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# 51 killed in HP rain Inflation shoots to 15-mnth high

9 dead in Shimla temple landslide, more trapped; 621 HP roads closed

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

The torrential rain wreaked havoc in Himachal Pradesh, claiming the lives of 51 persons, with 14 casualties reported from two landslides in Shimla, including 9 from Shiv temple in Summer Hill area The landslides obstructed crucial roads and resulted in the collapse of houses, according to officials on Monday. The catastrophe resulted in the closure of 621 roads across the State.

In Mandi district, 19 people lost their lives in various rain-related incidents, as more

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Post using CJI photo

exhorting stir against

The Supreme Court on Monday termed as "fake" a

social media post exhorting the

public to protest against

authorities using a file photograph and falsely quoting Chief

Justice of India DY Chandrachud. A press note

issued by the apex court said no

such post has been issued by

the CJI nor has he authorised

any such post.

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authorities fake: SC

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Police, administration and locals carry out rescue operation after collapse of a temple following a massive landslide near Summer Hill in Shimla on Monday PTI

bodies were discovered, said devotees had congregated to Commissioner

Arindam Chaudhary. With Monday being an auspicious day of the holy month of Sawan, hundreds of temple debris.

offer prayers. The shrine's collapse toll may increase as many are feared trapped under the

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# MVA allies worried, Sharad dispels fears

After Congress and Shiv Sena (Uddhav) expressed concerns over NCP chief Sharad Pawar's repeated meetings with Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar, the veteran leader on Monday affirmed the solidarity within MVA, dismissing any confusion and reiterating the alliance's commitment to a successful INDIA meeting in Mumbai on August 31 and September 1.

The seasoned 82-year-old politician, making his first appearance in his home turf Baramati since Ajit's inclusion into the Eknath Shinde-led

Government on July 2, underscored the alliance's cohesion, saying, "There is no confusion among MVA partners. We are all together and will ensure the INDIA meeting in Mumbai on August 31 and September 1 is organised successfully."

Addressing a press conference, he asked the media to refrain from perpetuating ambiguity by reiterating the same question. Sharad, alongside Thackeray and State Congress president Nana Patole, emphasised their collective responsibility for orchestrating the upcoming significant gathering, set to take place at a luxury hotel in Mumbai.

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# of 7.44% in July PNS NEW DELHI

Retail inflation surged to a 15-month high of 7.44 per cent in July as the cost of tomatoes, vegetables, and other food items escalated, surpassing the Reserve Bank's comfort level for the first time in the current fiscal year.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI)'s target is to maintain retail inflation within the range of 2 to 6 per cent. After staying above the upper threshold for most of the 2022-23 financial year, inflation had come into the Central bank's comfort zone this fiscal year until June. Continued on Page 2

Sebi seeks 15 days more for report on Hindenburg charge against Adani group

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

 $S^{\mathrm{EBI}}$  on Monday moved the Supreme Court seeking an extension of 15 days to conclude the probe into the Hindenburg's charge of stock price manipulation by the

Adani group.
The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), in its fresh application, said that it has examined and investigated 24 matters pertain-

ing to the case.
"Out of the said 24 investigations/examinations, 17 are final and complete and approved by the competent authority in accordance with SEBI's extant practice and procedures," the regulator said.

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# To CPM's fears, TMC for Didi as PM pick

Apparently proving the Bengal CPI(M) leadership's contention that Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee was a "Narendra Modi's secret agent in the Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance, (INDIA) to break it from within," the clamour for making her the Prime
Ministerial face of the
Congress-led Opposition
alliance tended to get louder.
While BJP-turnedCongress-turned-TMC MP

Shantrughna Sinha made a loud pitch for Banerjee's prime ministerial candidature some banners put up at the Face book AITC Members shortnamed FAM read "the people of Bengal wants Mamata Banerjee to be the next Prime

The FAM post read "Bolche banglar jonota, pradhanmantri houk Mamata" which means the people of Bengal have made it clear that they want Mamata Banerjee as their Prime Minister.

Curiously, the Chief Minister however, distanced herself from the "demand"



telling a rally at Behala in South Kolkata that Bengal (read TMC) only wanted to see the BJP out and that it did not want any chair so to say. "Bengal does not want Kursi (post) ... it only wants the BJP out of power," she told a rally held first time after the local MLA and former number two of Banerjee's Cabinet Partha Chatterjee went to jail in connection with the recruitment

In what looked like a planned and concerted clamour within the TMC seeking a promotion for Banerjee the actor-turned-Asansol MP too said that though there was no dearth of talent in the INDIA, "It would be very good for the country that at a time when we also have a woman as the President, we had a woman as

Banerjee, who has a mass base, would fit the bill."he said.

General elections are scheduled to take place less than a year from now.

Apart from Sinha or the Bengal ruling outfit's Facebook suggestions which read, "Bolche banglar jonota, prad-hanmantri houk Mamata (Bengal wants Mamata as the senior Minister and Kolkata Mayor, Firhad Hakim, too said, "Mamata Banerjee is the ideal face for Prime Minister in 2024."

He said that Banerjee's

osition should be fortified in the INDIA alliance by giving the TMC all the 42 out of 42 parliamentary seats from Bengal. "There is no doubt that Mamata Banerjee is the perfect person for the Prime Minister's seat. But to make her the Prime Minister we are aiming at winning all the 42 out of 42 seats in the Lok Sabha elections," Hakim said adding "if the INDIA alliance wins the elections defeating the NDA" then it would be hard to stop her from becoming the natural choice for PM's post.

# Balaji's family skipped multiple summonses: ED

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m nlarging}$  the ambit of its against arrested Tamil Nadu Minister V Senthil Balaji, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Monday said his brother and two other family members have skipped multiple summonses and alleged that evidence indicates they played "pivotal roles" in layering and integrating the proceeds of crime in this case.

"A false news report that R V Ashok Kumar, brother of Senthil Balaji (Ex-Minister and MLA) has been detained in Kochi Kerala by the Directorate of Enforcement is being reported by multiple news sources. It is clarified that Shri R V Ashok Kumar has neither been detained nor been arrested by ED," the agency said in a state-

It further said, "It may however be stated that RV Ashok Kumar has been summoned on four occasions on 16.06.2023, 21.06.2023, 29.06.2023 and 15.07.2023 as part of the ongoing probe. He has, however, never joined the investigation and has refused to appear before ED in response to the summons citing frivo-



lous inconsequential excuses.

In a similar manner, his wife, Nirmala and his motherin-law,. P Lakshmi, have also not complied with four indi-

"It is significant to note that evidence indicates that all three individuals have played pivotal roles in layering and integrat-ing the proceeds of crimes," it

The ED arrested Balaji in June in connection with a money laundering case linked to a cash-for-jobs scam.

### ED arrests ex-joint director of Rajasthan's IT dept on money laundering charges

PNS NEW DELHI

Directorate (ED) on Monday said it has arrested a former Joint Director of Rajasthan's Department of Information Technology and Communication (DOIT&C) on money laundering charges linked to a case of possession of alleged disproportionate assets against him and others. The ED arrested Ved Prakash Yadav on August 9

after his premises in Jaipur

(Rajasthan) and Azamgarh (Uttar Pradesh) were searched by the agency.

He was produced before a special Prevention of Money Laundering (PMLA) court in Jaipur that sent him to ED custody till August 14, the central agency said in a statement.

The ED initiated investigation under PMLA on the basis of an FIR registered by Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB), Rajasthan Police, under various sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC).

# Sell tomatoes at ₹50 a kg: Govt to NAFED

The Centre nas instruction the National Cooperative Consumers' Federation (NCCF) and the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation (NAFED) to sell tomatoes at a retail price of ₹50 a kg from August 15, 2023, due to the decrease in tomato prices in wholesale markets. The direction has been issued by the Department of Consumer Affairs.

Retail tomato sales began in the Delhi-NCR region on July 14, 2023. As of August 13, 2023, a total of 15 lakh kg of tomatoes had been procured by these two agencies.

These tomatoes are being continuously distributed to retail consumers in major consumption centres across the country, including Delhi-NCR, Rajasthan (Jaipur, Kota), Úttar Pradesh (Lucknow, Kanpur, Varanasi, Prayagraj), and Bihar (Patna, Muzaffarpur, Arrah, Buxar).

Initially, the retail price of tomatoes procured by NCCF and NAFED was set at '90 per

This was later reduced to '80 per kg on July 16, 2023, and then further lowered to



`70 per kg from July 20, 2023. Recently, NCCF significantly increased the tomato supply to retail consumers by deploying mobile vans to 70 locations in Delhi and 15 locations in Noida and Greater Noida.

Additionally, NCCF is also conducting retail sales of tomatoes through the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) plat-

As directed by the Department of Consumer Affairs, NCCF and NAFED had initiated tomato procurement from markets in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, and Maharashtra.

The aim was to simultaneously distribute them in major consumption centers where retail prices had experienced the most significant increase in the last month.

### Post using CJI photo exhorting stir against authorities fake...

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"It has come to the notice of the Supreme Court of India that a social media post (urging the public to protest against authorities) using a file photograph and falsely

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It is hereby informed that the expulsion procedure of the Members namely Mr. Sushil Kumar Agarwal, Smt. Bimla Devi & Mr. Rajeev Agarwal Aving joint membership No. 127. all R/o.26, Kapil Vihar, Pitampura, Delhi-34, has been initiated under section 86 (1) of Delhi Cooperative Societies Act, 2003, by the Delhi Union Co-operative House Building Society Ltd. commonly known as Kapil Vihar, Pitampura, Delhi-34. Society has already Vihar, Pitampura, Delhi-34. Society has already susuel three registered/speed post notices to the vinar, Pitampura, Delin-3-. Society has already sissued three registered/speed post notices to the member vide notice dated 01-05-2023, 05-06-2023 and 08-07-2023. The society is giving last and final opportunity to the above mentioned Members through this public notice to appear themselves or through their authorised representative before the managing committee meeting to be held on 19-08 2023 at 8:00 am in the society office to explain their case, failing which the Society will forward the case to the Registrar of Cooperative Societies for approval of expulsion as per the Delhi Cooperative SocietiesAct and Rules.

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# **Sportspersons, babus** join anti-vaping campaign

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

Despite being banned, the menace of vaping continues to create havoc in the lives of people as a variety of nicotine-delivery devices are easily available at neighbourhood cigarette shops and on websites in India. To create awareness among school and college students against the deadly habit, bureaucrats, sportspersons, personnel from the armed forces and child welfare organizations have joined an anti-vaping campaign.
Under the umbrella of

Think Change Forum, a think tank on public policies which has launched 'Freedom for our Future'- a campaign to educate youth on the hazards of vaping, legends in their respective fields urged the Government to initiate advertising drives against vaping on public platforms.

Sanjoy Roy, Managing Director of Teamwork Arts,

Trust said, "Just as graphic anti-smoking ads are shown in movie halls, we need similar impactful communication against vaping. These ads should depict the potential harm to a person's lungs and overall health, and strive to make vaping uncool. The need of the moment is for the Government to launch an anti-

vaping advertising campaign." Dr. Deepa Malik - Padma Shri Khel Ratna & Arjuna Awardee echoed similar views emphasising that such a campaign will go a long way to curtail the habit of vaping among children and protect their health. "Policymakers also must

swiftly revise policies and initiate comprehensive awareness campaigns about the detrimental effects of vaping. These impactful ads should not be limited to movie halls alone but should be displayed in various public spaces to rectify misconceptions," Dr Malik

The 'Freedom for our

Future' campaign will primarily be a digital campaign in keeping with the digital savvy GenNext. It will consist of a series of educational videos that will highlight the illeffects of vaping and dismantle any misinformation attached to the habit.

Dr. Rajesh Kumar Executive Director, Society for Promotion of Youth & Masses (SPYM) felt that there was a need for a comprehensive Government-led demand reduction program, coupled with new legislation to punish behaviour like vaping.
"While global and Indian

efforts have largely focused on supply reduction, we must also prioritize demand reduction. Relying solely on supply reduction initiatives is insufficient, " said Dr Kumar while Major General Ajay Kumar Chaturvedi, a record-holding national rower suggested a well-defined purpose keeps children committed and deters harmful behaviours like vaping or alcohol consumption.

# Global summit on traditional medicine in Guj from Aug 17

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

A first-of-its-kind two-day global summit on traditional medicines is all set to kick off in Gujarat from August 17 where experts from across the world will dwell into the latest scientific advancements in the sector with the ultimate goal of ensuring health for all. Speaking about the event

which is being jointly organised by the Union Ministry of Ayush and the WHO, Union Minister of State for Ayush Munjpara Mahendrabhai Kalubhai said the meet will take into account the vast experience and expertise of the country and serve as a platform for experts and practitioners to delve into the latest scientific advancements and evidence-based knowledge in the sector, with the ultimate goal of ensuring health and well-being for all.

He said the summit's outcome will be a declaration,



which will assist WHO in shaping the future of its global centre for traditional med-

"By blending traditional practices with contemporary practices aided by visionary policies and digital initiatives, Îndia has demonstrated a path for achieving universal health coverage (UHIC) through traditional medicine systems," he added. Manoj Jhalani, Director,

Department of Health Systems Development, WHO South East Asia Regional Centre, stated that the summit is expected to develop a roadmap toward creating a more holistic and healthier world for future generations

by recognizing the interconnectedness between human health, planetary harmony, and technological advance-

WHO Director-General Adhanom Ghebreyesus will inaugurate the event in the presence of Union Minister of Health Mansukh Mandaviya and Minister of Ayush Sarbananda

G20 health ministers, regional directors of WHO and eminent invitees from countries across WHO's six regions are expected to attend the event along with scientists, practitioners of traditional medicine, health workers and members of civil society organisations.

An array of distinguished speakers will be spearheading discussions on key focus areas -- research, evidence and learning: policy, data and regulation; innovation and digital health; and biodiversity, equity and traditional (healthcare) knowledge.

### REG. NO. DL1MA1740- YOM-2018 MVA allies worried...

Amid concerns over party alignment, Sharad clarified the NČP's stand, emphasizing, The NCP has no association with 'factions from MVA' that align with the BJP at the State and national level." This reference subtly pointed to the alignment of his nephew, Ajit,

with the BJP. With regards to concerns raised by MVA constituents Congress and Shiv Sena's mouthpiece "Saamana", Sharad deftly addressed the matter, focusing on the broader unity within the alliance.

In response to speculation surrounding Maharashtra NCP Chief Jayant Patil's potential collaboration with the BJP, Sharad refuted any discussions during his recent meeting with

Ajit in Pune. Addressing recent developments involving Patil's brother receiving an ED notice, about the misuse of power

The NCP chief further northeastern region.

spired decades ago.

Sharad expressed concerns and voiced confidence in Patil's unwavering ideological stance.

touched on the recent Parliament session, highlighting the significance of addressing the Manipur issue and hardships faced by residents in border areas, particularly in the

In response to the BJP's criticism of the Congress, he questioned the BJP's track record over the past nine years, suggesting that the focus should be on current actions rather than laying blame on the Congress for events that tran-

### **Inflation shoots** to 15-month...

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Official data released on Monday revealed that the Consumer Price Index (CPI) based inflation spiked to 7.44 per cent in July, considerably higher than the 4.87 per cent recorded in June. The retail inflation was at 6.71 per cent in July 2022, and the previous peak was noted at 7.79 per cent in April 2022.

The CPI-based inflation for the food basket stood at 11.51 per cent in July, a significant jump from 4.55 per cent in the preceding month, and 6.69 per cent in July 2022, as per data from the National Statistical Office (NSO).

During July, the annual inflation rates were 37.44 per cent for vegetables, 21.63 per

cent for spices, 13.27 per cent for pulses and related products, and 13 per cent for cereals and their derivatives.

The food and beverages segment jointly contributes about 54 per cent to the overall CPI. However, the rate of price increase in the oils and fats segment decreased by 16.8 per cent. The inflation rates for meat, fish, eggs, and fruits were in the lower single digits, according to the data.

While presenting the bimonthly monetary policy last week, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das cautioned about a substantial increase in headline inflation in the near future and revised the inflation forecast for the second quarter to 6.2 per cent.

Retail inflation had

remained within the RBI's comfort range from March to Iune this year.

### Sebi seeks 15 days more...

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The application said in one matter, SEBI has completed the investigation/examination based on the material that could be gathered by it thus far and interim report has been prepared and approved by the competent authority in accordance with SEBI's extant practice and procedures.

"The applicant/SEBI had sought information from agencies/regulators in foreign jurisdictions, etc. And upon receipt of such information, will evaluate the same to determine further course of action, if any, in the said matter," it said.

The SEBI said that out of the remaining six matters, "in four investigations/examinations, findings have been crys-

talized and the reports prepared consequent thereto are in the process of approval by the competent authority."

The application said the SEBI expects to complete the approval process in respect of these four matters shortly and in any event, before the next date of hearing on August 29.

It said that in the remaining two matters, investigation is at an advanced stage in one and in the other matter, interim report is under preparation based on information gathered by the SEBI thus far.

"The applicant/SEBI had sought information from enti-ties/agencies/regulators in foreign jurisdictions, etc. And upon receipt of such information, will evaluate the same visa-vis the interim report to determine further course of action, if any, in the said matter," it said.

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the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

# 51 killed in HP...

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Sanjeev Kumar Gandhi. Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu said that a Shiv temple in the Summer Hill vicinity and several houses in the Fagli area had succumbed to the landslides, leading to a total of nine casualties and numerous individuals being buried under mud and slush.

To mitigate further risk, all schools and colleges in the

strophe resulted in the closure of 621 roads across Himachal Pradesh, according to the State emergency operation center.

The meteorological office forecasted extremely heavy rain for nine out of the State's 12 districts on Monday, excluding Kullu, Kinnaur, and Lahaul and Spiti, and issued a yellow warning for Tuesday.

In Solan district's Jadon village, a cloudburst during the night claimed the lives of seven family members. Two houses were washed away in the district due to the cloudburst, resulting in seven fatalities

with six rescues. In Balera panchayat, a makeshift house collapse took the lives of two children, and

another woman perished in a

landslide in Banal village of

Ramsheher tehsil, said Deputy

Commissioner of Solan,

Manmohan Sharma. In Mandi district, a landslide in the Seghli panchayat led to the deaths of seven family members, including a twovear-old child, while three peo-

ple were rescued. Near Pandoh, six bodies were recovered at Sambhal, and two deaths were reported from the Dharampur area.

Flooding affected parts of Balh and Nerchowk in Mandi. In Sirmaur district, one

boy lost his life, as per reports.

The Chief Minister visited the Summer Hill temple collapse site and reassured ongoing efforts to rescue those

trapped under debris. He expressed his distress on X (formerly Twitter), saying, "Distressing news has emerged from Shimla..." Union Home Minister

Amit Shah acknowledged the efforts of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) teams engaged in relief and rescue operations in the State.

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# Delhi's 24x7 operational viability gets major boost

Round-the-clock operation of 29 establishments gets LG's nod

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi's Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena has granted approval for an additional 29 establishments to operate round-the-clock within the city, marking a significant stride in the pursuit of 24x7 operational viability. With this, the total count of such establishments approved by Saxena during the past year has The capital had experi-

enced a prolonged lull in granting such approvals since 2016, nature was finally cleared in

The newly approved establishments encompass a diverse range of sectors, including hotel and restaurants, food, grocery, dairy and FMCG products, readymade garments, provision stores, logistics and warehouses ,sports goods, among others.

The LG approved 314 applications in October of the previous year, and in June of the current year, he approved 155 establishments seeking

Pushing further towards his vision of bolstering business operations, the Lieutenant Governor directed the Labour Department to fast-track the development of a comprehensive 'Single Window System.'



This integrated portal is designed to streamline the approval process for businesses aspiring to operate 24x7 within the city limits. The

cleared an additional 29 applications, further demonstrating his commitment to this agen-

With the new wave of approvals, VK Saxena has paved the way for 498 establishments to operate without time constraints, facilitated by exemptions under Sections 14, 15 & 16 of the Delhi Shops and Establishments Act, 1954. These exemptions come with certain conditions aimed at ensuring the welfare of labor and security, among other considerations.

The Lieutenant Governor, while giving his nod to the latest proposal from the Labour Department, highlighted his directive to expedite the creation of a 'Single Window

## Vigilance to probe excess compensation for land acquisition for Rani Jhansi flyover's construction

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uthorities have launched a Authorities have manned accomprehensive investigation into alleged irregularities surrounding the construction of the Rani Jhansi Flyover in New Delhi. The investigation centers on lapses and suspected excess compensation during land acquisition, and a specially constituted committee has delved into the matter, yielding substantial findings. In a latest development, the Directorate of Vigilance of the Delhi Government on Monday apprised the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) on the alleged irregularities in the construction of Rani Jhansi Flyover for initiating a criminal case against official separately in the matter. The vigilance department further informed that a four member a major penalty against senior



his matter is being referred to National Capital Civil Services Authority (NCCSA). Kumar is a Group A officer, currently posted as Secretary, Delhi Assembly.

In a note to the CVC, the vigilance department said a committee was formed under the auspices of the Chief Secretary/CVO, Delhi, on May 2, 2023. This committee, comprising high-ranking officials from diverse departments, including the Additional Chief Secretary of the L&B Secretary of the Revenue Department, Commissioner Municipal Corporation of Delhi, and the Secretary of the Directorate of Vigilance, was tasked with conducting an

exhaustive investigation into

irregularities associated with

the construction of the Rani

Jhansi Flyover.

On August 11, 2023, the committee submitted a comprehensive report outlining several significant observations and making pertinent recomsalient points underscored in the report include:

Oversight in Land Resumption: The report highlighted instances where land that could have been resumed was instead acquired for construction purposes. It also pointed to discrepancies in the assessment of compensation, drawing attention to cases where excessive payments were made. One such instance was the compensation awarded to National Cold Storage Limited for leased land, which the report indicated as erroneous.

Neglected Land Owning Agencies: The committee's findings revealed that certain land owning agencies were not duly notified or compensated, despite allocations outlined in awards. The report indicated a lack of communication between various authorities and these land owning entities.

# 954 service medals for police force, paramilitary on 77th I-Day

**STAFF REPORTER** NEW DELH

The Centre on Monday announced service medals for 954 police personnel of various State forces and paramilitary on the eve of 77th Independence Day.

According to the Union Home Ministry, 230 personnel will be decorated with bravery medals, including a President's Police Medal for Gallantry

The lone PPMG medal has been announced for CRPF's Assistant Commandant Loukrakpam Ibomcha Singh. This is his second gallantry

The other medals include 82 President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service and 642 Police Medal for Meritorious Service.

Among the majority of the 230 Gallantry Awards, 125 personnel from Naxal-affected areas, 71 personnel from Jammu and Kashmir region and 11 personnel from North East are being awarded for their gallant action.



Of these Gallantry Awards, 28 are from CRPF, 33 are from Maharashtra, 55 are from Jammu and Kashmir Police, 24 are from Chhattisgarh, 22 are from Telangana and 18 are from Andhra Pradesh and the remaining from the other States/Union Territories and Central Armed Police Force (CAPFs) or the paramilitary

The President's Police Medal for Gallantry and Police Medal for Gallantry is awarded on the ground of "conspicuous gallantry" in saving life and property, or in preventing crime or arresting criminals.

The President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service (PPM) is awarded for special distinguished record in police service and the Police Medal for Meritorious Service (PM) is awarded for valuable service characterized by

resource and devotion to duty. Likewise, the government also awarded 53 personnel with Fire Service Medals. Out of these, the President's Fire Service Medal for Gallantry has been awarded to three personnel and the Fire Service Medal for Gallantry to one personnel for their respective acts of val-our and gallantry.

Medal for Distinguished Service has been awarded to eight personnel and the Fire Service Medal for Meritorious Service is awarded to 41 personnel for their respective dis-tinguished and meritorious records of services.

Besides these, 48 personnel/ volunteers have also been awarded Home Guards & Civil Defence Medals on this occasion. Of these, the President's Home Guards and Civil Defence Medal Distinguished Service and Home Guards and Civil Defence Medal for Meritorious Service have been awarded to five personnel / volunteers and 43 personnel / volunteers respectively.

President's Medal for Gallantry and President's Medal for Distinguished Services as well as Gallantry Medal and Meritorious Services Medals are awarded to the personnel of Fire Services, Civil Defence & Home Guards on Republic Day and Independence Day each year.

### 18 Delhi Police officials to be awarded President's police medals on I-Day

Eighteen Delhi Police personnel have been awarded the President's police medals on Independence Day, officials said on Monday. Three personnel received the President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service while 15 got the President's Police Medal for Meritorious Service, they said.

According to police, Additional Commissioner of Police (ACP) Sharat Kumar Sinha, Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) Mahesh Batra, and ACP Manju Lata have been awarded the police medal for distinguished ser-

Joint CP Sindhu Pillai, Additional CP Mangesh Kashyap, ACPs Virender Kumar, Kamlesh Dayal, Bala, Kamlesh



Dass, Kawaljeet Singh, subinspectors Rakesh Kumar, Mukesh Devi, H Thangkholal, assistant sub-inspectors Manjeet Kumar, Babita, Radhey Shyam Meena, and Rakesh Kumar got the police medal for meritorious service, they said.

According to the police statement, Sinha was assigned the additional charge of the DCP/Election Cell for over

Commission of India selected him for a special award for security management in connection with the national awards for Best Electoral Awards, 2015 for his devotion, commitment, professionalism and excellent work in ensuring the peaceful completion of the Assembly elections in 2015, police said.

Batra developed several important intranet-based applications. He was also associated with developing mobile applications to trace stolen vehicles and help senior citizens, they said. Lata took part in the All India Police Games several times and won back-to-back four gold medals. Overall, she won 73 medals in different sports events/activities, they said.

During Pillai's tenure at Election the vigilance branch of Delhi Police, the Vigilance WhatsApp helpline number was started, the statement

She was also an active member of the committee formed by the Central Vigilance Commissioner to look into the implementation aspects of the suggestions made by the general public during Vigilance Awareness Week, 2020, to improve vigilance activities in the nation,

Elaborating on the efficiency of the officers, police said Bala was posted in crime against women (CAW) cells and reconciled most of the matrimonial disputes through counselling. According to police, Kamlesh Kumari played a pivotal role in several anti-terrorist operations while cracking down on espionage rings, and drug traffickers.

### Vig Dept issues show cause notice to Assembly Secretariat officials

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rhe Delhi Government's The Delli Government on Vigilance Department on Monday issued show-cause including the Secretary, Joint Secretary and Deputy Secretaries saying they have not given any reply on merit and merely stated that the Directorate of Vigilance has no jurisdiction to suo motu issue Show Cause Notices to the officers who are working in Delhi Legislative Assembly Secretariat. This is the second show cause notices to them as they failed to submit their replies earlier. The notices have been issued to Secretary Raj Kumar, Joint Secretary Ć Velmurugan, and Deputy Secretaries Sadanand Saha and Sunil Dutt Sharma.

After the Vigilance Department's earlier notice, the Delhi Assembly has already disengaged all fellows and associates with immediate effect. The notice was issued on Monday (August 14) by Special Secretary (Vigilance) YVVJ Rajasekhar who said that their replies were not on the merit and they just stated that the Vigilance Department has no jurisdiction to suo motu issue Show Cause Notices to the officers who are working in Delhi Legislative Assembly



"...it is informed that you are governed by CCS (Conduct) Rules 1964 and CCS (CCA) Rules 1965. No immunity is given to any public servant to indulge in any omission and commission prohibited by rules and law. Hence, you may kindly note that you were given reasonable opportunity to reply on merits, which you have failed to do so. The Department is processing the cases as per due process of law".

"Now therefore, you are given final opportunity to submit your reply on merits on the Show Cause Notice dated 31.07.2023 within seven days, positively, from the date of receipt of this memorandum," reads the notice.

The notice further said if the reply is not received within the prescribed time limit, it taken in the matter as per will be presumed that you have

nothing to submit in this matter and further appropriate action as deemed fit shall be taken in the matter as per existing rules, without any further correspondence.

On 31st July, the Vigilance Department had issued notice to as many as four DANICS rank officials directing them to explain why disciplinary action be not taken against them for various omissions and commissions for violation of not only rules and legal provisions but also for actively facilitating illegal engagements and actions connected thereto. The department had said that if the reply is not received within seven days from the date of receipt of this notice, it will be presumed that they have nothing to submit in this matter and further appropriate action shall be

### Atishi directs Chief Secy to take action on bribery complaints against SDM office

 $\Pi$ as Delhi Vigilance Minister, Atishi on Monday directed the Chief Secretary to take action on complaints of bribery in Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) offices. The Minister, in a note to Chief Secretary Naresh Kumar, directed for forming a team of senior IAS and DANICS officers within a week who will visit the SDM offices. Atishi also instructed the Chief Secretary to personally visit at least five SDM offices and investigate the matter.

"I have rcceived multiple complaints during my public hearing that some Government officers in SDM offices arc asking people for bribes in lieu of facilitating their requests and applications regarding various certificates being issued by the Revenue Department. This is extremely shocking, sincc SDM offices are one of the nodal points through which the Government is providing sendees to the citizens. People come to SDM offices for very basic and nccessary documents like Incomc Certificate, Caste Certificate etc. Therefore, it is extremely



shocking that the SDM offices providing such essential certificates and services, often to disadvantaged citizens, have become sites for corruption any unscrupulous transaction in these offices wall affect the most disadvantaged and marginalized people," Atishi said in a note.

The minister directed the chief secretary, who is also the chief vigilance officer of the Delhi government, to furnish a detailed report within a week, detailing "irregularities" detected in SDM offices and the ways to curb them.

"The Chief Vigilance Officer should himself visit at least five SDM Offices and conduct a general examination of the functioning of these offices for existing procedures and practices which provide a scope for corruption," the minister said in the note.

### **Atishi inspects centralised** Anganwadi kitchen in Kondli

elhi Women and Child Development Minister Atishi on Monday inspected a free, nutritious, and delicious centralised Anganwadi kitchen meals to more than 43,000 sonally tasted" the food to check its quality, officials said.

During the inspection, she d, "The Kejriwal Government is committed to providing nutritious meals to every needy woman and child in Delhi. With this goal, the Government is operating 11 centralised kitchens, which provide cooked meals and takehome ration to over eight lakh children and women across Delhi every day".

Her office in a statement also said that through this centralised kitchen in Kondli, the Delhi Government provides Anganwadis of east Delhi.

'Through centralised kitchens, the Government is focused on enhancing the nutrition for children, aged six months to three years, pregnant women, and lactating mothers coming to Delhi's Anganwadis," she said. These centralised kitchens play a crucial role in achieving this goal, the Minister said.

The centralised kitchen located in Kondli-Gharoli is

equipped with state-of-the-art machinery. The kitchen is divided into three sections. The first section serves as a storage area for grains, the second section contains a fully automated from cleaning the grains to packaging, all without human

intervention or touch. In the third and final section, the cooking process occurs. This section contains large mechanised containers where food is prepared according to the menu of the day. The prepared food is qualitychecked and then distributed to 604 Anganwadi centres in the East Delhi district, the statement said.

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#### Thousands of Delhi Govt's vacant posts will be filled if Kejriwal dispensation gets control over services: Bhardwaj **STAFF REPORTER** ■ NEW DELHI over services matter through vacant posts will be filled. The Supreme Court on This will also speed up work

Delhi Health Minister Saurabh Bhardwaj on Monday said thousands of vacant posts in the Delhi Government will be filled if the Arvind Kejriwal dispensation gets control over services matter. The Minister said that such recruitments will speed up work at various departments Government.

Inaugurating a bridge in Janakpuri, Bhardwaj hoped that the elected Government in Delhi will get back control the Supreme Court.

The Centre on Saturday notified the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (GNCTD) Act, 2023, that brings services matter in Delhi Government, including transfer and postings of officers, under its domain.

The Health Minister said Arvind Kejriwal Government wants to recruit new doctors and engineers but it has no power to do it.

The power to appoint new doctors and engineers is not in the hands of the elected

Government. Government wants to appoint new doctors but their appointment is in the hands of the Lieutenant-Governor since

2015, he said. "If this power comes in hands of elected Government, thousands of

that has slowed down due to lack of staff at various departments," he said. Bharadwaj said he was told by officers that they can-

not remove officials caught in wrongdoing because they are the only ones available due to shortage of staff. The Minister said that the Supreme Court on two occasions, in 2018 and 2023, gave its verdict that powers related to services matter lied with the elected government in Delhi but the Centre did not accept it.

May 11 gave control over services matter to the elected government in Delhi. However, a week later, the Centre through an ordinance created a threemember National Capital Civil Services Authority headed by the Delhi chief minister.

The newly created authority comprising the chief secretary and the home secretary of the Delhi government as its two other members, ensured that the services matter remained in control of the Centre that made appointments of the two officers.

# 'We all are equal citizens' Will PM question

President Droupadi Murmu has emphasised the unity of diverse identities among Indians and their equal citizenship, opportunities, rights, and duties. She urged the nation to embrace harmony and brotherhood during her address on the eve of the 77th Independence

Day.
"In this land, each one of us is an equal citizen; each one of us has an equal opportunity, equal rights and equal duties," she said, underscoring the significance of the momentous occasion of India's Independence Day.

The President highlighted the intrinsic value of India's democracy and the historic transformation brought about by breaking free from colonial rule "India is the mother of democracy and since ancient times we had democratic institutions functioning at the grassroots. But long years of colonial rule wiped them out. On 15th August 1947, the nation woke up to a new dawn. We not only won

Military being given

best arms, training,

says Defence Min

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

The Government is making all efforts to modernise the

armed forces with state-of-the-

art weaponry and the best train-

ing, to protect the country from all future challenges, Defence

Minister Rajnath Singh said in his message to soldiers through Akashvani on the eve of the 77th Independence Day.

He also said today the

armed forces are being trained

with simulators and other mod-

bilities are being enhanced

through several exercises with

friendly countries across the

globe, as training on niche sys-

tems, newly-developing tech-

nologies and changing concepts

of warfare is the need of the

measures taken for veterans in

recent years, he said, special

attention is being paid to ensure

a dignified life for the soldiers

not only during service but

Highlighting various welfare

hour.

freedom from foreign rule but also the freedom to rewrite our destiny," she affirmed.

President Murmu also underlined the pivotal role of the Constitution in guiding the nation's ideals, with its Preamble encapsulating the spirit of the freedom struggle. She called for embracing the essence of harmony and brotherhood as a means to fulfill the aspirations of the nation's builders.

Honouring the contribution of women freedom fighters, she acknowledged the significant progress made by women in various fields, noting their growing participation and impact. "The development of women was among the ideals of our freedom struggle," she asserted, emphasising the importance of empowering women economically, thereby enhancing their position in society.

Drawing attention to the urgent need to address climate change and global warming, President Murmu stressed the consequences of the "culture of greed," which has led to recurring floods and droughts. She



called for a collective effort to safeguard the environment.

Discussing India's presidency at the G-20 summit, she highlighted the nation's potential to influence equitable progress in trade, finance, and human development decisions. She expressed confidence in India's proven leadership in dealing with global issues.

While acknowledging the uncertainties created by the pandemic and subsequent international events, the President lauded India's resilience and its successful conversion of challenges into opportunities, resulting in substantial GDP growth. She extended gratitude to the nation's farmers, whose contributions have significantly pro-

pelled economic growth.

President Murmu also addressed global inflation concerns and commended India's effective measures to contain it, protecting common citizens while providing a robust security net for the vulnerable.

Praising the government's multifaceted approach to progress - with a focus on enterprise and expanded welfare initiatives - she emphasized the sustained efforts to uplift the

deprived sections of society.

As the first tribal woman to become the President, Murmu called on tribal communities to cherish their traditions while embracing modernity. She highlighted tailored programs to uplift their conditions and encourage their participation in the nation's journey of progress. Regarding education, she acknowledged the transformative impact of the National Education Policy of 2020, which merges ancient values with modern skills, paving the way for a significant transformation of the education sector.

In the realm of space research, President Murmu appreciated India's achievements, including the upcoming moon mission Chandrayaan-3. She envisioned these endeavors as stepping stones to even greater feats in the future. Concluding her address, she unveiled the Anusandhan National Research Foundation, a platform to foster research, innovation, and entrepreneurship, with a substantial allocation of Rs. 50,000 crore for the next five years.

# graft in his Govt?'

### Ramesh alleges irregularities in Govt projects, schemes, slams Centre

The Congress on Monday took a swipe at the Government over alleged irreg-ularities in several of Government projects high-lighted by the CAG of India in its report, saying that Prime Minister Narendra Modi will unleash torrents of lies from the ramparts of the Red Fort and questioned if he would have the courage to question his own Government and Ministers about their corruption and incompetence. The remarks from the Congress came after the CAG reports tabled in Parliament last week highlighted several alleged irregularities in the projects and schemes of

the Government. In a statement, Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh said, "Tomorrow, the Prime Minister will unleash his torrent of lies from the ramparts of the Red Fort for one last time, taking off from his tsunami of lies to the nation in the Parliament last week. But will he have the courage to question his own Government and his Ministers on their corruption and incompe-

He said that last week the CAG tabled a series of reports in Parliament. Even a defanged CAG has been able to expose the corruption and incompetence of the Modi Government.

Sharing a few of the irregularities highlighted by the CAG, Ramesh, who is also the party's communication in-charge said, "CAG has flagged an overall cost overrun of more than 100 per cent in the much-hyped Bharatmala Pariyojana. This project was approved and monitored by none other than the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) that is chaired by the

Prime Minister." He said that the sanctioned cost of the 26,316 km of highways that have been awarded was Rs 8,46,588 crore, as against the CCEA-approved length of 34,800 km at a cost of Rs 5,35,000 crore.

"This means that these projects were awarded at a cost of Rs 32.17 crore per km, more than double the cost of Rs 15.37 crore per km approved by the CCEA. Despite multiple cost overruns, only 13,499 km of national highways were completed till March 31, 2023, less than 39 per cent of the CCEA-approved length," Ramesh said.

He said that the CAG also raised concerns about the inflat-ed project cost of the Dwarka Expressway, which went up 14 times from the sanctioned Rs 18 crore per km to Rs 250 crore per km. Ramesh added that the CAG has also highlighted irregularities in the Bharatmala bidding process — successful bidders not fulfilling tender conditions, bidders being selected on the basis of falsified documents, work awarded without approved detailed project reports or faulty DPRs and the diversion of funds to the tune of Rs 3,598.52 crore

from escrow accounts. "Will the Prime Minister take responsibility for this incompetence and corruption in the Bharatmala projects under his direct watch?" he questioned.

He also pointed out that the

CAG has uncovered violations of toll rules, with NHAI wrongly collecting Rs 132.05 crore from

commuters in just five random-ly-audited toll plazas.

At the same time, the NHAI lost revenue of Rs 133.36 crore due to lack of provision for revenue sharing in concession agree-ments in two sections of NH pro-jects. "If this audit were extrapolated to the whole country, the overall loss to the exchequer and the commuters would amount to lakhs of crores. Will the Prime Minister take action against the Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways?" he

"The CAG has reported payouts to the dead in the Prime Minister's favourite Ayushman Bharat Scheme as 88,760 patients had died during treatment and vet. 2.14.923 claims were shown as paid in respect of 'fresh treatments' given to these dead patients'.

"Other than that, 7.5 lakh recipients were linked to a single mobile number and 4,761 registrations made against seven Aadhar numbers. In total there are more than 1.24 crore fake beneficiaries linked to only 1,86,855 mobile numbers," he said, asking the Prime Minister if he will order an investigation on who were the real beneficiaries of this massive Digital India scam in Ayushman Bharat.

He said that the CAG has raised similar questions on irreg-ularities in the Ayodhya Development Project and the diversion of old page pension funds under the National Social Assistance Programme for publicity of the Modi government's

schemes instead.
"We demand answers from the Prime Minister," he said.

## Armed forces, CAPF bag 76 Gallantry awards PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

President Droupadi Murmu has approved 76 Gallantry awards to Armed Forces and Central Armed Police Forces personnel on the eve of Independence Day. These include four Kirti Chakra (posthumous), 11 Shaurya Chakras, including five posthumous, two Bar to Sena Medals

(Gallantry), 52 Sena Medals (Gallantry), three Nao Sena Medal (Gallantry) and four Vayu Sena Medals (Gallantry).

The Kirti Chakra awardees announced on Monday include Dilip Kumar (posthumous), Raj Kumar Yadava (posthumous), Bablu Rabha (posthumous) and Sambhu Roy (posthumous).

All of them were from the Central Reserve Police Force

The list of Shaurya Chakra include Major Vijay Verma, Major Vikas Bhambhu(posthumous), Major Mustafa Bohara (posthumous), Major Sachin Negi, Major Rajendra Prasad, Major Ravinder Singh Rawat, Havaldar Vivek Singh Tomar (posthumous), Naik Bhim Singh, Rifleman Kulbhushan Manta, Saifullah Qadri(posthumous) and Gamit Mukesh

# India, China vow to resolve Ladakh issue via dialogue

PNS NEW DELHI

Tndia and China on Monday I resolved to continue the process of dialogue to restore nor-malcy at the border in Ladakh during the military level talks between the Corps Comman-ders of the two sides. Both the delegations also agreed to find a way out to disengage from the friction points in Depsang and Demchok at the earliest.

It was the 19th round of talks between the two military erupted at the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Eastern Ladakh in May 2020. Moreover, these talks were held days before Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jingping are likely to meet on the sidelines of the Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa (BRICS) summit

Johannesburg on August 22-24. The Chinese President is also expected to visit New Delhi in September for the G-20



As regards the latest round of Corps Commander level talks on Monday, it took place at the Chushul-Moldo border meeting LAC, sources said here adding the parleys began at 9.30 AM.

The Indian delegation was led by Lt-General Rashim Bali, the Commander of the Lehheadquartered 14 Corps. The Chinese team was headed by the commander of the South Xinjiang military district.

The Indian and Chinese troops are locked in an over three-year confrontation in certain friction points in eastern Ladakh even as the two sides completed disengagement from several areas following extensive diplomatic and military talks.

In the 18th round of the

military dialogue held on April
23, India strongly pressed for
resolving the lingering issues at
Depsang and Demchok.
Last month, the Ministry of
External Affairs (MEA) said Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi

Jinping spoke on the need to sta-

bilise bilateral relations at a din-

ner during the G-20 summit in On July 24, National Security Advisor(NSA) Ajit Doval met top Chinese diplomat Wang Yi on the sidelines of a meeting of the five-nation grouping

BRICS in Johannesburg.
In its statement on the meeting, the MEA said Doval conveyed that the situation along the LAC in the western sector of the India-China boundary since 2020 had "eroded strategic trust" and the public and political basis of the relationship

### Indo-US ties will grow further, says Ro Khanna Indian Americans, are leading a

PNS NEW DELHI

Underlining the robust ties between the countries, US Congressman Ro Khanna said on Monday his country is going to continue to expand its it one of the most important relationships of the 21st century. Currently on a visit to India. the Indian-American lawmaker said deeper cooperation between India and the US in areas of critical technologies and Defence would be beneficial not only for the two countries

but for the globe Khanna and Congressman Michael Waltz, the two cochairs of the bipartisan Congressional Caucus on India and

Congressional delegation to India. They will attend Prime Minister Narendra Modi's add ress to the nation on Independence Day from the ramparts of Red Fort.

has never been so stronger. It is building on Defence cooperation, economic cooperation, technology cooperation, cooperation on climate," Khanna said. The Congressman also described Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent visit to the US as very successful. "The Prime Minister's visit to the United States was a success. President (Joe) Biden comes here (India) in September. We are going to continue to make

this one of the most important relationships of the 21st century," he said.

The lawmaker also hailed growing India-US cooperation in the maritime security domain. "I am very pleased to see that the with the American Navy to make sure that the Arabian Sea is safe for free shipping lines," he added. In an interview to PTI, he said India can play a "helpful role" in bringing "just peace' to Ukraine considering its "historical relationship" with Russia.

Khanna also asserted that China must respect its borders with India and that Washington would strongly support New Delhi if it faces any security chal-

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befitting reply," he added.

even after retirement. Rajnath pointed out that the long-pend-

ing demand of the Armed

Forces for the 'One Rank, One

Pension' scheme was fulfilled by

the Government as soon as it came to power in 2014. "The

scheme has been revised this vear and an amount of Rs 8,413

crore has been paid to more than

17 lakh pensioners," he said. Highlighting the role of soldiers

in maintaining the sovereignty

and independence of India,

Rainath said, the nation stands

with its gallant soldiers who pro-

lives at stake, without bothering

for their comforts and facilities.

He stated that India has always

been a peace-loving nation, but

that does not mean that it would

spare those who cast an evil eye.

'We not only seek peace but also

express our commitment to

peace through our actions. But

at the same time, we are also

very clear that if anyone dares to

look at us with ill intention or

hostility, our forces will give a

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	ENDED JONE	30, 2023				
				(Rs. In Lakhs)		
S.   Particulars		Quarter Ended				
No.	June 30, 2023	March 31, 2023	June 30, 2022	March 31, 2023		
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)		
Total Income from Operations	1052.90	4293.80	1626.96	9751.16		
Net Profit for the period						
(beforetax & exceptional items)	55.04	(3178.83)	374.85	(2470.76)		
3. Net Profit for the period before Tax						
(after exceptional items)	55.04	(3178.83)	(275.15)	(2470.76)		
4. Net Profit for the period after Tax						
(afterexceptional items)	55.04	(3178.83)	(275.15)	(2419.76)		
5. Total Comprehensive income						
for the period						
[Comprising Profit for the period						
(after tax) and Other						
Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	55.04	(3127.83)	(275.15)	(2419.76)		
6. Paid-up Equity Share Capital						
(Face Value of Rs. 10/- per share)	55.04	(3127.83)	(275.15)	(2419.76)		
7. Earnings Per Share						
i) Basic in Rs.	0.10	-5.40	-0.48	-4.18		
ii) Diluted in Rs.	0.10	-5.40	-0.48	-4.18		
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The above unaudited results were reviewed by the Audit Committee and thereafter approved by the Board of Directors at its meeting held on Monday, August 14, 2023

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 BSE Limited (www. bseindia.com) and the Company Website (www.himalayafoodcompany.com) Additional information on standalone financial results is as follows

(in lakhs) Particulars Quarter Ended Year ended No. June 30, 2023 March 31, 2023 June 30, 2022 March 31, 2023 (Unaudited) (Audited) (Unaudited) (Audited) Income from Operations Profit before tax 55.04 (3178.83)(275.15)(2470.76)

(3127.83)

For and on behalf of the Board

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Man Mohan Malik Managing Director (DIN: 00696077)

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# Rahul has lunch *pe charcha* with *sabziwala*

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ontinuing with his com-Cmon man outreach program, former Congress president Rahul Gandhi on Monday invited vegetable vendor Rameshwar, who was seen in a recent social media video breaking down while talking about his hardships due to inflation, over a lunch at his residence in Lutvens Delhi

Sharing his picture with Rameshwar, Rahul Gandhi said in Hindi on social media platforms Facebook and X, "Rameshwar ji is a lively person! In him, the glimpse of the affable nature of crores of Indians can be seen. Those who move forward with a smile even in

adverse circumstances are truly 'Bharat Bhagya Vidhata' (India's destiny makers)." The Congress also shared their picture on X and said, "Rameshwar ji had expressed his desire to meet the people's hero. They met up."

Rahul's sister and party's General Secretary Priyanka Gandhi, too, shared Rahul and the vegetable vendor's photo on social media with Mahatma Gandhi's famous bhajan 'Vaishnav Ian to tene kahiye, peer paraye jaane re, Jai Hind, Jai Bharat Bhagya Vidhata".

In pictures of the meeting shared by several people on the microblogging site, Rahul and Rameshwar can be seen having lunch at the former's home and sharing light moments during



In the viral video, Rameshwar was seen with his empty hand-cart, saying that he could not buy tomatoes as the prices were very too high. Asked if he would buy some other vegetable, he said, "paise nahin hain" and then broke down. The video had gone viral and had been shared

by Rahul Gandhi as well as several other Congress leaders to hit out at the Government over rising prices. After his successful 3500 km Kanniyakumari to Kashmir 'Bharat Jodo Yatra', Rahul has taken to spontaneous interactions with people at the grassroot level like vegetable

vendors of Azadpur Mandi, farmers in the field, truck drivers, cycle market, gig workers

In one of the rare moments after his interactions with female agriculturists in Harvana, the women folk reached Delhi in a hired van and dined and danced with Rahul along with his mother former Congress chief Sonia Gandhi and sister Priyanka Gandhi. Congress sources said the second leg of the 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' that is being planned from Porbandar in Gujarat to Aizawl in the North East will also be worked out in similar fashion to present the Rahul-led Congress in a new avatar as the party of the people belonging to the marginalised and impover-

### Govt urged to implement 'one drug, one quality, one price' IMA expresses concern over NMC order on generic meds as less than 0.10% tested for quality

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The National Medical Council's **▲** (NMC) recent regulation which mandates doctors to prescribe only generic medicines has not gone down well with the Indian Medical Association (IMA) which has called for its deferment for wider consultations even as it urged the Centre's intervention.

The IMA, which represents private doctors from across the country, also

flagged concerns over the standard of drugs manufactured in India as less than 0.10 per cent are tested for quality. In a statement, the association also questioned the NMC move, stating that if doctors are not allowed to prescribe branded drugs, then why should such drugs be licensed at all? The NMC in its "regulations relating to professional conduct of registered medical practitioners" stated that all doctors must prescribe generic drugs, failing which they will be penalised and their

licence may be suspended for a period. It also asked doctors to avoid prescribing branded generic drugs. The IMA said, "The biggest impediment to generic drugs is the uncertainty about their quality. Quality control in the nation being very weak, there is practically no guarantee of the quality of drugs and prescribing drugs without assured quality

would be detrimental to patient health". "Less than 0.1 per cent of the drugs manufactured in India are tested for quality. This step should be deferred till the Government can assure the quality of all the drugs released into the market. Patient care and safety are not negotiable," it said. The IMA appealed to the Government to have a "one drug, one quality, one price" system whereby all brands should be either sold at the same price which should be controlled or banned and only generic medicines allowed while ensuring highest quality of these drugs.

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# Religious fervour grips Kashi

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eligious fervour gripped this entire city of Lord Shiva on the occasion of sixth Monday as this year, due to 'adimas' (extra month), the auspicious Shrawan is of two months long in which there will be eight Mondays. Amidst tight security arrangements in view of ongoing archaeological survey in Gyanvapi premises on the court's order, lakhs of devotees including thousands of saffron-clad kanwariyas offered jalabhishek as one of the dwadasa jyotirlingas Kashi Vishwanath Temple (KVT). Besides, a good number of devotees also went to Panchkoshi Parikarma Yatra as due to 'adimas', its religious importance has been increased. A heavy rush of devotees was seen at all the Shiva temples located on Panchkoshi Marg including Karmdeshwar Maha dev, Bhim Chandi, Rameshwar Mahadev, Panch Pandava and Kapildhara.

Not only this, the entire city and its outskirts were echoed with the slogans of 'Har Har Mahadev' and 'Bol Bom'. Heavy rush of devotees was also seen at Markandey Mahadev Temple



Rush of devotees at Kashi Vishwanath Temple in Varanasi on Monday.

located near Varanasi-Ghazipur highway about 25 kms from here near the confluence of rivers Ganga and Gomti at Kaithi village apart from all famous Shiva temples including Mahamritunjya Mahadev (Daranagar), Gauri Kedareshwar (Kedar Ghat), Jogeshar Mahadev (Ishwar-

gangi), Omkleshwar Mahadev (Chittanpura), Teel Bhandeshwar (Pandey Haveli), Sarangnath Mahadev (Sarnath) and many others in the city areas. Apart from these famous temples, rush of devotees was also seen at Vishwanath temple in Banaras Hindu University (BHU) premises and Shool Tankeshwar Mahadev and scores of all others as the city is famous for having the replicas of all the dwadasa jyotirlingas.

On this Monday, the devotees saw the shringar of Lord Vishwanath in form of Shankar Parvati Ganesh at KVT as in the last five Mondays, the Almighty was decorated in Chal Pratima, Gauri Shankar, Amrit Varsha, Bhagirathi and Parvati Swaroop (form). Right from the wee hours, there were long lines of devotees from Dashaswamedh ghat via Godowlia side and Maidagin. As the water level of river Ganga was still at a high level despite receding trend for the last many days, the devotees faced it tough to have a holy dip in this sacred river.

In view of the heavy rush,

elaborate security arrangements were made and no vehicles were allowed to move between Godowlia and Maidagin throughout the day. To maintain law and order, the devotees were checked at many places through metal detectors. Senior administrative and police officers were present there to keep watch on the stock of situation in KVC premises. All the activities were also watched through various CCTV cameras. To avoid congregation the devotees were asked to move towards Gyanvapi only through barricading and Rapid Action Force (RAF), paramilitary and PAC jawans were deployed both inside and outside of the premises.

# One buried alive in wall collapse

**CORRESPONDENT** ■ MIRZAPUR

One person was buried alive and two others were injured when a wall collapsed during construction work on Sunday. A retired employee of Jal Nigam Bhagwandas (76) was looking after the construction of his house in Gaibighat locality when the clay wall of his neighbour collapsed. As a result Bhagwandas and two labourers Motichand (47) and Jogindar (43) were buried under the debris. On hearing the cries of the mason locals reached the spot, rescued the victims and sent them to the divisional hospital where Bhagwandas was declared as brought dead and the labourers were admitted for treatment. Circle Officer (Sadar) Shailendra Tripathi and Station House Officer (SHO) Katra Kotwali visited the place and issued necessary directions to the neighbours.

the neighbours.

ARRESTED: The City
Kotwali police arrested one person and recovered stolen goods
besides Rs 15,000 on Sunday. CO
Sadar Shailendra Tripathi said
SHO (City Kotwali) Arvind
Mishra was tipped off by an
informer about the presence of
a suspect at Ramaipatti under
City Kotwali police station and

the place was raided. After taking the suspect into custody the SHO interrogated him and he confessed his involvement in few cases of theft. The police recovered five mobile phones, jewellery and Rs 15,000. After completing the legal formalities the police sent the accused identified as Rinku of Tarkapur Sonkar Basti under City Kotwali police station to jail.

DIRECTIVE: On the

instructions of the DM the BSA has directed the school managements not to expel any student enrolled under RTE till further orders. A few days ago some students met the DM and informed her that the schools in which they were enrolled were refusing to continue their studies. When the DM directed the BSA to inform about the fact in the matter the BSA conducted an inquiry. In view of the poverty of the said students the DM has written the letter to the DG Education seeking guidance. In between the schools have been directed to continue the education of the said students. Through letter the BSA has warned the schools that stringent action will be taken if the direction of the DM is ignored.

COUPLES REUNITE: Under Project Milan programme four couples reunited through the family counselling centre located at Police Lines on Sunday. The said couples were living separately due to misunderstanding over trivial issues and the matter was brought to the police. The police sent the cases to the family counselling centre. After separate sittings the couple agreed to live together. Incharge of the centre subinspector Shashi Tiwari, constables Sapna and Rinki, counsellors Parwati Pandey, Dr Krishna Singh and KK Srivastawa were present during the counselling.

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I-DAY PROGRAMMES: Chairman Nagar Palika Parishad (NPP) Mirzapur Shyam Sundar Keshari while addressing the media at Ghantaghar on Sunday said he was committed to protecting the historical monuments of the city. About programmes related to Indepenence Day he said freedom fighters will be honoured on the day. He said he will honour them at their residences. He added a kavi sammelan will be organised in the evening at Ghantaghar and poems will be recited by the team of renowned poetess Anamika Ambar Jain. Prior to the press conference the chairman honoured 75 sanitation workers for their outstanding services.



# Mittal reviews progress of revenue works

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Chairman, Board of Revenue, UP, Sanjiv Kumar Mittal reviewed the works of Varanasi division at a meeting of officers here on Monday. He also discussed share assessment and inheritance matters in detail tehsil-wise and expressed happiness over the work done in gharauni (rural house deeds) matters. He directed the concerned Revenue department officers to increase the share fixation from the present 50-60 per cent to 80-85 per cent.

He took detailed information from all the SDMs and tehsildars about the rate assessment done by the tehsils and also learned from them the problems faced in rate assessment and their suggestions for increasing rate assessment.

He asked everyone to work with full focus and to speed up the work by making full use of manpower and computer resources.

"The work should be expedited wherever there is no dispute," he said, asking the Additional Commissioner (Administration) to monitor and speed up the works of gharauni while talking to the Geographic Information System (GIS) survey. Mittal expressed dissatisfaction over more than 11,000 pending revenue cases and asked the concerned AC (Admn) to expedite the works by regularly reviewing them.

Speaking on the occasion, Divisional Commissioner (DC) Kaushal Raj Sharma said that due to increasing urbanisation in Varanasi city, many villages have been included in the limits of Nagar Nigam.

A total of 88 new villages have been included in Varanasi city," he said, adding that due to having many sub-account holders in one account, there are problems in determining the share, which is being divided village-wise by appointing accountants.

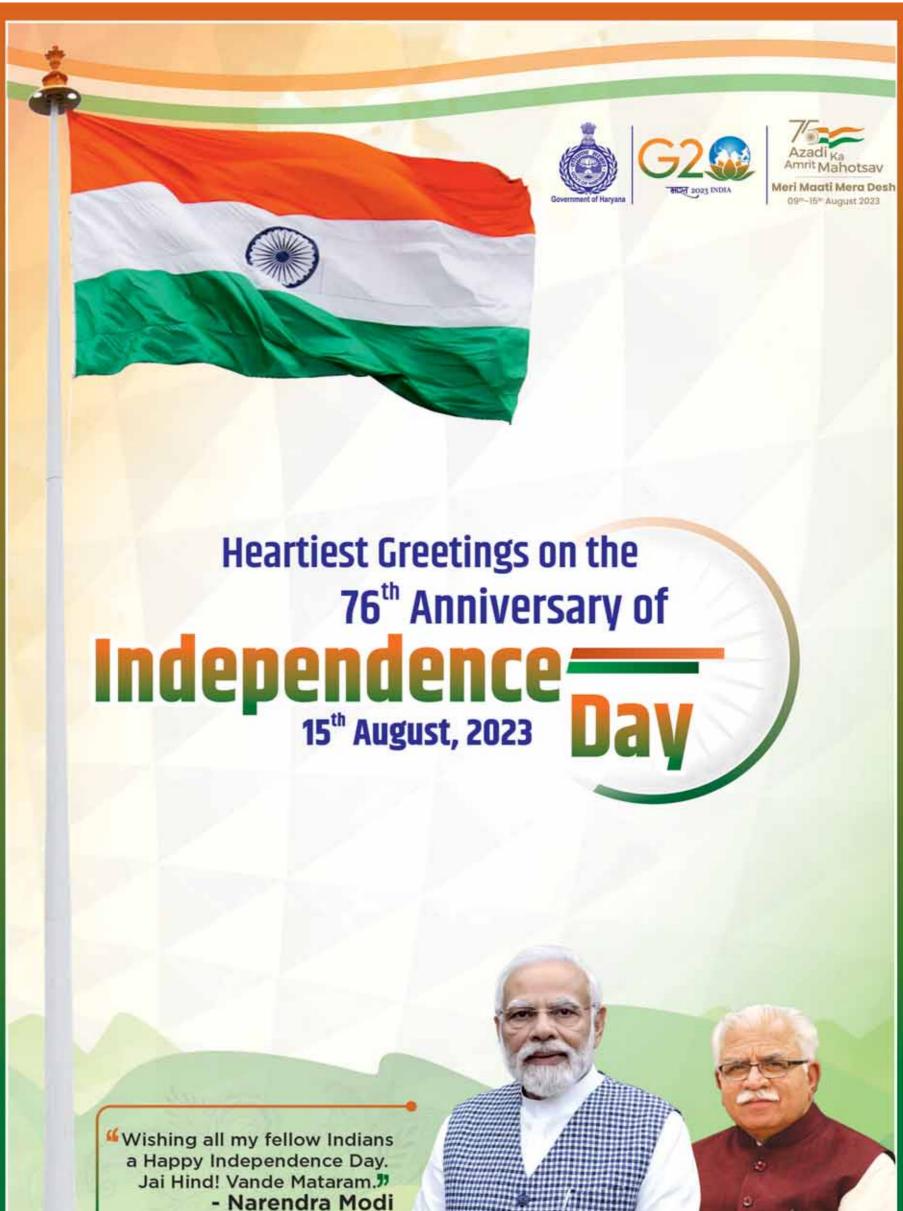
District Magistrate S Rajalingam, while mentioning the work done in the allocation of shares in the Badagaon block, apprised Mittal of the obstructions being faced in this direction. He was also informed about the survey conducted in 1,138 villages regarding khatauni (document of land) and the problems faced in the survey conducted in 199 villages.

In the meeting, the DMs Aryaka Akhoury (Ghazipur), Anuj Kumar Jha (Jaunpur) and Nikhil Tikaram Funde (Chandauli) also gave the details of their respective districts in the meeting.

In reply, the Chairman, Board of Revenue, asked everyone to speed up the process of share determination, house-keeping and directed to organise workshops for information through National Informatics Centre (NIC).

While reviewing Section-24 in the meeting, Mittal said that if there are four to five cases from one village, they should be dealt with together. Expressing displeasure over the rejection of more than 18,000 applications in Varanasi district, he asked the concerned officers to rectify them and directed the DM to look after the same himself.

He said that it is the main reason for the increase in Inspector General of Registration and Stamps (IGRS) cases and directed the concerned officers to settle the matters related to the Investor Summit on priority so that there is no unnecessary delay in setting up industries. ADM (Administration), SDMs and Tehsildars were also present in the meeting.



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# Photo exhibition ends in BLW

VARANASI (PNS): The three-day photo exhibition highlighting the glorious journey of Banaras Locomotive Works (BLW) concluded and on the last day on Monday, a good number of visitors reached Surya Sarovar complex to see the photographs displayed there. These photographs were taken on different occasions, telling themselves the glorious journey of this leading production unit of Indian Railways.

The last event of the programme organised under the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav was a Kavi Sammelan in which several leading poets recited their patriotic poetry. Earlier, on the

second day, the artistes presented several cultural programmes to win the hearts of all. Through their dances and songs, they created an atmosphere of patriotism there.

In the cultural programmes, Ganesh Vandana and dances were presented by the girl students of the Kids Group and Shivansi Fitness Zone on women empowerment and patriotism. They kept the audience spell-bound by presenting a dance based on 'Shri Ram Chandra Kripalu bhaj mana...' At the end of the event, CPRO and DGM Vijay presented a photo of Lord Shri Ram to the GM Basudev Panda.

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# Happy independence day

Reflecting on challenges, celebrating achievements and charting the way forward

s India marks its 77th Independence Day, it's a moment for introspection and celebration. The journey since 1947 has been one of remarkable growth and transebration. The journey since 1947 has been one of community resilience. This formation, punctuated by challenges that have tested the nation's resilience. This occasion offers an opportunity to acknowledge both the strides made and the hurdles that lie ahead on the path to a brighter future. On the 77th Independence Day, India stands at a crossroads, armed with a rich history of achievements and the wisdom gained from overcoming adversities. The journey towards progress has been shaped by various achievements that have redefined India's global standing. From agrarian self-sufficiency to space exploration, India has showcased its prowess across sectors. The Green Revolution ensured food security for millions, while technological advancements have placed the country as a leading player in the IT and software industries. The Mars Orbiter Mission illustrated India's space capabilities, demonstrating its prowess in space technology and explo-



ration. The Chandrayan-3, a living testimony to India's technical capabilities, is about to touch down on the moon a week from now. These achievements not only symbolise India's growth but also highlight the potential its people have. However, this journey has not been without its share of challenges. Even as we celebrate our independence, Manipur continues to be at war with itself and communal fires are still blazing in Nuh, Haryana. Social and economic disparities continue to persist, hindering the nation's inclusive growth. Environmental degradation and climate change pose threats to India's sustainable development. Additionally, issues of communalism, casteism and religious intol-

erance underscore the need for fostering unity and tolerance within the society. As India looks ahead, certain pathways need to be embraced. First and foremost, investing in education is paramount. Addressing the challenges of inequality requires comprehensive reforms. Initiatives to bridge the rural-urban gap, bolster healthcare infrastructure and provide skill development opportunities can empower marginalised sections of society. Implementing sustainable practices and embracing renewable energy sources will not only mitigate environmental risks but also foster economic growth. Furthermore, India's journey towards progress necessitates a collective commitment to unity and diversity. By celebrating differences and fostering a spirit of inclusivity, the nation can move past divisive narratives and strengthen its social fabric. In the global context, India's foreign policy should be rooted in cooperation and diplomacy. India must make good use of the G20 presidency in bringing about world peace and consolidating its position in the world arena. As the Tricolour unfurls across the nation, it's a reminder of the unity that binds a diverse population together. This Independence Day, let us honour the sacrifices made by our forebearers by committing ourselves to a prosperous,



Children holding the national flags run through a field, ahead of Independence Day, in Nadia

inclusive, and harmonious India for generations to come.





Congress should work with its allies to consolidate the Opposition unity and focus on the future instead of dwelling on past accomplishments

an the Manipur crisis impact the newly formed opposition coalition I.N.D.I.A. to its advantage? Can Congress leader Rahul Gandhi utilize it as another Opposition leader Mamata Banerjee did in Singur Moment in West Bengal in 2011? These significant moments are rare and unforgettable. Gandhi may face obstacles that could significantly affect Congress and the political situation in India in the coming months. How he handles these challenges will be crucial in deciding his future and the future of Indian politics overall.

The earlier attempt to raise a no-confidence motion against the Modi government sailed through last week because of the government majority. Now is a unique chance for Rahul to make a difference for himself, his Party and the Opposition. Between 2004 and 2014, Gandhi had the opportunity to become a minister in Dr Manmohan Singh's cabinet but did not take the position. As the Congress chief in the 2019 elections, he could not lead the Congress to victory.

Party has been in the wilderness since the entry of Prime Minister Modi on the national scene in 2014, resulting in Congress being out of power for a decade. Winning the upcoming Lok Sabha polls in 2024 is crucial for Congress to regain control and calm growing restlessness. Rahul's return as an M.P. has lifted the spirits of himself, his Party, and the Opposition. He projected himself as a victim of Modi's political vendetta and gained public sympathy. The dignified handling of his dismissal from Parliament and eventual reinstatement, thanks to intervention from the Supreme Court, demonstrated great maturity.

Rahul realizes his mistakes. His successful Bharat Jodi Yatra, which covered 3500 kilometres from Kanyakumari to Kashmir, earned him praise for promoting unity and peace. During his Yatra, Rahul Gandhi rallied the demoralized Congress support-ers. He presented himself as a self-assured leader capable of challenging Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the upcoming Lok Sabha

elections. It resulted in the B.J.P. and other regional leaders taking notice of his enhanced reputation.

Rahul needs to show maturity and develop a fresh narrative for the upcoming Assembly elections this year and the Lok Sabha elections next year. Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Telangana, and Mizoram are all preparing for the polls. The AAM ADMI slogan was instrumental in the Party's success and power retention from 2004 to 2014. Raising bread and butter issues that concern the common man is crucial. Winning these elections could be a critical step forward in Rahul's political career. Rahul faces a challenge in gaining the support of senior Opposition leaders like Sharad Pawar (NCP), Mamata Banerjee 9TMC), Nitish Kumar, J.D. (U)Akhilesh Yadav (S.P.), and M.K. Stalin(D.M.K.).

Following Rahul's disqualification, the Opposition worked towards unity and agreed to move forward with an alliance, which included the Congress, despite their differences. It accommodated the needs of the smaller regional parties, treating them as equals. After Congress President Mallikharjun Kharge stated that Congress is not vying for the Prime Minister



HAS PRESENTED HIMSELF AS A **SELF-ASSURED** LEADER, PREPARED TO **FACE PRIME MINISTER** NARENDRA MODI IN THE UPCOMING LOK SABHA

**ELECTIONS** 

position, Rahul is now more acceptable to the coalition partners. Despite Prime Minister Modi's goal of a Congress-free India, the Congress party is gaining momentum. The popularity of Gandhi is increasing steadily, thanks to the pan-national nature of the Congress party across the country. It is after the Bharat Jodo yatra and Rahul's expulsion from Parliament after a Modi sir name case verdict. In 2019, Rahul resigned from his position as Congress President. However, he still makes decisions for the Party. He must take responsibility and work openly instead of operating behind the scenes.

**OPPOSITION PARTIES MEET** 

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Rahul, as the Leader of the main opposition party, must guide and shape the new alliance called I.N.D.I.A. The recent no-confidence debate showed that the coalition of 26 parties is united. Congress should work with its allies and focus on the future instead of dwelling on past accomplishments. Gandhi must tackle organizational, electoral, and ideological obstacles to succeed, including the challenge posed by the dynasty. To reach the voters, there is a need to focus on urgent issues such as the rising cost of living, inflation, and affordability of necessities like food and milk. While

Rahul's emphasis on Congress' ideology is crucial, a new narrative focusing on the people's fundamental concerns is equally essential.

It is essential to reorganize the Party and establish strong booth committees at the gross root level. Gandhi must assign the right person to the right job. According to the coalition's strength, it is vital to feel a strong candidate from I.N.D.I.A. against the B.J.P. in various states. Cooperation and flexibility are necessary for this endeavour.

Insiders suggest that the BJP may favour Gandhi as the Prime Ministerial candidate for the Opposition, but Rahul is currently focusing on enhancing his public image. Recent polls indicate that if Modi and Rahul were to compete in the 2024 election, Modi would have a substantial edge. Rahul needs to prepare for this challenge and avoid making any missteps. Rahul Gandhi has presented himself as a self-assured leader, prepared to face Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. Additionally, he has announced that the second portion of the Bharat lodg yatra will be initiated shortly.

(The writer is a popular columnist. The views expressed are personal)

# Waste management can turn it into national asset



Proper waste management can not only clean the country but give good returns. It can save national resources and check rising landfill sites

e also warns that landfills are no solution to Lprocess and decompose the solid waste generated globally as well as locally. The solid waste industry (yes, waste is a big-time industry now) contributes 5 per cent of all global greenhouse gas emissions-more than the entire shipping and aviation industries combined. As it decomposes, rubbish produces methane, a potent greenhouse gas that traps many times more heat than carbon dioxide. Landfills ooze leachate (a noxious black or yellow sludge that forms from putrefying rubbish) which has acids, heavy metals, poly-chlorinated biphenyls, dioxins and other poisons and carcinogens which can leak down into the water table or rivers and our water supply.

What is mind boggling is the way the author has chronicled China's growth as a dumping yard of developed countries and her subsequent growth as a global economic power using that waste as raw materials. Between 1988 and 2018, nearly half-47 per centof all plastic waste exported worldwide was sent to China for recycling. "Then in 2018, grown manifold. According

China shut its doors. Under a new policy, "National Sword", the Chinese government prohibited almost all foreign waste from entering the country, arguing that what was coming in was too contaminated and that the environmental damage was too great."

Learning from China's experience many countries enacted laws banning plastic waste but it has not made any difference. The rubbish keeps on coming to India. The author's account of his trip to Ghazipur near Delhi should send alarm bells across the corridors of power in the national capital. Despite not being the country's largest landfill, the amount of plastic waste reaching the yard has

to him, the Deonar landfill near Mumbai is the country's

largest landfill. What is significant about the book is that the author, who has lambasted the current Indian political leadership for terrorizing the Muslims and migrant workers from other countries who come as rag pickers are facing growing persecution amid an alarming rise in Hindutva nationalism. "Hindu politicians have openly called for violence, and the expulsion of Muslims from the country, something unthinkable even a decade ago," he says after his visit to Ghazipur. India, which is all set to host the G-20 summit later this year may have to work overtime to clean up this muck called solid waste dumping yards from its back-

yards. Many industries could use plastic waste to generate products that are very much in demand in Europe and US. This is what the Chinese did with the waste it imported till 2018. "By 2016, the US alone was sending 1,500 shipping containers full of waste to China every day. By recycling the West's waste instead of using virgin equivalent China prevented the emissions of carbon dioxide and the extraction of billion tons of ore. It was from the waste sent to their country, the Chinese emerged as the electronic manufacturing powerhouse. Most of the nouveau riche in China made it big through the waste recycling industry.

Proper use of plastic waste could take India to new heights. But do not forget that there are many Brahmapurams all over India which could cause irreparable damage to the population and natural resources including air and water. There is enough "gold" to be made out of these Wastelands.

(The writer is a special correspondent with The Pioneer. The views are personal) Concluded

### **LETTERS TO THE EDITOR APPOINTMENTS TO THE EC**

Sir — The image of the Election Commission (EC) as an impartial constitutional institution has eroded over the years. However, it took a severe beating following the stern comments of the Supreme Court earlier this year regarding the appointment of commission members. The court's displeasure reflected the general impression that retired bureaucrats were being appointed as election commissioners without due consideration. Since the senior-most among them is automatically elevated as the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC), it is crucial to scrutinize candidates. The judgment of the five-member constitutional bench to include the Chief Justice of India as a member of the high-power committee, consisting of the Prime Minister and the leader of the opposition, was aimed at ensuring impartiality in EC selections and understandably drew criticism from the govern-

Now, in an unprecedented move, the Centre has introduced a Bill that replaces the Chief Justice with a minister appointed by the Prime Minister in the committee. The authority of the EC was diluted when the single-member commission was reconstituted by appointing two more members by the then Prime Minister PV Narasimha Rao to restrain CEC TN Seshan, who instilled fear in politicians through widespread electoral reforms.

Ganapathi Bhat | Akola **OUR BRAVE FREEDOM FIGHTERS** 

Sir — On Independence Day, we commemorate the valiant struggle of Indians for freedom from British rule on August 15th. India endured British rule until 1857, when the resistance began.

People of various religions, including Muslims, Hindus, and Sikhs, worked collectively for independence. It is unfortunate that some individuals erroneously believe Muslims were opposed to our nation. However, the reality is quite different. Muslims played a pivotal role, with courageous leaders leading the way. The registered a case against the Twitter han-

### **India's Journey to Freedom**



raversing through India's history, the late 1800s witnessed the transformation of whispers into a symphony of freedom. Leaders like Gandhi, Nehru, and Bose emerged, casting inspirational shadows for liberty. However, let's rewind to 1857, when the scent of rebellion per-

meated the air. Scholars and Muslims wove threads of intellect and faith into the fabric of inde-

At the heart of struggle, sacrifices illuminated the path for generations. The fervor of patriotism ignited souls, longing for a land where freedom danced with every step. Then, on August 15, 1947, India's destiny unfurled. Political battles intermingled with societal changes as the nation painted aspirations on the canvas of time. The journev to freedom, a fusion of chess moves, the melody of civil disobedience, and the poetry of unity, stands as a testament to the human spirit. While India gained freedom in 1947, people continue to seek a fuller freedom, with rights and necessities upheld by a caring government.

Md Anwar Tauseef | Hyderabad

dles of Congress leaders Priyanka Gandhi,

Kamal Nath, and Arun Yadav over a con-

troversial social media post. The Indore

first call against British oppression originated from a Muslim figure. Muslims also

took initial steps toward freedom. We pay tribute to these courageous individuals who stood against the British, even in the face of danger. A Muslim figure ignited the first revolution for independence with a poetic message: "India is the best in the world, and this garden is ours. We are the nightingales, and this is our garden." Their strong spirit was epitomized by the rallying cry, "Long live the revolution." A Muslim voice boldly proclaimed, "One day as a lion is better than a hundred years as a jackal." We must not forget the sacrifices of our Muslim compatriots. Until 1857, they were at the forefront of the struggle. Following 1857, Hindus, Sikhs, and Christians joined forces, culminating in India's independence on August 15, 1947. Therefore, we pray for India's safety and success, envisioning a nation that radiates unity and beauty, spreading its brilliance throughout the world.

**Md Imdadullah** | *Muzaffarpur* 

**CASE AGAINST PRIYANKA GANDHI** 

Sir — The Madhya Pradesh police have

police registered the case against the Congress leaders due to a controversial social media post alleging corruption in Madhya Pradesh's BJP government. The FIR also includes one Gyanendra Awasthi and others based on their respective names on their Twitter handles, according to the report. On Friday, Priyanka Gandhi claimed on X, that a union of contractors from Madhya Pradesh had written a letter to the Chief Justice of the High Court, complaining that they receive payment only after

paying a 50 percent commission. The corrupt BJP government in Karnataka used to collect a 40% commission. In Madhya Pradesh, the BJP has exceeded its own record of corruption. The people of Karnataka ousted the 40% commission government, and now the people of Madhya Pradesh will remove the 50% commission government from power.

Bhagwan Thadani | Mumbai

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# **FIRST COLUMN** HAS THE COSMIC

# **DANCE BEGUN?**

To treat nature with greed and subdue it to our whims and fancies is suicidal



RAJYOGI BRAHMKUMAR NIKUNJ JI

Recently every news channel and newspaper carried the news of a 2-metre-tall statue of Nataraja installed on the premises of one of the world's premier institutes, the European Organization for Nuclear Research, also known as CERN. There was a lot of curiosity among netizens about the statue installed in a scientific institution. While some have been trying to guess how that statue reached Europe. Some say that the Nataraja statue explains the structure of the atom and therefore scientists decided to place it in the CERN campus. Another one goes on to say that the posture of the statue is called 'Anand Tandavam' as the motion is similar to the motion of sub-atoms. The most surprising answer came from a scientist who expressed that Lord Shankar's form of Nataraja symbolizes the cosmic dance of creation and destruction. And what we all are witnessing right now all over the world is nothing but the result of the Tandava dance of Lord Shankar. None of us would deny the fact that we are now facing extreme conditions like a deadly global pandemic, global warming, economic breakdowns, and civil wars in countries with corrupt autocracies that have now escalated to international intervention with sophis-

It was not so long back when activists had predicted that sooner or later Nature will react to all the abuses she has been sustaining from human beings. For thousands of years nature has provided humanity with free clean water, food, fresh air, fertile earth, and every variety of benefits for our sustenance and enjoyment, and it has given us untold wealth. But instead of respecting the laws of nature and using its abundance wisely, we have indulged in an orgy of greed and egoistic destructiveness. A recent scientific study into climate change has concluded that almost all of the summer sea ice in the Arctic Ocean is likely to disappear late this century because of global warming. Such an eventuality is inevitable because of the unstoppable momentum of global warming, which is being caused by the emission of greenhouse gases that trap heat in the atmosphere, raising the average temperature produced by automobiles and industrial activity. In India, another study has said that by the middle of the century, the sea level will increase by 24.1 cm, causing coastal floods, and there will be more cyclones in the Bay of Bengal, while the average temperature in Delhi and Mumbai will increase by three to four degrees Celsius.



The prevailing attitude of those with political and economic power been to treat the abundance of nature with greed they can conquer it, and subdue it to their whims and fancies. But now we have all witnessed how one virus locked down most countries of the world for months. Does it end here? Not really! Because we get to read or watch about new virus variants every day, which indicates that this is not going to stop now. There are more and greater natural calamities to come. The reason is human karma against nature, and now is the time to reap the bitter fruits of those selfish and arrogant attitudes and activities. Now that we are truly in an emergency, what is to be done? To start with, we need to CHANGE first. Yes! We, humans, have to change our attitudes of greed, ego, lust, anger, attachment, jealousy and carelessness and must return to our original qualities of purity, peace, love and happiness. If not, we will certainly perish in sorrow. It's high time that we now become responsible in our relationship with nature and with each other. Unless we check and change the basis of our growth process, and attune our lifestyle to respect the laws of nature, we can be sure that nature will continue to strike more ferociously. And the day may not be far, when everything that we are risking precious human lives for may be lying scattered under the rubble somewhere. There is no need to panic, because it's still not too late, even now there is time to change our course towards more sustainable, nature-friendly practices. It only requires a change in our mindset — from that of acquisition to one of sharing and caring.

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# Implications of USA's downgrading



Though the US economy is stable and still strong, it would still have to bear the brunt of downgraded ratings by agencies like Fitch and Moody



nternational rating agency Fitch has downgraded the United States' longterm foreign-currency issuer default rating (IDR) from AAA to AA+ on August 1, 2023. The Fitch states, "The rating downgrade of the United States reflects the expected fiscal deterioration over the next three years, a high and growing general government debt burden, and the erosion of governance relative to 'AA' and 'AAA-rated peers over the last two decades that has manifested in repeated debt limit standoffs and last-minute resolutions."

It is worth mentioning that in the past, debt ceiling standoff has arisen again and again by the US government, and the US Parliament had been giving solutions for the same, by increasing the debt limit at the last moment. In such a situation, an atmosphere of tussle was also seen many times between the US President and the US Parliament.

This is indicative of the fact that USA's fiscal position is not very good and the government has to repeatedly approach the US Parliament to raise the debt ceiling, to enable the US administration to meet its fiscal requirements. In the past, many times we have witnessed, shutdowns of the US government due to lack of funds. The trigger for a downgrade in the US rating by Fitch comes from the likelihood of worsening the fiscal situation of America in the next three years; and the threat of increasing debt burden on the government.

The Fitch rating agency says that the US government's standards in treasury and debt-related matters have steadily declined over the past 20 years. Since there have been repeated political deadlocks over the debt ceiling, there has been a loss of credibility in fiscal management. The government also lacks a medium-term fiscal framework compared to similar countries, having a rating between AA and AAA.

Fitch also says that the US government debt has increased significantly over the past



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and tax cuts and new spending initiatives. Due to the ever-increasing number of elderly people in America, the expenditure on Social Security and Medicare is increasing continuously and there is no specific effort to deal with it.

The general government fiscal deficit was equal to 3.7 per cent of GDP in the year 2022, which is expected to increase to 6.3 per cent in 2023. The debt on state and local governments is also increasing. Whatever little improvement has been achieved due to the Fiscal Responsibility Act is woefully inadequate and there is little chance of any significant fiscal consolidation efforts until the 2024 elections.

It is noteworthy that about 12 years ago, on August 5, 2011, the rating agency named Standard and Poor's reduced the rating of America in the same way. This was the first time that the US federal government was rated below AAA.

The rating downgrade came just four days after the US Congress raised the debt ceiling then. Although the rating agencies named Fitch and Moody's did not downgrade their ratings then. The US government's rating has remained AAA since 2011, and it's for the first time since then that the US federal government has been downgraded by Fitch.

In the meanwhile, we see that another rating agency Moody's has downgraded many US banks. The agency has cut down the credit rating of 10 small and midsized banks and placed 6 big lenders on notice for a future downgrade.

The reason given for this action is a rise in funding cost (that is, an increase in interest rates) and prof-

#### **IMPLICATIONS OF A RATING DOWNGRADE**

America is economically the most powerful country in the world, and its economy is also very wide and full of diversity. The business environment there is also very dynamic. With such structural strength, the US dollar is the world's most popular and prestigious reserve currency. The countries of the world still want to keep their foreign exchange reserves in dollars only. Thanks to all these advantages, despite the rating downgrade, there does not seem to be a situation that America will default in repaying its loans. The world's faith in America continues unabated, but still, it needs to be understood what could be the implications of the downgrade of America's rating on the

American economy.

The first impact of any country's rating downgrade is on the interest rates. Domestically, a downgrade would likely lead to higher interest rates, as investors would demand a higher risk premium to hold US debt. This would make it more expensive for the government to borrow money, which could lead to cuts in spending or tax increases. The US government will now need to pay a higher interest rate than before to borrow. Secondly, interest rates on loans issued by the US government must provide a global benchmark. This is because debt issued by the US government is considered one of the most secured loans in the world. In such a situation, if even the most secured loans will now have higher interest rates, then after this downgrading of Fitch, an increase in interest rates can be seen globally, or interest rates on borrowing by some other coun-

try may now become the benchmark. But, its likelihood is very meagre, as the US is the largest single borrower in the world.

Thirdly, It could also lead to a decline in the value of the dollar, which would make imports by the US more expensive. Internationally, a downgrade would damage the US's reputation as a haven for investment. This could lead to capital outflows, as investors seek to park their money in countries with higher credit ratings. It could also make it more difficult for the US to borrow money from foreign governments and institutions.

Fourthly, a downgrade could also hurt the US economy. It could lead to a decline in consumer confidence, which would reduce spending. It could also lead to a decline in dusiness investment, as dusine es become more uncertain about the future. This could further increase the recessionary tendencies.

Fifthly, the common man would find it difficult to pay their EMIs, as homeowners or vehicle owners, with adjustable-rate mortgages could see their interest rates go up, which could make it more difficult to afford their monthly payments.

Sixthly, we see another rating agency downgrading the banks and other lending institutions, again due to an increase in interest rates in the past; and with this downgrade by Fitch, may further aggravate the situation for these lending institutions, as interest rates may go upwards after the downgrade in rating. It's not clear how the US administration will deal with the implications of this downgrade. But, this downgrade is no good sign for USA's economic and corporate

# Practice meditation for well-being & healthy heart

Meditation if practiced in right earnest can lead to a path to self-discovery and holistic well-being. And yes, it is good for your heart too!

editation, often defined as the process of cultivating present-moment awareness, holds the potential to offer spiritual experiences that transcend our ordinary conscious state. This practice is a means of shifting from a state of disturbed consciousness, characterized by localized perceptions influenced by time and space, to an undisturbed state of consciousness that transcends such limitations. Essence of Meditation: Meditation, at its core, is not about forcing the mind to be quiet; rather, it's a technique that guides us towards discovering the innate quietude within ourselves. It is a spiritual expedition that carries our awareness from the physical body to the subtle body, and further



to lead us to the silence that

towards the soul and spirit.

intriguing aspects is its ability

One of meditation's most

resides between thoughts. As thoughts arise and dissipate, there is a gap in between – a gap that represents pure silence, the realm where the thinker of thoughts exists. This idea is encapsulated in the concept of "Aham Brahmasmi," signifying the unity of all beings under a shared con-

Through this process, meditation unveils our true essence, helping us fathom our purpose in the universe and facilitating the pursuit of divinity, eternity, happiness, and bliss.

Holistic Health and the Role of Meditation: The World Health Organization's defini-

tion of optimum health extends beyond the absence of disease, emphasizing physical, mental, social, and spiritual well-being. Meditation aligns perfectly with this comprehensive perspective. Ayurveda supports this holistic approach. A Vedic saying, "Yatha

pinday, tatha brahmaanday," underscores the interconnectedness between the microcosm (individual) and macrocosm (universe). Meditation acts as the glue that binds these components together, integrating our existence within the vast cosmic web. This perspective transforms the universe into a cosmic computer, with our bodies housing the terminal cells. In this analogy, the mind becomes the programmer, a microcosmic expression of the cosmic mind, guiding our energies in alignment with the universal energy. Thus, meditation empowers us to shape our thoughts, perceptions and choices.

Diverse Paths of Meditation: Numerous meditation techniques exist, each offering a distinct path to inner transformation. Transcendental Meditation, Raj Yoga Meditation, Japa Meditation, Mindfulness Meditation, and more serve as various avenues toward a common goal - discovering the essence of our being and connecting with the cosmos.

The Primordial Sound Meditation Approach: Among these techniques, Primordial Sound Meditation stands out. Rooted in the Yogic tradition of India, this practice aims to unite body, mind, soul, spirit, and environment. The ancient

yogic sutras by Patanjali underscore this union, revealing the path to settling the mind into a state of pure

The subtle body, consisting of the mind, intellect, and ego, plays a crucial role in this process. The restless nature of the mind drives its wanderings and emotional fluctuations. The intellect, however, offers discernment and guidance, akin to a skilled driver manoeuvring a car. The ego, reflective of self-image, can either be self-referential or object-referential, with the latter hindering growth and har-

Delving into the Causal Body: The causal body, embodying the soul and spirit, is explored through meditation. The soul represents

the individual manifestation of the spirit, which is pure consciousness. This realm, devoid of time, space, and dimensions, is the field of pure silence – the gap between thoughts.

The Mantra's Significance: In Primordial Sound Meditation, the mantra becomes our guide. Composed of meaningless syllables, these mantras emit basic vibrations that soothe the nervous system. The mantra holds deep significance - it symbolizes the universal divine sound "Aum" and encapsulates the levels of consciousness. This sacred sound reverberates across cultures and religions, reflecting humanity's shared spiritual journey.

Effects on the Senses: Meditation's influence extends to our senses. Sound, a universal energy, permeates both with-

smell, and taste energies play pivotal roles in our well-being. For instance, fragrances can energize or calm us, while touch, in its various forms, connects us to healing ener-

in and around us. Touch,

### The Holistic Experience:

Ultimately, Primordial Sound Meditation leads us through physical, subtle, and causal bodies, guiding us to experience the silence that holds infinite possibilities. By reciting mantras effortlessly, we may either drift into sleep, wrestle with restlessness, or slip into the profound silence between thoughts. This practice offers a way to reconnect with the primordial sound that birthed us and rediscover the unity that permeates our existence. *To be continued...* 

(The writer is Chief Cardiologist, at Medanta Moolchand Heart Institute)

# **Coup leaders to prosecute** Bazoum for 'high treason'

Niger's mutinous soldiers said they will prosecute deposed President Mohamed Bazoum for "high treason" and undermining state security, in an announcement hours after the junta said they were open to dialogue with West African nations to resolve the mounting regional crisis

If found guilty, Bazoum could face the death penalty, according to Niger's penal code.

Spokesman Col Maj Amadou Abdramane said on state television Sunday night that the military regime had "gathered the necessary evidence to prosecute before competent national and international authorities the ousted president and his local and foreign accomplices for high treason and for undermining the internal and external security of

Niger".

The announcement said high-ranking West African politicians and "their international mentors" have made false allegations and attempted to derail a peaceful solution to the crisis in order to justify a military intervention. It said Bazoum was being charged following his



exchanges with these people. The statement did not identify specific Western countries and did not specify a date for the trial.

Bazoum, Niger's democratically elected president, was ousted by members of his presidential guard on July 26 and has since been under house arrest with his wife and son in the presidential compound in the capi-

People close to the president as well as those in his ruling party say the family's electricity and water have been cut off and they're running out of food. The junta dismissed these reports Sunday night and accused West African politicians and international partners of fuelling a disinformation campaign to discredit the junta.

International pressure is growing on the junta to release and reinstate Bazoum. Immediately after the coup, the West African regional bloc ECOWAS gave the regime seven days to return him to power and threatened military force if it did not happen, but that deadline came and went with no action from either side.

Last week, ECOWAS ordered the deployment of a "standby" force, but it's still unclear when or if it would enter the country. The African Union Peace and Security Council is meeting on Monday to discuss Niger's crisis and could overrule the decision if it felt that wider peace and security on the continent was threatened by an intervention.

But as time drags on there's growing uncertainty and mixed messages are mounting.

On Sunday evening, before the military accused Bazoum of treason, a member of the junta's communication team told journalists that the regime had approved talks with ECOWAS, which would take place in the coming days. That same day, a mediation team of Islamic scholars from neighbouring Nigeria who had met with the junta on the weekend, said the regime was

open to dialogue with ECOW-AS. Previous attempts by ECOWAS to speak with the junta have foundered, with its delegations being barred from entering the country.

The newfound openness to talks could be a result of ECOW-AS pressure, including severe economic and travel sanctions that are already taking a toll on the impoverished country's some 25 million people, but it doesn't mean they'll go anywhere, say Sahel experts.

'Let's see what these negotiations actually look like, because it's also in the junta's benefit to in the least entertain talks. That doesn't mean they'll be serious about them," said Aneliese Bernard, a former US State Department official who specialized in African affairs and is now director of Strategic Stabilization Advisors, a risk advisory group. But while talk of dialogue ensues so does military mobilisation.

In a memo from Senegal's security forces dated Aug 11, seen by The Associated Press, it ordered the "regroupment" from bases in Senegal on Monday as part of its contribution to the ECOWAS mission in Niger. It was unclear what exactly was ordered to move, or where it was

# Russia targets Odesa again

Russia launched three waves of nighttime air attacks against the southern Ukraine port city of Odesa, officials said Monday, though the Ukrainian air force said it intercepted all 15 incoming Shahed drones and eight Kalibr missiles.

Falling debris from the interceptions damaged the dormitory of an educational facility in the city, a residential building and a supermarket, Odesa Gov. Oleh Kiper said. Two employees of the supermarket were hospitalized, Kiper said. The Kremlin's forces have pummeled Odesa in recent times, aiming at facilities that transport Ukraine's crucial grain exports and also wrecking cherished Ukrainian histori-The stepped-up barrage

followed Moscow's decision to break off a landmark agreement that had allowed grain to flow from Ukraine to countries in Africa, the Middle East and Asia and help reduce the threat of

al, Russia carried out repeated strikes on Ukrainian ports, including Odesa, and declared wide areas of the Black Sea unsafe for shipping.

On Sunday, a Russian warship fired warning shots China's Li to visit Russia in show of support despite West's objections

Beijing (AP): Chinese Defence Minister Li Shangfu is visiting Russia and Belarus in a show of support for those nations which the West has sought to isolate over Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Li departed Monday on the six-day trip, during which he will deliver an address at the Moscow Conference on International Security and meet with defense leaders from Russia and other nations, the Defense Ministry said on its social media account, citing spokesperson Col Wu Qian. Russian Foreign Ministry Sergey Lavrov is due to speak at the conference on the topic of the "Majority World countries' search for ways to development outside Western mechanisms, including strengthening multilateral associations

hunger.
Following that withdraw- at a cargo ship in the southwestern Black Sea.

Russia's Defense Ministry said the ship was heading north to the Ukrainian Danube River port of Izmail. Russian forces fired shots from automatic small arms to

of a new type," Russia's official TASS news agency reported.

It said representatives from about 100 countries and eight international organisations had

been invited to attend.
The would "discuss various aspects of security in the conditions of the establishment of a multipolar world order, ways to restore constructive international cooperation in the context of aggressive claims by Euro-Atlantic elites for world domination," it said, quoting the Russian Foreign Ministry spokesperson as saying.Li's attendance underscores the drive by China and Russia to align their foreign policies in a bid to undermine the Westernled liberal-democratic world order, despite their economic and reputational costs.

force it to stop, the ministry said on Telegram.

Ukraine's presidential office reported Monday that at least eight civilians were killed and 23 others were wounded in Ukraine over the previous 24 hours.

Poland arrests two Russians for spreading Wagner group propoganda

**AP** ■ WARSAW (POLAND)

Two Russian citizens have been arrested on allegations of spreading propaganda for Russia's Wagner mercenary group, Poland's security authorities said on Monday.

The Internal Security Agency, or ABW, said that the men had been acting on behalf of Russia's secret services and were distributing leaflets in Warsaw and Krakow advocating joining the mercenaries.

The two, identified only as Alexei T. and Andrei G., were to receive the equivalent of some USD 5,000 for their work, the agency said.

They were arrested Friday on allegations of working for a foreign intelligence agency and participation in an organized group having terrorist goals. If convicted, they could face up to 10 years in prison.

In recent months Poland has arrested 22 people suspected of spying for Russia or for its ally, Belarus, in what Warsaw sees as part of a hybrid war on Poland due to its support for Ukraine.

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EXTRACT OF STANDALONE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE **QUARTER ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2023** 

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SI.	Particulars		Quarter Ende	d	Year Ended			
No.		30.06.2023	30.06.2022	31.03.2023	31.03.2023			
		Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited	Audited			
1	Total Income from operations	4,555.49	3,364.35	4,147.68	15,318.31			
2	Net Profit for the period before Tax	122.58	16.45	11.94	90.50			
3	Net Profit for the period after tax	54.33	6.78	0.68	68.05			
4	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	55.08	6.78	3.67	71.04			
5	Equity Share Capital	416.10	416.10	416.10	416.10			
6	Other Equity				4,239.43			
7	Earnings Per Share (of ₹10 each)							
(a)	Basic (₹)	1.31	0.16	0.02	1.64			
(b)	Diluted (₹)	1.31	0.16	0.02	1.64			
Notes								

### The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Financial Results filed with the

- Stock Exchange 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 Websites (www.bseindia.com/corporates) and on the Company's
- The above results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors of the Company at their respective meeting held on August 14, 2023

By Order of the Board for Cosco (India) Limited Devinder Kumar Jair

Managing Director and

Place : Delhi DIN: 00191539 Date: 14.08.2023

### 'Airliner's return to airport prompts emergency incident

airline flight from Australia to Malaysia returned to Sydney on Monday after an emergency incident, officials and media reported.

Malaysia Airlines flight MH122 left Sydney Airport at 1:40 pm for an eight-hour flight to Kuala Lumpur and landed back on the runway at

Sydney (AP): A commercial 3:47 pm, Nine News reported. Someone purporting to be on board tweeted that a person was "threatening staff and passengers," Nine reported.

It said a passenger holding a backpack had threatened to "blow the plane up."

Crew had checked the backpack and found no explo-

S.	Particulars	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Year
NO.		Ended		Ended	Ended
			31.03.2023	30.06.2022	
		Unaudited		Unaudited	Audited
1	Total Income from operations (net)	27.99	38.06	5.11	101.51
2	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period Before Tax and after exceptional items	2.46	16.11	(19.81)	12.07
3	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax after exceptional items	1.91	30.38	(19.81)	26.34
4	Total comprehensive Income for the period (comprising profit/(loss) for the period after tax and other comprehensive income after tax	1.91	30.38	(19.81)	26.34
5	Equity Share Capital	1680.03	1630.03	1440.03	1630.03
6	Earning per share (before exceptional items) (face value of Rs. 10/- each) *EPS for the Quarter Ended are not annualised				
	Basic	0.011*	0.186*	(0.138)*	0.162
	Diluted	0.011*	0.184*	(0.118)*	0.157
7	Earning per share (after exceptional items) (face value of Rs. 10/- each) *EPS for the Quarter Ended are not annualised				
	Basic	0.011*	0.186*	(0.138)*	0.162
	Diluted	0.011*	0.184*	(0.118)*	0.157

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Place : Delhi Dated : 14/08/2023

### 'Police arrested many during emergency in Ethiopia'

Nairobi (AP): Authorities in Ethiopia are carrying out mass arrests of hundreds, even thousands, of people in the capital after deadly unrest in the country's Amhara region, lawyers and witnesses said. Ethiopia's Cabinet declared a state of emergency earlier this month in Amhara after local militia fighters known as Fano seized control of several major towns, which the military has since

retaken by force. The Fano, who fought alongside Ethiopian military forces in a two-vear conflict in the neighbouring Tigray region, have resisted being disbanded

after a peace deal last November. Ethiopia's parliament is to vote Monday on giving formal approval to extraordinary measures which allow authorities to arrest suspects without a warrant, conduct searches and impose curfews. Under the previous state of emergency flict, tens of thousands of ethnic Tigrayans were rounded up across the country. This time, "there has been widespread arrest of civilians who are of ethnic Amhara origin," the stateappointed Ethiopian Human Rights Commission said Monday, calling on the federal authorities to cease the deten-

# Kim orders increase in missile production

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un again toured major munitions factories and ordered a drastic increase in production of missiles and other weapons, state media said Monday, as the South Korean and US militaries announced they will begin major drills next week to hone their joint capability against the North's evolving nuclear threats.

Kim's push to produce more weapons also comes as US officials believe Russia's defense minister recently talked with North Korea about selling more weapons to Russia for its war with Ukraine. The Korean Central News

Agency said Kim visited factories producing tactical missiles, mobile launch platforms, armoured vehicles and artillery shells on Friday and Saturday. He visited a spate of other munitions factories in early August, During a stop at the missile factory, Kim production capacity so the facility can mass produce missiles to meet the needs of front-line military units, KCNA said."The qualitative level of war preparations depends on the development of the munitions industry and the factory bears a very important responsibility in speeding up the war preparations of the (North) Korean People's



Army," Kim said, according to the report.

Visiting other factories, Kim called for building more modern missile launch trucks and said there is an urgent need to boost production of large-caliber multiple rocket launcher shells "at an exponential rate," the report said. Kim also drove a new utility combat armored vehicle, KCNA said.

Kim has been focusing on arsenals since his high-stakes diplomacy with then-President Donald Trump collapsed in

Since the start of 2022, Kim's military has conducted more than 100 missile tests, many of them in the name of warning the US and South Korea over their expansion of joint military training exercises.

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### EXTRACT OF STANDALONE AND CONSOLIDATED UN-AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

(Amount in Lacs) **QUARTER ENDED** YEAR ENDED **STANDALONE CONSOLIDATED** STANDALONE CONSOLIDATED **Particulars** June 30, 2023 June 30, 2022 | March 31, 2023 | June 30, 2023 June 30, 2022 March 31, 2023 March 31, 2023 March 31, 2023 **Un-Audited Un-Audited** Audited Un-Audited Un-Audited **Un-Audited Un-Audited** Total Income from operations (Net) 118.62 286.20 271.58 Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period (before tax and 793.34 (387.99)(263.97)584.47 934.41 398.99 1,126.38 3,140.96 exceptional items) Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period before tax (after 793.34 (387.99)(263.97)584.47 934.41 398.99 1,126.38 3,140.96 exceptional items) Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period after tax (after 583.37 (341.59)(297.71)360.75 979.20 321.97 796.64 2,765.51 exceptional items) 555.06 (880.66)(590.75)203.44 (235.41)439.27 137.69 1,931.71 Total Comprehensive Income for the period (after tax) Equity Share Capital (Face value of share is Rs. 10/- each) 2,504.05 2,504.05 2,504.05 2,499.55 2,504.05 2,499.55 2,504.05 2,499.55 Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserves as shown in the Balance Sheet of previous year) N.A N.A Earnings per share (EPS) (of Rs. 10/- each) (Not (a) Basic and Diluted EPS (before exceptional Items) (in Rs.) 2.33 (1.36)(1.19)1.44 3.91 1.29 3.18 11.06 (b) Basic and Diluted EPS (after exceptional Items) (in Rs.) 2.33 (1.36)1.44 3.91 1.29 3.18 11.06

### NOTES:

Place: New Delhi

Date : August 14, 2023

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- 2. The above results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and subsequently approved by the Board of Directors of the Company at their respective meeting held on August 14, 2023. The Statutory Auditors of the Company have carried out a limited review of the aforesaid results.

By order of the Board Sd/-Alok Kumar Modi Managing Director

# 'Ethiopian airstrike in restive Amhara region kills 26'

AP NAIROBI

n airstrike on a crowded An all surke on a case of the town square in Ethiopia's restive Amhara region killed at least 26 people and wounded more than 55 others, a senior health official said Monday, days after authorities asserted that calm had been restored in the area. Local militia members have been clashing with Ethiopia's military over efforts to disband them, and last week the military retook key Amhara towns by force.

The airstrike hit the centre of the Finote Selam community on Sunday, said the health official, who like other people spoke on condition of anonymity for fear of retaliation. The official said 22 people died at the scene and several of the wounded had to undergo amputations. Two residents said the airstrike targeted a truck carrying civilians who were returning from delivering food to fighters with the militia known as Fano. Their account could not be verified.

A federal government spokesperson did not immediately respond to a request for comment."We heard a heavy sound coming from the sky," a local teacher said. "When it fell,

lots of people were killed and injured."

The state-appointed Ethiopian Human Rights Commission on Monday noted "credible reports of strikes and shelling" in Finote Selam and other Amhara towns "resulting in many civilian casualties." It also said Amhara regional officials were the target of attacks, with some killed, "resulting in the temporary collapse of local state structure in many areas.' Ethiopia's Cabinet declared

a state of emergency earlier this month in the Amhara region. The Fano militia had fought alongside Ethiopian military forces in a two-year conflict in the neighbouring Tigray region, which ended with a peace deal last November. Lawyers and witnesses say

authorities are now carrying out mass arrests of hundreds. even thousands, of people in Ethiopia's capital amid the Amhara unrest. The emergency measures allow authorities to arrest suspects without a warrant, conduct searches and impose curfews. Under a previous state of emergency imposed during the Tigray conflict, tens of thousands of ethnic Tigrayans were rounded up across the country.

# **Anwarul sworn in as Pak caretaker PM**

nwarul Haq Kakar, an Allwarur 11aq Rukur, .... ethnic Pushtun leader who is considered close to the powerful military, was on Monday sworn in as Pakistan's caretaker prime minister to head a neutral political set-up to run the cash-strapped country and conduct the next general elections.

President Arif Alvi administered the oath to 52year-old Kakar at a simple ceremony held at the President House, attended by outgoing prime minister Shehbaz Sharif and several top leaders. He became the 8th interim prime minister of Pakistan.

Kakar, an ethnic Pushtun from the Balochistan province, was unanimously chosen as interim premier to oversee the elections as provided in the Constitution. He was serving as a senator but resigned from the post after his appointment as prime

The acting premier, a first-time Senator, also resigned from the Balochistan Awami Party (BAP), a party set up in 2018 and deemed

lishment of the country. After taking the oath, Kakar drove to the PM House, the palatial official residence of prime minister nestled in the foothills of the Margalla mountains, where he was introduced to the new staff.

The immediate task of Kakar is to form a cabinet to assist him run the country. According to insiders, Jalil Abbas Jilani, a former career diplomat, is expected to be appointed as foreign minister. He was also among the runners for the post of interim premier. Kakar now faces the daunting task of holding free and fair elections and keeping the fragile economy on an

Meanwhile, former premier Sharif left the PM House and was presented a farewell guard of honour by troops from the three services of the country. Kakar's name was agreed upon during the final day of consultations between Prime Minister Sharif and the Leader of the Opposition in the dissolved National Assembly, Raja Riaz Ahmad on Saturday.



President Arif Alvi administrates oath from Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar as caretaker Prime

Senate Chairman Sadiq Sanjarani on Monday accepted Kakar's resignation from the Senate ahead of the latter's swearing-in as the caretaker prime minister. A day earlier, Kakar announced his resignation from the Senate as well as the Balochistan Awami Party (BAP), which he founded in 2018. According to Geo News,

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nomic turmoil.

Pakistan President Arif Alvi on Monday appealed to

politicians to shun their differ-

ences and antagonism as the

cash-strapped country cele-

brated its 77th Independence

Day amid political and eco-

Addressing a flag hoisting ceremony held at the

Convention Centre here, the

president also expressed his

gratitude to friendly countries

ike China, Saudi Arabia, the

United Arab Emirates, Iran

and Turkiye for supporting

Pakistan during its economic

woes. He expressed confidence

that Pakistan could become a

developed country in a few years. Asking politicians and other stakeholders to embrace

the path of forgiveness, Alvi

said, "My demand to the lead-

ers of this country is to be unit-

ed." The president said it was

Tokyo (AP): A powerful

typhoon was approaching

Japan's main archipelago of

Honshu on Monday, threaten-

ing to hit large areas of west-

ern and central Japan with

ieavy rain and high winds, as

many people were travelling

Typhoon Lan was packing

for a Buddhist holiday week.

winds of up to 126 kph (78

mph) as it headed northwest

over the Pacific Ocean south of

Kakar stepped down from his post because he wanted to be an impartial interim premier.

Since it was his responsibility to hold free and fair general elections in cooperation with the Election Commission of Pakistan, he had decided to

A notification issued by the Senate Secretariat on

Prez calls for unity as Pak

important to break free from

nepotism, promote meritocra-

cy, and ensure comprehensive justice, particularly in the

socio-economic sphere, in

order to progress.

He regretted that 27 mil-

lion children in Pakistan are

out of school and asked the rich

of the country to come forward

and make arrangements for

their education. He also high-

lighted the greater participation

of women in economic activi-

ties. Talking about terrorism, he

said that about 100,000 people

were killed in the fight against

the menace and assured that

Pakistan was committed to the

message, Alvi urged citizens to

work for the welfare and uplift

of deprived sections of the

society. "It is a time to renew

our commitment to building a

stronger and more prosperous Pakistan as envisioned by the

**Typhoon approaches western Japan** 

Wakayama, according to the

Japan Meteorological Agency.

make landfall on Tuesday

morning, cut across the region

and veer east toward Hokkaido

and the Korean Peninsula, the

JMA said. The typhoon, arriv-

ing in the middle of the Bon

Buddhist holiday week, is

expected to affect many

Japanese travelling to visit

their families and relatives, as

The typhoon is expected to

Separately, in his special

fight against terrorism.

celebrates 77th I-Day

ignation.

"Anwaarul Haq Kakar, a member Senate of Pakistan, has resigned his seat, as his principled stance of neutrality on becoming the caretaker prime minister, by writing under his hand in person before the Senate chairman," the notification said.

'The honourable Senate chairman has been pleased to accept the resignation and consequently his seat has become vacant in terms of clause (1) of Article 64 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan with effect from August 14," it added. In a statement on Sunday, Sharif expressed confidence that Kakar would ensure fair elections. He said the "trust reposed by all parties in Kakar's name proves their proper choice as the upcoming caretaker Prime Minister is an educated person and a patriot".

According to Sharif, Kakar was decided upon under a constitutional process as he was the "most suitable person" to head the interim

Father of the Nation. I urge my

fellow countrymen to work

for welfare and uplift of

deprived sections of our soci-

ety," he said. The president

also reiterated the need for national unity to surmount social, political, economic and

security challenges. In his

Independence Day message,

outgoing Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said that while

the country had defeated many

odds and achieved milestones

the "story of Pakistan has yet to

was one of the most remarkable

aspects of Pakistan's indepen-

dence that emerged from a

diverse tapestry of cultures, lan-

(COAS) Gen Asim Munir paid

tribute to the nation's founding

fathers and stressed that the

country knew how to defend its

ators in the typhoon's predicted path have decided to sus-

pend services through Tuesday.

said Shinkansen "bullet" train

operations between Nagoya in

western Japan will be sus-

pended, and services between

Tokyo and Nagoya will also be

largely reduced. Expressways

in the region will be also

closed, and hundreds of

domestic flights will be

For the quarter | For the quarter |

Central Japan Railway Co.

He emphasised that unity

Chief of Army Staff

reach its culmination".

guages, and ethnicities.

hard-earned freedom.

# Hindu man held in Pak for blasphemy

AHindu man in Pakistan's Punjab province has been arrested for allegedly committing blasphemy by making 'dis-respectful' comments about Muslim holy places and shifted to jail to protect him from an enraged mob, police said on Monday.

The police took the suspect - identified as Akbar Ram of West of Rahim Yar Khan district, some 400 kms from provincial capital Lahore - into custody on the complaint filed by Faisal Munir, a person from his area, who produced two witnesses before the police to make a case against him.

Inspector Šafdar Hussain of Kotsamaba Police Station Rahim Yar Khan told PTI on Monday that police arrested suspect Akbar Ram under blasphemy charges on August 11 and immediately shifted him to jail on judicial remand fearing a law-and-order situation in the village. "Had we kept the blasphemy suspect in the police station it might have triggered a law-and-order situation in the area as he was accused of hurting the sentiments of Muslims," Hussain said.

Akbar Ram has been booked both under blasphemy law (295-A of Pakistan Penal Code) and the Punjab Maintenance of Public Order Ordinance. The official added that the timely arrival of police saved the life of Akbar Ram.

"Police reached the village after learning that a Hindu man

the people were gathering near his house. Police controlled the situation and took Akbar Ram into custody as the mob was demanding that he should be handed over to them," he said. According to the FIR, a copy of which is available with PTI, complainant Faisal Munir, a motor mechanic by profession, said that he was present at his workshop along with Tahiq Majid and Muhammad Tariq when Akbar Ram came there and started making comments disrespectful to Muslim

holy places. The complainant further alleged that Akbar Ram before committing blasphemy in front of many people on August 11 also used to make objectionable comments about Islam before him. The family members of Akbar Ram have reportedly fled the village after blasphemy charges were hurled at him to save their lives. Pakistan is among the countries where blasphemy is punishable by Blasphemy is a hugely sensitive issue in the country, where even unproven allegations can stir mobs and violence. In 2021, a Sri Lankan national who was working as a factory manager in Punjab province was killed by an angry mob over allegations of blasphemy. Minorities including Christians and Hindus in Pakistan have frequently been subjected to blasphemy allegations and some were tried and even sentenced under the

tough blasphemy law.

**Blast in eastern** Af hotel kills 3, wounds 7

Islamabad (AP): An explosion ripped through a hotel in Afghanistan's eastern province of Khost on Monday, killing at least three people and wounding seven others, police said.

The blast occurred at a city notel frequented by Afghan people and refugees from Pakistan's former militant stronghold of North bordering Waziristan Afghanistan, said Mustaghfir Gurbaz, a police spokesperson in Khost.

He said officers were investigating to determine what caused the blast and who was behind it. There was no immediate claim of responsibility, though Afghanistan's Taliban government has blamed the regional affiliate of the Islamic State group - known as the Islamic State in Khorasan Province - for previous attacks.

Gurbaz provided no information about the Pakistani refugees staying at the hotel. Authorities in Pakistan have said members of the Pakistani Taliban, known as Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan or TTP, are hiding in Khost and elsewhere in Afghanistan. TTP is a separate group but is a close ally of the Afghan Taliban, which seized power in Afghanistan in August 2021 as US and NATO troops were in the final stages of their pullout from the country after 20 years of war.

Pakistani officials sav many TTP leaders and fighters have found sanctuaries in Afghanistan since the Taliban takeover, which also emboldened the Pakistani Taliban.

## **Imran appeals Pakistanis** to fight for justice

Islamabad (PTI): Pakistan's former prime minister Imran Khan in a pre-recorded video message for the 77th Independence Day said Pakistanis should struggle for justice and equality as only a country which gives importance to justice and merit flourishes. "Pakistan was a dream of Allama Iqbal and Mohammad Ali Jinnah (Pakistan's founder), whose entire struggle was to liberate the Muslims of (undivided) India by establishing a state like Medina whose leaders ruled over the world," said the former prime minister, who is serving a three-year jail term following his convicted in a cor-

ruption case.
"They dreamed of such a Pakistan where the most important thing was justice and equality and the law protected the weaker section of the society from the powerful people," the cricketer-turned-politician said, adding that only a society which gives importance to justice flourishes. The Pakistan-Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader said that Pakistanis do not need to look for opportunities in other nations when justice, which encourages merit, pre-vails in Pakistan. "Merit and justice together will bring prosyear-old leader said, appealing Adiala jail.

to Pakistanis to struggle for the betterment of their country.

"No matter wherever you go, you won't find a place better than Pakistan. So let's make this country better by struggling together for Pakistan's independence (from the claws of injustice and inequality)," Khan said. He added that the future of Pakistan will be bright only when everyone is treated equally before the law.

Khan is currently lodged in the Attock jail after being convicted in the Toshakhana corruption case. The Election Commission following his conviction barred the politician from participating in political activities for five years. PTI Core Committee on

Monday expressed concerns that Khan could suffer from "slow-poisoning" and demanded that arrangements be made to instantly provide him homemade food and water, The News reported. The PTI also strongly denounced the "unjustifiable delay" in the hearing of the bail application of Khan, who faces several charges of corruption as well as terrorism.

The PTI leaders expressed deep concern over keeping Khan in Attock jail in sheer violation of rules and the unnecessary delay in the decision on

PARADIP PORT AUTHORITY e-TENDER CALL NOTICE NO.EM/PED-27/2023 No.EM/PED/ESTG-06/2021/302

DT.09.08.2023 Name of the Work: "Supply, Installation Testing & Commissioning of Indoor type 11kv VCB ICOG standalone panels Estimated cost: Rs. 1,03,69,671/ Last date & time of submission of bid: dt. 29.08.2023 up to 18:00 hrs, Refer our Website for details https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app.

Sd/-Executive Engineer(E), (PED-II) Paradip Port Authority PPA/PR/41/2023-24

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Place: New Delhi

Resolution Professional

Profit after tax(7-8)

Total Revenue (1+2)

Profit from ordinary activities after finance costs and before exceptional item (3-4)

Profit from ordinary activities

Total Comprehensive Income or the period(9+10)

Paid up equity share capital (Face value of Re. 10/- per

Basic and diluted earning per equity share [Nominal value of share March 31, 2019: Re 10/ (March 31,2018: Re 10/-)]

comes from a single segment of manufacturing.

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From and on behalf of the Board of Directors

CIN - L37200DL2008PLC174911

Quarter Ended

72.91

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-1,106.7

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Regd. Off. & Works: A-1/51, LGF, SAFDARJUNG ENCLAVE NEW DELHI -110029

STATEMENT OF AUDITED STANDALONE FINANCIAL RESULTS

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30th JUNE 2023

4.95

-79.07

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-79.07

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-0.08

and other recognised accounting practices and policies to the extent applicable

The above financial results for the quarter ended June 30th 2023 have been reviewed by the

audit committee and taken on record by the board of directors in their meeting held on August

Segment reporting as required by Ind AS-108 (AS-17) is not appllicable, as 100% revenue

This statement has been prepared in accordance with the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rule,2015 (Ind AS) prescribed under section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013

Figures for the previous period has been regrouped/reclassified to confirm to the figures of

The above results for the quarter ended the 30th June, 2023 are available on the website of

(Under CIRP pursuant to order dt 20.03.2023 passed by Hon'ble NCLT, New Delhi Bencl

To be known to all that my client, Mr. VIKRAM ARORA, son of Late Sh. Shyam Sunder Arora, resident of Flat No. 116, Pocket-A, Nilgiri Apartments, Alaknanda, New Delhi – 110019, have lost/misplaced the original documents issued by DDA (i.e. Allocation Letter, Possession Letter and NOC for Water and Electricity, etc.) and Agreement to Sell and General Power of Attorney, etc. in respect of FREEHOLD, DDA, SFS, CATEGORY-III, FIRST FLOOR FLAT NO. 116, POCKET-A, WITH SCOOTER GRARGE on ground level SITUATED AT NILGIRI APARTMENTS, ALAKNANDA, NEW DELHI – 110019, issued by DDA. An FIR to this effect has been lodged in PS-Crime Branch, Delhi bearing LR No. 774951/2023 dated 14/08/2023. Any person(s) claiming any right, interest over documents or found in possession of original documents, may write/contact above named person at above address/ phone no. 981007/2928 or to by. Director (LAS)H or Director (H)-1. Vikas Sadan, INA, New Delhi, within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice.

Achin Sharma (Advocate)

(Amount in Rs. Lacs except EPS data)

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Year Ended

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Express Building, 3rd Floor, 9-10 Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi-110002 STATEMENT OF UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED JUNE 30, 2023 [Regulation 52 (8), read with Regulation 52 (4) of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (LODR Regulations)] (Rs in Millions)

No.		June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022	ended as on March 31, 2023
1.	Total Income from Operations			March 31, 2023
l	Total revenue from operations	5,247.68	3.297.03	16,368.82
	Other Income	20.75	41.77	196.24
2.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional	20110		
	and/or Extraordinary items)	1,349.48	914.25	4,378.58
3.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after	,		,
	Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	1,349.48	914.25	4,378.58
4.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after	,		.,
	Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	1,007.54	674.17	3,240.16
5.	Total Comprehensive Income for the period	1,011.02	705.01	3,414.70
	[Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period			
	(after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income			
	(after tax)]			
6.	Paid up Equity Share Capital	7,424.84	6,567.00	6,567.75
7.	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	57,342.71	32,659.71	35,493.42
8.	Securities Premium Account	46,466.14	25,707.55	25,711.77
9.	Net worth	64,767.55	39,226.71	42,061.17
10.	Paid up Debt Capital / Outstanding Debt	35,374.70	32,369.30	40,968.71
11.	Outstanding Redeemable Preference Shares	0.00	0.00	0.00
12.	Debt Equity Ratio	0.54	0.82	0.97
13.	,			
	(for continuing and discontinued operations)			
	1. Basic:	1.38	0.95	4.93
	2. Diluted:	1.36	0.94	4.86
14.	Capital Redemption Reserve	81.21	81.21	81.21
15.	Debenture Redemption Reserve	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
16.	Debt Service Coverage Ratio	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
17.	Interest Service Coverage Ratio	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Not	es to the Financial Results:		•	

The above results are an extract of detailed format of the quarterly/annual Financial Results filed with the stock

- exchange under Regulation 52 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. These financial results are available on the website viz. www.dmifinance.in and on the website of BSE (www.bseindia.com) For the other items referred in Regulation 52(4) of (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations,
- 2015, the pertinent disclosures have been made to BSE Limited (BSE) and can be accessed on the we BSE (www.bseindia.com) and on the Company's website i.e. www.dmifinance.in There is no Debenture Redemption Reserve created as Non-Banking Finance Companies (NBFC) registered with

Reserve Bank of India are not required to create DRR for privately placed debentures.

Reserves include Securities Premium Account and Capital Redemption Reserve also. Paid up Debt Capital / Outstanding Debt include Debt Securities, Borrowings and Lease Liabilities.

Figures for the prior year / period have been regrouped and / or reclassified wherever considered necessary.

The impact on net profit / loss, total comprehensive income or any other relevant financial item(s) due to change(s in accounting policies shall be disclosed by means of a footnote.

The above results have been approved by the Audit Committee at its meeting held on August 11, 2023 a subsequently approved by the Board of Directors at their respective meeting held on August 14, 2023

Date: August 14, 2023 Place: New Delhi

Shivashish Chatterjee Joint Managing Director

### **Registrations** for Iran polls hit record high

Tehran (AP): A record number of people registered to become candidates in Iran's parliamentary elections scheduled for March, the Interior Ministry said on Monday. The elections will be the first since nationwide protests rocked the country last year. Nearly 49,000 people filed paperwork seeking to run as candidates during a one-week registration period that ended on Sunday, the ministry website said.

That number is more than three times the 16,000 registrations filed in the last election in 2020, when voter turnout was its lowest since 1979, with just over 42 per cent of eligible voters casting ballots. There were no details on the registration of prominent political figures or pro-reform groups. The increase in filings was seen as esult of an easy online reg istration process. Some 14 per cent of submissions were from women, an increase from 12 per cent in 2020.

# WELCURE DRUGS AND PHARMACEUTICALS LTD. CIN NO: L24232DL1996PLC227773 Regd. Off.: 33/36 Basement (Back side), West Patel Nagar near Ram Jass Ground, West Delhi, Delhi-110008 Email ID: welcuredrugs227@gmail.com, Website: www.welcuredrugs.com Extract of Statement of Standalone Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter Ended 30.06.2023 Part I (Lacs.)

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Particulars	Quarter	Previous		Year Ended
	Ended		3 Months Ended	(31/03/2023)
	(30/06/2023)	(31/03/2023)	in the previous	
			year (30/06/2022)	
(Refer Notes Below)	(Unaudited)			(Audited)
1. Total Income from Ope	rations -	5.37	-	6.96
2. Net Profit/(Loss) for the				
period(before Tax, Except	tional (3.32)	1.27	(5.65)	(5.26)
and/or Extraordinary item			, ,	
<ol><li>Net Profit/(Loss) for the p</li></ol>				
before tax(after Exception	nal (3.32)	1.27	(5.65)	(5.26)
and/or Extraordinary item	s*) ` ´		` '	
4. Net Profit/(Loss) for the				
period after tax (after	(3.32)	1.27	(5.65)	(5.26
Exceptional and/or	' '		` ′	
Extraordinary items)				
5. Total Comprehensive				
Income for the period				
[Comprising Profit/(Los:	s) (3.32)	1.27	(5.65)	(5.26)
for the period (after tax	)		` ′	
and other Comprehens	ive			
Income(after tax)]				
6. Equity Share Capital	1,343.91	1,343.91	1,211.86	1,343.91
<ol><li>Reserves (excluding</li></ol>				
Revaluation Reserve) as				
shown in the Audited Bal	ance			
Sheet of the previous year	ar.	_		
7. Earning Per Share (of Rs	.10/-			
each)(for continuing and				
discontinued operations)				
1. Basic :	-0.002	0.001	-0.005	-0.004
2. Diluted :	-0.002	0.001	-0.005	-0.004

- The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarter Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarter Financial Results are available on the websites ns, 2015. The full format of the Quarter Financial Results are available on the website
- of the Stock Exchange(s) and the listed entity due to changes in accounting policies shall be disclosed by means of footnote

with Ind-AS Rules/AS Rules, whichever is applicable

Date: 14.08.2023

For WELCURE DRUGS AND PHARMACEUTICALS LTD. Name: Vishal Mehra

Designation: Managing Director DIN: 09717741



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KURUKSHETRA-136119

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EXTRACT OF UN-AUDITED STANDALONE FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE OUARTER ENDED JUNE 30 2023

	(Rs. In Lakhs Except EP			
Particulars	Quarter Ended	Quarter Ended	Year ended	
	30.06.2023	30.06.2022	31.03.2023	
	(Un-audited)	(Un-audited)	(Audited)	
Total Income from Operations (Net)	39.49	5.28	20.60	
Net Profit/(Loss) for the period (before Tax,	0.97	1.47	2.09	
Exceptional and /or Extraordinary items)				
Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before Tax,	0.97	1.47	2.09	
(after Exceptional and /or Extraordinary items)"				
Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after	0.97	1.47	1.55	
Exceptional and /or Extraordinary items)				
Total Comprehensive Income for the period	0.97	1.47	1.57	
[Comprising profit/(Loss) for the period (after tax) and				
other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]				
Equity Share Capital	360.13	360.13	360.13	
Earning Per Share	0.03	0.04	0.04	
Basic and diluted (not annualised)"				
No. 1				

- The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly financial Results filed with Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of SEBI (LODR) Regulations 2015. The full format of Quarterly financial Results are available or
  - the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 as amended by the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) (Amendments) Rules, 2016. The above unaudited Financial Results were reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of

The financial results have been prepared in accordance with Indian Accounting Standard (IND AS) notified unde

the stock exchange website www.bseindia.com and Company's Website at www.rotoindia.co.in.

Directors at their meeting held on 14.08.2023. For Rotographics (India) Limited Place: New Delhi

Date: 14.08.2022 Company Secretary

# **WPI inflation stays in negative** for 4th month at (-) 1.36% in July

Wholesale price inflation remained in the negative territory for the fourth month in a row in July at (-)1.36 per cent, even though prices of food items, especially vegetables, skyrocketed.

The inflation, however, has inched up from (-)4.12 per cent recorded in June fuelled by 62.12 per cent rise in vegetable

In July last year, wholesale price index (WPI) was 14.07

**Particulars** 

Total Income from Operation (net)

Net Profit for the period before tax

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and/or Extraordinary items and after minority interest

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Company at their meeting held on 14th August, 2023.

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Place: Rampur Date: 14.08.2023

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and discontinued operations)

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SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

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STATEMENT OF UNAUDITED STANDALONE AND CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS

FOR THE QUARTER ENDED ON 30™ JUNE 2023

23.04

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The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the

The above result have been prepared in accordance with principle and procedures of Indian Accounting Standards (Ind AS) as notified under the companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 as specified under section 133 of Companies Act, 2013. The above Unaudited Standalone and Consolidated Financial Results were reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors of th

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EXTRACT OF UNAUDITED STANDALONE AND CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS

Quarter Ended

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NOTES: The above is an extract of the detailed format of Financial Results filed with Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33

of the SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Financial Results is available on the Company's website at

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Extract of Statement of Un-Audited Results for the Quarter ended on 30/06/2023

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The above is an extract of the detailed format of Un-audited Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI(Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The financial results were reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at their respective meetings held on 14th

August, 2023. Format of the Financial Results are available on the websites of the Stock Exchange at www.bseindia.com and on Company's website at

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For Integra Telecommunication and Software Limited

Audited

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FOR THE QUARTER ENDED ON 30 JUNE 2023

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For and on behalf of Board of Directors o

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Anshuman Khaitar (Managing Director)

(Amount in lakhs)

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Audited

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inflation in July, 2023 is primarily contributed by fall in prices of mineral oils, basic metals, chemical & chemical products, textiles and food products," the commerce and industry ministry said on Monday.

CareEdge Chief Economist Rajani Sinha said if the food prices continue to trend upward, the deflationary trend could end, and WPI inflation could turn marginally positive in the coming

# Sensex, Nifty bounce back on fag-end buying in RIL, Infosys

Equity benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty bounced back from intra-day lows to settle in positive territory on Monday, helped by fag-end buying in index heavyweights Reliance Industries, Infosys and ICICI Bank amid a firm start in European markets.

The 30-share BSE Sensex climbed 79.27 points or 0.12 per cent to settle at 65,401.92. During the day, it fell 500.77 points or 0.76 per cent to

The NSE Nifty gained 6.25



points or 0.03 per cent to end

"Markets continued to wit-

ness wild fluctuations due to weak Asian cues, but early optimism in European indices aided the recovery in local markets with the help of buoyancy in IT stocks. However, deflaand demand slow-

down in China,

coupled with concerns over more rate hikes in developed economies going ahead, have been taking the sheen out of equity markets.

"İnvestors are also wary of steady selling by foreign investors in local markets this month, which is causing traders to limit their exposure, Shrikant Chouhan, Head of Research (Retail), Kotak Securities Ltd, said.

From the Sensex pack, Infosys, Hindustan Unilever, Reliance Industries, ICICI Bank, Larsen & Toubro, Asian Paints, Nestle, Axis Bank, Wipro and Kotak Mahindra

India, Tata Steel, Bajaj Finserv, UltraTech Cement, İndusInd Bank, Tata Motors and Bajaj Finance were the major lag-

JSW Steel, State Bank of

In the broader market, the

BSE smallcap gauge declined by 0.50 per cent, and the midcap index fell by 0.44 per cent. Among the indices, metal declined by 1.81 per cent, commodities fell by 1.66 per cent, power (0.91 per cent), realty (0.65 per cent) and utilities (0.63 per cent) were

among the major laggards. FMCG, IT and teck were the "Following weak performances in Asian markets, the domestic indices commenced the day with a negative bias, prompted by discouraging domestic industrial data, along with concerns over demand

However, the indices managed to recover from their initial losses, ending the day on a relatively neutral note," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services.

Regd. Office: 138, Ansal Chambers II, Bikaji Cama Place, Delhi-110066 Corporate Office: ReNew.hub, Commercial Block-1, Zone-6, Golf Course Road, DLF City Phase-V, Gurugram, 122009, Haryana, Phone – 0124-4896 670/ 80 Statement of Unaudited Financial Results for the quarter ended 30 June 2023

ReNew Akshay Urja Limited

CIN: U40300DL2015PLC275651

Particulars	Quarter ended 30 June 2023	Quarter ended 30 June 2022	Quarter ended 31 March 2023	Year ended 31 March 2023
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	Audited
Total Income from Operations	403	376	434	1,464
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax,				
Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	365	<b>1</b> 18	203	509
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax				
(after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items#)	365	118	203	509
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax				
(after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items#)	272	87	150	379
Total Comprehensive Income for the period				
[Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period				
(after tax) and Other Comprehensive				
Income (after tax)]	272	87	150	37
Paid up Equity Share Capital	133	133	133	13:
Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	3,334	2,769	3,061	3,06
Equity component of compulsory				
convertible debentures	1,144	1,144	1,144	1,14
Net worth**	4,611	4,046	4,338	4,33
Paid up Debt Capital / Outstanding Debt*	5,700	6,079	5,699	5,69
Debt Equity Ratio *	2 .11	2.24	2 .11	2.1
Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each)				
(for continuing and discontinued operations)				
1. Basic :	11.92	3.82	6.56	16.6
2. Diluted :	11.92	3.82	6.56	16.6
Debenture Redemption Reserve *	305	270	239	23
Debt Service Coverage Ratio *	7.52	(0.16)	3.72	3.5
Interest Service Coverage Ratio	3.85	2.19	2.55	2.2
Current ratio*	3.20	2.99	2.95	2.9
Long Term Debt to Working Capital*	1.95	2.22	1.97	1.9
Total Debts to Total Assets Ratio*	0.51	0.55	0.51	0.5
Current Liability Ratio*	0.20	0.17	0.19	0.19
Debtor Turnover*	0.44	0.18	0.33	0.90

Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

Credit Rating: IND AA+ (CE) Change in credit rating: No Asset Coverage Ratio: 187% (31 March, 2023: 181%)

Debt Equity ratio: mentioned above

Debt Service Coverage Ratio: mentioned above

Interest Service Coverage Ratio: mentioned above Outstanding redeemable preference shares (Quantity and Value): Not Applicable Net Worth \*\* (30 June, 2023): INR 4,611 (31 March, 2023: INR 4,338)

Net profit after tax : mentioned above

Earning per share : mentioned above Debenture Redemption Reserve (30 June, 2023): INR 270 (31 March, 2023: INR 270)

Ratios have been computed as follows

Earning per share (Basic & Diluted) = Profit after Tax / Weighted average number of equity shares Debt Equity Ratio\* = Debt (Amount due to Debenture Holders) / Equity (Equity share capital + share premium + quasi equity i.e. Short term borrowing but excluding unamortize fees) Interest Service Coverage Ratio = Profit before interest, prior period items, tax, extraordinary items and depreciation / (Total Interest Expense).

Debt Service Coverage Ratio\* = ((PAT based on Project Revenues realised (excluding non-cash adjustment, if any) + Depreciation + Interest (Interest, Guarantee Fees, other financing costs payable under Debenture and Project Documents )) / (Interest + Principa Renayment + Guarantee fee)

\*As per Debenture Trust Deed dated 20 September, 2017.
\*\*\* Networth represents issued subscribed and paid up capital plus reserves and surplus. Reserves and Surplus includes Capital reserve, General reserve, Debenture redemption reserve, Securities premium account and Profit and loss account balance.

Current Liability Ratio= Current Liabilities/ Total Liabilities

Long Term Debt to Working Capital = Non-Current borrowing including current maturities o Non-current borrowings/ (Current Assets - Current Liabilities (excluding current maturities of Non-Current borrowings))

Total Debts to Total Assets Ratio = Total outstanding debts/ Total Assets

- Debtors Turnover Ratio = Revenue from operations /Average Trade Receivables

\*As per Debenture Trust Deed dated 20 September, 2017. \*\* Networth represents issued subscribed and paid up capital plus reserves and surplus. Reserves and Surplus includes Capital reserve, General reserve, Debenture redemption reserve, Securities

premium account and Profit and loss account balance. The above is an extract of the detailed format of quarterly financial results filed with the Nationa

Stock Exchange under regulation 52 of the Listing Regulations. The full format of the quarterly financial results is available on the website of the Stock Exchange and the listed entity - http://renew.com/renew-akshay-urja-limited/ The company is in the business of development and operation of solar power. There is only one

segment (business and/or geographical) in accordance with the requirements of IND AS - 108 "Operating Segments" For the other line items referred in regulation 52(4) of the Listing Regulations, pertinent

disclosures have been made to the National Stock Exchange (NSE) and can be accessed on the URL https://www.nseindia.com/

The above financial results of the Company for the quarter and for the period ended June 30, 2023 have been approved by the Board of Directors of the Company at the meeting held or August 14, 2023. The statutory auditors of the company have carried out the limited review of the above unaudited financial results of the Company for the quarter ended June 30, 2023.

Date: 14 August, 2023

ReNew Akshay Urja Limited (Sd./-) Parul Agrawal Managing Director, DIN: 08452687

### Adani group stocks slide; Ambuja Cements, Adani Ent fall over 3%

PTI NEW

 $S_{\text{Adani group}}^{\text{hares}}$ firms fell on Monday after resigned as



Deloitte has resigned as auditor of the Adani

group's port company, with the firm run by billionaire Gautam Adani saying the auditor wanted a wider remit over other companies in the conglomerate following the report of a US short sell-

Shares of Ambuja Cements dived 3.49 per cent, Adani Enterprises fell by 3.26 per cent, Adani Transmission declined by 2.69 per cent and ACC slipped 2.27 per cent on the BSE.

The stock of Adani Green Energy declined by 2.09 per cent, Adani Wilmar (1.96 per cent), Adani Total Gas (1.88 per cent), Adani Ports skidded 1.66 per cent, NDTV (1.37 per cent) and Adani Power (0.78 per cent).

In the equity market, the 30-share BSE Sensex bounced back during the fag-end of the trade and climbed 79.27 points or 0.12 to settle

The resignation came weeks after Deloitte raised concern over certain transactions flagged ort of Hindenburg

In a statement, Adani Ports & Special Economic Zone (APSEZ) confirmed the resignation and appointment of MSKA& Associates as the new auditor.

### 'No proposal to put import restrictions on more electronic goods at present'



PTI NEW DELHI

There is no proposal at present to impose import restrictions on more electronic goods, Commerce Secretary Sunil Barthwal said on Monday.

The government has decided to impose import curbs on laptops, personal computers and certain more electronic devices from November 1 on security grounds to reduce imports from nations like China and boost domestic manufactur-

Barthwal said there is a production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme for electronics and mobile manufacturing.

"We are monitoring our imports. We are also looking undue dependence on any particular country. We want to diversify both our exports

### **Domestic air passenger** traffic jumps 25% in July

Domestic air passenger traffic volume surged 25 per cent year-on-year to 1.21 crore passengers in July, according to DGCA data released on Monday. The data from the Directorate



IndiGo carried 76.75 lakh passengers, cornering a market share of 63.4 per cent during the reporting month.

Tata Group-owned Air India stood a distant

second with the airline flying a total of

General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) 11.98 lakh passengers in July. It had a showed that domestic carriers flew market share of 9.9 per cent for the 97.05 lakh passengers in July 2022. month.

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Date : 14th Aug 2023

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#### STANDALONE AND CONSOLIDATED UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

(Rs. in Lakhs)

KAMA Holdings

	STANDALONE CONSOLIDATED						D
		QUARTER ENDED		YEAR ENDED	QUARTER ENDED		YEAR ENDED
SI.	Particulars	30-6-2023	30-6-2022	31-03-2023	30-6-2023	30-6-2022	31-03-2023
NO.		Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1	Total Income from Operations	0.52	0.22	25431.18	336262.70	391093.31	1507482.34
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax	(6.95)	(21.81)	25272.22	49019.15	84501.41	299956.60
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax	(6.11)	(22.38)	24845.82	36168.25	60957.08	232444.82
4	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period	(6.83)	(22.78)	24845.26	42383.59	42382.32	218325.06
5	Paid up Equity Share Capital	641.81	645.26	641.81	641.81	645.26	641.81
6	Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each)						
	(a) Basic :	(0.10)	(0.35)	385.25	286.34	480.03	1,943.98
	(b) Diluted:	(0.10)	(0.35)	385.25	286.34	480.03	1,943.98

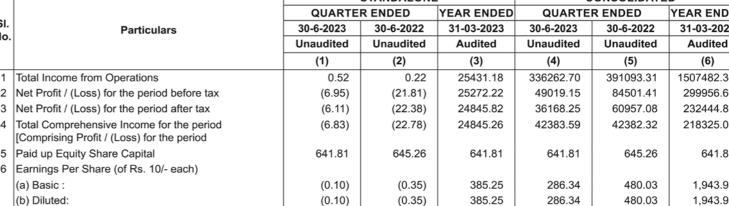
Note: The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly/Annual Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly/Annual Financials Results are available on the Stock Exchange

Kartik Bharat Ram

(DIN:00008557)

Place: Mumbai Date: 14.08.2023 Ramaswamy Narayan Iyer Managing Director DIN:03045662

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websites (www.bseindia.com) and the Company's website (www.kamaholdings.com). For and on behalf of the Board

Chairman

# **Durand Cup: Chennaiyin FC beat** Tribhuvan Army 3-0 to enter QF

hennaiyin FC became the first team to qualify for the knockouts of the 132nd Durand Cup when they beat Nepal's Tribhuvan Army FC 3-0 in a Group E fixture here on Monday. The match was played here at the Indira Gandhi Athletic Stadium. Farukh Chaoudhary (22nd

minute) opened the scoring for Chennaiyin while Rahim Ali doubled their lead through a penalty in the 40th minute. Rafael Crivellaro completed the comfortable win for ISL franchise Chennaiyin with his 84th minute strike. Chennaiyin FC have six points from two matches and took the top spot and sealed a quarterfinal berth.

Their head coach Owen Coyle fielded an unchanged starting line-up that had beaten Hyderabad FC while Tribhuvan Army FC's KC Megh Raj made one change to the XI that started in their previous match with Basant Jimba coming in for Suroj Basnet.

Chennaiyin FC pressed hard from the start, giving no time for the Nepal side to settle and as a result dominated the possession. They could have scored inside the first 10 minutes with Connor Shields setting up Farukh Choudhary but the latter's effort went above the cross-

Connor Shields missed a chance from the very next move. Wing-backs Aakash Sangwan and K Ajith Kumar were playing high up the field and swinging in good quality crosses



caught goalkeeper Debjit

Majumder out of position, but

his chipped attempt went wide.

play in the same way as Coyle

brought in the changes to fresh-

Chennaiyin continued to

The Marina Machans broke the deadlock from a good combination move by Connor Shields and Farukh Choudhary. Farukh converted the cut back from Shields past Nepal goalkeeper Bikesh Kuthu.

Chennai continued to keep

possession and attack the Tribhuvan box continuously. Jordan Murray was fouled inside the penalty area by midfielder Sudil Rai, and Rahim Ali made it 2-0 for Chennaiyin from the

resultant penalty. The best chance in the half for Tribhuvan Army came late en up the line-up. into the half as Basant Jimba

Their high pressing game forced Tribhuvan to commit mistakes as the Machans looked

to increase the score line. The best chance of the half came for the Nepal side as their captain Nawayug Shrestha for-

ced Debajit to effect an impressive save. The Nepal outfit did a good job by not conceding in the second half but their resilience was broken when Brazilian Rafael Crivellaro applied the finishing touches to score Chennaiyin's third goal.

Paris in mind, Indian shooters to begin Baku Worlds campaign

PTI ■ BAKU (AZERBAIJAN)

Indian shooters will begin their quest to secure as many Paris Olympics quota places as possible in the ISSF World Championship here, which is offering 48 berths across 12 events.

The competition for medals in the sport's blue-riband tour-

nament will start from Thursday, with the 10m air pistol men's final and the 10m air pistol women's final

Among the 53-member Indian contingent, 34 shooters

will be participating in the 15 Olympic events while 19 will compete in non-Olympic events. In terms of competitive-ness and quality of fields, the quadrennial showpiece is held "at par or higher" than even the Olympics by the international shooting fraternity. As per the fixtures, the quota places will be won in a seven-day period between August 17-24.

A first batch of 18 Indian shooters, 17 officials and support staff has already arrived in Baku and have begun training. While

the shotgun shooters had a 11-day camp in Italy, the rifle and pistol shooters had an eight-day national camp in Delhi ahead of the event. India have won three Paris quotas so far and are looking to better their previous best of 15 quotas, which they won for

the Tokyo Games. Rudrankksh Patil in men's 10m air rifle, Swapnil Suresh Kusale in men's 50m rifle 3 positions (3P) and Bhowneesh Mendiratta in men's trap are the three quota winners for India so

Among the Tokyo Olym-pians, Divyansh Singh Panwar, Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar, Manu Bhaker and Angad Vir Singh Bajwa have made the cut, while 2016 Rio Olympian Kynan Chenai, is also part of the men's trap squad.

Also featuring in the men's trap squad is 46-year old Zoravar Singh Sandhu, who first shot in a World Championship 25 years ago. Close to 1250 athletes from over 100 nations have entered to take part in the Baku World Championship.



# Chelsea draws 1-1 with Liverpool in high-octane Premier League opener

Jearn a 1-1 draw against Liverpool in a Premier League opener that showed the Blues have already made progress under new manager Mauricio Pochettino. In the marquee matchup of the Premier League's opening round, Luis Diaz put Liverpool ahead after a lightning counterattack in the 18th minute and defender Axel Disasi marked his Chelsea debut by scoring the equalizer from close

range in the 37th. "It was difficult from the beginning but how we grew in the game and how we found the way to play and how we started to dominate and push Liverpool deeper and deeper, I am very pleased about everything," Pochettino said after his return to management, having sat out a year after being fired by Paris Saint-Germain. Both teams also had goals disallowed by VAR checks in an open and chance-filled first half that highlighted just why the two rivals are trying to spend more than 110 mil lion pounds (\$140 million) on bringing in defensive midfielder Moises Caicedo from Brighton.

Caicedo has reportedly chosen to join Chelsea over Liverpool, which could prove a more important result than the draw as it was evident that both sides fielder of the Ecuadorian's caliber. Chelsea already looked a different team under Pochettino, though, playing with a level of intensity rarely seen at Stamford Bridge last season, when the club went through three managers. The hosts dominated pos-

session and pegged Liverpool back for large parts of the game, although new striker Nicolas Jackson struggled to get involved. His best chance came in the 71st when he burst through on goal but had his shot saved by Alisson Becker.

Meanwhile, Liverpool's new-look midfield with summer signings Alexis Mac Allister and Dominik Szoboszlai struggled to control the game, showing that Jurgen Klopp's team might miss the experience of Fabinho and Jordan Henderson.

Klopp insisted that his newcomers are up to the task.

"Our defensive problems today had nothing to do with characteristics of the midfielders, they are a bit more offensive but all of these boys can do what we want them to do," Klopp said. "We were too deep as a formation and gave the half spaces away. It's really OK, today didn't decide where our season will go. Let's be positive."

# Defending champion Bayern Munich has Harry Kane, but needs a goalkeeper ahead of Bundesliga season

**AP** ■ DUESSELDORF (GERMANY)

Even though Bayern Munich landed the Bundesliga's record signing in England captain Harry Kane, there's still a big hole in the squad.

Kane has taken on the No. 9 shirt

previously worn by Robert Lewandowski. That comes with the expectation of scoring goals by the dozen. The transfer fee - which could reportedly hit more than 100 million euros (USD110 million) adds to the pressure. "I feel that responsibility. Whenever

a club spends a huge amount of money on you, you feel like you have a responsibility to repay that," Kane said at his presentation on Sunday.

Kane's time at B

shock the day before when the team lost to Leipzig 3-0 in the German Super Cup - a largely ceremonial game between league and cup champions. Bayern coach Thomas Tuchel lambasted his players not including Kane - saying they played "as if we'd done nothing" in the four weeks of pre-season.
Kane fills the gap that Lewandowski

left at Bayern, but the search goes on for a goalkeeper since Manuel Neuer could miss the entire first half of the season. He broke his leg skiing in December and underwent more surgery this month. Bayern chief executive Ian-Christian Dreesen admitted Sunday that the club had tried and failed to sign Kepa Arrizabalaga from Chelsea.



since last year's World Cup. Bayern had backup Sven Ulreich in goal for the loss

The question is whether any new goalkeeper is planned as a stop-gap like the signing of Yann Sommer in January or a more permanent replacement. Signing someone like David de Gea, a free agent since leaving Manchester United, could mean relegating Neuer to the bench permanently Tuchel also indicated that the squad

needs a defensive midfielder. That could potentially mean even more transfer business at Bayern before the window closes on September 1.

Besides Kane, new signings include defender Kim Min-jae from Italian champion Napoli, who made his debut as a substitute in the Super Cup. Full-back Raphaël Guerreiro from Dortmund and midfielder Konrad Laimer from Leipzig have both arrived on free transfers, and defender Lucas Hernández left for Paris



New Jersey PTI ■ BEDMINSTER (NEW JERSEY)

▼ndia's Anirban Lahiri earned ond-place finish at LIV Golf Bedminster, firing an aggregate

of 5-under at the event. Lahiri, the only Indian playing in the Liv Series, shot rounds of 74-64-70, totalling 5-under and finishing behind Australia's Cameron Smith (66-67-68),

who aggregated 12-under. Smith's team Rippers also won the team title while Lahiri's side, led by Bryson DeChambeau, was second. It was the third runner-up finish for Lahiri on the LIV Golf Tour. He was second at the Boston Invitational in 2022 and again finished run-ners-up in Adelaide.

He earned \$2.25 million for his second place but it also included \$375,000 as his share of the prize money in the team event. Smith won \$4 million for

his title triumph. This was the second runners-up finish for Lahiri this season. He has had four more top-

20 finishes and is currently 15th in the Player standings.

Lahiri, starting from the first tee, dropped a shot on the second. He birdied the third

only to drop another shot on the sixth. He picked back-to-back bridies on the 15th and 16th for a 70 that gave him a total of 5under, which was seven behind the winner

Lahiri had shot 7-under 64 on the second day, which had catapulted him into contention. Abraham Ancer dropped a

late bogey on the first hole — his 16th hole — and slipped to third place at a total of 4-under with a final round of 69. Last month in London,

but his team, Rippers GC, came up one stroke short of forcing a playoff. Smith's individual win ning margin is the largest in LIV Golf history, bettering the sixstroke victory by Bryson DeChambeau last week at Greenbrier. It also moved Smith into first place in the Individual

With two regular-season events left, Smith now has a 21point lead over three-time winner Talor Gooch as he seeks the

### AIFF constitutes task force for feasibility study of allowing PIO footballers in national teams

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The All India Football Federation (AIFF) on Monday formed a task force to conduct a feasibility study of allowing Persons of Indian Origin (PIO) and Overseas Citizens of India (OCI) to play in the country's national teams. Under the existing law of the land, PIOs and OCIs are not allowed to represent the country in international sporting events unless they adopt Indian citizenship.

The task force, constituted by AIFF president Kalyan Chaubey, will evaluate the PIO and OCI footballers playing at a higher level and the status of youth players.

The task force, which will submit its report by January 31 next year, will be chaired by Punjab Football Association president Samir Thapar. Chaubey will name the other members of the task force after consultations with the chairman and the Executive Committee of the AIFF.

"The Task Force's primary objective will be to collect data on footballers who are either Overseas Citizens of India or Persons of Indian Origin. It is a matter of great pride for us that many such footballers are playing in different countries with distinction and have made a name for themselves in the tough world of professional football," Chaubey said in a

On whether the data could be used to approach some of these footballers to play for the national teams at different levels, Chaubey said, "We are aware that as per the existing law of the land, OCIs and PIOs are not allowed to represent India in international sporting events unless they adopt Indian citizen-

# Diksha produces best ever-show by Indian woman golfer in Majors, ends Women's Open at T-21

PTI ■ LONDON

Diksha Dagar produced the best-ever show by an Indian woman golfer at a Major as she ended the Women's Open at Tied-21st while compatriot Aditi Ashok signed off at T-40 position. Diksha, a two-time LET winner, who produced a fine effort on the back nine of the second round to make her first cut in a Major two days earlier, closed the week with another

superb back-nine show. After a 2-over on the front nine, Diksha was 3-under for the back nine for a 1-under scorecard. With rounds of 74-71-72-71, she totalled even par 288 for four days. Aditi, playing her seventh Women's Open, shot a second straight 75 to fall to T-40



slipped over the weekend. Lilia Vu of the United States to win her second Major of the year. Vu, who shot 72-68-67-67, totalled 14-under for the week.

with rounds of 72-69-75-75. She was T-9 at the halfway stage of the tournament but

outplayed the field by six shots She was six shots ahead of

Sherri Steinhauer of the US won the title, but at that time the Women's British Open was not a Major. It became a Major only

in 2001. Playing her fourth Women's Open this was the first time Diksha had made the cut after missing cuts in 2019, 2020 and 2022. This was her sixth Major overall and the first time she had made the cut.

England's Charley Hull, who just could not get her putter to per-form and ended with a 73 after

being tied for the lead at the end

of 54 holes. Diksha's result of T-

21 was the best-ever by an

Indian woman at a Major, bet-tering T-22 by Aditi at the 2018

Women's Open. Smriti Mehra finished Tied-

sixth in 1998 Women's British

Open at Royal Lytham, when

### Spain nervous ahead of Women's World Cup semi against Sweden "If we're not nervous, some roster. The 29-year-old midfield-

 $S_{\mathrm{pain}}$  failed to qualify for the first six editions of the Women's World Cup, but once La Roja made the tournament in 2015 they've made a steady climb toward joining the global elite. Spain scored its first point with a draw in its World Cup debut. Four years later, Spain advanced to the knockout round before it was eliminated by the U.S. Team that went on to clinch a second consecutive championship.

Now in their third World Cup, the Spaniards have reached a new level and face Sweden in the first World Cup semifinal on Tuesday at Eden Park in Auckland, New Zealand. It is Spain's first semifinal match in a major tournament since the 1997 European Championships, and the reward for making it this far? A match against the secondranked team in the world that has already eliminated the U.S. And Japan in this tournament. The Swedes are playing in a

fifth World Cup semifinal: they were runners-up in 2003, finished third three times, and, just to note how consistently strong the Swedes have been, they lost the gold medal match to Canada two years ago at the Tokyo Olympics. So is Spain nervous?

You better believe it.

thing is not going right," forward Jenni Hermoso said on the eve of the match. "We have to feel that nervous sense in our stomach and to have the willpower. To reach the final, just thinking about it gives me shivers. We are close to achieving this but we have (another) game. It's another final as far as we're concerned." Spain leads all teams in the tournament with 15 goals so far and is determined to showcase its offense against Sweden, which has so far allowed just two goals and beat the United States in the knockout round on penal-

umental moment in Spain's It's unknown what Alexia women's soccer history.

Putellas will have in this mon-Putellas tore her ACL last

year and wasn't a guarantee to even make Spain's 23-player

ner as the sport's best player, was a substitute in Spain's first match of this World Cup, started the second match of group play, but has been used sparingly since. The Barcelona star has

er, a two-time Ballon d'Or win-

played in all five of Spain's matches, but hasn't been on the field for more than an hour in any match and has logged just 155 minutes in total. She has no goals, but does have an assist, in the tournament. Spain coach Jorge Vilda wouldn't commit Monday to how Putellas will be used against Sweden.

"We are very happy with the level Alexia has reached. Since the first day of training we have noticed this," Vilda said. "It is true that she is in the process of a recovery of nine or 10 months. We've adapted... And Alexia is ready for everything. Picking up the slack in

Putellas' absence has been Aitana Bonmati, who has scored three goals in this World Cup to tie teammates Hermoso and Alba Maria Redondo Ferrer as Spain's most prolific scorers. Sweden has its own player

concern with forward Sofia Jakobsson battling an illness ahead of the match. Sweden coach Peter Gerhardsson wasn't sure of Jakobsson's status against Smith won the individual title Champion points standings.

season-long title.

# **NEED TO FIND DEPTH IN OUR BATTING: DRAVID AFTER T20 SERIES LOSS TO WI**



**PTI** ■ LAUDERHILL

ndia head coach Rahul Dravid has stressed on the need to add batting depth following the 2-3 loss to the West Indies in the T20 series.

India played the series with a long

tail comprising Arshdeep Singh, Yuzvendra Chahal, Kuldeep Yadav and Mukesh Kumar. Spin all-rounder Axar Patel batted at number seven.

In the series decider, India failed to accelerate in the death overs to end

up with a below par 165/9. West Indies overhauled the target with two overs to spare. "I think in terms of our squad here, probably it didn't allow us the flexibility in some ways to be able to change the combinations a little bit. But I think going forward, we've got to look at certain areas in which we can

"Finding depth in our batting has been an area we are trying to address. We are trying to do the best we possibly can but that's certainly an area we can look at, how we cannot weaken our bowling attack but ensure we have a certain amount of depth in batting, said Dravid on Sunday. On the contrary, West Indies had Alzarri Joseph coming in at number 11 with their side packed with bowling all-rounders.

"As these games are going on, and scores are becoming bigger and bigger, if you look at West Indies, they had Alzarri Joseph coming in at No. 11 and he can hit a mean ball. So you have

"Obviously, we have some chalenges on that front and we need to work on that. It's certainly something that this series has shown us and we need to build on that depth," he said Tilak Varma, Yashasvi Jaiswal and Mukesh Kumar made their debuts in the T20 series and Dravid was left impressed by all of them.

"I thought all the three guys who made debuts for us in this series, stood up. Yashasvi Jasiwal in the fourth game, I thought he played a very good

innings. He's shown us what he can do in the IPL and it was nice to see him replicate that in international cricket.

'Tilak Varma, I thought, was realgood, to come in in the middle order. He came in sometimes in very difficult situations. But every time, he difficult situations. But every time, he plays with a lot of intent, plays very positively, looks to move the game along, fielded brilliantly throughout the series, showed us he can bowl one or two overs as well.

"So really positive signs from Tilak and to have that left-hander in the middle order does make a huge difference against some of the attacks that we've been playing against."

Prior to his T20 debut, Mukesh also played his first game for India in the Test and 50-over format.

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"He debuted in all the formats in this series and I thought he acquitted himself really well. His ability to bowl at the death, sometimes he was called upon to bowl against some really big powerful hard hitters and he acquit-ted himself well for someone who was just playing his fourth or fifth game. "So I think there's some real good

positives in the guys who made their debuts for us and hopefully they take confidence from the series and keep learning as they go forward."

### We have few players coming back from injury in Asia Cup

The focus remains on the ODI format ahead of the Asia Cup and World Cup at home. Dravid hinted that a few of the injured players including Jasprit Bumrah, K L Rahul and Shreyas Iyer could feature in the Asia Cup.

Bumrah's comeback series will be against Ireland beginning August 18.

"We a have few guys coming back from injuries in any case. We have to give them opportunities to play (in Asia Cup). We have a one week camp in Bengaluru from Aug 23 for the Asia Cup. We will take it as it comes," he added.



# I took my time and couldn't capitalise during back-10, admits Hardik Pandya

Indian captain Hardik Pandya admitted that his lack of rhythm and slow approach became a turning point as his team lost momentum during the back-10 overs of the fifth T20 International against West Indies, here on Sunday.

The Indian team under Pandya lost its first bilateral series in the shortest format the2-3 against the West Indies but the skipper harped on the positives, like emergence of youngsters like Tilak Varma and Yashasvi Jaiswal.

"If you see, we lost that period post 10 overs. Since when I came, I wasn't able to capitalise and I took my time and could not finish," Pandya was forthright in his admission having scored 14 off 18 balls.

On a slow track, Pandya defended his decision to bat first. "I believe that as a group we have to challenge ourselves. All these games are the games where we have to learn. We have spoken as a group that whenever we can take the hard way we will.

"In hindsight, one series here or there doesn't matter but

the commitment to the goal is

Pandya knows that India will play World T20 in this part of the world but doesn't want to look too far ahead.

"It's a long way. We have the ODI World Cup coming up. And sometimes losing is good. You get to learn a lot. And special mention for all the boys. They showed great character. Winning and losing is a part of the process and we are going to make sure we learn from that."

Some of his bowling changes were panned by critics but he said that he goes by his

"It is what I feel at the moment, I don't plan much. If I see a situation, whatever my gut says I follow, " Pandya said.

Pandya praised Varma and Jaiswal for their lion-hearted

'They've got heart. That is something that's very important in international cricket. Every youngster coming through has belief. That's something I see very often now. Kudos to them, they came out and took responsibility. I can't be happier as a

# Kishan makes strong case for reserve opener's slot, Tilak emerges as dark horse in middle order

India went on an experimentation spree in the limited overs series against the West Indies but not much came out of it except Tilak Varma emerging as a contender for a World Cup middle-order slot on the back of his exploits in the T20 series. Ahead of the Asia Cup and subsequent World Cup, India were looking for options in the middle-order in the ODI series but the number four slot remains up for grabs.

final chance of trying out players ahead of the two multi-team events, skipper Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli did not bat in the series and watched the action from the sidelines.

With series going down to the wire, the move was criticised but it allowed the likes of Ishan Kishan, Sanju Samson and Suryakumar Yadav to make a

strong case for themselves. Before the start of the series, Samson and Kishan were seen as contenders for the wicket-keeper's spot but by the end of it, the latter emerged as a strong contender for the reserve opener's



Rohit's absence allowed Kishan to open in all three games and he made the most of the opportunity with scores of 55 and 77. Samson, who is used to being in and out of the side, got two innings to deliver under pressure and his impactful 51 off 41 balls in the seriesdeciding third ODI game ample proof of his rare talent.

More was expected from him in the following T20 series but could not real. but could not make it count. However, the team is likely to carry him till at least the Asia

Cup if not the World Cup. In the absence of K L Rahul

slot with Rohit and Shubman and Shreyas Iyer, Suryakumar audition but the master of T20

> Considering what he can do for the team in the middle-overs, it will be a tough call for the management to ignore him for the final 15 for World Cup.

batting fell short on the expec-

Even if Rahul and Iyer regain full fitness in time for the Asia Cup beginning August 31, the team will have to be convinced of their form in the

middle after a long injury lay off. "Look, No. 4 has been an issue for us for a long time. For a long period of time, Shreyas has actually batted at No. 4 and he has done well - his numbers are really good," India skipper Rohit said following his return to the country last week.

"There were so many guys who came in and went out. But injuries kept them away or they were not available or someone lost form. Shreyas and KL are coming off not playing anything for four months, big injuries surgeries rather. Both had surgeries. "I know, I had to undergo surgery once and how it feels afterwards, it is quite tough. We have to see how they respond,

### Tilak Varma emerges as dark horse in middle-order

The 20-year-old, who was picked only for the T20s, showed remarkable poise and maturity in his debut series for India Whipping an express pacer bowl like Alzarri Joseph for successive sixes for his first runs in international cricket spoke volumes

of his special ability. He got only better as the series progressed and played a huge role in India's fightback in the T20 series before the Hardik Pandya-led side lost the series decider on Sunday

### Former Sri Lanka international cricketer facing match-fixing charges slapped travel ban

PTI ■ COLOMBO

 ${\rm F}^{
m ormer}$  Sri Lanka international cricketer Sachithra Senanayake, who has been charged with fixing matches, was on Monday banned from travelling overseas by a local court here. The 38-year-old Senanayake,

who played a solitary Test, 49 ODIs and 24 T20 Internationals accused of trying to fix games of 2020 Lanka Premier League.

He allegedly enticed two players to fix games over telephone. The Colombo Chief Magis-

trate's Court ordered the Controller General of Immigration and Emigration to impose a travel ban on Senanayake which will be effective for a three-month period.

The court order was obtained by the Attorney General's Department. The court was told that the Attorney General's Department had been instructed by the Special Investigation Unit of the Sports Ministry to frame criminal charges against the former off-spinner.

# English pacer Steven Finn retires from all forms of cricket

Former England pacer Steven Finn called time on his professional career, announcing retirement from all forms of cricket on Monday after "admitting defeat" to a chronic knee injury. A knee injury that he suffered almost a year

ago kept him out of action, as he missed most of the activity this year, prompting him to end his 18-year career. In a statement issued by Sussex County Cricket Club, the 34-year-old Finn said, "Today, I am retiring from all forms of cricket with immediate effect. I have been fighting a battle with my body for the last 12 months and have admitted defeat to it. "To have played 125 games for England,

of. I want to thank Sussex Cricket for their support over the last 12 months especially and for welcoming me wholeheartedly into the Club at the beginning of last season." He added, "I retire with some amazing memories with England, Middlesex and Sussex, shared with fantastic people. Those will live with me forever.

"Thank you to all the people who have followed and supported my career, especially my parents who allowed me to chase my dream when I was a youngster." Finn has had a decent career with England, having featured in 36 Tests, 69 One-Day Internationals and 21 T20 Internationals. Making his debut in 2010, he grabbed 14 wickets during the 2010-11 Ashes,

which his side famously won 3-1 in Australia. He was also a part of England's 2015 Ashes triumph, where he finished with 12 scalps, the



second most for his side. Overall, he has taken 125 wickets in the longest format at an average of 30.40. Finn also has decent numbers in the white-ball formats. While he claimed 102 wickets in 69 ODIs at 29.37 and an economy of 5.06, in T20Is, he has 27 from 21 at an economy rate of 3.55. In the domestic circuit, he began his career with Middlesex in 2005 before moving to Sussex last year. The other sides he has played for include Otago Volts (New Zealand), Islamabad United (PSL) and Manchester Originals (The Hundred).

Speaking on Finn's retirement, Sussex head coach Paul Farbrace commented, "Steven has been a fantastic bowler for Middlesex, Sussex and England." "I have had the real pleasure of watching him develop from a young bowler in the pathway to being three times Ashes winner.

"Over the next few weeks and months, I'm sure he will look back on his career with great pride and reflect on his huge contribution to the game," he concluded

# Shaheen Afridi signs three-year deal with ILT20 franchise Desert Vipers



Star left-arm pacer Shaheen Afridi has signed a three-year contract with Desert Vipers for the second season of the UAE's ILT20, and will become the first Pakistan player to play in the

league in January next year. "I am excited to join the Desert Vipers. I know there are many Pakistan cricket fans in the UAE and I hope they will support our team in the upcoming ÎLT20," Afridi said in a statement. The next season of ILT20 is scheduled to begin on January 13, and Afridi could join the team after returning from

The Vipers had tried to

sign a few players from Pakistan last year as well but those attempts didn't materialise. Last year, Vipers had signed

Azam Khan, which would have made him the first Pakistan player in the ILT20, but the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) did not grant him the no-objection certificate to play in the league.

The PCB's current chair man Zaka Ashraf has, however, is allowing players to participate in various T20 leagues. "Shaheen is undeniably a player of worldclass calibre who has had a sig-nificant impact not only for Pakistan but for every team he's played for in recent times," Vipers director of cricket Tom Moody said on their new signing.

"He offers a huge amount as an impact pace bowler that has destroyed many, many toporders and he also boasts terrific leadership skills that will add a huge amount of value to the Desert Vipers moving forward."

Afridi will join a bowling attack that has Wanindu Hasaranga, Matheesha Pathirana, Tom Curran and Sheldon Cottrell among others.

## Trials for Worlds on Aug 25-26 in Patiala; no wrestlers get exemption 11) and adjourned the matter to

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The trials for the wrestling World Championships will be held on August 25-26 in Patiala, the adhoc panel announced on Monday, ending weeks of uncertainty around the selection competition

The exemption given to Bajrang Punia and Vinesh Phogat from the Asian Games trials had created a huge furore with majority of the wrestling fraternity criticising the decision taken by the ad-hoc panel.

However, the ad-hoc panel has not announced exemption for any wrestler for the trials World Championship, set to be held in Belgrade from September 16-24 In the criteria mentioned for "shortlist-

ing of athletes" for the Worlds, the ad-hoc panel said, "Medallists and participants of all international/ ranking/ Asian/ World Championships/ Commonwealth Games held in 2022 and 2023 and participants of 2022 Tokyo Olympic Games (will have to appear for trials in order to get selected selected for the Worlds). Bajrang and Vinesh, have, however, not

yet made up their mind on appearing in the trials for the Worlds as they feel the Hangzhou Asian Games, starting September 23, are very close. The World Championships will serve as the first qualifying event for the 2024 Paris Olympics.

The dates for sending entries by names



qualification tournament, we couldn't have delayed the trials any further as India's entries would have been rejected," the ad-hoo panel head Bhupender Singh Bajwa told PTI. Initially the ad-hoc panel had decided

to hold the trials on August 10 and send a notification regarding that to the state association before August 3. But, later, the panel decided the newly-elected WFI governing body should take a call on the trials as it would get elected on August 12, leaving the elected governing

exercise and send the entries to UWW. But after the Punjab and Harvana High Court stayed the much-anticipated WFI elections on the eve of the polls (August

body members plenty of time to conduct the

August 28, a question mark hung over the wrestlers' participation in the Worlds, leaving the ad-hoc panel to take the important decision to conduct the trials. "The weigh-in would be held on same dates of the Selection Trials at

7.00 hrs. At SAI Centre, NS NIS,

Patiala and two kg weight tolerance will be allowed in all weight categories," said the statement. Trials will be held in the follow-

ing categories — Freestyle: 57kg, 61kg, 65kg, 70kg, 74kg, 79kg, 86kg, 92kg, 97kg and 125kg. Greco-roman — 55kg, 60kg, 63kg, 67kg, 72kg, 77kg, 82kg, 87kg, 97kg and 130kg. Women's wrestling: 50kg, 53kg, 55Kgk, 57Kgk, 59Kgk, 62Kgk, 65Kgk, 68Kg, 72kg and & 76kg."

### FORMAT OF TRIALS

The ad-hoc panel said that, if less than eight wrestlers are eligible for trials in a weight category, Nordic system will be applied. Under the Nordic system, the wrestlers fight each other in a round-robin format. After the matches are over, the wrestlers are ranked according to the number of victories. The top three win medals.

"If eight or more wrestlers are eligible in a weight category, direct elimination format will be conducted," said the ad-hoc panel statement. The panel also said that it may apply "seeding system" during the trials.

### Rahul, Shreyas do match simulation at NCA but are they ready for Asia Cup grind?

PTI NEW DELHI

The injured duo of KL Rahul and Shreyas Iyer on Monday were seen doing match simulation at the National Cricket Academy (NCA) in Bengaluru, days ahead of the Indian team selection for the Asia Cup in Sri

However, details haven't emerged whether Rahul has kept wickets for 50 overs, which is an absolute must to make it to the Indian squad for the World Cup. Rahul, who underwent a thigh surgery, and Iyer, who went under the knife for lowerback stress fracture, were seen sweating it out during a practice match in gruelling Bengaluru

In an instagram video, the duo could be seen batting together in a practice game.

It was already reported in PTI that the national selection committee under Ajit Agarkar will only select Rahul and Iyer if they happen to sustain the rigours of 50-over cricket, and for that they had to undergo match simulation.

In case of Rahul, the selectors would also like to check out



if he is fit to keep wickets for 50 overs and Iver also needs to be on the field for the entire duration in order to prove their respective match fitness. Only batting fitness might not ensure a place in the squad of 15. In the video, Iyer was seen

firmly pushing a delivery from a fast bowler in the cover region with Rahul at the non-striker's end. As it was simulation, a local umpire was summoned to offi-

The NCA bigwigs are all tight-lipped about the fitness status but the Asia Cup team selection has been deferred because the Ajit Agarkar-led committee wants to give the duo the best chance to get fit before the continental showpiece. The squad is expected to be announced towards the middle or end of this week in Mumbai.