates hovered on everything but Manipur. The Govt sails through, though with serious lapses

Now that the BJP Government has won the confidence of the House, as expected, the focus should again go back to the communal and ethnic tensions building up in the country. The Opposition was very clear about it and did not initiate the no-confidence vote to topple the government but to initiate the discussion on Manipur and make Prime Minister Modi speak about it. It did succeed in getting the PM to the House but failed to get anything out of him on Manipur or, for that matter, pressing issues concerning the country. While the Opposition leaders spoke about the mayhem in Manipur, the BJP leaders (and the PM was no exception) took the opportunity to take the discussion to Congress follies and how the other states were also reporting crimes against women. The Opposition did stage a walkout as PM was in no mood to oblige the Opposition but the larger question remained unanswered: who is responsible for Manipur and what the Central and state government's doing about it. The point missed by the Treasury benches was that what is happening in Manipur is different from the crime against women in other states. It is a civil war in full swing which goes on unabated even after three months. Hundreds have died, thousands rendered homeless and in a war-like situation Manipur has been razed to ground. Indeed, there have been violence in other states too but the scale and the Government's apathy is simply unparalleled.



Though the Prime Minister talked of Manipur and vowed to restore peace, isn't it what he could have done much earlier and stopped this violence? It was unfortunate that the speakers from Treasury benches spoke as if they were addressing an election rally,

showing little concern for the people of Manipur and just hankering on collecting brownie points. A lot of speeches, including PM's, were about how the INDIA alliance was not worth it as if it was a vote on INDIA alliance's viability and scope. Even the women speakers, including Smriti Irani, did not show concern for wronged Manipuri women, just balancing it with other incidents of rapes and murder as if two wrongs make a right. The array of arguments by the Opposition were more sharp and to the point whereas the ruling party speaker's deflected the issues facing the nation. The proponents of the no-confidence motion eloquently highlighted perceived shortcomings of the government, ranging from economic policies to matters of national security and hate crimes. On the other hand, the government's defenders went out of the way to articulate their achievements, responding with data, anecdotes and policy explanations. It is imperative to acknowledge that amidst the fervour of the debate, a few lawmakers strayed from the substantive issues, resorting to personal attacks and grandstanding. So Rahul Gandhi's flying kiss was frowned upon by Smriti Irani while she kept mum on the women wrestlers' cause. Maintaining decorum and focusing on the issues at hand ensure that Parliament remains a platform for constructive discussion rather than a spectacle of theatrics.

### PICTALK



A woman sells miniature Indian flags ahead of the Independence Day celebration, in Jammu

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## Transform workspaces with innovative designs

Design can metamorphose workspaces from mere functional areas into holistic environments that nurture productivity and creativity

The modern corporate landscape is rapidly evolving, and so are the paradigms of office spaces. A workspace isn't just a place to work; it is an extension of a company's culture, values, accomplishments, and brand identity. As organisations recognise the pivotal role a conducive environment plays in employee satisfaction, productivity, and creativity, innovative design solutions have taken centre stage.

### Bringing Nature Indoors

Imagine stepping into an office adorned with verdant walls, exuding a sense of tranquillity and freshness. Green walls, or vertical gardens, not only enhance aesthetics but also contribute to improved air quality and reduced stress levels. The lush foliage can transform a mundane space into an inviting oasis, boosting both physical and mental well-being.

### Collaborative Spaces

Collaboration lies at the heart of innovation. Introducing collaborative spaces can encourage spontaneous interactions and brainstorming sessions. These spaces, equipped with comfortable



seating, writable walls, and interactive technology, facilitate idea exchange and teamwork, driving creativity to new heights.

### Open Desking

Say goodbye to rigid cubicles and hello to open desking. This design trend promotes flexibility and encourages communication among employees. Removing physical barriers allows for a more inclusive and transparent work environment, where colleagues can easily share ideas and insights.

### Tech-Savvy Workspaces

The Internet of Things (IoT) has revolutionised how we interact with our surroundings. In a corporate setting, IoT integration can optimise office operations, from smart lighting and temperature control to personalised workstations based on

employee preferences.

### Lockers: Personalised Storage Solutions

Modern workplaces are embracing minimalism, encouraging employees to declutter their desks. Providing lockers or storage units can help individuals keep their personal belongings organised while maintaining a clutter-free workspace conducive to productivity.

### Designing for Soundscapes

Noise pollution can hinder concentration and productivity. Strategic acoustic design, with sound-absorbing materials and spatial layouts, creates an environment where individuals can focus without disturbances.

### Industrial Aesthetics

Open ceilings characterised by exposed pipes, ducts, and beams, have become an architectural trend symbolising transparency and creativity. This design choice not only adds an industrial aesthetic but also maximises vertical space, making the area feel more expansive and open.

### Privacy in Shared Spaces

Amidst the open layout, it is important to provide

spaces for private conversations. Phone booths equipped with soundproofing ensure that confidential discussions can take place without disturbing the overall workspace.

### Illuminating Inspiration

Lighting is more than just functionality; it sets the mood and ambience of a space. Innovative lighting designs, such as dynamic LED installations or adjustable colour temperatures, can invigorate the workspace, promoting focus during tasks and relaxation during breaks.

### Fun Zones:

A well-rounded work-life balance includes moments of recreation. Incorporating fun zones with games such as air hockey, table tennis and board games, and relaxation pods provides employees with opportunities to unwind and recharge. Ultimately, these design choices reflect a company's values, enhance employee satisfaction, and contribute to a more engaging and inspiring work culture.

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# Let youth be the beacon of hope

On International Youth Day, let's take resolve to prepare our youth to be the harbinger of hope and positive change

Youth have immense potential to make our planet a much better place to live. They can play a monumental role in combating social evils and challenges such as drug abuse, poverty and unemployment. However, the need of the hour is to equip them with the right kind of human values, skills and knowledge to unlock their talent in the larger interest of people. The progress of a nation depends upon the optimum and positive utilization of youth energy. If youth are misguided, society suffers a lot. We have seen the power of youth in Japan. Hiroshima and Nagasaki were bombed and reduced to ashes in World War II. However, through hard work, determination and positivity, the youth of Japan rebuilt the entire country. Today, Japan is the leading economy in the world. That is the power of youth, patriotism and nationalism!

International Youth Day (August 12) is aptly themed 'Green Skills for Youth: Towards a Sustainable World'. What are the green skills? These are "knowledge, abilities, values and attitudes needed to live in, develop and support a sustainable and resource-efficient society." Promoting green skills among youth not only equips them for future job opportunities in emerging green industries but also fosters a sense of responsibility and commitment to environmental stewardship. Governments, educational institutions, and private organizations can play a crucial role in providing training, education, and resources to empower youth with these essential green skills for a more sustainable future. These skills are essential in addressing the challenges of climate change, resource depletion, and environmental degradation.

As far as job opportunities in the green skills sector are concerned, the sky is not the limit. For example, renewable energy technology! Knowledge and skills related to solar, wind, hydro, and other renewable energy sources are crucial for developing a sustainable energy infrastructure. Youth training in renewable energy technology can contribute to



the design, installation, and maintenance of clean energy systems. Similarly, understanding energy-efficient practices and technologies can help youth identify opportunities to reduce energy consumption and carbon emissions in various sectors, from buildings to transportation.

Youth with skills in resource management can contribute to sustainable practices in agriculture, forestry, and water management. Knowledge of waste management principles and recycling techniques can empower youth to develop innovative solutions for waste reduction and recycling initiatives in their communities. Skills in environmental monitoring and analysis equip youth to assess and address environmental issues, contributing to better decision-making and sustainable development. Youth with expertise in circular economy principles and cradle-to-cradle design can contribute to the development of sustainable products and processes that minimize waste and resource use. It is gladdening indeed that India under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi is committed to reducing the emissions intensity of gross domestic product (GDP) by 45 per cent by 2030 and reaching net-zero



GREAT HINDU MONK SWAMI VIVEKANANDA SAID: "ARISE, AWAKE AND STOP NOT TILL THE GOAL IS REACHED."

by 2070. Several landmark decisions have been announced in the Union Budget 2023-24, which reflect the government's nonstop commitment towards India's green energy transition.

For example, Rs 35,000 crore for priority capital investments towards energy transition and net zero objectives, and energy security by the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, and Green Hydrogen Mission with an outlay of Rs 19,700 crores to facilitate energy transition and reduce dependence on fossil fuel imports. Similarly, Battery Energy Storage Systems with a capacity of 4,000 MWH will be supported with Viability Gap Funding. 500 new 'waste to wealth' plants under GOBARDDhan (Galvanizing Organic Bio-Agro Resources Dhan) scheme will be established to promote a circular economy.

However, our youth will only be able to gain the best of skills and make the most of them if they are well equipped with human values such as honesty, empathy, respect, integrity, and compassion. When youth internalize human values, they become more conscious of their actions and decisions, leading to a sense of accountability for their behaviour and its impact

on society. They become a real asset for us. Instilling human values in the youth cultivates a sense of social responsibility, encouraging them to actively engage in community service and contribute positively to the betterment of the world around them.

We need to make our youth imbibe the spirit of moving forward against all odds till the goal of making India a developed nation by 2047 is not achieved. Great Hindu monk Swami Vivekananda said: "Arise, awake and stop not till the goal is reached." No doubt, our youth should be physically fit, mentally sound and strong. For this spirit, Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi started the Fit India program. Here I would also like to refer to another important proverb: "If wealth is lost, nothing is lost. If health is lost, something is lost. If character is lost, everything is lost." Youth full of self-confidence, nationalist zeal and human values will be a true asset to us. Character building should be an area of focus for our schools, colleges and universities. Let's prepare our youth to be the harbinger of hope, green and positive change.

(The writer is the Governor of Haryana. The views expressed are personal)

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### NO CONFIDENCE DEBATE

Sir — Union Minister Smriti Irani alleged that Congress MP Rahul Gandhi blew a flying kiss while leaving parliament after his speech on the No-Confidence Motion. "Only a misogynist man can blow a flying kiss to parliament that seats women MPs," Smriti Irani said, referring to Rahul Gandhi. Mr. Gandhi's action "lacked dignity," she charged. Whether the Congress leader blew a kiss or not is not clearly visible, but the spectacle of a mighty government latching onto this wafer-thin issue, seemingly to deflect attention from the open wound that is Manipur, makes for painful watching. If not, then how does a flying kiss even compare to what happened in Manipur?

It's a pity that Rahul Gandhi has been accused of misogyny by those who had been deafeningly silent when women wrestlers were protesting sexual harassment in the national capital, or when that horrific video from Manipur had the nation aghast. Smriti had a chance to champion women and bring about change and accountability to the Manipur incidents. But with her obsession with Rahul Gandhi, she has literally no time for anything else. Even if it's a flying kiss, it's never a vulgar act; rather, it's a gesture of love with respect, better than inciting hatred in the name of religions and false beliefs. Celebrities give flying kisses to their fans. It is a show of affection.

Smriti Irani should know that, coming from the entertainment field. However, she and her fellow members (like Hema Malini, who admitted she had not witnessed it, or Lockett Chatterjee and others) just want to create a ruckus and unnecessary distractions to detract from the main issues. Someone rightly clarified the value of the flying kiss when he said, "In an age of hyper-connectivity, the flying kiss may not be that relevant anymore. But the values it stood for — daring, willingness to question authority, courage to stand up for love — remain as urgently relevant as ever." Whatever the case, a simple flying kiss gesture irritates Smriti Irani, but why are BJP

### PARLIAMENTARY POLITICS



Parliamentary paralysis is witnessed every time a session is taking place. Instead of conducting themselves with decorum, they go out of the way to boycott sessions, and that is part and parcel of their daily functioning. Instead of playing constructive roles, they engage in negative politics. We miss out on poise, precision, and perseverance from a

politician. By bringing out the Manipur issue, they come out in large numbers. Even politicians touch the walls of houses in wheelchairs only to score brownie points. Cheap politics and politics of convenience have become the order of the day.

We miss out on policy, strategy, clear plans, or a roadmap for the future. Simply sitting and receiving a monthly salary is the order of the day. Creating disturbances and agitations corner their agenda with no constructive criticism. By pushing a no-confidence motion, the opposition is totally exposed, and they engage only in power politics. The defeat of the no-confidence motion is predetermined even before the motion comes to the table for voting.

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women MPs deaf and silent when it comes to violence against women wrestlers and Manipur women? Truly, our Bharat is 'Mahan'!

Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee | Faridabad

### PAYING PRICE FOR PRETTY TASTE

Sir — In modern times, people's lifestyles have undergone significant changes. People prefer tasty food over healthy food, resulting in many suffering from various diseases. Nowadays, due to busy lifestyles, people are more dependent on junk food, a very serious concern. Moreover, it's dangerous because scientists warn that processed food could become a major cause of diseases like cancer in the coming decades. Junk and canned items are being sold indiscriminately in the market, which can be prepared and eaten quickly. In the rush of daily life, people are unquestioningly buying and consuming such items, regardless of whether they meet health standards or not. Many chemicals are used to preserve packaged food for a long time. These chemicals are very harmful, with numerous adverse effects on our bodies. According to 2017 data from the

Global Burden of Disease Study, 20% of deaths worldwide are caused by malnutrition. People need to be cautious about consuming junk food.

Jayanthi Subramaniam | Mumbai

### PLASTIC POLLUTION

Sir — From the depths of the ocean to the heights of the Himalayas, the problem of plastic pollution is evident everywhere. Single-use plastics account for more than half of plastic pollution. The ban on single-use plastic items from July 1, 2020, is a welcome step by the central government to maintain a clean environment and control plastic pollution. Single-use plastic has been banned multiple times by the central government and many state governments, but it has failed each time due to a lack of awareness and the unavailability of proper alternatives to plastic. However, considering the disadvantages of plastic, we should make it a habit to use it minimally and increase the use of cloth bags.

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## FIRST COLUMN

## TECHNOLOGY IS EMPOWERING WOMEN

In societies where gender equality is yet to come, technology has become a big enabler



SAKSHI SETHI

In the words of Eleanor Roosevelt, "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." In today's world, technology has become an integral part of our daily lives. It has transformed the lives of an individual to a large extent in terms of accessing and using the information available, communicating and working with each other. It has also made learning more convenient and has enabled global communities to form organically on the internet.

In the era of technology, learning is a lifelong process that is not limited by age. Today, people of all age groups can acquire new knowledge, experiences, skills, expertise and much more, regardless of their previous background or education. An individual needs to keep an open mind and embrace the idea that learning is a lifelong process. Be it learning a new skill or mastering the art of learning any musical instrument, there are countless opportunities to keep learning throughout life. With a similar thought process, the women of today are getting new opportunities to build connections and share ideas beyond their immediate circle thereby, enabling them to strengthen their relationships.

In the words of Anna Radulovski, Founder and CEO of Women Tech Network "To create a more diverse and inclusive tech world, one needs to inspire and empower the next generation of female role models to pursue and develop their career in technology and become innovators, leaders and entrepreneurs. It's a process and it's not always straightforward rather it takes time, action and support."



Gone are the days when poverty, literacy and language barriers used to be the key factors that put the limit to women's access to technology. Today, the world of technology has brought about a significant change in the scenario. Women are participating in almost all the workshops, businesses and much more. It has been made possible solely because of the easy access to information. Technology has and will always play an ever-increasing role in learning, working and communication. Today, the mobile phone has changed its identity from being a luxurious means to an essential means of connecting with the world. Digital platforms such as YouTube, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and LinkedIn along with various communication technology platforms such as MS Teams, Zoom, Google Meet and so on are giving the most amount of access to education and awareness for and to women. Along with this, these forms of communication are also helping a woman to articulate their experiences in words or artistic forms and share them with other women of the world. In some way or the other, technology is providing a way for women, to climb the socio-economic ladder by placing power in their hands. It has proven to be far more convenient and flexible for women everywhere.

In countries such as India, South Korea and Egypt, where women limit their ability to participate in society on the same level as their male counterparts, the world of technology has been a blessing for them as it has helped them overcome societal restrictions and has supported them in the development of their capacities and resources. Research has shown, women who lived in isolated areas and had a great desire to achieve something in life have taken advantage of WhatsApp, Facebook, Twitter (now X), Instagram, and Telegram to join protest movements across the world. Simply having access to a smartphone can have a transformative effect on the life of a woman living in an underserved region, particularly if they can use it to gain financial independence. Remember, empowering a woman is essential to the health and social development of families, communities and countries. When a woman will live a safe, fulfilled and productive life, they will reach their full potential and contribute their skills to the workforce and can raise a happier and healthier life. Today, women leaders are breaking the barriers and shattering stereotypes and are paving the way for a more equitable and inclusive future.

(The writer is an educator)

## Junta's meaningless gesture

The reduction in Daw Suu Kyi's sentences means nothing that changes the situation in Myanmar



HIRANMAY KARLEKAR



While the Western democracies, salvaging their consciences with imposing ineffective sanctions on Myanmar's ruling junta, look the other way, the struggle against the latter's rule and for the restoration of democracy continues. The growing desperation of the junta, which is losing control over increasingly large tracts of the country, is reflected in its resort to measures which will neither reduce the intensity of the opposition to its rule nor burnish its soiled image.

One of these is its announcement on Tuesday, August 1, 2023, reducing the prison sentence on Daw Aung San Suu Kyi by six years. Also announced was the reduction by four years in the prison sentence of deposed president, U Win Mint. Daw Suu Kyi had been sentenced to a total of 33 years on various trumped up charges. A six-year reduction leaves her with another 25 years in jail (she has already served two years), which she is unlikely to survive given that as she is already 78. As for Win Min, who has been sentenced to a total of 12 years under various false charges, the four-year reduction still leaves him with eight years in prison.

According to a Reuters report dated August 3, 2023, the Thai foreign minister, who met Daw Suu Kyi in July found her in good health and in favour of a dialogue to resolve the country's crisis. Her response, however, would depend on whether the junta makes a genuine move. There can be no mistaking of the general mood of the country which demands the junta's ouster. Also, the opposition to the latter is well-organised,



A CLOSE LOOK AT THE SITUATION IN MYANMAR INDICATES THAT THE COUNTRY IS SLIPPING OUT OF THE GENERALS' CONTROL

(The writer is consulting editor with the Pioneer. Views expressed are personal)

with the National Unity Government, formed on April 16, 2021, by some leaders of the National League for Democracy — the party led by Daw Suu Kyi — activists and representatives of several insurgent ethnic organisations and minor parties, as its principal face.

A close look at the situation in Myanmar indicates that the country is slipping out of the generals' control. A report in mizzima (A Burmese multi-media news organization) on September 9, 2022, cites a SAC-M, released on September 5, 2022, as saying that the military does not effectively control the country, and is incapable of governing it. According to the report, the National Unity Government (NUG) is the legitimate government of Myanmar and is at the centre of a democratic revolution shaped by organisations opposed to Myanmar's military junta. These organisations are the de facto authorities in respect of more of Myanmar's population and territory than the junta, which has stable control over only 72 out of the country's 330 townships, which comes to only 17 per cent of Myanmar's land area, because many of these are small urban townships.

SAC-M stands for The Special Advisory Council for Myanmar. Formed after the Tatmadaw's military coup on February 1, 2021, it describes itself in its website

(<https://specialadvisorycouncil.org/>), as an independent group of international experts working to support Myanmar's people struggling for human rights, peace, democracy, justice, and accountability. While the junta's apologists can argue that its background makes its objectivity suspect, and its assessments and statements questionable, it is regarded the world over as a reliable source of information on the situation in Myanmar as it is run by people like Yanghee Lee, Marzuka Darusman and Chris Sidoti, who are former United Nations experts on the country.

Besides the SAC-M's reputation, there are two indications that the junta is feeling increasingly desperate—the indiscriminate violence it has unleashed in areas dominated by the resistance forces, and the murderous treatment of those joining opposition organisations. The Tatmadaw is bombing and shelling opposition areas, and has reportedly burnt down 100 villages. One of the worst instances witnessed so far, was the air attack on the night of October 23, 2022, on a celebration in the northern state of Kachin, to mark the 62nd anniversary of the Kachin Independence Organisation. Eighty persons, including singers and performers, were killed.

According to official figures the Sit-Tat which (and not

Tatmadaw), is what the Junta's armed forces should be called, is a much bigger and better-armed force than the PDF—the NUG's armed wing—and its allies. The United States Institute of Peace, however, featured a piece by Ye Myo Hein, datelined May 4, 2023, which gives a very different estimate.

According to it, while the Sit-Tat's headcount was widely thought to total 300,000-400,000 before the coup, "Extensive interviews with military deserters and defectors, analysis of internal military directives and meeting notes, historical records of troop movements and sizes, and casualty counts from primary conflict data and military hospital records," show "that the military currently has about 150,000 personnel. Roughly 70,000 are combat soldiers. At least 21,000 service members have been lost through casualties, desertion and defection since the coup. At this troop level, the Sit-Tat is barely able to sustain itself as a fighting force, much less a government."

Given the opposition's growing strength, the junta's problems, the furiously anti-Sit-Tat mood in Myanmar, and her own deep commitment to democracy, Daw Suu Kyi will not go for a compromise which does not ensure the junta's permanent exclusion from Myanmar's governance.

## Is an online degree as good as a regular one?

The trend of pursuing international higher education through online degrees is a trend that is changing education in India

In an era defined by digital transformation and global interconnectedness, the pursuit of higher education transcends geographical boundaries. Students and professionals are seizing the opportunity to elevate their careers and expand their horizons through online degrees from esteemed international institutions. Mr Riccardo Ocleppo, the founder of OPIT, an EU-accredited, fully online Higher Education Institution offering B.Sc. and M.Sc. degrees in Computer Science, shares insights into the myriad advantages of pursuing international higher education from the comfort of one's home.



RICCARDO OCLEPPO

national institutions usher in a new era of learning that transcends borders. Students can enrol in esteemed programs offered by institutions, regardless of their physical location. This global accessibility opens doors to diverse learning experiences, enriching perspectives, and international networks.

## Flexible Learning Environments

The hallmark of online education is its flexibility. As students and professionals endeavour to balance work, family, and education, the flexible nature of online degrees allows them to customize their learning schedules. Whether it's accommodating work commitments or personal responsibilities,

online education empowers learners to curate their educational journey.

## Unleashing Cost-Efficiency

Pursuing higher education abroad often entails significant financial investments. Online degrees, on the other hand, eliminate the need for relocation, visa expenses, and associated cost of living in a foreign location. This cost-efficiency democratizes international education, making it a viable option for a wider range of Indian learners.

## Curriculum Designed for Real-World Relevance

International online degrees are meticulously crafted to align with global industry trends. As industries

rapidly evolve, these programs ensure that Indian learners remain at the forefront of knowledge and skills. The curriculum's real-world relevance equips them with the tools needed to excel in an increasingly competitive job market.

## World-Class Faculty and Expertise

Online programs from institutions feature a roster of world-class faculty and industry experts. Learners are not limited by geographical proximity and can benefit from the expertise of instructors who bring a global perspective to their education. Interacting with these seasoned professionals enhances the learning experience and cultivates a

broader understanding of the subject matter.

## Personalized Learning Trajectories

Every learner's journey is unique, and online degrees embrace this diversity. Students can choose from a plethora of courses and specializations that align with their interests and career aspirations. This personalized approach ensures that each student's educational experience is tailored to their needs, fostering a deeper engagement with the study material.

## Cultivating Global Networks

International online degrees transcend physical borders, offering Indian learners

the opportunity to connect with peers from around the world. This network is a valuable resource for collaboration, knowledge exchange, and potential future partnerships. Cultivating global relationships enriches the learning journey and opens doors to international career prospects.

## Seamless Integration of Technology

As online education flourishes, cutting-edge technology has become its cornerstone. Students embarking on international online degrees are exposed to state-of-the-art virtual classrooms, interactive learning platforms, and innovative teaching tools. These advancements enhance the learning experience, mir-

roring the tech-driven world they will operate.

The trend of pursuing international higher education through online degrees is a testament to the changing landscape of education. As India continues to emerge as a global tech hub, learners are embracing the potential of remote learning to access top-tier programs, accredited by legitimate international bodies. The amalgamation of global accessibility, flexibility, affordability, and industry alignment positions online degrees as a transformative avenue for students and professionals, enabling them to navigate a future of boundless opportunities, all from the comfort of their own homes.

# Troops ready to restore democracy in Niger

AP ■ NAIMEY (NIGER)

Tensions are escalating between Niger's new military regime and the West African regional bloc that has ordered the deployment of troops to restore Niger's flailing democracy. The ECOWAS bloc said on Thursday it had directed a "standby force" to restore constitutional order in Niger after its Sunday deadline to reinstate ousted President Mohamed Bazoum expired.

Hours earlier, two Western officials told The Associated Press that Niger's junta had told a top US diplomat they would kill Bazoum if neighboring countries attempted any military intervention to restore his rule.

It's unclear when or where the force will deploy and which countries from the 15-member bloc would contribute to it. Conflict experts say it would likely comprise some 5,000 troops led by Nigeria and could be ready within weeks.

After the ECOWAS meeting, neighboring Ivory Coast's president, Alassane Ouattara, said his country would take part in the military operation, along with Nigeria and Benin.

"Ivory Coast will provide a battalion and has made all the financial arrangements... We are determined to install Bazoum in his position. Our objective is peace and stability in the sub-region," Ouattara said on state television.

Niger, an impoverished country of some 25 million people, was seen as one of the last hopes for Western nations to partner with in beating back a jihadi insurgency linked to al-Qaida and the Islamic State group that's ravaged the region. France and the United States have more than 2,500 military personnel in Niger and together with other European partners had poured hundreds of millions of dollars into propping up its military. The junta responsible for spearheading the coup, led by Gen. Abdourahmane Tchiani, has exploited



anti-French sentiment among the population to shore up its support.

Nigeriens in the capital, Niamey, on Friday said ECOWAS isn't in touch with the reality on the ground and shouldn't intervene.

"It is our business, not theirs. They don't even know the reason why the coup happened in Niger," said Achirou Harouna Albassi, a resident. Bazoum was not abiding by the will of the people, he said.

On Friday the African Union expressed strong support for ECOWAS' decision and called on the junta to "urgently halt the escalation with the regional organization." It also called for the immediate release of Bazoum. The African Union is expected to meet on Saturday to discuss the situation in Niger. On Thursday night after the summit, France's foreign ministry said it supported "all conclusions adopted." US Secretary of State Antony Blinken said his country appreciated "the determination of ECOWAS to explore all options for the peaceful resolution of the crisis" and would hold the junta accountable for the safety and security of President Bazoum. However, he did not specify

whether the U.S. supported the deployment of troops.

The mutinous soldiers that ousted Bazoum more than two weeks ago have entrenched themselves in power, appear closed to dialogue and have refused to release the president. Representatives of the junta told US Under Secretary of State Victoria Nuland of the threat to Bazoum's life during her visit to the country this week, a Western military official said, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the situation. A US official confirmed that account, also speaking on condition of anonymity, because they were not authorized to speak to the media.

"The threat to kill Bazoum is grim," said Alexander Thurston, assistant professor of political science at the University of Cincinnati. There have been unwritten rules until now about how overthrown presidents will be treated and violence against Bazoum would evoke some of the worst coups of the past, he said. Human Rights Watch said Friday that it had spoken to Bazoum, who said that his 20-year-old son was sick with a serious heart condition and has been refused access to a doctor. The president

said he hasn't had electricity for nearly 10 days and isn't allowed to see family, friends or bring supplies into the house.

It's unclear if the threat on Bazoum's life would change ECOWAS' decision to intervene militarily. It might give them pause, or push the parties closer to dialogue, but the situation has entered uncharted territory, analysts say.

"An ECOWAS invasion to restore constitutional order into a country of Niger's size and population would be unprecedented," said Nate Allen, an associate professor at the Africa Center for Strategic Studies. Niger has a fairly large and well-trained army that, if it actively resisted an invasion, could pose significant problems for ECOWAS. This would be a very large and significant undertaking, he said.

While the region oscillates between mediation and preparing for war, Nigeriens are suffering the impact of harsh economic and travel sanctions imposed by ECOWAS.

Before the coup, more than 4 million Nigeriens were reliant on humanitarian assistance and the situation could become more dire, said Louise Aubin, the United Nations Resident Coordinator in Niger. "The situation is alarming... We'll see an exponential rise and more people needing more humanitarian assistance," she said, adding that the closure of land and air borders makes it hard to bring aid into the country and it's unclear how long the current stock will last. Aid groups are battling restrictions on multiple fronts. ECOWAS sanctions have banned the movement of goods between member countries, making it hard to bring in materials. The World Food Program has some 30 trucks stuck at the Benin border unable to cross. Humanitarians are also trying to navigate restrictions within the country as the junta has closed the airspace, making it hard to get clearance to fly the humanitarian planes that transport goods and personnel to hard-hit areas.

## China, Russia, Iran engage in foreign interference in NZ

Wellington (AP): China, Iran and Russia are engaged in foreign interference in New Zealand, the nation's domestic intelligence agency said Friday after making its threat assessment report public for the first time. In the report, Director-General of Security Andrew Hampton said the Security Intelligence Service sees enormous value in sharing more of its insights publicly.

The agency had previously taken a secretive approach. It decided to change course after it and other agencies were criticised for focusing too much on the perceived threat from Islamic extremism and being blindsided when a white supremacist shot and killed 51 worshippers at two Christchurch mosques in 2019.

In the report, the agency says the most notable case of foreign interference is the continued targeting of the nation's diverse Chinese communities by people with links to the intelligence arm of China's ruling Communist Party. It said China's efforts to advance its political, economic and military involvement in the Pacific was driving strategic competition. The agency said it was aware and concerned about ongoing Chinese intelligence activity "in and against New Zealand." The report said Iran had been engaged in societal interference by monitoring and reporting on Iranian communities and dissident groups in New Zealand.

# Death toll rises in Maui wildfires

## Pope sends condolences

AP ■ LAHAINA

Pope Francis sent a telegram of condolences to the people of Hawaii, offering prayers for the victims, the injured and displaced from the wildfires.

The note said Francis was saddened to learn of the destruction and "expressed solidarity with all those suffering from this tragedy, especially those whose loved ones have died or are missing." He also offered prayers for emergency responders who are providing aid to the victims. Professional golfer Collin Morikawa pledged to assist fire relief efforts by donating USD 1,000 for every birdie he makes during the next three PGA Tour events. Morikawa said his grandparents were born in Lahaina, the historic town that has been reduced to charred vehicles and ash, and he still has relatives on Maui.

Maui Mayor Richard Bissen said in a news conference Thursday afternoon that authorities are still trying to locate and identify people who died in Lahaina when the fire raged through the town.

"People whose homes are not damaged — you can come home as soon as we have recovered those who have perished," he said. "Please allow us to complete this process." Search and rescue teams from California and Washington state, which are trained in disaster skills including using dogs to find human remains, have been deployed to Maui to assist with the process, officials said.

Maui Police Chief John Pelletier asked for patience, prayers and perseverance. He has to respect that we have loved ones in that earth and we have to get them out," he said, adding that his officers are trained to catch "bad guys" and not specifically to pull bodies from buildings.

People also need to stay away from the burn area because it remains very hazardous, according to Fire Chief Brad Ventura, who said some people have been hurt by falling telephone poles.

Bissen said 29 downed power poles with live wires still attached added to the chaos by cutting off two important roads out of Lahaina to Wailuku and the airport. Only the narrow highway toward Kahakuloa was left open, contributing to traffic jams as people attempted to flee.

Palmdale, California, resident Kimberly Buen said she can't reach her father, Maurice "Shadow" Buen, a 79-year-old retired sport fisherman who can't see or walk well. Her dad has two friends who drive him to the pharmacy and help read his mail, she said, but neither can get back to Lahaina, where her father lives.

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Extract of Consolidated Unaudited Financial Results for the quarter ended 30 June 2023				
Particulars	(Rs. In Crores)			
	Quarter ended 30-Jun-23	Quarter ended 31-Mar-23	Quarter ended 30-Jun-22	Year ended 31-Mar-23
Total Income from Operations	16.30	17.95	24.31	87.97
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Minority Interest and Share of Profit / (Loss) of Associate, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	(0.00)	(2.18)	0.33	14.75
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Minority Interest and Share of Profit / (Loss) of Associate (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items))	(0.00)	(11.24)	0.33	5.69
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after Tax, Minority Interest and Share of Profit / (Loss) of Associate (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	(1.12)	(11.92)	(5.22)	4.13
Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	(1.12)	(11.65)	0.10	4.59
Equity Share Capital	39.67	39.67	39.67	39.67
Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the audited Balance Sheet				231.41
Earnings per Share (EPS) of Rs.2 each from continuing operations				
- Basic (Amount in Rs.)	(0.04)	(0.55)	(0.00)	0.11
- Diluted (Amount in Rs.)	(0.04)	(0.55)	(0.00)	0.11
Earnings per Share (EPS) of Rs.2 each from discontinued operations				
- Basic (Amount in Rs.)	(0.02)	(0.05)	(0.26)	0.09
- Diluted (Amount in Rs.)	(0.02)	(0.05)	(0.26)	0.09

Notes:

- The above results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and subsequently approved at the meeting of the Board of Directors held on 11 August 2023.
- Key Standalone Financial Information:

Particulars	(Rs. In Crores)			
	Quarter ended 30-Jun-23	Quarter ended 31-Mar-23	Quarter ended 30-Jun-22	Year ended 31-Mar-23
Total Income	12.09	14.54	27.52	84.71
Profit/(Loss) before Tax	(4.50)	(382.15)	5.11	(368.56)
Net Profit/(Loss) after Tax	(4.86)	(381.24)	(0.19)	(363.46)

3. Figures for the quarter ended 31 March 2023 represents the balancing figures between the audited figures for the full financial year 31 March 2023 and published reviewed year to date figures upto 31 December 2022.

4. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly Financial Results are available on the Company's website (<https://www.indiabullsentprises.com>) and on the website of BSE (<https://www.bseindia.com>) and NSE (<https://www.nseindia.com>).

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(Regulation 52(8), read with Regulation 52(4), of the SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015					
Statement of Unaudited Standalone Financial Results for the quarter ended June 30, 2023					
(All amounts in INR lakhs, unless otherwise stated)					
S. No	Particulars	Quarter ended			Year ended 31.03.2023
		30.06.2023 Unaudited	31.03.2023 Audited	30.06.2022 Unaudited	
1.	Total Income from Operations	2,374.39	2,647.32	2,325.09	10,417.47
2.	Profit / (Loss) before tax, exceptional items	(3,388.12)	(2,978.24)	(3,725.61)	(13,883.90)
3.	Profit / (Loss) before tax & after exceptional items	(3,388.12)	(2,978.24)	(3,725.61)	(13,883.90)
4.	Profit / (Loss) after tax, exceptional items	(2,507.20)	(2,219.47)	(2,771.18)	(10,446.85)
5.	Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year (net of tax)	(2,507.00)	(2,222.34)	(2,769.97)	(10,446.07)
6.	Paid up Equity Share Capital	2,054.75	2,054.75	2,054.75	2,054.75
7.	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	3,567.67	6,074.67	13,750.76	6,074.67
8.	Net Worth	5,622.42	8,129.42	15,805.51	8,129.42
9.	Paid up Debt Capital/Outstanding Debt	117,630.00	117,720.00	120,000.00	117,720.00
10.	Outstanding Redeemable Preference Shares	-	-	-	-
11.	Debt Equity Ratio	20.92	14.48	7.59	14.48
12.	Earnings per equity share				
	(i) Basic (in INR)	(12.20)	(10.80)	(13.49)	(50.84)
	(ii) Diluted (in INR)	(12.20)	(10.80)	(13.49)	(50.84)
13.	Capital Redemption Reserve	-	-	-	-
14.	Debt Redemption Reserve	-	-	-	-
15.	Debt Service Coverage Ratio	0.23	0.21	0.18	0.21
16.	Interest Service Coverage Ratio	0.24	0.32	0.18	0.23

Notes:-

- The above is an extract of the detailed format of annual financial results filed with the Stock exchange under Regulation 52 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the annual financial results are available on the website of the Stock Exchange ([www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com)) and the listed entity ([www.logixgroup.in](http://www.logixgroup.in)).
- For the items referred in Regulation 52(4) of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the pertinent disclosures have been made to the Stock exchange (BSE India) and can be accessed on the URL ([www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com)) and website ([www.logixgroup.in](http://www.logixgroup.in))

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# Russia, Ukraine trade aerial attacks

AP ■ KYIV

Russia fired missiles at western Ukraine that killed an 8-year-old boy, local officials said, and drones that Russian officials blamed on the Ukrainian military targeted Moscow for a third straight day but reportedly didn't cause significant damage. Also on Friday, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy announced the firing of all the heads of regional military draft boards, part of his crackdown on corruption since the outbreak of Russia's war in Ukraine more than 17 months ago.

The missile that killed the boy struck a house in western Ukraine's Ivano-Frankivsk region, about 100 kilometers (60 miles) from the Polish border, according to the office of Ukraine's prosecutor



general. But Ukrainian air defenses frustrated Russia's daylight attack on Kyiv, Ukraine's capital. Debris from intercepted missiles fell on residential areas of the city, including the premises of a children's hospital, without causing casualties, local authorities said. Falling wreckage of missiles and drones has in the past killed people on the ground and damaged build-

ings in Kyiv. Meanwhile, a drone fell in western Moscow after Russian air defense systems stopped it, Moscow Mayor Sergei Sobyanin said. Nobody was hurt, he said. The drone plunged onto the K r a m y s h e v s k a y a Embankment, officials said, which is about 5 kilometers (3 miles) from a Moscow business

district that was hit twice in previous drone incidents. Reports of drones in the area disrupted flights at two Russian airports. Flights later resumed at Vnukovo airport, one of Moscow's busiest and at Kaluga airport, southwest of the city.

It was the third day in a row that Vnukovo airport halted flights due to drone attacks. In Kyiv, Zelenskyy said he was firing draft board directors in all the Ukraine's regions. He said in a Telegram post that the jobs should go to war veterans, including those with injuries.

The step was taken after Ukrainian security services presented details of 112 criminal cases against draft board officials suspected of taking bribes and engaging in corrupt practices, as well as 33 suspects who have yet to be charged.

## Zuma sent to prison again, released after two hours

Johannesburg: Former South African President Jacob Zuma was taken back to prison on Friday after his parole was ruled invalid, only to be released again within two hours under a new programme to reduce overcrowding in jails. The move raised more questions over whether the 81-year-old is receiving preferential treatment to avoid serving out a 15-month sentence for contempt of court. The remissions programme was authorised by President Cyril Ramaphosa and made public for the first time Friday. While it aims to release more than 9,400 inmates from jail and put them under correctional supervision at home, Zuma appeared to be the first to benefit from it. Zuma reported to the Estcourt Correctional Centre in the Kwa-Zulu Natal province at 6 a.m., ostensibly to serve the remaining 13 months of his sentence. But he was released some time when his remission was processed, said Makgothi Thobakale, the acting national commissioner of the corrections department.

# Poland's ruling party seeks referendum on privatisation

Warsaw (Poland): Poland's ruling party leader said on Friday that Polish voters will be asked to decide whether they support the sell-off of state-owned enterprises in a referendum, saying it would be about "whether the wealth of generations will remain in Polish hands." The move came as the conservative ruling party, Law and Justice, stepped up its attacks on the main opposition leader, Donald Tusk, ahead of parliamentary elections in the fall, which the president scheduled this week for October 15. Law and Justice has for some time expressed a wish to hold a referendum on the topic of migration alongside the election. Critics view the plans to hold referendums on such emotional issues as an effort by the ruling party to mobilise its conservative base as it seeks an unprecedented third straight term. The party is leading in the polls but cannot be assured of an outright majority. Law and Justice party leader

## Indian embassy raises issue of Sikh barred from growing beard

New York (PTI): The Indian Embassy in Washington has taken up the issue of a Sikh New York State Trooper being barred from growing a beard with senior levels of the Biden administration, as lawmakers voiced concern over the incident and termed it "religious discrimination". New York State trooper Charanjot Tiwana sought permission to grow a beard for his wedding in March last year. However, his request was denied on the grounds that keeping a beard would pose a safety risk if required to wear a gas mask. Indian officials here took up the issue with the office of the New York State Governor, and India's Ambassador to the US, Taranjit Singh Sandhu, has taken up the matter with senior levels of the Biden administration. The New York State Police and the Governor's office are also working on it, officials here said.

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AP ■ LONDON

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# Pak SC strikes down recent law on review

Nawaz prospects to challenge his lifetime disqualification diminish

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

Pakistan's Supreme Court on Friday struck down a recently enacted law modifying the review process of its judgements, a major ruling that will diminish the chances of former prime minister Nawaz Sharif's bid to challenge his lifetime disqualification from holding any public office. A three-member bench of the apex court led by Chief Justice Umar Ata Bandial and comprising Justice Ijazul Ahsan and Justice Munib Akhtar unanimously ruled that the Supreme Court (Review of Judgments and Orders) Act 2023 was "unconstitutional".

The 87-page order said: "Parliament cannot legislate regarding any matter relating to jurisdiction and powers of the Supreme Court." Moreover, the bench in its order contended that "any legislation ... under the garb of 'enlargement of [the] jurisdiction of the Supreme Court', is indisputably an intrusion in the independence of the judiciary." Any attempt by way of ordinary legislation to interfere in the scope of the court's powers and jurisdiction, including its review jurisdiction, would constitute a wrong and erroneous reading and interpretation of the Constitution, the order states. "There can be no two opinions that the power to interpret the Constitution vests exclusively with the Supreme Court of Pakistan," the apex court ruled.

It was said that former prime minister Nawaz Sharif, 73, could be a beneficiary as he was disqualified by the Supreme Court in 2017. Nawaz Sharif, the elder brother of outgoing Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, was disqualified by a five-member bench of the apex court but he couldn't file an appeal as there was no law to challenge the judgment of the Supreme Court. In 2018, he became ineligible to

## HC orders Attock jail officials to allow lawyers to meet former PM Imran Khan

Islamabad (PTI): The Islamabad High Court ruled on Friday that the lawyers of Imran Khan can meet the former Pakistan prime minister in Attock prison where he has been incarcerated after his conviction in a corruption case. The ruling came after Khan's lawyer Sher Afzal Khan Marwat appeared before Chief Justice Aamer Farooq and requested him to issue directives to allow the legal team access to Khan jailed since Saturday in the Punjab province.

Marwat said the lawyers were not permitted to meet the 70-year-old Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman despite the court orders, the Express Tribune newspaper reported.

He said "false accusations" of causing disruptions in the jail were levelled against Khan's lawyers, it said. "We have said this before and we will say it again, lawyers are allowed to hold meetings," the chief justice said.

"Failure to allow these meetings will be viewed as contempt of court," he warned. The court also heard Khan's plea requesting a transfer from Attock district prison to Rawalpindi's high-security Adiala jail, the report said.

"There is the matter of meetings and facilities at the jail before us. We will issue appropriate orders," Chief



Justice Farooq said.

On Thursday, Khan's wife Bushra Bibi was allowed to meet her husband for the first time since the former premier was put behind bars on Saturday, while his legal team was stopped from having a meeting with Khan.

Bushra met Khan after the Islamabad High Court (IHC) granted her permission, said Khan's lawyer Naeem Haider Panjutha.

Panjutha was granted access on Monday by the jail authorities to meet Khan, but was denied permission on Thursday. After seeing the PTI chairman, he had said that the former premier was being kept in "distressing" conditions and provided "C-Class jail facilities". Attock prison in eastern Punjab province is infamous for its harsh conditions and its inmates include convicted militants.

hold public office for life after a Supreme Court verdict. The former premier has been living in London since November 2019 for medical treatment after a Pakistani court allowed him a four-week reprieve. Nawaz Sharif, who has served as the prime minister of Pakistan for three non-consecutive terms, was serving a seven-year sentence in the Kot Lakhpat Jail in Lahore in the Al-Azizia corrup-

tion case before he left for London. Shehbaz Sharif has already said Nawaz Sharif will be Pakistan's prime minister again if his party wins the general election later this year.

The Supreme Court in its detailed verdict on Friday stated that the law was "repugnant to and ultra vires the Constitution" while being beyond the legislative competence of Parliament.

# 20 killed as gunmen ambush bus carrying Syrian soldiers

Beirut (AP): Gunmen have ambushed a bus carrying Syrian soldiers in the country's east, killing at least 20 and wounding others, opposition activists said Friday.

The Thursday night attack was believed to be carried out by members of the Islamic State group whose sleeper cells in parts of Syria still carry deadly attacks despite their defeat in 2019. The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said 23 Syrian soldiers were killed and 10 were wounded in the attack on a desert road near the eastern town of Mayadeen in Deir el-Zour province that borders Iraq.

Another activist collective that covers news in eastern Syria said 20 soldiers were killed and others were wounded. Syrian state news agency SANA quoted an unnamed military official as saying that the attack occurred Thursday night, "killing and wounding a number of soldiers." It gave no further details, nor a breakdown in the casualty numbers.

IS controlled large parts of Syria and Iraq where they declared a caliphate in June 2014. Over the years they lost of the land and were defeated in Iraq in 2017 and two years later in Syria.

In one of their deadliest in a year, IS sleeper cells attacked workers collecting truffles near the central town of Sukhna in February, killing at least 53 people — mostly workers but also some Syrian government security forces. Experts who follow jihadi groups say it is too early to say if the new spate of attacks marks a new resurgence by the extremists that ruled millions of people in Syria and Iraq with terror. Last week, IS announced the death in Syria of its little-known leader, Abu al-Hussein al-Hussein al-Qurayshi — who headed the extremist organisation since November — and named his successor. He was the fourth to be killed since its founder Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi was killed in 2019 by US troops in northwest Syria.

# China's plans for new embassy in UK stall amid opposition

AP ■ LONDON

China's plans to build a new Embassy near the Tower of London have stalled following local opposition to what would be the biggest diplomatic compound in Britain. The borough of Tower Hamlets, the local government council in London responsible for the area, blocked the project in February, citing concerns about the increased risk of terror attacks, protests and traffic in an area visited by millions of tourists each year.

China's authorities had until Thursday to appeal the decision to the UK government but did not. Tower Hamlets said "If the applicant wanted to appeal through the public inquiry procedure then they would have already needed to have given notice to us as the local planning authority," Tower Hamlets said in a statement. "We haven't received any such notification from the applicant."

China's plans called for comprehensive redevelopment of a 5.2-acre site that was home

to the Royal Mint from 1811 to 1968, demolishing some of the existing buildings and restoring others. The new embassy compound would include some 57,000 square meters of floor space, including offices, a cultural exchange building and 225 apartments.

That's about 18 per cent bigger than the new US embassy in London, which opened in 2018 with 48,000 square metres of space.

While Tower Hamlets planning officials recommended authorising the project, the borough council voted on February 10 to refuse planning permission. The Chinese Embassy in London called on the British government to intervene. "It is the international obligation of the host country to provide facilities and support for the construction of diplomatic premises," the embassy in a statement.

"We urge the UK side to fulfill its relevant international obligations."

British authorities did not immediately respond to requests for comment. The embassy deci-

sion comes amid growing concerns in the UK about Chinese investments in critical infrastructure, as well as allegations that it has attempted to influence British politicians and university researchers. That decision came four months after a pro-democracy protester had to be rescued by police after he was dragged onto the grounds of the Chinese consulate in Manchester. After that incident, Britain's foreign secretary summoned the Chinese ambassador's deputy to his office and demanded an explanation. The Tower Hamlets council said the proposed embassy compound would strain local police resources, increase road congestion and have a negative impact on the area surrounding Tower of London.

"The proposed embassy would result in adverse impacts on local tourism, due to concerns over the effect of potential protests, acts of terrorism and related security mitigation measures on the sensitive backdrop of nationally significant tourist attractions," the council said in announcing its decision.

# Jakarta becomes world's most polluted city

AP ■ JAKARTA

The dry season and motorised vehicles are the main causes of the air pollution in Jakarta, Indonesian authorities said Friday, after a Swiss air quality technology company named the city as the most polluted in the world.

Thick smoke and gray skies have appeared every morning for the past few months in Jakarta, the capital city of the world's fourth most populous country. Jakarta routinely tops list-

ings of the world's most polluted cities, most recently in a ranking by IQAir, which is based in Switzerland.

"In fact, the condition of Jakarta's air quality throughout 2023 has fluctuated quite a bit," Asep Kuswanto, head of Jakarta Environment Agency said at a conference on Friday.

Indonesia is now in the dry season, which runs from July to September, when air pollution will peak. Air quality in the greater Jakarta area deteriorates as it is impacted by dry air from the eastern side of the country.

The use of motorised vehicles is also a major factor. Data from the Ministry of Environment and Forestry said 44% of air pollution comes from transportation, compared to 31% from industry. Jakarta's streets are clogged with inefficient and polluting vehicles, especially motorcycles. Maintenance standards are poor and rarely enforced. A lack of public transportation means most people are dependent on private vehicles, which can be stalled in traffic for hours at a time. The city of Jakarta is

home to more than 11 million people, with a total of 30 million in the greater metropolitan area. Air pollution has become a sensitive issue, with millions commuting into the city daily from satellite communities.

In 2021, an Indonesian court ruled that President Joko Widodo and six other top officials had neglected citizens' rights to clean air and ordered them to improve the poor air quality in the capital.

Cases of respiratory diseases believed to be linked to air pollution are on the rise.

The Jakarta health office also acknowledged that there was an increase in health problems caused by air pollution in 2023, compared to 2022.

"It is increased compared to 2022. And it is almost the same condition we found in 2019 and 2018, before the COVID-19 pandemic," Dwi Oktavia, head of disease prevention and control at the Jakarta Health Agency, said.

In order to prevent further increases, "we should actively be using public transportation and bicycles," Oktavia said.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Notice is hereby given to the General Public on behalf of our client that Mrs. Leela Devi is the owner of Third Floor with roof rights of built up property bearing No. 123, (New No. R2-3/242), Addressing 100 Sq. Yds. Out of Khalsa No. 342, Gali No.1, Situated in Shiv Puri, Adabi Known as West Sagapur, New Delhi, vide Sale Deed dated 07.12.2021, duly reg. as doc. No. 12446. All persons are hereby informed that above mentioned owner wants to sell the said property to a person who intends to obtain loan from our client against the said property, if anybody has any objection/s upon the ownership of above owner over the said floor, its sale/mortgage/litigation, & any other objections, kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address within 07 days of the present. Kumar & Associates (Advocates & Consultants) 200, The Floor, 23, Shivaji Marg, New Delhi-110015. Ph: 011-41512227-28. kga@kandagroup.com

**GUJARAT WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE BOARD. SECTOR-10/A, GANDHINAGAR**  
**BRIEF SHORT NOTICE INVITING ON LINE TENDER FOR REQUIREMENT OF G.I. PIPE (Medium Duty) FOR THE YEAR 2023**  
GWSSB invites online tender through e-tendering for Manufacture, Supply & Delivery G.I. pipes of 80 to 150 mm Medium Duty class with ISI Mark Estimated amt. Rs. 483.93 Lacs (Without GST) from Indian Manufacturer Only. Interested bidder who wish to participate in above tender may view the detailed tender notice & download the Tender documents at free of cost from website. <https://www.nprocure.com>  
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# Could not run gov't without military support: Shehbaz

Islamabad (PTI): Pakistan's outgoing Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has admitted that even his government could not run without the support from the powerful military, reflecting its key role in the coup-prone country's politics. When Sharif was the Opposition leader, he used to criticise his predecessor Imran Khan for running a hybrid regime. But after coming to power, he adopted the same pattern.

In an interview with Geo News broadcast on Thursday, when the anchor pointed out that Pakistan was among the most prominent examples of hybrid regimes in the world today, Sharif said that Khan had relied heavily on the former

Army chief Gen Qamar Javed Bajwa. "Mr Khan also received military support during his tenure. His government was a blend of various components, despite his accusations against others for the same. Every government requires backing from key sectors, including the military," Sharif said.

The military, commonly known as the establishment, has run Pakistan directly for almost half of its history since partition in 1947. For the rest of the half, it called the shots from behind the curtains, controlling the politics of the country. Though Pakistan's military has repeatedly said it would not interfere in the country's politics, its influ-

ence in affairs of the state is still evident. Lately, it is taking part in the financial decision-making process and Prime Minister Sharif instead of showing any resistance promoted the trend. He set up a high-level Special Investment Facilitation Council to promote investment in key sectors and the army chief is part of it alongside the premier.

Sharif said in April that Army chief General Asim Munir played a role in securing funds from Saudi Arabia and the UAE — a pre-condition by the International Monetary Fund to seal a bailout deal with the cash-strapped nation.

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**EXTRACT OF STANDALONE AND CONSOLIDATED UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2023** (Rs. in lacs)

Sl No	Particulars	Standalone		Consolidated		
		Quarter Ended 30.06.2023	Year ended 31.03.2023	Quarter Ended 30.06.2023	Year ended 31.03.2023	
		Unaudited	Audited	Unaudited	Audited	
1	Total Revenue from operations	3,483.39	3,076.41	13,305.86	4,111.81	18,169.37
2	Net Profit/(Loss) before Exceptional items and tax	84.40	(186.76)	30.53	52.85	(300.45)
3	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional items)	84.74	(198.13)	7.69	53.19	(311.82)
4	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional items)	84.74	(198.13)	(390.08)	36.20	(311.82)
5	Total Comprehensive Income / (Loss) for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and other comprehensive income (after tax)]	84.74	(202.23)	(446.66)	36.20	(311.82)
6	Equity Share Capital	2,219.61	1,920.81	1,919.61	2,219.61	1,919.61
7	Other Equity (Reserves excluding revaluation reserve)	-	-	2,036.51	-	-
8	Earnings per share (of Rs.10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)					
(a)	Basic (in Rs.)	0.38	(1.05)	(2.33)	0.16	(1.62)
(b)	Diluted (in Rs.)	0.26	(1.05)	(2.33)	0.11	(1.62)

**NOTES:**  
1 The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of quarterly financial results are available on the Stock Exchange website (www.bseindia.com) and on the Company's website (www.okplay.in).  
2 The above standalone and consolidated financial results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at their meeting held on Friday, the 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023.

Place : New Delhi  
Date : 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2023

for OK Play India Limited  
Sd/-  
RAJAN HANDA  
MANAGING DIRECTOR  
DIN - 00194590

**BABA FARID UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES, FARIDKOT**  
**Corrigendum**  
In reference to earlier advertisement No. BFU-23/11 for post Controller of Examination (01) and No. BFU-23/13 for the post of Registrar - (01), Dean (College Development) - (01), Secretary to Vice-Chancellor - (01), Finance Officer - (01) published in leading news papers on 14/07/2023 and 22/07/2023 respectively, the last date for submission of online application forms is hereby extended 04/09/2023. The eligible candidates can apply on regular/deputation basis. The post of Director (Advanced Cancer Institute, Bathinda) stands withdrawn with immediately effect due to administrative/technical reasons. For details/updates visit website [www.bfufs.ac.in](http://www.bfufs.ac.in)  
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**FINAL AUCTION CUM SALE NOTICE FOR GOLD ORNAMENTS**  
The borrower(s) (whose details are provided in the table herein below), in particular, and the public, in general, are hereby informed that the below mentioned accounts are overdue, and the borrowers/account holders have not responded/complied with the communication, and notice sent by HDB Financial Services Limited (the "Company") requesting the borrower to clear his/her/their dues as per the documents in respect of the below mentioned loan signed/accepted by the borrower(s) [such documents, collectively "loan agreement"] and therefore defaulted in terms thereof. The Company has in exercise of its rights as a pledgee, decided to enforce the pledge and therefore hold a public auction of the gold ornaments pledged to the company as security for the loan for the purpose of selling the same and realizing/recovering the dues owed by the borrower(s) to the company. The auction will be conducted on 17-08-2023 at the below mentioned local branch of HDB Financial Services Limited from 11.00 am onwards on the date and branches mentioned in the below table:-

Loan No	Customer Name	Date of Loan	Overdue Amount ₹	Branch Name
31862265	Nitin Kumar	22/02/2023	7088	Delhi Ncr-Burari
19037942	Amit Sharma	01/11/2021	11335	Delhi Ncr-Burari
12816069	Aafreen Aqil	16/10/2020	8788	Delhi-Adarsh Nagar
23816141	Pradeep Bhagirath	05/05/2022	170856	Delhi-Badarpur
16427729	Suresh Kumar	22/07/2021	47944	Delhi-Bhajanpura
18758459	Dharmendra Kumar	22/10/2021	25266	Delhi-Bhajanpura
19358590	Ramesh Chand	09/11/2021	12102	Delhi-Bhajanpura
13227766	Amit Kumar	01/09/2020	12701	Delhi-Bhajanpura
25435098	Shallendra Kumar Dixit	01/07/2022	26514	Delhi-Dilshad Garden
22042130	Himanshu Gupta	28/02/2022	14656	Delhi-Dilshad Garden
22170933	Brajesh K Tiwari	08/03/2022	7404	Delhi-Dilshad Garden
17599816	Neha Sharma	14/11/2021	42797	Delhi-Patli Nagar
29123028	Sanjida Khatoon	14/11/2022	8637	Delhi-Gandhi Nagar
22917987	Komal Naththal	07/04/2022	10570	Delhi-Gandhi Nagar
25698678	Parvez Khan	14/07/2022	8387	Delhi-Kailash Nagar
26901321	Haran So Jamil	25/08/2022	11832	Delhi-Kailash Nagar
28863496	Balram Singh	03/11/2022	14434	Delhi-Kailash Nagar
20426854	Sofyan M	18/11/2021	18691	Delhi-Madipur
156463298	Jai Kishan	24/07/2021	25052	Delhi-Nai Sadak
29306593	Rachna Krishna Singh	30/05/2022	8637	Delhi-Nangloi
29306593	Lokesh L	18/11/2022	6460	Delhi-Nangloi
32465879	Dev Rai Yadav	15/03/2023	23692	Delhi-Nangloi
22013225	Satender Kumar	26/02/2022	9299	Delhi-Nangloi
22013479	Satender Kumar	26/02/2022	8379	Delhi-Nangloi
22013572	Satender Kumar	26/02/2022	8621	Delhi-Nangloi
28442017	Roshan Kumar Jha	22/10/2022	7924	Delhi-Narela
29179916	Neha Sharma	14/11/2021	42797	Delhi-Patli Nagar
31325736	Ravi So Vedprakash	03/02/2023	6070	Delhi-Rohini
14444362	Rajeev Khora	01/03/2021	14028	Delhi-Sadar
32117629	Sachin Kumar	03/03/2023	14830	Delhi-Sadar
26334437	Virender Singh	03/08/2022	8234	Delhi-Shastri Nagar
14276471	Namit Kumar	16/02/2021	16613	Delhi-Shastri Nagar
12538523	Beendrea Kumar	21/09/2020	33586	Delhi-Tilak Nagar
13825252	Geeta Rani	02/01/2021	18020	Delhi-Tilak Nagar
22268205	Raj Kumar	15/03/2022	5168	Delhi-Uttam Nagar
31795236	Vijaypal Singh	20/02/2023	33867	Delhi-Uttam Nagar
31720210	Raj Bala	17/02/2023	86709	Delhi-Uttam Nagar
32402188	Atul So Surindra	13/03/2023	17199	Delhi-Uttam Nagar

The auction shall be conducted on an "AS IS WHERE" and "AS IS WHAT IT" basis and the Company is not making and shall not make any representation or warranties as regards the quality, purity, caratage, weight or valuation of the said gold ornaments. It shall be the sole and absolute responsibility of the potential purchaser to verify, examine and satisfy themselves about the quality, purity, caratage, weight or valuation of the said gold ornaments prior to placing their bid and for such purpose it shall be open to potential purchasers to examine, at their sole cost and expense, and at the address set out herein above, the gold ornaments whether with or without expert advice 45 minutes prior to the time stipulated for the conduct of the auction. All the bid shall be subjected to such minimum reserve price as the company may deem fit to fix in this regards. The auction process and sale (if any) pursuant to such auction shall be subjected to such further terms and condition as the company may at sole discretion deem fit to impose.

If the borrower(s) mentioned above pays the amount due to the Company in terms of the loan agreement in his individual loan account in full before the auction as mentioned above, the pledged ornaments securing the said loan may be withdrawn from the said auction with their notice. Please note that it is the absolute discretionary power of the undersigned authorized officer of the company, either to postpone or cancel the auction proceeding without prior notice and without assigning any reason thereof and to reject any or all the bids or offer without assigning any reason for the same.

Place : DELHI  
Date : 12-08-2023  
Authorized Officer  
(HDB Financial Services Ltd)

**APPENDIX-IV-A**  
(See proviso to rule 8 (6))  
**Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Property**  
E-Auction Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) and Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.  
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described Immovable Property mortgaged to Indiabulls Housing Finance Ltd. (CIN: L65022DL2005PLC136029) ("Secured Creditor"), the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "as is where is", "as is what is" and "whatever there is" basis on 29.08.2023 at 02.00 P.M. to 04.00 P.M., for recovery of Rs. 21,24,918/- (Rupees Twenty One Lakh Twenty Four Thousand Nine Hundred Eighteen only) pending towards Loan Account No. HHLNOD00371333, by way of outstanding principal, arrears (including accrued late charges) and interest till 09.08.2023 with applicable future interest in terms of the Loan Agreement and other related loan document(s) w.e.f. 10.08.2023 along with legal expenses and other charges due to the Secured Creditor from RAJINDER (PROPREITOR, DEEPAK ENTERPRISES) and DEEPAK @ DEEPAK SHARMA.  
The Reserve Price of the Immovable Property will be Rs. 11,50,000/- (Rupees Eleven Lakh Fifty Thousand only) and the Earnest Money Deposit ("EMD") will be Rs. 1,15,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Fifteen Thousand only) i.e. equivalent to 10% of the Reserve Price.  
**DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY**  
BUILT - UP PROPERTY ON SECOND FLOOR, WITHOUT ROOF / TERRACE RIGHTS, WITH UNDIVIDED AND INDIVISIBLE PROPORTIONATE LAND RIGHTS, BEARING PART OF PROPERTY NUMBER 1/5049, OLD PLOT NUMBER A-4, HAVING AN AREA MEASURING 47 SQUARE YARDS OR 39.29 SQUARE METERS, OUT OF KHASRA NUMBER 191-192, SITUATED IN THE AREA OF VILLAGE SIKDARPUR, IN ABADI OF BALBIR NAGAR, ILLAQA SHAHDARA, DELHI - 110032 WITH ALL ITS RIGHTS, TITLE, INTEREST, FIXTURES, CONNECTIONS, WITH UNDIVIDED AND INDIVISIBLE PROPORTIONATE LAND RIGHTS, COMMON FACILITIES OF ENTRANCE AND PASSAGE RESTRICTED COMMON FACILITIES TO GO TO TERRACE AND OTHER PORTIONS OF THE SAID PROPERTY FOR MAINTENANCE / INSPECTION OF DISH ANTENNA / T.V. ANTENNA, WATER TANK INSTALLED ON THE TOP FLOOR, SEWER CONNECTIONS, SANITARY FITTINGS AND SUCH OTHER ESSENTIAL SERVICES, BUT WITHOUT ANY OTHER RIGHT IN THE TERRACE AND OTHER PORTIONS OF THE SAID PROPERTY AND IS BOUNDED AS UNDER :-  
EAST : SERVICE LANE, NORTH : PROPERTY OF OTHERS,  
WEST : ROAD 16 FEET WIDE, SOUTH : PROPERTY OF OTHERS  
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided on the website of the Secured Creditor i.e. [www.indiabullshomeloans.com](http://www.indiabullshomeloans.com). For bidding, log on to [www.auctionfocus.in](http://www.auctionfocus.in)  
Date : 09.08.2023  
Place : DELHI  
Sd/-  
Authorized Officer  
Indiabulls Housing Finance Limited

**Yaari Digital Integrated Services Limited**  
(Formerly "Yaari Digital Integrated Services Limited" & "Indiabulls Integrated Services Limited")  
(CIN: L51101HR2007PLC077999)

**Extract of Consolidated Unaudited Financial Results for the quarter ended 30 June 2023** (Rs. in Crores)

Particulars	Quarter ended 30-Jun-23	Quarter ended 31-Mar-23	Quarter ended 30-Jun-22	Year ended 31-Mar-23
	Unaudited	Refer note-3	Unaudited	Audited
Total Income from Operations	0.24	-	157.75	185.90
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Minority Interest and Share of Profit / (Loss) of Associate, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(5.50)	(70.48)	150.73	84.69
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Minority Interest and Share of Profit / (Loss) of Associate (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items))	(5.50)	(70.48)	150.73	84.69
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after Tax, Minority Interest and Share of Profit / (Loss) of Associate (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(5.50)			

# Stock markets decline for 2nd day

**PTI ■ MUMBAI**  
Benchmark equity indices Sensex and Nifty declined for a second straight day on Friday due to selling in banking, FMCG, and pharma shares amid a negative trend in Asian and European markets. The domestic markets traded weak post the RBI monetary policy and the unexpected announcement of reducing cash in the banking system.

The 30-share BSE Sensex fell by 365.53 points or 0.56 per cent to settle at 65,322.65. During the day, it tanked 413.57 points or 0.62 per cent to 65,274.61.

The NSE Nifty declined by 114.80 points or 0.59 per cent to end at 19,428.30. From the Sensex pack, IndusInd Bank, NTPC, Asian Paints, Hindustan Unilever, JSW Steel, Tech Mahindra, Bajaj Finance, Infosys, Wipro, ICICI Bank, Bajaj Finserv, HDFC Bank and Tata Motors were among the major laggards.

HCL Technologies, Power Grid, Titan, Reliance Industries, UltraTech Cement, Tata Steel, State Bank of India and Mahindra & Mahindra were the gainers. "The domestic market continued to experience selling pressure, with banking stocks extending their decline in reaction to the RBI's liquidity absorption measures," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services.

"The escalating concerns about inflation further weighed on domestic market sentiments. Despite the US CPI coming in lower-than-expected and the UK GDP beating estimates, global sentiment remained unfavourable," Nair



added. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Thursday left its key interest rates unchanged for a third straight meeting but signalled tighter policy if food prices continue to drive inflation higher. The hawkish stance was also reinforced by the unexpected announcement of reducing the cash in the banking system by raising the incremental cash reserve ratio (I-CRR) to 10 per cent on the incremental NDTL (net demand and time liabilities) over the last three months.

This will help in absorbing a large part of the excess liquidity created through the return of the Rs 2,000 notes and the large dividend to the government from RBI.

"Markets traded under pressure and lost over half a per cent, in continuation to the prevailing corrective tone," said Ajit Mishra, SVP - Technical Research, Religare Broking Ltd.

In the broader market, the BSE smallcap gauge declined 0.31 per cent and midcap index fell by 0.13 per cent. Among the indices, financial services fell by 0.77 per cent, bankex declined by 0.73 per cent, FMCG (0.72 per cent), auto (0.70 per cent), consumer discretionary (0.53 per cent) and metal (0.52 per cent).

# Industrial production growth dips to 3-month low in June

**PTI ■ NEW DELHI**

India's industrial production growth declined to a three-month low of 3.7 per cent in June mainly due to poor showing by the manufacturing sector, according to the official data released on Friday.

The factory output growth measured in terms of the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) stood at 12.6 per cent in June 2022 on account of a lower base effect. The previous low of IIP was at 1.9 per cent in March 2023. Thereafter, it rose to 4.5 per cent in April and further to 5.3 per cent in May.

During the first quarter (April-June) of 2023-24, the IIP growth works out to be 4.5 per cent, down from 12.9 per cent in the corresponding period a year ago.



"The growth rates over corresponding period of previous year are to be interpreted considering the unusual circumstances on account of COVID 19 pandemic since March 2020," an official statement said. As per the IIP data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO), the manufacturing sector's output grew 3.1 per cent in June 2023 against a 12.9 per cent a year ago. Power generation rose 4.2 per cent in

June 2023 compared to 16.4 per cent a year ago. Mining output rose by 7.6 per cent during the month under review against 7.8 per cent in the year-ago period. As per use-based classification, the capital goods segment grew 2.2 per cent in June this year compared to 28.6 per cent a year ago.

Consumer durables output during the month declined by 6.9 per cent against a 25.2 per cent growth in the year-ago period. Consumer non-durable goods output increased by 1.2 per cent compared to a growth of 2.9 per cent a year earlier. Infrastructure/construction goods posted a growth of 11.3 per cent over a 9.4 per cent expansion in the same period a year ago.

The data also showed that the output of primary goods logged 5.2 per cent growth in the month against 13.8 per cent in the year-ago period.

# Sebi simplifies KYC process, rationalisation of risk management framework at KRAs

**PTI ■ NEW DELHI**

To ease the onboarding of clients for dealing in the securities market, Sebi on Friday simplified the KYC process and rationalised the risk management framework at KYC registration agencies (KRAs).

The records of all existing clients, whose KYC has been completed based on officially valid documents other than Aadhaar, will be verified within a period of 90 days from

September 1, 2023, Sebi said in a circular.

For the interest of investors and ease of transaction in the securities market, the client will be allowed to open an account with intermediaries and transact in the securities market as soon as the KYC (Know Your Client) process is completed, Sebi said.

Subsequently, as a part of the risk management framework, the KRAs will verify attributes such as the PAN,



name and address of all clients within two days of receipt of KYC records. Additionally, the KRAs will verify the client's

mobile number and e-mail ID.

While clients in whose case, attributes of records cannot be verified, will not be allowed to transact further in the securities market until the attributes are verified and the validated records would be allowed portability -- the client need not undergo the KYC process again when he/she approaches different intermediary. The intermediary will fetch the validated records from the KRA database.

**BUSINESS BRIEF**

**CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE IN BLOCKCHAIN SOON**

**Amaravati:** The Bharat Block chain yatra, organised by IDS and hosted by VIT-AP University in the campus today highlighted the Block chain technology and its insights on advanced information database mechanism that allows transparent information sharing within a business network. This initiative is powered by Hedera, supported by AICTE and the Ministry of Education, is India's first-of-its-kind tech tour focused on Web3 and Blockchain.

**REMARKABLE PFC'S Q1'24 RESULTS**

**New Delhi:** Another Remarkable & profitable Quarter for Power Finance Corporation's Investors -Power Finance Corporation Ltd. records a 43 per cent surge in Standalone Profit After Tax. Investors rewarded with Bonus Share Issue of 1:4. This reinforces Company's commitment to deliver sustained long term returns. Power Finance Corporation now a part of MSCI Global Standard Index. This inclusion will help in enhancing/bolstering PFC's global visibility.

**BOOSTING SKILL DEV IN POWER SECTOR**

**New Delhi:** PTC India and the Power Sector Skill Council (PSSC) have partnered to boost skill development and capacity building in India's power sector. Dr. Rajib Mishra, CMD of PTC, and Dr. VK Singh, CEO of PSSC, signed an MOU to collaborate on providing human resource consulting services, focusing on learning and development and other strategic areas of HR. This partnership aims to empower India's power sector with impactful initiatives and also train people.

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EXTRACT OF STANDALONE AND CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023										
(Rs. in Lakhs, except per share data)										
Sl No	Particulars	Consolidated				Standalone				Year ended 31.03.2023
		Quarter ended 30.06.2023	Quarter ended 31.03.2023	Quarter ended 30.06.2022	Year ended 31.03.2023	Quarter ended 30.06.2023	Quarter ended 31.03.2023	Quarter ended 30.06.2022	Year ended 31.03.2023	
		(Unaudited)	(Audited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)	(Audited)
1.	Total Income from operations	123.74	109.83	88.51	405.12	119.88	106.03	85.35	391.94	
2.	Net Profit for the period (before Tax and exceptional items)	101.42	90.32	62.34	302.33	97.60	86.78	59.26	289.44	
3.	Net Profit for the period (before Tax, after exceptional items)	101.42	90.77	1,834.38	2,131.89	97.60	87.23	1,931.30	2,119.00	
4.	Net Profit for the period after Tax (after exceptional items)	79.59	78.34	1,547.78	1,704.05	76.31	73.27	1,545.04	1,692.88	
5.	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit for the period (before Tax and Other Comprehensive Income after Tax))	79.57	75.83	1,547.92	1,703.96	76.29	72.76	1,545.18	1,692.59	
6.	Paid-up equity share capital (Face Value - 5/- each)	540.00	540.00	540.00	540.00	540.00	540.00	540.00	540.00	
7.	Earnings Per Share (of 5/- each) (Not Annualised)	0.69	0.70	13.36	15.78	0.71	0.67	14.31	15.68	
	Basic	0.69	0.70	13.36	15.78	0.71	0.67	14.31	15.68	
	Diluted	0.69	0.70	13.36	15.78	0.71	0.67	14.31	15.68	

Notes:  
1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of quarterly/annual financial results filed with the stock exchanges under regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and other Disclosure requirements) Regulation, 2015. The full format of the quarterly/annual financial results are available on the websites of the stock exchange, (URL- www.bseindia.com).  
2. The above financial results have been reviewed by Audit Committee and thereafter approved and taken on record by the Board of Directors in its meeting held on August 11, 2023. The Statutory auditors have expressed an unmodified audit opinion.  
3. There is no change(s) in accounting policies which have impact on net profit / loss, total comprehensive income or any other relevant financial item(s).  
4. The Board of Directors has recommended a final dividend of Rs.1.25/- per equity share of face value of Rs.5/- each for the financial year ended 31 March 2023 subject to the approval of the shareholders in the ensuing Annual General Meeting.

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors  
Sd/-  
Chaman Lal Jain  
Managing Director

Place : New Delhi  
Date : 11.08.2023

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EXTRACT OF UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED ON JUNE 30, 2023										
(Rs. in lakhs)										
Sl No	Particulars	Quarter ended 30.06.2023		Quarter ended 31.03.2023		Quarter ended 30.06.2022		Quarter ended 31.03.2022		Year ended 31.03.2023
		Unaudited	Audited	Unaudited	Audited	Unaudited	Audited	Unaudited	Audited	
1	Total Income from operations (net)	6,952.95	8,050.18	6,444.11	27,214.70					
2	Net Profit for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and / or Extraordinary items)	156.07	98.53	215.55	656.95					
3	Net Profit for the period before Tax (after Exceptional and / or Extraordinary items)	156.09	98.61	223.46	664.95					
4	Net Profit for the period after Tax (after Exceptional and / or Extraordinary items)	127.27	(432.85)	239.56	57.75					
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit for the period (after tax) and other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	129.51	(429.05)	244.98	63.64					
6	Equity share capital (Face Value of Rs.10/- each)	864.00	864.00	864.00	864.00					
7	Earnings Per Share (before extraordinary items) (Face Value of Rs.10/- each)									
	(a) Basic (Rs.)	1.47	(5.01)	2.77	0.67					
	(b) Diluted (Rs.)	1.47	(5.01)	2.77	0.67					

Notes:  
1) The above is an extract of the detailed format of Unaudited Quarterly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Unaudited Quarterly Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange website (www.bseindia.com) and on Company's website (www.deltoncables.com).  
2) The above result have been prepared in accordance with principle and procedures of Indian Accounting Standards (Ind AS) as notified under the companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 as specified under section 133 of Companies Act, 2013.  
3) The above results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at their respective meetings held on Aug 11, 2023.

For and on behalf of the Board  
Sd/-  
Vivek Gupta  
Managing Director  
DIN 00035916

Place : Delhi  
Date : 11-08-2023

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FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2023										
(Rs. in million)										
S. No.	Particulars	Standalone				Year ended 31-Mar-23				
		Quarter ended 30-Jun-23	31-Mar-23	30-Jun-22	31-Mar-23					
		Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited	Audited				
1	Total Income from Operations	10,272.67	4,360.56	2,756.11	17,657.62					
2	Net profit/(loss) for the period/year (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	685.00	673.23	(936.56)	97.07					
3	Net profit/(loss) for the period/year before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	685.00	673.23	(936.56)	(1,186.78)					
4	Net profit/(loss) for the period/year after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	685.00	673.23	(936.56)	(1,186.78)					
5	Total Comprehensive income/(loss) for the period/year (Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period/year (after tax) and other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	692.80	674.17	(936.67)	(1,178.98)					
6	Paid up Equity Share Capital	1,693.87	1,693.87	1,693.87	1,693.87					
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	(36,137.40)	(36,830.20)	(36,587.89)	(36,830.20)					
8	Net Worth	(34,443.53)	(35,136.33)	(34,894.02)	(35,136.33)					
9	Paid up Debt Capital / Outstanding Debt	77,643.65	77,412.87	82,234.46	77,412.87					
10	Outstanding Redeemable Preference Shares	-	-	-	-					
11	Debt Equity Ratio	(2.10)	(2.06)	(2.22)	(2.06)					
12	Earning / (Loss) Per Share (in Rupees) (Basic & Diluted)	4.04	3.97	(5.53)	(7.01)					
13	Capital Redemption Reserve	-	-	-	-					
14	Debt Redemption Reserve	738.13	738.13	738.13	738.13					
15	Debt Service Coverage Ratio	0.28	1.07	0.03	0.12					
16	Interest Service Coverage Ratio	1.43	1.43	0.44	0.83					

Notes:  
1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of financial results filed with stock exchange under regulation 52 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosures Requirements) Regulation, 2015. The full formats of financial results are available on the website of the stock exchange www.bseindia.com and on the Company's website www.in.emaar.com.  
2. For the other line items referred in regulation 52 (4) of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosures Requirements) Regulation, 2015, pertinent disclosures have been made to the Stock Exchange and can be accessed on the website of stock exchange www.bseindia.com.  
3. The above financial results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors of the Company at their meeting held on August 10, 2023.

For and on behalf of Board of Directors of Emaar India Limited  
Sd/-  
Jamal Majed Khaifan Bin Thenyah  
Director  
DIN - 07534810

Place: Gurugram  
Date : August 10, 2023

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EXTRACT OF FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2023 (Fig. in Lacs unless otherwise stated)										
Sl No	Particulars	Standalone				Consolidated				Year ended 31.03.2023
		Quarter ended 30.06.2023	31.03.2023	30.06.2022	Year ended 31.03.2023	Quarter ended 30.06.2023	31.03.2023	30.06.2022	Year ended 31.03.2023	
		Unaudited	Audited	Unaudited	Audited	Unaudited	Audited	Unaudited	Audited	Audited
1	Total Income	1380.71	1204.43	965.04	3,925.58	5,758.81	4,686.74	3,776.93	16,241.95	
2	Net Profit before exceptional items and tax	876.63	340.42	(135.54)	921.48	4,973.93	2,719.55	1,827.55	10,679.22	
3	Net Profit after exceptional items before tax	876.63	340.42	(135.54)	921.48	4,973.93	2,719.55	1,827.55	10,679.22	
4	Net Profit after tax	690.92	279.95	(90.31)	777.50	3,683.93	1,883.11	1,627.24	8,130.42	
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Net of Tax)	691.39	278.73	(89.28)	779.38	5,603.26	1,180.30	355.24	7,687.45	
6	Equity Share Capital (Face Value Rs. 5/- per share)	584.68	584.68	584.68	584.68	584.68	584.68	584.68	584.68	
7	Other Equity	-	-	-	20,900.75	-	-	-	1,10,358.31	
8	Earnings Per Share (Face Value Rs. 5/- per share)									
	- Basic (Rs.)	5.92	2.40	(0.77)	6.67	31.66	16.15	14.02	70.07	
	- Diluted (Rs.)	5.92	2.40	(0.77)	6.67	31.66	16.15	14.02	70.07	

NOTES: The above is an extract of the detailed format of the Standalone and Consolidated Financial Results for the Quarter ended 30th June, 2023 filed with the Stock Exchange (BSE Ltd.) under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Standalone and Consolidated Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange website (www.bseindia.com) and company's website www.istindia.com.

By order of the Board  
For IST Limited  
Sd/-  
(S.C. Jain)  
Executive Director  
DIN: 0092079

Place : New Delhi  
Date : 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2023

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Extract of Standalone and Consolidated Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter Ended 30th June 2023										
(Rs. in Lakhs)										
S. No.	Particulars	Standalone				Consolidated				
		3 Months ended 30.06.2023	31.03.2023	30.06.2022	Year Ended 31st March 2023	3 Months ended 30.06.2023	31.03.2023	30.06.2022	Year Ended 31st March 2023	
		Unaudited	Audited (Refer note. 3)	Unaudited	Audited	Unaudited	Audited	Unaudited	Audited	
1.	Total Income from Operations	2,294.83	2,078.68	3,441.64	11,345.87	2,369.76	2,221.75	3,432.32	11,498.74	
2.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(98.60)	0.37	610.00	975.86	(86.89)	51.10	582.43	948.33	
3.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(98.60)	0.37	610.00	975.86	(86.89)	51.10	582.43	948.33	
4.	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(75.61)	(5.42)	446.75	697.69	(64.17)	45.00	418.50	668.21	
5.	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	(75.61)	(9.53)	446.75	693.58	(84.43)	17.63	407.38	604.20	
6.	Paid-up equity share capital (Face value Rs.10/- each)	1,025.48	1,025.48							

# Spain beat Netherlands 2-1 in extra time to reach WC semis

AFP ■ WELLINGTON

Teenager Salma Paralluelo hit an extra-time winner as Spain beat the Netherlands 2-1 in the Women's World Cup on Friday to set up a semi-final clash with Japan or Sweden.

Over a tense 90 minutes in Wellington full of incident, Mariona Caldentey scored an 81st-minute penalty for Spain, only for Dutch defender Stefanie van der Gragt to equalise in added time 10 minutes later.

With the quarter-final seemingly headed for penalties, the 19-year-old substitute Paralluelo produced a brilliant solo finish in the 111th minute to put Spain into the last four for the first time.

They will now face Sweden or Japan in Auckland on Tuesday while the tournament is over for the Dutch, beaten finalists four years ago.

"It's hard now," said Van der Gragt, whose last game in football was an eventful one — conceding the penalty for handball, then equalising, before Paralluelo's decisive, late intervention.

"We had the chance in extra time and we didn't score, they had one chance and they scored. That's football."

It was reward for a display of controlled attacking football from the sixth-ranked La Roja, who have regained their swagger after crashing to a 4-0 group-stage loss to Japan.

The 90 minutes of normal time were largely dominated by Spain — and some VAR decisions — but it was actually the Netherlands who looked stron-



Spain's Salma Paralluelo (15) scores the winning goal in extra time, before second-half substitute Paralluelo struck on the counterattack.

## VAR PLAYS PART

Jorge Vilda's Spain dominated the first half, making 11 unanswered attempts on goal. The Dutch were rescued by

the woodwork twice in quick succession when Alba Redondo's header was parried onto the post by goalkeeper Daphne van Domselaar and her follow-up nearly hit the same spot low down on the left post.

Spain captain Esther Gonzalez, who was a constant menace,

lashed a shot into the net from a Redondo mis-hit but the striker was ruled offside by VAR.

The Netherlands regained a foothold in the second half.

They looked set to go in front when Lineth Beerensteyn tumbled over in the box following contact with Irene Paredes,

who was shown a yellow card as French referee Stephanie Frappart pointed to the spot.

Frappart was advised by VAR to review and ruled there wasn't sufficient contact from Paredes, who had her yellow card withdrawn, much to the animated displeasure of

## Spain the team to beat at WC: Jonker

AFP ■ WELLINGTON

Andries Jonker called Spain the team to beat at the Women's World Cup after his Netherlands side lost 2-1 in extra time in their quarter-final on Friday.

Jonker believes his team were robbed of a penalty which was awarded then reversed by VAR, but conceded the Dutch were second best in Wellington.

Beaten finalists four years ago, Jonker said the Netherlands had the potential to at least match that this time, but had landed on the harder side of the draw.

"Spain, my forecast was they'd make the final and the second candidate might have been us," the coach said.

"But anyway, you get Spain against you and on paper you've got a whole plan worked out, but at the end of the day, they're an excellent team.

"Had we made it, we'd have been convinced to make it through the semi-finals and make it to the final."

The Dutch players were in



Andries Jonker (left) talks to his players after the Netherlands' quarter-final loss to Spain.

tears after the full-time whistle, having conceded the winner in extra time to teenager Salma Paralluelo.

A key moment came in the second half of normal time when referee Stephanie Frappart awarded the Netherlands a penalty after Lineth Beerensteyn was bumped to the ground by Irene Paredes.

VAR suggested Frappart review her decision and she ruled the contact was insufficient, rescinding both the penalty and the yellow card to the Spanish player.

"The VAR didn't do their work properly but Spain deserved to win. It's just that this decision was wrong," Jonker said.

Jonker believes his team, who drew 1-1 with holders the United States in the group phase, have made progress since their quarter-final exit at last year's European Championship.

"This is a tough one to swallow but we've put ourselves on the map again," he said.

"But of course what we want is to be the best."



## Aus skipper Kerr to start WC clash if fully fit: Coach

AFP ■ BRISBANE (AUSTRALIA)

Australia skipper Sam Kerr will start against France in Saturday's Women's World Cup quarter-final if fully fit after a calf injury, coach Tony Gustavsson said. The striker got her first minutes at the tournament as a late substitute in the 2-0 win over Denmark in the last 16 on Monday.

The home fans are desperate to see the Chelsea striker start against France in Brisbane, but that would mean Gustavsson changing a winning side. The victor will meet Colombia or England in the last four.

Gustavsson was unequivocal Friday when asked by reporters if bringing in Kerr would disrupt a team which recovered from losing 3-2 to Nigeria in the group phase to beat Canada 4-0 before sweeping past Denmark.

"I want to be very clear with you all now," the Swede said on the eve of the clash with France.

"If Sam is fit to play 90 minutes, she is starting, it is not even a question, and the team knows that." "We are talking about Sam Kerr here. Whether she is fit to play 90 minutes and extra time, that is to be decided tonight.

"But there's no question

whatsoever that if she is (fit), she is starting." Kerr, who averages a goal every other game for her country, was supposed to have been the face of the World Cup.

But she suffered a calf injury on the eve of the tournament and did not play a minute in the group phase, before coming on in the 80th minute against Denmark in Sydney. The whole Matildas squad, including Kerr, trained on Friday ahead of the meeting with France.

"It challenges me in my decision-making," Gustavsson said of having all 23 players to choose from. "It's not easy because a lot of people deserve to start."

## Enrique hopes Mbappé will stay but won't comment on Neymar's future

AP ■ PARIS

Paris Saint-Germain coach Luis Enrique still hopes Kylian Mbappé will stay at the club despite an ongoing transfer standoff, but wouldn't comment on Neymar's future as the Brazil forward moves closer to a possible departure. Neither Mbappé nor Neymar took part in PSG's training session on Friday, parts of which were open to the media. The club said Neymar trained alone indoors away from his teammates because of a viral infection.

Mbappé has trained apart from PSG's first-team regulars all week after making it clear he wants to play out the final season of his contract and leave as a free agent next year. PSG said it wants to sell him now if he will not extend his contract.

Enrique was naming his squad later for Saturday's home game against Lorient, with PSG expected to begin its title defense without Mbappé.

The France forward has been heavily linked with a move to Real Madrid, which twice failed with bids to sign him before, but Enrique hopes a solution can be found again.



Luis Enrique (left) talks to his players after PSG's training session.

"This situation has existed before, a positive solution was found with the club. I hope an agreement is reached, which is something I would like," Enrique said at a news conference, through a translator. "But the club is above everything, the coach, the players." Enrique would not answer a follow-up question on Mbappé's future. "I am not going to say anything else, the first answer expressed my opinion clearly," he said.

But Neymar is headed for an exit from PSG.

A person familiar with the situation told The Associated Press on Thursday that talks are moving toward Neymar leaving the club this month.

decisions will clearly express my views." PSG unveiled a new sponsor on Friday, but Mbappé, Neymar and Verratti were not among the five featured players promoting it online.

With PSG having already lost Lionel Messi to Inter Miami and facing the possibility of playing without any of its three superstars from last season, the club may need to recruit quickly. "We're open to anything that will improve the squad," Enrique said. "We're paying attention to what's happening in every position. The transfer market is difficult for everyone, not just PSG." PSG is close to signing France winger Ousmane Dembélé from Barcelona.

"He is not a PSG player yet," Enrique said, smiling. "He is 99 percent, but not 100 percent."

PSG has never won the Champions League despite massive investment since Qatari owners QSI took charge 12 years ago, reaching the final just once in the pandemic-shortened 2020 campaign. PSG has been eliminated from the round of 16 for the past two seasons, where an ongoing lack of teamwork and intensity at the highest level were glaringly exposed.

## Injured Murray withdraws from Toronto clash

AFP ■ TORONTO (CANADA)

British veteran Andy Murray withdrew from his last 16 clash with Italy's Jannik Sinner at the ATP Toronto Masters on Thursday, citing an abdominal strain.

The 36-year-old two-time Wimbledon champion, who had battled into the third round after a gruelling three-setter against Max Purcell on Wednesday, announced his withdrawal moments before his clash with Sinner was due to get under way.

"Everyone I have an issue with my abdominal, so unfortunately I'm not going to be able to play this evening," Murray told fans on court in Toronto.

"I'm really sorry, I feel like I've let you down. I've rarely been in this situation in my career and I feel terrible."

Murray's withdrawal gave seventh-seed Sinner a walkover into a quarter-final against French veteran Gael Monfils.

## Alcaraz battles into Toronto quarters

AFP ■ TORONTO (CANADA)

Carlos Alcaraz passed a tie-break test on Thursday as the top seed squeezed into the Toronto Masters quarter-finals with a 3-6, 7-6 (7/2), 7-6 (7/3) victory over Hubert Hurkacz.

World number one Alcaraz was only just able to extend his win streak to 14 matches as he fended off a third-set offensive from his 15th-seeded Polish opponent.

Alcaraz needed five match points to advance over Hurkacz and flirted with disaster as he let a 5-2 lead in the final set slip into a second consecutive tiebreak.

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Carlos Alcaraz (left) battles into the quarter-finals of the ATP Toronto Masters.

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Medvedev dispatched the number 19 Italian in 93 minutes with three breaks of serve, pushing his tour-leading number of hardcourt match wins to 31 with

just three defeats.

The 2021 Toronto champion is chasing his sixth title of 2023 and his fifth on hardcourt.

He will bid for the semi-finals against Alex de Minaur, who defeated eighth seed Taylor

Fritz 7-6 (9/7), 4-6, 6-1.

There was disappointment, however, for third-seeded Casper Ruud, who came up just short in his bid to battle past Alejandro Davidovich Fokina, who pulled off an upset 7-6

(7/4), 4-6, 7-6 (7/4) win.

Medvedev said that despite the relatively straightforward score, blustery winds gave him some problems against Mussetti.

"It was not easy to play, it was not the worst wind but it was changing from fast to slow," he said.

"You can't hit full power in those conditions and you don't know what to expect. It was not easy for either of us, but I did enough to win. I missed some shots today, but I had quite a good level and I'm happy about it."

Norway's Ruud served for victory against Davidovich Fokina at 5-4 in the third set, but dropped his serve in the clutch moment.

The Spaniard took the set into a tiebreaker and finished off the upset after three hours on court.

"I kept very focused on every point when he served for it," Davidovich Fokina said. "I told myself to be there, don't give up."

Ruud saved two match points in the tiebreaker before succumbing to an opponent who finished with 49 winners and 56 unforced errors.

The match was paused for an hour and three-quarter hours in the second set because of rain.

Davidovich Fokina booked a quarter-final clash with American Mackenzie McDonald, who beat Canada's Milos Raonic 6-3, 6-3.

## Swiatek holds off Muchova to reach quarters

AFP ■ MONTREAL

Iga Swiatek, unfazed by two lengthy rain delays, held off Karolina Muchova 6-1, 4-6, 6-4 to reach the quarter-finals of the WTA Montreal Open on Thursday. Swiatek's victory, in a rematch of the French Open final she won two months ago, ensures the Polish star will remain number one in the world for a 72nd straight week when the rankings come out on Monday.

It took two hours and 47 minutes on court, but more than nine hours from start to finish on what Swiatek called an "extraordinary" day. Swiatek roared through the opening set despite solid play from her Czech opponent, who was unable to convert break chances in the third and fifth games.

Swiatek grabbed her second break of the set in a sixth game that went to deuce five times.

But as she did at Roland Garros, Muchova battled back to take the second set only for rain to bring the match to a halt for more than three hours.

Swiatek had broken to open the third set when rain stopped play again. It would be another couple of hours before they resumed and she backed up the break with a hold for a 2-0 lead.

That would be all Swiatek needed, and she polished off the victory with a love game.



Iga Swiatek (left) holds off Karolina Muchova to reach the quarter-finals of the WTA Montreal Open.

"You have to find energy even though we've been here since 9 am," Swiatek said. "For sure, it was a pretty extraordinary day, and I don't think I've had such a situation in my career so there is the opportunity to learn something new and see what I'm capable of — even though we played this match, like, three times."

Swiatek next faces either Canadian wild card Leylah Fernandez or US qualifier Danielle Collins. Fourth-seeded American Jessica Pegula booked her quarter-final berth with a crisp 6-4, 6-0 victory over Jasmine Paolini before the rain rolled in.

Pegula fired six aces and broke Paolini five times, needing just 69 minutes to post her fifth win in as many meetings with the Italian.

Pegula, who has reached the semi-finals at the last two Canadian tournaments, next faces her doubles partner Coco Gauff, who blew past newly minted Wimbledon champion Marketa Vondrousova 6-3, 6-0 in just 62 minutes. Gauff, who captured her fourth career title on Sunday in Washington, is seeded sixth.

Vondrousova was seeded ninth a month after she earned her first Grand Slam title.

Other winners Thursday included 10th-seeded Daria Kasatkina, who beat Czech Marie Bouzkova 6-3, 6-4.

Two other third-round matches were postponed until Friday, when second-seeded Aryna Sabalenka will take on Liudmila Samsonova and seventh-seeded Petra Kvitova plays Belinda Bencic.

# India eye series-levelling win in 4th T20I

PTI ■ LAUDERHILL

India will hope that batsmen will helm their march towards a series-levelling victory over the West Indies with another impact effort in the fourth T20 International here on Saturday.

India might have stayed afloat with a win in the third T20I but Windies still lead the series 2-1, a quick reminder to the fact that the visitors still have concerns surrounding the batting unit.

It was a comforting sight indeed to see Suryakumar Yadav flicking on his beast mode and Tilak Varma chipping in with crucial runs. But India's opening combination continued to falter.

India had handed T20I debut to Yashasvi Jaiswal, resting Ishan Kishan. But for the third successive match, the pair at the totem pole position failed to impress, making just six runs. Jaiswal got out to pacer Obed McCoy in the first over itself.

In the previous two matches, Kishan and Shubman Gill had managed to score just five and 16 for the first wicket to place some amount of pressure on the middle-order.

Whether India will bring back Kishan for this match remains to be seen, but the management will hope for a more potent outing from the openers in a must-win match.

That India do not have a handy bat lower down the order, makes it mandatory for batsmen at the top to deliver. India have deployed Axar Patel at No. 7 to maintain the balance and they might continue to



adopt the five-bowler policy. Having said that, the way Tilak carried the burden on his young shoulders has been remarkable.

The sequence of 39 (22 balls), 51 (41 balls) and 49 (37 balls) might be a presage that the Hyderabad left-hander is ready for bigger stages in his career.

He is currently the leading run-scorer in the series with 139 runs while averaging 69.50.

Suryakumar hinted at a possible broadening of role for Tilak, his teammate at Mumbai Indians.

"We've batted (together) for a long time now. We both understand each other. It was

his day to bat with maturity. He is batting with a lot of confidence and he helped me bat well too," Suryakumar had said.

Kuldeep Yadav returned to the side for the third T20I and his performance will certainly add to India's confidence. He had missed the second T20I with a sore thumb.

The left-arm wrist spinner bagged three wickets, conceding 28 runs from four overs.

West Indies batsman Nicholas Pooran has been a thorn in India's flesh the whole series, but Kuldeep snaffled him before the left-hander blossomed.

Overall, three spinners -- Kuldeep, Axar, Yuzvendra Chahal -- gave a good account of themselves in the last match, and India will need an encore from them at the Central Broward Stadium.

In the initial part, the pitch here assists the batsmen but it often slips into sluggishness as the match progresses, evidenced by the 11 wins out of 13 matches registered by the team batting first.

As for the West Indies, they will not want to miss a chance to score their first series win over India after 2016 and will look for a far more cohesive display.

TEAMS (FROM):

INDIA: Hardik Pandya (Captain), Ishan Kishan, Shubman Gill, Yashasvi Jaiswal, Tilak Varma, Surya Kumar Yadav, Sanju Samson, Axar Patel, Yuzvendra Chahal, Kuldeep Yadav, Ravi Bishnoi, Arshdeep Singh, Umran Malik, Avesh Khan, Mukesh Kumar.

WEST INDIES: Rovman Powell (Captain), Kyle Mayers, Johnson Charles, Shai Hope, Roston Chase, Shimron Hetmyer, Jason Holder, Akeal Hosein, Alzarri Joseph, Brandon King, Obed McCoy, Nicholas Pooran, Romario Shepherd, Oshane Thomas, Odean Smith.

## Indian team on path of self-destruction: Nawaz

PTI ■ LAHORE

Former Pakistan pacer Sarfaraz Nawaz finds the Babar Azam-led side a more stable unit than India as the arch-rivals have not been able to "work out" their combinations going into the Asia Cup and subsequent ODI World Cup.

India will go into the Asia Cup, starting August 31, without finalising their middle-order.

"Pakistan has a much more settled and stable outfit for the Asia Cup and World Cup when compared to India. The Indians have still not been able to work out their final combination for these major events," Nawaz told the media in Lahore on Friday.

"Captains are changing, many new players are being tried out, there are no proper combinations. I feel instead of developing the Indian side it is being destroyed," he added.

He also pointed out that India will be under a lot of pressure with the World Cup in their own backyard and not winning an ICC title for 10 years will also weigh on the minds of the players.

"They are always high expectations when you play at home and it creates more pressure. India's plus point is they



have some good senior performers."

The last time an ODI World Cup was staged at home, India overcame the pressure to lift the trophy.

Nawaz, who is often regarded as the pioneer of reverse swing bowling and once took seven wickets for one run in a spell against Australia in Melbourne, also felt that left-arm fast bowler Shaheen Shah Afridi was Pakistan's x-factor in big matches.

"He is an extraordinary bowler and very very lethal in his first two three overs. I have rarely seen a bowler with such control over swing, seam and pace and yorkers with the new ball," said Nawaz, who played 55 Tests for his 177 wickets.

He said that Shaheen would play a big role for his

team in the upcoming 50-over events.

"I am confident that Pakistan can do really well in both these events because we have a settled side and Babar Azam is leading them well. I think the selection committee has also picked a very balanced squad for the series against Afghanistan and the Asia Cup."

Nawaz, who earlier this week ended a long-running feud with the Pakistan Cricket Board which had led to his pension and other payments being suspended, said he was grateful to the PCB chief Zaka Ashraf for resuming his payments and giving him his arrears.

"I have faced health issues and I really needed this support from the board. I think they should do the same for other former players."



## Williamson admits playing in WC a 'tough goal'

PTI ■ CHRISTCHURCH

Kane Williamson on Friday admitted that chances of him playing in the ICC World Cup 2023 in India remain slim as the New Zealand batsman continues his recuperation from a surgery.

Williamson had gone under the knives in April this year for a ruptured anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) on his right knee.

Williamson had suffered the injury while playing for Gujarat Titans in the opening match of the IPL 2023 against Chennai Super Kings at Ahmedabad.

"To be at the World Cup is always special. It's still just guesswork at the moment in terms of when the day is or how it's tracking at the time," Williamson was quoted as saying by ESPNcricinfo.

"Yeah, obviously slim, and still, you know, a tough goal. However, something like that (World Cup) in the back of your mind is obviously motivating and you want to keep seeing those improvements," he added.

The 33-year-old batsman will join the New Zealand

squad in England. The Kiwis will play four T20Is and as many ODIs in the trip between August and September.

Williamson will continue his rehab with his teammates in England.

"There's been some nice little progressions and working through some of those little milestones and return to the running phase, which I am in at the moment. It is obviously a bit of a slow journey," said Williamson.

The stylish right-hander, who has made 6,555 runs from 161 ODIs at 47.85, was also not ready to commit himself to a possible return during New Zealand's series against Bangladesh in late September.

"It is a tricky one. It is a lot about the healing element as well. You can have the strength work, the movement, the confidence.

"But the actual healing is what has to happen and there are a lot of things to really assess before that time. So, that (Bangladesh) series, by all accounts, is too early," he said.

Williamson also hoped that he could restart the regular net sessions at the earliest.

# Boult keen to lift World Cup

PTI ■ LONDON

Trent Boult went through the misery of being part of the New Zealand teams that finished as runners-up in two successive World Cups -- 2015 and 2019, and now the pacer does not want another chance to go begging later this year in India.

New Zealand were beaten by Australia in the 2015 final, and the Kiwis could not go past England four years later.

"I have always had this in the back of my mind to come back and work towards an ODI World Cup. There's history involved there. The times we have had in previous campaigns have been very exciting.

"So, (I am) just hungry to

get involved, and hopefully play a big role. I'm just thinking about lifting something shiny that we were pretty close to four years ago. That's the biggest focus," Boult was quoted as saying in ESPNcricinfo.

Boult returned to the New Zealand ODI squad after a hiatus of one year for the series against England.

Boult had also given up his national contract to focus more on T20 franchise cricket.

"It wasn't an easy decision to make just over a year ago to move away from the New Zealand cricket bubble. I never wanted it to be about New Zealand or franchise cricket.

"I just tried to make the



most of my remaining years as a bowler. (I am) definitely as

hungry as ever to still represent the country," said the left-

arm pacer, who has 187 wickets from 99 ODIs.

The 34-year-old Kiwi has missed 35 international matches during this interim, but has little regrets over his decision.

"Life's short, make the most of everything. It has been an exciting 12 months or so on the road. I had a great time out there, lifting the trophy with MI New York (MLC).

"I still respect the international game immensely; it plays a big role in any kid trying to come through and play cricket as a dream. The idea of a World Cup is still the pinnacle in my opinion as well," he said.

Boult played a crucial role in powering MI New York to the inaugural Major League Cricket in the US, emerging as the highest wicket-taker in the tournament.

## Shakib Al Hasan to lead Bangladesh in Asia Cup, World Cup

PTI ■ DHAKA

Bangladesh on Friday appointed veteran all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan as their ODI captain for both the Asia Cup and the 2023 World Cup.

Apart from the two marquee events, Bangladesh will also face New Zealand in a white ball series in late September before travelling to India for the World Cup beginning October 5.

"We have appointed Shakib as the captain for the Asia Cup and World Cup. The World



Cup and Asia Cup squads will be announced tomorrow. The selectors will pick a squad of 17 members," said Nazmul Hassan, the Bangladesh Cricket

Board (BCB) president.

Shakib has taken over from Tamim Iqbal, who was ruled out of the Asia Cup with a back injury.

Now, Shakib has become the Bangladesh captain in all three formats of the game. He has been the team's Test and T20I skipper since early last year.

Shakib's last assignment as ODI captain of Bangladesh was against Ireland at Malahide on May 12, 2017, and the match ended without a result.

In all, Shakib has led Bangladesh in 52 ODIs, 19 Tests and 39 T20Is, and his tenure at the helm, which started in 2009, has been marked with infrequent stints.

## Pak moves back to previous domestic cricket structure

PTI ■ KARACHI

The Pakistan Cricket Board on Friday reverted to its previous structure of domestic cricket which included departmental and regional teams, while also adding another First-Class competition to the calendar.

The decision to move back to the old system means Pakistan cricket authorities have done away with the "quality over quantity" philosophy, implemented on the instructions of the former Prime Minister and 1992 World Cup winning captain Imran Khan.

The PCB experimented with having domestic cricket with six teams for the last three years.

The 2023-24 domestic season will feature two separate First-Class events - the Quaid-e-Azam Trophy and the Presidents Cup - with a total of 16 departmental and regional teams in the fray.

The board will also organise non First-Class events for 10 regional teams and more departments in the season.

In 2019, Khan's proposal for a new domestic system had scrapped the role of the departmental teams in Pakistan cricket.

Only six regions were allowed to compete in the premier First-Class Quaid-e-Azam Trophy, while the second XIs of the same teams competed in a non First-Class tournament simultaneously.

The board, without any sponsorship, directly paid the players their match fees, allowances and monthly contracts besides air travel and stay in premier hotels for the new structure.

The plan proposed by Khan was implemented and followed by former chairman Ehsan Mani and Ramiz Raja, and had come in for plenty of criticism for ending departmental cricket, which has been the backbone of Pakistan cricket since the 1970s.

Not only the former PM, but the board was also criticised for costing hundreds of cricketers their jobs with departmental teams.

In the new domestic structure announced on Friday, the board said the 2023-24 domestic season will bring more competition and quality cricket with enhanced earning opportunities.

The system will now have eight regional sides and as many departmental teams competing in separate First-Class tournaments.

"This step will make sure that the regions and departments compete on a level playing field by utilising the best available talent," a statement said.

The board said the domestic structure is framed by the PCB Cricket Technical Committee, which is headed by former captains Misbah-ul-Haq and includes Mohammad Hafeez.

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

### RANJI TROPHY UPDATE

## Shorey leaves Delhi for Vidarbha

There seems to be no end to troubles for Delhi cricket as former skipper Nitish Rana and last year's top run-getter in Ranji Trophy Dhruv Shorey have decided to ply their trade for other states in order to play all three formats in the next domestic season.

A lot of people in DDCA are still unaware that Shorey, a red ball specialist has already signed contract with Vidarbha Cricket Association as a professional which will obviously help him earn over and above his match fee.

"Yes, Dhruv (Shorey) has already signed a contract with us and he along with former Test batter Karun Nair will play for Vidarbha during the upcoming domestic season," a VCA official confirmed the development.

As far as Rana is concerned, there are rumours about him joining Baroda or Haryana but

there has been no confirmation on that front.

The development was confirmed by DDCA joint secretary Rajan Manchanda on Friday and it seems that there will be a last ditch attempt to stop Rana.

"Yes, it is true that both Dhruv and Nitish (Rana) want to leave Delhi and have sought NOC. We will definitely request them to stay as both are senior players and have served Delhi cricket. But the final decision will be theirs. If they don't agree, we will certainly give them NOC," Manchanda told PTI.

It is understood that Rana, who was the white ball captain till last year, didn't like him getting replaced by one season-old Yash Dhull and also the fact that



he was dropped from the red ball side mid-season only to make comeback during the final game against Mumbai.

Rana also has problems with a few players in the Delhi dressing room and notable

among them is Mumbai Indians all-rounder Hrithik Shokeen, who did admirably well in red ball cricket.

Delhi couldn't qualify for the knock-outs despite Shorey ending the season with 859 runs and was the fourth in the list of the highest run-getters after Mayank Agarwal (990), Arpit Vasavada (907) and Anushtup Majumdar (867).

"Nitish is peeved because he was dropped from the red ball team and removed from captaincy. Dhruv is annoyed as selectors dubbed him as a red ball specialist last season. Hence they want to move. May be president Rohan Jaitley will have a word with them but DDCA didn't even stop Virender Sehwag from leaving the state," a DDCA

director told PTI on conditions of anonymity.

It remains to be seen if DDCA lures back Rana with captaincy.

When Manchanda was asked if Rana and Shorey, who are also best buddies in the set-up, will have their grievances addressed, he said: "How can we talk about selection matters? It is the prerogative of selection committee."

HIMMAT SINGH FAVOURITE TO LEAD DELHI

Himmat Singh, the gutsy middle-order batter, is tipped to take over Ranji Trophy captaincy this season as most people in DDCA agree that it was a hasty decision to hand over captain-

cy to Dhull, who had till then, had played only one first-class season.

However, Dhull is very much in the national selection committee's radar for India 'A' side as he is among the NCA Targeted players' list and has been called for a camp, the reason why he won't be playing the Buchi Babu Trophy in Chennai.

"Yash has been called for a camp in NCA along with Navdeep Saini. He will not play in the Buchi Babu Trophy. We are looking at Himmat as a potential leader. He is someone who never runs away from challenges," a senior DDCA official privy to the developments said.

It is also learnt that Abhay Sharma is unlikely to continue as Delhi team's head coach.