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## SC handbook abolishes gender unjust terms

### Judges to avoid: 'Prostitute, eve-teasing, housewife', etc, words

The Supreme Court launched a handbook on Supreme Court Wednesday to help judges and lawvers use more accurate and respectful language in legal discourse. The handbook sug gested replacing terms like "eve-teasing," "prostitute," and "housewife" with terms like "street sexual harassment," "sex worker," and "homemaker."

The handbook encompasses a glossary of genderbiased terms and offers alternative words and phrases for usage. The initiative came to light as a five-judge bench, led Chief Justice DY Chandrachud, convened to address arguments related to challenges against the abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution, which had conferred special status upon the former state of Jammu and

Chief Justice announced the handbook's launch during the proceed-

He stated, "This is intended to aid judges and the legal community in recognising, comprehending... stereotypes about women prevalent in legal

The apex court, in a press release, explained that the 'Handbook on Combating Gender Stereotypes' aims to



reasoning and writing, thereby

ensuring the dispensation of

justice that is both impartial

and equitable," the release

release as a crucial stride

towards a gender-equitable

legal framework, marking a

significant milestone in the

journey towards a fairer soci-

guidance of Chandrachud aims

to eradicate preconceived gen-

der stereotypes from judicial

discussions, especially those

associated with women. The

handbook, spanning 30 pages,

provides a compilation of

stereotypical terminology,

offering alternate choices for

use in legal dialogues and court

The guidebook stipulates

pronouncements.

The initiative, under the

It hailed the handbook's

affirmed

empower judges and legal professionals to identify, comprehend, and counteract detrimental stereotypes concerning

The release detailed, "The handbook includes a glossary of terms perpetuating gender bias, proposing alternative vocabulary for legal documentation, encompassing petitions, decrees, and judgments. This compilation exposes prevalent stereotypes about women, refuting their inaccuracies and illustrating how they can impact the implementation of

The document further encapsulates the prevailing legal doctrine on significant matters, particularly those related to sexual violence.

"Collectively, the handbook strives to equip judges with knowledge and resources

whore," or "woman of loose morals" should be replaced with the term "woman."

Moreover, it discourages the usage of derogatory terms such as "hooker" and "prostitute," instead suggesting "sex worker." The document proposes substituting expressions like "concubine" or "keep" with 'woman with whom a man has had romantic or sexual relations outside of marriage."

This initiative endeavours to cultivate a more inclusive, unbiased, and gender-fair judicial system, aligning with the Indian judiciary's commitment to eliminate gender biases from legal discourse and proceed-

The word "eve-teasing" will now be termed as "street sexual harassment", the handbook said, adding that instead of word "faggot", the term accurately describing the individual's sexual orientation be

"Housewife" will now become "homemaker" for judicial discourses, it said, adding that word "mistress" be now described as "woman with whom a man has had romantic or sexual relations outside of marriage"

It said instead of word 'bastard", the word "non-marital child or, a child whose parents were not married" should

## Cabinet OK's ₹13,000-crore PM Vishwakarma Yojana for craftsmen

PM-eBus Sewa to bring changes to urban mobility also approved

PNS NEW DELHI

The Union Cabinet, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, granted approval for two significant schemes Wednesday, aimed at enhancing urban transportation and supporting traditional artisans. These schemes, namely "PM-eBus Sewa" and "PM eBus Sewa" and Vishwakarma," are set to bring transformative changes to urban mobility and traditional skill livelihood.

The PM-eBus Sewa Scheme, with an estimated cost of ₹57,613 crore, received the Cabinet's green signal. Under this scheme, the augmentation of city bus opera tions will see the introduction of 10,000 electric buses (ebuses) on a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model. The Central Government will contribute ₹20,000 crore to this initiative, aimed at supporting bus operations for a decade.

Cities with a population of three lakh and above, as per the 2011 census, including Union Territories' capital cities, the North Eastern Region, and Hill States, will benefit from this scheme. Notably, priority will be given to cities without an organised bus

This initiative is projected to generate 45,000 to 55,000 direct jobs through the deployment of approximately 10,000



Delhi on Wednesday

e-buses in urban bus operations. The scheme comprises two segments:

Segment A — Augmenting City Bus Services (169 Cities): This segment focuses on enhancing city bus operations through the introduction of 10,000 e-buses under the PPP model. The scheme also includes provisions for associated infrastructure development or upgradation of depot infrastructure and the establishment of behind-the-meter power infrastructure for e-

Segment B — Green Urban Mobility Initiatives (181 Cities): This segment aims at green initiatives such as bus priority infrastructure, multimodal interchange facilities, Automated Fare Collection Systems based on the National Common Mobility Card (NCMC), charging infrastructure, and more.

Under the scheme, the states and cities will be responsible for running bus services and making payments to bus operators, while the Central Government will provide subsidies as outlined in the scheme. The PM-eBus Sewa

Scheme is expected to encourage e-mobility by offering comprehensive support for behindthe-meter power infrastructure. It also emphasizes the development of charging infrastructure through the Green Urban Mobility Initiatives.

The scheme not only accelerates the adoption of energyefficient electric buses but also fosters innovation in the emobility sector and promotes a resilient supply chain for electric vehicles. By transiair pollution will be reduced, contributing to caremission reduction. The Cabinet's

mobility, noise and

approval also extended to the PM Vishwakarma scheme, designed to uplift livelihood opportunities for traditional skilled

U n i o n Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw announced the scheme's implementation, highlighting its focus on providing financial assistance and skill development for

Under the ₹13,000-crore Vishwakarma Yojana, craftsmen will receive subsidised loans up to ₹2 lakh. The

first tranche will provide artisans and craftspeople with loans up to ₹1 lakh at a 5 per cent interest rate, while the second tranche will offer credit support of up to ₹2 lakh at the same concessional inter-The scheme's key features include financial support for

artisans, advanced skill training, a ₹500 stipend for skill development, and ₹1,500 for purchasing modern tools. Additionally, the scheme offers incentives for digital transactions, marketing support, and toolkit incentives, ensuring comprehensive support for tra-

## Nehru museum: Legacy razed, says Cong; BJP slams dynastic politics

A heated exchange has erupt-ded between the BJP and the Opposition Congress over the opposition Congress Creaming of the Nehru Memorial Museum and Tibrary (NMML). The Library (NMML). Congress claims that the renaming of this iconic institution aims to distort the legacy of India's first Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru. In response, the BJP has hit back, alleging dynastic politics.

The NMML, located on

Teen Murti Marg in central Delhi, has officially been renamed as the Prime Ministers' Museum and Library Society. This decision was made in June

The Congress asserted that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's primary agenda has been to tarnish and defame the Nehruvian legacy. In a statement on social media, Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh remarked, "Today marks the renaming of an iconic institution. The glob-



A view of the signage outside Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya in New Delhi on Wednesday. The Nehru Memorial Museum and Library Society housed at Teen Murti Bhavan premises has been renamed as Prime Ministers' Museum and

ally acclaimed Nehru Memorial Museum and Library (NMML) is now PMMI. - Prime Ministers' Memorial Museum and Library.

Ramesh emphasised that Modi's agenda has revolved around denying, distorting, defaming, and dismantling Nehru and his legacy. "He has replaced 'N' with 'P,' where 'P' symbolizes pettiness and

peeve," Ramesh articulated.

However, Nehru's immense contributions to the freedom movement and his pivotal role in shaping the democratic, secular, scientific, and liberal foundations of India remain impervious to such attempts, even amidst the "relentless assault" by Modi and his supporters, Ramesh conveyed.

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## Israeli city inaugurates Indian-Jewish Square as sign of bonhomie

PNS/AGENCIES NEW DELHI/EILAT (ISRAEL)

Underlining the ties between the two countries, an Indian-Jewish Cultural Square was inaugurated in Eilat city of Israel on the occasion of India's 77th Independence Day on Tuesday. The Square is dedicated to the strong "civilisational bond" between the two countries built on "centuries of shared heritage and values.

Eli Lankri, Mayor of Eilat, said the square symbolises love, friendship, mutual caring and deep connection between India and Israel. It also showcases the connection between the Indian-Jewish community and the city of Eilat, he said after inaugurating the square.

A message on the wall of the square read, "India-Israel friendship is a testimony to the civilisational bond of trust and friendship between the two nations that are built on the foundation of centuries of



shared heritage, values and

aspirations of their people. "May this friendship inspire future generations with the indomitable spirit of the peoples of India and Israel that transcends geographical boundaries, demonstrating the potential of the collaboration in shaping a brighter future," it

Symbols of the 'Malida' ceremony performed by the Bene Israel community from the Maharashtra region on most of their festive occasions, and especially on the Jewish festival of 'Tu B'Shvat', also called the new year of the trees, are painted on one side of the wall in the square with flags of India and Israel on the two corners.

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## **Cong to fight all 7 LS seats** in Delhi? Ambiguity reigns

for all 7 seats: Lamba; Cong distances itself from its leader's remarks

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

 $T^{\text{he Congress has sent conflicting signals regarding its}}$ participation in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections in Delhi in alliance with the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP). On Wednesday, a high-level meeting, attended by prominent leaders, including Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge and Rahul Gandhi, discussed the Delhi polls scenario. After the meeting, Delhi Congress leader Alka Lamba claimed that the party's top leadership had instructed them to be prepared to contest all seven Lok Sabha constituencies in the Capital.

'The meeting, which lasted for four hours and included 40 leaders expressing their opinions, focused on strengthbeen directed to gear up for the forthcoming Lok Sabha elections, contesting all seven seats. With seven months remaining, all party members have been tasked to prepare for this endeavour," Lamba said in the presence of AICC General Secretary (Organisation) KC Venugopal and AICC Delhi

Incharge Deepak Babaria.

However, Congress soon distanced itself from Lamba's statement, asserting that the meeting did not involve discussions about forming an alliance. Congress leader Anil Bhardwaj emphasised that Lamba was not authorized to speak on the matter, stating, During today's meeting of Delhi leaders with the party's Central leadership, there was no dialogue regarding an alliance?

Reports suggest Rahul maintained during the meeting that exploring an alliance with AAP would be considered later. In the interim, he urged party

Party asked to prepare ening Congress in Delhi. We've leaders to prepare for a solo campaign in the national Capital, according to party source

Delhi Congress President Anil Chaudhary and former Union Minister Ajay Maken, present at the meeting, talked about a potential alliance with

the AAP, according to sources. Kharge, speaking after the meeting, noted, "Considering the upcoming Lok Sabha elections, consultations were held with Delhi Congress leaders. The revitalization of Delhi Congress, involving the participation of all leaders and workers, remains our priority. Our efforts to improve the lives of Delhi's people contin-

AAP spokesperson Priyanka Kakkar responded to Congress, highlighting, "If Congress does not intend to forge an alliance in Delhi, then pursuing an INDIA alliance oecomes irrelevant. It's a waste

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## **Rain-battered HP** toll climbs to 71

Mountain-like challenge before State, says CM

PTI ■ SHIMLA

t least 71 people have died in the At least /1 people have and 13 are still missing in Himachal Pradesh after devastating rains pounded the State, with Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu terming the work of rebuilding infrastructure a "mountain-like chal-

The death toll from landslides and flashfloods jumped on Wednesday as rescuers pulled out more bodies from the rubble of collapsed buildings, officials said.

Heavy rain has battered the hill State since Sunday, triggering landslides in several districts including Shimla where three areas — Summer Hill, Fagli and Krishna Nagar — are badly hit by landslips.

"At least 71 people have died in the past three days and 13 are still missing. As many as 57 bodies have been recovered since Sunday night," Principal Secretary (Revenue) Onkar Chand Sharma said. Earlier, Chief Minister Sukhu said

that about 60 people have died since Sunday night. In an interview with PTI, Sukhu

said his state will take a year to rebuild the infrastructure wrecked by the heavy rains this monsoon and claimed that the estimated loss in the two devastating spells of heavy rains — this week and in July — is about ₹10,000

The Chief Minister said it takes time to rebuild roads and water pro-Continued on Page 2



### No Union Ministry offer: Sharad NCP chief tries to calm MVA nerves

TN RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

Amid the growing strains between his party and its ally Congress over his recent meetings with Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar, NCP chief Sharad Pawar on Wednesday vehemently dismissed speculation that he had been offered the Union Agriculture Minister's post by the ruling BJP in lieu of nephew Ajit being made the Chief Minister of the State and expressed serious doubts about Narendra Modi becoming Prime Minister once again after the 2024 Lok Sabha polls.

Breaking his silence over former Chief Minister

he (Pawar) had been offered the Union Agriculture Minister's post by the BJP through his nephew and that the latter had not accepted the offer, Sr Pawar said: "I have no idea what the former Chief Minister has said. No such discussion (about the offer made by the BJP) at the 'secret' meeting between me and Ajit Pawar. I am not denying that the meeting did not take place between me and my nephew. He had come to meet me."

Talking to the media in Aurangabad, he said: "I am the head of the Pawar family. We have one tradition in our familv. Whenever there is an issue in the family, the member concerned speaks to me and seeks my advice. There is no point in discussing more about now."

Sr Pawar also denied another media speculation that Prithviraj Chavan's claim that in view of the recent meetings

between him and Ajit, the

Congress and Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray) were planning to float a separate alliance by excluding the NCP led by him. "There is no truth in the speculation. If you have read Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Sanjay Raut has clarified the basis on which he has made statements in this regard". Sr Pawar's categorical asser-

tions about the speculation arising out of his meetings with Ajit came on a day when Maharashtra Pradesh Congress Committee president Nana Patole said that his party's senior leaders of Congress "are keeping an eye" on the developments involving Sharad and Ajit and they would discuss the matter with the NCP at the INDIA meeting to be held in Mumbai on August 31 and September 1. Interacting with the media persons after his party's core

group meeting held to discuss preparations for the forthcoming India alliance meeting in Mumbai, Patole said: "There is no confusion in the Congress about Sharad Pawar, but there is confusion among the people about his stand. Sharad Pawar is a big leader, he is capable of taking decisions and he has made his position clear on this visit. He has made it clear that he will stay with the INDIA alliance. Senior Congress are keeping an eye on all this... They will discuss with Sharad Pawar during the INDIA meeting in Mumbai." Continued on Page 2

## TMC may drop dozen MPs in 2024 polls

SAUGAR SENGUPTA KOLKATA

fter ruling for 12 years After ruling for 12 years without interruption and much hurdle ever since it came to power dislodging the CPI(M)-led Left Front in 2911, the Trinamool Congress has been advised to drop about a dozen sitting MPs in the coming Lok Sabha elections.

I-PAC, a professional consultancy firm providing electoral assistance to the ruling outfit for the past several years, is known to have advised the Bengal ruling outfit to drop at least ten sitting MPs, sources in the company say. However not all the senior leaders in the TMC are convinced with the I-

According to sources among the senior leaders who may get dropped this time round are Saugato Roy a former Union Minister and three-time MP and TMC leader in Lok Sabha Sudip Bandopadhyay -a three-time MP from Kolkata North constituency...

Roy who represents Dum Dum however would not like to comment much on the issue saying he was always there to



serve his party and would contest if he was given a nomination. According to inside sources neither Roy nor Bandopadhyay are in the good books of TMC's number two in command Abhishek Banerjee who is also the nephew of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee.

A third senior leader and -weather companion of the Chief Minister Dr Kakoli Ghoshdastidar too may be dropped. Ghoshdastidar represents Barasat constituency, north of Kolkata.

I-PAC is also known to have suggested dropping the names of Howrah MP and former India footballer Prasun Banerjee. Arambagh MP Aparupa Poddar alias Afreen Ali is also likely to be dropped

inside sources say.
Besides, the TMC is likely to drop four Bangla cine stars from Dipak Adhikari alias Deb who is an MP from Ghatal constituency. The reason behind Adhikari's name getting deleted is anything but political sources say. "Deb had been repeatedly requesting the Chief Minister to relieve him from active politics as he wants to concentrate on his cinema," said an I-PAC insider.

The three other cine personalities whose names may get dropped are Nusrat Jahan, the

Basirhat MP who has been reported against for his invisibility from parliament. Apart from this, her name recently got embroiled in an alleged housing scam. Her Tollywood colleague Mimi Chakrabarty an MP from Jadavpur seat south of Kolkata may also be dropped, sources said adding she was not only not politically active but also remained

osent from Parliament. The third and more senior MP Shatabdi Roy may also get dropped, adding more for political reasons than anything else, sources said. Roy, a three-time MP from Birbhum, has been close to senior TMC leader Subroto Mukherjee and has steadily been losing her relevance in the party ever since his demise in 2021.

Apart from the above MPs two other TMC parliamentarians who would definitely lose their nominations are Contai MP and former Union Minister Sisir Adhikari and his son Dibyendu Adhikari. Sisir is the father and Dibyendu is the brother of Bengal Opposition Leader Suvendu Adhikari, a former TMC leader and Man

Suvendu left the TMC just before the 2021 Assembly elec-

While it is not known what were the alternative names that have been suggested for replacing the MPs mentioned above, some senior leaders in the TMC said that Bandopadhyay and Saugato Roy could be saved at the last moment by a Mamata Banerjee veto.

In a lifetime performance the BJP had won 18 --- up from 2 seats in 2014 --- seats while the TMC had 22 --- a loss of 10

While the BJP has not been able to improve its situation from what it was four years ago the TMC too has suffered considerably in the wake of a series of recruitment and other scams related to hundred days' work and PM housing scheme.

Both the Congress and the Left which suffered massively in the past elections have gained much ground giving the BJP a close chase with 21 percent of votes. BJP has gained 22 percent in the panchayat elec-

## Court allows Jacqueline to leave country without prior consent

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ NEW DELHI

Acity court has allowed Bollywood actor Jacqueline Fernandez to leave the country without its prior permission, modifying the bail condition in a Rs 200-crore money laundering case lodged against her and alleged conman Sukesh Chandrashekar.

The court directed her to intimate to it as well as the Enforcement Directorate at least three days before leaving the country instead of taking prior permission. Special Judge Shailendra Malik, who had granted bail to Fernandez on November 15 last year, observed that in order to grab professional opportunities, the actor requires to travel abroad at short notice and she has never misused the conditions

of bail at any point in time. The judge modified the condition in an order passed on August 10, noting that taking prior permission of the court before leaving the country "becomes cumbersome and may be a reason for losing

purpose of putting conditions on the accused to take prior permission before leaving India was only to ensure that she must appear during the course of trial and there must be least possibility of her fleeing from the judicial process.

"In the present case, I find considering the fact that the accused being an actor in the Indian film industry and has to travel abroad frequently and in certain situations, in order to grab professional opportunities, she requires to leave the country with short notice.

"In such a situation, the condition of taking prior permission before leaving the country becomes cumbersome and may be a reason for losing livelihood," the judge said.

The judge further noted that Fernandez was a citizen of Sri Lanka but was living in India since 2009 and had been regularly paying income tax since 2009.

There has never been any instance of the accused violating any condition of bail, the judge observed.

The judge said that the

in time, the court observed.

## National Flag guards 100 ft wall in Thrissur



KUMAR CHELLAPPAN

The 76th Independence Day of the nation turned out to be a memorable occasion for Rajmohan, a Thrissur based businessman. He has sent a message to the people of the country that the tricolor could be used to usher in dignity and cleanliness, an easy way to make the Swachh Bharat a reality.

For 58-year Rajmohan, who is a stickler for cleanliness and perfection, the 100 feet long and seven feet tall wall protecting his house from the highway was a headache all these years. Staring from cinema theatre owners o political parties, cultural organizations and vendors of commodities made use of Rajmohan's wall a posters and campaign materials. Not without reasons. The wall which has a panoramic

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paign materials pasted on the wall. "I had a tough time. Though I pleaded with the people not to deface the wall, it did not make any change in their minds. There were posters of X-rated movies and contractors specializing in cleaning septic tanks. These were embarrassment to family members," Rajmohan told The Pioneer.

Last week, Rajmohan and his wife designed a plan. They got a painter from Thrissur to paint the wall with the colors of the national flag. The tricolor sans Ashok Chakra got ready within three days. The wall has become the cynosure of all eyes as all kind of posters, writings and drawings disappeared. Now vehicles speeding along the highway slowdown when they pass through the stretch covering Rajmohan's wall. the national flag. There were a couple of road side tea vendors who used to sell tea and snacks in front of the wall. They too withdrew from here. The wall remains as fresh as it was painted and we are confident that it would remain so," said Rajmohan.

This has happened at a time when most of the walls and public places in Thrissur, the cultural capital, are pained with posters of Fidel Castro and Guvera!

ence to watch the national col-PD(130)A ors and that too 100 ft long and 7 ft tall. The area has an aura of peace and happiness," said Mohanachandran

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## Israeli city opens **Indian-Jewish** Square as sign...

Malida is now officially recognised as an official national holiday of the Hebrew Calendar in a major recognition to the Indian-Jewish community's tradi-

Tradition says the community's forefathers arrived in India in 175 BCE (before the current era), exactly on Tu B'Shvat. Their ship, sadly, is said to have sunk off the and as many women were saved from the catastrophe.

Isaac Solomon, an Indian community leader in the city and the driving force behind the initiative, described the site as a "monument symbolising the long-standing friendship between India and

"Eilat is a pleasant and warm home for about 120 Indian-Jewish families and many other Indian families, and the Sitar Association is a centre that provides these families with the feeling of belonging to one happy family, the Sitar family," Solomon said at the ceremony.

Thanking the municipality of Eilat, he said "this great act of kindness will be remembered forever".

An Indian Embassy official present at the ceremony told PTI that "the 85,000 strong Jewish community, with its achievements in diverse areas such as academics, scientific fields, busi-

ness, defence and so on keeps the flag of both India and Israel flying higher and high-

Indian community members, Deputy Mayor Stas Bilkin and officials of the Eilat municipality participated in the ceremony held on Tuesday evening. The southern coastal city

of Israel on the Red Sea has also in the past demonstrated strong ties with India. In outreach movement, Chabad, unveiled a plaque in the memory of the six Jewish victims of the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks at its synagogue in the city situated quite close to the square inaugurated on Tuesday.

The 3A paper size plaque in the synagogue has a message engraved on a hard plastic plate. "To the memory and rise of souls of Rabbi Gavriel Noah and Rivka Holtsberg, who were martyred during the time of their holy mission in a terror attack at Chabad house in Mumbai, India, from which the message of Torah was being spread all over the

And for the four guests who stayed in Chabad house at the time of the attack, and were also martyred: Rabbi Gavriel Taitelbaum, Norma Rabinovich, Rabbi Ben Zion Kurman, Yocheved Orpaz. May their souls be bound up in the bond of eternal life," the plaque in Hebrew reads.

## **Rain-battered HP...**

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But the government is speeding up the process. "We have to get the infrastructure fully restored within a year. I am working with this in mind."

"It's a big challenge, a mountain-like challenge," he said.

According to the state emergency operation centre, in total 214 people have died in the rainrelated incidents in the state since the onset of monsoon on June 24 while 38 are still missing. "Rescue operations are going on in Summer Hill and Krishna Nagar areas...One body was recovered from Summer Hill site," Shimla Deputy Commissioner Aditya Negi told

He said so far 13 bodies have been recovered from Summer Hill, five from Fagli and two from Krishna Nagar. Some bodies are still feared buried in the debris of the Shiva temple at Summer Hill that collapsed on Monday. About 15 houses in Krishna Nagar have been vacated and the families shifted to safer places. Several others have vacated their homes themselves fearing slides due to incessant

The Education department had ordered closure of all schools and colleges in the state on Wednesday due to inclement weather and the Himachal pended teaching activities till August 19. About 800 roads are blocked in the state and the losses suffered by the

state since the onset of monsoon on June 24 have crossed Rs 7,480 crore, officials said, adding as many as 10,714 houses have been completely or partially damaged so far. Deputy Chief Minister

Mukesh Agnihotri has urged the Centre to declare national calamity in Himachal Pradesh and release Rs 2,000 crore for restoration works. Meanwhile, 1,731 people have

been rescued from flood-affected areas of Indora and Fatehpur sub-divisions of Kangra district in the last 24 hours, said Deputy Commissioner Nipun Jindal on Wednesday

Specifically, 1,344 people were

rescued from Indora and 387 from Fatehpur. The operation to evacuate

people from flood-affected areas is going on with the assistance of Air Force helicopters, Army personnel, and NDRF, Jindal Chief Minister Sukhu conducted an aerial sur-

vey of Indora and Fatehpur and took stock of evacuation operations in the areas flooded downstream of Pong reservoir. Himachal Pradesh has already received 742 mm of

rainfall in 54 days of monsoon this year against a season's average of 730 mm it records between June 1 and September 30, a weather official here said. The rainfall recorded in the state this July broke all records

for the month in the last 50 years, Shimla Meteorological Centre Director Surinder Paul told PTI. The Army, Indian Air Force, National Disaster Response Force and State Disaster Response Force are engaged in the evacuation of people from the flood-affected areas, CM Sukhu said, adding police and Home Guard personnel have also been roped in for the process.

He said that this was the most devastating natural calamity the state has gone through in the last 50 years.

Shiv Pratap Shukla visited the landslide-hit Krishna Nagar locality in Shimla and interacted with the residents there, a statement issued here said. Around 250 to 300 families

have been affected in Krishna Nagar, it added. Army officials said over

5,000 people have been rescued with deployment of eight columns in Himachal Pradesh.

The Indian Air Force has lent its support by deploying a Chinook helicopter, which executed a single sortie to airlift 18 army personnel and a three-ton mini dozer to the landslideaffected regions near Shimla on Tuesday. In July, heavy rain in the State, including in Mandi, Kullu and Shimla, claimed several lives and destroyed property worth crores of rupees.

### Conductting SAR in HP, Punjab since Mon: NDRF

While granting bail to

The court noted that while

Fernandez, the judge had directed her "not to leave the

country without prior permis-

Fernandez was facing trial in

the money laundering matter

being probed by the ED, she

was made a witness in a relat-

ed case being investigated by

the Economic Offence Wing

the accused never misused the

conditions of bail at any point

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(EOW) of Delhi Police.

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PNS NEW DELHI

The National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) on Wednesday said it has been conducting SAR (Search and Rescue) and Flood Water Rescue operations in the districts affected by flash floods in Himachal Pradesh and Punjab since Monday. Due to excessive rainfall for

the last few days over many districts of Himachal Pradesh and Punjab, a flash flood hit Kangra, Śhimla, Mandi districts of Himachal Pradesh, and Rupnagar district of Punjab. This led to several houses

getting damaged and a number of people stranded at various

From Monday, NDRF teams equipped with all necessary safety and rescue tools are engaged in rescue and relief operations.

### No union **Ministry** offer...

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Earlier, at a rally he addressed at Aurangabad, the NCP chief trained his guns at Modi for his remark made at his Independence day speech that he would return as Prime Minister after the 2024 Lok Sabha, by likening the statement to senior BJP leader Devendra Fadnavis' much-discussed statement "Me Punha Yain, Me Punha Yain" made repeatedly at public rallies in the run-up to the 2019 State Assembly polls that he would return as the Chief Minister of the State.

"The situation prevailing in the country is not favourable for Modi. Modi may say any number of times that he would return as the Prime Minister after the 2024 polls, but he would find himself in the situation like Fadnavis did after the 2019 State Assembly polls".

## Cong to fight all 7 LS seats in Delhi...

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The party s top leadership will decide whether to participate in the next alliance meeting with Opposition parties scheduled at the end of this month.'

In response to AAP's comments and Alka Lamba's statement, AICC Delhi incharge Deepak Babaria criticized the AAP, stating, "It seems there are immature individuals in the Aam Aadmi Party. If they're making significant decisions based on media reports, not even God can't help them.'

In previous polls, the BJP secured victory in all seven seats in both 2014 and 2019, while the Congress performed poorly. The party's performance in subsequent Assembly and Municipal

polls remained lackluster.

In the latest Assembly elections following the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, AAP secured 62 out of 70 seats with 54 per cent of the votes in the 2020 Assembly polls, while Congress received a mere 4.26 per cent. However, Congress improved its voting percentage to 11.68 in the 2022 municipal polls, compared to AAP's 43 per cent. In the last general elections, Congress achieved a better voting percentage at 22 per cent, with AAP securing 18 percent.

Given Congress' current challenges in Delhi, its tentative plan to proceed independently is seen as a strategic move to strengthen its bargaining position with AAP.

## Nehru museum: Legacy razed, says Cong; BJP...

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### OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, BHOPAL **Garden Department**

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On the other hand, BJP Shehzad Poonawalla retaliated through a video message, that for Congress, "P" represents Parivar (family) rather than the people.

Poonawalla pointed out contradiction in Congress's stance, highlighting that the renaming aims to honor the achievements of all Prime Ministers, from the first to the current, including Lal Bahadur Shastri, PV Narasimha Rao, HD Devegowda, and Inder Kumar Gujral. He questioned the Congress's objection to this comprehensive approach, insinuating that it underscores their priority of fami-

ly over the greater populace. Congress MP Shashi

Tharoor also expressed his dismay at the renaming, believing that while the concept of expanding the museum's scope to encompass all Prime Ministers is commendable, the decision to remove Nehru's name demonstrates pettiness. He suggested that maintaining the name 'Nehru Memorial Prime Ministers Museum and

Tharoor criticised the Government's move, implying that it reflects a lack of magnanimity that should be expected from a ruling party with a substantial majority.

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Congress spokesperson Supriya Shrinate said the Government's actions betray

both political and ideological contradictions. She accused the government of defaming the Mahatma while making symbolic gestures towards him, indicating a conflicted stance. She further said the name

change seeks to undermine Nehru's legacy, revealing the government's insecurities and lack of substantial accomplishments. She contended that history cannot be altered, only created, and Nehru's contributions to India's development are undeniable.

Congress MP Manickam Tagore echoed the sentiment, criticising the Government's decision and asserting that the dislike for Nehru is wellembedded within certain political groups.

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## Body in bed box: Woman killed boy to ease marriage to victim's father

woman has been arrested in a case Ainvolving the murder of an 11-yearold boy in West Delhi. The police said Pooja Kumari, 24, has confessed to killing Divyansh, considering him an obstruction to her marriage with his father. Pooja Kumari had an affair with the boy's father litendra and the two had started living together in 2019.

According to police, CCTV footage of a camera outside a house in west Delhi's

gled her live-in partner's 11-year-old son showed the accused entering the premises. The accused is a resident of Ranhola, who was on the run for several days and was finally arrested from Bakkarwala on Tuesday.

The purported CCTV footage shows the woman covering her face with a blue scarf and entering the house with a bag in her hand. In another footage, she was seen walking while trying to cover her face with the scarf. On August 10, Divyansh



was found dead inside a bed box in his Inderpuri home.

During the investigation, footage from a CCTV camera was examined. It

the 11-year-old boy's house was Pooja, a senior police officer said.

Police checked the footage of more than 300 CCTV cameras, leading to her arrest, Special Commissioner of Police (Crime) Ravindra Singh Yadav said on

Pooja had strangled the child when he was sleeping and then concealed his body inside the bed box, police said, adding that the woman was in a live-in relationship with the boy's father had married at a temple of the Arya Samaj on October 17, 2019, but a court marriage was not possible as the minor's father had not divorced his wife, police

According to police, Jitender had assured Pooja that they would get married in court after he gets a divorce from his wife and they started living together by renting

They often quarrelled over Jitender's divorce and after some time, he moved out

with his wife, police said.

He had moved out in December last year, and Pooja was furious about it. She assumed that Jitender left her because of his son, they said. On Thursday, she met her friend and asked him to take her to Jitender's house as she was not aware of the exact location.

The door of the house was open and she strangled Divyansh, who was sleeping. She took out clothes from the bed box and put the body inside it.

## LG objects to 2-day Assembly Session

Deputy Speaker says Saxena's observations 'not correct'

**STAFF REPORTER** NEW DELHI

The two-day Delhi Assembly ■ session starting Wednesday has become another flashpoint between the Arvind Kejriwal government and Lt Governor (LG) Vinai Kumar Saxena after he wrote a letter to the Chief Minister stating that the current Assembly session has been called in violation of the rules. Birla informed the Delhi

Assembly that LG Saxena shot off a letter to the chief minister on August 11, raising objections to convening the Assembly session Sharing his letter, AAP leader and deputy Speaker Rakhi Birla said his letter his observations are 'not correct' while the Leader of Opposition and senior BJP leader Ramvir Singh Bidhuri supported the L-G's view point.

This is the first session of the Delhi Assembly since the GNCT (Amendment) Act, 2023, which puts the control of the city's administration in the hands of the Centre, was codified into law last week.

In his letter, Saxena pointed out that this re-convening or Third Part of Fourth Session (Budget Session) of the Seventh Legislative Assembly without a Cabinet Decision is not only inconsistent with the statutory provisions envisaged under the Transaction of Business Rules, but is also in violation of the spirit of Section 6 read with Clause (ix) of Sub-section (4) of Section 45 J of the Government of NCT of Delhi (Amendment) Ordinance.





"Therefore, the proposed Third Part of Fourth session being summoned without following the due procedure, should not be convened in this manner," reads the letter.

"Unfathornably, it is also noticed that there is no indication of any Legislative Business proposed to be taken up in the House as provided in Rule 15 (l), Rule 24 and 25 or the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business of Legislative Assembly of NCT of Delhi Rules, 1997. In the absence of prior notice of the business to be transacted in the I-louse, I have no doubt that the members of the House are deprived of the opportunity to





deliberations adversely affecting their rights enjoyed under section 18 of the GNCTD Act, 1991,' reads the letter.

As special session of the Delhi Assembly began with Deputy Speaker Rakhi Birla informing the House that Lt Governor Saxena shot off a letter to the chief minister on August 11, raising objections to convening the Assembly session. A copy of the said letter was also shared with the Assembly. This is the first session of the Delhi Assembly since the GNCT (Amendment) Act, 2023, which puts the control of the city's administration in the hands of the Centre, was

### Proposal for creating 37 posts in consumer forum approved

STAFF REPORTER

Delhi Lt Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena has approved the proposal for creating 37 additional posts of various categories in Delhi State Consumer Dispute Redressal Commission.

According to Raj Niwas officials, this will provide a major boost to consumer grievance redressal in the city.

The proposal for the creation of additional posts was mooted in June 2020, keeping in view the pendency of cases. Saxena paved the way for creation of one post of Deputy Registrar, 03 Section Officer, Assistant Section Officer, 06 Senior Assistant, 12 Junior Assistant, 03 PS, 01 Steno

As on March 1, 2020, the total number of cases pending for disposal in the State Commission was 7,760, which

authority to determine the tim-

ing of a session. The Lieutenant

Governor has leveled a signif-

icant accusation, but he should

comprised 5,848 complaints that included execution applications and 1,912 appeals and revision petitions.

"This will provide a major fillip to transparency and speedy redressal of grievances of the common people, some-thing that the LG has been pioneering ever since he took over in May last year," the official said

The sanctioned strength of members at present is five, which includes the President and three courts, two division benches and one single-member bench

The finance department had concurred with the proposal and will make financial provisions for the posts being created. It is to be noted that the Ministry of Home Affairs on January 1, 1997, delegated powers to the Delhi government for the creation of posts on both plan as well as non-plan sides under Group - A, B, C and D.

codified into law last week. be aware that a new session "The Delhi Assembly is cannot be convened unless operating entirely within the recommended by the cabinet," established rules. The Legislative Assembly holds the

she said. She further said that the NCT Act, which outlines the functioning of the Delhi Assembly, does not include any requirement to hold Budget, Monsoon, and winter

She further said: "Special sessions are called even in Parliament and other state Assemblies. Rules empower the Speaker to convene the House any time after adjourning the Assembly sessions sine die. If the Cabinet recommends the prorogation of the session, then the next session

is called with the approval of

the LG. If the session is not prorogued, then the Assembly ses-

sion can be convened under

Rule 17 with the approval of the Speaker. The entire country has a similar convention."
"Under rule 17, the Speaker can convene the House anytime if the session has not been pro-

rogued anytime. I received a note on August 8 from the minister of law and justice with the approval of the CM to convene the House on August 16. Accordingly, I convened the House. Lok Sabha also has similar rules to call special

sessions," Birla said. "Many times since 1993, assembly sessions have been called to discuss important issues affecting the people of the Capital. LG has levelled serious allegations that the Speaker has violated the decision of the Cabinet by convening the third part of the fourth session rather than calling the fifth part of the session.

Since the cabinet had not recommended the prorogation of the session under Rule 17, the special session has been

### to funds paucity: Min **STAFF REPORTER** NEW DELHI

DJB stuck in limbo due

Delhi Water Minister Saurabh Bharadwaj on Wednesday said several projects of the Delhi Jal Board are stuck in a limbo due to a paucity of funds with officers obstructing money to the department.

During a discussion on the shortage of funds with the Delhi Jal Board (DJB), the minister accused Lieutenant Governor VK Saxena of knowing about the issue and not doing anything about it.
Following his speech, Delhi
Assembly Deputy Speaker

Rakhi Birla referred the matter of DJB's fund shortage to the Petitions Committee and directed the committee to submit its report in a month. AAP and BJP MLAs indulged in a war of words over DJB projects. While AAP MLAs said that officers were not releasing funds which was hampering projects in their constituencies, BJP MLAs said that the AAP dispensation had grown a habit of blaming others for "its inefficiencies".

Replying to the discussion, Bharadwaj said, "During the coronavirus pandemic, metre readers did not go and bills were not generated. In some cases, where bills were generated, they were not paid. But this time, the DJB was functioning and salaries were being paid. The recurring expenses were paid using capital money. This amounted to Rs 1,500 crore.

Earlier, participating in the debate, the Leader of the Opposition and senior BJP leader Ramvir Singh Bidhuri,

and demanded a CBI probe into the operation of the DJB. Bidhuri questioned how the Jal Board, which was making a profit of 500 crore rupees in 2014, has now incurred a loss of Rs 72,000 crore. "Why hasn't a CAG audit of the Delhi Jal Board's accounts been conducted since 2016? How did a scam involving crores of rupees in water bills occur? Why hasn't the Jal Board been able to provide additional water and account for the 8500 crore rupees provided by the central government for the cleaning of the Yamuna River? Bidhuri questioned while demanding a CBI investigation into the oper-

ations of the Jal Board.
The minister said that an official from the Finance Department questioned where the Rs 1,500 crore was spent.

'They questioned us on how we could spend capital money on revenue. We requested them for Rs 2,000 crore but they kept sending back files. They said they will give Rs 500 crore since Rs 1,500 crore is already there in your account," the minister said. Bharadwaj told the assembly that in the last six months no new projects have been started since they don't have funds.

"One sends files to the Finance Department, which raises objections and sends the file back. This is happening because the Delhi government has no control over Services. The officers have been directed from above to not work. But those officers are accountable and something needs to be done about this," he said.

## AAP Govt to establish coordination | I miss Manish, says among different departments: Atishi

**STAFF REPORTER** NEW DELHI

 $D_{\text{minister}}^{\text{elhi Services and Vigilance}}_{\text{Minister}}$ Wednesday said the AAP dispensation has decided to establish coordination among different departments of the government and the National Capital Civil Service Authority (NCCSA). Following the enactment of the GNCTD (Amendment) Act 2023 on the control of services in the national capital, Atishi has issued directions giving a green signal to the initiation of NCCSA meetings regularly as

per schedule. "There were several roadblocks due to which meetings of NCCSA were affected. The Delhi government has decided

to establish coordination among different departments and NCCSA. Respecting the GNCTD Amendment Act, we want that meetings of the Authority are held and work of Delhi people is not affected," she told reporters outside the Delhi Assembly.

In the order issued to the Chief Secretary, Atishi has clarified that for better functioning of the National Capital Civil Services Authority, the provisions of Sections 45H(1) and 45H(2) of the GNCTD (Amendment) Act 2023 should be followed.

She stated that while adhering to the provisions of the GNCTD (Amendment)

STAFF REPORTER ■

Delhi University is completely ragging free, Vice-Chancellor Yogesh Singh said

on Wednesday as he welcomed

the new batch of undergradu-

ate students to the institution.

The university's 2023-24 ses-

sion began on Wednesday

with the academic calendar

returning on track after a

three-year Covid-induced dis-

**NEW DELHI** 



before the NCCSA officials should be placed only after the approval of the Services

Additionally, before sending cases related to vigilance and non-vigilance matters of officers to NCCSA, the Chief Vigilance Officer, in accordance with the Act, should obtain approval from the Vigilance Minister. Only after Act 2023, proposals for the transfer and posting of officers obtaining their approval, the

proposals should be sent to the Authority's Member Secretary. Under the GNCTD (Amendment) Act 2023, as per Section 45H(1), the NCCSA will be responsible for the transfer and posting of all Group-A and DANICS officers

"Under Section 45H(1), all proposals for transfers and postings should be placed before the National Capital Civil Services Authority only after obtaining the approval of the Services Minister. Only after receiving the approval of the Services Minister, the Secretary of Services should send the proposal to the Member Secretary of the Authority for presentation before the Authority," the order

## Kejriwal on his birthday

**STAFF REPORTER** NEW DELHI

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Wednesday thanked people for their wishes on his birthday, but said he was missing his former Deputy Manish Sisodia.

"Today is my birthday. Many people are sending their wishes. Thank you so much! But I miss Manish. He is in jail in a false case. Lets all take a pledge today - that we will do everything within our means to provide best quality education to every child born in India," he said on X, formerly Twitter.

Kejriwal, who turned 55, also asked everyone to take a pledge to lay the foundation for a strong India. "... That will lay



the foundation for a strong India. That will help in realising our dream of making India no 1. That will also make

Manish happy," he said. Later in the day, the Delhi Assembly extended wishes to the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) supremo, with Deputy Speaker Rakhi Birla praying for his long life and hoping that he scales new heights in his political life. The AAP also wished Kejriwal on his special day by calling him the "man who invented zero electricity bills" and "the champ who made us believe that Indian government schools can compete top-notch private with

schools" Taking to X, the party said, "Happy Birthday to the leader who made basic necessities like education, healthcare, electricity, & water the pillars of our political discourse. Happy Birthday to the brave soul who ditched his comfortable job to change the Politics of India. Happy Birthday to the son of the soil who is always thinking of the last man in the

### Nuh violence: Cow vigilante Bittu sent to police remand

STAFF REPORTER GURUGRAM/NUH

ow vigilante Bittu Bajrangi was remanded in police custody for a day by a Nuh court on Wednesday in connection with communal clashes that erupted in the district on July 31, and police said his associates will also be arrest-

ed soon. Bajrangi alias Raj Kumar was arrested on Tuesday from Faridabad after a fresh FÍR was registered against him at Nuh's Sadar police station based on a complaint by Assistant Superintendent of Police Usha

Kundu, they said. According to the FIR, Bajrangi, who was identified through social media posts, and some of his unidentified supporters had allegedly misbehaved with and threatened an ASP Kundu-led police team which had stopped them while they were carrying swords and trishuls to Nalhar

Bajrangi had been arrested by Faridabad police two days after the violence in connection with another case related to the communal clashes but was released on bail after he joined the investigation. He was accused of making inflammatory speeches and brandishing weapons in

"Bajrangi was produced in a city court today and we have taken him on a one-day police remand for questioning. Further probe is underway and associates of Bajrangi will also be arrested as earliest possible," a Nuh police spokesperson said on

Wednesday. The Vishva Hindu Parishad, meanwhile, disassociated itself from Bajrangi and claimed he was never linked with Bajrang Dal.

### freshers embark on new chapter on north campus Numerous help desks were

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

¬he Delhi University's north campus came alive with the vibrant presence of freshers on the inaugural day of the academic session that commenced on Wednesday. The new academic session for all programmes at the university began today with the academic calendar of the varsity back on track after being disrupted for the last three years due to the pandemic.

A mix of nervousness and excitement painted the faces of the freshers as they embarked on a new chapter of their college journey. The new academic session for undergraduate students kicked off with orientation programmes held across all colleges of Delhi University.

During these orientation sessions, first-year students were introduced to the academic curriculum and courses by their professors while seniors students took the opportunity to acquaint the freshers with the college rules, the anti-ragging policy and the code of conduct. The college societies set up



is ragging free:

university said.

Singh on Wednesday extended best wishes to the

new students of undergradu-

ate programmes and called

upon them to go to the cam-

puses of their respective col-

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to their chosen colleges, he

64,288 students confirmed

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The VC informed that

stalls to entice freshers to join and actively participate in extracurricular activities.

Several students were accompanied by their parents on the first day of college. While pride radiated from parents for their children's admission into prestigious central university colleges, some were preoccupied with finding the right accommodation for their children that would provide a home away

their admission at the conclu-

sion of the second round of the

Common Seat Allocation

Seats were offered to 1,05,426 (1.05 lakh) students in

the first and second rounds, he

said. Assuring the freshers that

the university is completely

ragging free, Singh called upon

the senior students to respect

their juniors and treat them

like younger siblings to avoid

any untoward incident.

System till August 15.

set up by student organisations such as The National Students' Union of India (NSUI), Student Federation of India (SFI), and Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) to assist students in their accommodation On Wednesday, a stricter

police presence was observed on the campus. Policemen were also seen lending a hand to guide the freshers to their respective

Throughout the campus, large banners of student political leaders welcomed the freshers. Student union bodies organised rallies and campaigns for the upcoming Delhi University Students' union election, marking a return to the political arena after the Covid-induced hiatus.

The freshers are brimming with anticipation and high expectations as they step into their new college lives. Their admissions into Delhi University colleges were secured through the Common University Entrance Test (CUET), conducted at the national level.

### Jamia land row: Alumni urge VC not to give 'NOC for selling university land'

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Some alumni of Jamia Millia Islamia have written a letter (NOC) to a person in possesuniversity land to third person.

also in possession with The Pioneer, Badre Alam Mohd

legacy, read the letter.

to provide any support that may be required to facilitate this process, ensuring that the land remains with Jamia. We are committed to offering our support in returning it to Jamia it rightfully belongs to. We are awaiting your response and are available at your convenience for further discussions," read

to Vice Chancellor Najma Akhtar requesting her to postpone the decision of granting No Objection Certificate sio of the land for selling the In a letter dated August 14

Areeb Hasan, Secretary Treasurer, Mohd Danish, Danish Hameed, Joint Secretary EC member of the register alumni association wrote: "The purpose of this letter is to request the postponement of the issuance of a NOC for the sale of the university's ancestral piece of land, currently in the possession of Zakia Zaheer, daughter of KG Saiyidain, bearing municipal number 267-A, Khasra number 493/143 and 496/143, Village Okhla, New

#### The land in question holds rofound sentimental value to the Jamia fraternity and forms an integral part of our cherished history and we the alumni of institution, are deeply

In light of recent financial challenges and evolving circumstances faced by the university, we stand united in our resolve to support and con-tribute to the cause by ensuring that this land remains under Jamia, stated the letter. "We are more than willing

## committed to upholding and preserving its cultural and historical

## **Congress asks PM to break** silence on CAG revelations

Congress on Wednesday the Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the sensational revelations made by the Comptroller General of India (CAG) which has exposed massive scandals worth thousands of crores taking place in the BJP govern-

Addressing a Press conference at the AICC headquarters, Congress Chairperson Social Media and Digital Platforms and Spokesperson Supriya Shrinate asked the Prime Minister whether he will break his silence on the scandals

taking place under his nose. Shrinate pointed out the

bunglings in the construction of the Dwarka Expressway. She said, against the original sanctioned expenditure of Rs 18 crore per kilometer, the cost of the project had been escalated to Rs 250 crore per kilometer, which is 14 times more than the original cost. She wondered what was being constructed and whether it was the "eighth wonder of the world?"

Congress also referred to the massive embezzlement in the Bharatmala project under which about 26,316 kilometers of national highways were constructed, again at far inflated cost than originally approved. She said, while the original estimate was Rs 15.37 crores per kilometer, it was later raised to



Rs 32.17 crores per kilometer, which means the cost were more than doubled.

Quoting the CAG report, Shrinate disclosed that a random audit of only five toll plazas revealed that Rs 132 crores were charged extra from those driving on highways. Imagine the amount of money looted from the people driving country, she asked, while pointing out, it is the common man who is being robbed. Referring to yet another

scandal, the Congress leader revealed that under Ayushman Bharat, 7.5 lakh beneficiaries were registered with a single mobile phone number. Besides, she added, according to the CAG report tabled in the parliament, insurance claims for fresh treatment were paid against 88,670 already dead persons. Who has pocketed the money as it has not been paid to the beneficiaries, she asked.

Shrinate disclosed that after there was massive scandal in selling and purchasing of land around Ayodhya by the BJP leaders and other offithat there is another scandal worth crores of rupees involving the Ayodhya Development Project where about Rs 20 crores payments have been made to the contractors who were not eligible for the project and did not even have the GST number.

She also taunted the media and reminded it about pre-2014 reporting when the CAG report, which though later was dumped as baseless by the courts, was so much played up. "But such things are possible only in a democracy and as there is no democracy anymore, such things like media discussion on CAG report, cannot take place anymore", she remarked with sharp sarcasm.

## BJP CEC takes stock of election preparations in MP, Chhattisgarh

The BJP's Central Election Committee took stock of the poll preparations in Pradesh and Madhya Chhattisgarh on Wednesday during a meeting, which was attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and other senior leaders.

Sources said the CEC members reviewed the party's preparedness in the upcoming assembly elections as the state leadership gave them feedback.

The party's decision to hold the meeting so early -- the CEC usually meets only after poll dates are announced -underlines the significance it has attached to the five state elections, the last round of assembly contest before the all-important Lok Sabha polls.

Besides Modi, other CEC members including party pres-



ministers Rajnath Singh and Amit Shah were among those present at the meeting. Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan and former Chhattisgarh CM Raman Singh were among the state leaders who participated in the deliberations.

It also indicates a greater involvement of the central leadership in overseeing the state poll campaign, sources noted.

The party is focussing on seats where it faces strong opposition but believes it can turn things around with a deft strategy, including a selection of strong candidates.

Five states -- Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Telangana and Mizoram -- are expected to go to the polls in November-December.

Similar CEC meetings can also be held for other states,

## IAF postpones mega air exercise with six other nations to next year

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI** 

The IAF will host a mega exercise involving air forces of several countries next year instead of staging it this year in October. The decision to postpone the drill till next year was taken after some countries expressed inability to take part in it this year.

The exercise named 'Tarang Shakti' is now likely to be held in the middle of 2024 as a number of participating air forces conveyed to the IAF that they will not be able to join the war game if it is held this year, sources in the defence and military establishment said on

The exercise is expected to witness participation of around 12 air forces and the focus of the war game will be to improve military cooperation and enhance interoperability,



they said. It will be the biggest air exercise being organised in

Air forces of France, the UK, Australia, the US and Japan will participate in the exercise. Six countries will participate in the Tarang Shakti with their aerial assets like fighter jets, military transport aircraft and mid-air refuellers while six other nations were invited as observers, the sources said.

In the last few months, the Indian Air Force has partici-

pated in a number of major overseas exercises. In April, the Indian Air Force sent four Rafale jets, two C-17 aircraft and two IL-78 mid-air refuellers for a nearly three-week multinational air exercise at France's Mont-de-Marsan mil-

Four Rafale fighter aircraft carried out a "strategic" mission last month over the Indian Ocean region for more than six hours, in a significant demonstration of their long-range

## Cabinet nod for 7 multi-tracking rlys projects to boost efficiency

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved seven multi-tracking projects of Indian Railways at an estimated cost of around ₹32,500 crore and these will bring down the travel time for passengers, Union minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said.

The proposed projects, which will be fully funded by the Centre, will help increase the existing line capacity, smoothen train operations, reduce congestion and facilitate ease of travelling and transportation.

The projects covering 35 districts in nine states -- Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Odisha, Jharkhand and West Bengal -- will increase the existing network of Indian Railways by 2,339 km



and provide employment of an estimated 7.06 crore man-days to the people of the states.

The projects include doubling of the existing Gorakhpur-Cantt-Valmiki Nagar line, the Son Nagar-Andal multi-tracking project, third line between Nergundi-Barang and Khurda Road-Vizianagaram and between Mudkhed-Medchal and Mahbubnagar-Dhone, doubling of existing line between Guntur-Bibinagar, doubling of existing line between Chopan-Chunar and the quadrupling Samakhialibetween Gandhidham. Vaishnaw said these are essential routes for transportation of varied basket of commodities such as food grains, fertilizers, coal, cement y-ash, iron and finished steel, clinkers, crude oil, lime stone, edible oil etc.

The Railways being environment friendly and energy efficient mode of transportation, will help both in achieving climate goals and for reducing logistics cost of the country, the ministry said in a state-

Highlighting the strategic significance of these initiatives, he emphasised that the projects are intricately interconnected and should be viewed holistically, as they collectively contribute to the modernisation of Indian Railways.

## Rahul nominated to Parliamentary standing committee on Defence

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Days after his Lok Sabha membership was restored, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi was on Wednesday nominated to the parliamentary standing committee on defence.

Congress MP Amar Singh too has been nominated to the committee, according to a Lok Sabha bulletin.

Newly elected Aam Aadmi Party member of Lok Sabha Sushil Kumar Rinku has been nominated to the committee on agriculture, animal husbandry and food processing. Rinku had recently won the Jalandhar Lok Sabha bypoll and is the sole AAP member in the Lower House of Parliament.

NCP's Faizal Mohammed, whose Lok Sabha membership was restored in March, has been nominated to the committee on consumer affairs, food and public distri-



Before being disqualified in March, Gandhi was a member of the parliamentary panel on

On August 7, the Lok Sabha membership of Gandhi was restored, days after the Supreme Court stayed his conviction in a 2019 defamation case over his "Modi surname" Gandhi was disqualified

as a Lok Sabha member on March 24, with effect from March 23, after a Gujarat court convicted him in the case and sentenced him to two years in

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ANNEXURE I

Format for publishing financial results in newspapers [Regulation 52 (8), read with Regulation 52 (4), of the SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015]

(Amounts in INR Lakhs, unless otherwise stated)

		For the Quarter ended	For the Quarter ended	For the Year ended	
S. No.	Particulars	30.06.2023	30.06.2022	31.03.2023	
		Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited	
1	Total Income from Operations	2.50	0.90	26.19	
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items#)	(20.22)	(55.85)	(427.77)	
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items#)	(20.22)	(55.85)	(427.77)	
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items#)	(10.53)	(39.04)	(280.79)	
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(10.53)	(39.04)	(280.79)	
6	Paid up Equity Share Capital	1.00	1.00	1.00	
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve )	(2,750.28)	(2,497.99)	(2,739.74)	
8	Securities Premium Account	-	-	-	
9	Net worth	(2,749.28)	(2,496.99)	(2,738.74)	
10	Paid up Debt Capital / Outstanding Debt	1,92,152.85	2,17,471.80	1,95,977.59	
11	Outstanding Redeemable Preference Shares	-	-	-	
12	Debt Equity Ratio	(69.89)	(87.09)	(71.56)	
13	Debt Equity Ratio (including unpaid matured debentures)	(81.17)	(87.09)	(79.77)	
	Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations) -				
14	1. Basic:	(105.37)	(390.40)	(2,807.90)	
	2. Diluted:	(105.37)	(390.40)	(2,807.90)	
15	Capital Redemption Reserve	-	-	-	
16	Debenture Redemption Reserve	-	-	-	
17	Debt Service Coverage Ratio	(0.002)	(0.001)	(0.012)	
18	Debt Service Coverage Ratio (including unpaid matured debentures)	(0.000)	(0.001)	(0.007)	
19	Interest Service Coverage Ratio	(0.014)	(0.017)	(0.030)	

a) The above is an extract of the detailed format of quarterly/annual financial results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 52 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the quarterly/annual financial results are available on the websites of the Stock Exchange(s) and the listed entity

b) For the other line items referred in the Regulation 52 (4) of the Listing Regulations, pertinent disclosures have been made to the Stock

c) # - Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items adjusted in the Statement of Profit and Loss in accordance with Ind AS Rules / AS Rules, whichever is applicable Getamber Anand Rajesh Raizada

Date:14-08-2023 Place: Noida

Date: 14-08-2023

Place: Noida

### Plan to divert forest land for golf course in Manipur deferred

ARCHANA JYOTI NEW DELHI

With peace eluding in the strife-torn Manipur, the Standing Committee of National Board of Wildlife (NBWL) has deferred the proposal to divert 82.54 hectares of forest land to build a golf course (42.14 ha) and a resort (40.40 ha) within the eco-sensitive zone of the Keibul Lamjao National Park and Khongjaingamba Ching Sanctuary for the proposed Loktak Lake eco-tourism project of the State Government.

The NBWL members noted that the meeting to discuss the proposed with the officials from the State Government was to be held in Manipur could not be conducted 'due to unforeseen circumstances'

Hence keeping in view such a situation, the Committee decided to defer the proposal till the meeting is convened in Manipur to discuss the proposal with officials of the State Forest Department, Loktak Development Authority and other stakeholders. This decision was taken at a NBWL meeting held on August 7.

Loktak, one of the two largest freshwater lakes in Southeast Asia is not only the natural habitat of rare Sangai deer but also the lifeline of people of the state. The people of Manipur referring Loktak to as Ema (mother) itself indicated how much the freshwater lake is important. It plays an important role in providing ecological and economic security to the region. A large population living around the lake depends on it for fish and flora and has been designated as a wetland of international importance under the Ramsar Convention in 1990.

The Keibul Lamjao National Park in the southern part of the lake is a unique floating wildlife reserve, the refuge of the highly endangered brow-antlered deer, locally called Sangai, according to the Loktak Development Authority

## Musk takeover of Twitter proves repulsive for green advocates

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

witter, now renamed X, is losing its green flavour, said a team of researchers after they found that half of green twitters regularly posting about the climate and nature crises abandoned the media platform after it was taken over by Elon Musk. The analysis is published in the journal Trends in Ecology & Evolution. The researchers had

analysed the 380,000 users who tweeted regularly about global heating and biodiversity and found that 47.5 per cent had become inactive six months after the final takeover. Terming the decline as 'troubling', they said the "exodus of environmental users on Twitter is an existential threat" to a main way of informing people who want to take climate

"The incredible power of Twitter was that it was this open forum where people could share ideas and opinions



and influence other people," said Prof Charlotte Chang, of Pomona College in the US who led the research. "We have this immense challenge of empowering stakeholders across all sectors of society to take action to halt the loss of biodiversity and to combat catastrophic climate change. We were pretty disheartened to find that after the sale, our environmental Twitter community has really declined. The report analysed the

Twitter use of the groups in 15day intervals from July 2019 to April 2023. A user was deemed to be active if they tweeted at least once about their topic in a 15-day window.

Chang said it was uncertain where the environmental discourse now missing from Twitter might be moving to, Instagram yet to replicate the past success of Twitter in this area. She said the decline on Twitter could well continue, with previous research on social networks noting a snowball effect where users leaving leads to others following.

"This snowball may have been kicked off too much to really halt the ongoing trend," Chang said. The researchers highlighted initiatives such as the Coalition for Independent Technology Research as a way of raising coordinated con-cerns to Twitter and policymakers.

Chang said plans to start charging significant sums for access to large numbers of tweets via the platform's API would damage research. "It would make it impossible to access and understand what's happening on these platforms, to document their positive contributions to society as well as some of the harms," she said.

### **Army unveils 'Battle of Minds: Indian Army Quiz 2023'**

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

n an effort to honour the soldiers who fought during the Kargil war and to mark the 25th year of Vijay Diwas, the Indian Army on Wednesday unveiled 'Battle of Minds-Indian Army Quiz 2023' here to foster knowledge among the youth.

This landmark initiative, symbolized by the newly revealed logo, underscores Army's commitment to nurturing intellectual growth and inspiring young minds across the nation. The event celebrates the past and aims to ignite a spirit of curiosity and learning among the youth, shaping the leaders of tomorrow, officials said.

The event was attended by Lieutenant General MV Suchindra Kumar, Vice Chief of the Army Staff. Param Vir Chakra Awardees Subedar Major (Honorary Captain) Yogendra Singh Yadav (Retired) and Subedar Major Sanjay Kumar were also present along with Principals from schools across 36 states and Union Territories of India.

The initiative reaches out to approximately 1.5 lakh schools across the country with rep-



registration by approximately 15000 schools. Thus, the competition is expected to engage approximately 1.5 crore students across the nation. Schools will participate with teams of three students plus one reserve.

Teams from co-educational schools will have at least one female student. Participants will be in the age group 10 to 16 years (that is broadly standard six to ten). The contest will be conducted in a hybrid i.e. online and offline mode. Beginning at the regional Command level, the competition will then progress to the Inter-Command and finally culminate at the nation-

## India will become a developed nation by 2047, says Minister

UP Labour and Employment Minister Anil Rajbhar said that India will become a developed nation by 2047. Inaugurating the development exhibition of the state government on the theme Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas Sabka Vishwas Sabka Prayas' and 'Mati Ko Naman Veero Ko Vandan' programme at Shaheed Udyan (Sigra) here on Tuesday by cutting the ribbon, he said that the direction and condition of the country has changed due to the foresight of the PM, it will change even more in the coming days. District Magistrate (DM) S Rajalingam, Chief Development Officer (CDO) Himanshu Nagpal and others were also present on the occa-

Earlier, the Minister also inaugurated a development exhibition at Circuit House. On the occasion of Independence Day, Divisional Commissioner Kaushal Raj Sharma hoisted the national flag at the divisional office, DM at Collectorate, CDO at Vikas Bhavan and Vice-Chairman Abhishek Goyal at Varanasi Development Authority (VDA). On the occasion, the officers administered the pledge of Panch Pran to the officers and employees. While inaugurating the exhibition, Anil Rajbhar honoured freedom fighters, personnel of armed and paramilitary forces, police, dependents of martyrs



UP Minister Anil Rajbhar inaugurating a development exhibition in Varanasi on Tuesday.

Banaras Hindu University (BHU), Vice-Chancellor (V-C) Prof Sudhir Kumar Jain hoisted the flag at Malviya Bhavan. After this, the VC hoisted the flag at Amphi-theatre grounds where he was given guard of honour by NCC cadets. The students of Central Hindu Girls School enthralled everyone by presenting a colourful cultural programme filled with patriotism. In his speech, Prof Jain said that after attaining independence, we should consider where we have reached on the path of development. The V-C also hoisted the flag at the International Hostel. The flag was hoisted on all the institutes, faculties, departments, hostels and major buildings including

the Sir Sunderlal Hospital (SSH) and Trauma Centre located in the university. The main function was also attended by Registrar Prof Arun Kumar Singh. Finance Officer Dr Abhay Kumar Thakur, Controller of Examinations Prof NK Mishra, Joint Registrar (Finance) Dr Sanjay Kumar and many others.

The V-C Prof Anand Kumar Tyagi hoisted the flag in front of the historic main building in Sampurnanand Sanskrit University. He also hoisted the flag at Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapeeth (MGKV). Speaking at the SSU, he said, "India has been the land of knowledge, the most powerful medium of this knowledge has been embedded in the divine language At 95 Battalion of the

Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) here, a padyatra was taken out under the leadership of Deputy Inspector General (DIG) of CRPF Surendra Chaudhary which was attended by Commandant Anil Kumar Braksh and others. After reading out the names of the awarded officers, subordinate officers and personnel by the DIG, sweets were distributed. Nitindra Kumar. Second Commanding Officer, Commanding Officer, Umakant Ojha, Navneet Kumar, Deputy Commandant, Abhishek Kumar Singh, Vinod Kumar Singh, Sujay Yaday Assistant Commandant and other CRPF personnel attended the programme.

## Yogi, Anurag to attend Y20 Summit

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

The Y20 Summit under G-20 will be organised in the city from August 17 to 20. The summit will bring together leading experts, decision makers, national and international delegates/ representatives from G-20 countries, knowledge partner (IIM Raipur), academic partners (universities / institutions) to negotiate, finalise and signing the Y20 Communiqué created from the conclusions of discussions from past few months.

Giving this information while talking to the reporters here on Wednesday, Director, Department of Youth Affairs, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Pankaj Kumar Singh said that the Y20 Summit will be graced by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Anurag Singh Thakur and other dignitaries.

"The Y20 Summit will provide opportunities for collaboration and networking with other stakeholders and contribute to the development of young people," he said, urging all relevant stakeholders to take



Youth Affairs Ministry officers, DM S Rajalingam telling about Y20 Summit in Varanasi on Wednesday.

advantage of this opportunity to learn, network and engage with one another.

Communiqué will showcase the substance of our common vision across the five identified themes and will make sure that the voices of young people are heard by those who make the highestlevel decisions on policy. "The Y20 is one of the official engagement groups of the G-20 for organising discussions pan-India," he said.

Y20 provides a platform for youth to express their voices and ideas on G-20 priorities," he said, adding that the five identified themes of Y20 are future of work (industry 4.0, innovation and ing and reconciliation (ushering in an era of no war), climate change and disaster risk reduction (making sustainability a way of life), shared future (youth in democracy and governance) and health wellbeing and sports (agenda for youth).

According to him, the Summit will also provide youth a global perspective on current themes to become aware of new opportunities, build selfconfidence and self-esteem,

allow an opportunity to interact with Indian policy-makers and make suggestions, encourage about local problems, build perception that youth are active agents not passive recipients of knowledge and interaction with mixed group to build networks. Further, it will provide Indian knowledge institutions a perspective on the value of international consultations and force them to be aware that the world outside can affect us, and gives them hands-on experience for organizing consultations," Singh

## 22 railway personnel awarded for outstanding performance

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE PRAYAGRAJ

The 77th independence 2.7
was celebrated with great he 77th Independence Day enthusiasm and at North Central Railway (NCR) headquarters office here. The program started with flag hoisting by General Manager Satish Kumar. He inspected the parade of Railway Protection Force (RPF), Bharat Scout and Guides and St John Ambulance Brigade. The GM also awarded 22 railway personnel for outstanding performance. The awardees included Shailendra Kumar Pal-Senior Section Engineer (SSE), Engg./Bridge Line Agra, Amit Kumar-Sr. Engg./IT, Ashish Kumar -Reservation Supervisor, Information Technology Cell, Satpal Singh – Office Superintendent/ Personnel, Vidyabhushan Shah - Senior Section Officer/ Mechanical, Gagan Upadhyay - Junior Engineer /Signal & Telecom, Harish Kumar Baghel - Senior Technician/Mechanical, Umesh Chandra Maintainer/Engineering, Mahesh Chandra - Pointsman, Dheeraj - Sub-Inspector/RPF, Prem Chandra Agarwal -SSE/Electrical General, Nitesh Asthana Junior Engineer/Electrical, Raju Lal Meena - Track Maintainer, Rakesh Saroj- SSE /Engineering, Manoj Kumar Yadav- Head Constable /RPF, Vikram Singh - Head Constable/RPF, Karamveer



Junior Engineer/ CMLR Jhansi, Narendra Kumar Jain - SSE/

Workshop Jhansi. GM Satish Kumar and president, North Central Railway Women's Welfare Organisation, Ruby Rani Singh released tricolour balloons in the air. The GM flagged off 14 vehicles provided for 14 RPF posts in Prayagraj division. The dog squad of RPF demonstrated its efficiency by performing various demonstra-

Cultural performances were presented by the members of NCR's cultural team. The GM gave extended greetings to all employees, officers of NCR and their families on

Independence Day. The GM said "our undeterred efforts towards excellence in NCR are yielding results as we clocked a very impressive growth of around 13 per cent (pc) in gross originating earning up to June in current financial year. We have also registered a growth of 17.85 pc in passenger earnings by carrying 35.51 pc more passengers in comparison to first quarter of last year. Our sundry earning has also pegged up by 147.8 pc in comparison to last year".

NĆR is on the path to revamp its stations and developing them as the face of the

city they serve, as city centres and as the hub of commercial activities. We are also redeveloping 52 stations of NCR at the cost of almost Rs 3300 crore, he said. These include 15 Amrit Bharat stations of each division and station redevelopment is being undertaken at Prayagraj, Kanpur, Virangana Laxmibai Jhansi, Gwalior, Khajuraho and Mathura etc. Out of these the foundation stone has already been laid for 13 stations by PM and works have commenced

To provide safe and convenient travelling environment to passengers, four new FOBs at Kanspur Gugauli, Jaswantnagar, Kurasti Kalan and Antri stations have been constructed this year. The height of platforms has been raised at Band Baretha and Aihai stations along with extension of platform at Ajhai

Station. In our efforts towards strengthening safety, we have eliminated level crossing gate and in addition three level crossing gates have been interlocked this year, he said. With a view to enhance safety, our assets are being upgraded, updated and overhauled.

The safety department is working relentlessly to imbibe safe working practices among staff. Safety wings have con-

ducted seven safety drives during current financial year. It has also felicitated 22 staff for showing exemplary alertness towards safety during working uptill July during 2023-24. Besides 22 employees who had contributed in protection of lives, innovation and improvement in working besides safety and security etc were given award on Independence Day. To enhance fire safety, 17 stations/locations have been provisioned with fire alarm system Besides, 475 coaches and 50 power cars of NCR have been fitted with fire smoke detection and suppression system and remaining coaches will be equipped with this system by end of current year.

Security of passenger is also of prime importance and security personnel are always alert towards passenger security and safety of Railway property. The RPF team rescued 219 kids under Operation 'Nanhe Farishte' and under Operation 'Narcos' caught 57 drug pedlars and recovered banned substances worth Rs 98.50 lakh. They have also rescued lives of eight passengers under Operation Jeevan Raksha and nabbed 83 unauthorized ticket agents under operation 'Uplabdh' to curb blackmarketing of tickets.

A senior Citizen Waiting Room facility has been provided in Central Hospital, Prayagraj. The Health department has also conducted special health check-up camps. The NCR work study cell is

also conducting MDP programmes for supervisors and during its recently conducted 125th programme it has trained

## Village adopted as a part of social initiative drive

Singh Chahar - Traffic

Inspector, Raj Kumar – Ch. Office Superintendent/Stores,

Ashok Kumar Meena - SSE/

Signal & Telecom, Kedar

Prabhakar Bhujang - SSE/ Mechanical, Ashutosh Meena -

The 24 Equipment Depot, The 24 Equipment Depoi, Air Force Station Manauri has adopted Akbarpur Sallahapur village as a part of its social initiative drive. Air Commodore Angshuk Pal, Air Office Commanding 24 Equipment Depot and Roma Sinha Pal, President AFFWA(L) celebrated Independence Day with students, teachers and staff of the primary school Sallahapur. Books and the school.

IIIT-A: To mark the Independence Day at Indian Institute of Information Technology, Allahabad, Director Prof Mukul Sharad Sutawane hoisted the national flag at the administrative building on Tuesday.

In his address he emphasised that it is the duty of all of us to serve the country. He said that from 1947 to 2023 our country was progressing in

chapter is being written in the history of our country in various fields including sports, education, technology and military

He appealed to all that the doors of new progress in technology, science, space exploration and economic development have to be opened. At the same time, we all have to take the institute to a new height by working sincerely towards our make its proper contribution to the nation and the society. He also hoisted the tricolor at NCC Bhavan and took salute from the

BHS: The 77th Independence Day programme was cel-

ebrated with enthusiasm at the Boys' High School (BHS)and College. Principal DA Luke hoisted the tricolour amidst the singing of the national anthem and the salute was given by NCC cadets and all students present. College Captain Ansh Mishra led the students to take the pledge. It was followed by a cultural programme put up by students of various classes. The students of classes playway, nursery and prep put up a beautiful The students of classes I, II and III performed a dance 'We love our India. Advaya Rai of class XII delivered a speech in English where he stressed on what our new India is all about. The stu-

showed us 'Naya Bharat - a nation of possibilities' where they highlighted the women achievers of free India first and foremost being President Draupadi Murmu.

The classes VI and VII portrayed the life of a soldier in their programme titled 'Janbaaz hum Hindustan ke. Kartik Raj of class XII delivered a speech in Hindi which was much appreciated by the audience. The students of classes VIII to X pershowed that India is all about unity in diversity 'Hues of Harmony'.

The school choir sang the beautiful song 'Lehra Do'. The college band performed a patri-

Date of Demand Name

#### SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd, 3rd Floor, Plot No- 23, New Rohtak Road,

dents of classes IV and V

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Bank Limited.

No	T	of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	of Branch				
1	Sarvesh Prasad/ Vijeta Rani/ LBMRT00002440050	House No. 116, Min Khasra No 514, Global City, Revenue Village Abdullapur, Pargana Tehsil and District Meerut Uttar Pradesh Meerut- 250001/ August 11, 2023	January 02, 2023 Rs. 21,02,000/-	Meerut/ Delhi				
Th	The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else							

the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date : August 17, 2023 Place : Delhi Authorized Officer ICICI Bank Limited

Branch Office: ICICI Bank Limited, Shal Tower, Plot No-23, New Rohtak Road

## Karol Bagh New Delhi-110005

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v	with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Bank Limited.						
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		(28300000737/ QZROH00005004074) & Police Chokki, Sector- 8, Haryana	Khewat No. 784 Khotani No. 830, Kila No. 152/1/1 6-12 10 Moja Meham Meham Rohtak, Haryana/ August 11, 2023	June 03, 2021 Rs. 18,40,842/-	Faridabad/ Rohtak		

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Authorized Officer Date: August 17, 2023 Place : Faridabad & Rohtak **ICICI Bank Limited** 

## 28 pc rise in passengers' flow



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE VARANASI

During the last four months during the current financial year, Varanasi Division of North Eastern Railway (NER) has registered a rise of 28.60 per cent in passengers' flow around 1.59 crore people travelled by trains in this period, informed the Divisional Railway Manager (DRM) Vineet Kumar Srivastava while addressing the Independence Day programme at Railway Stadium here on Tuesday. Srivastava said that during this period this NER division has earned Rs 387.87 crore from passenger traffic, which is 21.77 per cent more than the same period last year.

Similarly, the division has earned 4.25 crore from other sources, a rise of 4.67 per cent, he said, adding that by July last, total railway revenue of Rs 15.09 crore has been received from the passengers travelling in trains caught without tickets and irregular tickets apart from carrying without

"Till July in the current financial year,

Rs 428.07 crore has been received as gross revenue, including Rs 409.59 crore from coaching, Rs 14.22 crore from goods traffic and Rs 4.25 crore from sundry income," said Srivastava.

According to him, in order to hoist the national flag at 75 busiest stations of Indian Railways to express loyalty to the unity and integrity of the country, so far 100 feet high national flags have been hoisted at 12 stations of Varanasi Division

"It is a matter of pride for us that under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, the foundation stone for the redevelopment of 508 stations of Indian Railways including five stations of Varanasi Division was laid by Prime Minister Narendra Modi through remote video conferencing recently," he said, adding that prior to that the PM had laid the foundation stone of railway projects worth more than Rs 8,200 crore at a function organised in Wajidpur in Varanasi.

The DRM said that by changing the terminal of seven pairs of trains from Varanasi Junction (Ĉantt) railway station of Northern Railway (NR), these trains are now being run from Banaras station and two pairs of trains from Varanasi City of NER. In the recent months, LHB rakes have been added to three pairs of trains and with this, a total of 21 mail/express and superfast trains equipped with modern technology with provision of rakes LHB coaches in this division of NER, he

Asset Recovery Branch, No.6, 3rd Floor, Opp: Metro Pillar No: 80, Pusa Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi – 110 005 Ph: 011-35008283 Mob: 7823919520 | Email : arbdelhi@kvbmail.com (KVB) Karur Vysya Bank E-AUCTION NOTICE: E-AUCTION ON 05.09.2023 PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES UNDER SARFAESI ACT, 2002 Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) along with Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, The Karur Vysya Bank Ltd, symbolic possession has been taken by the Authorized Officer of The Karur Vysya Bank Ltd., Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is" 'As is what is", "without recourse", and "Whatever there is" and "Without recourse" as per given details below

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approximately 25.90 Sq. Meters each. Details of borrower: Kamla Nagar Branch Name of Borrower - M/s Charul Enterprises Represented by its roprietor Mr Himanshu Malik Š/o Mr.Baljeet Singh Malik R /O B-6/102, Block-6, Sector-5, Rohini, Delhi 10085 (2) Mr. Shailender Singh, S/o Mr. Attar Singh R/O B-6-102, Block-6, Sector-5, Rohini, Delhi – 110085 The Total due: As on 13.08.2023 is Rs. 1,20,94,663.43 (Rupees One Crore Twenty Lakh Ninety Four housand Six Hundred Sixty Three and Paisa Forty Three Only) as on 13.08.2023 with further interest

Costs, other charges and expenses thereon. Mortgage Assets: Residential flat built up at No 284 and No 285 Block-B, Pocket-9, Sector-5, Rohini- 110

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## **Irregularities**

CAG report points at lapses in Ayushman Bharat and expressway projects

In a democracy, transparency, accountability and effective governance are the cornerstones of a thriving society. However, recent revelations from the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) report have once again brought to the fore some glaring irregularities plaguing flagship government initiatives such as Ayushman Bharat and major infrastructure projects like expressways. These irregularities not only cast doubts on the efficient utilisation of public funds but also highlight the dire need for robust oversight mechanisms to ensure their successful implementation. The Ayushman Bharat scheme, launched with the noble intention of providing universal health care access to millions of Indians, has been marred by allegations of mismanagement and irregularities. The CAG report red flags inflated the project cost of the Dwarka Expressway, which went up 14 times from the sanctioned Rs18 crore/km to Rs 250 crore/km. A performance audit by the CAG also found several discrepancies in India's public health assur-



ance scheme Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) that led to crores of rupees in expenditure on ineligible beneficiaries. The faults in the database of AB-PMJAY include invalid names, unrealistic dates of birth, duplicate health IDs and unrealistic family sizes. CAG has raised similar questions on irregularities in the Ayodhya Development Project and the diversion of old-age pension funds under the National Social Assistance Programme for publicity of the Modi government's schemes.

Similarly, the CAG report's scrutiny of expressway projects brings to light discrepancies in project execution and financial management. Expressways are

critical arteries for economic growth, connecting remote regions and facilitating faster movement of goods and people. However, the report's revelations of cost overruns, delays and questionable contract awarding processes showcase a lack of due diligence in project planning and implementation. The implications of these irregularities are far-reaching. First and foremost, they erode public confidence in the government's commitment to its promises. The failure to ensure transparency and accountability not only threatens these initiatives' success but also perpetuates scepticism regarding the effectiveness of government policies. Secondly, financial mismanagement and irregularities result in wastage of taxpayer money, diverting resources away from more pressing needs. In a country where basic amenities and social services often remain inadequate, every rupee misspent on inflated claims or inefficient project execution represents a lost opportunity to uplift lives and enhance public welfare. Such financial missteps can have longlasting repercussions, hindering the nation's progress. Furthermore, the media, civil society and citizens have a pivotal role to play in holding the government accountable for its actions. Public awareness, open discussions and informed debates can push authorities to rectify irregularities and instil a culture of responsiveness.



Dark clouds above the Mahatma Gandhi statue at the Delhi Legislative Assembly building in New Delhi

## Japanification of China: Is it on the cards?



UMANG KOHLI

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

here is some compelling argument, that China may be on track for a new wave of 'Japanification', a term being used by economists around the world to compare China's present-day economic condition with that of Japan in the 1990s. some similarities are striking for eg Beijing's property market two years ago was as bubbly as Tokyo's property market two decades ago, however within a few months in the late 1990s Japan lost 60% of its property value. China has lost 50% of its property value in the last two years, so is it a detonation of a time bomb set ticking by a property bubble in the case of China too?

The 1990s had pitched Japan off a trajectory on which it once seemed capable of overtaking the US. China too looked like overtaking the US three years ago and now looks off track with a sluggish growth outlook.

Both countries entered extended phases of strong GDP growth via investment in infrastructure and the encouragement of exports. Between 2010 and 2020, there was 43 per cent of Chinese GDP growth and when the Japanese bubble burst in 1990, the capital formation proportion was at roughly 36 per cent.

Japan and China also similarly financed their growth. Not only are there similarities between demography and the property bubble there is also a parallel between the two nations concerning their relationships with the US. As Japan's trade surplus grew, competitive friction with America escalated to an outright trade war in the 1990s. In the same way now certain sections of the West are talking about decoupling from China because of its expansionist policies. These similarities may not be exact equivalents, but many economists feel the effect could be.

An overall analysis of the situation nowever snows that most economists may be wrong. China is not like Japan politically, culturally or even geographically. While Japan has been investment has been done in



Why China may never be susceptible to 'Japanification' is a fact that it has built a capacity on land and on the sea to generate infrastructure demand at will. It's an effort to make ports and create artificial islands pointing in that direction. The other reason is that

Japan never tried to do.

China has developed its research and technology infrastructure alongside its manufacturing sector, which gives it an edge in innovation which is a currency of the future. China's economy is diversified and apart from manufacturing a lot of



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research and innovation. It has made itself very strong in the Semiconductor industry and the bulk of its sectors are technology driven. China has also been supplying liq-uidity through various channels like cyber extortion and this corrupt underbelly may also help fight deflation.

The geographical area of influence of China is quite large and it spreads across all continents which acts as a deterrent towards any drastic fall in the economic growth. China's expansionist tendencies are also likely to aid them economically. One of the major reasons why China wants complete control over Taiwan is economic.

Quoting from the Chinese white paper, "Taiwan boasts a high level of economic growth and robust foreign trade. Its economy is highly complementary with lines establish the intent of China to mix its geo-politi-cal ambitions with econom-

In a nutshell, China is not dependent on the West for its growth to sustain where Japan was. China has in the last two decades made several economies partially or dependent on itself. Major economies of Europe including Germany are dependent on China for critical raw materials, which are needed for the transition to cleaner

energy and transport. Australia too is largely dependent on China for its sustenance, with twenty-five per cent of its manufactured imports coming from it.

In Asia, countries like Pakistan and Iran are dependent on China for their survival and are a major market for Chinese goods. Hence, no matter what most economists may 'Japanification' of the People's Republic of China is a far cry and their analysis

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### THE EDITOR **INDIA'S ECONOMIC JOURNEY** Sir - India celebrates its 77th

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**GROWTH** 

## Libraries are repositories of knowledge, must be revived



Library is the temple of knowledge and even in this digital era, thousands of people depend solely on public libraries for knowledge gathering

Libraries symbolize the progress of civilization," ⊿Droupadi Murmu, President of India. Every year National Librarian's Day is celebrated commemorating the birth anniversary of Padmashri Dr. S. R. Ranganathan, the father of Library Science in India. He was the doyen of library science in India who developed the systematic classification of books, the colon classification and also penned the five laws of library science. The five laws he developed - Books are for use, Every reader, his book, Every book, its reader, Save the time of the reader; and A library is a growing organism, form the fundamental tenet of a library. Very often most of our librarians forget these principles and behave in an unwelcoming manner towards the readers.

They often forget that books are for the use of readers. This is more evident in libraries managed by schools, colleges and research institutions. The culture being followed in most of our schools and colleges is how to make stu-



locked safely in shelves and many poor books are awaiting a reader to touch its pages. Even in colleges accredited with very high ranks students are not allowed free usage of the library. In libraries managed by research institutions, the situation is more pathetic. They will not entertain the public to utilize their facility or even if they allow there will be several do's and don't's, as if the reader is in a high-security area. Once there is a restriction no youngster will enter that zone further in his lifetime.

Reading is a skill that can be nurtured only through active reading and librarians have a larger role to play. A good librarian is as good as many cases, the users have to dents keep away from the a good encyclopaedia. A pay extra to use the comput-platforms.

good librarian can bring attitudinal change in our youngsters. There are a few good librarians who keep interacting with the readers and inspiring them to read the new books available in the library. He should act as an agent for knowledge dissemination.

The library is a growing organism and its growth is possible only with the help of a good librarian. A good librarian should bring changes in the library culture that suites the present time. Even though the culture of silence should be maintained in the library, there should be allocated spaces for readers to make active discussions within the library. In some good libraries like IIM Trichy, there are even spaces where readers can lie down relax and read. Similarly in many libraries usage of laptops is restricted. Present day generation is more convenient in taking notes on their electronic devices rather than on paper. In most of the publicly supported libraries digital resources are also available, but in er system, even if they have a valid membership. The digital resources available in the library should be made accessible to all members even from their homes, as the British Council libraries are doing.

Library is the temple of knowledge and even in this digital era, thousands of people depend solely on public libraries for knowledge gathering. For students from economically marginalized sections, they are the sole resource material for the preparation of competitive examinations. Even though there are differences of opinion regarding the need for a physical library, the fact is that no digital library can replace the physical library in its role and function. Information in this era can indeed be gathered from our smartphones, but progress in human culture and civilization can happen only through libraries. The librarians of this generation should not only act as facilitators in locating appropriate books but also act as facilitators in finding authentic resources from digital

Independence Day, reflecting on its remarkable economic journey since gaining freedom. The nation's economic history unfolds through distinct phases. Preindependence: Enduring British colonial rule for two centuries, India grappled with resource exploitation and limited industrialization. Despite an agrarian economy, indigenous handicrafts rivaled British products, yet India's global income share dwindled from 22.6% (1700) to 3.8% (1952). Post-independence: Embracing a mixed economy, India combined public and regulated private sectors. Strategies like import-substitution industrialization, land reforms, and 3.5% annual GDP growth (1950-1980) played crucial roles.

Transformation: The 1970s brought a green revolution and Gulf migration, propelling GDP growth to 5.4% (1980-1990). The pivotal reforms of 1991 initiated trade and investment liberalization, leading to IT growth and a 6.7% GDP rise (1990-2010). India's narrative reveals progress and obstacles. The 2000s showcased high growth at 8.4% (2003-2011), though challenges like inequality and corruption persisted. India, currently the fifth-largest economy by PPP GDP at \$11.33 trillion in 2020, is set to surpass Japan and Germany by 2028 (\$19.59 trillion), with 6.2% average annual growth. Driven by factors like a young population, competitive industries, global integration, and reforms, challenges such as poverty, inequality, governance, environment, Covid-19, and climate remain. There is potential for India to become the thirdlargest economy by 2028 if its strengths are leveraged. India's future success hinges on addressing challenges while sustaining balanced growth.

Amarjeet Kumar | Hazaribagh

### **SHANTI SWAROOP BHATNAGAR AWARDS**

Sir — The cessation of the coveted Shanti Swaroop Bhatnagar awards for emerging young scientists is a major setback for scientific temper, which the Government is

### **CM vs Governor in Tamil Nadu**



amil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin and his state government boycotted the customary 'At Home' reception at Raj Bhavan hosted by Governor R.N. Ravi on the evening of Independence Day. The boycott is over the alleged "confusion" created in higher education and universities, as well as the refusal of the Governor to give assent to bills adopted by the state legislature. The controversial statements of the Tamil Nadu Governor are also cited as another reason for the state government's boycott of the reception. Chief Minister Stalin charged that the

Governor has been making unkind statements in public forums. The Governor has publicly stated that, left to him, he would never give assent to the Bill seeking exemption for Tamil Nadu from NEET for undergraduate medical admissions. Stalin said. "The Governor refuses to understand that students and their parents from poor. downtrodden, and the middle class are losing their dreams and opportunities." The Chief Minister also said that the statements of the Governor have come as a shock to the students and said that R.N. Ravi has made irresponsible statements insulting the anti-NEET protests that have been ongoing in Tamil Nadu for several months. The Chief Minister also said that he would write a letter to the President on August 14, reiterating the request for her assent to the NEET exemption Bill re-adopted by the Tamil Nadu state Legislative Assembly. With this, the President of India must remove the TN governor immediately.

Bhagwan Thadani | Mumbai

duty-bound to inculcate for a nation's progress. Instituted in 1958, the awards are given every year in seven scientific disciplines: Physics, Biology, Engineering, Mathematics, Medicine, Chemistry, and Earth Sciences. These awards have had a formidable track record in terms of identifying future scientists. Over 25 awardees have become fellows of the Royal Society, 15 of them foreign associates of the National Academy of Sciences in the U.S., and many more are fellows of the World Academy of Sciences. Additionally, others have received Padma Awards, indicating that they have gone on to achieve great things in life. The Government must reconsider its decision, as it sends a wrong signal to the scientific fraternity, in particular, and aspiring youngsters, in general. Vijay Singh Adhikari | Almora

### **ALL-PARTY MEET ON MANIPUR**

Sir — Congress leader in Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury's brainchild of holding an all-party peace rally in ethnically vio-

lence-torn Manipur is not only worth mature reflection but will also be pragmatic if implemented. Hearteningly, Mr. Chowdhury has also urged PM Narendra Modi to lead an all-party delegation to this northeastern state and hold a 'peace rally' there with a view to putting an end to the unabated violence and bringing back peace. He added that the delegation will also join the India TV show "Aap Ki Adalat." On the face of it, right-thinking and impartial people will find no locus standi to oppose the idea of restoring peace by ending violence in Manipur or elsewhere in the country. When it comes to maintaining the country's 'Unity in Diversity' global image, all leaders, regardless of their political or ideological differences, are expected to stand by each other for the country's sake, as the country comes

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## **FIRST COLUMN LOGISTICS MARKETING CAN MAKE YOU WINNER**

Adapting to latest marketing strategies is crucial to get a competitive edge



The logistics industry is undergoing constant transformation, driven by I changing consumer expectations, advancements in technology, and global market dynamics. These shifts present both challenges and opportunities for businesses operating in this sector. To maintain a competitive edge and surpass competitors, companies must adapt their marketing strategies to the ever-evolving logistics environment. In this article **Understanding the Changing Dynamics of the Logistics Industry** 

In recent years, the logistics industry has experienced significant trans-

formations. The exponential growth of e-commerce has created a surge in demand for efficient and reliable delivery services. Consumers now expect quick shipping, transparent tracking, and hassle-free return processes. Additionally, globalization has expanded supply chains, requiring streamlined logistics operations on a global scale. To effectively navigate these changes, businesses must possess a profound understanding of the new dynamics at play.

**Embracing Technological Innovations** 

Technology is revolutionizing the logistics industry, providing innovative solutions to long-standing challenges. Autonomous vehicles, drones, artificial intelligence, and blockchain are reshaping every aspect of the supply chain. By leveraging technology, businesses can optimize their marketing efforts. Data analytics and machine learning algorithms enable companies to identify patterns and trends in consumer behaviour, allowing for targeted and personalized marketing campaigns. Smart logistics solutions offer real-time tracking and visibility, enhancing the customer experience



**Personalization and Customer-Centric Marketing** 

In today's information-saturated world, personalized experiences hold great value for consumers. Generic mass marketing approaches no longer capture their attention effectively. Instead, businesses need to adopt customer-centric marketing strategies that focus on delivering tailored experiences. By utilizing customer data, companies can understand preferences, shopping habits, and pain points. Armed with this information, they can create targeted content, personalized recommendations, and customized promotions. Such personalized approaches not only increase customer engagement but also foster brand loyalty and advocacy.

**Content Marketing and Thought Leadership** 

Content marketing has emerged as a powerful tool for businesses to establish thought leadership and engage with their target audience. By creating valuable and informative content, companies can position the as industry experts and build trust among potential customers. In the logistics industry, businesses can develop a content strategy that addresses the pain points and challenges faced by their target audience. Consistently producing high-quality content and sharing it through various channels such as websites, social media platforms, and industry forums allows businesses to attract a loyal following and establish themselves as trusted sources

### **Leveraging social media and Influencer Marketing**

Social media platforms have become integral to marketing strategies across industries, including the logistics sector. Businesses can utilize social media channels to engage with their target audience, showcase their expertise, and raise brand awareness. Compelling social media content that highlights the value proposition of a logistics company can attract followers and drive engagement. By understanding the changing dynamics, embracing technological innovations, adopting personalization and customer-centric approaches, leveraging content marketing, and thought leadership, and utilizing social media and influencer marketing, companies can stay ahead of the competition and effectively reach their target audience. By remaining agile innovative, and customer-focused, companies can navigate the changing logistics landscape and drive growth in an increasingly competitive market.

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## Impact of climate change on tribals





There is an urgent need for structured financial mechanisms to curb the tribal community's reliance on unregulated and predatory lending practices

 ndigenous populations worldwide are highly sensitive to climatic shifts, mainly due to their prominent dependence on natural resources and environment for livelihood. The tribal communities predominantly rely on agriculture and forest resources for both their economic needs and socio-cultural practices. Amidst the uncertainties surrounding agricultural outputs and forest resource availability due to climate change, they have to move into newer economic territories, each with its set of transactional risks. They have no option but to navigate their economic activities through a blend of both formal and informal institutional mechanisms while their transactional risks are continuously aggravated by environmental as well as policy-induced changes.

The global scenario indicates that for native tribes like the Navajo and Hopi, the climate change impacts have disrupted their traditional farming cycles, increased their economic vulnerabilities, and pushed them towards alternative livelihoods and financial transactions. For aboriginals in Australia, with land and sea integral to their culture and economy, rising sea levels and temperature fluctuations are creating problems altering their fishing and hunting patterns, thereby affecting their traditional barter systems and pushing them into unknown domains of mainstream economic structures. The indigenous communities in the Amazon basin dependent on the forest and river ecosystems face threats from unpredictable rainfall and deforestation which not only impact their daily sustenance but also introduce new financial transactions as they seek alternative income sources. The increasing occurrences of natural disasters and expanse as well as the severity of wildfires coupled with the devastation of biodiversity and ecosystems are affecting the lives and livelihoods of all including the global economy.

The tribal communities of northeast India are grappling with changing monsoon patterns altering their cultivation patterns and age-old economic transactions pushing them towards newer financial systems. In Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, irregular rainfall patterns are disturbing the agricultural cycles, thereby influencing their economic choices and behaviours. In central India too the tribal economy, characterized by its reliance on agriculture and forestry resources, is experiencing exacerated vuinerabilities in terms of transaction al risks due to climate change. A study by the authors including concerned specialists into transactional risks and adaptive strategies of indigenous communities of selected districts of Odisha, Jharkhand and Maharashtra states of India has resulted in significant learnings and lessons.

The attempt at examining a century's worth of temperature and rainfall data to discern climate change's fingerprints and its potential effects uncovered significant shifts. Although monthly temperatures, when averaged over 100 years, seemed consistent; there was a pronounced increase of 0.5 to 1 degree Celsius in November and December temperatures across all studied districts. Furthermore, a detailed assessment indicated altered rainfall patterns in most districts, particularly during October and November, which experienced heightened precipitation.

The study utilized thirteen distinct parameters to delve into the intricate relationship between economic dynamics and transactional behaviours, potentially influ-





COMMUNITIES OF THE NORTHEAST ARE GRAPPLING WITH CHANGING MONSOON **PATTERNS** ALTERING THEIR CULTIVATION PATTERNS AND AGE-OLD **ECONOMIC** TRANSACTIONS, **PUSHING THEM TOWARDS NEWER FINANCIAL SYSTEMS** 

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the three states showcased a diverse array of variations, illuminating both the different levels of developmental strategies in place and the unique socio-economic conditions of the tribal communities there.

Banks for savings and credit facilities are more prominently utilized in Odisha and Maharashtra than in Jharkhand. Over time, the dependence on money lenders has decreased in all three states. However, their presence remains significant in Odisha and Jharkhand, unlike Maharashtra where Cooperative Banks are a favoured go-to for credit requirements. A significant portion of the respondents across these states engage in agriculture and daily wage labour. Vegetable cultivation, as supplementary to Rabi and Kharif crops, is notably lesser in Odisha compared to Maharashtra and Jharkhand, indicating weaker development in the concerned sectors. Ödisha's agricultural challenges stem from fluctuating temperatures, erratic rainfall, insufficient governmental aid, and issues in post-harvest and irrigation.

Maharashtra's primary agricultural concerns are financial, accompanied by unpredictable rainfall and prominently stated inadequate technological guidance and government assistance. Jharkhand's agriculture faces hardships primarily due to climatic variations, pest control, post-harvest challenges, and irrigation deficits. A common sentiment across the states revolves around increasing temperatures; dwindling water, forest, and agricultural resources; and shifting rainfall patterns. Despite feeling the effects, many respondents don't attribute

cept of climate change, often dismissing them as mere weather anomalies. This lack of awareness is compounded by the absence of effective coping strategies, with many resorting to short-term solutions like decreasing consumption, selling assets, taking loans, or using up savings.

The study brought out the need for strategies that enhance agricultural yields with duly addressed regional differences and the synergy of farming techniques with particular environmental and societal conditions. There's a call for the revival of native crop types, safeguarding germplasm biodiversity, and the promotion of crops that can withstand climate-induced challenges. Advocacy for traditional methods such as diverse cropping systems, crop rotation, organic fer-tilization, and the cultivation of reliable seed varieties that can weather climate change is evident. With site-quality dependent poor agricultural productivity areas recognized under forest right of cultivation under the Forest Rights Act 2006, the importance of advanced studies aimed at boosting yields in such historically marginalized areas through agro-forestry, medicinal plants cultivation, and integrated farming approaches to bolster resilience against climate change becomes a priority. Simultaneously, proper execution of the Panchayat (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act 1996 and the Forest Rights Act 2006 in the scheduled and earmarked areas needs to be underscored, emphasizing the balance between conservation responsibilities and the resource rights of the

structured financial mechanisms to curb the tribal community's reliance on unregulated and potentially predatory lending practices that trap them in debt cycles. It requires an in-depth exploration of the tribal community's transactional behaviours to help banks and insurers in devising tailored financial solutions. Although state-specific variations are found to exist, states need to collaborate to share best practices, resources, and technological knowhow to assist indigenous communities tackle the challenges of climate change. Collaborative effort amongst governmental agencies, communities, and civil societies to address gaps in technology and knowledge in related sectors; institutionalization of robust awareness campaigns; public education; and streamlined agricultural advisory services to guide local communities equipping them with appropriate tools to help navigate both financial and market-driven challenges efficiently perhaps have no alternative.

Leveraging community soli-darity and collaboration is needed to strengthen the overall approach, drawing upon the deeply rooted values of unity and support inherent in tribal traditions. A special purpose vehicle needs to be created to identify specific measures to foster the sustainable growth of the tribal economy based on natural resources while merging traditional knowledge with modern technological advancements, enhancement of climate-aware governance, and empowerment of tribal communities with effective transactional behaviour risk averting strategies for both adaptation and

## Meditation techniques for restful awareness and inner silence

### There are many meditation techniques to choose from to get on the path of holistic living and perfect health

mbarking on the journey of meditation entails finding comfort in a poised posture, disconnecting from external distractions by silencing the phone and closing the door. Ensuring a tranquil environment devoid of pets, one gently shuts their eyes, settles into a comfortable stance, and begins the practice. Repeating the chosen mantra for approximately half an hour and then gradually opening the eyes bestows the gift of serene alertness. It is paramount to practice this technique for thirty minutes before breakfast and dinner, refraining from engaging in it immediately after meals. Let not meditation be misconstrued as

a mere soporific aid. The transcendent practice of meditation, as elucidat-



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ed by Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, is a gateway to profound relaxation and wakeful awareness in the annals of human understanding. It takes the form of mantra meditation, a method that holds immense potential. Substantial evidence attests that consistent engagement in meditation, devoting twenty minutes in both morning and evening, can effectively regulate adrenaline, noradrenaline, and cortisol levels in the bloodstream. This regulation subsequently leads to a substantial reduction in heart rate, blood pressure, and metabolism, concurrently fostering coherence in brainwave patterns.

Raj Yoga Meditation, a practice involving open-eyed concentration on a focal point, along with Japa meditation, pure silence, the thinking of

Sahaj Yoga meditation, and mindfulness meditation (focusing on breath awareness), are just a few among the numerous techniques available. Despite the diversity in methods, the ultimate objective remains singular: to delve into the realm of internal silence.

**Realms of Consciousness** 

In our existence, we often traverse through three levels of Waking, consciousness: Dreaming, and Sleeping. These states, though prevalent, are constructs of the mind and temporal. Yet, beyond these, lie deeper dimensions of awareness waiting to be explored.

•Atma Darshan or Thuria: Here, the direct experience of the soul and spirit unfolds. The encounter with thoughts, and the embodiment of pure potentiality and eternity bestow a touch of

Cosmic Consciousness: Within this realm, both local and non-local spirits converge in the lives of others, forming a state of witnessing. This level is achieved through repeated experiences of the

Divine Consciousness: This stage envelops the practitioner in a non-local spirit pervasive throughout creation. One senses inhabitation in a celestial world surrounded by

• Unified Consciousness: At the pinnacle, non-local spirit encompasses the entire universe, epitomizing the con-Kutumbkam." Miracles man- ence of stress-inducing mole-

ifest in cosmic consciousness, the ability to create miracles in divine consciousness, and everything becoming miraculous in unified consciousness. **Neurochemical Symphony** of Meditation's Benefits

Consciousness establishes a link through the autonomic nervous system, encompassing the sympathetic and parasympathetic systems, both intertwined with the physical and subtle body through chemical mediation. Adopting a tranquil mindset from the realms of consciousness stimulates parasympathetic activity, liberating an array of joy-inducing molecules like serotonin, acetylcholine, dopamine, oxytocin, and endorphins. In parallel, it quells sympathetic activity, diminishing the prescules such as epinephrine, norepinephrine, and steroids.

Elevated parasympathetic activity orchestrates a decrease in heart rate, blood pressure, blood clotting propensity, ulceration, and plaque rupture, and safeguards endothelial integrity and vascular health. Additionally, it mitigates cholesterol oxidation, collectively fostering heart health.

A Spiritual Perspective

Meditation also ushers us into realms of profound spiritual insight. As Jallaudin Rumi, the renowned Sufi poet, aptly stated, "You and me are unconditional spirits trapped into conditions." This realization leads us to transcend the confines of limitations, exploring our non-local, spaceless, timeless, and dimensionless

The revelations of quantum physics resonate with this perspective, depicting pure potentiality as a ceaselessly flowing quantum soup, the very essence of reality.

Through meditation, we embark on a path towards unity and oneness with consciousness, a journey exemplified by spiritual masters, philosophers, scientists, and luminaries from diverse tra-

By incorporating meditation into your routine, you can promote a healthy heart, prevent palpitations, and even halt or reverse the progression of coronary artery disease. It's a practice that harmonizes blood pressure and cholesterol levels, reducing the risk of stroke or

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## Russia hits Ukrainian grain depots again

 $R^{\text{ussia resumed its targeting}}_{\text{of grain infrastructure in}}$ Ukraine's southern Odesa region, local officials said Wednesday, using drones in overnight strikes on storage facilities and ports along the Danube River that Kyiv has increasingly used for grain transport to Europe after Moscow broke off a key wartime export deal through the Black Sea.

At the same time, a loaded container ship stuck at the port of Odesa since Russia's full-scale invasion more than 17 months ago set sail and was heading through the Black Sea to the Bosporus along a temporary corridor established by Ukraine for merchant shipping.

Ukraine's economy, crunched by the war, is heavily dependent on farming. Its agricultural exports, like those of Russia, are also crucial for world supplies of wheat, barley, sunflower oil and other food that developing nations rely on. After the Kremlin tore up a month ago an agreement brokered last summer by the UN and Turkey to ensure safe Ukraine grain exports through the Black Sea, Kyiv has sought to reroute transport through the Danube and road and rail links into Europe. But transport costs that way are much high-

have balked at the consequences for local grain prices, and the Danube ports can't handle the same volume as seaports. Odesa Gov Oleh Kiper said the primary targets of Russia's overnight drone bombardment were port terminals and grain silos, including at the ports in the Danube delta. Air defences managed to intercept 13 drones, according to Kiper. It was the latest attack

amid weeks of aerial strikes as Russia has targeted the Danube delta ports, which are only about 15 km (10 miles) from the Romanian border. The Danube is Europe's secondlongest river and a key transport route. Meanwhile, the container ship departing Odesa was the first vessel to set sail since July 16, according to Oleksandr Kubrakov, Ukraine's deputy prime minister. It had been stuck in Odesa since February 2022.

The Hong Kong-flagged Joseph Schulte was travelling down a temporary corridor that Ukraine asked the International Maritime Organisation to ratify. The United States has warned that the Russian military is preparing for possible attacks on civilian shipping vessels in the Black Sea. Sea mines also make the voyage risky, and ship insurance costs are likely to be



A granary destroyed in a Russian drone attack at night is seen in a Danube port near Odesa, Ukraine, early hours on Wednesday,

Ukrainian ports of Chornomorsk, Odesa and

Pivdennyi since the outbreak of

Ukrainian officials claimed

another milestone in Kyiv's

grinding counteroffensive, with

Deputy Defense Minister

Hanna Maliar saying troops

have retaken a village in the

eastern Donetsk region.The

village of Urozhaine is near

On the war's front line,

high for operators. Ukraine told the IMO it would would "provide guarantees of compensation for damage". Last Sunday, a Russian warship fired warning shots at a Palauflagged cargo ship in the south Black Sea. According to Russia's Defence Ministry, the Sukru Okan was heading northwards to the Ukrainian Danube River port of Izmail.Ship-tracking data analysed by The Associated Press confirmed that the Joseph Schulte was steaming south. The Joseph Schulte is carrying more than 30,000 tons of cargo, with 2,114

containers, including food Staromaiorske, a hamlet that products, according to Ukraine also claimed to have Kubrakov.He said the corridor captured recently. The claims could not be will be primarily used to evacuate ships stuck in the independently verified.

Ukraine appears to be try ing to drive a wedge between Russian forces in the south, but it is up against strong defensive lines and is advancing without

Also Wednesday, the Russian military said it shot down three drones over the Kaluga region southwest of Moscow and blamed the attack on Ukraine. No damage or casualties were reported.

## Nigeriens seek volunteers as junta faces regional threat

AP NIAMEY (NIGER)

Nigeriens are preparing for a possible invasion by countries in the region, three weeks after mutinous soldiers ousted the nation's democratically elected president.

Residents in the capital, Niamey, are calling for the mass recruitment of volunteers to assist the army in the face of a growing threat by the West African regional bloc, ECOW-AS, which says it will use military force if the junta doesn't reinstate deposed President Mohamed Bazoum.

ECOWAS has activated a "standby force" to restore order in Niger after the junta ignored a deadline to release and reinstate Bazoum. The initiative, spearhead by a group of locals in Niamey, aims to recruit tens of thousands of volunteers from across the country to register for the Volunteers for the Defence of Niger. The group would fight, assist with medical care, and provide technical and engineering logistics among other functions, in case the junta needs help, Amsarou Bako, one of the founders, told The Associated Press on Tuesday. "It's an eventuality. We

need to be ready whenever it happens," he said. The recruitment drive will launch Saturday in Niamey as well as in cities where invasion forces might enter, such as near the borders with Nigeria and Benin, two countries that have said they would participate in an intervention.

Anyone over 18 years old can register and the list will be given to the junta to call upon people if needed, said Bako. The junta is not involved but is aware of the initiative, he said.

Regional tensions are deepening as the standoff between Niger and ECOWAS shows no signs of defusing, despite signals from both sides that they are open to resolving the crisis peacefully. Last week the junta said it was open to dialogue with ECOWAS after rebuffing the bloc's multiple efforts at talks, but shortly afterwards charged Bazoum with "high treason" and recalled its ambassador from neighbouring Ivory Coast.ECOWAS defense chiefs are expected to meet this week for the first time since the bloc announced the deployment of the "standby" force.It's unclear when or if the force will invade, but it would probably include

several thousand troops and would have devastating consequences, conflict experts say.

"A military intervention with no end in sight risks triggering a regional war, with catastrophic consequences for the vast Sahel that is already plagued by insecurity, displace-ment and poverty," said Mucahid Durmaz, senior analyst at Verisk Maplecroft, a global risk intelligence company.Niger was seen as one of the last democratic countries in the Sahel region south of the Sahara Desert, and a partner for Western nations in the effort to beat back growing jihadi violence linked to al-Qaeda and the Islamic State group. France, the former colonial ruler of Niger, and the United States have approximately 2,500 military personnel in the region that train Niger's military and, in the case of France, conduct joint operations. Since the coup, France and the US have suspended military operations and jihadi attacks are increasing. At east 17 soldiers were killed and nearly two dozen wounded in an ambush by extremists in the Tillaberi region, said the Ministry of Defense on state

television on Tuesday.

airstrip on

SCS island

'China building

Beijing (AP): China appears to

be constructing an airstrip on

a disputed South China Sea

island that is also claimed by

Vietnam and Taiwan, accord-

ing to satellite photos analysed

in the Paracel group mirrors

construction on seven human-

made islands in the Spratly

group to the east which have

been equipped with airstrips,

docks and military systems,

although it currently appears to

be somewhat more modest in

entire South China Sea as its

own, denying the claims of oth-

ers and defying an internation-

al ruling invalidating its asser-

China claims virtually the

The work on Triton island

by The Associated Press.

### INTEGRATED INDUSTRIES LIMITED

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### E-VOTING INFORMATION

In compliance with applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 ('Act') and rules made thereunder, Securities and Exchange Board of India ('SEBI') (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 read with General Circular Nos 14/2020 dated April 8, 2020, 17/2020 dated April 13, 2020, 22/2020 dated June 15, 2020 33/2020 dated September 28, 2020, 39/2020 dated December 31, 2020, 10/2021 dated June 23, 2021, Circular No. 20/2021 dated December 8, 2021, Circular No. 3/2022 dated May 5, 2022 and Circular No. 11/2022 dated December 28, 2022 (collectively the 'MCA Circulars') and SEBI Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD1/CIR/P/2020/79 dated May 12 2020, Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD2/CIR/P/2021 /11 dated January 15, 2021, SEBI Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD2/CIR/P/2022/62 dated May 13, 2022 and SEBI Circula No. SEBI/HO/CFD/PoD-2/P/CIR/2023/4 dated January 5, 2023 (collectively referred as 'SEBI Circular') (MCA Circulars and SEBI Circular collectively referred as 'Circulars') NOTICE is hereby given that the 01/2023-24 EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Members of Integrated Industries Limited formerly known as Integrated Technologies Limited ('Company') will be held on Saturday, September 9, 2023 at 11.00 A.M. (IST) through Video Conferencing/Other Audio Visual Means ('VC/OAVM'), without the physical presence of the Members at the EGM, to transact the business as set out in the EGM Notice. Members attending the EGM through VC/OAVM shall be reckoned

In compliance with the Circulars, EGM Notice has been sent only through electronic mode to those Members whose email ids are registered with the Company/Registrar and Transfer Agent ('RTA')/Depository Participant ('DP'). The emailing of EGM Notice to al members has been completed on 16th August, 2023. The aforesaid documents are also available on the Company's website at www.integratedindustries.in, website of the Stoc Exchange i.e. BSE Limited at www.bseindia.com, and on the website of National Securities Depository Limited ('NSDL') at www.evoting.nsdl.com.

for the purpose of quorum under Section 103 of the Act

Manner of registering / updating email address, mobile number and bank accour

Members whose email ids are already registered with the Company/RTA/DP, may follow the instructions for remote e-Voting as well as e-Voting at EGM as provided in the EGM Notice. Members who have not registered their email ids, are requested to register the same for receiving all communications including Notices etc. from the Company electronically as per process mentioned below:-

lembers holding Equity Shares of the Company in physical mode are requested to provide a duly signed Form ISR-1 along with supporting documents to the Company's Registrar and Share Transfer Agent-Skyline Financial Services Private Limited, either at their office at Skyline Financial Services Private Limited, D-153/A, 1st Floor, Okhla Industrial Area, Phase-I, New Delhi-110020, Tel: 011-40450193-97; or by e-mail at admin@skylinerta.com. The said form is available on the website of the Company at www.integratedindustries.in

Members holding Equity Shares of the Company in dematerialised form are requested to register / update their email address, mobile number and bank account details with their relevant depositories through their depositary participants.

nstructions for remote E-voting and E-voting during EGM Pursuant to the provisions of Section 108 of the Act read with Rule 20 of the Companies Management and Administration) Rules, 2014, as amended from time to time, and Regulation 44 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ('Listing Regulations'), Members will be provided with the facility to cast their vote electronically, through the remote e-Voting facility (before the EGM) and e-Voting facility (at the EGM), on all the resolutions set forth in EGM Notice. The facility of casting votes will be provided by NSDL. Facility for e-Voting at the EGM will be made available to those Members who are present in the EGM through VC/OAVM facility and have not cast their vote on the resolutions through remote e-Voting. The Members who have cast their vote by remote e-Voting prior to the EGM may also attend/ participate in the EGM through VC/OAVM but shall not be eligible to vote at the EGM. All the Members are informed that

The business as set forth in the EGM Notice will be transacted through voting by electronic means in the form of e-Voting The voting rights of member(s) shall be in proportion to their shares in the paid up

equity share capital of the Company as on the cut-off date i.e. Saturday, September 2 2023. A person whose name is recorded in the register of members or in the register of beneficial owners maintained by the depositories as on the cut-off date, i.e. Saturday September 2, 2023 only shall be entitled to vote through remote e-Voting/e-Voting a Any person who acquires shares of the Company and becomes member of the

Company after sending the notice of the EGM and holding shares as on cut-off date i.e. Saturday, September 2, 2023, may obtain the User ID and password by sending a email to evoting@nsdl.co.in or info@skylinerta.com by mentioning their Folio No./DF ID and Client ID. However, if a person is already registered with NSDL for remote e Voting then existing user ID and password can be used for casting the votes. The remote e-Voting period commences at 09:00 A.M. (IST) on Wednesday September 6, 2023 and ends at 05:00 P.M. (IST) on Friday, September 8, 2023. The

remote e-Voting module shall be disabled by NSDL for voting thereafter. Once the vote on a resolution is cast by the Member, the Member shall not be allowed to change subsequently.

During this period, Members holding shares either in physical form or in dematerialized form may cast their vote by remote e-Voting before the EGM.

The Members will be provided with the facility for e-Voting at the EGM and those Members participating at the EGM & who have not already cast their vote by remote e Voting before the EGM, will be eligible to vote at the EGM. The Members who have cast their vote by remote e-Voting prior to the EGM may also

attend/participate in the EGM through VC/ OAVM, but shall not be eligible to vote again Detailed process and manner of remote e-Voting, e-Voting at the EGM and instructions for attending the EGM through VC/OAVM is being provided in the EGM Notice and also available on the Company's website at www.integratedindustries.in and on the

website of NSDL at www.evoting.nsdl.com. In case of any gueries, you may refer the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) fo Shareholders and e-voting user manual for Shareholders available at the download section of www.evoting.nsdl.com or call on toll free no.: 1800 1020 990 and 1800 22 44 30 or send a request to NSDL at evoting@nsdl.co.in who will also address the

grievances connected with the voting by electronic means The Board of Directors has appointed Ms. Loveleen Gupta (FCS No. 5287), Practising Company Secretary as 'Scrutinizer' to scrutinize the process of e-voting during the EGM and remote e-voting held before the EGM in a fair and transparent manner.

. The Results shall be declared within two working days of the conclusion of the EGM and the same, along with the consolidated Scrutinizer's Report, shall be placed on the website of the Company at www.integratedindustries.in, NSDL at www.evoting.nsdl.

Dated: 17.08.2023

Place: Delhi

For Integrated Industries Limited (Formerly known as Integrated Technologies Ltd)

Company Secretary & Compliance Office

Naresh Kumar Agarwal & Mrs. Asha Rani Agarwal is the owner of House bearing municipal No. 90/03, admeasuring 90.52 sq. meter, Situated at Mohalla Bazar Ishan Badapur, Pargana Badapur, Tehsil Nagina, Dist. Bijnor (U.P.), vide registered Sale deed dated 10.12.1991 Document No. 3568 Vol. 980/10904 All persons are hereby informed that Mr. Naresh Kumar Agarwal & Mrs. Asha Rani Agarwal & Mr. Tarun Kumar are taking Loan Agarwal & Mr. Tarun Kumar are taking Loan Agarwal stopperty From Hinduja Housing Finance Lid. If anybody has any charge/interest/title in the said property or any kind of dispute kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address within 07 days of the present. Mrs. Passon Lata, Advocate SG Associates (Law Firm). FF 18, Lotus Pond Plaza, Vaiblav Khand, Indirapuram Ghazlabad 201014.E-mali: sgassociates/(ggmall.com Phr. 7011112764, 8130200837)

PUBLIC NOTICE

ereby given to the General public that M mar Agarwal & Mrs. Asha Rani Agarwa ar of House bearing municipal No. 09/03

PUBLIC NOTICE General Public is Hereby Informed that Harmee Singh Bedi S/o Late G.S. Bedi, Ro F-108, Ground Hoor, Prashant Vilar, Dalbi (1905) Singh Bedi Sio Late G.S. Bedi, Ro F-108, Ground Floor, Prashant Vihar, Delhi-110085, has applied for transfer of ownership of Flat No. BP-17, Blossom Park, & Customer ID Numbers-BPG/00028/19-20, Plot, Paradise Greens, Sonipat, Haryana, in her/his name claiming her/him self the legal heli of deceased Late. Late Smt. Joginder Kaur Bedi Wlo Late G.S. Bedi as per document, in records of company i.e. Pushprattan Developers Private Limited, having its office 2/3, First Floor, West Patel Nagar, F/Side, New Delhi 110008. Any person having any objection for transfer of the said flat in favour of Mr./Mrs. Harmeet Singh Bedi Sio Late G.S. Bedi may send at the above noted office of company with supporting documents or through email-customer.care(@)tdlinfracorp.com within 15 days of the publication of this notice otherwise it ays of the publication of this notice otherwise it hall be assumed that there are no objections to ne proposed transfer of the said flat in his/he ame. After that company shall not be liable fo ny claim whatsoever after 15 days.

Pushprattan Developers Private Limited Having its office 2/3, First Floor, West Patel Nagar, F/Side, New Delhi-110008, Phone No. 011-43111111

WE Jaswinder Kaur Wio Pradeep Kumar Seniaray and Pradeep Kumar Seniaray Sio Late Shri P.R. Seniaray are owner of the MIG (DDA) Flat No. 376, Pocket-3, Phase-I, Sector-19, Dwarka. The original Conveyance Deed Freehold & all papers dated 18.05.04 have been lost & theft. Allotment letter file no M041(5) 96/DW/AY dated 12.06.1996-19.06.1996 issued by DDA. An FIR lodged with Crime Branch Police Station New Delhi vide FIR No. 110 dated 08.05.2013. Any person (s) claiming any right, interest, having any objection of found in possession at the above address/Mob No 9968282934 within 15 days from the date of publication of this notices. Write to Dy, Director (SFS) or Director (H)-I, D-Block, 2nd floor, Vikas Sadan, INA, New Delhi-23.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that MRS. SHIKHA
JAIN W/o Jinender Kumar Jain D/o Sh. Jai Chand Jain R/o
80, Pushpanjali, Vikas Marg, Karkardooma, Laxmi Nagar,
Delhi -110092 is ready and willing to purchase the
ENTIRE FREE HOLD RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY BEARING
80, 75, BLOCK - CAREA MEASURING 206, 57 SUNS.
SITUATED AT THE LAYOUT PLAN OF CENTRAL REVENUE
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VISHAPIANI, DELHI-110092 from the owner of the
said property namely 0/ Mrs. Sartia Kharbanda w/o Sh.
Sh. Ram Swaroop Kharbanda both R/o 81, Manak Vihar,
Vigna Vihar, Dolhi-110093, for which, the earnest sale
consideration amount has already paid to the
owner/Seller of the afore-mentioned property. All rearyone who has any claim or interest in the above-said
Property by way of Sale, exchange, mortgage, charge, lien,
rust, gift, maintenance, interfance, possession, lease,
license, easement or otherwise of whatsoever nature,
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of publication hereof, falling which such claim/s or
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11.	Date of issue of provisional list of	11th Sep 2023			
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Date: 17 August 2023 Place: Gurugram

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Statement of Unaudited Standalone Financial Results for The Quarter Ended On 30th June, 2023

Particulars	Quarter Ended 30.06.2023 (Unaudited)	Quarter Ended 30.06.2022 (Unaudited)	Year Ended 31.03.2023 (Audited)
Total income from operations (net)	3.45	3.751	16.39
Net Profit / (Loss)	0.09	0.39	1.16
from ordinary activities after tax			
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax	0.09	0.39	1.16
(after Extraordinary items)			
Equity Share Capital	296.23	296.23	296.23
Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve	-	-	
as shown in the Balance Sheet of previous year)			
Earnings Per Share (before extraordinary items)			
(of 10/- each)			
Basic:			
Diluted:	0.00	0.01	0.04
Earnings Per Share (after extraordinary items)			
(of 10/- each)			
Basic :			
Diluted :	0.00	0.01	0.04

NOTE:

1. The above result was taken on record by the Board of Directors in the meeting held on 14th day of the state of t

The above is an extract of the detailed format of Unaudited Standalone Financial Results for the Quarter Ended on 30th June, 2023 filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulations 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligation and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Unaudited Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange website (www.bseindia.com) and Company's website i.e. www.sidhgroup.in

SIDH AUTOMOBILES LIMITED

Date : 14.08.2023 Place : Delhi

MANAGING DIRECTOR

## '27 die in Libya clashes'

**AP** CAIRO

Deadly clashes between rival militias in Libya's capital killed at least 27 people and left residents trapped in their homes, unable to escape the violence, medical authorities said. The fighting appears to be the most intense to shake Tripoli this year. There were at least four people dead but it was not immediately clear if they were militiamen or civilians, an official said on Tuesday. The clashes erupted late

on Monday between militiamen from the 444 brigade and the Special Deterrence Force, according to local media reports. Tensions flared after Mahmoud Hamza, a senior commander of the 444 brigade, was allegedly detained by the rival group at an airport in Tripoli earlier in the day, the reports said. Over 100 people were injured in the fighting,

The bodies of 33 people have been recovered

I from a landslide at a jade mine in north-

ern Myanmar and rescuers are searching for

at least three people believed to be missing, a

centre of the world's largest and most lucrative

jade mining district, earth and debris from sev-

eral mines slid about 300 metres (1,000 feet)

down a cliff into a lake below, carrying more

have recovered the bodies from the muddy lake

in Manna village in Hpakant, a remote moun-

tainous town in Kachin state about 950 kilo-

metres (600 miles) north of Myanmar's biggest

city, Yangon, the leader of a local rescue team

said. He said at least three people were feared

missing. He spoke on condition of anonymity

because he feared arrest by the military-

installed government. The corpses were cov-

ered with green plastic sheets and placed in a

row on the bank of the lake as relatives came

to carry them away for cremation. All of the

victims were men. A miner who lost two rel-

atives said local authorities provided about

About 150 rescuers using five small boats

In the landslide on Sunday in Hpakant, the

rescue official said Wednesday.

than 35 miners with it.

Libya's Emergency Medicine and Support Center, a medical body that is deployed during humanitarian disasters and wars, said early Wednesday.It is unclear how many of the dead were militiamen or civilians. The Red Crescent did not immediately respond to a

comment.Throughout the fighting Tuesday, the Health Ministry urged the warring sides to allow ambulance and emergency teams to enter the affected areas, primarily in the south of the city, and for blood to be sent to nearby hos-

OPSGroup, an organisation for the aviation industry, said late Monday that a large number of aircraft departed from Tripoli due to the clashes. Inbound flights were being diverted to the nearby city of Misrata, it said. The escalation follows months of relative peace after nearly a decade of civil war in Libya, where two rival sets of authorities are locked in a political stalemate. Longstanding divisions have sparked several incidents of violence in Tripoli in recent years, although most have been over in a matter of hours. In a statement on Tuesday,

"the security incidents and developments" and called for an immediate end to the ongoing clashes. Both of Libya's rival administrations also condemned the fighting in sepa-

the UN mission in Libya said

it was following with concern

rate statements Tuesday. The House Representatives, which is based in the eastern city of Benghazi, blamed its rival, the Tripolibased government, for the

violence. The US and British embassies in Libva issued statements expressing concerns over the violence

700,000 kyats (USD 330) per victim as a con-

tribution toward the cost of funerals. Landslides

occur several times a year in Hpakant's jade

mines. In July 2020, at least 162 people died in

a landslide in the same area, and 113 were killed

in a November 2015 accident. Most victims are

independent miners who settle near giant

mounds of discarded earth excavated by heavy

They scavenge for bits of jade and usual-

Most scavengers are unregistered migrants

work and live in abandoned mining pits at

the base of the mounds, which become partic-

from other areas, making it hard to determine

exactly how many people are missing after such

accidents. Human rights activists say jade min-

ing is an important source of revenue for

Myanmar's military-installed government.

Opponents of army rule advocate sanctions and

boycotts to reduce jade sales. Jade mining also

plays a role in the decades-long struggle of eth-

nic Kachin rebel groups in Myanmar for greater

autonomy. The region is now embroiled in an

armed conflict between the Kachin

Independence Army and the military which has

driven many civilians into displacement camps

in nearby townships

machinery used by mining companies.

ularly unstable during the rainy season.

#### Satellite photos from Planet Labs PBC analysed by the AP show construction on the airstrip first visible in early August. The runway, as cur-33 bodies found in Myanmar rently laid out, would be more than 600 metres (2,000 feet) in jade mine landslide, 3 missing ength, long enough to accom

modate turboprop aircraft and drones, but not fighter jets or bombers. Also visible are large numbers of vehicle tracks running across much of the island, along with what appear to be

containers and construction equipment. Triton is one of the major islands in the Paracel group, which is roughly equidistant from the coast of Vietnam and

China's island province of Hainan. The US takes no stance on the sovereignty claims, but regularly sends Navy ships on

freedom of navigation operations" near the Chinese-held islands. Triton was the focus of one of those missions in 2018.

China has had a small harbour and buildings on the island for years, along with a helipad and radar arrays.

Two large fields on the island sport a star from the Chinese flag and a hammer and sickle representing the ruling Communist Party.

### 'US soldier defected due to disillusionment

Seoul (AP): North Korea asserted Wednesday that a US soldier who bolted across the heavily armed Korean border last month did so after becoming disillusioned with the inequality of American society and racial discrimination in its Army. It was North Korea's first

official confirmation of detention of Pvt. Travis King, who had been serving in South Korea and sprinted into the North while on a civilian tour of a border village on July 18.

He became the first American confirmed to be detained in the North in nearly five years.

#### NYC Mayor wants to be like Gandhi PTI ■ NEW YORK Independence Day. The mayor said instead of being mere Gandhi. We need to be worshipers of Gandhi's philos-

Mahatma Gandhi would have worked on issues of migrant seekers, gun violence, homelessness and illegal drugs if he were alive today, New York City Mayor Eric Adams has said, underlining that he wants to be like the revered Indian leader and calling on individuals to practice the teachings and philosophy of the peace icon. "When I was in India, I saw the footprints that were placed inside the walkway of our leader, Gandhi's last few steps before he was assassinated. And it was a symbol that the bullet may have taken away our

leader physically, but spiritual-

ly, we must continue those

footprints," Adams said at a

flag-raising ceremony here

Tuesday to mark India's 77th

ophy, people must become its practitioners. "If Gandhi was alive today,

he would be with the migrant seekers. He would state that we have an obligation to provide a level of humanitarian action,"

he said. "If Gandhi was here with us today, he would be walking in the streets dealing with the over-proliferation of gun violence...he would be dealing with homelessness...he would be with those who are using illegal drugs...he would be with our seniors, so we don't have such a high level of suicidal thoughts and suicidal actions,"

the mayor said. "We cannot only worship Gandhi. We must practice

Gandhi-like, and we need to continue the steps that he started. If we don't continue the steps, then the bullet took away the dream and the vision of Gandhi. Dr King continued those steps," Adams said, referring to American civil rights hero Martin Luther King. Calling on people to con-

tinue in the steps of Gandhi, he said, "I'm Gandhi-like. I think like Gandhi. I act like Gandhi. I want to be like Gandhi...Go read the Vedas.

Go read your early writings. Go read your early thoughts on science. It's all the rich tradition of the Indian community. I wanted to be the modern-day Ramayana and say that we can lead against the forces of evil and take us to the next direction on who we are.'

## Churches vandalised in Pak | PML-N leaders divided over blasphemy allegations

**PTI** LAHORE

t least five churches were Avandalised and ransacked by an angry mob in Pakistan's Punjab province on Wednesday over allegations of desecration of Islam's holy book, forcing authorities to deploy paramilitary forces to protect the minority Christian community who were

The incidents took place after a Christian man and his sister allegedly desecrated the Quran and made objectionable comments, police said.

The incident took place in Jaranwala tehsil of Faisalabad district of Punjab, some 130 km from the provincial capital

The Pakistan Rangers have been called in to control the situation and protect the Christian community living in Chamra Mandi Jaranwala. The situation in the area is currently very tense as the Christian community has reportedly been besieged by

Imran Bhatti, the pastor of



the Jaranwala told Dawn.com that the mob had "torched" five churches so far in Jaranwala. They include the Salvation Army Church, United Presbyterian Church, Allied Foundation Church and two churches at Shehroonwala located in the Isa Nagri area in the Jaranwala.Bhatti added that the house of a Christian cleaner, who was accused of blasphemy, was also demolished." Heavy contingent of police reached the spot after an enraged mob ransacked at least five churches and set fire furniture, copies of the Bible,

police, the law-and-order situation stands still too sensitive and vulnerable. You are requested to send at least two companies of Rangers to control the law-and-order situation in Jaranwala tehsil Faisalabad," the assistant commissioner wrote to the Punjab Home Department. Jaranwala City Police Station official Asif Ali told

Commissioner Faisalabad sent

a SoS to the Pakistan Rangers

to rush to the area to control

"Despite the best efforts of

the law-and-order situation.

PTI that Muhammad Afzal and four other Muslims of Chamra Mandi accused Raja Amir Masih and his sister Raki Masih of desecrating the Quran and making objectionable comments about the Prophet."Police booked both brother and sister under 295-C and 295-B of Pakistan Penal Code and constituted a police team for their arrest," he said and added the police had secured the house of the accused as a mob also surrounded it and pelted it with

# on Sharif's return to Pak

PTI ISLAMABAD

The Pakistan Muslim League (Nawaz) leaders have failed to reach a consensus on the return of party supremo and former prime minister Nawaz Sharif from London to Pakistan ahead of the general elections, a media report said on Wednesday.

Nawaz Sharif, 73, has been living in self-imposed exile in the UK since November 2019. He was convicted in the Al-Azizia Mills and Avenfield corruption cases in 2018.

He was serving a sevenyear imprisonment at Lahore's Kot Lakhpat jail in the Al-Azizia Mills case before he was allowed to proceed to London in 2019 on "medical

A consultative meeting of PML-N leaders on Tuesday presided over by party president Shehbaz Sharif was held to discuss the country's political situation, upcoming general elections and Nawaz Sharif's return home.

Earlier this month, the outgoing premier Shehbaz Sharif, 71, said that his elder brother Nawaz Sharif would

easier troop deployment

Czechs Ratify US defense treaty allowing

**Prague (AP):** The Czech Republic on Wednesday completed the ratification of a

defence treaty with the United States that deep-

ens military cooperation and makes it easier to

deploy US troops in Czech territory. Czech Prime Minister Petr Fiala's signature

was the final step in the ratification process of

the Defence Cooperation Agreement, which had

been endorsed by both houses of Parliament in

July and by President Petr Pavel on August 1.

possible deployment of US troops in the coun-

try at a time of Russian aggression against

The document sets a legal framework for

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return to Pakistan in September to face his pending court cases and lead the party's campaign for the general election. Some of the PML-N leaders participating in Tuesday's meeting suggested that Nawaz Sharif should return to the country by September, while others proposed that the party supremo should return by

reported quoting sources.

The PML-N leaders were of the view that the process of the three-time prime minister's return to the country and facing the law could politically benefit the party in the general elections expected to be held in the coming months.

October, The Express Tribune

Some party leaders sug-

gested that Nawaz Sharif should return only after eliminating the obstacles in his

Some leaders said that they wanted the party supremo to come back to the country and face the law but they did not want to take any risk on his

Quoting party insiders, the report said Shehbaz Sharif was also acquiring final sugges-tions from political and legal experts about Nawaz Sharif's return to the country.

In the next few days, Shehbaz Sharif will meet his brother in London and hold final consultations with him about the latter's possible return plan, it said.

Senior PML-N leader and former defence minister Khawaja Asif has said that Nawaz would not return to Pakistan until the risk was

In 2016, Nawaz Sharif stepped down as the prime minister after the Supreme Court disqualified him for life for concealing assets. His appeals against the conviction are currently pending in the relevant courts.

## ICC should prosecute Taliban:UN

United Nations (AP): The International Criminal Court should prosecute Taliban leaders for a crime against humanity for denying education and employment to Afghan girls and women, the UN special envoy for global education

Gordon Brown told a virtual UN press conference on the second anniversary of the Taliban takeover of Afghanistan on Tuesday that its rulers are responsible for "the most egregious, vicious and indefensible violation of women's rights and girls' rights in the world today.

The former British prime minister said he has sent a legal opinion to ICC prosecutor Karim Khan that shows the denial of education and employment is "gender discrimination, which should count as a crime against humanity, and it should be prosecuted by the International Criminal Court."The Taliban took power in August 2021, during the final weeks of the US and NATO forces' pullout after 20 years of war.

### Imran Khan's Toshakhana case appeal hearing on August 22

Islamabad (PTI): The Islamabad High Court will hear an appeal by jailed former Pakistan prime minister Imran Khan against his conviction in the Toshakhana corruption case, it emerged on Wednesday.

Khan, 70, was sentenced to three years in jail by a sessions court on August 5 for hiding proceeds from the sale of state gifts (Toshakhana).Khan, the chairman of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party, is currently incarcerated in Attock Jail in Punjab province. He was "found guilty of corrupt practices by hiding the benefits he acquired from the national exchequer willfully and intentionally. Khan cheated while providing information about gifts he obtained from the Toshakhana which later proved to be false and inaccurate. "His dishonesty has been established beyond doubt," the trial order said on August 5.The Toshakhana is a department under the Cabinet Division that stores gifts given to rulers heads of other governments and foreign dignitaries. The cricketer-turned-

politician has challenged his conviction in the Islamabad High Court which formed a division bench, comprising Chief Justice Aamer Farooq and Justice Tariq Mehmood Jahangiri, to initiate the hear ing on August 22.

Total Income from Operations (Net)

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10 Paid up Debt Capital / Outstanding Debt

11 Outstanding Redeemable Perferences Shares

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14 Capital Redemption Reserve

16 Debt Service Coverage Ratio

15 Debenture Redemption Reserve

17 Interest Service coverage Ratio

tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]

SI. Particulars

## Court clears way for Thai Parl to pick new PM 3 months after elections

Cross etc," a Christian resident

of the area told PTI, request-

ing anonymity. He said a large

number of people attacked the

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that a Christian man had des-

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the Christians ran for their

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ing the area while others

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houses," he said. As a heavy

contingent of police struggled

to control the mob, Assistant

"Seeing the enraged mob

ecrated the Quran.

Bangkok (AP): Thailand's Constitutional Court cleared the way Wednesday for Parliament to vote for a new prime minister more than three months after national elections by declining to rule on a complaint over the rejection of the winning party's leader.

The court had been asked to decide whether Parliament had violated the constitution by refusing to allow the leader of the progressive Move Forward Party to be nominated for a second time as a prime ministerial can-

leader Limjaroenrat had assembled an eight-party coalition with a majority in Parliament's lower house. But under the militaryimplemented constitution, a new prime minister must receive a majority of votes from both the elected House and the conservative appointed Senate, which was chosen by an earlier military government. Pita lost a first vote in Parliament for prime minister last month, with many senators voting against him because of his party's call for reform of a law that makes it illegal to defame Thailand's royal family. Critics say the law, which carries a penalty of up to 15 years in prison, has been used as a

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EXTRACT FROM THE STANDALONE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS

				Amt in lakhs
S. No.	Particulars		Quarter ended on 30th June, 2022	
1.	Total Income From Operation	12.00	98.96	307.49
2.	Total Expenses	10.32	30.86	108.72
3.	Net profit/(loss) for the period (before tax, Exceptional and /or Extraordinary items	1.68	68.10	198.77
4.	Net profit/(loss) for the period (before tax, after Exceptional and /or Extraordinary items	1.68	68.10	198.77
5.	Net profit/(loss) for the period after tax and Exceptional and /or Extraordinary items	1.68	68.10	198.77
6.	Total comphrensive Income for the period (Comrising profit/loss) for the period (after tax) and other comphrensive (after tax)	1.68	68.10	198.77
7.	Paid up equity Share capital(face value of Rs 10/- each)	599.50	599.50	599.50
8.	Earning per share (of Rs 10/-Each)			
	RASIC and Dulited Farning per share (in Rs)	0.00	0.11	0.11

1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of financial results filed with Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI LODR 2015, the full format of the Financial result are available on the Stock Exchange websit

of the SEDI LODR 2013. THE UIT FORMATO THE FINANCIAL RESULT ARE AVAILABLE OF THE STOCK EXCHANGE WEBSITE (www.bseindia.com) and on the Company website (www.sc agrotech.com)

2.The result of the Quarter ended on 30th June 2023 were reviwed by the audit committee and approved by the Board of Director at its meeting held on 14th August 2023

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By order of the Board FOR SC AGROTECH Limited

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13 Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10)- each) (before and after extraordinary items)

(Indian Accounting Standards) Amendment Rules, 2016.

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STATEMENT OF STANDALONE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

1 The above standlone financial result for the quater ended June 30, 2023 are prepared in accordance with the Indian Accounting Standrad (IND-AS) as

2 The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Financial Results filed with the Bombay Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly Financial Results as on June 30, 2023 are

available on the websites of the Bombay Stock Exchange i.e. www.bseindia.in and on web site of the Company i.e. www.ashnoortex.com

prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with rule 3 of the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 and Companies

Vijay Shankar Thakur Director (Din: 09720062)

(Rs. in lakhs)

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**Director of Research** NA/12/18193/2023/26807

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All person/s having any claim against or in respect of the said Property, or any part thereof, by way of sale, exchange, mortgage (equitable/registered or otherwise), gift, trust, inheritance, family arrangement, maintenance, bequest, partnership, possession, lease, sublease, tenancy, license, lien, charge, pledge, easement or otherwise howsoever, an hereby requested to notify the same in writing to us with supporting documentary evidence at the address ow within 7 days from the date hereof failing which the claim or claims, if any, of such person or persons will be considered to have been waived persons will be considered to have Social addressed to have Social addressed to have Social addressed to the Social Advocate)
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Letter No : 3405/ 41-M-2/22-23

### NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING (E-Tendering)

Superintending Engineer, 2nd Circle, Public Works Department Nainital on behalf of Governor of Uttarakhand invites e-tender (two bid system). For further details please log on to https://www.uktenders.gov.in from 20-08-2023.

SI. Name of Work Earnest Cost of Validity Time of Contractor's

No.		Money (in Lakh Rs.)	Tender	of Tender	Completion	Category of Registration
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Restoration of Sinking Zone of Lower Mall Road, Nainital and Strengthening Measures for restoration of damaged portion	7.00	5000 + 18% GST	120 days	12 month	Category "A/A+" for road work in any State/Govt of India or Govt undertaking

## राष्ट्रीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान, कुरूक्षेत्र

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (UNDER THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, GOVT. OF INDIA) **KURUKSHETRA-136119** 

Advt. No.:20/2023

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The expression of interest along with terms & conditions duly signed by the interested Central Government Ogranizations/ Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) in sealed envelope, addressed to the Registrar, NIT, Kurukshetra so as to reach on or before 30-08-2023 upto 5:00 p.m.

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Tendering portal i.e. eproc.punjab.gov.in.

2. Corrigendum, if any, will be uploaded on website only.

Incharge (Purchase)

Date: 14/08/2023

Place : Gurugram, Haryana

Suneel Gupta **Managing Director** DIN - 00052084

By Order of the Board of Directors

For Ashnoor Textile Mills Limited

## **'Rise in home loan rate hits affordability;** Ahmedabad most, Mumbai least affordable'

¬he increase in interest rates on home loans have affected the affordability of residential properties across all eight major cities during the first six months of this year, according to Knight Frank

On Wednesday, real estate consultant Knight Frank India released its 'Affordability Index' for the top eight cities for the first six months of 2023 calen-

The index tracks the EMI (Equated Monthly Instalment)to-income ratio for an average household

It indicates the proportion of income that a household requires, to fund the EMI of a housing unit in a particular city.

The index showed that higher home loan rates have reduced affordability across all



markets so far in 2023 Ahmedabad is the most affordable housing market 26 per cent each; Bengaluru

with a ratio of 23 per cent followed by Pune and Kolkata at amongst the top eight cities, and Chennai at 28 per cent each: Delhi-NCR at 30 per cent; Hyderabad 31 per cent; and Mumbai 55 per cent. Knight

per cent for a city implies that on an average, households in that city need to spend 40 per cent of their income to fund the EMI of housing loan for that unit.An EMI/Income ratio over 50 per cent is considered unaffordable as it is the limit beyond which banks rarely underwrite a mortgage, it said.

Knight Frank noted that affordability index witnessed steady improvement from 2010 to 2021 across the eight cities of India especially during the pandemic when the RBI cut repo rates to decadal lows. "The central bank has

raised the REPO rate by 250 bps since then to address grow ing inflation. This has impacted affordability by an average of 2.5 per cent across cities and increased the EMI load by 14.4 per cent since then," the

## Urban poor most impacted in July inflation surge: Crisil

Urban poor have been the most impacted by 15month high consumer price inflation (CPI) in July, a domestic rating agency's arm said on Wednesday

The high-income segment in urban areas faced the lowest inflation burden, as food has a relatively low share in their consumption basked, Crisil Market Intelligence and Analytics said in a note. "Poorest segment in urban

areas faced highest inflation rate in July," said the note, released days after official data said that the headline inflation accelerated to 7.44 per cent for July.

The poorest segment in both urban and rural areas faced a higher inflation burden than their high-income counterparts, as food inflation accelerated sharply," the Crisil note added.



Crisil said it used data from the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) and mapped the expenditure baskets of three broad income groups the bottom 20 per cent, middle 60 per cent and upper 20 per cent of the population - with July inflation.

The overall CPI inflation for the bottom 20 per cent income earners in urban areas came at 8.5 per cent in July against 7.9 per cent for their rural counterparts, the note said, adding that the same numbers had stood at 4.9 per cent and 4.7 per cent,

As compared to this, the degree of change for the top 20 per cent income earners between July and June was more subdued, the note showed.

The CPI for the top 20 per cent income earners in urban areas increased to 7.1 per cent in July from 5 per cent in June, while for the rural segment, it went up to 7.3 per cent from 4.9 per cent.

The high-income segment in urban areas faced the lowest inflation burden, as food has a relatively low share in their consumption basket, the note said.

Within the poor people, the poorest segment in urban areas faced a higher burden than their rural counterparts as both food (12.3 per cent in urban against 11 per cent in rural) and fuel inflation (4.4 per cent versus 3.3 per cent) were higher in the former than the latter, the agency said.

## Govt saved 12% in construction cost in awarding Dwarka E-way project: Road Ministry sources

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The government saved over 12 per cent in construction cost against estimates in awarding contracts of Urban Extension Road-II or Dwarka Expressway, and CAG findings that the cost was exorbitant are misplaced as the auditor did not factor in the actual cost, top sources in the road transport ministry said.

According to reports, the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) had found that the National Highways Authority of India's (NHAI) decision to go for an elevatDwarka Expressway pushed up the construction cost to Rs 251 crore per kilometre from Rs 18.2 crore per km estimated earlier.

The audit report on the implementation of Phase-I of the 'Bharatmala Pariyojana' highway projects, triggered a political row with the opposition parties alleging corruption in the process of awarding the project.

The ministry sources explained that all four packages of Dwarka Expressway were put for tender at an aver-

ed carriageway on the age civil cost of Rs 206.39 Haryana portion of the crore per kilometre but the crore per kilometre but the contracts were finally awarded at a lower rate of Rs 181.94 crore per km.

The average civil construction cost of the four packages of the expressway was 12 per cent lower than the estimates, they said.

The sources also explained that the CAG has simply divided the total cost of construction of Rs 91,000 crore under National Efficiency Corridor Programme with the project's entire length of 5,000 kilometres under development.

## Mkts extend gains on fag-end buying; Infosys, L&T shine

 $B^{\text{enchmark equity indices}}_{\text{Sensex and Nifty pared early}}$  losses to close higher for a second straight session on Wednesday, supported by fagend buying in index majors Infosys, L&T and M&M amid a mixed trend in global markets.

In a volatile trade, the 30share BSE Sensex climbed 137.50 points or 0.21 per cent to settle at 65,539.42. During the day, it fell by 369.03 points or

0.56 per cent to 65,032.89. The NSE Nifty gained 30.45 points or 0.16 per cent to end at

"The initial apprehension stemming from an aboveexpected surge in domestic CPI inflation, driven by higher food



prices, induced volatility in the Indian market.

"However, the market found some relief as the likelihood of this inflation-surge being transitory alleviated concerns, leading to a recovery in the latter part of the trading session," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services.

UltraTech Cement was the biggest gainer in the Sensex pack, rising 2.43 per cent, followed by NTPC, Tata Motors, Infosys, Power Grid, Mahindra & Mahindra, Larsen & Toubro, Maruti, Wipro and SBI were the major gainers.

In contrast, Tata Steel, Bharti Airtel, Bajaj Finserv, Axis Bank,

Bajaj Finance and JSW Steel were among the laggards.
In the broader market, the

BSE smallcap gauge climbed 0.52 per cent, and midcap advanced 0.25 per cent. "While volatility continued

to remain the ongoing theme, markets rebounded in late trades amid buying in IT, realty and power stocks, although metals came under hammering on worries slackening demand in China could hurt sentiment going ahead," Shrikant Chouhan, Head of Research (Retail), Kotak Securities Ltd, said. Among the indices, utilities

cent), healthcare (0.80 per cent), capital goods (0.63 per cent) and auto (0.63 per cent). Commodities, financial services, telecommunication, bankex and metal were the lag-

climbed 1.14 per cent, realty

gained 1.08 per cent, power (1.03

per cent), industrials (0.82 per

"Domestic equity had a weak opening but saw a smart recovery towards the end amid a drop in UK inflation and short covering ahead of the FOMC meeting minutes release along with US IIP data.

### Telecom services industry revenue to see 7-9% growth in FY24, capex to touch ₹70,000 crore: ICRA

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The telecom services industry is expected to post moderate revenue growth of 7-9 per cent in FY 24, due to muted average revenue per user (ARPU) expansion in the absence of tariff hikes in the near-term, ICRA said.

The industry has been "upfronting" 5G capex (capital expenditure) and ICRA foresees sectoral capex at around Rs 70,000 crore for FY2024, within an overall spend of around Rs 3 lakh crore over the next 4-5

ICRA believes that the

ongoing 5G roll-out entails densification of the network and sizable deployment of fibre, which is likely to increase the capex intensity in the near to medium

This would keep debt levels elevated at around Rs 6.1-6.2 lakh crore as on March 2024 (as against Rs 6.3 lakh crore as on March 31, 2023).

"ICRA expects the telecom services industry to report moderate revenue growth of around 7-9 per cent in FY2024 over FY2023, owing to muted average revenue per user (ARPU) expansion in the absence of tariff hikes in the near-term," ICRA said in

Ankit Jain, Vice President and Sector Head, Corporate Ratings at ICRA noted the three telcos have together achieved almost 75-80 per cent penetration of 4G subscribers (around 800 million 4G subscribers) and hence the upgradation of subscribers has largely plateaued.

Moreover, the 5G services launched by the telcos have not been monetised and there are no 5G specific plans, which could otherwise have boosted ARPU levels. "These factors, combined with the absence of tariff hikes. are likely to result in a modera-tion in ARPU growth," Jain

ICRA expects industry ARPU (average realisation per consumer) to improve to Rs 182-185 for FY2024 from Rs 175 a

Consequently, the industry is expected to report a year-on-year revenue growth of 7-9 per cent in FY2024... Industry consolidated revenues are expected at around Rs 2.9-3 lakh crore with OPB-DITA of around Rs 1.5-1.6 lakh crore for FY2024," according to Jain.

### **ATS INFRABUILD PRIVATE LIMITED** CIN: U45400DL2007PTC168922

ANNEXURE I

Format for publishing financial results in newspapers

[Regulation 52 (8), read with Regulation 52 (4), of the SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015]

		For the Quarter ended		For the Year ended
S.	Particulars	30-06-2023	30-06-2022	31-03-2023
No.		Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
1	Total Income from Operations	402.64	874.81	2,196.80
2	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items*)	(95.06)	(9.67)	(1,305.74)
3	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items*)	(95.06)	(9.67)	(1,305.74)
4	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items*)	(95.25)	(0.95)	(1,320.39)
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period (after Tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after Tax)]	(95.25)	(0.95)	(1,314.29)
6	Paid-up Equity Share Capital	1.00	1.00	1.00
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve )	(2,375.28)	(966.68)	(2,280.02)
8	Net worth	(2,374.28)	(965.68)	(2,279.02)
9	Paid-up Debt Capital / Outstanding Debt	16,156.23	15,561.00	16,064.14
10	Outstanding Redeemable Preference Shares	-	-	-
11	Debt Equity Ratio*	(6.80)	(16.11)	(7.05)
12	Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each)			
	(for continuing and discontinued operations) -			
	1. Basic: (in Rs)	(952.53)	(9.53)	(13,203.94)
	2. Diluted: (in Rs)	(952.53)	(9.53)	(13,203.94)
13	Capital Redemption Reserve	-	-	-
14	Debenture Redemption Reserve	-	-	-
15	Debt Service Coverage Ratio*	(0.006)	(0.005)	(0.441)
16	Interest Service Coverage Ratio*	(0.26)	(0.03)	(0.90)
17	Current Ratio	0.91	1.56	1.49
18	Long Term Debt to Working Capital Ratio	(0.25)	0.97	1.06
19	Bad Debt to Accounts Receivable Ratio	-	-	-
20	Current Liability Ratio	0.97	0.59	0.60
21	Total Debt to Total Asset Ratio	0.35	0.36	0.36
22	Debtor Turnover Ratio	7.92	17.54	40.98
23	Inventory Turnover Ratio	0.01	0.02	0.08
24	Operating Margin	-32.43%	-6.69%	-79.90%
25	Net Profit Margin	-23.66%	-0.11%	-60.11%

a) The above is an extract of the detailed format of quaterly/annual financial results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 52 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the quaterly/annual financial results are available on the websites of the Stock Exchange(s) and the listed entity

b) For the items referred in sub-clauses (a), (b), (d) and (e) of the Regulation 52 (4) of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the pertinent disclosures have been made to the Stock Exchange(s) c) # - Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items adjusted in the Statement of Profit and Loss in accordance with Ind AS Rules / AS Rules, whichever is

d) \* - The pertinent items need to be disclosed if the said disclosure is required as per Regulation 52 (4) of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

e) Previous periods figures have been reclassified wherever considered necessary

Place: Noida

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## ADB approves \$40.5 mn Ioan for integrated early childhood development programme in Meghalaya

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

sian Development Bank (ADB) on Wednesday said it has approved a USD 40.5-million loan for integrated early childhood development (ECD) and maternal mental health programme in Meghalaya.

The state government is contributing USD 15.27 million to the project, the multilateral funding agency said in a state-

The project will strengthen home-based childcare (children 0-1.5 years) and centre-based childcare (1.5-6 years) through daycare (Anganwadi) centres in Meghalaya, it said.

The project aims to improve access to nurturing care, including a component of maternal mental healthcare and group-based parenting programmes to enable the inclusion

of fathers in caregiving, it said. ADB's assistance will also

sity and nutrition security, it said.

"The first early years -including especially the first
1,000 days -- are critical to a
child's growth and development. Providing ample nutrition

### Auto components maker Happy Forgings files IPO papers with Sebi

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Auto components maker Happy Forgings Ltd has filed preliminary papers with capital markets regulator Sebi to raise Rs 1,200-1,300 crore through an initial public offering (IPO).

The IPO comprises a fresh issue of equity shares worth Rs 500 crore and an offer for sale (OFS) of up to 80.55 lakh shares by a promoter and a selling shareholder, according to the draft red herring prospectus (DRHP)

filed on Monday.
As part of the OFS, 53.7 lakh equity shares will be used for offloaded by Paritosh Kumar purposes.

improve nutrient adequacy by adding eggs to the diet of preg-nant and lactating women and children aged 0.5-6 years, it said. As one of several climateresilient features, the project will also help establish nutrition gardens at Anganwadi centres (AWC) for improved diet diver-

and nurturing care early on and enabling both parents are essential to building a strong growth foundation for a child. At the heart of childcare are mothers, making it important to ensure they have the needed health services and support," said ADB Principal Health Specialist Dinesh Arora

Garg (HUF) and up to 26.85 lakh equity shares by India Business Excellence Fund - III. Also, the company may consider a pre-IPO placement

of shares aggregating up to Rs 100 crore. If such placement is completed, the fresh issue size will be reduced.

According to market sources, the IPO size is expected to be Rs 1,200-1,300 crore.

Going by the draft papers, proceeds from the fresh issue to the tune of Rs 213.6 crore will be utilized towards the purchase of equipment, plant, and machinery, up to Rs 190 crore for payment of debt and a portion of funds will also be used for general corporate

### **BUSINESS BRIEF**

other senior officials of POWERGRID and Eliezer Joldan Memorial

College. The cost of this battery bank is around 15 lakhs.

**POWERGRID PROVIDES BATTERY TO EJM** 

India Limited (POWERGRID), a Maharatna PSU under Ministry of Power, has provided 120V-1275AH VRLA Battery Bank for SPV System to Principal Éliezer Joldan Memorial College (EJM) Leh, Ladakh. Rajesh Kumar, Executive Director. POWERGRID. Northern Region-II

handed over the battery bank to Sameena Igbal, Principal Eliezer Joldan Memorial College on 14.08.2023, in the presence of Anil Sharma, Chief General Manager, POWERGRID, NR-II, KV Sampath Kumar, Sr General Manager(Finance), Shafat Ahmed Wani, Sr. General Manager(Ladakh/Kashmir), DisketAngmo, Vice Principal, EJMC and

### **TIRANGA UNFURLED**

AMARAVATI: University celebrated the 77th Independence Day with great patriotic fervor. The centerpiece of the celebrations was the flag hoisting ceremony. The national flag, also known as the "Tiranga," was



unfurled with great pride by the Chief Guest Jitendra Chakravarthv Putcha (EVP and Global Head - Data, Analytics, AI, LTI Mind Tree). The celebration of Independence Day ignited a sense of patriotism and love for the country.

### **SRIMST CONDUCTS 15TH INDUCTION DAY**

Chennai: Faculty of Management at SRMIST Vadapalani was the cynosure of all eyes today when it conducted 15th Induction Day to welcome over 270 students into the MBA course. Out of them, 30 were from MBA (Banking and Financial Services) course which was



introduced this academic year (2023-2024) The auditorium at the institution was filled with thunderous applause as the chief guest Hans Raj Verma, Chairman and Managing Director of Tamilnadu Industrial Investment Corporation (TIIC) addressed the newly inducted students. Today is a very important day

### 106% SURGE IN FEMALE APPLICANTS FOR TELECALLING EXECUTIVES: DATA

in your life as it marks a beginning of a new phase, he said

New Delhi: WorkIndia, India's leading tech platform for blue-collar recruitment, has recently released a data report that showcases a remarkable 106 per cent upsurge in female applicants for telecalling executive roles. This surge contributes significantly to the overall 84 per cent increase in demand witnessed within the Tele-calling sector, signifying a notable transformation in the industry's landscape. The report revealing that the industry is predominantly driven by female candidates, constituting an impressive 58.4 per cent of the total workforce. The notable surge in female applicants for tele-calling roles showcases the evolving workforce dynamics in India, said Nilesh Dungarwal, Co-founder and CEO, WorkIndia

## Ruthless Eng beat Aus to set up WC final with Spain

auren Hemp and Alessia Russo did the damage late on as England shattered ⊿Australian dreams Wednesday with a clinical 3-1 win in Sydney to set up a Women's World Cup final against Spain.

The Lionesses had stumbled at the same stage twice before but the European champions made no mistake this time to silence most of the 75,000 crowd and roar into the final for the first time.

They deservedly took the lead nine minutes before the break with Manchester United's Ella Toone unleashing a rocket just inside the box with the outside of her boot.

A fit-again Sam Kerr, starting for the first time this tournament, hit back for the home side just after the hour with a world-class goal that set the game on fire.

The skipper picked up the ball, went on

fly from 30 yards into the top corner. "We played a hard game but again we found a way to win," said England coach Sarina Wiegman, who also took her native Netherlands to the 2019 final, before losing 2-

a weaving run through England's half and let

0 to the United States. "We have been talking about ruthlessness and this team has ruthlessness, whether it is up front or in defence.

"I never take anything for granted, but it's like I'm living in a fairytale or something," she

#### DREAM COME TRUE

England now face a final on Sunday, also at Stadium Australia, against a dangerous Spanish side that beat Sweden 2-1 in the last four. "Every game in this tournament has been of the highest level so we have to be ready,"

"But we've been dreaming since we were little girls. We're excited, we'll recover and be

England had been in this position before, in 2015 and 2019, losing 2-1 on both occasions, with a third-place finish their best World Cup

But Wiegman led them to the European title last year on home soil and captain Millie Bright said before the semi-final they were now better-placed to handle big-pressure games.



pumping and partisan Stadium Australia, successfully blanking out the boos and jeers to silence an expectant home nation.

Despite losing Australia have enjoyed their best World Cup ever, with a third-placed playoff against Sweden on Saturday still to play.

I feel for so many tonight, the players left it all out there," said Australia coach Tony Gustavsson. "But it was one of those nights. England were clinical.

Our defending in the first half was solid, but we were not brave enough on the ball. In the second half we started playing the type of game we can play.'

#### **HEAVY CHALLENGES**

With influential striker Kerr fit again, Gustavsson moved Emily van Egmond to the bench in one of two changes with defender Clare Polkinghorne in for an ill Alanna England stuck to the same XI that beat

Colombia 2-1 with striker Lauren James serving the second of a two-match ban — she will be eligible to play on Sunday.

Kerr was in the thick of the early action and England ruthlessly looked to close her down with some heavy challenges, one of them

But as England grew in confidence they began controlling the midfield battle.

Goalkeeper Mackenzie Arnold rescued Australia when she deflected Georgia Stanway's strike with her legs.

The breakthrough came in the 36th minute with Toone, in the side for James, arrowing her shot into the top right corner after Hemp pulled the ball back from the touchline.

With 45 minutes to save their tournament, Australia frantically pressed forward and it paid dividends when Kerr's wonder strike drew them level.

But England were unmoved and when Ellie Carpenter misjudged a long ball into the box, Hemp hustled her way through to score from close range.

Kerr then missed a golden chance to draw level again, and a minute later Russo found herself alone in the box and finished calmly with her right foot to seal a deserved win for



## Barcelona continue reshuffle by appointing Deco as sports director

**AFP** BARCELONA

Barcelona on Wednesday announced that former player Deco was taking over as sporting director. The 45-yearold Brazilian-born Portuguese international midfielder has signed a three-year contract.

"Deco will be in charge of setting FC Barcelona's sporting philosophy and putting together the squad with the coach and the coaching and becoming head of the football section," the club said in their announcement.

Deco first joined Barcelona from Benfica in 2004 and won La Liga twice and the Champions League in 2006 in four seasons at the club.

He then played two seasons for Chelsea before returning to Brazil and finishing his career with four seasons at Fluminense in Rio de Janeiro. The appointment follows a reshuffle Barcelona announced in May.

The team's current director of football Mateu Alemany is leaving the club when the transfer window closes.

Sporting director Jordi Cruyff left in May. Wednesday's announcement added that "in the coming weeks the club will release details of the FC Barcelona sporting structure."

## Arsenal's Timber out with knee injury | 'I came to Bayern to feel



**AFP** ■ LONDON

rsenal suffered a setback on Arsenal suitered a security when they announced Dutch defender Jurrien Timber would be sidelined with a major knee injury.

The 22-year-old damaged the anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee during the Gunners' 2-1 win at home to Nottingham Forest in their opening match of the new Premier League season last weekend. A statement on Arsenal's website said: "Jurrien will undergo surgery in the coming days and will be out of action for a period of time.

"The support and expertise from our medical team and

everyone at the club will now be focussed on Jurrien's rehabilitation programme, to ensure he recovers well and is back playing as soon as possible."

Timber only joined Arsenal, bidding to go one better than last season's second place in the Premier League, in July in an initial 40-million-euro (\$45 million) move from Dutch giants Ajax. He won two Eredivisie titles in 121 appearances for Ajax and was a member of the Netherlands squad that reached the quarter-finals of last year's World Cup.

He can operate at both centre-back and right-back and it had been hoped he would bring added depth to an Arsenal

defence that struggled to cope with injuries to William Saliba and Takehiro Tomiyasu towards the end of last season.

Timber's arrival at the Emirates Stadium came as a part of a pre-season spending spree that saw Declan Rice and Kai Havertz join the club, with the trio's combined transfer fees totalling in excess of £200 million (\$254 million).

Arsenal, however, may now have to go into the transfer window again to get cover for Timber, with Mikel Arteta's side looking to overhaul treble-winners Manchester City as Premier League champions. The Gunners' next match is away to Crystal Palace on Monday.

## pressure to win titles', says Kane

**AFP** BERLIN

England captain Harry Kane Said on Wednesday he made the move to Bayern Munich "to feel a new pressure of having to

win titles every year". Kane, 30, left Tottenham in a deal worth an initial 100 million euros (\$110 million) on Saturday after spending his whole career with his boyhood

Speaking with Sky Sports, Kane revealed his desire to play consistently at the highest level was behind the move.

"A lot of people talk about here but ultimately it was to improve and to feel a new pressure of having to win titles every year, having to go far in the Champions League and pushing myself to that limit."

Kane left Tottenham as the side's record goalscorer with 280 in all competitions, but did not lift any silverware during his time in north London.

Tottenham lost the 2019 Champions League final to Liverpool, as well as two League Cup finals during Kane's stint at the club.

Six-time European champions Bayern have won the past 11 Bundesliga titles and are favourites for domestic honours again this season.



team achievements rather than individual goals were his focus in the Bavarian capital.

"If you're winning games, if you're winning titles, if you're winning Champions Leagues it will likely mean I'll be scoring goals, which then allows you to win other individual awards, but that all comes from what you achieve as a team.'

Kane came off the bench late in Bayern's 3-0 Super Cup loss to RB Leipzig on Saturday, just hours after finalising his

He could make his Bundesliga debut on Friday away at Werder Bremen. The forward, who is also

England's top goalscorer, said he would relish the pressure of playing for one of Europe's biggest "When you are at a club like

Bayern Munich you have to win. There are no questions about it.

"If you don't win or you don't perform well there are going to be question marks."

Kane said he knew the move away from England would be "strange to begin with". "I'll miss it to begin with, but

I think my focus is here... I'm really excited for this challenge and trying to help this team.

## Panathinaikos beat Marseille on penalties

 $P_{\text{seille on penalties to reach}}^{\text{anathinaikos stunned Marseille}}$ the Champions League play-off round on Tuesday, while Rangers teed up a clash with PSV Eindhoven.

Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang wiped out Panathinaikos' 1-0 first-leg lead in the third qualifying round with his first Marseille goal inside two minutes at the Stade Velodrome.

The former Arsenal and Barcelona striker completed the turnaround in first-half added time by turning home his second goal from Jonathan Clauss low cross.

But there was a late twist, as just seconds after Matteo Guendouzi had seen a strong penalty appeal waved away, the Marseille midfielder was penalised for handball by VAR and Fotis Ioannidis dispatched the resulting 99th-minute spotkick to force extra time.

Vitinha had a goal ruled out by VAR for an offside against Ismaila Sarr in the build-up as the Greeks held on for penalties. Filip Mladenovic stroked

Panathinaikos won the shootout 5-3, with goalkeeper Alberto Brignoli's earlier save from Guendouzi proving crucial. Panathinaikos will next face

Braga, with the winners to secure their first group-stage appearance in over a decade. James Tavernier's secondhalf header helped Rangers edge

past Swiss side Servette with a 1second-leg draw and 3-2 aggregate win.

The Scottish giants, who conceded 22 goals in six defeats home the winning penalty as on their return to the group



Kutesa. But Tavernier struck to set up a play-off round rematch for

Rangers against PSV Eindhoven, after their success against the Dutch team at the same stage last

The first leg will be played next week in Glasgow.

"It's a new team, it's about gelling together and continuing to work hard," Rangers captain since charged 105 people in con-Tavernier told BBC Scotland. nection with the incident.

"It's there but it's about being fully concentrated... "We have to put a real marker down at Ibrox (against PSV).'

Former European champions PSV sealed their place in the next round with ease, adding a 3-1 win over Sturm Graz in Austria to their 4-1 first-leg success, with Luuk de Jong netting his third goal of the tie. Elsewhere, FC Copenhagen

beat Sparta Prague on penalties in the Czech Republic after a dramatic 3-3 second-leg draw. Faroese club KI Klaksvik's

fairytale run came to a heartbreaking end as Martin Linnes grabbed an extra-time winner for Molde. Braga, Polish champions

Rakow, Galatasaray and Maccabi Haifa all also progressed. AEK Athens scored in the

90th minute to beat Dinamo Zagreb 2-1 in the Croatian cap-The match was the first leg

of the tie after last week's scheduled first game in Athens was ter conditions in the next round." postponed after the fatal stabbing of a fan. Greek prosecutors have

### **AFP** CINCINNATI

arlos Alcaraz battled Uthrough a rain interruption to claim his 50th win of the season, defeating Jordan Thompson 7-5, 4-6, 6-3 on Wednesday at the Cincinnati Open.

The top-seeded Spaniard is bidding for his seventh trophy of 2023 as he prepares for a US Open title defense in less than a fortnight.

His victory took three hours, with the world number one breaking open the third set as he delivered two love games and moved through on a second match point.

"I had never played him and the start/stop was not easy," Alcaraz said. "It was not easy to wait for the rain. "He played aggressive, I'm

glad to get through. It was a long day waiting to play and then find rain in the first set. "I had to play my best level at the end; I'm hoping for bet-

Alcaraz was tested by number 55 Thompson who now stands 2-16 against Top-10



The Spaniard had 32 winners and 41 unforced errors in the marathon. Including a 15-minute

pause for rain and subsequent warmup, the first set took nearly 90 minutes, with Thompson saving 10 of a dozen break points only to lose on the first Alcaraz set point.

Alcaraz came back from a break down in the second set and ran away with the third as Thompson complained to the day here. chair umpire about an incorrectstrung racquet which he only discovered at a late stage in the

#### **BRITISH EXODUS** In other games, an inspired

Gael Monfils applied the finishing touches to a British exodus with a 3-6, 6-4, 6-3 defeat of 13th seed Cameron Norrie.

The veteran French showman got his left knee wrapped in the opening set of the firstround match and took confidence from encouraging words from the physio to secure the win which left Britain 0-3 on the

The rush to the exits began with the withdrawal of Andy Murray due to an existing abdominal injury dating to last

Lorenzo Musetti defeated Dan Evans 6-4, 6-3 before Monfils

week in Toronto.

staged his comeback victory against British number one In other matches, Alexander Zverev defeated fellow former

Meanwhile on court,

tournament champion Grigor Dimitrov 6-2, 6-2. Germany's Zverev, the 16th

seed, claimed the title at his last participation in 2021 while Dimitrov lifted the trophy in Zverev was joined in the

second round by former semifinalist Stan Wawrinka, who polished off a win after rain called a halt to his match the night before. Switzerland's three-time

Grand Slam champion defeated American Brandon Nakashima 6-3, 6-7 (5/7), 6-3, requiring just two concluding games to reach the second round after the overnight pause.

Borna Coric concluded unfinished business with Petra Korda, winning 7-6 (7/5), 6-4 while Ugo Humbert defeated fellow Frenchman Arthur Fils 6-4,

# WITH JITESH HOT-ON-HEELS, TIME COULD BE RUNNING OUT FOR SAMSON

¬he national selection committee's patience with the profligate Sanju Samson could be soon running out as Jitesh Sharma's presence in the 15-member squad for Ireland T20s puts the Rajasthan Royals skipper's place in the side under

The Indian squad for the series, save skipper Jasprit Bumrah, who is treating this event as a fitness test for the ODI World Cup, comprises Asian Games-bound players mostly and that in turn creates a slightly tricky situation.

With scores of 12, 7 and 13 in the three games that he batted in the five-match T20 series against West Indies, Samson has himself invited trouble and one shouldn't be surprised if Jitesh dons the big gloves and plays as a designated finisher during the Ireland series beginning on Friday.

The 29-year-old from

Maharashtra is likely to be India's first-choice keeper ahead of Prabhsimran Singh in the upcoming Asian Games and before an important event, it is only fair that he gets to play a few international games to settle



Jitesh performs the tough role of a finisher for Punjab Kings at No 5 or 6 in IPL and it is not an easy job to mentally condition yourself to play only case KL Rahul can't make it

15 to 20 balls per game. While Samson is still bestplaced to become a reserve keeper in ODI World Cup, in eventually, but his inconsistency for years now despite immense potential does keep the selectors worried.

It is imperative that Samson

gets a few more chances to make a case for 50-over World Cup selection (though different format) but will the team thinktank be able to fit in both the

look at the squad will make one feel that it would be a tight case.

With Ruturaj Gaikwad and Yashasvi Jaiswal set to open and Tilak Varma after a fine debut series in the West Indies settled at No. 4, the slot that may be up for grabs is No. 3 in the absence of the brilliant Survakumar Yadav.

Samson, who has batted at No. 3 slot for Rajasthan Royals on occasions during IPL, could be tried in that position but there is Shivam Dube, the big-hitting giant, who has also been a floater and used successfully at that position by Chennai Super Kings skipper MS Dhoni during the IPL final.

On top of it, Dube is the team's seam bowling all-rounder although he is not even close to Hardik Pandya when it comes to rolling his arms over. But his sheer power-hitting skills could make him a contender.

Also in case Samson plays all the games, one among Jitesh and the equally exciting Rinku Singh will miss out.

Indian T20 team as well as the ODI squad need good middle-order finishers and captain Bumrah and stand-in coach Sitanshu Kota wouldn't want to lose out on that chance.



## Bumrah bowls at India nets after 11 months

PTI DUBLIN

A fter a hiatus of 11 months, top pacer Jasprit Bumrah returned to India nets on Wednesday and bowled with intensity and skill that made him a fearsome opponent for

The 29-year-old last played for India against Australia in T20I match at Hyderabad on September 25, 2022. Since then he was sidelined with a back injury that required him to undergo a surgery.

However, Bumrah made his much-awaited return to India colours when he was named captain of the national side on July 31 for the away T20I series against Ireland starting on Friday in Dublin.

The Indian team made its touchdown in Ireland on Tuesday and wasted little time in hitting the ground a day

In a video shared by BCCI on X, formerly Twitter, Bumrah was seen bowling at full tilt, a comforting sight ahead of the upcoming Asia Cup and the ODI World Cup.

Bumrah rattled a righthand batter with a whizzing bouncer, forcing him to duck under the ball. He zoomed in on the toes of a left-handed batsman with a spot-on yorker, eliciting some appreciative nods from others at India

The net session could be viewed as a sum total of his recovery process at the NCA, where he gradually increased the workload and followed a

designer fitness regime.

The India squad also includes pacer Prasidh Krishna, who is also making a comeback to the India side after a lengthy injury lay-off, forced by surgery to treat a lumbar stress fracture.

## Playing K L in Asia Cup would be asking for too much from him: Shastri

 $F^{ormer\,India\,head\,coach\,Ravi}_{Shastri\,would\,not\,include\,K}$ L Rahul in the playing eleven for the Asia Cup as it would be asking for "too much" from a player who has not played competitive cricket for close to four

Both Rahul and Shreyas Iyer, who are undergoing injury rehabilitation at the NCA in Bengaluru, are expected to regain full fitness before the Asia Cup starting August 31.
"When you are talking of a

player who has not played and is recovering from injury. To think of him in the playing eleven of Asia Cup, you are ask-ing little too much of the play-or himself er himself.

"And then you are talking keeping when the guy has come from a knee injury, the range of movement, things like (that). That is a no, no straight," Shastri cussion referring to Rahul.

He also warned against rushing back players from injuries. "You can't rush players back from injuries. You did that with Jasprit Bumrah, not once, twice but thrice and he has been out for 14 months now.

In place of Rahul, Shastri would like to see rookie batter Tilak Varma in the middle order. He wants to see three lefthanders in the top-seven, including Ravindra Jadeja.

"There are three other positions where I think two left-handers have to come in. Now, this is where the selectors' role comes in because they are watching. They know who's the guy who's hot. If Tilak Varma is hot, bring him in. If you think (Yashasvi) Jaiswal is hot, bring him in.



"I am very impressed with Tilak and if I want a left-hander, I would look in that direction. The way he has got his runs over the last three months, whether in the IPL or India, he has ticked all the boxes," said Shastri. Shastri also backed Ishan

Kishan to come good.
"Including Jaddu (Jadeja),
there should be three left-handers in the top seven. Ishan Kishan has been keeping for the last 15 months. Why go somewhere else?

"If you have persisted with Ishan Kishan for the last six to eight months, and he's going to keep wickets, he comes in, in any case. But, get two left-handers,"

Justifying his point further, Shastri remembered the 2019 World Cup semifinal loss to

New Zealand. "People don't give credit what Shikhar Dhawan deserves. That guy was an amazing player. When we lost that World Cup semifinal, he was missed. A lefthander at the top of the order, as opposed to three right-handers, makes a huge difference when the ball is swinging away (swinging in for the right handers)," he added.



## Knee injury ends Shaw's Northamptonshire stint

was ruled out of the remainder of his stint with Northamptonshire, owing to a knee injury he suffered while fielding against

Shaw had made an unbeaten 125 off 76 balls in that match on August 13 as Northamptonshire cruised to a six-wicket win.

"Prithvi injured his knee while fielding in the fixture against Durham and subsequent scan results received this morning have revealed the injury is worse than initially expected," the Northamptonshire stated in a media release.

The 23-year-old Shaw made a fine impression during his short stint with the Steelbacks during the One-Day Cup 2023, amassing 429 runs in four

His run-making spree included a mammoth 244 off 153 9, leading Northants to an 87run victory.

John Sadler, the head coach of Northamptonshire, said it was a massive disappointment to let go of a player like Shaw.

"In his short stint Prithvi has

made a huge impact on us as a club. It's a huge shame he won't be with us for the remainder of this competition," said Sadler. Sadler said Shaw made a

huge impact in the Northamptonshire dressing room as well. "As well as his performances

on the field he had a huge impact in our dressing room. Nobody wanted to win games more than him and he contributed to us doing so.

"We wish him well and hope to see him scoring runs again soon," he added.

## Akram asks PCB to delete commemorative video clip without Imran



PTI ■ COLOMBO

egendary fast bowler Wasim LAkram on Wednesday asked Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) to delete and apologise to fans for making a commemorative video clip without featuring Imran Khan, the 1992 World Cup winning captain.

On August 14, the PCB shared a video clip celebrating the best moments of Pakistan cricket and the crowning mo-ment was understandably the World Cup victory 31 years ago. But Imran, who led that

team, was not to be seen anywhere in that clip which ran for 2 minutes and 21 seconds.

Akram, who played a vital role in that triumph, expressed his dismay over omitting his fast bowling mentor from the

"After long flights and hours of transit before reaching Sri Lanka, I got the shock of my life when I watched PCB's short clip on the history of Pakistan cricket minus the great Imran Khan.

"Political differences apart but Imran Khan is an icon of world cricket and developed Pakistan into a strong unit in his time and gave us a pathway...PCB should delete the video and apologise," Akram wrote on X, formerly Twitter.

Under Imran, Pakistan made a remarkable charge to the victory from the brink and defeated England in the final at MCG by 22 runs, till date their

only 50-over World Cup win. After his playing career, Imran turned to politics and formed the Pakistan Tehreek-

e-Insaf party in 1996. The 70-year-old former all-rounder rose to be Pakistan's Prime Minister in 2018, a post he held until April last year before getting evicted from office following a no-confidence motion. Imran was arrested on August 5, and is currently serving a jail term in the Toshakhana case.

national cricket. Big thank you

to PCB, my family, coaches, mentors, teammates, fans, and everyone who supported me. Exciting times ahead in the

world of franchise cricket!," he

said in a statement posted on

## Stokes in Eng's provisional Riaz announces international retirement squad for ODI World Cup

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 $E^{ngland\ Test\ skipper\ Ben\ Stokes\ on}$   $E^{wednesday\ came\ out\ of\ ODI\ retirement}$ to be included in the provisional squad for the 50-over World Cup while talented batter Harry Brook and tearaway pace bowler Jofra Archer were the notable omissions. The World Cup will commence in India on October 5.

Stokes, who quit ODIs last year saying playing in all three formats was "unsustainable", has reversed his retirement decision and national selector Luke Wright said the all-rounder's return will add to England's

"match-winning ability". Stokes, 32, will return for next month's four-match ODI series against New Zealand. Wright confirmed that the 15 named for the New Zealand series also formed the provi-

sional World Cup squad. Wright revealed that the injury-prone Archer would only be included in England's World Cup plans as a travelling reserve.

"The return of Ben Stokes only adds to that quality with his match-winning ability and leadership. I am certain that every fan will enjoy seeing him back in an England ODI shirt again," said Wright in a statement



issued by the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB)

Gus Atkinson, the 25-year-old right-arm quick, has also been given his maiden inter-

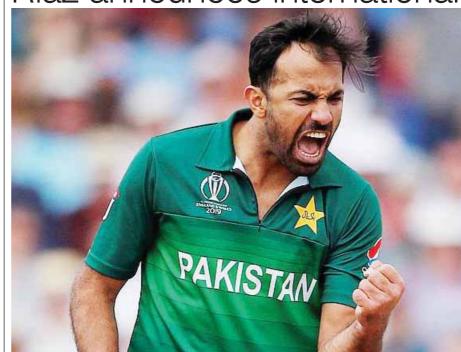
Brook, who became the fastest player to compete 1,000 Test runs on a per-ball basis he took 1,058 balls to achieve the feat has failed to find a place in the provisional squad and Wright said it showed the depth Brook, 24, had also played a match-win-

ning knock of 75 runs off 93 deliveries in the second innings of the third Ashes Test "It's incredibly hard on some players that are going to miss out. It shows the strength

and depth we have in English cricket and there are other names who are knocking on the door as well," said Wright. "With the balance of the squad, and with only fifteen that you can name it's incredi-

bly tough. Teams have time until September 5 to formally submit their provisional World Cup squads to the ICC, and further changes can be made until September 28.

England's provisional World Cup quad: Jos Buttler (captain), Moeen Ali, Gus Atkinson, Jonny Bairstow, Sam Curran, Liam Livingstone, Dawid Malan, Adil Rashid, Joe Root, Jason Roy, Ben Stokes, Reece Topley, David Willey, Mark Wood,



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 $P^{\text{akistan fast bowler Wahab}}_{\text{Riaz on Wednesday announ}}$ ced his retirement from interna-

tional cricket to focus on playing T20 leagues around the

The 38-year-old left-arm pacer played 27 Tests, 91 ODIs I've decided to retire from inter-

and 36 T20 Internationals from 2008-2020, claiming 83, 120 and 34 wickets respectively.
"After an incredible journey,

social media platform X, formerly Twitter. "As I bid farewell to this chapter, I am thrilled to embark on a new adventure in franchise cricket, where I hope to entertain and inspire audiences while competing against some of the best talents in the world," added

the fast bowler. Riaz is the ninth bowler in history of Pakistan to take a five-for on debut, recorded against England as he took 5/63 at The Oval. Riaz also took a famous five-wicket haul against arch rivals India in the semifinal of 2011 World Cup

But for many, the most famous spell from Riaz came in the quarterfinal of the 2015 World Cup when he rattled Australia batters, particularly Shane Watson, with a barrage of short-pitch bowling.

in Mohali, albeit in a losing

cause.