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Modi slams Opp, hails Govt's pro-poor moves

PM accuses Bengal Govt of orchestrating a 'khooni khel' during panchayat elections

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday attended two back-to-back events which he used to tear into the Opposition and hail the "pro-poor" initiatives of his Government.

Addressing the Kshetriya Panchayati Raj Parishad in West Bengal via video conferencing, the PM accused the Mamata Government of orchestrating a "khooni khel" (bloody game) during the recent panchayat polls.

At the same time, speaking at a public rally at Sagar in poll-bound Madhya Pradesh, Modi said his Government was committed to standing by the poor and reminded how his Government did not allow anyone to sleep hungry during the Covid pandemic.

"I decided that I will not let the poor sleep hungry. I don't need to find books to understand your pain. We started 'Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana' and provided free ration to more than 80 crore people..." Modi said.

The Prime Minister laid the foundation stone and dedicated to the nation, development projects in Sagar. The



Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the foundation stone laying ceremony of Sant Ravidas memorial, in Sagar on Saturday. MP Governor Mangubhai C Patel, CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia are also seen. PTI

projects include laying the foundation stone of Sant Shiromani Gurudev Ravidas Memorial to be constructed at a cost of more than ₹100 crores, two road projects to be developed at a cost of more than ₹1,580 crores and dedicating to the nation doubling of Kota-Bina rail route to the nation developed at a cost of more than ₹2,475 crores.

Quoting Sant Ravidas on social equality and the availability of amenities for all, the PM said in the Amrit Kaal, his Government was trying to eradicate poverty and hunger from the country.

He recalled his determination to provide food to poor and deprived sections during the pandemic. "I know the pain of hunger and self-respect of the poor. I am a member of

your family and I don't need to look into the books to understand your pain," Modi said. Free ration was ensured for more than 80 crore people under Pradhanmantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana, a feat, said the Prime Minister, is being appreciated globally.

Talking about the Garib Kalyan schemes being run in the country, the Prime Minister said unlike earlier, the nation is standing with Dalits, poor, tribals, and women at every stage of life.

At the time of birth Matru Vandana Yojana and Mission Indradhanush for newborn children where more than 5.5 crore mothers and children have been immunised. He said the campaign to save 7 crore Indians from Sickle Cell

Anemia is going on along with a campaign to free India from TB by 2025.

Modi also noted the decreasing incidence of kala-azar and encephalitis. Talking about the Ayushman Card, the Prime Minister said, "People say that they have got Modi Card. For treatment needs of up to 5 lakh, your son (the Prime Minister) is there."

Earlier, addressing the Kshetriya Panchayati Raj Parishad in West Bengal via video conferencing, Modi's condemned the manipulation of the democratic process by the Trinamool Congress.

"TMC ne khooni khel khela hai..." Modi said in Hindi, pointing towards a disturbing trend that unfolded in the state's political landscape. **Continued on Page 2**

NMC: Docs must prescribe generic drugs or lose licence

National Medical Commission to also impose fine

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In a bid to address the persistent issue of medical practitioners neglecting the prescription of generic medicines, the National Medical Commission (NMC) has escalated its approach by introducing new regulations. These regulations not only impose penalties on doctors who fail to prescribe generic drugs but also establish the possibility of suspending their practicing licences.

Effective from August 2, the NMC's regulations also emphasise the avoidance of prescribing branded generic drugs. While doctors have been obligated to prescribe generic drugs, the previous regulations issued in 2002 by the Indian Medical Council lacked clear punitive measures.

The NMC's move is rooted in the fact that India's healthcare sector continues to grapple with substantial out-of-pocket spending on medications.

Generic medicines, which can cost 30 to 80 per cent less than their branded counterparts, have the potential to significantly reduce healthcare expenses and enhance access to quality medical care.

"Generic medicines are 30 to 80 per cent cheaper than



branded drugs. Hence, prescribing generic medicines may overtly bring down healthcare costs and improve access to quality care," it said.

Under the generic medicine and prescription guidelines of the regulations, the NMC defined generic medicines as a "drug product that is comparable to brand/reference listed product in dosage form, strength, route of administration, quality and performance characteristics, and intended use".

On the other hand, a branded generic drug is one which has come off patent and is manufactured by drug companies and sold under different companies' brand names.

These drugs may be less costly than the branded patent version but costlier than the bulk-manufactured generic version of the drug. There is less regulatory control over the prices of branded generic drugs.

"Every RMP (registered medical practitioner) should prescribe drugs using generic names written legibly and prescribe drugs rationally, avoiding unnecessary medications and irrational fixed-dose combination tablets," the regulation stated.

In case of violations, a doctor may be given a warning to be more careful about the regulations or instructed to attend a workshop or academic programme on ethics, personal and social relations and/or professional training.

On repeated violations, the doctor's license to practice may be suspended for a particular period, the regulations said.

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The NMC said prescriptions should be legible and preferably written in all caps to avoid misinterpretation. As far as possible, prescriptions should be typed and printed to avoid errors, it said.

A template has also been provided by the NMC that may be used for writing prescriptions rationally.

Medical practitioners should prescribe only those generic medicines available in the market and accessible to patients. They should also advocate for hospitals and local pharmacies to stock generic drugs, the NMC regulation stated.

They should encourage patients to purchase drugs from Jan Aushadhi Kendras and other generic pharmacy outlets, educate medical students and the public about the equivalence of generic medicine with their branded counterparts and should actively participate in programs related to promotion and access to generic medicines, it added.

Last year in July, replying to a query in the Rajya Sabha, the Union Minister of Health Dr Bharati Pravin Pawar pointed out that the NMC Act, 2019 empowers the appropriate State Medical Councils or Ethics and Medical Registration Board (EMRB) of the Commission, to take disciplinary action against a doctor for not ensuring prescription of generic drugs and conduct regular prescription audits in public health facilities.

Delhi Services among 4 Bills gets Prez nod

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President Droupadi Murmu has given her approval to four Bills that were passed during the tumultuous monsoon session of Parliament. These four Bills, namely the Digital Personal Data Protection Bill, the Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendment) Bill, the Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Bill, and the Government of the National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Bill, have now officially become law.

Among the newly enacted laws is the Centre's control over services in Delhi. This law, replacing an Ordinance, faced substantial resistance from the INDIA bloc. The Opposition coalition's MPs staged a walk-out from Parliament during the voting.

Home Minister Amit Shah defended the Government's legislation in Parliament, which overrides a Supreme Court ruling on jurisdiction over



bureaucrats in Delhi.

The Digital Personal Data Protection Act includes a provision that permits a penalty of up to ₹250 crore for data breaches, aiming to prevent the misuse of individuals' data by online platforms.

Critics of the law allege that it could turn the country into a surveillance state. There are concerns about allowing the processing of personal data without consent in certain instances, potentially jeopardizing citizens' fundamental right to privacy.

Exemptions granted to the state and a contentious clause offering broad exemptions to certain companies have also raised concerns. The Personal

Data Protection Bill had previously been introduced in 2019 but was withdrawn last year after undergoing scrutiny by a parliamentary committee.

The Editors Guild of India expressed reservations about specific provisions of the proposed law, citing potential adverse effects on press freedom. According to the Guild, Section 36 of the law empowers the government to demand personal information from any public or private entity (data fiduciary), including journalists and their sources.

The Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendment) Act introduces digital birth certificates, which will serve as the sole conclusive proof of age and can be used for various purposes. This law also allows the birth certificate to be employed for activities such as admission to educational institutions, obtaining a driving license, registering a marriage, securing a government job, and availing food welfare programs. **Continued on Page 2**

Nagas demand justice for disrobed Manipur women

PTI ■ KOHIMA

A number of women tribal organisations in Nagaland on Saturday held a protest rally here and demanded severe punishment of rapists and those who paraded disrobed women in the ongoing Manipur turmoil.

Condemning the killing of people, burning of houses and religious places in Manipur, they called for immediate intervention by the Centre in restoring peace and normalcy in that state.

They held banners and placards, some of which read 'We condemn parading of women and gang rape', 'Stand up for women rights', 'Stop the violence, start the healing', 'We want peace in Manipur', 'Rape is a punishable crime' and 'No mercy, Hang the rapists'.

The women organisations who convened at the PHQ junction here were from Angami, Ao, Chakhesang, Lotha, Pochury, Rengma, Sema and Zeliang tribes of Nagaland and were supported by Central Nagaland Women Association (CNWA).



"A candlelight rally or punishment will not help to stop rapes. There should be a strict rule to punish rapists... They should be killed, hanged or burnt alive. They should be treated the way they are treating women. New and stricter rules have to be made to check the rape menace in the country in general," CNWA president Atoli Sema told reporters on the sidelines of the programme.

Speaking on the occasion, their leaders said the organisations stood together with the women of Manipur in their sufferings "in the brutal hands of unthinking savage criminals".

They said the groups were also with others who suffered and continue to endure abuse and violence in silence.

Suspension new phenomenon of Govt, may move SC: Adhir

PNS ■ NEW DELHI/MANIPUR

Describing his suspension from the Lok Sabha as outrageous, the leader of Congress in the Lok Sabha, Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, said on Saturday that such action area new phenomenon that Parliament has not seen before. Adhir announced his intention to approach the Supreme Court regarding his suspension.

During a Press conference, he said his remarks during the no-confidence debate were "not intended to hurt anyone."

"This is a new phenomenon we have never experienced in our career in Parliament... This is a deliberate design by the ruling party to throttle the voice of the Opposition... This will undermine the spirit of parliamentary democracy," Chowdhury said.

He further said he is prepared to approach the Supreme Court if necessary.

In the context of the no-confidence motion debate,



Chowdhury referred to Prime Minister Narendra Modi as "Nirav Modi" and "Dhritarashtra," the father of the Kauravas.

"When Dhritarashtra was blind, Draupadi was humiliated (by means of cheerharan). Today as well, the king is sitting blind... There's no difference between Hastinapur and Manipur," he asserted.

Explaining his use of the term "Nirav" to address Modi, Chowdhury clarified that he used symbolism because the Prime Minister had not spoken on the Manipur crisis. He clarified that "Nirav" signifies someone who remains silent.

While moving the suspen-

sion motion, Union Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi argued, "Baseless allegations against the Prime Minister cannot be accepted. This should be expunged and he should apologise."

Adhir also defended the name "INDIA," adopted by the newly-formed Opposition alliance, and questioned why Modi opposes its use. He traced the evolution of the BJP's name, which is currently leading the NDA coalition.

"Once, BJP was Vishva Hindu Parishad, Bharatiya Jana Sangh, and then gradually became NDA... This means Modi, who coined several acronyms himself, feels uncomfortable with INDIA," Chaudhary pointed out.

Regarding the Monsoon session, Congress Chief Media Coordinator Pawan Khera said the PM can talk about everything from the moon to leopards but remains silent on burning issues faced by the country, such as the situation in Manipur.

Anwaar-ul Haq Kakar is Pak caretaker PM

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

Senator Anwarul Haq Kakar from Pakistan's restive Balochistan province was on Saturday appointed the caretaker Prime Minister to head a neutral political set-up to run the cash-strapped country until the next general elections.

Kakar's name was agreed upon during the final day of consultations between outgoing Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and the Leader of Opposition in the dissolved National Assembly, Raja Riaz Ahmad, according to a statement from the Prime Minister's Office.

"The Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition jointly signed the advice (to appoint Kakar) and it was sent to the President," read the



PMO statement.

Kakar, 52, is an ethnic Pushtun from Balochistan and a member of the Balochistan Awami Party (BAP) — a party considered close to the powerful establishment of the country. The first-time Senator is expected to be sworn in on Sunday as the caretaker PM.

In his first reaction, Kakar tweeted: "Thank you to Allah Almighty who gives me the opportunity to Serve the Nation as Caretaker PM of Pakistan."

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Delhi sees maximum calls on domestic violence: DCW

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Painting a grim picture of women's safety in the national Capital, a report by the Delhi Commission for Women (DCW) has revealed deeply concerning statistics. The report, based on an analysis of over 6.30 lakh calls received through its helpline number, 181, covers the period from July 2022 to June 2023.

The report underscores the urgent need for addressing the pressing issues of domestic violence, conflicts with neighbours, and cases of rape and sexual harassment.

The report showed that the DCW received the highest number of calls related to domestic violence (38,342), followed by conflicts with neighbours (9,516) and complaints of rape and sexual harassment (5,895).

Addressing a Press conference, DCW Chief Swati Maliwal questioned the accountability of the Delhi Police and urged the Central Government to convene a meeting to address the matter.

Maliwal revealed that a total of 92,004 "unique cases," encompassing issues like domestic violence, conflicts with neighbors, rape and sexual assault, POCOS violations, kidnappings, and cybercrimes, were recorded through the helpline during the specified period.

Maliwal stressed that the helpline operates with a support team on the ground, underlining the gravity of the situation. She further disclosed that the commission received 6,30,288 calls in total, leading to 92,004 unique cases.

The report's breakdown revealed 38,342 cases related to



domestic violence, 9,516 cases concerning conflicts with neighbors, 5,895 cases of rape and sexual harassment, 4,229 cases of kidnapping, 3,647 cases related to violations of the POCOS Act, and 3,558 cases connected to cybercrimes, all of which were lodged with the commission.

The report indicated that approximately 38,140 cases were reported by women aged

between 21 and 31. Another 16,939 cases pertained to girls aged between 11 and 20. Moreover, around 20,000 cases were reported by women aged 31 to 40, with 6,686 cases registered by women above 40. Intriguingly, 3,735 cases were received from women aged 60 and above, and 40 cases were reported by women above 90 years of age.

"Nearly 11,000 cases were

reported from outside Delhi. The toll-free helpline is highly effective because it not only operates as a call center but also involves a team of counselors. We have counselors working around the clock in shifts, available for calls and in-person assistance for victims. We ensure FIR registration support as well," Maliwal said.

She also revealed that the helpline desk has handled approximately 40 lakh calls over the past seven years.

The 181 helpline, operational 24x7, serves as a lifeline for distressed women. Callers are counselled and, when necessary, their grievances are escalated to relevant authorities such as Delhi Police, hospitals, and shelter homes for resolution. In most cases, a team of counselors is dispatched to meet with the distressed women to assist.

The DCW received around 4 per cent (3,735) cases from callers aged 60 years and above, including 40 calls from women in their nineties.

As soon as a helpline counsellor receives a call from a distressed woman or girl, she begins counselling and gives full assistance to the caller, the panel said in a statement. The helpline team then forwards these complaints to the "Mobile Helpline" programme of the commission if immediate intervention is required, which dispatches a team of counsellors to reach the spot immediately and assist the victim.

If the complainant requires police assistance or ambulance, the call counsellor informs the Police Control Room and arranges a PCR van for her counsellor or if required, sends an ambulance service to the victim.

Traffic advisory issued ahead of I-Day event

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The Delhi Traffic Police on Saturday issued an advisory for the full dress rehearsal for the Independence Day function on August 13 to ensure smooth flow of vehicles.

Eight roads — Netaji Subhash Marg, Lothian Road, S.P Mukherjee Marg, Chandni Chowk Road, Nishad Raj Marg, Esplanade Road and its Link Road, Ring Road from Rajghat to ISBT, and Outer Ring Road from ISBT to IP Flyover — will be closed for the general public from 4 am to 11 am on Sunday, according to the advisory.

Vehicles that do not have parking labels for the rehearsal may avoid C-Hexagon, India Gate, Copernicus Marg, Mandi House, Sikandra Road, W Point, A point Tilak Marg, Mathura Road, BSZ Marg, Netaji Subhash Marg, J L Nehru Marg, Ring Road between Nizamuddin Khatta and ISBT Kashmere Gate, and Outer Ring Road from



Police personnel deployed near Red Fort ahead of Independence Day celebrations, in New Delhi on Friday

Nizamuddin Khatta to ISBT Kashmere Gate via Salimgarh bypass, the advisory said.

Commuters travelling from north Delhi to south Delhi and vice-versa will have to take alternative routes of Aurobindo Marg, Safdarjung Road, Kamal Ataturk Marg, Kautilya Marg, Mother Teresa Crescent, Park Street, Mandir Marg and Rani Jhansi Road to reach their destinations.

In the east-west corridor, vehicular traffic will follow alternative routes of NH-24, Nizamuddin Khatta, Barapula Road — under AIIMS Flyover, Ring Road, Mathura Road, Subramania Bharti Marg, Rajesh Pilot Marg, Prithviraj Road and Safdarjung Road, etc. And vice versa, it said, adding that Old Iron bridge and Geeta Colony bridge towards Shanti Van will be closed.

MCD launches citywide cleanliness drive

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) on Saturday started a citywide cleanliness drive with Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal saying the campaign will definitely be successful and make the national Capital neat and clean. A senior official said the drive began from a municipal ward and it will be taken forward in the coming days.

"Many many congratulations and best wishes for starting the mega cleanliness campaign by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) — ab Delhi hogi saaf. I have full hope that this campaign will definitely be successful and our Delhi will become neat and clean," Kejriwal said in a Hindi post on X, formerly known as Twitter. He was responding to a post by Durgesh Pathak, an AAP MLA and the MCD in-charge.

AAP is the governing party in the municipal corporation. Pathak said in his post on X, "For 15 years, the BJP had turned Delhi into a garbage dump. On the call of Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, all councillors and volunteers are now engaged in cleaning Delhi, along with MCD employees." "In this sequence, the AAP's councillor from Nand Nagri, Ramesh Kumar



Bisaiya, started a cleanliness drive in his ward on a war-footing. Soon we will make Delhi cleaner and cover every corner of Delhi," Pathak said in his post in Hindi.

There are 250 wards in the MCD, some located in densely populated areas. Taking a dig at the AAP ruled MCD, Delhi BJP Spokesperson Shikha Rai and Virendra Babbar have alleged that the sanitation system has been collapsed under the AAP regime.

"Before the AAP regime, there were only three landfill sites in the national capital, now today every intersection has mini mountains of garbage visible.

Transplantation of 96 trees for Rly approved

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Lieutenant Governor Vinay Kumar Saxena has given approval to transplant 96 trees for the construction of a multi-storey residential building of the Northern Railway at Arakpur in the Moti Bagh area and 107 trees for a Central Secretariat building at Ashoka Road. According to Raj Niwas officials, not a single tree is being felled for the projects.

"In addition to the transplantation, 960 and 1070 saplings of various plants are also being planted at the cost of the user agencies at Rampura, Shakur Basti and Madipur and NTPC Eco Park respectively. This compensatory plantation includes trees like Neem, Amaltas, Peepal, Palkhan, Gular, Bargad and Arjun," they said. The recommendation for transplantation has come within six months in case of Northern Railway



project and three months for Central Secretariat building from Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, the officials said. The railway project for construction of a multistorey residential building will cover 1.2669 hectares. The Central Secretariat building will come up at Plot No 138, measuring over 1.7765 hectares.

The applications of agencies concerned — the Ministry of Railways and the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs — were submitted on February 17 and May 10, respectively, according to the officials.

AAP Govt in Capital jhagdalu & nikammi, alleges BJP

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi BJP on Saturday hit out at the AAP government and said that it is a 'Jhagdalu' & 'Nikammi' government. It further said that the gazette notification of the GNCTD (Amendment) Act has brought relief to crores of Delhiites expecting to witness proper administration and development in the city.

"The gazette notification of GNCTD (Amendment) Act has brought relief for crores of

citizens of Delhi who now expect that the city will witness proper administration and development," Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva said.

Sachdeva alleged that Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's dharna at Rajpath in 2013 and at the LG office in 2018, and his "misbehaviour" with the chief secretary in 2018, are "glaring examples" of the AAP government's "misconduct". Delhi BJP secretary Bansuri Swaraj also slammed the AAP government and said that it is a

'Jhagdalu' & 'Nikammi' government. He also congratulated the President on the Delhi Services Bill and said that the national capital will now work in accordance with the law. "...Since 2015 the AAP govt made excuses for their inefficiency...It is a 'Jhagdalu' & 'Nikammi' government...I congratulate the President for passing the bill (Delhi Services Bill). Now that the bill is passed, the administration in Delhi will work in accordance with the law..." she said.

New Delhi: Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Saturday said the government is considering sending senior citizens to pilgrimage sites near the national Capital on luxury buses under the Mukhya Mantri Tirth Yatra (MMTY) Yojna. "More than 71,000 people from Delhi have gone on pilgrimages by 72 trains under the scheme so far.

I want every elderly person in Delhi to go on a pilgrimage but sometimes, trains are not available. So, luxury buses can be used to send people to nearby pilgrimage places like Ayodhya," Kejriwal said.

The chief minister met a group of people headed for a pilgrimage to Dwarkadhish Temple in Gujarat at the



Thyagraj Stadium and hand over their tickets to them. He asked them to seek blessings for Delhi and the country. This Yatra will be the 73rd journey and it will accommodate an additional 780 passengers who are scheduled to commence on August 12, 2023. As part of the Teerth-Yatra Yojna, an evening of soulful devotion comprising Bhajan 'Sandhya' was organised at Thyagraj Stadium. SR

Puri Construction booked for fake promise to homebuyers

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

An FIR has been registered on a complaint by a group of eight homebuyers with the Economic Offence Wing (EoW) of the Delhi Police against a realtor alleging it usurped their money through fraudulent practices.

One of the allegations was that the builder had promised flats facing scenic beauty but when the homebuyers visited the ready apartments, they were shocked to see that some of them faced a functional crematorium. However, the builder — Puri Construction — has denied all allegations. It claimed the complaint was false and the buyers have ulterior motives. Homebuyers

have accused the builder of misleading them with fraudulent intent while selling luxurious flats in an upcoming group housing complex 'Emerald Bay' in Sector 104 in Gurugram, Haryana in early 2013.

The project was supposed to have nine multi-storied towers, each consisting of 30 floors with facilities such as the top-of-a-line mega gym, floodlit tennis and badminton courts, meditation room, swimming pool, kids pool, multipurpose hall, skating park and a convenient shopping complex along with scenic beauties and landscaping equivalent to a seven-star hotel. With all these promised facilities, they claimed, the builder at the

time of collecting the booking amount in January 2013, presented a very attractive layout plan but all those turned out to be hollow promises when the project got ready.

The FIR citing the complaint alleges that even after spending several crores of rupees, these flats are not livable even after 10 years due to pathetic location, lack of basic amenities such as water, sanitation etc and poor quality of construction.

An official spokesperson from Puri Construction refuted the allegations and said that the project, which was completed and received an occupation certificate in 2018, has over 350 families residing at present.

Maha poll circles abuzz after Sharad-Ajit secret meeting

PTI ■ PUNE

NCP president Sharad Pawar and his deputy chief minister nephew Ajit Pawar, who heads the group of rebel MLAs of the party, are believed to have met at the residence of a businessman in Pune on Saturday, sparking a buzz in Maharashtra political circles.

Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) leader Amol Mitkari said, "It could be a family meeting between the two leaders".

Visuals aired by regional news channels showed Sharad Pawar arriving at the residence of the businessman in Koregaon Park area at around 1 pm. He left by around 5 pm. After nearly two hours, Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar was seen leaving the premises in a car at 6:45 pm while apparently trying to avoid cameras. The visuals showed the car brushing the gate.

Maharashtra NCP president (Pawar faction) Jayant Patil is also believed to have



attended the meeting.

Sharad Pawar and Ajit Pawar were in Pune on Saturday to attend various programmes separately.

BJP MLA Atul Bhatkalkar said, "It is better to ask them (the Pawars and Jayant Patil) what transpired during the meeting".

Sharad Pawar and Ajit Pawar are family members, he added.

In a sudden development that stunned political circles in Maharashtra last month, Ajit Pawar took oath as the deputy chief minister in the Shiv Sena-BJP government. The eight MLAs of NCP supporting him took oath as ministers.

Out of 54 MLAs, the exact number of legislators supporting the groups led by the Pawar senior and Ajit Pawar is not known.

Independence Day, G20: NSG commandos undertake security drills CAPF VIP security teams reach Delhi

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Black cat commandos of the National Security Guard conducted security drills over the last few weeks to effectively secure the national capital during the upcoming Independence Day celebrations and the G20 Leaders' Summit scheduled next month, officials said on Saturday.

A contingent of about 500 commandos, snipers and VIP security personnel drawn from various Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) have been stationed in Delhi as part of the overall protection grid being laid by the central security and intelligence setup in view of the two events.

"The National Security Guard (NSG) conducted aerial insertion drills at multiple locations in Delhi to fine-tune security preparedness for Independence Day and other



upcoming international events.

"Multiple contingencies were rehearsed involving other stakeholders to strengthen the response mechanism," the federal counter-terrorist force said on its official handle at X (formerly Twitter).

A senior officer told PTI that multiple House Intervention Teams (HITs), snipers, K9 (canine) and bomb detection and disposal teams of the 'black cats' commandos force rehearsed these drills over the last few weeks, including air dropping of soldiers from a helicopter near the Akshardham temple in east Delhi.

All set for Sept 5 bypoll from Puthuppalli

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

Battle lines have been drawn for the September 5 by-election from Puthuppalli assembly constituency to fill the vacancy caused by the demise of Oommen Chandi, former Chief Minister of Kerala.

The congress recently announced that Chandhi Oommen, son of Oommen Chandi, as the party's candidate for the by-poll. The CPI-M on Saturday declared that Jaick C Thomas as its candidate. While Chandhi Oommen would have his first outing in electoral politics, Thomas, a 33-year old former SFI leader is trying his luck for the third time. In the 2021 assembly election; he gave a tough fight to Oommen Chandi, who opted for a sedate campaign on account of his failing health.

"There is no doubt about our victory. Jaick C Thomas is going to be the winner this time. The political scenario is favorable for us," said M V Govindan.

Rahul recounts harrowing experiences during visit to violence-hit Manipur

PTI ■ WAYANAD

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Saturday recounted the harrowing experience he had encountered during his visit to violence-hit Manipur and said during his 19 years of political life, he had never come across such a situation.

Blaming the BJP for creating the deep division in the northeastern state, he said it may take at least five years to bring Manipur back on its feet.

Narrating the story of two women he had met in relief camps in the strife-torn state, Gandhi said one of them recollected how her son was murdered right in front of her eyes.

"One of the women, when I entered the room, was lying on the floor alone. Everyone else had some family member, but this lady was lying alone. So, I asked her about her family. She told me that she does not have anyone left," Gandhi told a public meeting in Kalpetta here.

The meeting was organised by the Congress-led UDF alliance to welcome Gandhi on his first visit to Wayanad after his Lok Sabha membership was restored.

The Wayanad MP said that when he asked the woman what happened to her family, she did not answer for some time.

"She went quiet and didn't say anything. So, I held her hand and asked what had happened to her. She said to me - I was sleeping in my village, and I was sleeping in my house with my little son. My son was killed in front of my eyes. They shot him right in front of my eyes, and then I spent the whole night lying next to my son's corpse," Gandhi said recollecting the woman's agony.

Her son died in her arms and she did not know whether



to stay with the dead body or run away to save herself, the former AICC president said, adding, "After some time, she decided that her son was not going to come back. She described how she escaped... how she was shot at. And all this time, she was shaking while talking to me."

Gandhi posed a question to the people if something so painful has happened to our mothers, sisters, or any other women sitting here.

"Her house was burnt. She had lost everything and only had a picture of her son," he said.

Sharing a similar story of another Manipuri woman, Gandhi said he was giving only two examples, but there were thousands of people who suffered such a fate in the northeastern state.

"She could see the images of her experience in her mind. I was imagining how I would feel if this happened to my mother or sister. She could not bear what she saw in her mind and fell unconscious. This is what the women of Manipur have experienced," he said.

"I've been in politics for 19 years, and I've never experienced what I experienced in Manipur," said Gandhi, recalling his visit to Manipur in June to the people displaced by the ethnic strife there.

"Somebody's family members have been murdered; somebody's house has been burnt. It is as if somebody threw kerosene on Manipur and set it on fire," he said.

Modi slams Opp, hails...

From Page 1 He highlighted the tactics employed by the ruling party, accusing them of intimidating voters and creating an atmosphere of fear.

"The BJP candidates were stopped from filing nominations, voters and party workers were threatened s, and TMC workers even resorted to booth capturing, Modi said.

"This is their way of doing politics in the State," the Prime Minister said, further alleging that TMC had contracted goons to seize control of polling booths on the day of vote counting. During this crucial period, he claimed that BJP members were forcibly ejected from their offices, preventing them from overseeing the counting process.

Despite these challenges, Modi emphasised the BJP's triumph, which led the TMC to stage rallies against the successful BJP candidates.

"The party had given a contract to goons and asked them to capture booths on the vote counting day. During the counting of the votes, the

TMC forced BJP members out of office and did not let them even watch. When BJP won despite all this, they took out rallies against our members," the Prime Minister said.

The Panchayat elections in West Bengal took place on July 8, and the subsequent vote counting for 63,229 Gram Panchayat seats occurred on July 11.

Modi slammed the Opposition for walking out of the Lok Sabha in the midst of his speech on the no-confidence motion. He accused the Opposition of succumbing to fear, suggesting that their "ghamandiya" (arrogance) had caused them to shy away from casting votes in the motion they had initiated.

"We defeated the Opposition's no-confidence motion in Parliament and gave a befitting reply to those spreading negativity in the entire nation. The members of the Opposition left Parliament mid-way. The truth is that they were scared of voting on the no-confidence motion," Modi stated.

Anwaar-ul Haq Kakar is Pak caretaker...

From Page 1 "LA (inshallah) will do the best which will be in favour of Pakistan."

Speaking to the media, Opposition leader Riaz said: "We decided that the interim prime minister would be from a smaller province".

He said that Kakar's name was suggested by him which was approved. President Arif Alvi approved the appointment of Kakar as the caretaker prime minister under Article 224(1A) of the Constitution.

Sharif also thanked Riaz for his cooperation during the consultation process and for his excellent leadership of the Opposition during the past 16

months. Former information minister Marriyum Aurangzeb also confirmed that Kakar emerged as a consensus candidate during a discussion between the prime minister and the opposition leader.

Kakar was elected to the Senate in 2018 and has been a very active politician. He has also served as the spokesperson of the Balochistan provincial government prior to his election to the upper house.

Born in 1971 in the Muslim Bagh area of Qila Saifullah district of Balochistan. He holds a Master's degree in Political Science, Sociology and is an alumnus of the University of Balochistan.

Delhi Services...

From Page 1 The Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Act aims to enhance ease of business by decriminalising minor offenses through amendments in 183 provisions across 42 Acts. The Act transforms several fines into penalties, eliminating the necessity for court prosecution to administer punishments. It also eliminates imprisonment as a penalty for numerous offenses.

Overall, your writing is informative and well-structured. I've made some grammatical edits to enhance the flow and clarity of the text.



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Suspended MPs can't attend Pari meetings of their party

'Can Parliamentary majority be used to weaponise suspension from the House?'

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Congress leader in Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury and some other MPs suspended from Parliament will not be able to attend the meetings of parliamentary committees of which they are a member or chairperson till their suspension is revoked.

Chowdhury, who heads the all-important Public Accounts Committee, will not be able to take part in its meeting. Similarly, he will not be allowed in the meetings of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs of which he is a member till his suspension continues.

He is also a member of the business advisory committee of the Lok Sabha, the General Purposes Committee, the Parliamentary Budget Committee and the Consultative Committee on Defence.

"I will not be able to attend the meetings of any of the parliamentary panels as I stand suspended from the Lok Sabha," Chowdhury told PTI.



He, however, said that he is actively considering moving court against his suspension and talks are underway with legal experts in this regard. Chowdhury was suspended from Lok Sabha on August 10, for "repeated misconduct", pending an investigation by the privileges committee.

Sources said that Chowdhury will, however, be able to attend the meetings of the various government selection panels in which he is a member as the leader of the principal opposition party in the Lok Sabha.

Chowdhury is a member of the panels for the selection of the CBI chief, the Chief Information Commissioner, the Central Vigilance Commissioner, the Chief Election Commissioner and the Election Commissioners.

He is also a member of the selection panels for Lokpal and all awards presented by the Ministry of Culture, including

the Gandhi Peace Prize. A noted lawyer said Chowdhury continues to be a leader of the principal opposition party and so he can continue to attend the meetings of government panels.

His party colleague Manish Tewari said Chowdhury's suspension from the House "is a fit case for moving court".

Tewari said Article 105 (1) of the Constitution guarantees the freedom of speech and expression of MPs in Parliament subject to the rules and procedures of the House.

He said these privileges were examined by the court in the JMM bribery case and in the Raja Rampal case, where "the Supreme Court has said that a limited review of the actions of proceedings of Parliament is possible" by the court.

"The Speaker has not suspended Chowdhury using his powers.

"The MPs have been suspended through a resolution

adopted by the house because of the majority that the ruling party enjoys," he said.

"Can Parliamentary majority be used to weaponise suspension from the House, even when the privileges committee is determining whether they have committed any violation of the rules, when it is under examination and it is yet to give a report, which will be voted upon after discussion in the House," Tewari told PTI.

He alleged, "What is being done is totally arbitrary and unconstitutional as the tyranny of a majority is being used to suspend MPs. This is absolutely a fit case to move court."

Tewari, himself a lawyer, said, "If the ruling party is going to suspend everyone who speaks against them, then what happens to the privileges of an MP?"

Similarly, other MPs will also not be able to attend the meetings of various Parliamentary Committees.

Modi far ahead of Rahul in social media interactions: BJP

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The reach of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's social media engagements is much more than Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's, BJP sources said on Saturday as the two parties push their campaign on various online platforms in the run up to the 2024 Lok Sabha polls.

Sharing data, they said Modi's account on X, formerly known as Twitter, received approximately 79.9 lakh engagements in the past one month while Gandhi's handle received approximately 23.43 lakh engagements.

Modi's account had approximately 2.77 crore engagements in the last three months, while Gandhi's handle received approximately 58.23 lakh engagements in the same period, they claimed.

On Facebook, Modi's account received approximately 57.89 lakh engagements in the last one month while Gandhi's account had approximately 28.38 lakh engagements, BJP sources said.

The prime minister's Facebook account received approximately 3.25 crore engagements this year, while the figure was 1.88 crore for Gandhi during the period.

On YouTube, they said Modi's channel gained approx-



imately 25.46 crore views in the past one month while the Congress leader's channel on the platform gained approximately 4.82 crore views.

In this year so far, Modi's YouTube channel gained approximately 75.79 crore views while Gandhi's channel gained approximately 25.38 crore views.

'National Media Library treasure trove for medical students, researchers'

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

To reach out to medical faculty and research students living in remote areas, the Union Ministry has expanded its ERMED consortium access facility by making the metadata of books and medical journals to at least 74 select government institutes, including 14 AIIMS and even AYUSH research colleges across the country.

This was shared by Minister of State for Health Bharati Pravin Pawar recently after inaugurating the National Conference on Electronic Resources in Medicine (ERMED) Consortium: Empowering Libraries for Digital Health Transformation at the National Media Library (NML) here.

Accentuating the importance and impact of NML, Pawar stated that "now faculty and research students living in remote areas are also taking advantage of e-Resources of NML, the metadata of books and journals of NML that have been uploaded on NIC's cloud software eGranthalaya and is easily searchable by information seekers".

The NML's e-Resources such as eBooks, eJournals, clinical cases, high resolution images are available through ERMED consortium with member institutions. The Minister of State suggested

that more medical eResources should be included in the ERMED consortium that is accessible to all. "The world of medicine is constantly evolving, driven by groundbreaking discoveries, new technologies, and advances in patient care... Continuous learning is not just an option, but a responsibility that every healthcare professional must shoulder," she said adding that the pursuit of knowledge is beneficial not only for patient care but also for personal and professional development.

Later, NML Director Dr (Prof) B Srinivas said that an additional achievement for the institute is the provision of free access medicine database published by McGraw Hill for all ERMED consortium members. "This further enhances the wealth of available resources.

"Also, since April, the remote access facility for NML resources has been made available through the MyLoft app. This feature enables members to access desired information from distant locations in Delhi and NCR," he added.

With over 7.5 lakh volumes of books, reports, bound volume of journals and other literature, adding latest books and serials every year, the NML is a treasure trove for medical students and researchers. It also subscribes to 1500 current periodicals. The library has good collection of 19th century literature.

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Extract of the statement of Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter ended June 30, 2023

Sl. No.	Particulars	(Rs. In Lacs)		
		Quarter Ended 6/30/2023 (UN-Audited)	Quarter Ended 6/30/2022 (UN-Audited)	Year Ended 31-03-2023 (Audited)
1.	Total Income from operations	21.67	34.37	114.8
2.	Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax	50.85	-9.61	-19.67
3.	Net Profit / Loss, for the period after tax	48.47	-11.88	-28.57
4.	Equity Share Capital	1303.4	1303.4	1303.40
5.	Reserves excluding Revaluation Reserve	-	-	53.85
6.	Earnings Per Share (EPS) (of Rs. 2/- each)			
	Basic	0.07	-0.02	-0.04
	Diluted	0.07	-0.02	-0.04

Note: 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 the Quarterly Financial Results is available on the Website of Bombay Stock Exchange at www.bseindia.com & on Company website at www.cubical90.com.

By Order of the Board of Directors for CUBICAL FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED
 ASHWANI KUMAR GUPTA
 MANAGING DIRECTOR
 DATED: 12TH AUGUST, 2023
 PLACE: DELHI
 DIN-0034816

India, UAE conduct 3-day Naval exercise

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

In an effort to further strengthen their bilateral defence ties, India and United Arab Emirates (UAE) carried out a three-day naval exercise culminating Saturday in Dubai. Two frontline Indian warships

including INS Visakhapatnam and INS Trikand took part in the drill.

Giving details here, Navy officials said two ships under the command of Rear Admiral Vineet McCarty, Flag Officer Commanding Western Fleet (FOCWF), arrived at Port Rashid, Dubai on August eight

to participate in the bilateral Naval Maritime Partnership Exercise with the UAE Navy.

After two days of detailed planning, the two navies conducted the bilateral Maritime Partnership Exercise on Saturday aimed to enhance the interoperability and synergy between the two navies by cross training on tactics, techniques and procedures while developing stronger professional bonds.



Navy personnel during the India-UAE bilateral Naval Maritime Partnership Exercise PTI Photo

During his visit, Rear Admiral McCarty met Brigadier Abdullah Farj Al Mehairbi, Deputy Commander of UAE Naval Forces at Abu Dhabi Naval Command. They agreed on increasing the interaction

between the two Navies in order to jointly tackle the common challenges of piracy, smuggling, human trafficking, enhance maritime security and undertake joint humanitarian assistance and disaster relief operations, should the need arise. McCarty also called on Sunjay Sudhir, Ambassador of India to the UAE and updated him on the scope and conduct of the exercise and the road map of navy to navy coopera-

tion between India and UAE. The Ambassador highlighted that the presence of these two ships for the naval exercise is an indication of growing defence relations with UAE guided by the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership between the two countries.

INS Visakhapatnam, commanded by Captain Ashok Rao, is one of the largest operational destroyers in Indian Navy and is a completely indigenous warship made by the Mazagon Docks Limited. INS Trikand, commanded by Captain Pramod G Thomas, is an advance stealth frigate commissioned in 2013.

The ship is a contemporary warship with state-of-the-art technology incorporated in every facet of its design to make the ship stable, stealthier, fast and formidable.

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INFORMATION REGARDING 41st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) OF KOVALAM INVESTMENT AND TRADING COMPANY LIMITED TO BE HELD THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCING (VC)/ OTHER AUDIO VISUAL MEANS (OAVM).

NOTICE is hereby given that the 41st Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Shareholders of Kovalam Investment and Trading Company Limited (the Company) will be held on Monday, the 25th day of September, 2023 at 04:00 P.M. through Video Conferencing (VC)/ Other Audio Visual Means (OAVM) in compliance with applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and rules issued thereunder read with General Circular numbers 14/2020, 17/2020, 20/2020, 02/2021, 19/2021, 21/2021, 21/2022 and 2/2022 dated April 09, 2020, April 13, 2020, May 05, 2020, January 13, 2021, December 08, 2021, December 14, 2021, May 05, 2022 and December 23, 2022 respectively, issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs ("MCA") (hereinafter collectively referred to as "MCA Circulars") and Circular numbers SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD1/CIR/P/2020/79 dated May 12, 2020, SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD2/CIR/P/2021/11 dated January 15, 2021, SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD2/CIR/P/2022/62 dated May 13, 2022 and SEBI/HO/CFD/PoD-2/CIR/2023/4 dated January 5, 2023 issued by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) (hereinafter collectively referred to as "SEBI Circulars"), to transact the businesses, as set out in the Notice convening the 41st AGM of the Company.

In addition to the above circulars, the electronic copies of the Notice of the 41st AGM and Annual Report of the Company for the financial year 2022-2023 will be sent to all the shareholders whose email IDs are registered with the Company/Company's Registrar and Transfer Agent or Depository Participant(s). The Notice of the 41st AGM and Annual Report for the financial year 2022-2023, will also be available on the website of the Company at www.owmnahar.com and website of Stock Exchange i.e. BSE Limited at www.bseindia.com. Shareholders can attend and participate in the AGM through VC/OAVM facility only. The instructions for joining the AGM are provided in the notice of AGM. Members attending the meeting through VC/OAVM shall be counted for the purpose of reckoning the quorum under Section 103 of the Companies Act, 2013.

Manner of voting at the AGM:
 Shareholders will have an opportunity to cast their votes remotely or e-voting during the AGM on the businesses to set forth in the Notice of the AGM through electronic voting system. The manner of voting remotely or e-voting during the AGM for shareholders holding shares in dematerialized form, physical form and for shareholders who have not registered their email addresses shall be provided in the Notice convening the AGM.

Manner of registering/updating email addresses:
 • Shareholders holding shares in physical form and who have not registered/updated their email addresses with the Company are requested to register/update their email addresses by sending a duly signed request letter in Form SR-1 along with supporting documents to Company's Registrar and Transfer Agent i.e. Alankrit Assignments Limited at rta@ankrit.com or Alankrit House, #52, Jhandewalan Extension, New Delhi-110 055 by providing Folio No. and Name of the Shareholder and a self-attested copy of the PAN Card.
 • Shareholders holding shares in dematerialized form are requested to register/update their email addresses with the relevant Depository Participant(s).
 The above information is being issued for the benefit of all the Shareholders of Company and is in compliance with the MCA Circulars and SEBI Circulars.

For Kovalam Investment and Trading Company Limited
 Sd/-
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 Date: August 12, 2023
 Place: Ludhiana
 Company Secretary

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STATEMENT OF UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULT FOR THE FIRST QUARTER ENDED 30th JUNE 2023 (₹ in Lakhs)

Sl. No.	Particulars	Current Quarter ended 30.06.2023 (Unaudited)	Corresponding Quarter ended 31.03.2023 (Audited)	Previous 3 Months ended 30.06.2022 (Unaudited)	Previous year ended 31.03.2023 (Audited)
1.	Total income from operations (net)	7.95	1594.66	7.95	1618.01
2.	Net Profit / (Loss) from ordinary activities after tax	(10.29)	1576.64	(13.81)	1536.36
3.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Extraordinary items)	(10.29)	1576.64	(13.81)	1536.36
4.	Equity Share Capital	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00
5.	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve as shown in the Balance Sheet of previous year)	0.00	0.00	0.00	4103.36
6.	Earnings Per Share (before extraordinary items) (of Rs. 10/- each)				
	Basic :	(0.17)	26.28	(0.23)	25.61
	Diluted:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7.	Earnings Per Share (after extraordinary items) (of Rs. 10/- each)				
	Basic :	(0.17)	26.28	(0.23)	25.61
	Diluted:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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 the Quarterly Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange websites of BSE and also on company's website at www.keycorpdt.com.
 2. Above results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the board of directors of the company at its meeting held on 12.08.2023. The Statutory Auditor of the company have carried out a limited review of accounts of the company for the first quarter ended 30th June, 2023.

By Order of the Board (G.D. Maheshwari)
 Director
 Place: Kanpur
 Date: 12.08.2023
 DIN 00235209

Chidiyamod-Barbet Link road opened

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

In a significant step towards enhancing border security and infrastructure, Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday laid the foundation stone for a Mooring Place at Koteswar, Kutch for the Border Security Force (BSF) and inaugurated the newly constructed Chidiyamod-Barbet Link Road and Observation Post Tower at Border Post No. 1164 in Harami Nala area.

The Mooring Place project, with an outlay of Rs 257 crore, stands unveiled as a testament to the government's unwavering commitment to bolster the capabilities of the border guarding forces, the BSF said in a statement. "The strategically located Mooring Place, spanning over an area of 60 acres, serves as a crucial infrastructure for BSF Water Vessels in the Creek region. This



state-of-the-art facility will facilitate maritime security operations in the Creek area and significantly improve the availability of resources for BSF personnel deployed in the region," it said. The Minister also inaugurated Chidiyamod-Barbet Link Road and an OP Tower near BP No. 1164 in Harami Nala area. The construction of Link Road marks an important milestone in improving the accessibility and con-

nectivity to border areas, the paramilitary said. This newly constructed 28.2 Km road by CPWD at a cost of Rs 106.2 crores is set to facilitate smoother movement of personnel and resources, thereby contributing to enhanced border management and security operations.

OP Tower at BP 1164 in Harami Nala built at cost of Rs 3 crores will ensure round the clock presence of BSF, strengthen security and make this area impenetrable.

Speaking at the event, the Minister emphasized the government's dedication to ensuring the safety and security of the borders. He further said, Mooring Place at Koteswar will help in upkeep and maintenance of BSF Floating border outposts (BOPs) and water vessels and enable availability of these assets for round the clock surveillance and operations in the inaccessible creeks.

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NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING (E-Tendering)
Short Term E-TENDER NOTICE

The superintending Engineer, 1st Circle, PWD Almora invites tender through E-Tendering (Two Bid System) on behalf of Honourable Governor of Uttarakhand for following works. All other information will be available from dated 14/08/2023 & onwards on website <http://www.uktenders.gov.in>

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Cost of Tender Form	Earnest Money (Rupee in lakh)	Validity of Tender	Time of Completion	Contractor's Category of Registration for tendering
1	Provincial Division PWD Almora Damrikaran work in Majkhali - Sunderkhal - Bituliya Motor Road under Someshwar Constituency in District Almora. Length 3.00 Km.	₹ 5000.00 + 18% GST	₹ 3.51 Lakh	60 Days	15 Months (including Raining /Winter Season)	Registration under State/ Central Govt. in Category "B" & Higher in Road work
2	Provincial Division PWD Almora Construction of a Heliport near Majkhali in Ranikhet District Almora.	₹ 5000.00 + 18% GST	₹ 3.75 Lakh	60 Days	12 Months (including Raining /Winter Season)	-Do-

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Shailendra Muthu S/o Late Sh. Kanwal Krishen Muthu R/o Flat no. C-103, Trinity Towers, DLF City Phase-V, Gurugram, Haryana declare that my father namely Late Sh. Kanwal Krishen Muthu S/o Late Sh. Dwanika Nath Muthu expired on 23rd October 2022 and he had left behind only the following legal heirs:-

1. Kamlesh Muthu (Wife)
2. Sharika Muthu (Daughter)
3. Shailendra Muthu (Son)

There are no other legal heirs of my father except the above-mentioned legal heirs.

The above-mentioned Legal Heirs of the Late Sh. Kanwal Krishen Muthu are desirous of obtaining a Legal Heir Certificate from the Tehsildar, Wazirabad, Gurugram, Haryana.

If anyone is having any objections regarding the above in that event he/she can raise objections within 30 days from the date of the publication of this notice in the office of Tehsildar, Wazirabad, Gurugram, Haryana.

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ED files charges against ex-executive engineer Samastipur, 4 others

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has filed a Prosecution Complaint or charge sheet before the Special Court Patna, Bihar against Sanjay Kumar Singh, the then Executive Engineer, PHED, Samastipur and four others co-accused persons in a disproportionate asset (DA) case.

Besides Singh, the four others named in the chargesheet are Pushpa Singh, Abhishek Ashish, Anunay Ashish and Ambika Prasad Singh. The court has taken cognizance of the chargesheet on Thursday, the ED said in a statement on Saturday. The ED initiated money laundering investigation on the basis of a charge-sheet in the FIR filed by

during the period July 15, 1987 to September 4, 2013 in his name, in the name of his wife Pushpa Singh, his sons Abhishek Ashish Anunay Ashish besides his father Ambika Prasad Singh. "The disproportionate assets amounting to Rs 1.83 crore have been acquired through corrupt and illegal means, by abusing his position as a public servant in violation of various sections of the Prevention of Corruption Act," the agency said.

Provisional Attachment Order dated March 21, 2022 was issued for attachment of properties worth Rs 1.48 crore which was confirmed by Adjudicating Authority, New Delhi through an order dated August 29 last year.

Russia downs 20 Ukrainian drones over Crimea

AP ■ KYIV
Russia thwarted an attack by 20 Ukrainian drones targeting Moscow-annexed Crimea overnight, the Russian Defence Ministry said on Saturday.
Fourteen drones were shot down by Russian air defences and a further six were jammed electronically, the ministry said in a Telegram post.
No casualties or damage were reported. Kyiv officials neither confirmed nor denied Ukraine's involvement in the attacks.



Shortly after reporting the downing of the two Ukrainian missiles, Aksyonov said Russian air defense had shot down another missile over the Kerch Strait.
The bridge connecting Crimea and Russia across the Kerch Strait carries heavy significance for Moscow, both logistically and psychologically, as a key artery for military and civilian supplies and as an assertion of Kremlin control of the peninsula it illegally annexed in 2014.

Last week, a Ukrainian sea drone hit a Russian tanker near the bridge last month killed a couple and seriously wounded their daughter, leaving a span of the roadway hanging perilously.
The damage appeared to be less severe than that caused by an assault in October, but it again highlighted the bridges' vulnerability.

The attempted drone and missile attacks follow three consecutive days of drone attacks on the Russian capital, Moscow.
Firing drones at Russia, after more than 17 months of war, has little apparent military value for Ukraine but the strategy has served to unsettle Russians and bring home to them the conflict's consequences.

Drone attacks have increased in recent weeks both on Moscow and on Crimea, which Russia annexed from Ukraine in 2014 — a move that most of the world considered illegal.
Elsewhere, Russia claimed Saturday it had regained control of the village of Urozhaine in Ukraine's easternmost Luhansk region in an overnight counterattack.
A 73-year-old woman was

killed early Saturday morning in Russian shelling of Ukraine's northeastern Kharkiv region, according to regional Gov. Oleh Syniehubov.
Ukrainian internal affairs minister Ihor Klymenko said a police officer was killed and 12 people wounded when a guided Russian aerial bomb hit the city of Orikhiv in Ukraine's partially occupied southern Zaporizhzhia region. Four of the wounded were also police officers, he said.

Local officials said explosions rang out Saturday morning in the central Ukrainian city of Kryvyi Rih, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's hometown, but that there were no known casualties.
On Ukraine's Black Sea coast, the city of Odesa opened several beaches for the first time since Russia launched its full-scale invasion in February 2022. Odesa Gov Oleh Kiper said that six beaches were open, but he stressed that accessing beaches during air raid alerts was forbidden.

The strategic port and key hub for exporting grain has been subject to repeated missile and drone attacks — particularly since Moscow cancelled a landmark grain deal last month amid Kyiv's grinding efforts to retake its occupied territories — while Russian mines have regularly washed up on the city's beaches.

Nepal ready to supply tomatoes to India

Kathmandu (PTI): Nepal is ready to export tomatoes to India in bulk on a long-term basis to quell the skyrocketing prices but has sought easy access to the market and other necessary facilities.
The neighbouring country's assurance came after Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman told Parliament on Thursday that India has started importing tomatoes from Nepal amid a record-high spike in prices in the country.
India is importing tomatoes for the first time due to high retail prices of around Rs 242 per kg amid supply disruptions caused by heavy rains.
Nepal is desirous to export vegetables, such as tomatoes, on a long-term basis to India, but for that India has to provide easy access to its market and other necessary facilities, Agriculture Ministry spokesperson Shabnam Shivakoti told PTI here on Friday.

Though Nepal has already started exporting tomatoes to India through official channels a week ago, it is not in big quantities, she said.
Arrangements are yet to be made for large-scale export of tomatoes, she added.
Echoing her voice, Binaya Shrestha, Deputy Director at Kalimati Fruits and Vegetable Market Development Board, said, "If we are provided with easy access to the Indian market, Nepal can export huge quantities of tomatoes to India."

Dispute over authenticity of US media's cable in Pak

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD
The authenticity of the purported text of a secret diplomatic cable, detailing a meeting held last year between Pakistan's then-ambassador to the US and senior State Department officials, seems to have become a massive bone of contention, a media report said on Saturday.
While Pakistan's Foreign Office has refrained from commenting on the leaks, an artful diplomatic comment by US State Department spokesperson Matthew Miller during a recent briefing has piqued interest in the question of the purported leak's provenance.
US-based news outlet The Intercept, which earlier this week reproduced what it claimed was the cipher in question, said in its report that the document was provided to it by "an anonymous source in the Pakistani military who said that they had no ties to Imran Khan or Khan's party".
However, many people — mostly Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party chief Imran Khan's critics — insist that the leak could only have come from the PTI.

Khan, 70, is currently serving a three-year jail term after he was sentenced by a court in a corruption case last week.
The purported cipher (secret diplomatic cable) contained an account of a meeting between US State Department officials, including Assistant Secretary of State for the

Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs Donald Lu, and Pakistani envoy Asad Majeed Khan last year.

Even the outgoing foreign minister, Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari, believes that the document published by The Intercept was "inauthentic". Pointing to the timing of the purported leak, he told the Dawn newspaper that the military did not even have access to the diplomatic cable.
The Foreign Office follows a "very strict protocol" and shares such cables only with the prime minister, the foreign minister, the head of the country's spy agency, and a few others, Bhutto-Zardari said, adding that all cables are then returned to the Foreign Office.

Bhutto-Zardari also echoed the suspicions voiced by this cabinet colleague — outgoing interior minister Rana Sanaullah — saying that only one copy of the cable had gone missing, "the one given to the then PM (Imran Khan), who even told the media he lost it".
"So, either the leak is fake, or it came from (Imran). Perhaps, Khan said to his supporters that if I go to jail, leak this cable to claim I went to jail because America wanted it. And if it came from him, then it's a clear violation of the Official Secrets Act and he should be tried for it."

Bhutto-Zardari also noted that the publishers had not shown anything so far to authenticate the purported leak.

HC directs jail to provide facilities to Imran Khan

Islamabad (PTI): The Islamabad High Court (IHC) on Saturday directed the Attock Jail administration to provide former prime minister Imran Khan with "appropriate medical facilities" and allow him to meet his friends and family according to law. "He (the former prime minister) may also be provided with the prayer mat and English version of the Holy Quran," the court said.

Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chief Khan was on August 5 declared guilty by a trial court here of "corrupt practices" in the Toshakhana case for concealing details of state gifts. The 70-year-old leader was sentenced to three years in prison and was soon arrested and taken to the Attock Jail in Punjab province.

The trial court had ordered the Islamabad police chief to arrest Khan but he was instead arrested by the Lahore police.
Moreover, the court had ordered the Adiala Jail superintendent to receive Khan but the former premier was taken to the Attock Jail. The former prime minister was given B-Class facilities by the Punjab prisons department. His lawyers however claimed that he was being kept in "distressing conditions" and was provided "C-Class jail facilities".

The cricketer-turned-politician had subsequently moved the Islamabad High Court seeking his transfer from Attock Jail to a better class in Adiala Jail of Rawalpindi.

WORLD BRIEFS

PAK POLICE ARREST 21 TERRORISTS FROM PUNJAB PROVINCE

Lahore: Pakistan's law enforcement agencies on Saturday arrested 21 terrorists including 13 commanders of Daesh (ISIS) and Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) from the country's Punjab province. "The CTD in collaboration with police and intelligence agencies arrested 21 terrorists from different cities of Punjab and shifted them to undisclosed locations for interrogation," the Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) of Punjab police said in a statement. The terrorists had planned to target important installations and law enforcement personnel, it said. Out of 21 terrorists arrested, 13 belong to TTP and ISIS. "Initial investigation shows out of the 13 commanders, nine of them belong to TTP and four belong to ISIS," it said. The terrorists had been arrested from Lahore, Attock, Jehlum, Rawalpindi, Sahiwal, Rawalpindi, DG Khan, Muzaffarnagar and Layyah districts of Punjab. The CTD said a huge quantity of explosives, a number of hand grenades, detonators and literature of banned organisations have been recovered from their possession. Hundreds of alleged terrorists of TTP and ISIS have been nabbed this year after the truce between the Pakistan government and TTP ended in November last year. The attacks on security forces have seen a rise in the country after the truce ended.

POPE CONDEMNS ASSASSINATION OF ECUADORIAN PREZ CANDIDATE

Rome: Pope Francis on Saturday strongly condemned the "unjustifiable" assassination of an Ecuadorian presidential candidate and urged all Ecuadorians to work together for peace. History's first Latin American pope sent a telegram of condolence following the brazen assassination of Fernando Villavicencio at a political rally Wednesday in the capital Quito. The killing of a figure whose life work was fighting crime and corruption has focused global attention on Ecuador's wave of violent deaths and the country's vulnerability to crime. The Argentine Jesuit pope, who visited Ecuador in 2015 in one of the first trips of his pontificate, said he was praying for Villavicencio's family and all Ecuador's people.

WOMAN FATALLY SHOT AT HOME DEPOT STORE IN FLORIDA

Pensacola: A man opened fire inside a Home Depot store in the Florida Panhandle on Friday, killing a woman, authorities said. Deputies and police officers responding to the store in Pensacola found the woman fatally shot, the Escambia County Sheriff's Office said in a social media post. The suspect was taken into custody a short time later, according to the sheriff's office. A spokesman for Home Depot said the woman was a third-party contractor. No further details were immediately provided.

CONNECTICUT POLICE CHASE ENDS IN FATAL SHOOTING OF MAN

West Hartford: Body-camera video released on Friday shows the bloody end of a frenzied police chase in Connecticut, where a man trying to escape in a stolen car was attacked by a police dog, then killed by an officer inside the moving vehicle as he screamed for help. Tuesday's fatal shooting of Mike Alexander-Garcia, 34, is under investigation by Connecticut's Office of Inspector General, which released surveillance, dashboard and body-camera video from the scene. The chaotic sequence of events that led to the shooting started when West Hartford police received word that a stolen Hyundai Elantra had been spotted near a mall, officials said. Officers tried to stop the Elantra but it kept going and hit two cars, according to the inspector general's preliminary report. The Hyundai became disabled. Two men got out and ran.

INDIAN-ORIGIN MAN SENTENCED TO NEARLY 4 YEARS IN PRISON

New York: A 41-year-old Indian-origin man has been sentenced to nearly four years in prison after pleading guilty to possessing false identity documents and operating an unlicensed money transfer business that led to USD 1.5 million in losses to victims. Vimalkumar Trivedi of Plainfield, Indiana, was sentenced to 46 months in federal prison, a statement issued here on Friday said. US District Court Chief Judge Tanya Walton Pratt imposed the sentence and ordered Trivedi's supervision by the US Probation Office for three years following his release from federal prison. Authorities said Trivedi was part of an imposter scam that used scare tactics and identity theft to scam innocent victims out of hard-earned money. According to court documents, from April 2017 through April 2021, Trivedi defrauded multiple victims, including some elderly individuals, into sending cash to various locations, including Indianapolis, through courier services.

SEVEN KILLED AS MOSQUE COLLAPSES DURING PRAYERS

Abuja: A part of a mosque collapsed while hundreds of people were inside for prayers on Friday, and seven worshippers were killed, authorities said in northwestern Nigeria's Kaduna state. The Zaria Central Mosque is in Zaria, which is one of northern Nigeria's largest cities. "Twenty-three persons were affected and evacuated to the hospital by our fire servicemen," the state Emergency Management Agency said. State officials said the mosque was constructed in the 1830s, apparently recorded at the scene showed a wide opening where a part of the roof fell in. The victims were buried while prayers were held for them at the mosque. Kaduna Gov Uba Sani ordered an immediate investigation into the disaster and promised to assist those affected by the "heartbreaking incident." His office said an advance team was already in Zaria.

MUDSLIDE KILLS AT LEAST 2 IN CHINA

Beijing: A mudslide caused by torrential rains killed at least two people on the outskirts of Xi'an in western China, an official news agency said on Saturday, while some trains in the northeast were cancelled as a powerful storm lashed the region. Rescuers were looking for 16 missing people following Friday evening's mudslide in the village of Luanzhen, the Xinhua News Agency said. It said roads, bridges and power supplies were damaged. Parts of China suffer heavy rains and flooding every summer, but this year has been unusually severe in some areas, while other regions struggle with drought that is damaging crops. Elsewhere, some train services in Shenyang, the biggest city in China's northeast, and surrounding Liaoning province were suspended starting Saturday evening due to heavy rains caused by the remnants of Khanun, state TV reported.

IMF sets mid-Sept dates for Sri Lanka bailout review

PTI ■ COLOMBO

The IMF will conduct the first review of the USD 2.9 billion bailout to Sri Lanka from September 11-19, state minister of finance Ranjith Siyambalapatiya said on Saturday and declared that the country has successfully fulfilled the nine conditions set by the global lender.
Sri Lanka was hit by its worst economic crisis in history when the country's foreign exchange reserves fell to a critical low and the public came out on the streets to protest the fuel, fertilisers as well as essential commodities shortage.
The country has to finalise its external and domestic debt restructuring by September when the International Monetary Fund (IMF) carries out its first review of the USD 2.9 billion bailout granted in March this year.

The eight-day review is to happen from September 11 to 19, Siyambalapatiya said. The central bank, the ministry of finance and the minister of finance would be involved in the review. "We had to fulfil nine pre-conditions which we successfully did. The arrangement was for the release of 8 tranches until 2027," he said.
About USD 350 million would be made available to Sri Lanka after the September review, he said.

6 dead, dozens rescued from sinking migrant boat in the English Channel

AP ■ LONDON

Six people died and dozens were rescued when a boat carrying migrants capsized on Saturday in the English Channel, according to French authorities.
The Maritime Prefecture of the Channel and the North Sea reported about 50 people were rescued. Initial reports indicated that six of those rescued were in critical condition. One individual later died after being transported by helicopter to a Calais hospital, and an update confirmed the deaths of five others who were ferried to shore by boat.

"This morning, a migrant boat capsized off Calais," French Prime Minister Elisabeth Borne said on social media. "My thoughts are with the victims."
The deaths come as Britain's conservative ruling party has sought to stop crossings of small, often unseaworthy, boats with a variety of policies that have come under fire for failing to stem the flow of migrants.
French authorities noted a marked increase in attempted crossings from the coast since Thursday during the onset of milder weather. British authorities said 755 people crossed the channel in small boats on Thursday, the highest daily number this year.

Small boat arrivals are down 15 per cent from the number at this point last year. As of Thursday, 15,826 had been detected in the year to date, compared to 18,600 at this time last year.
Last year, five migrants died and four were reported missing while attempting to cross from the northern coast of France. In November 2021, a boat carrying migrants sank, resulting in the deaths of 27 individuals. The search and rescue operation on Saturday involved both British and French vessels, triggered by a report from a patrol boat about a migrant vessel in distress near Sangatte. Three French ships, a helicopter, and a plane canvassed the area and two British ships participated in the search.
Borne also mentioned that Sea Minister Hervé Berville is headed to the site to assist with the situation.
The incident is under investigation by the Boulogne prosecutor's office.

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EXTRACT OF STATEMENT OF STANDALONE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30.06.2023						
Sl. No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended		Year Ended		
		30.06.2023 Unaudited	31.03.2023 Audited	30.06.2022 Unaudited	31.03.2023 Audited	
1	Total Income from Operations	-	0.76	-	0.76	
2	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or extraordinary items)	-5.36	-1.48	-5.22	-11.92	
3	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or extraordinary items)	-5.36	-1.48	-5.22	-11.92	
4	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or extraordinary items)	-7.03	-1.13	3.39	-10.1	
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	5.29	8.83	4.22	5.36	
6	Equity Share Capital	300.89	300.89	300.89	300.89	
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the previous year	500.66	495.37	494.24	495.37	
8	Earning per Share (face Value of Rs. 10/- each)(not annualised)					
	1. Basic	-0.23	-0.04	-0.21	-0.34	
	2. Diluted	-0.23	-0.04	-0.21	-0.34	

NOTE:
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) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly/Annual financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange website www.bseindia.com. The same is also available on the Company's website www.jllcl.co.in
2. The above results duly reviewed by the Audit Committee, were approved by the Board of Directors in their meeting held on 12.08.2023.
Date: 12.08.2023
Place: New Delhi
For Jindal Leasefin Limited
Sd/-
(SURENDER KUMAR JINDAL)
Managing Director

Office of the Superintending Engineer 3rd Circle, Public Works Department, Pithoragarh Email : sepwppth@rediffmail.com

Letter No. : 4654 / 208C-03(Yata 'D')/2023 Dated : 11/08/2023
National Competitive E-Tender Notice
The Superintending Engineer, 3rd Circle, Public Works Department Pithoragarh invites tender through E-Tendering (Two Bid System) on behalf of Hon'ble Governor of Uttarakhand for following works. All other information will be available from date 18-08-2023 at 5.00 Pm onward on website <http://www.uktenders.gov.in>

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Earnest Money (in Lac)	Cost of Tender (₹)	Validity of Tender (day)	Period of Completion (months)	Contractor's Category of Registration
1	PD, PWD, Champawat Improvement work by CC interlocking tiles in full existing width of pre-built footpath from Laluvapani to Hingladevi in Champawat assembly of District Champawat under Honorable Chief Minister's announcement no. 874/2021 under state sector (Length 1.800 Km.)	3.43	5000.00 +G.S.T.	120	12	Category B & higher for road works, in state Govt./ Govt. of India

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Extract of Statement of Un-audited Financial Results for the Quarter ended 30th June, 2023 (Rupees in lacs)

Sl. No.	Particulars	Quarter ended		Year ended	
		30-06-23 Un-Audited	31-03-23 Un-Audited		30-06-22 Un-Audited
1	Total Income from operations	34.38	85.59	50.17	223.81
2	Net Profit for the period (Before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	-6.21	7.42	12.29	45.08
3	Net Profit for the period Before Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	-6.21	7.42	12.29	45.08
4	Net Profit for the period After Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	-6.21	7.42	12.29	33.36
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit) for the period (after tax) and other Comprehensive Income (after tax)	-6.21	7.42	12.29	33.36
6	Equity Share Capital	300.10	300.10	300.10	300.10
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserves) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet as shown in the previous year	₹ 3.31	₹ 3.31	₹ 3.31	₹ 3.31
8	Earning Per Share (of Rs.10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)				
	(a) Basic (in Rs.)	-0.02	0.02	0.04	0.11
	(b) Diluted (in Rs.)	-0.02	0.02	0.04	0.11

NOTE: The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly Results are available on the Stock Exchange Website i.e. www.mse.in and www.bseindia.com and Company's website i.e. www.superiorfinlease.com.
Date: 11.08.2023
Place: New Delhi
For Superior Finlease Limited
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EXTRACT OF UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED JUNE 30, 2023					
Rs. in lakhs except per share data					
S. No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended			
		30-Jun-23		31-Mar-23	
		Unaudited	Audited	Unaudited	Audited
1	Total income from operations (gross)	6.85	6.80	6.04	25.87
2	Total income from operations (net)	6.85	6.80	6.04	25.87
3	Net Profit for the period (before tax and exceptional items)	3.38	1.86	2.49	9.83
4	Net Profit for the period before tax (after exceptional items)	3.38	1.86	2.49	9.83
5	Net Profit for the period after tax (after exceptional items)	2.81	5.62	1.77	4.84
6	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	2.81	5.62	1.77	4.84
7	Equity Share Capital	512.24	512.24	512.24	512.24
8	Other Equity	-	-	-	78.76
9	Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each)				
	Basic :	0.05	0.11	0.03	0.09
	Diluted:	0.05	0.11	0.03	0.09

EXTRACT OF UNAUDITED STANDALONE FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED JUNE 30, 2023					
Rs. in lakhs except per share data					
S. No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended			
		30-Jun-23		31-Mar-23	
		Unaudited	Audited	Unaudited	Audited
1	Total income from operations (gross)	6.85	6.80	6.04	25.87
2	Total income from operations (net)	6.85	6.80	6.04	25.87
3	Net Profit for the period (before tax and exceptional items)	3.38	1.86	2.49	9.83
4	Net Profit for the period before tax (after exceptional items)	3.38	1.86	2.49	9.83
5	Net Profit for the period after tax (after exceptional items)	2.53	1.40	1.86	3.69
6	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	2.53	1.40	1.86	3.69
7	Equity Share Capital (Face Value of Rs. 10/- each)	512.24	512.24	512.24	512.24
8	Other Equity	-	-	-	70.87
9	Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each)				
	Basic :	0.05	0.03	0.04	0.07
	Diluted:	0.05	0.03	0.04	0.07

NOTE: The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Financial results filed with Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and other disclosure Requirements) Regulations 2015. The full format of the Quarterly results are available on the stock exchange websites i.e. www.mse.in and on Company website www.goldegeestate.in
For and on behalf of the Board
For Goldege Estate and Investment Limited
Sd/-
Jagdish Chand Agrawal
Chairman
DIN : 01898337
Place : New Delhi
Date: 12.08.2023

'India stands at cusp of maritime revolution'



PTI ■ NEW DELHI
Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal has stressed unlocking the vast potential of India's maritime sector, saying the country's strategic location and commitment to sustainable practices present unparalleled opportunities. Hosting foreign heads of missions and officials here on Friday evening, Sonowal underlined that India stands at the cusp of a maritime revolution. The event was organised ahead of the Global Maritime India Summit 2023, scheduled to be held in Delhi on October 17-19.

including ambassadors and high commissioners, deputy high commissioners, trade commissioners and other diplomats attended the meeting. Among the countries that participated were Egypt, Singapore, Vietnam, Armenia, the US, Germany, Finland, Norway, the Netherlands, Canada, Russia and Georgia. On the occasion, T K Ramachandran, Secretary, Union Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, provided an overview of the Global Maritime India Summit and reinforced India's commitment to sustainable maritime solutions. The Global Maritime India Summit is a premier maritime sector-focused event to bring together pivotal figures from the industry to explore opportunities, understand challenges and stimulate investment within India's maritime sector. Building upon the legacy of its preceding editions, this third instalment aims to unveil broader prospects for domestic and international maritime stakeholders and investors.



Eveready Industries Q1 profit up 13.8% to ₹24.86 crore

PTI ■ NEW DELHI
Battery and flashlights maker Eveready Industries India Ltd on Saturday reported a 13.77 per cent increase in its consolidated net profit to Rs 24.86 crore for the first quarter that ended on June 30, 2023, led by operating growth. The company had posted a net profit of Rs 21.85 crore in the April-June period a year ago, Eveready Industries said in a regulatory filing. Its revenue from operations was up 8.4 per cent to Rs 363.57 crore during the quarter under review as against Rs 335.38 crore in the year-ago period. "Profit After Tax during Q1 showed healthy improvement on the back of operating growth," Eveready Industries said in a statement. Eveready Industries, now controlled by the Burman family, reported total expenses of Rs 335.96 crore, up 8.2 per cent in the first quarter of FY 2023-24. The total income of Eveready Industries in the June quarter was Rs 366.41 crore, up 9.11 per cent. Commenting on the result, Managing Director Suvamoy Saha said: "It has been an endeavour to bring salience to under-indexed areas within batteries and flashlights and over here our teams have made good progress. The lighting business continues to show an uptick as we make further inroads into the electrical outlets distribution channel. Our innovative emergency LED bulbs have made a mark with our core audience," he said.

RK Swamy Ltd files draft papers with Sebi for IPO

PTI ■ NEW DELHI
Integrated marketing services firm RK Swamy Ltd has filed draft papers with capital markets regulator Sebi to mobilize funds through an initial public offering (IPO). The company's IPO comprises a fresh issue of shares aggregating up to Rs 215 crore and an offer for sale (OFS) of up to 87 lakh equity shares by selling shareholders, according to the draft red herring prospectus (DRHP). Those offering shares in the OFS are — Srinivasan K Swamy, Narasimhan Krishnaswamy, Evanston Pioneer Fund LP, and Prem Marketing Ventures LLP. The funds raised through the fresh issue would be used for setting up a digital video content production studio, establishing new customer experience centres and computer-aided telephonic interview centres as well as for general corporate purposes. Also, the funds would be utilized for investment in the IT infrastructure development of RK Swamy Ltd, and its subsidiaries, Hansa Research and Hansa Customer Equity. RK Swamy Ltd is the largest Indian majority-owned integrated marketing services provider in India, offering a single-window solution for creative, media, data analytics, and market research services. During fiscal 2023, RK Swamy released over 818 creative campaigns on behalf of clients across various media outlets, handled over 97.69 terabytes of data and conducted over 2.37 million consumer interviews across quantitative, qualitative, and telephonic surveys. SBI Capital Markets, IIFL Securities, and Motilal Oswal Investment Advisors are the book-running lead managers to the issue.



PTC India net up 5.62% to ₹143 cr in June quarter

PTI ■ NEW DELHI
Power trading solutions provider PTC India on Saturday posted a 5.62 per cent year-on-year rise in its consolidated net profit at Rs 142.70 crore for the April-June quarter of this fiscal, mainly on the back of higher revenues. The consolidated net profit of the company stood at Rs 135.10 crore in the quarter ended on June 30, 2022, the company said in a regulatory filing. Total income of the company rose to Rs 4,863.46 crore in the quarter under review, from Rs 4,310.74 crore in the same period a year ago. "The company achieved an impressive 21 per cent growth in profitability, propelled by strong growth in volumes and effective working capital management," PTC India Chairman & Managing Director Rajib K Mishra said. He noted that the company achieved the highest ever PBT (profit before tax) and PAT (profit after tax) for the first quarter of a financial year. The subsidiary companies continued to perform well during the quarter reaffirming the robustness and overall resilience of the PTC Group's business model. The challenges faced by our financial subsidiary, PFS, over the past couple of years have been effectively addressed which is validated by the sequential financial metrics, he added.

IRB Infra arm makes ₹7,380 cr upfront payment to HMDA; toll collection begins on Hyderabad ORR

PTI ■ NEW DELHI
IRB Infrastructure Developers (IRB Infra) Ltd on Saturday said it has made an upfront payment of Rs 7,380 crore to Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA). Post payment, its special purpose vehicle (SPV) — IRB Golconda Expressway Private Limited, has commenced toll collection on the Jawaharlal Nehru Outer Ring Road (ORR), popularly known as Hyderabad ORR, IRB Infrastructure said in a statement. The company's Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) Virendra D Mhaikar said, the financial closure for the project has been achieved ahead of time. The toll collection has started from August 12 (00:00 hours) midnight. "We express our sincere gratitude towards HMDA, HGCL, State Bank of India, our partner (GIC, Singapore) and all other stakeholders for their wholehearted support and cooperation. We are committed to achieve excellence in the operations and bring world class travel experience for users of this prestigious project," he said. On May 28, IRB had informed about IRB Golconda Expressway signing a "concession agreement" with HMDA for Tolling and Operations & Maintenance of Jawaharlal Nehru Outer Ring Road on Toll-Operate-Transfer (TOT) basis. The project involves making upfront payment of Rs 7,380 crore to HMDA for tolling and Operations and Maintenance (O&M) of 158 km stretch of Hyderabad ORR, over a revenue-linked concession period of 30 years. IRB Infrastructure Developers is India's first integrated infrastructure player in the highways segment. As the largest integrated private toll roads and highways infrastructure developer in India, IRB has an asset base of over Rs 70,000 crore in 11 states.

Indiabulls Real Estate Q1 sale bookings down 75% to ₹74 cr

PTI ■ NEW DELHI
Indiabulls Real Estate Ltd's (IBREL) sale bookings fell 75 per cent to Rs 74 crore in the first quarter of this fiscal. Its sale bookings stood at Rs 297 crore in the year-ago period, according to an investor presentation. In terms of volumes, the company's sale bookings fell to 82,000 square feet during April-June period of this fiscal from 3,33,000 square feet in the corresponding period of the previous year. IBREL has reported a consolidated net loss of Rs 679.34 crore for the first quarter of this fiscal year, widening from a loss of Rs 51.77 crore in the year-ago period. The company's loss widened due to provisions for possible loss of Rs 629 crore as an exceptional item. Total income however increased to Rs 209 crore during April-June from Rs 164.19 crore in the corresponding period of the previous year. "Exceptional item for the quarter ended 30 June 2023 includes impairment provision of Rs 629.07 crore shown as recoverable in one of the foreign subsidiaries of the company, namely Brenformexa Ltd. "As a prudent measure, due to the uncertainty on the recoverability, a full provision has been created in the books of account of Brenformexa Ltd," it said. Mumbai-based IBREL is one of the leading real estate firms in the country.

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Statement of Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter Ended 30.06.2023					
Sl. No.	Particulars (Refer Notes below)	(Rs. In lacs, except per share data)			
		Quarter Ended		Financial Year Ended	
		30.06.2023 [Unaudited]	31.03.2023 [Audited]	30.06.2022 [Unaudited]	31.03.2022 [Audited]
1.	Total Income from Operations	124.41	111.47	200.44	1,044.46
2.	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax and exceptional items	38.56	(7.75)	15.72	55.59
3.	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax after exceptional items	13.79	(7.75)	15.72	55.59
4.	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax	13.79	(4.51)	15.72	43.00
5.	Total Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-
6.	Paid-up equity share capital	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
7.	Earning Per Share of Rs.10/- each (not annualised)				
a)	Basic	0.46	(0.15)	0.52	1.43
b)	Diluted	0.46	(0.15)	0.52	1.43

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EXTRACT OF THE FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND PERIOD ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2023						
(₹ in lakhs unless otherwise stated)						
Sl. No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended		Year Ended		
		30.06.2023 (Unaudited)	30.06.2022 (Unaudited)	31.03.2023 (Unaudited)	31.03.2022 (Audited)	31.03.2022 (Audited)
1.	Total Income from Operations including other income	24.23	19.15	117.40	177.99	284.54
2.	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/ or Extraordinary items)	(725.79)	(928.13)	(711.61)	(3220.74)	(3376.87)
3.	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/ or Extraordinary items)	(725.79)	(928.13)	(711.61)	(3220.74)	(3376.87)
4.	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/ or Extraordinary items)	(543.13)	(694.54)	(532.51)	(2410.15)	(2527.39)
5.	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit/ (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	-	-	-	-	-
6.	Paid up Equity Share Capital	1	1	1	1	1
7.	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	(5,515.65)	(3,256.92)	(4,972.52)	(4,972.52)	(2,562.38)
8.	Securities Premium Account	-	-	-	-	-
9.	Net worth	(5,514.65)	(3,255.92)	(4,971.52)	(4,971.52)	(2,561.38)
10.	Paid up Debt Capital/ Outstanding Debt	20000	26000	20000	20000	26000
11.	Outstanding Redeemable Preference Shares	-	-	-	-	-
12.	Debt Equity Ratio	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
13.	Earnings Per Share (of Rs.10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations) -					
1.	Basic: (in Rupees)	(5,431.27)	(6,945.38)	(5,325.14)	(24,101.46)	(25,273.91)
2.	Diluted: (in Rupees)	(5,431.27)	(6,945.38)	(5,325.14)	(24,101.46)	(25,273.91)
14.	Capital Redemption Reserve	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
15.	Debt Redemption Reserve	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
16.	Debt Service Coverage Ratio	0.01	0.25	0.01	0.04	0.29
17.	Interest Service Coverage Ratio	0.03	0.00	0.03	0.02	0.05

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Extract of Unaudited Statement of Financial Results for the quarter ended 30th June 2023						
(in Lacs)						
Sl. No.	PARTICULARS	QUARTER ENDED		YEAR ENDED		
		30.06.2023 (Unaudited)	31.03.2023 (Audited)	30.06.2022 (Unaudited)	31.03.2023 (Audited)	31.03.2022 (Audited)
1	Total income from operations (net)	14,894.90	16,688.71	19,192.90	72,756.98	54,577.56
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before tax, exceptional and / or extraordinary item.	179.35	511.93	227.72	1,225.35	462.49
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (before Extraordinary Items)	179.35	511.93	227.72	1,225.35	462.49
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and / or Extraordinary Items)	179.35	8,033.75	227.72	8,747.17	(3,648.86)
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	227.55	8,050.18	264.65	8,764.54	(3,607.54)
6	Equity Share Capital	3,130.81	3,130.81	3,130.81	3,130.81	3,130.81
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve as shown in the Balance Sheet of previous year)	--	--	--	--	--
8	Earnings Per Share (after extraordinary items) (of Rs.10/- each)					
a)	Basic :-	0.57	25.58	0.73	27.86	(11.65)
b)	Diluted:-	0.57	25.58	0.73	27.86	(11.65)

The above is an extract of the detailed format of Statement of Audited Financial Results for the quarter ended on 30th June 2023 filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Statement of Financial Results are available on the websites of the BSE Limited (www.bseindia.com). The above financial results were reviewed by the audit committee and approved by Board of Directors of the Company at their meeting held on 12-08-2023
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BUSINESS BRIEF

HINDALCO-TEXMACO TO HELP RLY MEET EMISSION GOALS
Mumbai: Hindalco Industries Ltd, the world's largest aluminium rolling and recycling company, and Texmaco Rail & Engineering Ltd, a specialised engineering company have entered into a strategic alliance to develop and manufacture world-class aluminium rail wagons and coaches that will help Indian Railways achieve its emission goals and bolster operating efficiency. With launch of India's first aluminium rake, we have demonstrated the benefits of higher payload and significant CO2 reduction that aluminium rakes offer, said Satish Pai, MD, Hindalco Industries. Indrajit Mookerjee, Vice Chairman, Texmaco hailed the valuable partnership

CROMPTON GREAVES Q1 NET PROFIT FALLS 3.1%
New Delhi: Crompton Greaves Consumer Electricals Ltd on Saturday reported a 3.11 per cent decline in its consolidated net profit to Rs 122.03 crore in the first quarter ended in June 2023. The company had posted a net profit of Rs 125.95 crore in the April-June quarter a year ago, Crompton Greaves Consumer Electricals Ltd (CGCEL) said in a regulatory filing.

GE POWER INDIA BAGS ORDER WORTH ₹62 CR
New Delhi: GE Power India has received an order worth Rs 62.5 crore from Steag Energy Services India. The order is for renovation and modernization (R&M) of Unit -3 Boiler of 4X600 MW Thermal Power Plant of Vedanta Limited (End Customer) at Jharsuguda, Odisha, a company filing stated.

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EXTRACT OF THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30.06.2023					
(Rs. in Lakhs)					
Sl. No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended		Year Ended	
		30.06.2023 Unaudited	30.06.2022 Unaudited	31.03.2023 Audited	31.03.2022 Audited
1	Total Income from Operations	91.05	19.41	215.53	
2	Net Profit/(Loss) from Ordinary Activities for the Period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	88.05	16.10	158.60	
3	Net Profit/(Loss) from Ordinary Activities for the Period before Tax(after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	88.05	16.10	158.60	
4	Net Profit/(Loss) from Ordinary Activities for the Period after Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	80.03	36.51	102.23	
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit/ (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	2,201.99	(2,061.77)	(3,911.40)	
6	Equity Share Capital (Face Value of Rs.10/-)	222.39	222.39	222.39	222.39
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserves as shown in the Balance sheet of previous year)				7,019.67
8	Earning Per Share (EPS) Face value of Rs. 10/- each, (for Continuing and discontinued operations) Basic & Diluted:-	3.60	1.64	4.60	

Notes: 1. The Unaudited financial results of the Company for the Quarter ended 30th June, 2023 have been reviewed and recommended by the Audit Committee and subsequently approved by the Board of Directors in their meeting held on August 12, 2023. The financial results have been subjected to Limited Review by Statutory Auditors of the Company. 2. The above is the extract of the detailed format of the quarterly financial filed with the Stock Exchanges under regulations 33 of the SEBI (Listing and other disclosures Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange website i.e. www.bseindia.com and Company's website: <http://www.ownmar.com/kovalam/investor.php>
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Arsenal survive Forest scare to make winning Premier League start

AFP ■ LONDON

Arsenal's Premier League title challenge got off to a winning start on Saturday, but the big-spending Gunners were made to sweat in a 2-1 victory over Nottingham Forest.

First-half goals from Eddie Nketiah and Bukayo Saka had the home side cruising at the Emirates.

But they were made to suffer a nervy finale after Taiwo Awoniyi came off the bench to pull a goal back for Forest seven minutes from time.

"We deserved to be in front but we didn't kill the game," said Arsenal boss Mikel Arteta. "We had a lack of concentration, conceded a goal, and so it is game on."

"You cannot give teams anything and we gave them hope. Then the feeling is we want the game to end and take the three points."

The day got off to an embarrassing start for Arsenal as kick-off was delayed by 30 minutes due to issues with an e-ticketing scheme that left tens of thousands of fans unable to take their seats in time for the scheduled 11:30GMT kick-off.

Once the action got underway, Declan Rice, Kai Havertz and Jurrien Timber were handed their league debuts after joining for combined fees in excess of £200



million (\$254 million).

However, three points for the home side was soured by an injury suffered by Timber as he pulled up early in the second-half.

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By that point the game should have been over as a

contest as Arsenal sprang out of the blocks.

Arteta's men are looking to go one better after finishing second behind treble-winners Manchester City last season.

City cruised to a 3-0 win at Burnley to open the Premier League season on Friday night

and Arsenal should have followed suit rather than holding on for the final whistle.

Forest have their home form to thank for staying in the English top flight last season on their return to the Premier League after a 23-year absence.

Steve Cooper has targeted an improvement to their poor return on the road, but they barely laid a glove on the hosts until the introduction of Awoniyi and Anthony Elanga late on.

"I didn't love that we didn't back ourselves in the

duels," said Cooper. "I showed some clips to the lads at half time - we needed to believe, back ourselves and compete."

MARTINELLI MAGIC

Forest's rearguard resistance lasted 26 minutes until the visitors were undone by a moment of magic from Gabriel Martinelli.

The Brazilian's turn took him past two defenders before the ball broke for Nketiah to drill low beyond Forest debutant Matt Turner, on his return to the Emirates after leaving Arsenal this week.

Turner had no chance with the second six minutes later as Saka cut onto his favoured left foot and arrowed a trademark strike high into the far corner.

Awoniyi was surprisingly left out by Cooper despite scoring in Forest's final four games of last season, including the winner against Arsenal that secured his side's survival in May.

The Nigerian continued his scoring streak by turning home at the near post after former Manchester United winger Elanga sprinted the length of the field from an Arsenal corner.

Arsenal held on through seven minutes of added time, but it was a far from convincing start to their quest to become English champions for the first time in 20 years.



Son named Spurs captain after Kane departure

AFP ■ LONDON

Son Heung-min was named Tottenham's new captain on Saturday on the day the club's all-time top goalscorer Harry Kane joined Bayern Munich.

Goalkeeper Hugo Lloris has been Spurs skipper since 2015, but the Frenchman's future at the club is in doubt.

Kane was expected to take over had he remained in north London rather than moving to Germany in pursuit of the first silverware of his career.

New signing James Maddison and Argentine centre-back Cristian Romero have been named vice-captains.

"It's such a big honour to captain this huge club," said Son, who has scored 145 goals since joining the club in 2015.

"It was a big surprise and a very proud moment. I've already said to the players that everyone

should feel like a captain, on and off the pitch.

"It's a new season, a fresh start and I will give everything for this shirt and this armband."

Tottenham boss Ange Postecoglou hailed Son's leadership qualities, having had experience as captain of South Korea.

"Sonny has great leadership qualities, both on and off the pitch, and is the ideal choice to become our new captain."

"Everyone knows he is a world class player, and he has enormous respect from everyone in the dressing room."

"He transcends groups within the squad. That's not just because he's popular - it's because of what he has achieved in the game, both here and as captain of South Korea."

Spurs begin life without Kane when they travel to Brentford on Sunday for their opening game of the Premier League season.



Sabitzer nets on debut as Dortmund hit six in German Cup opener

AFP ■ BERLIN

New signing Marcel Sabitzer scored on his competitive debut for Borussia Dortmund in a 6-1 victory over Schott Mainz in the first round of the German Cup on Saturday.

Five-time winners Dortmund went into the game without several key players.

Karim Adeyemi, Giovanni Reyna, Nico Schlotterbeck and goalkeeper Gregor Kobel were among the injured absentees, but Dortmund were never likely to encounter a problem against the team from the German fifth tier.

Sabitzer, a 19-million-euro (\$20.8 million) acquisition from Bayern Munich this summer, premiered for the Black and Yellows, and made an impression in this gentle early-season test for Edin Terzic's side.

But it was striker Sebastian Haller who broke the deadlock in the 22nd minute, meeting Julian Brandt's cross from the left with a bullet header that flew past home goalkeeper Tim Hansen.

The lively Brandt got himself on the scoresheet two minutes later, converting Donyell Malen's cross from close range to put the 2021 winners in cruise control.

With Dortmund coasting, Schott Mainz briefly caused a stir, halving Dortmund's advantage through Nils Gans, who pounced from close range after Mats Hummels was wrong-footed at a free-kick.

But no sooner had Schott Mainz finished celebrating, Dortmund re-established their two-goal cushion through Haller, who brought free signing Ramy Bensebaini's cross under his spell and showed neat feet to slot home from close range for his second and Dortmund's third.

Former RB Leipzig midfielder Sabitzer, who spent the second half of last season on loan at Manchester United, got his goal shortly before the hour mark, drilling in a low rebound after good work by Marco Reus.

Malen added a fifth in the 80th minute and Youssoufa Moukoko came off the bench to put the gloss on the win with Dortmund's sixth.

Elsewhere, Bayer Leverkusen were also in ruthless mood, scoring eight without reply against fourth-tier Teutonia Ottensen, including a debut goal for new signing Jonas Hofmann.

There was also a comfortable win for Bundesliga side Stuttgart, who won 4-0 at TSG Balingen.

In the biggest shock of the day, Viktoria Cologne's Donny Bogicivic scored a 95th-minute winner to complete a stunning 3-2 victory for the third-tier team, knocking out 10-man Bundesliga club Werder Bremen.

Hodgson as excited as ever by start of new season

AFP ■ LONDON

Roy Hodgson insists his enthusiasm for football management remains undimmed as he prepares to lead boyhood club Crystal Palace into a new Premier League campaign.

The former England boss, who turned 76 earlier this week, will be at the helm for the Eagles' opener away to Sheffield United on Saturday after agreeing to stay on in charge of the south London club.

He returned to Palace for a second spell in charge in March following the departure of Patrick Vieira and made such a success of the job that not only did the side avoid the drop, they did so without the stress of a prolonged relegation battle thanks to a mid-table finish.

Palace may have seen star player Wilfried Zaha make a pre-season move to Turkish giants Galatasaray but Hodgson told a pre-match press conference on Friday: "I wanted to carry on because the club asked me to carry on."

The much-travelled manager, previously in charge of Switzerland and Finland, in addition to England, as well as numerous clubs including Inter Milan, Blackburn, Fulham, Liverpool and West Brom, added: "Basically, because I so much enjoyed last season working with the (Palace) team that I was able to work with for the last 10 games, the opportunity to carry on working with them was one that I certainly had no intention of resisting."

"The excitement, the build-up -- after what seems like quite a long pre-season, especially these days with travelling - all of that really is for this moment, which is going to start for me at 3:00 pm (1400 GMT) tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon."

"That's what we've been working for and looking forward to. That's the lifeblood of our jobs, so I have just as



much excitement and just as much hope that things are going to go our way just as I did before my very first game, which was a very long time ago."

While Palace have lost Zaha, they have also signed Jefferson Lerma following the end of the midfielder's contract with Bournemouth.

"The fans will like him. He's a good signing, there's no doubt about that," Hodgson said of the 28-year-old Colombia international.

"We were lucky to get him -- his quality as a player, his experience, his character, the type of football he plays, his whole-hearted efforts which he has made for so many years now for Bournemouth."

Hodgson, meanwhile, warned Palace supporters to expect a difficult match against the Blades, back in the Premier League after finishing second in the Championship last season.

"Sheffield United is a difficult place to go," he said. "Like ourselves, they have a really good support -- a support that gets behind the team. We expect to be put under pressure from both the players on the field and the fans behind them."



Samsonova upsets Sabalenka to advance in Montreal

AFP ■ MONTREAL

Russia's Liudmila Samsonova upset Aryna Sabalenka in three sets to book her place in the quarter-finals of the weather-hit WTA Montreal Open on Friday.

Samsonova, seeded 15th, battled into the last eight with a 7-6 (7/2), 4-6, 6-3 win over the second-seeded Sabalenka, the reigning Australian Open champion from Belarus.

The last-16 clash in Montreal had been shunted into the Friday morning schedule after heavy rain wreaked havoc with Thursday's play at the hard-court tournament, a US Open tuneup.

It means Samsonova will return later Friday to face 12th seed Belinda Bencic of Switzerland in the quarter-finals.

Bencic advanced to the last eight on Friday after coming from behind to defeat Petra Kvitova 6-7 (3/7), 6-3, 6-1 in another game rescheduled from Thursday due to weather delays.

Top-ranked Alcaraz falls to Paul, Medvedev ousted in Toronto

AFP ■ TORONTO (CANADA)

Frustrated world number one Carlos Alcaraz was knocked out of the ATP Toronto Masters 6-3, 4-6, 6-3 on Friday as American Tommy Paul ended the Spaniard's 14-match winning streak.

Top-seeded Alcaraz was unable to escape the poor form that has plagued him all week as he prepares for a US Open title defense starting in just over two weeks.

The 20-year-old muttered to himself and chastised his play during a match lasting more than two and a quarter hours.

"I realize I didn't play well in all of these matches," Alcaraz said. "All I can do now is practice to be better."

"I have some weeks before the US Open. But now I have to be focused (from Monday) on Cincinnati. It's a Masters 1000. It's a big tournament as well."

"I take a lot of lessons from this tournament."

Paul, ranked 14th, repeated his defeat of the Spaniard a year ago in the Montreal second round and now faces a semi-final against sixth seed Yannick Sinner, who defeated French showman Gael Monfils 6-4, 4-6, 6-3.

"It's never easy to play Gael," Sinner said. "I just tried to stick to my game plan."

"I'm having my best season. I'm happy to be in the semis. I hope to raise my level tomorrow."

Paul, meanwhile, was trying to figure out how he got



past Alcaraz.

"I don't know if I think I have the recipe, but I played a really good match today," Paul said after notching another Canadian win over the Spaniard.

"I went after my shots. You can't start any points on your heels against him, he'll take advantage of it so you've really got to go after your shots early in the rally."

"Luckily I was feeling really good, playing first-strike tennis."

Alcaraz struggled early for the second straight match after barely escaping a third-round encounter with Hubert Hurkacz.

The reigning Wimbledon and US Open champion had 27 winners and 30 unforced errors

while Paul's numbers were 19 and 29.

After losing serve three times in the opening set, Alcaraz recovered enough to take the second.

But the Spaniard was well off his game, floating a volley wide to trail 4-2 in the final set.

Paul took quick advantage, advancing on his second match point from an Alcaraz return wide.

"I knew he would be there in the third set," Paul said, adding: "It helps to have beaten an opponent before. That attitude is important."

Medvedev ousted second-seeded Daniil Medvedev was also sent spinning out of the tournament, falling 7-6 (9/7), 7-5 to Australian Alex de Minaur.

Messi scores another as Miami progress

AFP ■ FORT LAUDERDALE (UNITED STATES)

Lionel Messi made it eight goals in five games for Inter Miami as they eased into the semi-finals of the Leagues Cup with a 4-0 win over Charlotte FC on Friday.

But Major League Soccer champions Los Angeles FC crashed out of the competition after giving up a two goal lead and losing 3-2 at home to Mexico's Monterrey.

Miami will travel north to face the Philadelphia Union for Tuesday's semi-final after they beat Mexican team Queretaro 2-1.

Monterrey, the only Mexican team left in the tournament, will be away to Nashville who crushed Minnesota 5-1.

Messi slotted in Miami's fourth goal, at DRV PNK stadium, in the 86th minute of what was a relatively routine victory for Gerardo Martino's team.

Watched by Argentina national team coach Lionel Scaloni, Messi had one of his quietest games in Miami's pink jersey but was still able to find the target for his

legions of fans and help secure a fifth straight win since his arrival.

Miami took the lead in the 12th minute through a Josef Martinez penalty and doubled their advantage in the 32nd minute through interim Robert Taylor, who clipped home a low cross from DeAndre Yedlin.

Charlotte, who had been largely content to frustrate Messi and Spanish midfielder Sergio Busquets in the opening 45 minutes, showed more adventure after the break and substitute Patrick Agyemang should have pulled a goal back but his close-range header bounced over the bar.

Immediately following that let-off, Miami made sure of victory with Diego Gomez playing a low cross towards Messi in the middle only for Charlotte defender Adilson Malanda's attempted interception ended up in his own goal.

Malanda's ill-fated slide had denied the home crowd their expected Messi goal celebration, but that was to arrive three minutes from the end of time.

With the North Carolina side



tiring, Ecuador striker Leonardo Campana had time, inside the box, to calmly look up and slip the ball across to Messi for the simplest of conversions.

After Sunday's helter-skelter game in Dallas ended 4-4, with Miami progressing after penalties, Martino was pleased to see his team keep control of the contest.

"We kept control of the ball for longer spells and I think there was only one clear chance from the opponent. Other than that I think we didn't suffer defensively," said the former Barcelona and Argentina coach.

"It's very difficult for us not to score goals that's why we talk a lot about keeping a clean sheet because

that's almost a guarantee of being able to win the game," he said.

LAFc stunned at Rose Bowl Philadelphia, runners-up in last season's MLS Cup, will be the toughest opponent Miami have faced in the Messi-era at the club however.

The Union advanced with a winner deep in the 11th minute of stoppage time from Chris Donovan, who slotted home a Kai Wagner cross.

Jesus Bueno had put Philly ahead in the 11th minute but Queretaro levelled in the second half thanks to a well taken volley at the back post from Angel Sepulveda.

The game looked to be heading for a penalty shoot-out but the Liga MX side saw Omar Mendoza sent off in stoppage time for a second yellow before Donovan grabbed the dramatic winner.

At the Rose Bowl, LAFc were 2-0 up thanks to a second minute Denis Bouanga penalty and then a strike, two minutes before the break, from Mateusz Bogusz.

That lead remained intact until

Monterrey pulled a goal back with a Sergio Canales penalty after a foul by U.S. international Kellyn Acosta.

The Mexican side equalized in the 80th minute when Victor Guzman's shot went in off the outstretched leg of LAFc defender Sergi Palencia.

Two minutes from the end, Jordi Cortiso's shot was parried out by John McCarthy and Rogelio Funes Mori pounced to get the winner.

Nashville advanced to the semi-finals with a 5-0 crushing of Minnesota United with all the goals coming inside the opening hour but after the sending off of defender DJ Taylor.

Taylor was ruled to have pushed Jacob Shaffelburg in the back as he ran goalwards and Nashville made the most of their numerical advantage as they romped into the last four.

Hany Mukhtar created the two goals before the break for Shaq Moore and Teal Bunbury and then the German completed the rout with a close-range blast in the 59th minute.

INDIA BOWLERS RESTRICT WI TO 178

PTI ■ LAUDERHILL (US)

An outstanding effort by bowlers helped India pin down West Indies to 178 for 8 and take a firm grip on the fourth T20 International here on Saturday. Expectedly, West Indies, who are leading the series 2-1, batted by choice as the pitch at the Central Broward stadium often tends to slow down as the match progresses.

However, their batsmen, except Shai Hope (45) and Shimron Hetmyer (61), did not fully vindicate that decision despite getting a chance to bat first on a true pitch with predictable bounce.

India skipper Hardik Pandya began the proceedings through left-arm spinner Axar Patel, probably not to give Windies batters the desired pace.

But the move had little effect on Kyle Mayers as he collected 14 runs from the first over, including a six over wide long on and a swept four.

The consistent bounce nudged Mayers to play through the line fearlessly. But the left-hander was undone by the bounce eventually. Mayers tried to ramp Arshdeep Singh but the pacer pulled his length back to cramp him for room. Sanju Samson grabbed the resultant edge without much fuss behind the stumps.

Hope, who came in for Johnson Charles, and Brandon King added 35 runs for the second wicket as Windies went past the 50-run mark inside the Power Play segment.

King, who struggled to time the ball despite carting two sixes, soon fell to Arshdeep, who kept asking questions through a heady concoction of slow deliv-



Very happy with how Mukesh has progressed: India bowling coach

PTI ■ LAUDERHILL (FLORIDA)

India bowling coach Paras Mhambrey says pacer Mukesh Kumar has shown potential to serve India in all three formats and his workload will be managed accordingly.

The rookie pacer got to make his debut in all three formats on the tour of West Indies.

Speaking ahead of the fourth T20I in Florida, Mhambrey expressed satisfaction with Mukesh's progress.

"Very happy with the way he has progressed; the thought process, the discussion we had with him and his approach towards the game is fabulous.

"You need someone like him to come here on a tour and play against tough opponents on a different wicket which is never easy. But the way he has gone about it and the character he has shown (makes us) extremely happy.



"Going forward, since we know he is capable of playing all three formats, we need to be smart with his workload management. He has played a lot of domestic cricket and got quality skills out there," Mhambrey said on Friday.

Compared to the slow wickets in the Caribbean, the bowling coach is expecting good batting tracks in mainland United

States.

"It is a little bit different with the black soil. The kind of soil we get in north of India. It is going to be a good wicket to bat on. The ball will come on to the bat. That is what we saw in the nets. Looks like it is going to be a high-scoring game," he reckoned.

India still trail the West Indies 1-2 in the five-match

series but Mhambrey remains confident about his team's chances.

"I'm extremely happy with the way we fought back (in the third T20). In the first two games, I don't think (we) were too far behind. We had the opportunities but unfortunately, we couldn't seize them.

"Had we done that, the results would have been different. So, I'm not worried in that way. We were very much on track, just a couple of instances we lost and couldn't seize (the win).

"But looking at the way we have played that, firstly we know that we have skills to take it forward. With the ability that we have right now in all departments, we tick all the right boxes. So, looking at how we played the last game, it's only one way forward from here and that is up and forward," Mhambrey added.

eries, bouncers and knuckle balls.

An expansive drive off the left-arm pacer ended in the hands of Kuldeep Yadav at short third man.

However, Kuldeep did more damage to the West Indian batting line-up soon. Pandya handed the ball to the left-arm wrist spinner in the sixth over and the result was instantaneous.

Kuldeep evicted Nicholas Pooran and home captain

Rovman Powell in that over to jolt the opposition.

Pooran has tormented the Indian bowlers in this series, but Kuldeep snaffled him for the second time in as many matches to allay a big threat.

Pooran tried to clear Kuldeep over long on but he failed to inject distance to the shot as Suryakumar Yadav completed a simple catch.

Powell tried to hit Kuldeep to the on-side but an outside

edge carried to Shubman Gill at slips.

West Indies suddenly found themselves at a marshy 57 for 4, losing three wickets in eight balls while adding a mere three runs.

The Caribbeans needed a passage of calmness, which was provided by Hope and Shimron Hetmyer. The fifth wicket pair milked 49 runs in seven overs as Windies crossed the 100-run mark.

Hope played a wonderful

cameo of 45 off 29 balls consisting of three fours and two sixes. His knock also masked Hetmyer's relative struggle to find his rhythm.

However, Yuzvendra Chahal, who till then had a modest spell, jettisoned Hope to underline India's upper hand on the day.

There were a few isolated glimmerings towards the end by Hetmyer, but not bright enough to push Windies to a par total.

Indian team might already be concerned about Gill's form: RP Singh

IANS ■ NEW DELHI

With the five-match T20I series between India and the West Indies tantalisingly poised at 2-1 in favor of the hosts, the bandwagon moves to the Broward County Stadium in Florida, USA, for the fourth game on Saturday evening. India came back strongly in the third match after two narrow losses, and Hardik Pandya's men would like to carry the momentum into this must-win game. While the young Tilak Varma has been impressive with the bat on his debut tour, opener Shubman Gill has not managed to hit the peaks he's generally known to.

So, is his form a bit of a concern for Team India? JioCinema expert, RP Singh, said: "I think the Indian team might be concerned about Shubman Gill already because he hasn't managed to score big for quite a long time. He has not done well against the left-arm spinners on a few occasions, too. The pitches are a bit challenging, no doubt, but if you're playing at the international level, you'll encounter different types of surfaces. It's not like Indian pitches will always be the same, allowing you to play big shots through the line. But, I feel the Indian team has decided that Shubman (Gill) will be opening the innings with Rohit Sharma in future."

Another expert Abhinav



Mukund, observed: "India should be a bit concerned about Shubman Gill's form in this series. But that being said, he is a quality player, and I am sure he will figure it out. I feel he is getting into too much of a shell and then playing an attacking shot and getting dismissed. Unfortunately for Shubman, he hasn't got the big score but there is not too much worry about it as far as I am concerned, because we have seen in the IPL how he is able to progress and score big hundreds and be the anchor that India needs at the top of the order. That's exactly what I would want from him.

Take a bit more time, it's fine and be the senior partner in that top order. I am sure Shubman will fire."

With the series on the line, do India need to do anything differently from what they did in the previous match? Singh said: "The change should primarily be in the batting approach because batting is a crucial aspect for us. Along with that, seven batters are playing, and when the top four batsmen perform effectively, if one of them stays until the 18th-19th over, India will comfortably win the match. Moreover, the pitch at Florida is also favorable for batting."



Pujara hopeful of making India test comeback

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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India vs Pakistan is one of the most anticipated matches in cricket. The two teams do not play bilateral series and multinational events are the only opportunity for the fans to watch the two arch-rivals clash. With Asia Cup and World Cup lined up, fans are eagerly waiting to see the Asian Giants clash on a grand stage.

India and Pakistan will face off in Pallekele on September 2 in the league match of the Asia Cup. Unless there is a massive upset, the teams will again clash in Asia Cup Super 4s on September 10 and who knows they might even cross swords for the Asia Cup title in the final.

After the Asia Cup, the teams are lined up to clash at the iconic Narendra Modi Stadium

in Ahmedabad on October 14 in the ODI World Cup. For fans, beating Pakistan is more important than winning the tournament but how do players cope with the pressure of playing the neighbours?

Ravindra Jadeja Plays Down The Hype Around India vs Pakistan Matches

Star India all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja played down the hype around India vs Pakistan games and said that the team sees the contest against Pakistan like any other game.

"When there's a match between India and Pakistan, there are high expectations to win, but for us, any match involving India holds the same level of importance as an India-Pakistan match. However, yes, the India-Pakistan match gar-

ners more attention, and we strive to perform to the best of our abilities," Jadeja said in an interview with Star Sports.

'No Favourites In India vs Pakistan Matches': Ravindra Jadeja

While India have dominated Pakistan in multinational tournaments, Jadeja feels there are no favourites as both teams step on the park to win.

"We aim to deliver our performance and play as well as we can, but sometimes things don't go as planned. This is a game, and the players from both sides are representing their respective countries. In my opinion, both teams are in the game to win. While you can put in proper focus and give your 100% on the field, there's no guarantee of a particular outcome," Jadeja said.

'We need to be mentally strong': Shadab on facing India in WC

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Pakistan all-rounder Shadab Khan feels that the Pakistan cricket team will have to be mentally strong during the ODI World Cup in India as the team won't be having crowd support and Indian fans will be going all guns blazing in the stadium.

Shadab was optimistic about the Babar Azam-led side doing well in India and said that winning the World Cup in India will be icing on the cake. The two arch-rivals are set to face off on October 14 at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad.

"We won't have the crowd support in India. In that sense we'll have to be very strong mentally. The way our players are, mentally strong, I think we'll have a good tournament. Winning the World Cup in India will be like the icing on the cake... Definitely, whichever team comes will come to win the tournament, but the key is how you as a team play and how you start because we will have to play against every team; it's a great opportunity for all the teams," Shadab Khan was quoted as saying by Cricket Pakistan.



Pakistan will clash in the Asia Cup. The two teams will cross swords on September 2 in Pallekele. The teams are likely to reach Super 4s where they will again clash on September 10. The winner of the Asia Cup battles will have a psychological advantage when the teams step into the Narendra Modi Stadium on October 14.

Kohli refutes reports of his earnings from social media

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Star batter Virat Kohli on Saturday refuted reports that he earns a mindboggling Rs 11.4 crore for each sponsored post through Instagram. A report by Instagram scheduling tool Hopper HQ, tagged as Instagram Rich List 2023, placed Kohli's income from per post on the meta platform over Rs 11 crore, which the former Indian captain termed "not true."

"While I am grateful and indebted to all that I've received in life, the news that has been making rounds about my social media earnings is not true," Kohli wrote on his Twitter handle. Along with Kohli, Bollywood star Priyanka Chopra's name too figured in the Hopper list, which was topped by football superstars Cristiano Ronaldo (around Rs 26 crore per post) and Lionel Messi (around Rs 21 crore per post).

Kohli, who has around 256 million followers on Instagram, is on the 14th place in the list, while Chopra sits on the 29th place. Kohli was earlier featured in this Insta Rich list back in 2019 and 2021.

In 2021, he was on the 23rd position, while two years prior to that Kohli handle was recognised as the 'Most Engaged Account Of The Year'.

Team India to leave for Ireland on 15th Aug

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Team India's premier pacer Jasprit Bumrah is set to make a comeback into international cricket after being named as the Indian captain for the three-match T20I series against Ireland. Pacer Prasidh Krishna is also making his return to the team.

The Ireland series will provide a glimpse into how Bumrah and Krishna are faring competitively after undergoing rehab at the NCA in Bengaluru. As per a recent report from Cricbuzz, Team India will leave for Ireland on 15th August.

The three T20I matches between India and Ireland will be played in Malahide on August 18, 20 and 23. India and Ireland played a two-match T20I series in June 2022, with the visitors winning the series 2-0, though the hosts came close to winning.

For the tour of Ireland, Rinku Singh, Jitesh Sharma, Shivam Dube, Washington Sundar, and Shahbaz Ahmed have also been included, with Rituraj Gaikwad appointed as vice-captain of the side.

VVS Laxman Unlikely To Travel With India On Ireland Tour



Former India batter VVS Laxman, who is currently serving as the head of National Cricket Academy (NCA), will not travel with the national team on the upcoming three T20Is tour of Ireland as the head of the coaching staff.

A report in Cricbuzz said Laxman was anticipated to take charge of the coaching staff in Ireland as head coach Rahul Dravid and his team, who are currently in the USA for the last phase of the bilateral T20I series against West Indies, will head back to India.

"However, it has now been revealed that the head of the National Cricket Academy (NCA) will not be part of the tour. Instead, a few other coaches such as Sitanshu Kotak and Sairaj Bahutule will be part of the support staff," the report added.

Laxman had previously traveled with the Indian team as head of support staff on the T20I tour of Ireland last year, as well as the ODI tour of Zimbabwe and the home series against South Africa. Laxman was also the head coach of the Indian side on their white-ball tour of New Zealand later in November 2022.

Pakistan To Take On India In Asia Cup As World Cup Rehearsal
Ahead of the World Cup, India and

"When you're not rooted in your authentic self, you believe what someone tells you. You'll fall for it"
—Tabitha Brown



The Modi government's decision to repeal the British era laws--Indian Penal Code (IPC), 1860, Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC), (1898), 1973 and Indian Evidence Act, 1872, is a step aimed at removing colonial imprint from the criminal justice system.

The Indian Penal Code, 1860 will be replaced by the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita Bill, 2023, the Criminal Procedure Code, 1898 will be replaced by the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita Bill, 2023 and the Indian Evidence Act, 1872 will be replaced by the Bharatiya Sakshya Bill, 2023.

Complex procedures of IPC, CrPC, and Indian Evidence Act have led to, a large number of pending cases in courts, inordinate delay in delivery of justice, deprivation of poor and socio-economically backward communities in getting justice with low conviction rates, overcrowding in jails and a large number of undertrial prisoners.

The IPC and CrPC, relics of the British colonial era, have shaped India's legal landscape for decades. While these legal frameworks were significant achievements during their time of enactment, the evolving socio-political context of modern India has led to calls for their repeal and replacement. Advocates for this change argue that a contemporary, just, and relevant legal framework is necessary to address the complex challenges of today's society.

The IPC and CrPC were crafted to serve the interests of the colonizers rather than the needs of an independent India. Modern and assertive India needs a legal framework that should reflect its cultural, social, and political identity. A legal system rooted in the colonial past could not effectively address the contemporary challenges facing the nation.

Decades of amendments have led to a convoluted legal structure that often confounds legal practitioners, the judiciary, and the public alike. The complexity and ambiguity in interpreting the laws can undermine access to justice and hinder the efficient resolution of disputes. A revised legal framework could alleviate these concerns, promoting clarity and transparency.

Critics have pointed out the gender-biased nature of the IPC, which inadequately addresses crimes against women and marginalized genders. A comprehensive revision can ensure that the legal system offers equal protection to all citizens, irrespective of gender, promoting gender justice and equality.

The digital age has introduced new dimensions to crime, such as cybercrimes and data breaches. The IPC and CrPC were drafted at a time when these challenges were inconceivable. A revised legal framework would enable the incorporation of provisions that address modern forms of criminality, ensuring that the law keeps pace with technological advancements.

Contemporary legal systems emphasize restorative justice and rehabilitation over punitive measures. Repealing the IPC and CrPC offers an opportunity to integrate these principles into the legal framework. By focusing on the holistic well-being of victims and offenders, the revised system could foster social cohesion and reduce recidivism.

Certain provisions within the IPC and CrPC might not align with contemporary cultural and social norms. The revised legal framework seeks to acknowledge the diversity and pluralism of Indian society, ensuring that the law is sensitive to the cultural sensitivities of all communities.

- The Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita will have 533 sections (in place of 478 sections of CrPC). As many as 160 sections have been amended, nine new sections have been added and nine sections have been repealed/deleted.
- The Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita will have 356 sections (in place of 511 sections of IPC).
- A total of 175 sections have been amended and eight new sections have been added/deleted.
- Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam will have 170 sections (in place of the original 167 sections). A total of 23 sections have been amended, one new section has been added and five sections have been repealed/deleted.
- Colonial words removed from the proposed laws are 'Parliament of the United Kingdom', 'Provincial Act', 'London Gazette', 'Jury', 'Barrister', 'Lahore', 'Commonwealth', 'United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland', 'Her Majesty's Government', 'Possession of the British Crown' and 'Court of Justice in England'. The words 'Her Majesty's Dominions' have been

It's time to bid farewell to the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC), relics of the British colonial era, writes RAKESH KR SINGH

MODERNIZING INDIA'S LEGAL SYSTEM



- omitted from the Act.
- Aiming to increase the use of technology and expand the definition of documents in the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023, terms like electronic and digital record, email, server logs, documents available on the computer, smartphone or laptop messages, website, locational evidence, mail messages available on digital devices have been included.
- From FIR to case diary, case diary to charge sheet, and judgment will be digitized.
- The use of technology will find emphasis in the issuance and serving of summons and warrants and their execution besides examination of the complainant and witnesses. Recording of evidence in investigation and trial and litigation and all appellate proceedings in the High Court will also see usage of technology
- A register shall be maintained by all police stations and courts containing email addresses, phone numbers, or any other such details.
- Summons will be duly sent by electronic means. Search and seizure operations will also see the usage of technology. The entire process of police searching or seizing any property will be videographed through electronic devices. Such recording shall be sent by the police to the concerned magistrate without any delay.
- On the forensic side aimed at achieving a conviction rate above 90 percent plus, reforms in investigation, prosecution, and forensics by the police are envisaged. The proposed law provides for the mandatory use of forensics in all States/UTs.
- The use of forensic experts will be mandatory in all cases of offences

- punishable with imprisonment of seven years or more.
- Necessary infrastructure in the States/UTs will be created within five years.
- Citizen-friendly measures included in the Bills are 'Zero FIR' - outside the limits of that police station but within the State, provisions for e-FIR, and stipulation that the State Government will designate a police officer in every district and every police station, who shall give notice of the arrest of any person.
- It also provides that police officers will inform the victim of the progress of the investigation within 90 days, including through digital means.
- In case of sexual violence, the statement of the victim will be recorded by a woman judicial magistrate. It would be desirable to

- record the statement of the victim of sexual assault in the presence of a lady police officer at her residence.
- While recording such statements, the parent or guardian of the victim may be present.
- Where the government wants to withdraw the prosecution in cases of imprisonment of seven years or more, the aggrieved party will be given an opportunity of being heard.
- The Bills have provided for repealing the sedition/treason. Hatred, contempt, and disaffection against the government was an offence under British rule.
- For the first time, community service has been introduced as a new form of punishment.
- Simplification of procedures has been provided in the Bills and now petty cases will be expedited by summary trial.

- A summary trial has been made mandatory for less serious cases, such as theft, receiving or possessing stolen property, house trespass, breach of the peace, and criminal intimidation among others.
- In cases where the punishment is up to 3 years (earlier 2 years), the Magistrate may, for reasons to be recorded in writing, conduct a summary trial in such cases.
- After the filing of the charge sheet, if further investigation is required, it will be completed in 90 days. Any extension of time beyond 90 days will be granted only with the permission of the court.
- In the case of a warrant, a provision has been made that a time limit of 60 days has been prescribed from the date of the first hearing on the charge for framing of charge by the court.
- The accused person can appeal for release within 60 days from the date of notice of framing of charge.
- After the conclusion of arguments, the judge shall give a decision as soon as possible within 30 days, which may be extended up to 60 days for specific reasons.
- A maximum of two adjournments can be granted by the court after hearing the objections of the other party and for specific reasons to be recorded in writing.
- The competent Authority will decide on sanction for prosecution in 120 days against civil servants, failing which it will be presumed that the permission has been granted.
- Evidence Civil Servants, Experts, Police Officers, and the person holding charge thereof may give testimony on such document or report.
- The words 'surety' and 'bond' have been clearly defined.
- For unburdening the agony of

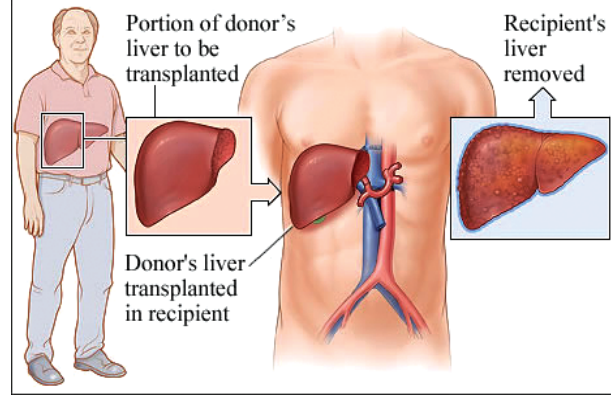
UNDOUBTEDLY, REPEALING THE BRITISH-ERA IPC AND CRPC IS A BOLD STEP TOWARD CRAFTING A MODERN, JUST, AND RELEVANT LEGAL FRAMEWORK THAT CATERES TO THE NEEDS OF CONTEMPORARY INDIA. WHILE SUCH A PROCESS IS COMPLEX AND CHALLENGING, IT OFFERS THE POTENTIAL TO ADDRESS HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERNS, PROMOTE GENDER JUSTICE, EMBRACE TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENTS, AND REFLECT THE VALUES OF A DIVERSE AND EVOLVING SOCIETY. BY ACKNOWLEDGING THE LIMITATIONS OF THE COLONIAL LEGACY AND STRIVING TO CREATE A LEGAL SYSTEM THAT ALIGNS WITH INDIA'S ASPIRATIONS, THE NATION CAN PAVE THE WAY FOR A BRIGHTER, MORE EQUITABLE FUTURE

under-trial prisoners, a person who is a first-time offender, and has served 'one-third of the imprisonment', will be released on bail by the court.

- Where the undertrial prisoner has completed 'half or one-third of the term', the Jail Superintendent shall forthwith make an application in writing to the court.
- Remission will not be considered for an undertrial prisoner sentenced to life imprisonment or death sentence.
- The Bills also provide for a new witness protection scheme.
- The State Government will prepare a witness protection scheme for the State and will also be notified.
- In cases of punishment of 10 years or more or imprisonment for life or the death penalty, the convict can be declared a proclaimed offender.
- In cases of proclaimed offenders, a new provision has been made for the attachment and confiscation of property outside India.
- Terrorism has been defined for the first time in the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.
- A new section relating to organized crime has been added.
- Unlawful activity done by syndicates has been made punishable.
- New provisions have been added for armed rebellion, subversive activities, separatist activities, or acts threatening the sovereignty or unity and integrity of India.
- A new offence has been included for making sexual relationships based on the false promise of marriage, employment, and promotion or fake disclosure of identity.
- Now there will be a provision of 20 years of imprisonment or life imprisonment in all cases of gang rape.
- But in the case of girls below 18 years of age, provision has been made for life imprisonment or the death penalty.
- New provision for mob lynching: A new provision has been included for the crime related to murder based on race, caste, and community among others for which provision of a minimum of seven years, imprisonment or life imprisonment or death penalty has been made.
- A new provision for snatching has also been provided.
- Severe injury leading to almost incapacitation or permanent disability will attract more stringent punishment.
- Provision for a minimum of seven to 10 years of imprisonment has been made for the person who gets the crimes committed through children.
- The fine was very low ranging between Rs 10 to Rs 500. These fines and punishments for various offences have now been rationalized in the new Code.
- A provision has been inserted wherein whosoever is responsible for the death of a person by any rash or negligent act, and escapes from the scene of the offence and does not present himself before the police/magistrate and fails to disclose the incident, shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to 10 years, which shall be in addition to the fine imposed on the accused.
- Remissions of punishment have been rationalized like commutation of the death sentence to life imprisonment, commutation of life sentence to imprisonment for a term of seven years, and commutation of the sentence of seven years imprisonment to three years imprisonment.
- A new provision has been incorporated for trial in the absence of the proclaimed offender.
- A new section has been added regarding attachment and confiscation of property related to the proceeds of crime.
- A large number of case properties are lying in the police stations of the country. Provision has been made for speedy disposal of such properties after preparation of details of assets and photography /videography by the Court or Magistrate, during investigation.
- Undoubtedly, repealing the British-era IPC and CrPC is a bold step toward crafting a modern, just, and relevant legal framework that caters to the needs of contemporary India. While such a process is complex and challenging, it offers the potential to address human rights concerns, promote gender justice, embrace technological advancements, and reflect the values of a diverse and evolving society. By acknowledging the limitations of the colonial legacy and striving to create a legal system that aligns with India's aspirations, the nation can pave the way for a brighter, more equitable future.



WORLD ORGAN DONATION DAY (AUGUST 13)



ALL ABOUT LIVER TRANSPLANTATION

Besides acting as a storage house for glycogen, liver helps in the digestion of fat with the production of bile and even supports in the deamination of amino acids. However, it is also one of the organs prone to various diseases from fatty liver, both alcoholic and non-alcoholic to hepatic cancer, the list is long. While medicines and surgeries are often suggested to treat the conditions, certain cases call for liver transplant treatment to extend the patient's lifetime. Although, organ transplantation is gradually catching up, still it is mired with myths. On the eve of the World Organ Donation Day, **Dr Manoj Gupta**, Liver Transplant & Surgical Gastroenterology, PSRI Hospital, Delhi debunks many common myths about living and deceased liver transplant treatment.



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essential to protect the new liver mainly to avoid rejection. However, with time, these medications reduce both in dosage and number and the immune system gets adapted to the new liver.

Myth: I have cirrhosis of the liver and doctors have advised me liver transplant. How will my life change after a transplant?

Fact: Post transplant, patients lead a normal life with improved quality. They are able to get back to work, support their family and lead a productive life. However, lifelong follow up is necessary to ensure sustained success of the transplant.

MYTHS ABOUT LIVE DONOR LIVER TRANSPLANT
Myth: How will I survive once doctors remove my whole liver?

Fact: A live donor liver transplant involves removing a portion of the liver and not the whole liver from a donor. The liver has the ability to regrow (regenerate) with time (usually 6 weeks) ensuring that both donor and recipient have functional organs after surgery.

Myth: Liver donation at a younger age will affect a woman's chances of getting pregnant

Fact: Studies have shown that donating a part of the liver does not affect a woman's ability to have children.

Myth: Liver donation will affect a person's office work

Fact: Donors can lead a normal life after donation. They usually leave the hospital in a week's time and are able to do desk jobs within 2-3 weeks. However, heavy work should be avoided for a period of 3 months. Donors have even returned to physically demanding professions like the army after donation.

Myth: Donors need to take medications lifelong after liver donation.

Fact: This is not true. After discharge from the hospital, the donor needs to take only a few medications and that only for a week or so.

Myth: After liver transplant, the recipient has to survive on heavy medication for the rest of their lives.

Fact: Following a liver transplant, medications are

MYTHS ABOUT DECEASED (CADAVERIC, BRAIN DEAD) DONOR LIVER TRANSPLANT

Myth: If doctors know that I am registered to be an organ donor, they won't work as hard to save my life.

Fact: The first and foremost priority of any medical professional is to save the lives of sick/ injured people coming to the hospital. Organ donation is not even considered or discussed until after death is declared.

Typically, doctors and nurses involved in a person's care before death are not involved in the recovery or transplantation of donated organs.

Myth: My religion doesn't support organ donation.

Fact: Most religions support organ donation. Moreover, religions view organ donation as an act of charity and goodwill.

Myth: My family will be charged for donating my organs.

Fact: Costs associated with donating organs for transplant are not passed on to the donor family. The family may be expected to pay for medical expenses incurred before death is declared.

NAFLD, A SILENT KILLER

Nonalcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD) is a leading cause of chronic liver disease all over the world including India and is on the rise. The prevalence of NAFLD in India is as high as 9% to 32% , overweight or obesity and those with diabetes or prediabetes being on the risk zone. Early detection and simple steps like healthy diet and physical activity can help curb the menace, say medicos. ARCHANA JYOTI reports.

Researchers have found NAFLD in 40 to 80 % of people who have type 2 diabetes and in 30 to 90 % of people who are obese.

This is alarming. For, NAFLD silently kills the patients as in many it remains asymptomatic. People who do have symptoms may feel fatigued or discomfort in the upper right side of the abdomen, state the doctors. It is an independent predictor of future risk of cardiovascular diseases, type 2 diabetes and metabolic syndrome (hypertension, abdominal obesity dyslipidemia, glucose intolerance).

In fact, keeping the burden of NAFLD in mind, the Union Health Ministry in 2021 integrated NAFLD into the central health scheme, 'National Program for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke' (NPCDCS) to target early diagnosis and management.

"NAFLD is often unrecognized since it does not cause symptoms in the early stage, but may progress in some patients with severe liver disease.

"The cause of 'fatty liver' or 'steatohepatitis' is the recent westernisation of our diets which involves increased intake of fast food, lack of healthy fruits and vegetables on the plate, and an unhealthy and sedentary lifestyle," says **Dr Anoop Saraya**, Head of Department of Gastroenterology, AIIMS, Delhi.

Clearly, the disease can be tackled by adopting a mix of healthy habits, a balanced diet, and exercise.



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If NAFLD continues unabated, it can turn into non-alcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH), which leads to cell damage and eventually cirrhosis, he warns.

In fact, scientists are currently studying a possible link between diets high in fructose and NAFLD. They are also looking at whether gut microbiome could affect it.

A recent study published in The Lancet Regional - South East Asia indicated that the overall prevalence of NAFLD is around 26.9%, with high heterogeneity and the risk of the disease is as high as 54% among people with metabolic disorders. The prevalence was 22.6% in rural and 32.9% in urban population

According to **Dr SK Sarin**, a renowned gastroenterologist and Director Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences (ILBS), Delhi, one in three Indians today suffer from excess fat in their livers. What's worst, one in five fatty liver related deaths in the world is from India. He emphasised the importance of screening for fatty liver disease and stressed on taking steps to



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keep their own liver healthy and also those of their families and friends.

To sensitise the elected representatives about the seriousness of the NAFLD which has a huge social and economic costs in terms of loss of man days and on the other hand increases our expenditure on healthcare impeding socio-economic growth of our country, if not curbed on time, ILBS along with the Parliamentary Research & Training Institute for Democracies organised an awareness session recently in the Parliament House Annex. Besides hepatitis, the doctors also took an opportunity to highlight the health hazards due to NAFLD.

At the event, Union Health Minister **Dr Mansukh Mandaviya** too stressed the importance of early diagnosis and prompt management in eliminating the threat of fatty liver and hepatitis and urged people to monitor their lifestyle choices and holistic health.

Echoing similar views, Speaker Lok Sabha, **Om Birla** called upon the elected representatives to take upon the

responsibility of taking liver health awareness to the masses. He suggested that stakeholders and policy makers should get better awareness regarding fatty liver diseases and hepatitis so that the fight against liver diseases can be taken forward.

Doctors say timely detection is essential to significantly reduce the impact of fatty liver disease on individuals and the healthcare ecosystem as a whole.

In fact, the recent AIIMS study rings alarm bell as it noted that over one-third (38 per cent) of Indians have NAFLD. But what's most worrisome is that the phenomenon is not restricted to adults, it affects nearly 35 per cent of the children as well, says the study published in the Journal of Clinical and Experimental Hepatology last year.

A fatty liver can be reversed if it is caught in the earlier stages, when there is only fat, but no inflammation or fibrosis, say the medicos.

Dr Prakash Valse, consultant surgical gastroenterologist at Aditya Birla Memorial Hospital Pune pointed out that in the recent years, NAFLD has emerged as the leading cause of liver transplantation worldwide. The escalating prevalence of fatty liver disease, coupled with the shortage of available organs for transplantation poses a significant challenge to healthcare systems globally.

"This underscores the urgent need for public health initiatives and policy measures aimed at prevention, early diagnosis, and effective management of fatty liver disease. But, it's just not only obese peo-



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ple who are prone to NAFLD. A study says that being thin too may not completely protect you from NAFLD. It means thin people with this liver disease are at a greater risk of dying from the condition.

It's possible that NAFLD in thin people is related to other metabolic issues, says **Dr Lisa Ganju**, a gastroenterologist and hepatologist at NYU Langone Health in a study.

"You don't have to be obese," Ganju said, adding that thin people sometimes have high blood cholesterol levels, for example.

The new study "is a big call for action," said **Dr Sammy Saab**, a professor of medicine and surgery at the UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine.

"The problem is we don't have a good treatment now. We need a pharmacologic intervention, a medication that can reverse the liver damage we see."

The trouble for this vital organ called liver doesn't end here, it seems.

Now, drinking sugar-laden beverages on a regular basis too has been found to be enemy of liver, with a new study saying that it can cause liver cancer

and death from chronic liver disease.

The observational analyses revealed that postmenopausal women who consumed at least one sugar-sweetened beverage daily had an 85% higher risk of developing liver cancer and a 68% higher risk of dying from chronic liver disease, compared with those who consumed three servings or fewer per month.

"If our findings are confirmed, reducing sugar-sweetened beverage consumption might serve as a public health strategy to reduce liver disease burden," said the first author **Longgang Zhao**, with Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School, Boston, Massachusetts in the study published online in JAMA.

Dr Arka De and **Dr Ajay Duseja** from the Department of Hepatology, PGIMER, Chandigarh too join the list of doctors who have red flagged that NAFLD has emerged as a major public health issue in India that is responsible for significant burden of hepatic and extrahepatic disease.

Education of healthy lifestyle to children and adolescents in schools and colleges may be the need of the hour.

"Efforts are also required to change the perception of both physicians and the public toward this ongoing silent pandemic.

Although much progress has been witnessed in the last one or two decades in NAFLD research in India, a lot more needs to be done," they say in their study 'Nonalcoholic Fatty Liver Disease: Indian Perspective' published in Clin Liver Disease journal.

Unifying Health: Preserving Antibiotics

DR SANGEETA SHARMA says antibiotics work against bacteria only, not viruses like the common cold or flu as many believe. By not demanding antibiotics at the OTC or when visiting doctors, a patient can play a pivotal role in advocating for responsible antibiotic use and help combat one of the most pressing global challenges: antimicrobial resistance (AMR)

In our interconnected world, the health of humans, animals, the environment, and our food sources are all intertwined. This concept, known as "One Health," has gained significant recognition as a key strategy to combat one of the most pressing global challenges: antimicrobial resistance (AMR).

Imagine a big puzzle where all the pieces fit together to make a complete picture. One Health is like that puzzle. It's a way of thinking about how the health of people, animals, and the environment are all connected.

The health of humans isn't just about us - it's also linked to the health of animals and the

world around us. For example, if animals get sick, it can affect us too. And if the environment, like air, water, and soil, becomes polluted or unhealthy, it can make everyone sick, including humans and animals.

The profound interdependence between human health, animal health, and the environment is undeniable. The health of animals, the food we consume, and the quality of our environment directly impact our well-being. Environmental pollution, encompassing water, soil, and air pollution, is playing a role in escalating infection rates. Polluted environments provide breeding grounds for superbugs, which can then be

transmitted to humans and animals, fueling the rise of AMR.

Think about how we use medicines, like antibiotics, to treat infections. When we use these medicines too much or not in the right way, the germs that make us sick can learn how to fight back and become really strong, so the medicines don't work as well anymore. This is called "antimicrobial resistance," or in other words superbug challenge and it's a problem that affects both people and animals. This means that antibiotics are no longer effective, leading to prolonged illnesses, hospitalizations, increased healthcare costs, and even fatalities.



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The use of antibiotics is rising in human and non-human sectors. The surge in demand

of developing and spreading superbugs, creating a public health crisis. Solutions to combat AMR require joint efforts from medical professionals, veterinarians, researchers, policymakers, and the public.

Antibiotics are used as a quick fix for most common illnesses like common cold or flu or watery diarrhea. These illnesses are caused by viruses and are self-limiting, thus antibiotics are unnecessary in these situations. Antibiotics work against bacteria only, not viruses like the common cold or flu. However, when antibiotics are needed such as in typhoid fever, urinary tract infection, pneumonia etc., antibiotics play an important

role in curing these infections, therefore, doctor's instructions need to be followed carefully and course should be completed, even if one feels better. It is essential to ensure all harmful bacteria are eliminated. Stopping antibiotics early might allow the surviving bacteria to develop resistance. Practicing good hygiene, handwashing, can reduce the spread of infections and the need for antibiotics. Immunizations also play a vital role in preventing proper certain illnesses, reducing the demand for antibiotics.

Public pressure can also influence change. By not demanding antibiotics and asking questions when visiting healthcare professionals, individuals play a pivotal role in advocating for responsible antibiotic use.

One Health emphasizes a collaborative approach to tackle AMR. We must reduce the misuse and overuse of antibiotics in human and animal healthcare. We must understand that antibiotics are not the only solution to fight infections. There are other solutions available which can reduce the use of antibiotics such as sustainable agricultural practices, improved sanitation, and responsible waste management. We can preserve the effectiveness of antibiotics by recognizing the urgency of this issue and work together to secure a healthier world for everyone.

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Af complex stability under Taliban's 2nd stint

Afghanistan, often referred to as the "Graveyard of Empires", has once again fallen under the rule of the Taliban, marking their second period of control since August 2021. The radicals previously governed the Central Asian nation from 1996 to 2001 under the leadership of Mullah Muhammed Omar. After his death in 2013, the leadership of the group passed to Mawlawi Hibatullah Akhundzada, who currently heads the Islamic Emirate in the country. Though he rarely appears in public, the all-male Taliban Government is effectively managed by one Prime Minister and two Deputy Prime Ministers: Mullah Hasan Akhund (PM), Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar, and Mawlawi Abdul Salam Hanafi.

Following two years of military insurrection against US-led forces, the fundamentalists swiftly ousted the democratically elected government of Ashraf Ghani in August 2021, securing control over Kabul. Despite a semblance of stability in the war-ravaged nation since then, the spectre of chaos has permeated nearly every corner of the country under the guidance of the Mullahs.

The group emerged in the 1990s to combat the USSR-backed Communist regime in Kabul. Gradually, the predominantly ethnic Pashtun Taliban evolved into a potent political force, forming the first government in Afghanistan under Mullah Omar in 1996. The clerics immediately changed the country's name from the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan to the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan. Their rule was characterised by the immediate exclusion of women from public life and the strict enforcement of Sharia Law across the nation.

After two years of Taliban rule, violence in the Mullah-ruled country has significantly decreased compared to previous years. The main reason is that the primary instigators of violence and crime have assumed leadership of the country. According to the Global Peace Index (GPI), Afghanistan is ranked as the "least peaceful country in the world" in 2023.

The two years of Taliban rule have had a devastating impact on Afghan women and girls. They are completely banned from appearing freely in public, in stark contrast to the period of Hamid Karzai and Ghani's rule just before the Taliban's resurgence. The US withdrawal has brought complete disaster to Afghan civil society, leaving people hungry and deprived of their basic freedoms.

Over the past two years, the Taliban authorities have denied women their basic rights to education, work, assembly, and movement in public spaces. The country has reverted to a male-dominated society, relegating women to second-class citizens. Furthermore, the Taliban have imposed widespread censorship on the media and access to information, leading to increased detentions of journalists, informers, and prominent opposition leaders who remain in Afghanistan. The rise in torture, killings, and kidnappings of minorities and opponents further deepens the sense of gloom and doom heralded by the jihadists in a new format and style.

The resurgence of the Taliban in 2021 has directly affected Delhi's relations with Kabul. Taliban 2.0 has ushered in a reign of terror, impeding Delhi's earlier efforts to rebuild the war-torn country. China's entry into Afghanistan follow-



ing the withdrawal of the US and other Western nations has further complicated the geopolitical landscape. Presently, no party emerges victorious in Afghanistan, neither the Taliban nor the openly operating jihadist forces within the country. The most afflicted are the ordinary people of Afghanistan, many of whom are compelled to flee and seek refuge wherever possible.

Today, the Taliban in Kabul poses a serious threat to the neighboring government of Pakistan. Originally nurtured and trained by the Pakistani establishment, particularly its military and intelligence, with American support, the Afghan Taliban and its offshoots in Pakistan, particularly Tehrik-e Taliban Pakistan (TTP), now collaborate to challenge authorities in Islamabad. With the Taliban's return to power,

backed by Pakistan in its two-decade insurgency against occupying forces, TTP has begun targeting Pakistani armed forces and paramilitary groups in the northwestern Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province. In fact, the TTP is attempting to gain control over the large swathes of the province that border Afghanistan.

Earlier this month, Pakistan's Army General Asim Munir publicly expressed Islamabad's concerns over sanctuaries available to banned outfits and their operational freedom within Afghanistan, pledging to dismantle these terrorist organisations. He reiterated that the involvement of Afghan nationals in terrorist incidents in Pakistan is detrimental to regional peace. Just before the Pakistani military statement, Afghanistan's

Defence Minister, Mullah Muhammad Yaqub, urged his fighters to obey a recent decree by their Supreme leader Akhundzada. This urgent decree strictly forbids Taliban fighters from engaging in any jihad outside Afghanistan's territorial limits. Clearly, this decree was a response to allegations by Pakistani authorities that TTP and its fringe elements were targeting Pakistani forces.

Meanwhile, a key Taliban spokesperson, Zabihullah Mujahid, expressed the view that it is the responsibility of Pakistan's security and intelligence agencies to carry out their duties properly, rather than blaming the Taliban. This dispute over Taliban involvement in Pakistan remains a key point of contention between Kabul and Islamabad. The decree released by the Taliban

indicates that its fighters are engaged in jihad outside Afghanistan.

Regionally, TTP poses a significant challenge not only for Pakistan but also for Afghanistan's northern neighbours in Central Asia. The core issue is that TTP provides a platform for various other regional terrorist groups, seeking to secure areas along the Afghanistan-Pakistan border, as detailed in a recent UN report.

Contrary to appearances, Taliban 2.0 does not exert full control over Afghanistan. Their most formidable opposition comes from the Islamic State-Khorasan (IS-K) group, an offshoot of the global Islamic State (ISIS). Established in 2015 during the peak of ISIS's influence in Iraq and Syria, IS-K is currently considered the most extreme and violent

among all terrorist organisations in Afghanistan. It is rapidly evolving into a transnational jihadist group, recruiting defectors and dissatisfied members from the Taliban and other radical Islamic organisations across the region. Unlike the Taliban, whose interests are primarily limited to Afghanistan, IS-K is deeply integrated into the global network of ISIS, targeting not only Afghan and Pakistani security forces but also Western, international, and humanitarian entities.

The rise of Taliban 2.0 signifies the complete institutionalisation of Taliban fundamentalist values, ideas, and governance systems that the group has sought to establish for decades. Ironically, the US and Western forces, who spent two decades combating the Taliban, inadvertently paved the way for their return to Kabul. This outcome underscores how liberal democracies, including the US, have inadvertently facilitated the resurgence of their ideological adversaries by allowing them to overthrow the democratically elected government of Ghani.

The path forward for Afghanistan appears bleak and frustrating. The jihadists have curtailed the democratic values and principles that flourished under the regimes of Karzai and Ghani. No one, including the Taliban, is secure in present-day Afghanistan. With the expansion of ISIS and its affiliates, the entire region faces a serious threat. Pakistan, in particular, is paying the price for this situation. Gradually, these jihadist elements are spreading to different parts of Central Asia, China, and even India.

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In the 'Graveyard of Empires', all-male Taliban rule since 2021 enforces strict policies, impacting women's basic rights and media freedom. Regional implications involve Pakistan's collaboration with the Taliban, while IS-K poses a global threat. Despite US efforts, Taliban's return raises concerns, highlighting challenges for democracy, stability, and regional security



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PERSPECTIVE

Taliban's war on women: Gender apartheid

Two years after Taliban's control began, Afghan women face severe rights suppression resembling gender apartheid. Institutions have been dissolved, education and work curtailed, and public life restricted. Labeling gender apartheid a crime can counter Taliban abuses, uphold gender equality commitments, and address the crisis. UN Rapporteur notes discrimination, urgent action required for justice. Afghan voices stress universal defence of women's rights

August 15 marks the second anniversary of the Taliban takeover of Afghanistan. Since then, Afghan women have been denied the most basic human rights in what can only be described as gender apartheid.

Only by labelling it as such and making clear the situation in Afghanistan is a crime against humanity can the international community legally fight the systematic discrimination against the country's women and girls.

Erasing women from the public sphere is central to Taliban ideology. Women's rights institutions in Afghanistan, notably the Ministry of Women's Affairs, have been dismantled while the dreaded Ministry for the Propagation of Virtue and the Prevention of Vice has been resurrected.

The Afghan Independent Human Rights Commission has been dissolved and the country's 2004 constitution repealed, while legislation guaranteeing gender equality has been invalidated.

Today, Afghan women are denied a post-secondary education, they cannot leave the house without a male chaperone, they cannot work, except in health care and some private businesses and they are barred from parks, gyms and beauty salons.

Of the approximately 80 edicts issued by the Taliban, 54 specifically target women, severely restricting their rights and violating Afghanistan's international obligations and its previous constitutional and domestic laws.

The Taliban appear undeterred, continuing where they left off 20 years ago when they first held power. The results of their ambitions are nearly apocalyptic.



Afghanistan is facing one of the world's worst humanitarian crises. About 19 million people are suffering from acute food insecurity, while more than 90 per cent of Afghans are experiencing some form of food insecurity, with female-headed households and children most impacted.

Gender-based violence has increased exponentially with corresponding impunity for the perpetrators and lack of support for the victims, while ethnic and

religious minorities are suffering intense persecution. The grim reality underscores the urgent need to address how civil, political, socioeconomic and gender-based harms are interconnected.

Karima Bennouna, an Algerian-American international law scholar, has advocated recognising gender apartheid as a crime under international law. Such recognition would stem from states' international legal commit-

ments to gender equality and the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goal 5 aimed at achieving global gender equality by 2030.

Criminalising gender apartheid would provide the international community with a powerful legal framework to effectively respond to Taliban abuses. While the UN has already labelled the situation in Afghanistan gender apartheid, the term is not currently recognised under the Rome Statute

of the International Criminal Court as being among the worst international crimes.

Presenting his report at the UN Human Rights Council, Richard Bennett - the UN Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Afghanistan - stated: "A grave, systematic and institutionalized discrimination against women and girls is at the heart of Taliban ideology and rule, which also gives rise to concerns that they may be

responsible for gender apartheid."

Criminalising gender apartheid globally would allow the international community to fulfil its obligation to respond effectively and try to eradicate it permanently. It would provide the necessary legal tools to ensure that international commitments to women's rights in all aspects of life are upheld.

Shaharazad Akbar, head of the Rawadari human rights group and former chair of the

Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission, has urged the Human Rights Council to acknowledge the situation in Afghanistan as gender apartheid.

She's noted that the "Taliban have turned Afghanistan to a mass graveyard of Afghan women and girls' ambitions, dreams and potential."

A number of Afghan women's rights defenders have also called for the inclusion of gender apartheid in the UN's Draft Convention on Crimes Against Humanity.

Most remarkably, Bronwen Levy, South Africa's representative at the Security Council, has urged the international community to "take action against what (Bennett's) report describes as gender apartheid, much like it did in support of South Africa's struggle against racial apartheid."

Elsewhere, the chair of the European Parliament's Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality, as well as the head of its Delegation for Relations with Afghanistan, have described the "unacceptable" situation in Afghanistan as one of gender apartheid.

Whenever and wherever apartheid systems emerge, it represents a failure of the international community. The situation in Afghanistan must compel it to respond effectively to the persecution of women.

Recognising Taliban rule as gender apartheid is not only critical for Afghans, it is equally critical for the credibility of the entire UN system. As Afghan human rights activist Zubaida Akbar told the Security Council: "If you do not defend women's rights here, you have no credibility to do so anywhere else."

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**YOUR
WEEK
AHEAD**

MADHU KOTIYA



ARIES March 21-April 19

The week begins with feelings of low self-esteem, potentially keeping you homebound. Engaging in yoga and meditation can rejuvenate your energy. Midweek brings improved connections at home and work, fostering emotional support and potential financial gains. For singles, new romance blossoms, possibly marked by a trip or a special gift. The week concludes with unexpected financial success, such as profitable investments in property, and new job opportunities. Approach these with intelligence, as a breakthrough is on the horizon. The week opens with a struggle in confidence, possibly leading to isolation. Relationships both at home and work will strengthen as the week progresses, even sparking new romance for some. The highlight will be unexpected financial gains, property success, and exciting career opportunities.

Lucky number 7 | Lucky colour Green
Lucky day Saturday



LEO July 23-Aug 22

Dreams can motivate us, but it's vital to avoid mere fantasies. To actualize dreams, hard work, discipline, and perseverance are essential. The upcoming week calls for a focus on priorities and goal-setting, abandoning any casual attitude. Travel and committed efforts may be needed mid-week, along with high self-confidence. Enthusiasm will drive you towards adventure, while practicality will overshadow illusions. Achieving goals becomes a core focus. Enjoyment in social gatherings is indicated, and family stability is highlighted as well. It's a good time for emotional expression. By the week's end, a secret may be revealed, calling for introspection or guidance, possibly from a female figure, that could prove beneficial. You may also become an inspiration to others.

Lucky number 11 | Lucky colour Sky Blue
Lucky day Sunday



SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 21

Facing significant pressure and numerous life changes, your creativity has been stifled due to an overabundance of responsibilities. The weight of these burdens has been taxing, both mentally and physically. But as the week progresses, alignment in mind, heart, and spirit emerges, reinvigorating your passion for your work. Your inherent talents and skills enable you to formulate practical plans and proceed methodically, appreciating the role of each team member. This approach integrates your spiritual wisdom with technical prowess, fuelling your energy and ambition. Elevating you to greater heights, this synergy clarifies your intentions, making them well-received by others. In business partnerships, a seamless unity will be forged, potentially involving travel. Your unique blend of spiritual understanding and practical ability not only drives you forward but also promotes collaborative success.

Lucky number 5 | Lucky colour Pink
Lucky day Friday



TAURUS April 20-May 20

You will face a busy week filled with practical endeavours in family, profession, and social matters. Your down-to-earth nature and patience will guide you through unexpected changes, perhaps abandoning a relied-upon project. The end of one phase signals the beginning of a new one, and your inherent management skills will help you navigate challenges. The week concludes with creativity and enthusiasm, opening doors to new opportunities like child conception or a new job. Your energy will inspire forward movement and great achievements. The week's transition for you may mark significant life alterations. Your grounded approach will turn fresh, imaginative ideas into tangible successes. This week creates a balance of hard work and creativity could lead to unexpected joys.

Lucky number 10 | Lucky colour Orange
Lucky day Wednesday



VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

Reflect on your current position and life's goals. Now is the perfect time to make pivotal decisions to achieve your desires. This signifies a new beginning and awakening, full of motivation and potential growth. Family and ancestral property may bring gains, enhancing your sense of security and prosperity. Your destiny is in your hands, and this period is ripe for investing in property and expecting great results in matters like education and career. Achievements and recognition await you, enhancing your charismatic personality. Others will be drawn to your leadership and confidence. However, beware of feelings of superiority. Appreciate your blessings, recognizing yourself as both fortunate and responsible. Accept this empowering phase with humility and wisdom, guiding yourself to a fulfilling future while staying grounded in your values.

Lucky number 18 | Lucky colour Brown
Lucky day Thursday



CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 19

This week brings a blend of future insight, optimism, and unexpected gifts, igniting a renewal of faith. New relationships or ventures are likely to thrive, but beware of self-doubt and negativity, as they may lead to missed opportunities. Artistic, educational, and spiritual pursuits will progress well, along with travel and health. Midweek, be cautious of cynicism and pessimism, which may lead to insomnia or anxiety. These feelings are conquerable, and you possess the power to overcome them. As the week closes, brace for an unexpected event, and be mindful to maintain balance and positive collaboration to avoid conflict or loss. Embrace your position of power, and let confidence guide you towards success.

Lucky number 20 | Lucky colour Black
Lucky day Tuesday



GEMINI May 21-June 20

During the first two days of the week, be cautious of getting trapped in unhealthy rivalries at work; focusing on your tasks will help you overcome negativity. Midweek, a change of place or travel may reinvigorate you, sparking enthusiasm and zest for life. Good news may bring material richness, love, and fulfilment of desires, enhancing your personality. If you're job-hunting, this week may bring an opportunity with better pay or other gains. Your hard work now promises long-term rewards, so remain optimistic and embrace your good fortune. This is a prime time to pursue your ambitions, as your positive outlook and determination are aligned with success. Embrace the energy of the week, and let it guide you towards achievement and contentment.

Lucky number 22 | Lucky colour Red
Lucky day Monday



LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

You are poised for a week of courage, adventure, and resolve. Challenges will not hinder your determined spirit, and are advised not to give in to fleeting fears or negative thoughts. Mid-week may bring familial conflict, possibly between mother and son. Travel or unexpected arrivals are possible, heralding potential conflicts or new beginnings. This period might also coincide with political changes such as a leader's resignation or the launch of a new campaign. All negative aspects must be controlled to avoid unwanted complications. This Zodiac will utilize their sharp mental clarity to navigate these intricacies with confidence. You need to maintain inner equilibrium and harness their adventurous spirit. Embracing challenges with bravery and awareness will not only lead to personal growth but will also allow you to overcome any obstacles.

Lucky number 16 | Lucky colour Pink
Lucky day Wednesday



AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

The week ahead promises a fruitful time, particularly for women, filled with opportunities for abundance, creativity, and assurance. Beauty, art, and pleasure are highlighted, and many desires will manifest, especially in artistic endeavours. Growth, prosperity, and fertility are imminent, marking this as a perfect period for women planning to begin a family. While the rewards might surpass your expectations, it's wise to exercise restraint, as excess indulgence could result in difficulties. By the week's end, you may feel trapped in certain life areas, but this is a temporary phase. Recognize that any feelings of being in a stranglehold are transient and largely a product of negative thoughts. Stay positive and trust in your path, for this period is filled with promise and potential, and the universe is guiding you favourably.

Lucky number 13 | Lucky colour Grey
Lucky day Sunday



CANCER June 21-July 22

This week brings a surge of positivity and emotional fulfilment, resonating with your love for home and family. A possible home purchase or construction could make your dreams come true. Harmony, understanding, and balance in relationships will uplift your spirit, while a spiritual awakening may lead to good health and prosperity. Pay attention to a balanced diet and regular exercise to counter potential weight gain. Include discipline in health matters. Stay vigilant for someone attempting to dominate you by the week's end. Welcome this week's positive energy, as it's an ideal time to nurture relationships and embark on new endeavours, particularly in the home and emotional spheres. Stay mindful of your health, though, and be prepared for any potential challenges, turning them into opportunities for growth.

Lucky number 5 | Lucky colour Mustard
Lucky day Friday



SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

This week for you begins with feelings of despair, but things aren't as bleak as they seem. Your focus on the negative obscures your usual courage and determination. It's time to balance your life, be it in food, finances, or emotions, and leave regret behind. By midweek, you'll be asserting your rights, possibly in matters of education, love, or real estate, guided by your sense of fairness. As the week concludes, opportunities for wealth and abundance emerge, especially through your communication and organizational abilities. Financial security is on the horizon, along with possible gains in position or even an inheritance. You'll end the week with a newfound sense of stability and recognition.

Lucky number 21 | Lucky colour Pink
Lucky day Monday



PISCES Feb 19-March 20

Your talents and resources are ready to be utilized. Now is the time to embrace them, facing challenges to manifest your desires. It requires skilful management to turn dreams into reality; believe in the possible, and life becomes rich and magical. Embrace warmth, compassion, and tolerance to enhance your daily existence. A child's conception may be near, and financial gains are promising. The week foresees growth in various areas such as physical, mental, financial, emotional, and spiritual. Enjoyment of luxury and romance is indicated. Fresh creative energy will emerge by week's end, but remain wary of someone's arrogance or negative intentions against you. Stay vigilant and grounded, cherishing the positives while being mindful of potential challenges.

Lucky number 5 | Lucky colour Violet
Lucky day Thursday

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Lord Shiva calls for all-inclusiveness



Picking up threads from the previous issue, it is time now to look at interrelation amongst those forming Lord Shiva's entourage. There remains evolutionary barrier of incomunicability amongst them, all marked with their individualistic positives and negatives. But lord Shiva on his part, through His selfless force of love, remains in accord with all of them at one go. Overlooking their individualistic vagaries, He does not differentiate. Not that He would not be aware of their individualistic limitations, as His eyes, half open and half closed would signify. It implies that knowingly ignoring their limitations, simultaneously He acknowledges their virtues.

Why? Is Lord Siva under some compulsion to do that? Absolutely not. He purposely does that. For, He knows that all creatures, by themselves, are imperfect, and incapable of meeting even their existential needs all by oneself. But all put together, complement and supplement each other to together make out a perfect self-sufficient world. If each one of them is bound by individual limitations, they

are simultaneously also armed with such virtues, as would be necessary to nourish and sustain the collective existence.

Take the case of a trivial looking termite, which otherwise is known to spoil wood, paper, and if left unattended can spoil the crops also. But then, they dig hole deep inside the soil structure to facilitate entry of oxygen and activate creative potential of the earth mass. In the process, the termite eats earth mass and to digest it, its body releases necessary enzymes. It consumes a small part that it would need for its own sustenance, and excretes the rest, and that being rich in enzyme, further add to the fertility of the soil. The termite, however, meets its end before the crop comes up, but not before serving the cause of larger existence. Similarly, bacteria in a drain or a sewer pit treats the night soil, but for which, life will become inhabitable. In fact, all the creatures form a food chain, which together sustain the existential order, while at the same time do not allow them to grow beyond due and maintain biodiversity balance. There is nothing in existence,

without a specific assignment in support of the collective existence.

Lord Shiva, therefore, wishes to get the best out of one and all and facilitate smooth run of the worldly order.

So, he purposely ignores their individual limitations. But it doesn't come about easy. He bears with lot of pains as He absolves them all from three types of sins- Daihika (Body bound),

Bhautika (Material), and Daivika (Cosmic), they attract as fallout of cause-effect chain they are bound to. He absorbs them all as would His poison fed blue neck implies. He does that in the larger interest of the existential order, but for which life will become unbearable.

Serving as provider, He nourishes the whole living order with all His resources in hand - the cosmic energy drawn through lunar crescent, water stream of river Ganges, and other resources necessary for sustenance. It needs to be appreciated here that we plunder the earth in a bid to secure our survival. But the earth on its part bears with it kindly, and still supports us with all provisions - the food it produces or water bodies it holds in its womb, vital to our existence. We, knowingly or inadvertently, vitiate even the atmosphere, which could disturb ecological balance, evidently detrimental to our healthy existence. Nature, however, exhibits its resilience by absorbing them all, but for which our very existence would be at stake.

Lord Shiva enjoys the confidence of all. For, He selflessly serves them all

without any sense of differentiation, with the sole noble objective to ensure a smooth run of the existential order. Selflessness of the all-powerful and all-knowing Shiva is exemplified by being bare bodied. We really need to draw lesson and imbibe the kindness extended by nature.

The message, loud and clear, is that the existential order is premised on the concept of "Unity in diversity". Accordingly, a harmonious coexistence of all and sundry is called for. In this scheme of things, multitude of species and objects in existence are to discharge their assigned roles towards essential sustenance and smooth run of the living order. The interdependence of their existence needs to be underlined here. For, it is their collective efforts that could service existential needs of the living order. Lord Shiva, therefore, wishes to get the best out of all and ensure smooth run of the worldly order as would the bull imply.

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