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Raje, Joshi missing from **BJP's Raj election panels**

Party names 21 candidates for Chhattisgarh, 39 for MP polls

PNS NEW DELHI

The BJP on Thursday announced two election committees for Rajasthan on Thursday, raising eyebrows due to the notable absence of for-mer Chief Minister Vasundhara Raje and four other prominent State leaders from these committees. The election committees were formed by the party's national president JP Nadda.

The newly announced ankalp (Manifesto) 'Sankalp Committee" and "Election Management Committee" exclude not only Raje but also State BJP president CP Joshi and Leader of the Opposition Rajendra Rathore. Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and former State BJP president Satish Poonia too are missing from these panels.

The sole representation from the State's senior leaders in the committees is MP Kirodi Lal Meena and former Union Minister Rajyavardhan Singh

Heading the "Election Management Committee" is former MP Narayan former MP Narayan Panchariya, leading a team of



21 members. Union Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal will guide the "Pradesh Sankalp Patra (Manifesto) Committee," tasked with shaping the party's election manifesto. Additionally, the BJP is expected to announce a third committee focused on the election campaign in the coming weeks, in preparation for the year-end

Addressing Raje's absence from the committees, BJP State In-charge Arun Singh underscored her role as the party's National Vice President and former Chief Minister of the State. Singh assured that Raje would actively participate in the election campaign, citing her significant contributions and experience.

Assembly polls.

"She is the national vice

Simultaneously, the BJP unveiled its initial list of candidates for the upcoming Assembly polls in Chhattisgarh

president of the party. She has

a big role to play. She has been

the Chief Minister of the State

twice. She will campaign in the

election. We all respect her," he

BJP's State election in-charge and Union Minister

Pralhad Joshi said both State and Central leaders of the

party will campaign for the crucial polls. "Our strategy is

ready. I have full confidence that people will give the man-date to the BJP, and we will get

Management Committee,'

a historic victory," he said

told reporters.

and Madhya Pradesh. The list comprises 21 candidates for Chhattisgarh and 39 for Madhya Pradesh, featuring five women candidates from each State. One prominent candidate is Vijay Baghel, the BJP's Durg MP, who is fielded from Paten a constitution

co-convenors.

from Patan, a constituency presently represented by Chhattisgarh Chief Minister and Congress leader Bhupesh These selections were decided by the party's Central Election Committee meeting

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Ministers Rajnath Singh and Amit Shah, alongside other senior leaders. While currently holding power solely in Madhya Pradesh, the BJP has launched

chaired by Nadda, attended by

an assertive campaign to challenge the Congress government in Chhattisgarh.

The BJP's performance in the 2018 polls resulted in securing 15 out of 90 seats in the Chhattisgarh, in contrast to the Congress's 68. Moreover, the party secured 109 out of 230

"Election headed by Narayan Panchariya, includes prominent members such as former State General Secretary Onkar Singh seats in the Madhya Pradesh Lakhawat, party's National Spokesperson and MP Assembly, compared to the

'Vindhyagiri' sign of 'Atmanirbhar Bharat': Prez



The newly-launched Vindhyagiri, the third stealth frigate for the Indian Navy built by Defence PSU Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited (GRSE), on Thursday. Describing the indigenous construction of an advanced stealth frigate for the Indian navy, 'Vindhyagiri' as a symbol of India's self-reliance in shipbuilding, President Droupadi Murmu on Thursday launched the ship at the dock on the banks of the river Hooghly here. "I am very happy to be here at the launch of Vindhyagiri This event marks a move forward in enhancing India's maritime capabilities. Vindhyagiri is also a step towards achieving the goal of Atmanirbhar Bharat through

Ajay Rai Cong incharge for UP, Surjewala for poll-bound MP

The Congress on Thursday appointed former MLA Ajay Rai as the chief of the party's Uttar Pradesh unit and Randeep Surjewala as general secretary in-charge of poll-bound Madhya Pradesh.

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge also appointed Mukul Wasnik as general secretary in-charge of Gujarat, replacing Raghu in-charge of Karnataka, has been given the additional charge of Madhya Pradesh,

replacing Jai Prakash Agarwal. An organisational overhaul of several State units of the Congress is underway and more appointments are likely in the coming days. Earlier this month, the Congress set up screening committees to finalise candidates for the Assembly polls in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh

and Telangana later this year. The setting up of the screening committees followed the appointment of election observers for Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh,

Telangana and Mizoram. Kharge appointed Rai, a Bhumihar who unsuccessfully contested against Prime Minister Narendra Modi from Varanasi in 2014 and 2019 polls, as the president of the UP Congress Committee replacing Dalit leader Brijlal Khabri.

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Chandrayaan's historic soft landing on moon on Aug 23

Lander successfully separates from its propulsion module

PTI ■ BENGALURU

India's Chandrayaan-3 mission on Thursday achieved a major milestone when its Lander Module carrying the rover inside successfully separated from the Propulsion Module to be on course for an unprecedented soft-landing on the moon's south nole n on August 23.

The Lander Module comprising the lander Vikram and rover Pragyan is now ready to be lowered to an orbit that takes it closer to the moon's surface. The soft landing on the lunar south pole is scheduled at 5.47 pm next Wednesday.

Thanks for the ride, mate! said the Lander Module (LM). LM is successfully separated from the Propulsion Module. LM is set to descend to a slightly lower orbit upon a deboosting planned for tomorrow around 1600 Hrs IST," the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) said in a post on X (formerly Twitter). The ₹600 crore Chandrayaan-3 mission was launched on July 14, a far more complicated 41-day voyage to reach the

lunar south pole. After Thursday's separation, the lander is expected to undergo a "deboost" (the process of slowing down) to place it in an orbit, where the



ISRO's 'Chandravaan-3' after its landing module successfully separated from the propulsion module. Landing Module is set to descend to a slightly lower orbit upon a deboosting planned for Friday around 4pm

Perilune (the orbit's closest point to the Moon) is 30 km and Apolune (farthest point from the Moon) is 100 km, from where the soft landing on the south polar region of the Moon will be attempted, an ISRO official said.

The Propulsion Module will continue its journey in the current orbit for months/years, the ISRO said.

"Now really the match starts. These are the final overs we are talking about," Chandrayaan-I Director M Annadurai told

Chandravaan-3 is a followon mission to Chandrayaan-2 and its objectives are to demonstrate safe and soft landing on the lunar surface, roving on the moon, and to conduct in-situ scientific experiments.

Chandrayaan-2 had failed in its lunar phase when its lander 'Vikram' crashed into the surface of the moon following anomalies in the braking sys tem in the lander while attempting a soft landing on September 7, 2019. Chandrayaan's maiden mis-

sion was in 2008. Continued on Page 2

Government is merely watching. That being the case, the

Pilot dies moments before steering flight

▲ airport as an IndiGo pilot collapsed at a boarding gate and subsequently passed away while being transported to a hospital. The pilot, who was an IndiGo captain, was on the verge of operating a flight from Nagpur to Pune (flight 6E135) when he suddenly lost consciousness at the boarding gate. He was quickly taken to hospital, where he was later pronounced dead.

On the previous day, he had operated two flights, traveling from Trivandrum to Nagpur via Pune, between 3 am and 7 am. Following this, he had a rest period of 27 hours and was scheduled to fly four sectors on the day of the inci-

Sources said the pilot had adhered to the rest guidelines mandated by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation

(DGCA) prior to his flight. The pilot's death was attributed to a "sudden cardiac arrest," according to a statement



from the KIMS-Kingsway Hospital, as cited by the news agency PTI.

IndiGo issued a statement expressing their sorrow over the loss, saying, "We are saddened at the passing of one of our pilots in Nagpur earlier today. He took unwell at Nagpur airport and was rushed to the hospital where he unfortunately passed away. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and loved ones.

Coincidentally, just the day before, a Qatar Airways pilot suffered a heart attack and passed away while on board a Delhi-Doha flight. The pilot was traveling in the passenger cabin as an additional crew member. Prior to his time with Qatar Airways, he had served with SpiceJet, Alliance Air, and

Bajrangi in 14-day judicial custody in Nuh violence case

PNS ■ GURUGRAM/NUH

¬ow vigilante Bittu Bajrangi, **∪**who was arrested in connection with communal clashes in Nuh earlier this month and later on released, has been placed under 14-day judicial custody after his fresh arrest.

Bajrangi was presented before a Nuh court on

Thursday and subsequently sent to judicial custody at the Neemka jail in Faridabad district. Bajrangi, also known as Raj Kumar, was arrested on Tuesday in Faridabad after a fresh FIR was filed against him at Nuh's Sadar police station by assistant superintendent of police Usha Kundu.

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Bittu Bajrangi, accused in Nuh violence case, being produced at a court following
PTI

SC questions Centre, Gujarat on selective remission policy

PNS NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court of India on Thursday sought clarification from the Gujarat and Union Governments on the selective application of remission policies for convicts serving prison terms.

The court was hearing a slew of petitions against the Gujarat Government's decision to grant remission to 11 convicts involved in the notorious gang-rape of Bilkis Bano and the subsequent murder of her family members during the 2002 Gujarat riots.

The bench comprising Justices BV Nagarathna and Ujjal Bhuyan said that every eligible convict should be uniformly afforded an opportunity for reform and successful



reintegration into society.

According to the Bar and Bench's report, Justice Nagarathna articulated, "Why is the policy of remission being applied selectively? The opportunity to reintegrate and reform should be given to every convict, not a few. Question is, not en masse, but where eligible, are all life sentence convicts after 14 years being given the benefit of remission?

These queries underline aspects related to the case on the Court's concern over the unequal application of remission policies.

The convicts who were granted remission are: Jaswant Nai, Govind Nai, Shailesh Bhatt, Radhyesham Shah, Bipin Chandra Joshi, Kesarbhai Vohania, Pradeep Mordhiya, Bakabhai Vohania, Rajubhai Soni, Mitesh Bhatt, and Ramesh Chandana, had previously been sentenced to life imprisonment for their heinous

Their release by the Gujarat Government, just ahead of the State Assembly polls, incited a series of pleas that were brought before the apex court. The bench had earlier

sought the response of the

Gujarat Government on certain

August 25 of the previous year. This came after the Court, earlier this month, underscored that an accused in a criminal case holds a constitutional right to be reintegrated into society.

During the proceedings Additional Solicitor General (ASG) SV Raju, who repre-Gujarat sented the Government, asserted that the State Government was obligated by the effective mandamus of a May 2022 Supreme Court ruling, which stipulated that the State's remission policy would be applicable in the case and required the consideration of applications for remission in alignment with the policies of the Gujarat

BJP busy toppling Opp Govt: Sharad TN RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

In no let-up in his vehement criticism of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, NCP chief Sharad Pawar said on Thursday that while Modi spoke repeatedly about providing a stable Government, the ruling BJP

was busy toppling the dulyelected Governments in Opposition-ruled States. A day after he took a dig at Modi for his claim that he would return as Prime Minister after the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, Pawar said that Modi's asser-

topple the duly-elected tion of providing a stable Government sounded hollow in the face of the efforts by the BJP to destabilise Governments in Opposition-ruled States in the country.

Addressing a public rally

at Beed in Marathwada region, Pawar said, "You talk of pro-

viding a stable Government but

Governments in States' cited the examples of the BJP toppling

To buttress his point, Pawar Opposition Governments in Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and also the Uddhav Thackeray-led MVA Government in Maharashtra.

spoke for five minutes about Manipur but spoke about other things for two hours. Modi did not think it was essential for him to go to Manipur to interact with the people there. He is busy preparing for the elections... People are taking out morchas in Manipur. The Modi The NCP chief had said,

"During his speech, Modi

public mood in the country is turning against the Modi Government." Pawar said, "These days, the rulers are not concerned about the welfare of people. They are making efforts to

drive a wedge in society. The prices of essential commodities have gone up. The Government is not bothered about farmers. Women are being beaten and paraded naked on the streets. And the BJP is sitting quiet."

Pawar, who has launched a campaign to reach out to people after Ajit Pawar rebelled against him, walked out of the party with 40-odd MLAs and oined the Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena and BJP Government in the State on July 2, took a pot shot at his nephew for lack of gratitude.

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UGC, NHRC notices to JU, Bengal Govt

<u>he pioneer</u>

SAUGAR SENGUPTA KOLKATA

The University Grants Commission and the National Human Rights Commission have issued notices to the premier Jadavpur University, Bengal Government and the State Director General of Police on the alleged ragging-related suicide case of an undergraduate student.

Swapnadip Kundu a 17year-old student from Bagula in Nadia district reportedly leapt to his death on the night of August 9. The student was allegedly stripped and made to walk on the thin railings of the second floor. He fell off the parapet and succumbed to his injuries hours later in a private medical hospital where he was rushed to by his tormentors.

Nine residents including two former students of the University hostel have thus far been arrested by the police. The incident took place at the JU Main Hostel situated about a km outside the campus. JU is ranked fourth in the country in terms of performance.

Taking suo motu cognizance of the media reports the NHRC directed the State Chief Secretary to submit a report on the matter within four weeks. A similar notice has also been issued to the State Director General of Police, sources said. Through the notice the Commission has wanted to know the reasons for prima facie failure of the edu-



cational institution to take measures preventing ragging inside its campus. The DGP has been directed to make available the details of the criminal case lodged in the case.

The UGC too on Thursday slapped a notice apparently reprimanding University authorities for submitting a "generic" report on the alleged ragging and sexual harassment of a student leading to his death, sources said.

The UGC had directed the University authorities to file a factual and action-taken report within 24 hours on the matter.

Meanwhile, all hell broke loose in front of the JU campus where the ultra-Left student wings showed black flag to State Opposition Leader Suvendu Adhikari who was leading an anti-ragging procession down the road.

The Left students said that 'we were just exercising our democratic rights when the central security forces of Suvendu Adhikari beat us up

arrested not the culprits but our students who were victims of the attack," a JU student said. Adhikari was not available for India hosts Mission

SERVICE/AGENCIES NEW

n an effort to promote sustainable living, India is hosting a special exhibition at the

United Nations(UN) head-quarters in New York focussed

on 'Mission LiFE' (Lifestyle for

Environment). This initiative

was launched by Prime

Minister Narendra Modi and

UN chief Antonio Guterres

that aims to encourage sus-

inaugurated on Wednesday and

is being attended by diplomats,

UN officials and delegates.

Addressing the gathering,

Representative to the UN

Ambassador Ruchira Kamboj

From Page 1

Permanent

The two-day exhibition was

tainable living.

DELHI/UNITED NATIONS

LiFE expo at UN HQs

following them the BJP

goons too attacked us and beat

our students ... later the police

Prez launches new frigate

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

 $P^{\text{resident Droupadi Murmu}}_{\text{on Thursday launched an}}$ advanced stealth frigate christened INS Vindhyagiri, at Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd (GRSE) a government facility situated on the banks of River Hooghly in Kolkata.

INS 'Vindhyagiri' named after a mountain in Karnataka is the sixth of the seven war ships built under 'Project 17 Alpha' for the India Navy. The earlier five ships have already been launched between 2019

The President after the launch of the frigate said that Vindhyagiri was a move forward in enhancing India's maritime capabilities and achieving the goal of Atmanirbhar Bharat a coinage that would eventually lead India up from the world's fifth largest economy to third largest one. According to a senior official of the GRSE about 75 per cent of the com-

said: "We begin an inspiring journey together – the voyage of Mission LIFE!". She noted

that Prime Minister Modi

launched the initiative in part-

nership with UN Secretary-

General Guterres in October

2022 aimed at "uniting our

efforts for a greener, more sus-

government programme, it is

also a collective commitment

that begins with every individ-

ual. It is about recognising the

power of small changes in our

daily lives that collectively cre-

ate a monumental impact on

practices, we are not just alter-

ing our routines, we are shaping a new destiny for our planet," she said.

Bajrangi in 14-day judicial...

By adopting eco-friendly

"Mission LIFE is not just a

tainable future.



were manufactured in India. Fitted with state-of-the-art gadgets including armoury the ship would undergo extensive trials before being transferred to the Indian Navy. The ship is an answer to Chinese naval ambitions in the Indian Ocean

Vindhyagiri is a part of the Shivalik Class or Project 17 Class frigates armed with 149 metres long guided missile frigates. These have a displacement of around 6,670 tonnes and a speed of 28 knots, according to a GRSE official. These can neutralize threats in all three dimensions of air, surface and sub-surface," the official said.

Coast guard rescues Chinese national

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

Tn an effort to further enhance Lcultural partnership between the two countries, Israel on Wednesday hosted a soiree here that brought together distinguished figures from both the Israeli and Indian film industries.

The event was hosted by Israel's Ambassador to New Delhi Naor Gilon, according a communiqué by the Israeli embassy on Thursday.

It said this special event witnessed the presence of renowned Israeli actor Tsahi Halevi and Ms Nurit Tinari, Head of the Cultural Relations Division at the Israeli Foreign

IEDs," the agency said. Imran and Yunus, both members of the 'Sufa terrorist gang', who were absconding and were declared 'most wanted' by the NIA, were recently arrested by the Pune police in a case relating to the recovery of explosives from a car in Rajasthan in April 2022.

various parts of the country by fabricating and exploding the

NIA raids Thane

house, arrests

ISIS operative

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Thursday

raided the Thane house of

arrested accused Shamil Saguib

Nachan in the Pune ISIS mod-

ule case and seized a host of

incriminating material exposing

the terrorist organisation's con-

spiracy to disrupt peace and

communal harmony in the

The searches at the Padgha, Thane house of Nachan, a member of an ISIS Sleeper Cell,

vielded several mobile phones,

hard disks and some handwrit-

ten documents which are being

examined and analysed, the

for participating in Bomb (IED)

Assembly and Training

Workshops and also in the fab-

rication and testing of

Improvised Explosive Devices

with five other accused-Zulfikar

Ali Barodawala, Mohammed

Imran Khan, Mohammed

Yunus Saki, Simab Nasiruddin

Kazi and Abdul Kadir Pathan

along with some other sus-

pects, as part of a bigger con-

spiracy to trigger violence across

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court Thursday sought the

response of the city govern-

ment and others on a plea by

"Shamil had been working

Shamil was arrested earlier

NIA investigations in the Pune ISIS module case have revealed that Shamil and the other members of an ISIS Sleeper Cell had assembled IEDs at a house in Kondhwa, Pune, where they had also organised and participated in a bomb (IED) assembly and training workshops last year. They had even carried out a controlled explosion at this location to test an IED fabri-

cated by them. "The conspiracy was aimed at committing terrorist acts with aim to disturb peace and communal harmony of country. The accused had plans to wage a war against Government of India in furtherance of ISIS agenda to spread terror and violence with goal of establishing an Islamic State in country," the NIA said.

Special Secretary (Vigilance) and Public Works Department

Move over 'Happy Birthday'...It is time for 'Shubh Janmadinam Thubhyam'

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN

t is time to say good bye to the age old greeting song "Happy Birth Day To You.." Thanks to a group of young-sters (youth, to be precisely), the nation has a Sanskrit song to greet all on the occasion of

their birthdays. A young Sanskrit scholar Dr Sampadananda Mishra, who introduces himself as a teacher imparting knowledge to PG students to PG students (Play Group to Post Graduate) has penned the lyrics "Shubh Janmadinam Thubhyam, Shubh Janmadine Thava He, Madhuram Bhooyath..." which has been composed in the same tune of Happy Birthday To You song.

It has become a rave among the youngsters as well

painstaking research that took us months to perfect," Dr Mishra told The Pioneer.

The Good Poetry Project,

"The structure and design of Sanskrit is such that it has contributed to the expressions of our thoughts and feelings in precise and concise manner. Writers rooted in Sanskrit alone could bring back India to the forefront,

He said that the failure of modern and post-modern literature is further proof that ignorance of Sanskrit is a handicap in creating master-

"The knowledge of

six PWD officials challenging the show cause notices issued on October 12. The high court to them by the Directorate of took on record the statements Vigilance in connection with of senior advocate Rahul alleged "gross violations" of Mehra and Delhi government standing counsel Santosh Kumar Tripathi, who were reprules in the renovation of Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's official residence.

Court seeks response of Delhi

Govt on plea by 6 PWD officials

Justice Chandra Dhari Singh issued notices to the Delhi government through the Directorate of Vigilance,

on the petition and granted them four weeks to file the counter affidavit in response to the petition. The court listed the matter for further hearing said Prof Mishra. resenting the Directorate of Vigilance and PWD, that no coercive steps shall be taken against the officials till the

as old people. "We found that it was the music which made the people hooked to the Happy Birthday song. The only missing link was the words in Sanskrit which synchronized with the music. The lyrics was the result of

an initiative by Vineet KKN Panchhi and his colleagues, is the master brain behind this venture and it is expected to give a boost to learning of Šanskrit.

pieces in literature and arts.

Sanskrit can aid and empower our capabilities to understand arts, literature, philoso-phy and science in a big way.

BJP protest against **Naresh Balyan**



 $D_{\text{staged massive demon-}}^{\text{elhi BJP on Thursday}}$ stration near Delhi Assembly alleging that the AAP-led government has stalled the development of the city.

Alleging nexus between MLA Naresh Balyan's nexus with gangster Kapil Sangwan, the party leaders said that Arvind Kejriwal has prepared a whole gang of criminals in Delhi and every time the mastermind behind the crime is the same but his pawns change. He said that at present two MLAs

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For Tata Steel Limited Authorized Officer

Amanatullah Khan. alleged link with gangsters.

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI of Kejriwal are inside the jail be inside the jail. Delhi BJP Prakash Jarwal

BJP leaders including

President Virendra Sachdeva said that while the Kejriwal government has stalled the development of Delhi, the MLAs of the Aam Aadmi Party have adopted the path of corruption and crime for their development, examples of which are Naresh Balyan,

and Parvesh Sahib Singh Vinai Kumar Saxena, express-

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Leader of Opposition Ramvir Singh Bidhuri, Ramesh Bidhuri Verma wrote to Lt Governor ing concern and demanded a probe against Balvan and his

An official spokesperson from Nuh Police said that Bajrangi was found in possession of eight swords, news agency PTI reported. In a court submission, Nuh Police requested that Bajrangi not be sent to the Nuh district jail due to concerns that Muslim inmates there might the accused lodged in Nuh Jail belong to the Muslim commu-

nity. If Bittu is sent to Nuh Jail then his life is in danger. The Muslim inmates are enraged against Bittu." In such a situation, the accused should be sent to Bhondsi Jail in Gurugram to prevent any untoward incident. Also proper instructions should be given to the jail

superintendent," the police's remand request paper stated. After considering this submission, the court decided to send Bajrangi to Neemka jail in Faridabad. A senior police officer said that authorities are currently conducting raids to apprehend Bajrangi's associates. According to the FIR, Bajrangi, identified through social media posts, along with unidentified supporters, allegedly engaged in misbehavior and threats directed at a police team led by ASP Kundu. This confrontation occurred when the police stopped them while they were carrying swords and "trishuls"

In her complaint, ASP Kundu said, "I was on duty with my team 300 meters away from the Nalhar temple. We saw a mob of around 20 people carrying swords and trishuls marching to Nalhar temple. To maintain law and order, my team snatched and

seized their weapons." Kundu said that when they asked the mob to halt, they responded by raising slogans against the police, physically assaulting them, and forcibly reclaiming their confiscated

weapons from police vehicles.
"Even though we had secured their weapons in our vehicles, they proceeded to obstruct our vehicles and then managed to open the rear gates of our official vehicle, fleeing with the weapons. Bittu and others who had misbehaved with us and threatened us were identified in the footage," ASP Kundu stated in her complaint.

Bajrangi had been previously detained by Faridabad Police two days after the outbreak of violence, related to the communal clashes, but he was later released on bail.

He faced allegations of delivering inflammatory speeches and publicly brandishing weapons. The Vishva Hindu Parishad issued a statement on Wednesday clarifying that Raj Kumar alias Bittu Bajrangi had "never had any relation" with its youth wing Bajrang Dal or any other organizations affiliated with VHP.

Meanwhile, officials have registered an FIR against unknown individuals for purportedly delivering incendiary speeches during the "Sarv Hindu Samaj mahapanchayat" on August 13 in Palwal,

Ajay Rai Cong incharge for UP. Surjewala for poll-bound MP

From Page Rai, who was an MLA for

about 20 years between 1996 and 2017, had been in the BJP and the Samajwadi Party before joining the Congress in 2012.

'The party appreciates the contribution of the outgoing PCC president Brijlal Khabri, former MP, and all the zonal presidents," the party said in a statement issued by general secretary organisation KC Venugopal.

Surjewala was recently appointed as a senior election observer by the party in Madhya Pradesh which goes to polls later this year. The Congress is seeking to wrest control from the BIP in Madhva Pradesh.

BJP busy toppling Opp Govt: Sharad

"You (Ajit Pawar) talk

next date of hearing.

ing power. At least you should have some gratitude towards people from whom you have got so much. If you do not do that, people will not rest till they teach a lesson to you," the Senior Pawar said, expressing his displeasure about the manner in which his nephew chose to deal with him.

Slamming Eknath Shinde over 18 deaths in 24 hours in a municipal hospital in Shinde's home city of Thane, Pawar said: "So many deaths took place at a hospital in Shinde's home city. When people go to hospitals, they should get medical support and not die... I want to hear Shinde's stand on the deaths in Thane hospital".

Sr Pawar had ridiculed Modi about my age. You do not for his remark made at his know much about me. You Independence day speech that 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," Sr Pawar said.

Chandrayaan's historic soft landing...

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The lander has the capability to soft land at a specified lunar site and deploy the rover that will carry out in-situ chemical analysis of the moon's surface during the course of its

The lander and the rover have scientific payloads to carry out experiments on the lunar surface. If the Chandrayaan-3 mis-

sion succeeds in landing a robotic lunar rover in ISRO's second attempt in four years, India will become the fourth country to master the technology of soft-landing on the moon's surface after the US, China and the former Soviet Union.

The race to the uncharted south pole of the Moon is also hotting up with Russia's Luna-25 also gearing up for lunar

landings next week. The proximity, possible overlap, of their landing dates — August 21-23 for Luna-25 and August 23-24 for Chandrayaan-3 - has heightened excitement in the scientific community worldwide. Polar regions of the moon are a very different terrain due to the environment and the difficulties they present and therefore have remained unexplored. All the previous spacecraft to have reached the moon landed in the equatorial region, a few degrees latitude north or south of the lunar equator.

The moon's south pole region is also being explored because there could be a possibility of presence of water in permanently shadowed areas around it. "It(separation) is a great moment and this will imply how the lander is performing and the lander will be verified and tested and brought ing is the process of bringing closer and closer to the moon. Then it will be given the required commands such that it takes over on the cue on August 23 to go all the way to the targeted place and have a safe and secure landing," Annadurai said.

He said this is the beginning and all further milestones have to be seen very carefully. "We have crossed major milestones from the launch vehicle and after that the propulsion system (separation)...Now really the match starts. These are the final overs we are talking about. I think it is a great moment. The whole world is waiting to see what Vikram will do and what Pragyan will come out and do... I am also enthusiastically waiting."

ISRO Chairman Somanath had recently said the most critical part of the land-

the velocity of the lander from 30 km height to the final landing, and that the ability to transfer the spacecraft from horizontal to vertical direction is the "trick we have to play"

'The velocity at the start-

ing of the landing process is almost 1.68 km per second, but this speed is horizontal to the surface of the moon. The Chandrayaan-3 here is tilted almost 90 degrees, it has to become vertical. So, this whole process of turning from horizontal to

vertical is a very interesting calculation mathematically. We have done a lot of simulations. It is here where we had the problem last time (Chandrayaan-2)," Somanath explained.

The significance about Chandrayaan-3 mission,

unlike its unsuccessful predecessor, is that the PM has a payload — SHAPE — Spectropolarimetry of HAbitable Planet Earth which is to study earth from lunar orbit.

is an experimental payload to study the spectro-polarimetric signatures of the Earth in the near-infrared wavelength

The ISRO said the SHAPE

Apart from the SHAPE payload, the PM's main function is to carry the LM from launch vehicle injection orbit till lander separation.

The lander module after landing on the surface of the moon has payloads including RAMBHA-LP which is to measure the near surface plasma ions and electrons density and its changes, ChaSTE Chandra's Surface Thermo Physical Experiment — to carry out the measurements of thermal

properties of lunar surface near polar region — and ILSA (Instrument for Lunar Seismic Activity) to measure seismicity around the landing site and delineating the structure of the lunar crust and mantle.

The rover, after the softlanding, would come out of the lander module and study the surface of the moon through its payloads APXS - Alpha Particle X-Ray Spectrometer to derive the chemical composition and infer mineralogical composition to further enhance understanding of the lunar surface.

The rover, which has a mission life of 1 lunar day (14 Earth days), also has another payload Laser Induced Breakdown Spectroscope (LIBS) to determine the elemental composition of lunar soil and rocks around the lunar landing site.

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PM should've appealed for peace in Manipur: CM

BJP MLAs objected to debate on Manipur, even though UP Assembly discussed it, says Pathak



Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal speaks during a session of the Delhi Legislative Assembly,

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elhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Thursday said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi "remained silent" on the ethnic violence in Manipur, and asserted that the least he could have done is "issue an appeal for peace". Speaking in the Delhi Assembly, Kejriwal said Prime Minister Modi "remains silent" whenever a crisis hits the nation

"The Prime Minister is like a father figure. He turned his back on the daughters of Manipur. You kept sitting in your room. The entire country is asking the reason for the PM's silence. It is not the first time that he is silent. Whenever there has been a crisis in the last nine years, the Prime Minister has remained silent," Kejriwal alleged.

Talking about the recent protest by women wrestlers against former WFI chief and BJP MP Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, the Chief Minister said the champion grapplers alleged sexual harassment by Singh, but Modi remained silent.

"When they won medals at the Olympics, Modi was the first one to click pictures with them. He had told them 'you are my daughter'. But when they were protesting, he remained silent. At least he could have said, 'I am there. I will get it inquired into and get people punished," said Kejriwal.

The women wrestlers had to go to the Supreme Court to get an FIR registered, he said. "In the case of Manipur, he could have at least issued an appeal

Earlier AAP MLA Durgesh Pathak began a short duration discussion over the violence in the northeastern State prompting a protest from the BJP MLAs who got up from their seats, and said issues related to Delhi should be debated in the House.

Lakhs of people from Manipur live in Delhi and it was "our right and duty to discuss the issue in the House", he

Pathak said it was unfortunate the BJP objected to a discussion over the Manipur issue in the Delhi Assembly even though the matter was debated by the Uttar Pradesh Assembly.

Led by Pathak, AAP legislators raised slogans against Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Pathak alleged women were facing atrocities in BJP-ruled Manipur. "Nothing could be more unfortunate that people were forced to escape from Manipur to Myanmar due to the violence in the State," he said.

Manipur was burning due to the policies of the BJP, he said, adding people in the State were unsafe. "While Manipur was burning, the Prime Minister was touring foreign countries, he alleged. Delhi Cabinet Minister Gopal Rai said everyone knows that Manipur has been burning for 100 days.

"In 1905, the British had instigated Hindus and Muslims against each other and divided Bengal. Similar things are happening in Manipur with Kukis and Meiteis being made to fight with each other," he said

Deputy Speaker Rakhi Birla questioned the BJP legislators over their protest saying, "Do they feel that Manipur is not an issue to be discussed in the Assembly? The UP Assembly also discussed the Manipur issue."

5 BJP MLAs marshalled out

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 $F^{\rm ive\ BJP\ MLAs\ were\ marshalled}_{\rm out\ of\ Delhi\ Assembly\ during\ its}$ proceedings on Thursday after they objected to a discussion on Manipur saying it was outside the jurisdiction of the Assembly, following which the party's other members staged a walk-

As BJP MLAs continued their protest, four of them — Abhay Verma, Jitender Mahajan, Ajay Mahawar and OP Sharma - were marshalled out of the House.

Later, Mohan Singh Bisht was also marshalled out, following which other BJP members including Leader of Opposition Ramvir Singh Bidhuri and Vijendra Gupta also walked out in protest. The BJP has eight legislators in the 70-member Assembly. The BJP MLAs later staged a protest outside Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's



BJP MLAs protest in Delhi Assembly Ranjan Dimri/Pionee

office in the Assembly, alleging corruption in the AAP Government. Wearing black T-shirts, caps and

carrying placards, they raised slogans against Kejriwal. Their T-shirts were printed with a list of alleged scams in the Government which mentioned the excise policy, revamp of the Chief Minister's residence, installation of panic buttons in buses and classroom construction among oth-

Bidhuri hit out at the Delhi Government saying that the AAP Government does not want to talk about issues of Delhi.

'This is not the Lok Sabha. The Manipur issue was discussed in Manipur Assembly and Lok Sabha In Delhi Assembly, there is no logic to discuss the issue as it has already been dealt with. BJP MLAs had issued a formal notice to discuss the corruption scandals worth billions of rupees within the Kejriwal Government. These scandals include the liquor scam, panic button scam, Shishamahal scam, DJB scam, electricity scam, DTC scam, classroom scam, hospital scam, hawala scam, and espionage scam. Instead of addressing these issues, the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly decided to hold a discussion on Manipur," Bidhuri said.

All is well, says AAP after Cong denied Lamba's statement

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Aday after differences surfaced between INDIA bloc allies the AAP and the Congress over contesting the Lok Sabha polls in Delhi, the AAP on Thursday said the Congress has now clarified its stand and the "matter is over". Senior AAP leader and Delhi Cabinet Minister Saurabh Bhardwai said on Thursday the Congress "denied its own statement".

The row had erupted on Wednesday following the remarks of Congress leader Alka Lamba that they (Congress leaders) have been directed by the party leadership to work hard for all seven seats ahead of the 2024 polls. "It's fine. The matter is over. The Congress has given a clarification and everything is clear now. The spokesperson cannot decide on seat sharing. All parties sit together with their calculations and then such things are decided. Spokespersons make statements," he said. AAP Delhi State convener

and Cabinet Minister Gopal Rai advised patience in the current circumstances. "The Congress party specified that statements of some of its leaders were individual remarks. I think, some patience is required at present and there will be a way forward by the next meeting (of the INDIA alliance) to be held in Mumbai," he said.

Congress leaders from Delhi on Wednesday held a meeting with the party's top leadership to review its pre-paredness for the Lok Sabha elections and discussed ways to strengthen the organisation.

After the meeting, Lamba had said, "No decision has been taken on whether to have an alliance, but we have been asked to prepare ourselves on all seven seats. We will go to the people after preparing our-selves properly in all seven

BJP, AAP spar over Petitions Committee report Pandey, Jai Bhagwan, Kartar Singh, Tanwar, Kuldeep Kumar, Raj Kumar Dhillon, Somnath Bharti. Gupta vehe-

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 Λ war of words erupted between the AAAP and BJP MLAs over the Petitions Committee Report on Thursday — the second day of the Delhi Assembly session. Speaking in the Delhi Assembly, BJP MLA Vijender Gupta said the committee's recommendations were like "selfgoals" made with an intention to render the administrative system "handicapped". He demanded that the Petitions Committee be discontinued in the Assembly. On the other hand, the AAP MLAs demanded an inquiry against Gupta by the Privileges Committee over allegedly presenting distorted facts from the Petitions Committee's report.

Gupta voiced concerns over the committee's recommendation to initiate privilege proceedings against officials, including the Secretary of the Health Department and the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of the Finance Department. He pointed out the glaring absence of Opposition representation in the committee and highlighted the AAP MLAs' dominance, naming AAP MLAs Rajesh Gupta, Akhilesh Pati Tripathi, Dilip Kumar

tives to the President of India. "Their audacity is both shocking and amusing," he remarked. Gupta was cautioned by Deputy

Speaker Rakhi Birla to not present distorted facts in front of the Assembly after the AAP leaders, including Health Minister Saurabh Bharadwai expressed objections. AAP MLÁ Rajesh Gupta said that the BJP legislator was reading an old report.

mently criticised the committee's

overreach, especially in issuing direc-

use blockchain technology tor tamper-proof evidence recording **STAFF REPORTER** NEW DELHI starting from the police to the FSL, and transparent, tamper-free and speedy

The Delhi Forensic Science Laboratory's (FSL) system is being integrated with blockchain technology to ensure that samples submitted from the crime scene for analysis and reporting remain free of human or any other interface. With the introduction of the technology, the Delhi FSL has become the "first institution of its kind in the country" to use blockchain technology for transparent and tamperproof digital recording of evidence. The integration was inaugurated

by Delhi Lieutenant-Governor (L-G) VK Saxena on Thursday, Raj Niwas officials said. On the occasion, Saxena asked probationary IAS officers to use technology for speedy redressals for the good of citizens.

'The blockchain technology integrated with the e-forensic app of the Delhi FSL will ensure that evidence (material samples) submitted from the scene of crime to the FSL for analysis



and reporting, remain free of human interface or interference. Available only to authorised individuals in four sep arate blocks, representing four different stages of analysis, the data thus generated will be free of any tamperīng," a Raj Niwas official said. Blockchain is a distributed database or ledger shared among a computer network's nodes.

The official said the storing of evidence on a blockchain will bring transparency, accountability, greater trust and greater security, as well as increased efficiency and speed. "Blockchain technology will also help automate the entire forensic workflow

the data entered by an Investigating Officer at the police station level to the FSL, without disclosing the details such as FIR, name of parties, etc, which will ensure confidentiality, the official said.

Ever since Saxena took over as the L-G in May last year, he has been insisting upon the integration of the e-forensic application of the DFSL with a blockchain, officials said. He has been underlining the importance of

disposal of cases submitted to the FSL by the Delhi Police in the course of criminal investigation and subsequent judicial trials. Saxena has been personally monitoring the progress and implementation of this initiative, they said. The launch event held at the Raj Niwas, was attended by the Delhi Chief Secretary, the Commissioner of Police and several senior officers, including 14 probationary IAS officers of the AGMUT cadre.







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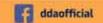


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UGC to grant foreign degree equivalence

The University Grants Commission (UGC) has drafted guidelines for granting equivalence and for recognition of degrees obtained from foreign universities, restricting degrees obtained through distance and online mode as well as through any franchise agreement.
The commission has also

drafted norms for recognising qualifications obtained from schools affiliated to foreign boards as well as from offshore campuses of a foreign higher educational institution. The norms come at a time foreign universities are in the advanced stages of setting up campuses in India's GIFT city and Indian universities are collaborating with institutions abroad to offer dual or joint degrees.

The higher education regulator in its draft Recognition and Grant of Equivalence to Qualifications obtained from

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Institutions) Regulations, 2023, has covered internationally relevant curricula, academic and research collaboration with foreign universities and credit recognition under twinning arrangements. "Qualification obtained from a foreign higher educational institution shall be recognized and granted

equivalence provided the qualification has been awarded by a foreign higher education instiits home country. The student should have pursued the programme through regular, inperson instruction (and not through online or distance learning). The entry-level

requirements for admission to the programme should be similar to that of a corresponding programme in India," it said The commission has noted that "similarity" of entry criteria will be determined through due process by the Standing Committee set up for the purpose based on similarity of gramme in India and the foreign country; minimum credit requirements and evaluation processes."Credits in different categories of courses may be examined and similarity established (such as basic background courses, disciplinary core courses, disciplinary elective courses, cross-disciplinary courses, laboratory courses etc), so that the equivalence also reflects the similarity in 'flavour' of the offerings in India and abroad," it said.

While the guidelines state that the minimum duration of the programme should be similar to that of a corresponding programme in India, in case the duration varies, the UGC will consider minimum credit requirements that should be the same in both institutions.

"In considering this, the commission will examine and grant equivalence to the definition of credit (number of contact hours per week, number of self-study hours, the quantum of experiential learning, etc)

between the programmes is established. Up to 10 per cent variation of total normalised credit requirements may be given equivalence," the guidelines said. In order to facilitate the mobility of students in a seamless manner, the UGC will maintain a dedicated online portal to receive applications to grant equivalence to qualifications obtained from foreign educational institutions. This equivalence certifi-

cate will certify the "parity of a qualification" between a foreign qualification and the qualification awarded by an Indian Board or university at the same level. According to the UGC regulations, the equivalence certificate will also be accepted by the universities in India for the purposes of admission or employment.

Currently, the evaluation division of the All India Universities (AIU) — an apex inter-university organisation — issues an "equivalence certificate" to students with foreign

admission in Indian Universities. With the guidelines coming into effect, the UGC will also assume the responsibility of granting equivalence to foreign degrees Qualification obtained from off-shore campuses, according to the UGC, under dual degree or joint degree programmes will only be recognised if the academic programmes satisfy the accreditation requirements in the country where the offshore campus is located and in the country of origin.

"Qualification obtained in the offshore campus of a foreign higher educational institution shall be recognised provided the campus is duly approved by the competent authorities in India as well as in the country of origin. The academic programmes of the campus must also satisfy the accreditation requirements in the country where the offshore campus is located, as well as any such requirements in the country of origin. "Qualification obtained ment shall not be considered for recognition and grant of equivalence," it said. For qualifications obtained at the school level from schools affiliated to foreign boards and offering a foreign system of education in foreign countries shall be recognised and granted equivalence provided that the school education has been pursued through regular mode only.

The other conditions are: a minimum 12 years of regular schooling has been prescribed by the concerned foreign system of education; the school from which the applicant has pursued education should be affiliated with a board that has been approved and recognised in the concerned foreign country; the school leaving certificate of applicant should be issued by board that has been approved, recognised or accredited in foreign country concerned. The commission has sought suggestions from stakeholders on draft UGC guidelines till September 16.

'Mining can be harmful in border areas of Rajaji Park

oncerned that unabated Cclearance for mining of riverbeds could be disastrous in case there is a flood-like situation, hilly State Uttarakhand has red-flagged the mushrooming of stone crushers in Uttar Pradesh on the border of Rajaji National Park which is now home to three royal cats relocated from the Corbett Tiger Reserve. Taking cognizance in the

matter, the Standing Committee of the National Board of Wildlife on August 7 in a meeting has asked experts from Dehradun-based Wildlife Institute of India (WII) to conduct a study on the impact of such activities if allowed to carry or being carried out within the ten km radius around Rajaji Tiger Reserve in

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Uttarakhand. Based on the WII experts' reports to be submitted within the next two months, the central wildlife panel will decide the fate of the proposals submitted before it by the stone crushers for sand and minor minerals extraction in the region.

In fact, the Standing Committee in its meeting held on March 25, last year had decided that the WII shall prepare a holistic plan for critical passage of wild animals for the landscape around 10 km from the Rajaji Tiger Reserve to identify zones for sand and boulder mining within two months. It was therefore decided to defer the proposal. However, the panel in a meeting on December 29 last year noted that the WII report had not mentioned any impact caused due to the activities happening in the area of Uttar

Uttarakhand. It was Chief Wildlife warden Uttarakhand who sounded the alarm bell stating that "there are many stone crushers in Uttar Pradesh which are a cause of concern." He also pointed out that a previous report submitted by the WII made no mention of impacts caused due to the activities happening in the area of Uttar Pradesh that borders Uttarakhand, adjacent to Rajaji National Park.

Pending the report, the NBWL had deferred the stone crushers' proposals. The hilly state has been experiencing increased sand extraction over the past decades.
The establishment of stone

crushers industry, scale and intensity of riverbed material mining has increased and so has the impact on riverine ecosystems and people dependent on river systems, accord-

US applauds India's efforts to meet food crisis in world

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Commending India's progress over the years, a top ÛS diplomat has said India has come a long way from receiving US help to meet its food security needs to now becoming an exporter. She also said the country is extending insights from its remarkable development progress to countries well beyond its bor-

Underlining these developments in her address to the US Indo-Pacific Command Chiefs of Defence (CHOD) Conference in Fiji late Wednesday, United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Administrator Samantha Power said investments in one country can often yield benefits in other nations. She applauded India's efforts to help other countries.
"Investments we make in

one country can often yield benefits in others. Take food security. In India, starting in the 1960s, we worked with scientists and local farmers to develop and distribute highyield, resilient seeds. "Over the helped to increase rice production in India by 50 per cent and wheat production by 230 per cent, ending a cycle of recurring famine and helping kick off a Green Revolution that boosted agricultural yields in other parts of the world,"

India has come a long way from receiving help from the US to meet its food security needs to now exporting it to others, she said. "Now, India is expanding efforts to extend insights from its remarkable development progress to countries well beyond its borders," Power India, the world's biggest

rice exporter, accounted for nearly 40 per cent of global rice trade in 2022, exporting 22 million tonnes worth USD 9.66 billion to 140 countries. The Indian government on July 20 banned the export of non-basmati white rice to boost domestic supply and keep retail prices under check during the upcoming festive

This type of rice constitutes about 25 per cent of total rice exported from the country. Power also said the US has respond to the devastating

security in the strategic Indo-Pacific and is expanding its investments. The Indo-Pacific is a biogeographic region, comprising the Indian Ocean and the western and central Pacific Ocean, including the South China Sea. The US, India and sever-

al other world powers have been talking about the need to ensure a free, open and thriving Indo-Pacific in the backdrop of China's rising military manoeuvring in the region, vital to global trade. China claims nearly all of

the disputed South China Sea, though Taiwan, the Philippines, Brunei, Malaysia and Vietnam all claim parts of it. Beijing has built artificial islands and military installations in the South China Sea. The US is investing in building disaster warning capabilities and training more first responders throughout the Indo-Pacific region, Power She said the first respon-

ders in India, Bangladesh, and Pakistan, after receiving USAID training, stepped up to support nations in need, for example helping Turkey

US Senator meets Tushar Gandhi, a group from Manipur PNS/AGENCIES NEW

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Underlining his commitment to pluralism, visiting US Congressman Ro Khanna said on Thursday he stands strongly for his values. He made these remarks after meeting with Mahatma Gandhi's great grandson Tushar Gandhi, a group from Manipur and from violence-hit Haryana besides defence analyst Abhijeet Iyer-Mitra.

Khanna led a bipartisan US Congressional delegation which met Prime Minister Narendra Modi and External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar here on Wednesday. The delegation also attended Prime Minister Modi's address to the nation on the occasion of Independence Day from the ramparts of Red Fort on Tuesday.

"I am happy that elected members of the US Congress are present here today on the occasion of our celebration," Modi said in his Independence Day address. "Glad to receive a Congressional delegation from the US, including co-

House of Representatives, Rep. Ro Khanna and Rep Michael Waltz," Modi wrote on X after his meeting with the Congressional delegation. Modi said strong bipartisan support from the US Congress was instrumental in further ele-India-US Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership.

Defending his interactions with a cross-section of people in India, Democrat Congressman Khanna said he stands for pluralism and the human rights of the minority, including Muslims.

He said this after meeting Mitra and Indian American Muslim Council reportedly criticising him for interacting with him. The Council said Iver-Mitra promotes hate and labels Muslim-American politicians like Ilhan Omar as 'terrorists'. "I unequivocally stand for pluralism and the human rights of minority populations, including Muslims, whether in India or America. My positions are well known. And I firmly stand by my values no matter who I meet with and am proud to convey them," he

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Coast guard rescues Chinese national

New Delhi: The Indian Coast Guard has successfully evacuated a Chinese national, who suffered a cardiac arrest mid sea in his boat off Mumbai, on the intervening night of Wednesday and Thursday.

Giving details here, Coast Guard officials said the Chinese national identified as Yin Weigyang was airlifted from the Panama flagged vessel amidst challenging weather conditions.

"The Indian Coast Guard has successfully conducted medical evacuation of a Chinese national from a Panama flagged research vessel, MV Dong Fang Kan Tan No 2, around 200 km in Arabian sea off Mumbai on the intervening

night of August 16-17," the Coast Guard said. The Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre in Mumbai received information that one of the crew, named Yin Weigyang, onboard the research vessel suffered a cardiac attack and required urgent medical attention. The communication was established immediately with the vessel which was en route from China to the United Arab Emirates and provided necessary telemedicine advice.

"Considering best feasible options for speedy evacuation and subsequent medical management, the patient was airlifted by an Advanced Light Helicopter MK-III, and was administered with first aid.

Made-in-India software can avert attack in 5G networks

A new indigenous software technology solution that can proactively detect and prevent zero-day vulnerability attacks in the 5G networks, thereby reducing the network downtime has been developed by the software experts from IIT-M Pravartak Technologies Foundation at IIT Madras, a Technology Innovation Hub for Sensors, Networking, Actuators and Control Systems (SNACS), supported by the Department of Science and Technology (DST).

This can help smoothen countrywide communication as 5G networks become its life-

statement from the DST under the Union Science and Technology Ministry. Around ninety percent of the 5G technology is implemented into software by integrating several latest technologies (NFV, SDN, control plane/user plane segregation) which enable testing the technology easily. But attack surface area is increased multifold in this process and is impossible to manage manually. Automating the whole

testing process and continuous monitoring is the only sustainable solution, said the statement. Currently majority of the run time zero-day vulnerabilities are identified post attack, thereby creating damage to the brand as well as increasing the cost of recovery.

This technology solution can automatically identify zeroday vulnerabilities in the network in advance by using techniques such as fuzzing and test oracles. Since it can help avoid the attacks in advance, it protects organisations against loss and saving the credibility of the

'Depletion of ACE2 is central to neuromuscular complications'

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

ovid-19 may be on the Cwane but it continue to evince interest among the scientists who have now found that muscular fatigue in long Covid patients has been linked to depletion of ACE2 receptors, which act as doorways for SARS-CoV-2 to infect cells and cause the infection.

Individuals suffering from long Covid are plagued by symptoms including lingering fatigue, breathlessness, brain fog and muscle weakness. The research is published

University of Malta found that curtailing ACE2 receptor levels in fruit flies was enough to

induce fatigue and diminished mobility, in the absence of the Covid-causing virus. "Our research clearly

shows that depletion of ACE2 is central to the neuromuscular complications experienced by a significant percentage of Covid-19 patients," said Ruben in the journal Biochimica et Biophysica Acta. As per the Cauchi, corresponding author study, scientists at the the study published

Shedding light on the lasting impact of Covid-19, the research paved the way for therapeutic approaches to treat individuals not completely recovered from the infection, it

Upon analysing the fruit flies with reduced levels of ACE2 receptors, several key molecules required by nerves to send messages to muscles were found to have been compromised, the scientists observed. This, they said, resulted in a breakdown in communication between nerves and muscles.

"In addition to being hijacked by the virus, the ACE2 receptor on the cell's surface can also be targeted by autoantibodies (antibody acting

against the human itself), with the immune system attacking the body as it does in Multiple Sclerosis," said Paul Herrera, a study author. Multiple Sclerosis is a chronic progressive nervous disorder in which the immune system attacks the layer protecting nerves and causes communication problems between the brain and the rest of the body

They said that various pathways are thought to work together in bringing down ACE2 levels or dampen its function in humans following Covid infection. Even as long Covid is increasingly becoming a global burden affecting everyday functioning, its cause remains elusive.

NIA registers case against extradited gold smuggler

New Delhi: The CBI coordinated with the National Investigation Agency (NIA) to bring back an alleged gold smuggler, who was facing an Interpol red notice, from Saudi

In a statement, the agency said its Global Operations Centre, through Interpol channels, has facilitated the return of Mohabbat Ali, a Red Notice Subject, in coordination with the National Investigation Agency and Interpol National Central Bureau-Riyadh.

"He was brought to India from Saudi Arabia on 17.08.2023. The said Red Notice Subject was wanted by the NIA," the CBI said. The Interpol red notice

was issued on September 13, 2021 based on a request by the NIA. "A case for conspiring for illegal smuggling of gold bars from Riyadh, Saudi Arabia into India was registered against Ali by the NIA," it

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Heavy rain paralyses normal life in Varanasi city

Heavy rain with high intensity paralysed the normal life badly for hours in the city on Thursday afternoon. The rain which lashed the city for over an hour left several localities waterlogged. During the ongoing rainy season, this belt of Purvanchal (eastern UP) has received less rain in comparison to other years, though a part of it faced the flood-like situation recently when the water level in river Ganga was increased due to heavy rains and flood in northern

Rains also disrupted the ongoing hectic efforts going on at internationally famous ghats to bring life back to normal as the water level of river Ganga continued receding not only in the holy city of Kashi but also in this belt of Purvanchal. However, rains left several localities including Andhrapul, Teliabagh, Nagwa, Samneghat, Dashashwamedh, Godowlia, Luxa, Nai Sarak and the roads of many other markets and colonies waterlogged. Power supply in the city was disrupted badly, while it all affected the flight services especially during



Heavy rain leaves Andhrapul area waterlogged in Varanasi on Thursday

the afternoon hours.

As the river Ganga continued receding for the last many days, the water level has come down by several metres as recently it inched close to 68 metres mark but at 8 am on Thursday it was recorded at 64.38 metres in Varanasi and

with this, the boats have been allowed to restart their services in the river.

The river which has crossed even the danger mark in Ballia recently was now recorded at 55.71 metres below than the warning level of 56.615 metres. According to the

report of Middle Ganga Division-III of Central Water Commission (CWC), the river was recorded receding at Prayagraj, Mirzapur and Varanasi but it was steady at Phaphamau, Ghazipur and Ballia. The river Gomti was also steady at Jaunpur.

Summit commences

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE VARANASI

The Y20 Summit under G-20 hosted by the Department of Youth Affairs, Union Ministry of Youth and Sports commenced on Thursday with a visit to the SuperComputing Centre and Precision Engineering Hub at Indian Institute of Technology (Banaras Hindu University). Y20 delegates got a glimpse of how the goal of converting more application domains, research directors, and critical missions can be achieved through this technology. Faculty members of the IIT (BHU) showcased how the SuperComputing Centre has advanced the country's research and development area of science and technology.

It was followed by sessions and presentations curated by IIT (BHU) at Rudraksh International Cooperation and Convention Centre (RICCC). The presentation began with a glimpse of the ever-evolving institute of IIT (BHU) and its vital role of technical education sions by IIT (BHU) further focused on ongoing research activities, placement activities, innovation, incubation and startup culture. A cultural performance filled with musical rendition and classical dance performances like Garba, Odissi, Bharatnatyam, Kathak and Bhangra were also showcased by the talented students of IIT (BHU) as a part of the



Delegates of Y20 visiting IIT (BHU) in Varanasi on Thursday

Later in the evening, delegates and participants were then ushered to Sarnath and sion to Sarnath helped them experience the cultural aura of one of the world's foremost Buddhist pilgrimage centres. At Sarnath, delegates visited the Archaeological Museum, which exhibited the Buddhist Cultural wealth recovered from the site of Lord Buddha's 'First Sermon' at Deer Park Mrigadayavan in Sarnath. The experts, decision makers, delegates explored the Sarnath

Museum, a repository of invaluable Buddhist cultural treasures. The first day of the Y20 Summit concluded with provided them a glimpse of the $\;$ the $\;$ mesmerising Light $\;$ & the profound life journey of Gautam Buddha

Under the framework of G-20 Presidency, Department of Youth Affairs, Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports is organising Youth20 Summit-2023 from August 17 to 20 in the city. The Y20 Summit is bringing together leading national and international del-

egates/ representatives from G-20 countries, guest countries and international organisations to negotiate, finalise and sign the Y20 Communiqué created various deliberations and discussions from the past few This Communiqué will showcase the substance of our common vision across the five identified Y20 themes and will make sure that the voices of young people are heard by those who

make the highest-level deci-

sions on policy for the overall

development of global youth.

Manjhi bridge to be completed by Feb next year, says DRM

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ VARANASI

Divisional Railway Manager (DRM), Varanasi Division of North Eastern Railway (NER), Vineet Kumar Srivastava said that the construction work on the progress of under-construction major Manjhi bridge on river Saryu is going on in full swing and it will be completed by February 2024. He was talking to the reporters in a formal chat during his inspection on Thursday. Manjhi is a major ridge separating UP and Bihar and it is located between Ballia-Chhapra Junction rail section.

Srivastava said that after the completion of this bridge, being built under the doubling project, the new trains will be operated on the routes. He also said that work is being done to complete the con-struction of Chhapra second entry gate by December this year. After his inspection of Chhapra Jn station, the DRM discussed various points with Saran's MLA CN Gupta in the VIP Room at the station and assured the latter to look after the issues raised by the MLA

during the meeting. The DRM was conducting a window trailing safety inspection of Varanasi City-Chhapra



Division (NER) on Thursday.

Junction rail section for checking safety in rail operations and reviewing the progress of devel-opment works of passenger amenities.

During his inspection, the DRM first reached Gautamsthan railway station where he saw the goods shed. He directed the concerned officials to encourage maximum goods traffic there.

Then Srivastava reached Chhapra Jn station during his window trailing safety inspection. At Chhapra Jn station, he inspected station panel, platforms, general passenger hall, station building, platform sheds, foot over bridges, food

and vending stalls, waiting rooms of different categories, unreserved ticket counters, luggage scanners, passenger reservation centres located in the circulating area, parking etc and saw the cleanliness and maintenance of station premis-

Later, Srivastava also inspected Chhapra Gramin railway station and inspected the goods shed there. He gave directions to the concerned officials to encourage maximum goods traffic. During his window trailing inspection, he also reviewed the safety aspects, progress of development works, upgradation of passenger facil-

ities, cleanliness, availability of drinking water, compliance of temporary vigilance orders and safety-related staff on the Varanasi City-Chhapra rail sec-

He also checked the safety of the rail track, rail ballast, track screening, overhead traction alignment, working order and track maintenance of the railway section. During his inspection, he

accompanied by Additional Divisional Railway Manager (Infra) Rahul Srivastava, Chief Project Manager (Gati Shakti) Kaushalesh Singh, Principal Chief Signal and Telecom Engineer Nilabh Mahesh, Senior Divisional Engineer-I Rishi Srivastava, Senior Divisional Operations Manager Ajay Pratap Singh, Senior Divisional Signal and Telecom Engineer-2 Yashveer Singh, Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer (General) Pankai Kesarwani, Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer (Traction) RN Singh, Deputy Chief Engineer (Gati Shakti) IC Subhash, Assistant Commercial Manager Ajay Kumar Suman, Public Relations Officer Ashok Kumar and many other senior officers of Varanasi Division of

Efforts being made to maximise use of solar power panels

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE PRAYAGRAJ

Tn order to get unabated Power supply and to curb high spending on electricity bill, Prayagraj police Commissionerate are taking complete advantage of solar power panels installed at police stations with a capacity to pro-duce 10 to 20 kilowatt electricity in the trans-Ganga and trans-Yamuna.

After commencing the solar energy production, the electricity bill amount has not only come down to half or more but also getting unabated power supply in dehat located police stations.

A 10 kilowatt solar power panel is installed on the building of Lalapur police station in trans-Yamuna. After its installation there has been no power

A senior cop said that "We are focused to get solar power panel installed in majority of police station located in trans-Ganga and trans-Yamuna areas. Thana officials have also been instructed to ensure proper maintenance of solar power systems". The system has already been installed at Shankargarh, Khiri, Bara, Utrav and Lalapur police sta-

of police buildings in order to reduce power tariff. Majority of police buildings have enough space on the terrace to get the polar panels installed. **INITIATIVE:** After identifying, analysing and preparing a thana-wise list of hotspots

created WhatsApp groups with principals of girls' schools and colleges to compile information and taking corrective measures accordingly. Women cops in an effort to curb crimes in and around educational institutions, have also started providing complaint boxes in schools across the city.

The idea is to build a rap-port between police and students so that they can make Officials are also making complaints about sexual harassment at home or school. Women cops believe this initiaefforts to maximise the use of solar power panels at majority tive will ensure safety of students in schools and public places. Often, children do not take their complaints to authorities because they are afraid of facing them. Students can drop their complaints in the box with their name, address, place regarding women harassment, where the abuse took place. A the women police officials have list of educational institutions

has been made to install complaint boxes.

DCP (Headquarters) Shraddha Narendra Pandey said: "Cops have prepared the list of hotspots after receiving complaints and chalked out a strategy to deploy forces in plain clothes at identified pockets and hotspots. Apart from deploying police forces, women cops in plain clothes are also visiting hotspots and compiling

Under the fresh strategy, cops, especially women policemen, posted at all police units have been sensitised."

"We will seek help of counsellors and parents of kids in sensitive cases," said a senior cop. This is the first time when such measures have been initiated by Prayargaj police for the safety and security of

15 girls hospitalised for suspected food poisoning

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ PRAYAGRAJ

Tn a suspected case of food poisoning, as many as 15 girls of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Awasiya Vidyalaya (KGBAV) located at Jankipur under Charwa police station of Kaushambi were admitted to the Community Health Centre (CHC) Chail and district hospital, Manjhanpur for treatment. A probe has begun in this connection.

The girls had consumed ʻaloo ka paratha', banana, milk and pickle in their breakfast.

ŠP (Kaushambi) Brijesh Kumar Srivastava told mediapersons that "The condition of all students are stable and a joint team of police and district administration has been probing the incident. Girls had consumed 'aloo ka paratha', 'kela', 'doodh' and 'achaar' in their breakfast. After consuming this, some of the girls complained vomiting, stomach ache, nausea etc and were first taken to Chail CHC.

The SP, however, said 'While 13 of 15 were admitted to Chail CHC, two others were later referred to district hospital, Manihanpur for treatment." The incident, however, shocked the block and senior police officials, including the SP and the DM (Kaushambi), who immediately reached the spot to take stock of the situation. Investigations are underway.

STUDY: Beware if you are fish lover. This is because a study has revealed that most of the toxic heavy metals may enter the human body and cause various types of cancer through fishes, both found in fresh water and sea water, if they are infected by a set of par-

The study, conducted by a research scholar of associate professor Neerja Kapoor of the department of Zoology, CMP Degree College (a constituent college of Allahabad University), Ānita Yadav has revealed that these heavy metals could enter human body through fishes, if the same is infected by the parasite which has the potential of absorbing heavy metals. The study is also important as these parasites-Rostal Ascaris, Anisakiasis Law, Anisakiasis typica and Rotelendoclaretii Kapuri studied in the research have the ability to absorb the heavy metals. After a marathon study of three years, both in Goa (for specimen of sea water fishes) and Prayagraj and Fatehpur (for fresh water fishes), Yadav's study has revealed that several parasites, found inside fishes, especially Catfish, have the capacity to absorb heavy metals and thus the same enters human body when the same fish is consumed. The study has been published in the reputed international journal called

Parasitic Diseases, published by Springer. Notably, heavy metals such as arsenic, cadmium, chromium, lead and mercury are considered to be extremely unsafe because of their toxicity and non-degradability, knowingly or unknowingly these heavy metals may enter into human body and cause various types of cancer.

"During the research, four parasites were found in salt and fresh water Catfish and the genome-level examination of these parasites revealed that many of the parasites found in freshwater fishes are similar to those found in saltwater fishes. The effect of the change of seasons is also seen in the diversity of parasitic infections", explains Yadav. In the rivers in Prayagraj,

especially in Yamuna, before the onset of winter, elements of excessive salinity start increasing suddenly and with this, parasitic infection in fish too starts increasing. This changes the biological structure of the fish. "Due to the diversity of different metals and parasitic infec-tions matching them in different months, they are called biodetectors. With this study, environmental and fisheries experts can give advanced information to the general public by predicting the spread of parasitic diseases in the future," she said.

This also opens a new win-

dow where the absorptive capacity of these parasites can be exploited to remove heavy metals from small water bodies, she added.

Anita explained that inva-sive fish species coming from the Arabian Sea transfer the marine parasite to the freshwater Catfish. From here foreign parasitic species reach the fishes of Ganga Yamuna of Prayagraj and Fatehpur. "The interesting fact about these parasites is that their soft tissues absorb metals such as lead, mercury, arsenic etc. dissolved in water. As soon as water enters the small intestine and other glands of the fish through its gills and mouth, the parasites absorb the heavy organic metals present in this water into their soft tissues", said her guide Neerja Kapoor.

However, this does not mean that all the fishes contain heavy metals as further study needs to authenticate it. "This study was done on Catfish which does show presence of heavy metals through these parasites", explains Kapoor.

Anita claims that thus the

use of parasites as an environmental sink has been explored for the first time in India. These parasites, having the unique property of adsorbing water-dissolved heavy metals. protect the fishes from the harmful effects of heavy met-

Alopibagh flyover to be widened

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ PRAYAGRAJ

Before Mahakumbh-2025, the width of Alopibagh flyover will be increased to four lanes. The Bridge Corporation has done the survey for widening. The Bridge Corporation is getting the design done by the experts of Delhi for the doubling of the flyover, which will be ready in a month. Then DPR will be prepared, on the basis of this the budget will be decided. In Kumbh 2013 traffic

started on this flyover of about one km. A budget of about Rs 36 crore was spent in the construction. It is estimated that a budget of Rs 50-60 crore will be spent on doubling. The flyover

is built from opposite Sardar Patel Seva Sansthan to near Bangar Dharamshala. It has made it convenient for vehicles travelling from Jhunsi to Naini,

The flyover is situated near the Harshvardhan statue from the side of Geeta Niketan bridge. Initially, the traffic was facilitated by the flyover. However, due to increase in vehicles and traffic, there is often a jam. In Mahakumbh 2025, the width of the flyover will be increased so that people do not have to face the problem of iam.

Chief Project Manager of Setu Nigam Manoj Kumar Agarwal said in order to increase the width of the flyover, the design is being made

by the experts of Delhi. After the design is ready, the process of widening will start. Efforts will be made to complete the work before Mahakumbh.

SHAKTI CANTEEN: Didi Cafe, started under the direction of the government, is completely made for women. This first cafe in Prayagraj was completed and its operations also started. It is being operated in the premises of the CMO office. This cafe will be known as Shakti Canteen.

The special thing about this canteen will be that the entire responsibility of its operation will be in the hands of women of self-help group. Women will prepare breakfast and food here and also serve the people

'rajma chawal', 'kadhi chawal', ʻpoori sabji', bread pakora, coffee, tea, Maggi and 'chhola bhatura' are available here. Its operation has started with the cooperation of Municipal Corporation and DUDA. In Prayagraj this first canteen has started. A similar canteen is to be set up in a total of five offices and hospitals here. This Shakti Canteen is being started with the aim of making women associated with women selfhelp groups formed by NULM (National Urban Livelihood Mission) prosperous and selfreliant. It is planned to be operated in total 16 municipal corporation cities of Uttar

Problems will be solved on top priority, DM assures farmers

CORRESPONDENT ■ MIRZAPUR

District Magistrate Divya Mittal has assured the farmers that their problems will be solved on top priority. She made such an announcement while addressing the farmers on the occasion of Kisan Diwas organised at Vikas Bhawan on Wednesday. She said droughtlike situation is a matter of concern so she had sent a survey report to the government about less sowing of crops as well as less transplantation of paddy which will affect the production of crops. DD Agriculture Vikesh Patel appealed to those farmers, who are still deprived of fund due to technical problems in banks, to open account in the post office to get the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi. The farmers demanded a cold storage at Lalganj and raised the other issues for which the DM

asked the officials concerned to take them on priority. Chief Development Öfficer (CDO) Srilaxmi VS, Additional District Magistrate (ADM/ Finance & Revenue) Shiv Pratap Shukla, DFO, CVO and other district level officers were

ARRESTED: In a joint operation with the SOG, Rajgarh police on Wednesday arrested seven persons and recovered 25 batteries, five mobile phones, etc and seized a vehicle which was being used in the crime. Interacting with the media at Police Lines, SP Abhinandan said tower technician Ajay Jaiswal of Robertsganj, Sonbhadra, had lodged a complaint at Rajgarh police station on August 14 that 24 batteries had been stolen from Nadihar village. Thereafter the SOG was involved with the police and

working out the case with recovery of 25 batteries and arrest of seven accused. He said a pick-up vehicle which was being used in theft was recovered. The arrested persons were identified as Vinod Patel of Puraini village under Alinagar police station, Chandauli, Firoj Khan of Hydel Colony, Sahupuri, under Mugalsarai police station, Chandauli, Shyam Lal Gupta of Sujabad Padav under Ramnagar police station, Varanasi, Mataroo Patel and

Aman Pal of Bagahi village under Mugalsarai police station, Chandauli, Rahul Chauhan of Harishankarpur under Mugalsarai police station, Chandauli and Prakash Patel of Chaanditara under Alinagar police station, Chandauli. The police sent the accused to jail.

MEETING: (Finance and Revenue) Shiv Pratap Shukla while presiding over the meeting of District Road Safety Committee at Collectorate on Wednesday directed the officials concerned to ensure that no school bus is allowed to move without proper papers, including fitness certificate. He asked the officials to ensure that the character certificate of drivers of school buses should be updated. He said enforcement of laws was a must to control road accidents so it should be conducted regularly by the Transport department. He directed the officials

that no illegal parking of vehicle should be allowed. SE PWD Ashok Kumar Dwivedi, Additional Superintendent of Police (ASP/City) Srikant Prajapati, ARTO and other officials were present.

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Take charge

India has a pivotal role in shaping the future of humanity through BRICS

s the BRICS summit in South Africa approaches, the world's attention turns to this gathering of leaders from Brazil, Russia, Illuia, Ollina and Journal and as it aims to transform the loose coalition of nations, accounting for a substantial quarter of the global economy, into a formidable geopolitical force capable of challenging the dominance of western powers in global affairs. Amid discussions ranging from economic cooperation to multilateral influence, India's pivotal role within BRICS cannot be understated. While Russian President Vladimir Putin would be absent due to the ongoing Ukraine war, leaders such as China's Xi Jinping, Brazil's Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi are likely to be in attendance. As the host nation, South Africa sets the stage for a summit with a theme that resonates deeply: "BRICS and Africa." This thematic choice underscores the alliance's aspirations to extend

its reach, build ties and engage in collaborative efforts with an African continent that is increasingly becoming a theater of global power competition.

Of all the BRICS nations, India's significance in this endeavour shines brightly. Its economic prowess, strategic location and diplomatic finesse position it as a linchpin in the alliance's quest for a more multipolar world order. The unity within BRICS might stem from shared scepticism about a global order that often caters to the interests of western powers. The call for expansion is poised to dominate the discussions. Around 40 nations have expressed their interest in joining BRICS, a fact emphasised by South Africa. China, in

its pursuit to bolster its global influence, is advocating for swift enlargement, while Brazil harbours concerns that expansion could dilute the group's effectiveness. India's stance, perhaps, will play a critical role in mediating this debate. As a strong advocate for multipolarity and inclusive international systems, India's voice can contribute to finding a balanced approach to expansion, ensuring the alliance's cohesion while welcoming likeminded partners. The central challenge facing BRICS is the transformation of lofty ideals into practical action. The bloc's New Development Bank (NDB) seeks to reshape global finance, providing an alternative to traditional institutions. Yet, its progress has been modest, with sanctions on Russia hampering its operations. India, with its vast financial expertise and developmental experience, could play a pivotal role in driving the NDB's ambitions forward. Climate change also demands the alliance's attention. Here, India's involvement is crucial, given its sizeable population and growing carbon footprint. The BRICS nations collectively contribute a significant share of greenhouse gas emissions, and India's proactive engagement in finding sustainable solutions could catalyse meaningful progress. The summit is an opportunity for India to showcase its global vision, collaborative spirit and dedication to crafting a more equitable world order.



Bihar Pradeshik Agarwal Mahila Sammelan during celebrations of the upcoming Janmashtami festival, in Patna

Will there be a Dexit on the lines of Brexit?



Will Germany pull out of the EU as the UK did? Going by the latest developments, this may not be a figment of imagination

here has been a news item in an esteemed journal recently, stating that the Alternative für Deutschland (AFD or Alternative for Germany), a rightwing German political party gaining prominence, has declared that the European Union is a failed project. The AFD has castigated the EU as a failure in all areas of governance like imagination policy, climate change and security. The party is both right and wrong. They are right about the EU's failure, but incorrect about the reasons for it. One recollects that Britain joined the EU but kept the pound sterling from being amalgamated into the Euro. The then Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher had doubts about the workability of the European Union from the beginning. She was no ideologue, but had immense common sense of a successful politician, and quoted many examples of successful and unsuccessful national experiments. The successful nations are mostly those whose citizens' souls throb as one.

The European Union too has souls that throb, but not in unison; rather in more than 25 ways. The reasons quoted by the AFD, namely immigration, climate change and security, are important, but curable. Germany has been a comparatively new country even before it entered into the EU. There were twenty-odd principalities until the Chancellor of Prussia, Otto von Bismarck, finally united them as late as 1870. Bismarck put the final seal of unification while arresting Emperor Napoleon III of France on the battlefield of Sedan. Though France and Germany became the first two promoters and today's leaders of the European Union, their souls don't throb in unison.

While on a visit to Greece, a local taxi driver predicted dark days when he told me that Germany's assets lay in technology, while those of Greece are in history. He said the Greeks live by inviting tourists while the Germans flourish by exporting macninery. He asked me now could these two coexist in the



The vacuum religion left behind began being filled by nationalism. Hitherto, the hearts of the people would beat for their monarch. With the advent of nationalism, more and more people became conscious of nationality, whereby their hearts within a nation began to beat in unison.

The invention of the steam engine came next, heralding the Industrial Revolution. Nationalism took the high seat of an ideology, which in turn, drove the Europeans into a race for prosperity.

Communism made every attempt to disrupt the flowering of nationalism but did not succeed. No ideology has come on the European horizon since A look into history would and hence the reluctance of the show that the continent of Europe Europeans to embrace the



UNFORTUNATE **EXPLOITS OF** ADOLF HITLER, **ESPECIALLY HIS** ANTI-SEMITISM. DROVE THE **GERMANS INTO A** SHELL OF **EMBARRASSMENT** AND GUILT

European Union with any ardour. When the push and urge of nationalism could not be satisfied in Europe, it overflowed into imperialism, with the discovery of South America and Asia.

Prussia, whose capital was

Berlin, was the largest of the German-speaking principalities. Bismark, the Chancellor in the latter part of the 19th century, enlisted by diplomacy or the force of arms the various Germanic principalities into the fuller Deutschland. The Chancellor, however, did not consider it wise to include Austria in Deutschland. Incidentally, Sudetenland, one of the constituents of later Czechoslovakia, was then part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, the successor to the Holy Roman Empire. This was the replacement of the Roman Empire based in Rome, which by then become unable to keep off the barbarians of the north like the Vandals, Visigoths and Goths.

The holy origins of Austria kept Bismark away from incorporating its empire. The unfortunate exploits of Adolf Hitler, especially his anti-Semitism, drove the Germans into a snell of embarrassment and guilt. History moulded Germany into a continental entity. The European Union was a peaceful, friendly substi-

tute for the domination of Europe. Nationalism provides a thrilling urge that the EU cannot satisfy. The proud sentiment personified by the German national anthem "Deutschland Uber Alles" (Germany above all) is a distant pole from what the EU can provide. Germany's Angela Merkel represented the cooperative spirit, which she probably imbibed under the communist East German regime,

under which she grew up.

A medicine that may satisfy even a hero when prostate with illness or defeat, cannot be food for his life. Once Merkel had stepped down from power, Germans began to feel deprived and hungry. They would like to unshackle themselves from the cooperative framework they had brought on themselves. More so, when the waves of Syrian refugees kept arriving and being welcomed by Merkel. The Christians and Muslims are both Abrahamic religions of the Book. But when it comes to co-existing in the same country, the Protestant stallion cannot live with the pony beholden to Allah the Merciful.

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Who will be the face of the Opposition in 2024?



The gloves are off for the battle of 2024. While NDA has the charisma of Narendra Modi to bank upon, the Opposition is still indecisive

Time Minister Narendra Modi's address to the nation from the ramparts of Red Fort on the 77th Independence Day has set the tone for the election season that commences later this year and culminates with the Lok Sabha polls in April-May 2024. It is going to be a tough fight between the ruling BJP and the Congress-led Opposition parties as the country is gearing up for the mother of all battles. The Prime minister fired the first salvo by declaring that he would hoist the national tricolour from the Red Fort on 15th August 2024.

What is the ground reality? The opposition stands divided and is taking pot shots at each other on all available opportunities. The question that disturbs Mallikarjun Kharge of the Congress and M K Stalin of the DMK is who would be the Prime Ministerial candidate of the opposition front. All regional parties in the country should learn the truth that Congress is the only political entity that has a pan-India presence. One may be pardoned for speaking an unpalatable truth.

There are no leaders who have an all-India outlook other than Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka

Vadra. They are household names across the country and are capable of getting elected from States of their choice. No other leaders enjoy this kind of camaraderie with people.

Mamta Banerjee, Akhilesh Yadav, Lalu Yadav, Nitish Kumar and Stalin may be influential in their home turfs. They should accept the reality that they do not enjoy the kind of love and affection enjoyed by the Gandhi household. The Opposition should not forget the spirit of 2004. When the chips were down and all were forecasting that the NDA would score an impressive win in the 2004 ple in Tamil Nadu, Kerala

Lok Sabha polls, Sonia Gandhi stepped in and that became the game changer in national politics. Gandhi went the extra mile and shook hands with minions like Sitaram Yechury, D Raja, A B Bardhan and even M Karunanidhi. It produced unbelievable results. The UPA led by Sonia Gandhi swept the election and Manmohan Singh was sworn in as Prime Minister. The same story was repeat-

ed in 2009. The Opposition should accept the ground reality and give elbow space to Sonia Gandhi because she is the lone person in their camp who is capable of producing a pleasant surprise like the magician pulling out "live" rabbits from an empty hat. Rahul Gandhi, with his Bharat Jodo walkathon, has set the tone for the Congress to stage a comeback. For those who scoff at the idea of Rahul Gandhi as Prime Minister should bear in mind that this is the country that elevated H D Deve Gowda as Prime Minister. Rahul Gandhi is held in high esteem by peoand Karnataka. The Congress victory in Karnataka is mainly due to the charisma of Rahul Gandhi who has a "cool customer" aura around him.

Since the defeat of the Congress in 2014, Rahul Gandhi has been touring the length and breadth of the country and has established himself as a potential Prime Ministerial candidate. Are there any leaders in Congress and the Opposition who can match him in style and substance? If the Opposition is serious about secularism, pluralism, tolerance and diversity, it should accept Rahul Gandhi as the Prime Ministeria candidate so that the nation can watch a battle royale in the coming months. For that to happen, Sonia Gandhi should take the initiative and revive and renew old friendships. There is no more time to lose discussing the nitty-gritty of groundlevel politics. Secularism should be the catchword for

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PEACE IN MANIPUR

Sir — The reality and the fact of the matter is that there cannot be peace in Manipur until the 6,000 sophisticated arms and 6 lakh rounds of ammunition that were looted from the security forces are recovered. These weapons will be used against the common people of the state, which has been witnessing violence since May 3. So, how can there be peace and normalcy when there is no talk of reconciliation between the two sides? Both Meiteis and Kukis are unhappy with the performance of Chief Minister N Biren Singh. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has assured peace while addressing the nation from the Red Fort, as there can be no peace without reconciliation and rehabilitation of the 60,000 people still living in relief camps, and until the 6,000 weapons are recovered. With this, the topmost priority of the Government is to recover the weapons to end ethnic violence and take very serious initiatives to talk to both communities.

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UNCLE NEPHEW MEET

Sir — The now-exposed Saturday's secret meeting between NCP chief Sharad Pawar and his disgruntled nephew, Deputy CM of Maharashtra, Ajit Pawar, has become the talk of the town in national political circles these days. Even as clarifications from both sides seem inadequate to dissipate fears cropping up in the ruling MVA and the newly formed 'INDIA' camps, as these could take a toll on either of them. Irked Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Sanjay Raut even questioned the locus standi of the workers from both the Pawar camps fighting over ideology. Moreover, Maharashtra State Congress President Nana Patole and Sena (UBT) Chief Udhav Thackeray also discussed the confusion stemming from the meeting in question at Matoshree on Sunday.

Equating the scenario with Mahabharat, Mr. Raut also said, "We cannot care about those who are in opposition, be it our family or relatives. This is a fight

Bindeshwari Pathak is no more

THE EDITOR



t is very sad that Bindeshwar Pathak, the founder of Sulabh International and popularly known as the 'Toilet Man of India'. passed away on the day when the nation was celebrating its 77th Independence Day. Mr. Pathak, who was pivotal to the advent of the Swachh

Bharat Mission, laid the foundation for Sulabh International, which would go on to become one of the most influential social organizations in the world. The most groundbreaking initiative under Sulabh's banner was the introduction of 'Sulabh Shauchalaya' (Sulabh Toilets) that were technologically friendly, socio-culturally acceptable, and economically affordable. These toilets not only provided a hygienic alternative to the then-prevalent unsanitary practices but also played a pivotal role in putting an end to the demeaning practice of manual scavenging. For his pioneering work, Mr. Pathak was conferred the Padma

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tence. Hence, any move creating confusion and suspicion in the minds of people should be averted, and further, it is not expected from Bhishma Pitamaha, at least"—apparently referring to veteran Sharad Pawar. Additionally, Mr. Raut remembered his good relations with CM Eknath Shinde and Raj Thackeray alike but, in the same breath, urged that there should be no confusion in the minds of the

Azhar A Khan | Rampur

PM MODI'S SPEECH Sir — Prime Minister Narendra Modi's address to the nation from the Red Fort on the country's 77th Independence Day enumerated his government's accomplishments and outlined future aspirations. This was the Prime Minister's final speech from the Red Fort during his current tenure. Who will deliver the next address will be decided by the people of the country in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. However, PM Modi's expertise was evident in that he did not allow the shadow of uncertainty to fall anywhere in his entire address. Significantly, the general elections are scheduled for 2024, and perhaps keeping this in mind, he assured to share the counfor Maharashtra and the country's existry's achievements from the Red Fort next

year as well. Counting corruption, nepotism, and appeasement as the 'three evils' can also be seen as a preparation to face

political challenges. The Prime Minister unveiled numerous new programs and underscored the benefits of well-implemented old schemes in a nearly 90-minute address. In the last few years, the level of continuous efforts made for a positive image of India at the global level is now well known. His unveiling of the Vishwakarma Yojana, which provides financial support to the urban poor to build houses and trains women to make drones, drew a lot of attention. In reference to Manipur, the Prime Minister stated that while the incidents occurred in a state in the Northeast, their impact was felt throughout the country. He promised that the central and state Govts are fully committed to restoring normalcy in the region.

The Prime Minister exhorted the people to prepare for 2047, when the country will celebrate 100 years of independence, in his speech at the Red Fort. Until then, he asked for a guarantee to help India become a developed country.

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TRYING TO BECOME BIG? GOOD LUCK

We are all small and will remain so. Only God is big and will eternally be so



AJIT KUMAR BISHNOI

M ost of us wish and actively try to become big. We want to get attention as someone special. What about all the competitions? The idea is to be known as someone superior, not ordinary. There is nothing wrong with having such a feeling. How else does someone motivate themselves to try to excel, become better, etc? Do we succeed in becoming big? Let us take some examples. There is a sportsperson, who lives a very disciplined life and succeeds in winning many competitions and ultimately is ranked number one in the world. What next? He or she maintains the status for some time and then begins to lose the superiority because age catches up and someone younger beats him or her. Did he or she become big? Yes, for a brief period but not permanently. Another example is of a film star. She is glamorous. Many of her films have become hits. But over some time, she does not seem so great; some others have appeared on the scene. who are younger and prettier. So, the bigness was temporary.

This is the reality of life. We are all small without any exceptions and will remain so eternally. Only God is big and will eternally be so. Karmaphalas control us, which we have accumulated in our past. We are always doing karmas with our bodies, minds and words. These generate karmaphalas. We carry them till they come to fruition either as rewards or punishments. They are of two kinds: material and spiritual. The material kinds are under the jurisdiction of the divine authority, which works under the superintendence of God. (The Bhagavad-Geeta 9.10) God oversees the spiritual kinds, which are acts done about God such as praying and meditating. Spiritual acts put us in a higher category and bring 'saubhagya' (good fortune). Overall, God is the final arbiter of our lives; He controls everything.



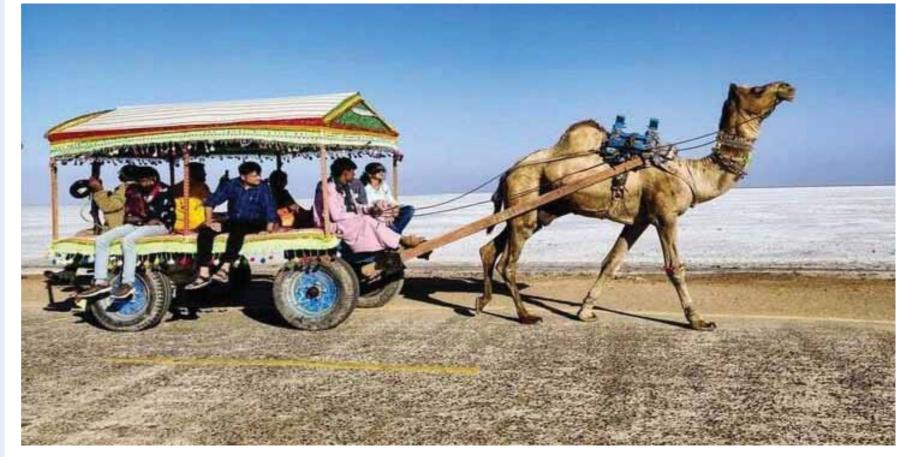
But we remain in denial. We want to become big and control things, and pay a heavy price for it. If we become big in our eyes, others must become smaller. That is what we would like to think. What do others feel about such bigness? Bigness in the material sense evokes mixed reactions. Mostly, it is envy, which distances us from others. Then, we want to become enjoyers rather than serve others, which is what we should be doing to gain the favour of others, especially God. What does God expect from us? That we will become mediums of God for bringing good karmaphalas to other souls. Unless we do so, surely, we will distance ourselves from God. And if we try to exploit others under the false feeling of bigness/greatness, we bring punishment to ourselves. Let us examine whether we can become big. How about bad karmaphalas appearing in our lives and hurting us? If this wasn't bad enough death comes and takes us away and all our bigness/greatness is left behind. We are relocated as determined by the divine authority. Even during our lives, there is no peace, no 'sukha' and no sense of security. So, what should we ideally do? The answer is to become a 'sevaka', i.e. one who serves others. Why? Because this earth planet has been fashioned this way. We are supposed to serve others and they are supposed to do likewise. A few examples will clarify. We go and see a doctor. He examines us and writes a prescription. You may not realize that he is serving you and we pay him for his services. Then, comes the next step of becoming spiritually inclined, which may inspire us to become social workers. That is commended very highly in the Geeta. (6.40) Some persons make good progress and take shelter from God and use all their resources in the service of mankind like Adi Shankaracharya. That is how they become big 'sevakas', yes big. This feeling of bigness is perfect because it is based on the reality of the creation. Such persons please everyone, most importantly, God - the only real big, it counts the most; we get all kinds of 'saubhagya.' Trying to become big is fine if done properly. Otherwise, all materially big persons are made to look small, as has been seen in the

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Disaster resilience must for growth of tourism

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The tourism sector is a powerhouse but it is fragile and must be protected against the vagaries of weather for its sustained growth



or the tourism industry in Europe, the last few weeks have been termed the "summer of hell", because of the extreme heat, catastrophic storms, wildfires, and the numerous tourists who died from heat stroke and other climatic disasters across the continent. This is a major setback for the travel and tourism industry. Even while the memories of the pandemic haven't completely faded, it is debating how to handle the new climate-related set of challenges. Natural disasters are becoming more severe. The tourism industry is highly susceptible, vulnerable, and sensitive to climatic variables.

Similarly, during the same period, India witnessed its share of natural calamities. Half the country appeared inundated with water, cutting off vast areas of land, leaving tourists stranded and isolating populations from the rest of the country. The local economies came to a halt, resulting in severe damages, including lost prop erties, lives, livelihoods, and the destruction of precious civic and tourism infrastructure painstakingly built over the decades.

The massive loss caused by landslides and intense flooding in Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh and elsewhere serves to highlight a point. Simply building additional hotels, roads, airports, and infrastructure for tourism is insufficient. The tourism industry must examine its ecological footprint on a local level and keep disaster resilience at the core of its planning and execution and operation processes. To ensure that the valuable resources invested in construction and growth do not evaporate and dissolve before our eyes in just a few hours of flash flooding, as we have unfortunately witnessed this destruction recently.

Therefore, limiting disruptions is vital, as is avoiding economic losses and accelerated recovery. The tourism industry requires a roadmap on how to handle climate-related natural disasters and shield itself from their adverse impacts through



NOTE, YOU KNOW YOU'RE TRULY INDIAN WHEN YOU LISTEN TO THE WEATHERMAN'S CONFIDENTLY

PLACE YOUR BETS ON THE COMPLETELY **OPPOSITE** OUTCOME

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By investing in integrated and comprehensive planning, early warning systems and building disaster resilient infrastructure and through retrofitting and improvements, we can enhance our ability to effectively respond to and recover from these events in the future. The country requires comprehensive vulnerability mapping and climate impact projections for the tourism sector over the next 5-10 years. This involves gathering data on changing weather patterns, existing infrastructure, population density, environment, socio-economic factors, tourism patterns etc. This data can help evaluate how susceptible different tourist areas are to changing climate patterns and consequent natural hazards. It can guide strategies for reducing and managing disaster risks.

On a lighter note, you know

you're truly Indian when you listen to the weatherman's prediction and confidently place your bets on the complete opposite outcome – it's our version of weather roulette! The era of "revenge travel" seems to have turned us all into daredevils, willing to put life, limbs, and common sense on the line just to get to that tourist hotspot. Ít's like we're on a mission to prove that we can survive both the wild weather and outwit the weather extremes. This is what we repeatedly see when serpentine lines of cars blockade the state and national highways just to reach the hilly mountainous hotspots up north over the weekend and extend long holidays with complete irreverence to the climate and weather conditions. This madness must stop.

Incorporating reliable weather

updates/warnings via mobile notifications should become part of our national routine. This shift would empower the common citizen to make informed decisions, act responsibly, ensure personal safety and mitigate urban chaos caused by weather surprises. This will foster resilience and planning skills within the population. This practice would not only keep climate change discussions alive in daily life, reaching beyond experts and activists' circles but also build trust and ease among tourists who receive valuable forecasts/warnings for instance via their mobiles through the telecom operators for better preparedness.

Remarkably, the tourism industry's entire value chain, encompassing airlines, hotels, and transportation, hinges on weather conditions and seasonality. Yet, despite this dependency, many overlook integrating the evolving scenarios and changing weather insights into their day-to-day operations and they carry on with traditional practices and business as usual while operating their trade. The tourism industry will need to wise up to better plan, prepare and adapt their business to newer disruptions and seasonal patterns, especially in vulnerable regions and geographies.

Climate disasters that we are witnessing are set to overhaul tourist behaviours and demographics in the coming days. Many may sidestep the peak seasons, especially young and old people, prioritizing their health and safety, factoring in weather and climate considerations. This trend will amplify in upcoming years, leading tourists to steer clear of certain places during peak seasons. Consequently, the industry faces the formidable chal-

lenge of adapting to climate and disaster patterns. Adjustments in timing and destination choices are on the horizon.

A drizzle and a sprinkle are enough to declare an apocalypse in our major towns and cities like Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, and Bangalore. The situation is so dire that these metro cities, which host gateway airports to the country for tourists, can't even pass the basic stress test for urban infrastructure. It would be unimaginable if climate change-related events in the future led to these cities going belly up. The tourism sector has a lot riding on these cities and therefore de-risking and building resilience to them in a systematic manner should be a priority.

We haven't even touched upon the aftereffects of natural disasters on neritage and monuments and safeguarding them as they stand exposed to these changes. The tourism sector needs to brace itself up to address these newer preservation and conservation challenges which will fundamentally test and reshape our planning principles and protocols.

India's travel and tourism sector are a powerhouse. It contributes an estimated US\$ 178 billion to the country's GDP, making it the third largest foreign exchange earner. This sector generates millions of jobs and is essential to India's economic growth. However, this growth is fragile and can be easily disrupted by widespread natural disasters with cascading effects and long recovery periods. The government and industry need to invest in disaster resilience measures to protect this vital sector and ensure its long-

Launch a new freedom movement for gender justice!

We need a nationwide movement to celebrate girl power and ensure that they have access to education, livelihood, and property

A slong as I have life, as long as blood flows through this arm of mine, I shall not leave the cause of freedom." - Sarojini Naidu. The 77th year of our independence is another occasion to remember and celebrate the vital contributions of women in our freedom struggle. Women played an instrumental role in the freedom struggle, fighting with spirit and courage while facing severe torture, exploitation and hardships. Women took to the streets, led processions and held demonstrations in their pursuit of the common cause - an independent India free from colonisation. Many wellknown names come to mind in the resistance to British colonial rule, including



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Bhima Bai Holkar, Rani Lakshmibhai of Jhansi, Rani Channama of Kittur, Rani Begam Hazrat Mahal of Avadh, Anasuyaben Sarabahi, Aruna Asaf Ali, Avantikabai Gokhale, Begum Hasrat Durgabai Mohani, Deshmukh, Faizi sisters, Kamla Nehru, Kasturba Gandhi and many others. Along with these names, let us also not forget the millions of courageous unsung 'sheroes' that are not as wellknown or remain unknown, whose brave and dauntless stories of contribution to the Indian liberation movement remain largely untold.

The principles of gender equality and justice enshrined in the Indian Constitution reflect the aspirations of these women, and

all democratic women and men. While we celebrate our freedom fighters, it is also important to note the signification role of civil society in advancing gender justice. Over the years, much has been achieved in securing and advancing women's rights through the initiatives of civil society, non-profit organizations and government bodies. We must recognize that assertions of women's organizations and democratic movements have led to the establishment of a robust legal framework protecting women against discrimination and violence. Several non-profits and community-based organizations have addressed ongoing violence against

women, women's property

concerns, and the recognition of women in the world of work. However, a lot more needs to be done to make this structure responsive to the needs of women, especially those from vulnerable and marginalized communities. Despite the numerous strides that women have made in all walks of life, and despite universal promises made at the highest levels of government and civil society, we must recognize that the promise of gender equality in India remains largely unfulfilled.

The greatest indicator of this is the adverse sex ratio in India, which emerges from the prevalence of son preference or

rights, women's livelihood census revealed that the sex ratio had declined to 918 girls, against the 2001 census figure of 927 girls for every 1,000 boys. While we await the latest census data for more accurate information, there are mixed signals from the data being generated. In July 2023, the Minister of Women and Child Development shared in Parliament that the sex ratio at birth has improved by 15 points between 2014-15 to 2022-23, which is encouraging news but there still is a long way for us to go to normalize sex ratios in our

Other indices corroborate the vulnerabilities faced by women and girls. The National Family Health daughter aversion. The 2011 Survey (NFHS-4) shows that unpaid and poorly-paid

more than 30% of married Indian women have suffered spousal violence, while nearly 4% have experienced violence during pregnancy. Furthermore, according to UNICEF, India is home to the largest number of child brides, with 223 million girls below 18 years of age getting married, negatively impacting their mental, physical and reproductive health.

We need a nationwide movement to celebrate girls and women and ensure they have access to education, livelihood, property, and access to gender-responsive public services. We realize that this calls for a social campaign to recognize women's work in the continuum of care work at home,

conducive to their physical and mental well-being. The social campaign should call on boys and men to share care work at home, and for governments and local administrations to provide care services that fall disproportionately on women - which could include community kitchens, longer day care services, and palliative and geriatric care at the community level. These services could be linked with rural and urban employment guarantee schemes serving multiple purposes. In all this, we need to ensure the agency of girls and women, especially those from vulnerable and marginalized communities.

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Xi calls for patience amid eco slump revival efforts

hinese leader Xi Jinping Chas called for patience in a speech released as the ruling Communist Party tries to reverse a deepening economic slump and said Western countries are "increasingly in trouble" because of their materialism and "spiritual poverty."

Xi's speech was published

by Qiushi, the party's top the-oretical journal, hours after data Tuesday showed consumer and factory activity weakened further in July despite official promises to support struggling entrepreneurs. The government skipped giving an update on a politically sensitive spike in unemployment among young people.

Xi, the country's most pow erful leader in decades, called for China to "build a socialist ideology with strong cohesion" and to focus on long-term goals of improving education, health care and food supplies for China's 1.4 billion people instead of only pursuing short-term material wealth.

Since taking power in 2012, Xi has called for restoring the ruling party's role as an economic and social leader and

ness and society since taking power in 2012. Some changes come at a rising cost as successful Chinese companies are pressured to divert money into political initiatives including processor chip development. The party tightened control over tech industries by launching data security and anti-monopoly crackdowns that wiped out billions of dollars of their stock market

value.
"We must maintain historic patience and insist on making steady, step-by-step progress," Xi said in the speech. Qiushi said it was delivered in February in the southwestern city of Chongqing. It is common for Qiushi journal to publish speeches months after they are delivered.

Economic growth slid to 0.8 per cent in the three months ending in June compared with the previous month, down from 2.2 per cent in January-March. That is equivalent to a 3.2 per cent annual rate, which would be among China's weakest in decades.

A survey in June found unemployment among urban workers aged 16 to 24 spiked to a record 21.3 per cent.

China woos South Asian nations

Beijing (PTI): China has urged South Asian countries to get on board its "express train" and receive a share of the dividends of its economic growth. China's Foreign Minister Wang Yi said this on Wednesday while addressing the opening ceremony of the 7th China-South Asia Expo in Kunming, the capital of southwest China's Yunnan Wang, Director of the Office

of the Central Commission for Foreign Affairs noted that this year marks the 10th anniversary of the expo and also the 10th anniversary of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and the neighbourhood diplomacy featuring amity, sincerity, mutual benefit and inclusiveness - both proposed by President Xi Jinping.In the past decade, China and South Asian countries have consolidated solidarity and cooperation, advanced Belt and Road cooperation, deepened friendly exchanges and created a new chapter of China-South Asia friendship for the new era, Wang, also a member of the Political Bureau of the ruling Communist Party of China Central Committee, was quoted as saying by China's foreign ministry spokesperson on Thursday."China welcomes South Asian countries to get on board the express train of China's development and share in the dividends of China's development," Foreign Ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin quoted Wang Yi as saying. The gross domestic product (GDP) of China, the world's secondlargest economy, reached 59.3 trillion yuan (about USD 8.3 trillion) in the first half of 2023, up 5.5 per cent year on year, data from the NBS said in June.

"We stand ready to work with South Asian countries to seize historic opportunities, enhance solidarity and coordination, grow new dynamism for development, build a community of development and contribute to the long-term peace, stability and prosperity in the region," Wang Yi said.

Li promises to boost coop with Belarus



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hinese Defence Minister Li Shangfu on Thursday visited Belarus and said his country would increase military cooperation with Russia's neighbour and ally, where Moscow is deploying tactical

Shangfu met with strongman President Alexander Lukashenko in Minsk and said "the purpose of my visit to Belarus is precisely the implementation of important agreements at the level of heads of state and the further strengthening of bilateral military cooperation".

Neither side gave details of what the cooperation will entail, but the two countries have agreed to hold joint military exercises next year.

Li visited Russia just before going to

Russian troops that were deployed in Belarus were part of Russia's invading force in Ukraine and Russian troops and weapons remain there.Belarusian forces

and Lukashenko on Thursday said China's military assistance would not be directed against third countries.

"We need to secure our states and our peoples," he said. "We are absolute supporters of a multipolar world, territorial integrity and unity of the borders and territories established after the Second World War." China claims to be neutral in the conflict in Ukraine, but accuses the United States and its allies of provoking Russia and maintains strong economic, diplomatic and trade ties with Moscow

Belarusian analyst Valery Karbalevich said the visit of the Chinese defense minister is "an important signal not only to the EU and the US, but also to Ukraine".

"With this visit, China marks the scope of its military interests and shows that it is interested in building up ties with Minsk and Moscow, including military cooperation, despite the dissatisfaction of Western countries," he told The Associated Press.

Russia fines Google

Moscow (AP): A Russian court on Thursday imposed a 3-million-ruble (\$32,000) fine on Google for failing to delete allegedly false information about the conflict in Ukraine.

The move by a magistrate's court follows similar actions in early August against Apple and the Wikimedia Foundation that hosts Wikipedia.

According to Russian news reports, the court found that the YouTube video service, which is owned by Google, was guilty of not deleting videos with incorrect information about the conflict — which Russia charac-

terises as a "special military operation".

Google was also found guilty of not removing videos that suggested ways of gaining entry to facilities which are not open to minors, news agencies said, without specifying what kind of facilities were involved. In Russia, a magistrate's court typically

handles administrative violations and low-

level criminal cases.Google declined to comment. However, there's little that Moscow can do to collect the fine. The US tech giant's Russia business was effectively shut down last year after the conflict began. The company has said that it filed for bankruptcy in Russia after its bank

ng it unable to pay staff and suppliers. Since sending troops into Ukraine in February 2022, Russia has enacted an array of measures to punish any criticism or questioning of the military campaign.

account was seized by the authorities, leav-

Some critics have received severe pun-

Opposition figure Vladimir Kara-Murza was sentenced this year to 25 years

in prison for treason stemming from speeches he made against Russia's actions in

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Place: Gurugram Date: 17-08-2023

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Share Certificates pertaining to shares of the Company detailed below have been reported lost and request(s) for issue of duplicate Certificates in lieu thereof have been

| OI. | FOIIO NO. | Name of the Share Holder | Cert-No. | DIST-NO. | DIST-NO. | LUSI | | |
|--|------------|--|----------|----------|----------|--------|--|--|
| No. | | Legal Heir (Claimant) | | (from) | (to) | Shares | | |
| 1 | SPP0007880 | SUDERSHAN MALIK (Holder) | 9308 | 572957 | 573016 | 60 | | |
| 2 | SPP0007256 | SHIRISHKUMAR RADHESHYAM DALMIA (JT1) PRAMOD RADHESHYAM DALMIA (JT2) | 8636 | 544490 | 544537 | 48 | | |
| 3 | SPP0004376 | HEMANT PRIYADARSHY(Holder) | 5337 | 379330 | 379369 | 40 | | |
| Any person having any claim /objection in respect of the above requests should lodge such claim/ | | | | | | | | |

objection with the company at its Corporate Office within 15 days of the publication of this notice failing which the company will consider to give effect to the above requests. Public is hereby cautioned against dealing with the aforesaid share certificates

Statement of Unaudited Financial Results for the

For KAMA HOLDINGS LIMITED **EKTA MAHESHWARI**

KAMA Holding/

WHOLE TIME DIRECTOR, CFO & COMPANY SECRETARY

| | Wisemore Advisory Private Limited | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| CIN: U74999HR2017PTC085774 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Regd Office: AR1017B, The Aralias, DLF Golf Links, Gurgaon, Haryana-122009 | | | | | | | | | |

| quarter and three months ended 30th June 2023 INR in millions | | | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Particulars | Quarter ended 30 June 2023 | Quarter ended 31 March 2023 | Quarter ended 30 June 2022 | Year ended 31 March 2023 | | | | | |
| | (Unaudited) | (Unaudited) | (Unaudited) | Audited | | | | | |
| Total Income from Operations | _ | 0 | (0) | 0 | | | | | |
| Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, | | | | | | | | | |
| Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items) | (20) | (22) | (48) | (164) | | | | | |
| Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax | | | | | | | | | |
| (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items#) | (20) | (22) | (48) | (164) | | | | | |
| Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax | | | | | | | | | |
| (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items#) | (20) | (22) | (48) | (162) | | | | | |
| Total Comprehensive Income for the period | | | | | | | | | |
| [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period | | | | | | | | | |
| (after tax) and Other Comprehensive | (4.400) | 400 | (4.000) | (0.404) | | | | | |
| Income (after tax)] | (1,496) | 132 | (1,398) | (2,431) | | | | | |
| Paid up Equity Share Capital | 869 | 869 | 869 | 869 | | | | | |
| Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) | 976 | 2,473 | 3,506 | 2,473 | | | | | |
| Equity component of compulsory convertible debentures | | | | | | | | | |
| Net worth** | 1,845 | 3.342 | 4.375 | 3,342 | | | | | |
| Paid up Debt Capital / Outstanding Debt* | 1,335 | 1,315 | 2,227 | 1,315 | | | | | |
| Debt Equity Ratio * | 0.72 | 0.39 | 0.00 | 0.39 | | | | | |
| Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each) | 0.72 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | | | | | |
| (for continuing and discontinued operations) | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Basic : | (0.23) | (0.25) | (0.55) | (1.87) | | | | | |
| 2. Diluted : | (0.23) | (0.25) | (0.55) | (1.87) | | | | | |
| Debenture Redemption Reserve * | (| ,, | | (, | | | | | |
| Debt Service Coverage Ratio * | _ | (0.02) | (0.01) | (0.02) | | | | | |
| Interest Service Coverage Ratio | _ | (0.02) | (0.01) | (0.02) | | | | | |

Disclosures pursuant to Regulations 52(4) and 52(7) Securites and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

Credit Rating: CARE BB - (CE)

Change in credit rating: No
- Asset Coverage Ratio: 467% (31 March, 2023: 701%)

Debt Equity ratio: mentioned above Debt Service Coverage Ratio : mentioned above

Interest Service Coverage Ratio: mentioned above Previous due date for the payment of interest/ repayment of principal of non convertible debt securities and whether the same has been paid or not (as on 30 June, 2023)

Previous due date for the payment of interest : NA

Previous due date for the payment of principal : NA Next due date for the payment of interest/ repayment of principal of non convertible debt securities Next due date for the payment of interest: 20 Nov, 2023

Next due date for the payment of principal: 20 Nov 2023 Outstanding redeemable preference shares (Quantity and Value): Not Applicable Net Worth ** (30 June, 2023): INR 1,845 (31 March, 2023 : INR INR 3,342)

Net profit after tax : mentioned above

Earning per share : mentioned above Debenture Redemption Reserve (30 June, 2023) : NIL (31 March, 2023 : INR NIL) There are no material deviation in the use of proceeds of issue of Non Convertible Debentures from

the objects stated in the offer document (Regulations 52(7))

 Ratios have been computed as follows:
 Earning per share (Basic & Diluted) = Profit after Tax / Weighted average number of equity shares Debt Equity Ratio* = (Debt Securities + Borrowings other than Debt Securities-Unamortised Issue Expenses) / Equity (Equity share capital + Other Equity)
Interest Service Coverage Ratio = Profit before interest, tax and depreciation / Total Interest Expense

- Debt Service Coverage Ratio* = (Profit after tax + Depreciation + Interest) /(Interest + Principal Repayment)

Asset Coverage Ratio = (Total Assets) / Debt (Amount due to Debenture Holders)

*As per Debenture Trust Deed dated 12th August 2021 as amended time to time.

*** Networth represents issued subscribed and paid up capital plus reserves and surplus. Reserves and Surplus includes Capital reserve, General reserve, Debenture redemption reserve, Securities premium account and Profit and loss account balance. In Accordance with Ind AS 108 on Segment Reporting, the Company has identified two busines

segments i.e Investment Activity and Management Consultancy.

The above financial results of the Company for the quarter and for the period ended June 30, 2023 have been approved by the Board of Directors of the Company at the meeting held on

The figures of the quarter ended Mar 23 are balancing figures between audited figures in respec of the full financial year upto March 31, 2023 and the unaudited published year-to-date figures upto December 31, 2022, being the date of the end of the third quarter of the financial year which were subject to limited review

> For and on behalf of the Board of Directors Wisemore Advisory Private Limited

Vaishali Nigam Sinha Managing Director, DIN: 02299472

China open to US Commerce secy visit

AP ■ BEIJING

hina says it would welcome a Visit by US Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo following the imposition of foreign investment controls by her agency that have stung numerous Chinese companies. Chinese Commerce Ministry

spokesperson Shu Jueting did not offer a date, but said the countries are in "close communication on arrangements," according to reports Thursday.

Media have speculated that a visit could come as early as later this month. Raimondo last met her Chinese counterpart, Wang Wentao, in Washington in May to discuss trade. President Joe Biden signed an executive order on August 9 to block and regulate US high-tech investment in China, reflecting the intensifying competition between the world's two biggest economies.

The order covers advanced computer chips, micro electronics, quan-

tum information technologies and artificial intelligence. Senior administration officials said the effort is related to national security goals rather than economic interests and the categories it covers are intentionally narrow in scope.

The order seeks to blunt China's

ability to use US investments in its technology companies to upgrade its military while also preserving broader levels of trade that are vital for both nations' economies. Shu said China is conducting a "comprehensive assessment of the

impact of the US executive order" on US foreign investment and will "take the necessary response measures based on the results of the assessment. The United States and China are increasingly locked in a geopolitical competition with a conflicting set of

values, including over Russia's invasion of Ukraine. However, with its economic growth sliding to 0.8 per cent for the three months ending in June, China appears far more willing to engage with Raimondo than with defence officials and diplomats, whom it has fully or partly rebuffed.

Biden administration officials have insisted that they have no interest in economic "decoupling" from China, yet it also has limited the export of advanced computer chips and retained the expanded tariffs set up by former President Donald In response, China has accused

the US of "using the cover of risk reduction' to carry out decoupling and chain-breaking."

China has meanwhile engaged in crackdowns on foreign companies, prompting a loss of confidence and the shifting of investment plans by global companies to other countries. Calls by Chinese leader Xi Jinping and others for more economic selfreliance have left investors uneasy about their future in the state-dominated economy.

Tenerife island hit by wildfire

Barcelona (AP): An out-ofcontrol wildfire on the Spanish Canary island of Tenerife has burned thousands of acres and affected some 7,600 people who are either evacuated or confined, Regional President Fernando Clavijo said

He said some 250 firefighters and members of the Spanish army are tackling the blaze, located in the north of the island. Clavijo said the fire had a nearly 30-km-long (19mile) perimeter."This is probably the most complicated blaze we have had on the Canary Islands, if not ever, at least in the last 40 years," Clavijo told reporters. Extreme temperatures in the island, he said, added to "specific meteorological conditions" caused by the fire that turned the area into a virtual oven

Sweden raises its terror threat level to second highest

Stockholm (AP): Sweden on Thursday raised its terrorism alert level one notch to the second-highest setting, following recent Quran burnings in the Scandinavian country by a handful of anti-Islam activists, which sparked angry demonstrations in Muslim countries.

The Scandinavian country's domestic security service, SÁPO, said the overall security situation has deteriorated and the risk of terrorism in Sweden was now at level four — "high" — on its five-point scale. It was the first time since 2016 that SAPO raised the alert to that level. Sweden has in recent weeks warned citizens abroad and businesses linked to the country to "observe increased vigilance and caution" following a string of public Ouron burging 1 to 1 lic Quran burnings by an Îraqi asylum-seeker. Earlier this year, a far-right activist from Denmark burned the Quran outside the Turkish Embassy in

Police have allowed the protests, by a handful of demonstrators, citing freedom of speech.Like many Western countries, Sweden doesn't have any blasphemy laws that prohibit the burning of religious

In neighbouring Denmark, where there also have been several public Quran desecrations, police said Wednesday that "on the recommendation" of the domestic intelligence service PET, it was "necessary to maintain the temporarilyintensified efforts at the internal Danish borders". Sweden, too, has stepped up border controls and identity checks at

crossing points. On Tuesday, PET and its foreign intelligence counterpart said in a joint statement that the resulted in considerable, neg-

school in Lebanon's Palestinian camp

Beirut (AP): Two weeks after clashes between armed factions in Lebanon's largest Palestinian refugee camp ended, militants are still occupying a United Nations-run school complex, UN officials said Thursday. Dorothee Klaus, director of the UN agency for Palestinian refugees, or UNRWA, in Lebanon, said in a statement that the agency has "received alarming reports that armed actors continue to occupy its installations including a school compound" in the Ein el-Hilweh camp. The compound provides education to 3,200 out of a total of 6,000 students in the camp, which is home to more than 50,000 people. Earlier this month, Klaus said that the start of the school year might be delayed for students in the camp due to damages to the school facilities.

Klaus said the continued presence of militants is a "grave violation of the inviolability of UN premises under international law, which compromises the neutrality of UNRWA installations and undermines the safety and security of our staff" and of the refugees living in the

Militants occupying | I'm right PM to lead: Sunak

Prime Minister Rishi Sunak has insisted that he is the right person for the UK's top job, especially at a time of rapid technological change and tough economic challenges, as he gets back into the full swing of work after a rare family holiday in California. In an interview with 'The

Times' on Wednesday, the 43year-old British Indian leader pointed to the latest official figures showing a fall in inflation from 7.9 per cent to 6.8 per cent as a sign that the economy was moving in the right direction with him in charge at 10 Downing Street.

As he edges closer towards his first year in office after he was suddenly elevated to the post of Prime Minister in October last year when predecessor Liz Truss was forced out amid financial turmoil, Sunak pointed to how he had not "got this job in not the easiest of cir-



choice as the leader going into a general election expected next year.
"I think I'm the right per-

son, the right Prime Minister, at a time when technological change is so important to help lead the country through that change so we can benefit from it," Sunak told the newspaper.

'This is the country that benefits from those changes in technology, this is where those companies are locating, where they're growing, where they're

investing, where they're creat ing jobs," he said. Asked if people struggling with a cost-ofliving crisis will feel better off in a year's time, he said it was his job to make sure that people can feel that happening. He noted: "You can start to see now that there is a prospect of wages growing faster than

inflation going forward. I'm

really proud of our country and

what makes us special. I'm really optimistic about the "We've got a challenge right now to overcome but I'm entirely confident we will do it. Is it taking a bit longer than anyone would like? Of course, it is, but we're making progress.

The last couple of months

show that the plan is working."

With a general election expected around mid-2024, the Conservative Party government under his leadership is quite obviously now pitching its tent to start wooing the elec-

recent Ouran burnings "have ative attention from, among others, militant Islamists". The terror alert level in Denmark is also at the second-highest level.

Los Angeles (AP): Britney Spears 'husband Sam Asghari has filed for divorce from the superstar 14 months after a they were married, a person familiar with the filing said late Wednesday.

The person, who is close to Asghari but not authorized to speak publicly, confirmed the filing happened Wednesday, hours after several outlets including TMZ and People magazine reported the couple had separated.

An email sent to a Spears representative was not immediately returned Court records in Los Angeles and Ventura counties did not show where the case had been filed.

Spears married Asghari at her home in Thousand Oaks, California, on June 9, 2022 in front of guests including Selena Gomez, Drew Barrymore, Paris Hilton and Madonna, in a wedding seen as a milestone in her newly reclaimed life after the dissolution just six months earlier of the court conservatorship that controlled her life for more than 13 years. The pop superstar



and actor, when he appeared in her video for the song "Slumber Party" in

She cited her desire to marry Asghari as among the reasons she wanted an end to the constraining conservatorship, which she said was preventing it. The two announced their engagement in September of 2021 as it became clear she would be freed from the conservatorship — which was ended that November.

Britney files for divorce I'N Korea preparing ICBM tests, spy satellite launch' AP ■ SEOUL

North Korea is preparing its second attempt to put a spy satellite into orbit as well as tests of long-range missiles to mark a key national anniversary and protest efforts by the United States to strengthen its regional alliances, South Korea's intelligence service told lawmakers Thursday

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un has been expected to conduct weapons tests in response to major US-South Korean military drills that begin next week and a trilateral US-South Korea-Japan summit at Camp David in the United States this Friday.

Intelligence Service told lawmakers in a closed-door meeting that North Korea may try to launch a spy satellite in late August or early September ahead of the country's 75th anniversary on September 9, according to Yoo Sang-bum, one of the lawmakers who attended the briefing.
The NIS said North Korea

has been testing an engine for the rocket to be used for the satellite launch and has installed an additional land antenna to receive satellite data, Yoo said. Kim has vowed to produce a number of hightech weapons systems including a military reconnaissance satellite. North Korea attempted a satellite launch in late May, but the rocket crashed into the ocean soon after North Korean state media

said it lost thrust following the separation of its first and second stages. South Korea's military has

said that debris from the satellite indicated it wasn't advanced enough to conduct military reconnaissance as

claimed. The NIS said it also has detected unusually heavy activities at a North Korean facility that produces solidfuelled intercontinental ballistic missiles and at another site related to liquid-fueled ICBMs, Yoo said in a televised

Place: Gurugram

135 arrested, probe ordered in attacks on churches in Pak

Pakistani authorities have arrested 135 people in connection with the unprecedented mob attack on 21 churches in Punjab province even as the government on Thursday ordered a high-level probe into the riots and promised to "restore" all the damaged churches and homes of the minority Christian community. An enraged mob ransacked and torched 21 churches and several houses of Christians on Wednesday over blasphemy allegations in Jaranwala town of Faisalabad district, 130 km from Punjab's provincial capital Lahoré. A Christian cemetery and the office of the local assistant commissioner were also vandalised.

A Punjab spokesman said that 135 miscreants have been arrested for attacks on churches and houses of the minority community in Jaranwala. The members of the radical group Tehreek-i-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP) were

has been registered against 600 suspects under terrorism and blasphemy charges," Punjab caretaker information minister Amir Mir said.

Mir said peace has been restored in the area and a heavy contingent of police and Rangers has been deployed outside churches and homes of the minority Christian community. He said police foiled many attempts aimed at damaging various buildings.

"The chief minister has ordered a high-level investigation into the matter and those involved in this heinous crime will not escape justice," he said.

Army chief General Asim Munir on Thursday termed the incident "extremely tragic and totally intolerable" and pledged that perpetrators involved in the attacks will be brought to justice. "There is no space for such incidents of intolerance and extreme behaviour by any segment of the society against anyone, particularly against minorities," he was quoted as

saying by the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) - the media wing of the army.

Addressing an event, Gen Munir emphasised that no one will be allowed to take the law into their own hands and those culpable of committing such crimes will be brought before the court of justice. Meanwhile, Punjab's

Caretaker Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi promised to "restore" within three to four days all the churches and the homes of the minority Christian community which were attacked and torched by the mob. Addressing a meeting attended by religious leaders of the Christian community on Thursday, Naqvi condemned the mob violence and said such actions are against the teachings of Islam and those of the Holy Prophet.

He said the mob attack was "planned conspiracy" to "light a fire in the country and sabotage its peace." He vowed to prevent any such "conspiracy"

ties and chalk out a plan to prevent such incidents," he said. The district administration has imposed section 144 for seven days, prohibiting all kinds of assembly, except for events organised by the govern-

ment in Jaranwala.

AP ■ PORT-AU-PRINCE

n ex-police officer consid-

Aered by many to be Haiti's

most powerful gang leader said Wednesday he would welcome the deployment of

an international armed force

to the Caribbean country but

vowed to fight if it committed

Jimmy Chérizier, best known as "Barbecue," also

urged Haitians to mobilize

against the government. "We

are asking the population to rise up," he said at a news con-

ference. Prime Minister Ariel

Henry, who has led Haiti

since the July 2021 assassina-

any abuses.

we should sit with our minori-

All educational institutions, markets and business establishments remained closed in Jaranwala on Thursday. Christian community leaders in Faisalabad on Thursday

assessed the damage to their holy places and houses in

A total of 21 churches have either been torched or vandalised over false accusations of blasphemy, they said, adding that copies of hundreds of Bibles were set on fire.

"Twenty-one churches and 35 houses of Christians including a pastor's residence were either burnt down completely or ransacked by the mob on Wednesday," Pakistan Centre

Haiti gang leader vows to fight

Qayyum told PTI. He said although peace has been restored in the area due to the heavy deployment of police, Christians fear that Islamists might strike again.

More than 3,000 policemen and two companies of Pakistan Rangers have been deployed in Jaranwala following Wednesday's riots.
"Most of the Christians

left the area on Wednesday to save their lives and they will return only once action is taken against those who are involved in attacks on churches and Christian houses, Oavvum said. He said since Shaukat

Masih, a Christian, was the Assistant Commissioner (AC) of Jaranwala, some local Muslims had an issue with it. "On the pretext of blasphemy, they first moved to the AC's office to attack him. Mr Masih was lucky to escape," he said.

"Had the authorities in Pakistan brought those

to justice in the past, the Jaranwala incident might have been averted," Qayyum said, demanding the government rein in radical TLP members who are on the forefront to target minorities in Pakistan.

The Christian families who fled their homes spent the night in the open fields to save themselves. "On reports that an enraged mob is heading towards our houses in Isa Nagri, my neighbours and I left and took refuge in open fields far from our area and spent the night over there," a member of the Christian family told PTI.

"We can't take our chances to return to our homes till the government provides us security and arrests those who attack our houses and holy places," he said. The incident sparked nationwide outrage from all political parties, civil society and the media.

"We are deeply concerned that churches and homes were targeted in response to reported Quran desecration in spokesman Vedant Patel told

He said that while the US backed free expression, "violence or the threat of violence is never an acceptable form of expression," Geo News reported. "We urge Pakistani authorities to conduct a full investigation into these allegations

and call for calm," he said.

The Islamabad police on
Thursday formed a "Minority Protection Unit" comprising 70 policemen for the "protection of minority places of worship and communities".

The move came after Christian leaders strongly condemned what they called police inaction during the whole episode. They claimed that police played the role of silent spectators when Christian families were crying for help, and delayed their response until the residents were forced to abandon their houses, leaving them at the mercy of the attackers, the Dawn newspaper

Pak interim PM Kakar's Cabinet takes oath

PTI ■ LONDON

An 18-member Cabinet of Pakistan's newly appointed caretaker Prime Minister Anwaarul Haq Kakar took oath on Thursday to run the cashstrapped country until the general elections and ensure a seamless transition of power.

President Arif Alvi administered an oath to the caretaker Cabinet, Radio Pakistan, the national public broadcaster for radio, reported. Former foreign secretary

Jalil Abbas Jilani has been appointed as Foreign Minister, Sarfaraz Bugti as Interior Minister, Shamshad Akhtar as Finance Minister, Lt Gen (retired) Anwar Ali Haider as Defence Minister and senior journalist Murtaza Solangi as Information Minister.

Khalil George took the oath as Minister for Minorities, industrialist Gohar Ijaz as Minister for Industries, academic Dr Umar Saif as Minister for Information Technology, Ahmad Irfan Aslam as Law Minister, renowned actor Iamal Shah as Minister for Culture Aniq Ahmad as Religious Affairs Minister.

Akhtar is the only woman

Women lose value if men can see their uncovered

faces in public, a spokesman for

a key ministry of Afghanistan's

Taliban government said

Thursday, adding that reli-

gious scholars in the country

agree that a woman must keep

her face covered when outside

over the country in August of

2021, has cited the failure of

women to observe the proper

way to wear the hijab, or

Islamic headscarf, as a reason

for barring them from most

public spaces, including parks,

jobs and university.Molvi

Mohammad Sadiq Akif, the

spokesman for the Taliban's

Ministry of Vice and Virtue,

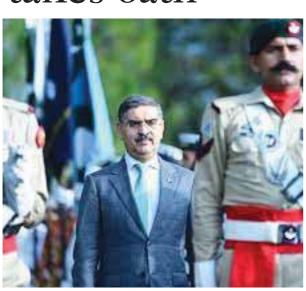
said in an interview Thursday

with The Associated Press that

The Taliban, who took

AP KABUL

the home.



in the Cabinet. The oath-taking ceremony began with the recitation of the Holy Quran at the President's House in Islamabad. The swearing-in of Cabinet ministers completed the process of government formation in the country, which is facing its worst economic crisis. Under the Constitution, a caretaker government should be appointed to provide a neutral administration for holding the elections in a fair and

Women lose value if their faces

if women's faces are visible in

public there is a possibility of

women (without hijab) in some

areas (big cities) and our schol-

ars also agree that women's

faces should be hidden," Akif

said. "It's not that her face will

be harmed or damaged. A

woman has her own value and

that value decreases by men

looking at her. Allah gives

respect to females in hijab and

on girls and women have

caused global outrage. On

Wednesday, UN special envoy

Gordon Brown said the

International Criminal Court

should prosecute Taliban lead-

ers for crimes against human-

ity for denying education and

employment to Afghan girls

and women. Akif, who is the of the previous government.

British Museum in London sacks staffer

after precious historic treasures stolen

The Taliban's restrictions

there is value in this."

"It is very bad to see

fitna, or falling into sin.

are visible in public: Taliban

transparent manner. Pakistan's National Assembly was dissolved on August 9, ending the tenure of the government led by Shehbaz Sharif and paving the way for installing a caretak-

The general elections in Pakistan are expected to be held within 90 days but the election commission may take more time if it organises delimitation on the basis of a new

main spokesman for the Vice

and Virtue Ministry, did not

answer questions about the

bans, including whether any of

them could be lifted if there

were to be universal adherence

to hijab rules. He said there

were other departments to deal

with these issues. Akif said the

ministry faced no obstacles in

its work and that people sup-

ment Sharia (Islamic law) here.

Now we're carrying out the implementation of Sharia." All

the decrees are Islamic rulings

and the Taliban have added

nothing to them, he said. "The

1,400 years ago and they are still

there." He said that under the

current administration men no

longer harass or stare at women

like they used to do in the time

orders of Sharia were issued

"People wanted to imple-

ported its measures.

Israeli raid on Jenin kills 1

Tel Aviv (AP): Israeli forces killed a Palestinian man in a raid on a militant stronghold in the northern occupied West Bank on Thursday, the Palestinian Health Ministry said, the latest violence in a city that has seen some of the worst bloodshed in the current round of Israeli-Palestinian fighting.

Violence has gripped the region since last spring, when Israel launched near-nightly deadly Palestinian attacks. The violence has escalated into the fiercest fighting in the West Bank in some two decades, and along with increased violence by radical Jewish settlers and settlement expansion by Israel's far-right government, has fueled tensions in the region.

The Palestinian Health Ministry identified the man killed as Mustafa al-Kastouni, 32. It was not immediately clear if the man was affiliated with a militant group. The Hamas militant group said its fighters engaged in a gun battle with Israeli troops in Jenin and lobbed explosives at the forces. The Israeli military had no immediate comment. Jenin, a city where Palestinian security forces have little presence. has long been a bastion of armed struggle against Israel. The city and an adjacent refugee camp have been the focus of Israel's monthslong operation, with an intense 2day offensive last month the height of those efforts.

tion of President Jovenel Moïse, has been pushing for the deployment of a foreign armed force since October to help fight powerful gangs that are estimated to now control 80% of the capital of Port-au-Prince. In late July, the African nation of Kenya offered to lead a multinational force, and the US said earlier this month that it would put forward a resolution in the UN Security Council to authorize

Chérizier said he would welcome a foreign force if it were to arrest the prime minister and people he described

a non-UN multinational mis-

any foreign armed force as corrupt politicians and local police allegedly selling ammunitions and guns in Haiti's slums. "If the foreign force comes to help and provide security for life to start over again, we will also applaud," he said. But he said that if any foreign force repeated the actions of previous U.N. peacekeepers, including committing sexual abuses and inadvertently introducing cholera into water sources, that Haitians would rise up. "We will fight against them until our last breath," he said. "It will be a fight of the Haitian people to save the dignity of our country."

I, Bhavna Bhargava W/o Mr. Suneel Dutt Bhargava D/o Late Mr. Matru

PUBLIC NOTICE

To, be known to all that my client, SMT USHA SHANDILYA
W/O SHRI DEEPAK KUMRA R/O A-99, GROUND FLOOR,
BLOCK-A, ASHOK VIHAR, DELHI, is the owner of DDA LIG
FLAT NO.A-99, ON GROUND FLOOR, BLOCK-A, SITUATED
AT ASHOK VIHAR PHASE-II, DELHI-110052, VIDE DDA
FILE NO. F.35(185)74/HB(M)II. The original documents
i.e. Original POSSESSION LETTER, SITE POSSESSION
SLIP and NOC FOR WATER RELECTRICITY CONNECTION
Of the above said properly have been lost or misplaced by
my client and is not traceable inspite of his best efforts. An
FLR.7NCR to this effect has been lodged in the Police
Station, Crime Branch, Delhi (LR No. 779815/2023 dated
16.08.2023). Any person(s) claiming any rights, interest,
having any objection or found in possession of original
documents, may write/contact with above named person
at above Address/Phone No. within 15 days from the date
of publication of this notice. The person claiming any right,
interest, objection with respect to this property, can
personally inform orwrite to Deputy Director (LAB Housing)
LIG or Director (Housing), Vikas Sadan, New Delhi.

Naveen Aggarwal (Advocate)
Ch.No. M-7, Near SBJ, Western Wing, Its Hazan Court, Delhi-54

PUBLIC NOTICE To, be known to all that my client, SMT. SAROJ W/O SHRI MANOJ KUMAR R/O HOUSE NO. 308, PANA HARNAND BARWALA, DELHI-110039, is the owner of PROPERTY BEARING PLOT NO.375, BLOCK-C, POCKET-2, SCETORbest efforts. An F.I.R./NCR to this effect has been lodged in the Police Station. Crime Branch. Delhi (LR No. 780971/2023 dated 16.08.2023). Any person(s) claiming any rights, interest, having any objection or found in possession of original documents, may write/contact with above named person at above Address/Phone No. 855.1895609 within 15 days from the date of policitation of this notice. The person claiming any right, interest, objection with respect to this property, can personally inform or write to Deputy Director (LAB Rohini) or Director (Land), Vikas Scare Mayer Director

NAME CHANGE

Mal R/o 1/10103, Street No. 3K, West Gorakh Park, Shahdara, Delhi - 110032 have inform that I am lega wedded wife of Mr. Suneel Dut Bhargava and residing with him a 1/11760 - A&B, Plot No. 3 Panchsheel Garden, Navir Shahdara, Delhi - 110032. My date o birth is 05th September, 1969 instead of 25th June, 1969. Before marriage I was known as Anupam Bhargava and after my marriage known as Bhavna Bhargava. I als obtained the Aadhar Card No 403777070224 and Income Tax Permanent Account Number Card Bearing No. BEVPB1253B. Due to clerical mistake the spelling of my father's name was wrongly started as Mathura Mal Bhargava instead of Matru Mal Therefore my father's correct name is Matru Mal instead of Mathura Mal. My correct name is Bhavna Bhargava instead of Anupama Bhargava. Bhavna Bhargava and Anupama Bhargav are same and one person M correct Particular are BHAVNA BHARGAVA D/o MATRU MAL W/o SUNEEL DUTT BHARGAVA R/o JANCHSHEEL GARDEN, NAVIN SHAHDARA, DELHI - 110032 DATE OF BIRTH - 05 - 09 - 1969 Bhavna Bhargava

Baba Farid University of Health Sciences, Faridkot Sadiq Road, Faridkot-151203 Ph: 01639-256232, 256236 Admission Notice to PG Medical/Dental Courses under NEET UG-2023

Fresh online Registration/Applications are invited through University website from eligible candidates on the basis of NEET-UG-2023 for vacant seats as per Punjab Govt. Notification/Prospectus for admission to PG Medical/Denta Courses in Govt./Private Colleges Private Universities and Minority Institutions the State of Punjab w.e.f 18.08.2023 to 23.08.2023. Last date for deposi tion of Registration Fee through Online Payment Gateway and Last date for submitting willingness alongwith requisite fee to participate in 2nd Round is 23-08-2023. Counseling will be conducted as per schedule published on the University website. Any update issued by MCC/Govt. of India/Govt. o Punjab regarding PG admissions session 2023 shall be applicable Prospectus/detailed Schedule/Fee/Details and updates visit a

www.bfuhs.ac.in REGISTRAR nil/12/143/2023/26839 Dated CHD :- 8/17/2023

RAMPUR FERTILIZERS LTD.

CIN: L15136UP1988PLC010084 Regd. Off.: Judges Bareilly Road, Rampur-244901 U.P.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that 35th Annual General Meeting ("AGM") of Rampur Fertilizers Limited ('th Company") will be held through video conferencing (VC) or other audio-visual means (OAVM) or September 22, 2023, Friday, at 1:00 P.M. (IST) to transact the business as set out in the Notice of AGM which will be sent in due course of time. The venue of the said meeting shall be deemed to be the Registered Office of the Company.

Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) vide Circular dated 28th December, 2022 read with Gener Circular 5th May 2020, respectively and SEBI has vide Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/PoD-2/P/CR 2023/4 dated 5th January, 2023 (collectively referred to as Circulars) permitted holding of AGM vithout physical presence of the members at the venue and dispensed with the requirement of sending physical copies of Annual Report to the Members. In compliance with these Circulars, the 35th AGM of the Company will be held through VC/OAVM only without physical presence of the members at the venue. The Members can attend and participate in the AGM through VC/OAVM only. Detailed instructions for joining the AGM will be provided in the Notice of AGM which will be sent to the members in the due course of time.

Members may further note that in pursuance of above stated circulars, the Notice of the AGM, and Integrated Annual Report for the financial year 2022-23, will be sent through electronic mode only to those members whose email addresses are registered with the Company/Depository Participant As per the SEBI Circulars, no physical copies of the Notice of AGM and Integrated Annual Repor will be sent to any Member. Members who have not yet registered their email addresses ar requested to follow the process mentioned below for registering their email addresses to receive the Notice of the AGM and Annual Report electronically and to receive User ID and passwor

Physical Please send ISR1, ISR2 and SH-13 to RTA MAS Services Limited, T-34 2nd Floor Okhla Holding Industrial Area, Phase-II, New Delhi 110020. Form can be download from RTA website i.e. www.masserv.com under download tab.

Please contact your Depositary Participant (DP) and register your email address as pe Holding the process advised by DP. Please also update your bank detail with your DP fo dividend payment by NACH if declare by company. The Notice of AGM and Annual Report for FY 2022-23 will also be available on Company's website

listed, i.e. MSE Limited atwww.msei.in and on the website of NSDL at www.evoting.nsdl.com i due course of time. Members attending the meeting through VC/ OAVM shall be counted for the urpose of Quorum under Section 103 of the Companies Act, 2013.

Place: Rampur Date: 16.08.2023

For Rampur Fertilizers Limited Place: Gurugram, Haryana Anshuman Khaitar

Date: August 16, 2023

China assures Lanka help in addressing debt challenges

largest bilateral creditor, China, has assured the island nation its help in effectively addressing the debt challenges as it has to finalise the external and domestic debt restructuring of a whopping USD 41 billion by September before the IMF's first review.

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) is set to conduct its first review of the USD 2.9 billion bailout granted to Sri Lanka in March this year from September 11-19. A release from the Prime Minister's Office on Wednesday said Wang Yi, the Foreign

shall not be liable and responsible for any lose and injury and shall liable for the legal consequences.

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Minister and Director of the Office of the Foreign Affairs Commission of the ruling Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee who met SL PM Dinesh Gunawardena on the sidelines of the seventh China-South Asian Expo assured that it will help in effectively addressing the country's debt challenges. "China is always Sri Lanka's reliable strategic partner and appreciates that Sri Lanka has always been friendly to China and has stood by China on issues related to its core interests", Wang was quoted as saying.

PUBLIC NOTICE The general public is informed on behalf of my clientess Smt. Lalita, wile of Sn. Ravinder Prasad, R/o H.No-A-41-42, Christian Colony, Patel Chest, Delhi-110007 has been the absolute owner of the property bearing H.No. A-41-42, Christian Colony, Patel Chest, Delhi-110007, Except my clientess nobody has any right, title or interest in the said property and some unscrupulous person wants to interfere in the ownership rights/ possession of my clientess in the said property, Incase any person enters into agreement pertaining to the said property of my clientess with any one, he/ she shall do so at his or her own risk and my clientess shall not be liable and responsible for any lose and

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the General Public on behalf of our client RBL Bank Ltd. that Mrs. Kusum Lata Dogra & Mr. Sushil Kuman Dogra are the joint owners of Entire First Floor, without roof rights, Gaid Floor) Built on Property Bearing No. 97, area measuring 240 So. Vds. Situated in the layout Plan of CWPC Co-op. House Building Society Ltd., Presently Known as Engineers iclave, Pitampura, Delhi "the said property", by virtue o Hinquishment Deed dated 12.06.2017, Registration No. 6715 in favour of Sushil Kumar Dogra), and Relinquishment Dee dated 09.12.2021, Registration No. 17291, (in favour of Mrs. Kusin data Dogra). All persons including other legal helis if any ar hereby informed that above mentioned owner want to sell the sai ereby informed that above mentioned owner want to sell the sal loor, i.e. First lifton, and someone want to purchase the same be aking Home loan from our client, if anybody has any objection/ pon the said floor/property, and its ownership / its Title / sale an ontgage/any liligations, kindly inform the undersigned in writin on the below mentioned address within 07 days of the present. Kurnar & Associates (Advocates & Consultants) 200, Ilnd Floor, 23, Shivaji Marg, Moti Nagar, N. Delhi-15 Ph: 011-41112527-28 legal@knalegal.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

To, be known to all that my client, SHRI KAMAL NAIN
BHALLA 5/0 LATE SHRI RADHEY SHYAM R/O FLAT
NO.444, POCKET-C, SECTOR-19, ROHINI, DELHI110085, is the owner of DDA SFS FLAT NO.444,
POCKET-C, SECTOR-19, SITUATED AT NO.
FL39(1902)91/SFR/O/II. The original documents i.e.
Original DEMND LETTER of the above said property have
been lost or misplaced by my client and is not traceable
inspite of his bestefforts. An Fl.R. //CR to this effect has
been lodged in the Police Station, Crime Branch, Delhi
(LR No.759960/2023 dated 10.08.2023).
Any person(s) claiming any rights, interest, having any
objection or found in possession of original documents,
may write/contact with above named within 15 days
from the person at above Address/Phone No. date of
publication of this notice. The person claiming any right,
interest, objection with respect to this property, can
personally inform or write to Deputy Director (LAB
Housing) SFs or Director (Housing), Vikas Sadan, New

To be known to all that, Mr.RajKumar Daswani, S/O Late Shri C.R. Daswani C.Daswani alias Chain Daswani alias Chain Daswani alias Chain Raji, My O - C672, Sarita Vihar, New Delhi-110076, is owner and in physical possession of Flat No.672, on Second and Third Floor (Duplex), SFS Category III, in Pocket-C, situated at Sarita Vihar, Medical Delhi-110076, alongwith Scooter Garage, which has been allotted by DDA vide File No.F. 128(423) 86/5FS/SVIII and applied for conversion from lease hold into free hold of said flatin D.D.A. The original Demand Letter and other related documents of said flat have been lost. An F.I.R. to this effect has been lodged. Any person(s) claiming any right, interest, having

personally inform or write to Deputy Director (LAB Housing) SFS or Director (Housing), Vikas Sadan, New Delhi. Naveen Aggarwal (Advocate)

person(s) claiming any right, interest, havir any objection or found in possession of origin documents may write/contact with above named person at above address/Phone N. 9312273159 within 15 days from the date. publication of this notice. The person claimin any right, interest, objections with respect to this flat can personally inform or write to Dy Director (LAB) H or Director (H)-1, D Block 3 Floor, Vikas Sadan, INA, New Delhi.

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Regd. Office: Behrampur Road, Village Khandsa, District Gurgaon, Haryana-122001 Phone: 0124 4809755; E-mail: atml_delhi@yahoo.com; Web: ashnoortex.com **NOTICE OF 40th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.**

INFORMATION FOR REMOTE E-VOTING AND BOOK CLOSURE Notice is hereby given that the 40thAnnual General Meeting ("AGM") of the membe

of the Company will be held through Video Conferencing ("VC") / Other Audio-Visual Means ("OAVM") on Monday, August 28, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. to transact the business as set forth in the notice of the AGM, in compliance with the regulatory provisions and circulars issued by the Ministry of Cornorate Affairs(MCA) and Securities and Exchange Board of India permitted convening AGM through VC/DAVM, without the physical presence of the members at a common venue. In accordance with relevant circulars, the AGM of the Company through VC/OAVM shall be deemed to convene at the registered office of the Company. Members will be able to attend the AGM through VC/DAVM or view the live webcast at https://instemeet.linkintime.co.in. All the members participating through VC/OAVM facility shall be counted for a quorum under ection 103 of the Companies Act, 2013.

In compliance with relevant circulars notice of the AGM along with the Annual Report for

the financial year 2022-2023 has been sent through electronic mode to those Members whose email addresses are registered with the RTA/Company/Depositories. Members may note that the Notice and Annual Report for the financial year 2022-2023 are available on the Company's website www.ashnoortex.com, the website of the Stock Exchange, i.e., BSE Limited at www.bseindia.com, and on the website of Company's Registrar and Transfer Agent, Link Intime India Private Limited at www.linkintime.co.in. The Company is providing to its members the facility to exercise their right to vote or resolutions proposed to be passed at AGM by electronic means (e-voting) either remotely before the AGM or during the AGM in respect of all the businesses to be transacted at the aforesaid meeting using an electronic voting system to be provided by Link Intime India Private Limited. The remote e-voting period will start on Friday, August 25, 2023 (9:00 A.M. IST) and ends on Sunday, August 27, 2023 (5:00 P.M. IST). During this period shareholders of the Company, holding shares either in physical form or in dematerialized form, as on the cut off date (record date) of Monday, August 21, 2023, may cast their vote electronically. The e-voting module shall be disabled for voting thereafter. A detailed procedure for voting by electronic means is given in the notice of the AGM. The members

entitled to cast their vote(s) again in AGM. Pursuant to Regulation 42 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 and Section 91 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with relevant Rules the Register of Members and Share Transfer Books of the Company shall remain closed from Tuesday, August 22, 2023 to Monday, August 28, 2023 (both days

who have cast their vote(s) by remote e-voting may attend the AGM but shall not be

Any person who becomesa member of the Company after mailing the notice of AGM but before the cut-off date may obtain a login ID and password by sending a request to Mr Neeraj Jain, Link Intime India Private Limited at Noble Heights, 1st Floor, Plot NH 2 C-1 Block LSC, Near Savitri Market, Janakpuri, New Delhi-110058 (Company's Registrar and Share Transfer Agent) at email ID-neeraj.jain@linkintime.co.in or phone number- +91 11 49411000 for obtaining the credentials for remote e-voting. However, if a person is already registered with LIIPL for e-voting then an existing user ID and password can be used for casting his/her vote.

n case of queries/grievances regarding e-voting, you may refer to the Frequently Asked Questions ("FAQs") and e-Voting manual available at https://instavote.linkintime.co.in under the help section enotices@linkintime.co.in or may call at:- Tel : +91-11 49411000/022-49186000or write to Mr. Rajeev Ranjan or write to the Company at atml delhi@yahoo.co.in. For and behalf of

> Ashnoor Textile Mills Limited Suneel Gupta Managing Director DIN-00052084

The British Museum, one of London's premier tourist attractions with thousands of precious artefacts on display, has sacked a staffer pending legal action after several treasures from a storeroom were found to have been stolen. The famous public museum dedicated to human his-

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tory, art and culture, which also has several ancient Indian artefacts on display including a gallery devoted to 'India: Amravati' sculptures, said on Wednesday it has launched an independent review of security after items from the collection were found to be missing, stolen or damaged earlier this year. The matter is also under investigation by the Economic make sure this doesn't happen Crime Command of the Metropolitan Police.

'We called in the police, imposed emergency measures to increase security, set up an independent review into what happened and lessons to learn, and used all the disciplinary powers available to us to deal with the individual we believe to be responsible," said George Osborne, Chair of the British

Museum. The former UK chancellor of the exchequer laid out the museum's priority as threefold: to recover the stolen items; to find out what could have been done to stop this; and to do "whatever it takes", with investment in security collection records, to

again. "It's a sad day for all who love our British Museum, but we're determined to right the wrongs and use the experience to build a stronger museum," he said.

According to an official museum statement, the majority of the items in question were small pieces kept in a storeroom belonging to one of the museum's collections.

They include gold jewellery and gems of semi-precious stones and glass dating from the 15th century BC to the 19th century AD.

the museum said.

None had recently been on public display, and they were kept primarily for academic and research purposes,

incident. I know I speak for all colleagues when I say that we take the safeguarding of all the items in our care extremely seriously. The museum apologises for what has happened, but we have now brought an end to this - and we are determined to put things right," said Hartwig Fischer, Director of the British Museum. "We have already tight-

ened our security arrangements and we are working alongside outside experts to complete a definitive account of what is missing, damaged and stolen. This will allow us to throw our efforts into the recovery of objects,"

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Markets snap 2-day winning run; **Sensex slumps nearly 390 pts**

napping their two-day winning run, equity benchmarks Sensex and Nifty closed in the negative territory on Thursday, tracking losses in index majors Reliance Industries, ITC and HDFC bank amid a weak trend in global markets.

The 30-share BSE Sensex declined 388.40 points or 0.59 per cent to settle at 65,151.02. During the day, it fell by 493.32 points or 0.75 per cent to 65,046.10.

The NSE Nifty slipped 99.75 points or 0.51 per cent to end at

"The mounting influence of weak global cues hindered the domestic market's ability to recoup, resulting in sustained selling pressure. The release of Fed minutes unveiled a divided stance among its members regarding the necessity of additional rate hikes, contrasting the previously anticipated rate pause," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial

ITC was the biggest loser from the Sensex pack, sliding 2.04 per cent, followed by Power Grid, Reliance Industries, Larsen & Toubro, Nestle, Kotak Mahindra

Bank, Bajaj Finance and JSW Steel. On the other hand, Titan, State Bank of India, Bajaj Finserv, Axis Bank, Tata Steel, Sun Pharma, Tech Mahindra and Bharti Airtel were the gainers.

In the broader market, the BSE smallcap gauge climbed 0.19 per cent, and mid-

1.03 per cent, FMCG slipped 0.93 per cent, oil & gas (0.77 per cent), capital goods (0.75 per cent), power (0.73 per cent) and metal (0.25 per cent). TOP GAINERS Change 3-388.40 0.53 Bajaj Finserv 0.43 Tech Mahindra

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TOP LOSERS

Consumer Discretionary, consumer durables and realty were the

"Global stocks were mostly lower on Thursday after notes from a US Federal Reserve meeting dented hopes interest rate hikes are finished. Fears over China's sluggish economic recovery did not help matters either," Jasani

In Asian markets, Seoul, Tokyo and Hong Kong ended lower, while Shanghai settled in the green.

European markets were trading lower in the afternoon session. The US markets ended in negative territory on Wednesday.

Global oil benchmark Brent crude climbed 0.36 per cent to USD 83.75

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) turned buyers on Wednesday as they bought equities worth Rs 722.76 crore, according to exchange data.

"Profit-taking came to the fore amid weak global cues, as rising US bond yields and fall in the currency levels weighed on the equity market sentiment.

'Investors are also worried about further rate hikes coupled with deflation and slowing demand in China, which has been prompting investors to flee equity markets amid choppy trends," Shrikant Chouhan, Head of Research (Retail), Kotak Securities

CBDT issues draft form for biz to report inventory valuation by cost accountants

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The income tax department has come out with a draft form for various categories of businesses to report valuation of their inventories, including equity and debt securities, livestock or other raw material/by-products, by a cost accountant when asked by a tax officer.

Beginning this fiscal, tax officers have been empowered to order for inventory valuation from a cost accountant at any stage of the proceedings pending before him/her. Such valuation can be sought if the tax officer has doubts regarding the correctness of the accounts, multiplicity of transactions in the accounts or specialised nature of business activity.

The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has now come out with a draft form 6C inviting stakeholder comments by August 31 on the proposed columns for reporting invento-ries valuation certified by a cost accountant.

Nangia Andersen LLP Partner Vishwas Panjiar said in order to protect revenue's interest and to prevent deferral of taxes through undervaluation of inventory, a tax officer from this year, has been empowered to order for inventory valuation from a cost accountant.

"The form is quite exhaus-



tive and could potentially overlap with existing inventory reporting obligations because of the presence of multiple experts looking at the same data. For instance, manner of computing Net Realisable Value for an inventory is a subjective exercise and may be different for a tax auditor vis-à-vis a cost accountant," Panjiar said.

Also, the assessing officer may not have the necessary skills to appreciate the difference in methodology adopted by the tax auditor vis-à-vis a cost accountant in inventory valuation specially in case of complex and unique businesses.

Further, assuming a situation where there is a deviation between value of inventory which the tax officer adjusts in the current assessment year, the revised cost base should be available in future years. However, there is no guidance within the law to grant this consequent benefit to the assessee in the next year, Panjar added.

In order to ensure that inventory is valued in accordance with the Income Tax Act provisions, the government through the Finance Act 2023, amended the I-T Act to enable Assessing Officer to direct the assessee to get inventory valued by a cost accountant, nominated by the Principle Chief Commissioner or Chief Commissioner.

Assessee is required to furnish the report of inventory valuation in the prescribed form duly signed and verified by the cost accountant, the CBDT said while releasing the draft form.

RUPEE vs DOLLAR

₹ falls 2 paise to close at all-time low of 83.10 against US dollar

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The rupee pared its initial gains and settled for the day lower by 2 paise at an all-time low of 83.10 (provisional) against the US dollar on Thursday, weighed down by a strong greenback overseas and a neg ative trend in domestic equities.

Forex traders said rupee is likely to trade with a negative bias on risk aversion in global markets and rising US dollar.

At the interbank foreign exchange, the domestic unit opened at 83.10 against the dollar, and it finally ended the day at the same level 83.10 (provisional), registering a fall of 2 paise from its previous close.

During the session, the local unit touched a peak of 82.99 and a low of 83.16. On Monday, the rupee depreciated 26 paise to settle at an all-time low of 83.08 against the US dollar. Forex market was closed on Tuesday and Wednesday on account of Independence Day and Parsi

New Year, respectively.

Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, rose 0.05 per cent to 103.48. Brent crude futures, the global oil benchmark, advanced 0.52 per cent to USD 83.88 per barrel. "The Indian rupee traded lower in line with the Asian currencies and risk-averse sentiments," said Dilip Parmar, Research Analyst, HDFC Securities. The greenback enjoyed good momentum reacting to July FOMC minutes that signalled clear openness to more

tightening.
"We remain bullish on the pair and a crossing of 83.30 will pave the way for 83.50 and 83.70 while expected to hold the support at 82.70," Parmar added.

On the domestic equity market front, the 30-share BSE Sensex closed 388.40 points or 0.59 per cent lower at 65,151.02 points. The broader NSE Nifty

annually from waste, say experts

India can utilise the huge amount of waste generated throughout the country to produce 65 GW of electricity per annum, which can grow to 165 GW by 2030 and 436 GW by 2050, according to experts. India generates 65 million tonnes of waste every year, which is estimated to go up to 165 million tonnes by 2030 and 436 million tonnes by 2050 as per a white paper prepared at a two-day workshop of waste management experts held recently.

About 75-80 per cent of the municipal waste gets collected and out of this only 22 to 28 per cent is processed and treated, the document noted.

During the workshop, experts from International Climate Change and Sustainability Action Foundation, IIT, ISM Dhanbad, Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), and industries came together to discuss the way forward to deal with the issue of mounting waste dumping sites. India has 3,159 active waste dump sites

accounting for about 20 per cent of the country's methane emissions, said the white paper which also provides for creating opportunities for recycling, waste-to-energy conversion, and the creation

According to the paper, one tonne of waste is enough for generating one Kwh of electricity. quality of the waste.

"We must learn to re-cycle, reduce and re-use the waste... Efforts are needed to compare capabilities, discuss challenges and review emerging technologies for monitoring methane and delineate an action plan for sector specific efforts which india can implement with a specific timeline.



cap gained 0.06 per cent.
"As per a study by Goldman Sachs, over-

seas investors holding in midcaps in India

has increased by 175 basis points to 16 per

cent of their market capitalisation this year.

compared with a drop of 250 basis points over the last five years," Deepak Jasani, Head

of Retail Research, HDFC Securities, said.

Among the indices, utilities declined

These efforts will assist to capture and profitably use methane emissions," said J S Sharma, head, International Centre for Climate and Sustainabil ity Action (ICCSA) Foundation.

The workshop 'Methane Emissions Manage ment from Landfill and Waste' was organised jointly by the ICCSA Foundation and TISS Mumbai and it was presided over by Maharashtra Governor Ramesh Bais. Rakesh Kumar, Officer of Special Duty, Council of Scientific & Industrial Research, underscored the need for better source segregation, theory of change and the possibility of using AI (artificial intelligence) for methane management.

"From increased urbanisation and industrial activities, our generation of solid waste is high The rate of piling of municipal and industrial waste on landfills is expected to increase exponentialresult in better environment.

He stated that the launch of International

Methane Council is a good step.
As per the Global Methane Tracker, 2022 report, methane emission from landfill is estimated to account for 3 to 19 per cent of the anthropogenic sources in the world

India can generate 65 GW energy | Sebi extends auction date to Aug 31 for 7 firms' assets

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Sebi on Thursday extended the auction of 15 properties belonging to seven companies, including Sunheaven Agro India and RaviKiran Realty India, along with that of promoters and directors, to August 31 to recover money illegally collected from investors.

The other firms whose properties will be auctioned are: Infocare Infra, Bharat Krishi Samridhi Industries Ltd, GSHP Realtech Ltd, Just-Reliable Projects India Ltd, and Newland Agro Industries Ltd.

Considering that the interested bidders asked for more time, it has been decided to extend the last date of auction to August 31 from August 21 earlier, according to a public notice issued by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi).

The properties will be auctioned at a reserve price of Rs 13 crore. These assets include land ing located in West Bengal.

Of the 15 properties, four are related to Bharat Krishi Samriddhi Industries, three each of Just-Reliable Projects India and Newland Agro Industries, two related to Sunheaven and



one each of RaviKiran Realty India, Infocare Infra and GSHP Realtech.

These seven companies had collected money from investors without complying with the public issue norms as the shares were issued to more than 50 individuals.

required to list its securities on the recognised bourse. It is also required to file a prospectus, among other things

Going by Sebi's earlier orders, Sunheaven allotted redeemable preference shares

(RPS) to about 7,772 investors and mobilised Rs 11.54 crore between 2009-10 and 2012-13 and RaviKiran raised funds by issuing RPS to 1,176 individu-

Further, GSHP Realtech collected money from 535 individuals in 2012-13 by issuing Debentures (NCDs), Infocare Infra mopped up Rs 98.35 lakh by allotting NCDs to 90 investors and Bharat Krishi garnered funds from the public through issuance of RPS and NCDs in 2012 and 2013.

Adani Power shares climb over 2%; majority of group firms settle in green PTI NEW DELHI

Chares of Adani Power clim-Shades of Adam Fower cambooling of the Camboolin stake in the company for over Rs 9,000 crore (USD 1.1 billion). The stock gained 2.58 per cent to settle at Rs 286.50 on the

BSE. During the day, it climbed 3.27 per cent to Rs 288.45. At the NSE, it climbed 2 per

cent to end at Rs 285.55 apiece. Majority of the group com-

panies also ended in the green. Adani Ports jumped 4.47 per cent, Ambuja Cements climbed 1.91 per cent, Adani Enterprises gained 1.45 per cent, NDTV (1.26 per cent), ACC (0.64 per cent) and Adani Transmission (0.42 per cent).

GQG Partners along with bought an 8.1 per cent stake in Adani Power Ltd for over Rs 9,000 crore, as the marquee investor shrugged off the damning report of a US-based shortseller, to invest in billionaire Gautam Adani's group.

cent to close at 19,365.25 points. Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) were net buyers in the capital markets on Wednesday as they purchased shares worth Rs 722.76 crore, according to exchange data.

BUSINESS

CHOPRA TAKES OVER AS CMD OF PFC Parminder Chopra has been appointed as

Chairman and Managing Director (CMD), of Power Finance Corporation Limited (PFC) by Govt of India w.e.f. 14th August, 2023. Previously, she was holding the additional charge of Chairman and Managing Director (CMD), w.e.f 01.06.2023 and was Director (Finance), PFC since August 2020. With this, Chopra becomes the first woman



to lead India's largest NBFC, PFC. During her term as Director (Finance), she spearheaded the Finance Division, leading to highest net profit highest net worth and lowest NPA levels. Such robust financial performance has also facilitated PFC getting the highest status of "Maharatna". She had also played a key role in the successful implementation of INR 1.12 trillion Liquidity Infusion Scheme (LIS) for the power distribution sector, which was rolled out as part of Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative by Govt. of India.

AIRTEL PAYMENTS BANK REVENUE GROWS 41 PC TO ₹400 CR **NEW DELHI:** Airtel Payments Bank on Thursday said its revenue witnessed a year-on-year growth of 41 per cent to Rs 400 crore in the first quarter ended June 30, 2023 The unlisted entity of Bharti Group said that its profit grew by 143 per cent on a year-on-year basis without disclosing the actual number. "For the first time, the Bank's quarterly revenue grew to Rs 400 crore for the first quarter (Q1) of financial year (FY) 2024, an increase of 41 per cent YoY. For the Q1'FY24, the Bank's profits grew by 143 per cent on YoY," the company said in a statement

TATA PLAY REPORTS A NET LOSS OF ₹105.25 CR IN FY23

NEW DELHI: Leading DTH system operator Tata Play has reported a net loss of Rs 105.25 crore for the fiscal ended March 2023, according to financial data accessed by the business intelligence platform Tofler. The company reported a net profit of Rs 68.6 crore in FY22, as per the data. Its revenue from operations slipped 5.1 per cent to Rs 4,499.19 crore from Rs 4,741.07 crore a year ago. Tata Play (earlier knowns as Tata Sky) is not a publicly listed entity. However, it has earlier this year received approval from the capital market regulator Securities and Exchange Board

MAGICPIN TO PROVIDE TOMATO AT RS 50 PER KG AT SELECT **ONDC PLATFORMS**

of India (Sebi) to raise funds through initial public offerings (IPOs).

NEW DELHI: Hyperlocal e-commerce firm Magicpin on Thursday said if will provide tomato for Rs 50 per kilogram at select online apps like Paytm and Pincode available at ONDC network in collaboration with National Cooperative Consumers Federation of India. Magicpin said that till date, it has facilitated the delivery of approximately 20,000 orders for 40,000 kilograms (kg) of tomatoes across more than 90 pin codes in and around Delhi-NCR in just 4 weeks at Rs 70 per kilogram (Kg), and henceforth, tomato will be shipped at a lower price of Rs 50 per kg."The latest reduction to Rs 50 per kg will further benefit the consumers, where essential commodities are facing price fluctuations

ONGC investing ₹1 lakh cr to transform into low-carbon energy player

State-owned Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) is investing Rs 1 lakh crore by the end of this decade in lowcarbon energy opportunities, including renewables and green hydrogen as it looks to transform into a low-carbon energy player, the company said In a statement, India's largest crude oil

and natural gas producer said it has detailed a "roadmap to scale up its low-carbon energy portfolio significantly "ONGC has aligned itself with India's

ambitious goals and is wholeheartedly contributing to the nation's aim to curtail carbon emissions by 1 billion tonne and simultaneously reduce carbon intensity by 45 per cent by 2030," it said.

It said the firm has adopted various de-



carbonization levers resulting in significant emission reductions over years.

"Integrating sustainable practices into core operations has enabled a reduction in Scope-1 and Scope-2 emissions by 17 per cent in the last five years. ONGC has reduced its emissions by 2.66 per cent in FY23 (April 2022 to March 2023 fiscal year).

"ONGC plans to significantly increase

its spending on green initiatives to reduce its carbon footprint as a broader effort to achieve net-zero for Scope-1 and Scope-2 emissions by 2038," the statement said.

The firm is in an advanced stage of crafting collaborations with leading players in the energy space on various low-carbon energy opportunities including renewables, green hydrogen, green ammonia and other derivatives of green hydrogen.

"ONGC is planning to set up two greenfield O2C plants in India," the statement said without giving details.

It is also "charting a roadmap for opportunities in renewable energy and low-carbon sectors. ONGC is investing around Rs 1 lakh crore by the end of this decade, on its multiple green initiatives and is planning to scale up its renewable portfolio to 10 GW by 2030."

GSTN looking for consultancy firm

to prepare roadmap for transitioning IT systems to GST 2.0

1, 2017.

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

With Infosys' contract for VV providing technology support for Goods and Services Tax (GST) ending in September 2024, GST Network (GSTN) has started scouting for a consultancy firm to prepare the bid document for selection of a new service provider and a roadmap for transitioning the system capacity to the next level — GST 2.0.

The consultancy firm would have to ensure a competitive bidding process and a seamless transition of the IT service backbone of GSTN to another technology company, who would be providing the software and hardware required in GST systems for the next seven years beginning October 1, 2024.

The scope of work of the consultancy firm would include preparing a request for proposal (RFP) document by evaluating the present system, based on the experience of the GST technology system of the past seven years, and provide a roadmap for enhancement and operations for the next contract period.

database for the new tax regime, enrolment, registration, endto-end automation, besides providing a system for claiming refunds and credits.

was introduced in India on July

September 2015, Infosys was

awarded a Rs 1,320-crore con-

tract for developing the technology backbone for GST Network.

The IT bellwether outbid TCS, Wipro, Tech Mahindra and

Microsoft to bag the contract

which involved setting up a

Prior to the GST rollout, in

Infosys has been providing necessary IT infrastructure support for GST registration, return filing, tax payment by businesses, as well as audit by tax officers. 'The contracted period of

the current Managed Service Provider (MSP), for development, enhancement and operations of the GST System, is nearing its completion. Hence, GSTN intends to execute a competitive bid to finalize a MSP for operating the GST System through the next term of 7 vears starting 1st October 2024," the GSTN said.

Darjeeling tea industry is a 'patient in ICU': ITEA chairman

hairman of Indian Tea Ex-**└**porters Association (ITEA) Anshuman Kanoria on Thursday said that the Darjeeling tea industry is a "patient in ICU" and virtually on its death bed. For the Darjeeling tea indus-

try to survive, some government support is needed in the form of subsidy which will help stave off the threat posed by tea from Nepal, he said. Speaking at a session organised by the Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) here, Kanoria

said, "Darjeeling tea is an emotion for us. It flows in our blood. Today, the Darjeeling tea industry is a patient in ICU, virtually in its death bed". The closure of the gardens due to political agitation in

2017, followed by lockdowns had caused huge financial loss to the industry as a whole, Kanoria said. He said, "A lot of foreign buyers had been turned away and this gave an opportunity to our neighbour (Sri Lanka) to capture some of the some of the export market".

Kanoria said the challenge



it is infiltrating the Indian Market. "With the Darjeeling crop down to 6.5 million kilograms per annum, the production in Nepal has gone up to six million kilograms. We have a serious competitor now," he noted. The Darjeeling crop has fallen due to low productivity

Nepal tea industry comprising mostly small factories is run unlike that in India which is governed by the Plantations Labour Act. "Darjeeling has become a high-cost operation with 60 per cent of the cost emanating from wages to labourers. Most of the Darjeeling gardens are losing to the tune of Rs 200 per kilogram with each garden losing a few crores," he said. Kanoria said that some support from the government is needed for the Darjee ling tea industry to survive.

partially caused by climate change, he said, adding the

Indirect tax reform, GST,



ALL EYES ON BUMRAH IN 1ST T201



PTI DUBLIN

A lmost 11 months after he hobbled off the field, Jasprit Bumrah will be cynosure of all eyes when he leads India against Ireland as the fast bowler's fitness and rhythm will be tested in the three-match T20 International series, starting Friday. The team is packed with India's Gen-Next IPL performers like Ruturaj Gaikwad, Rinku Singh and Jitesh Sharma but stakeholders in Indian cricket will keenly observe Bumrah, who will be key to home team's plans during the ODI World

Cup starting in less than two

The 29-year-old Bumrah is coming back after undergoing a surgery to treat the lower-back stress fractures he had suffered during a home series against Australia ahead of T20 World Cup, last year. He will be bowling a maximum of just 12 overs across three games over five days but this series will allow chairman of selectors Ajit Agarkar, ODI captain Rohit Sharma and head coach Rahul Dravid to get a fair idea of where the Gujarat slinger is placed in terms of

The 50-over cricket is, though, a different beast where he will need to bowl 10 overs across two, three or may be fourover spells. The BCCI, on its official social media handle, released Bumrah's bowling video, where he was seen hurrying a righthander with a well-disguised short-ball and then almost

Indian team management. But match situation will be completely different and both Dravid and Rohit have once burnt their hands by rushing him too early before the T20

yorked a left-hander with a toe-

crusher, a soothing sight for the

World Cup in Australia last year. The results were disastrous. That was the last series he played before the longest lay-off of his seven-year international

He was named for a home series earlier this year, only to be pulled out at the eleventh hour as he underwent a surgery to treat a career-threatening injury.

The Ireland series not only gives Bumrah an ideal opportunity to add miles to his legs but will also help him get ready for the Asia Cup, where he will be pitted against the likes of Babar Azam upfront on September 2.

Ireland, led by Andrew Balbirnie with useful players like Hangzhou and the core team Harry Tector, Lorcan Tucker, left-arm spinner George Dockrell are a quality side in the shortest format even though unlikely to get into the playing they are yet to win a match against India till now.

Their left-arm seamer Josh Little was an integral part of Gujarat Titans squad last year and wouldn't mind to show what he is capable of against an Indian team full of performers.

The players in this Indian team, save Bumrah and Sanju Samson, will be vying for gold medal at the Asian Games in

1st two T20Is is complete sell-out

Prasidh Krishna is making a

comeback to competitive crick-

et and before his lower back

stress fracture injury which also

required a surgery, the Benga-

luru fast bowler was a certainty

in ODI set-up.

It is expected that selectors would check out Krishna's form

before taking a final call on the

Asia Cup squad expected to be announced by the end of this

how players and the team man-

agement balance individual and

team goals while keeping the big

It will be interesting to see

The Indian team's global popularity does add financial muscle to emerging cricket boards as Cricket Ireland realised after all tickets for the first two T20Is were sold out.

The first and second Men's T20 Internationals between Ireland and India are now sold out, with the third match selling quickly," Cricket Ireland posted in its website. All the matches will be held at 'The Village' Malahide Cricket Club Ground which has an official capacity of 11,500.

India have won all their five previous T20Is against Ireland since the MS Dhoni-led side defeated them by eight wicesin a World T20 group fixture in England in 2009.

Ireland then went on to host Team India twice in a two-match T20I series in 2018 and 2022 which were held at the same venue here.

'WANT TO MAKE AN IMPRESSION'

would be keen to make most of

would surely be under the scan-

ner is Sanju Samson. He is

XI unless head coach Sitanshu

Kotak gets a standing instruction

from main team management to

play the Kerala man ahead of

Jitesh and Rinku are expected to

get their T20 India caps while

Shivam Dube would be itching

Just like Bumrah, even

for a shot at redemption.

Two exciting IPL finds —

The one player, whose place

the three T20Is.

Asia Cup.

The Paul Stirling-led side's wicketkeeper-batter Lorcan Tucker said they are aware of the big challenge and looking forward to make a big

'Malahide generates a special feeling, especially when a big team comes to town," Tucker was quoted saying in Cricket Ireland website. . We know India may have a good deal of sup-

port, but to have such a big crowd — it's brilliant for cricket in Ireland," he added. "The team are quite experienced with these bigger games. We've played in World Cups; we've played against India before. We know what it's like when these big pressure games come around."

Tucker knows what India brings to the table. They are the showpiece of the summer for fans in Ireland. We just want to make an impression, stay nice and relaxed and play with confi-

dence. That's our main motto going forward." 'We've had a lot of cricket this year. We've been very well prepped, especially in T20 cricket. We've come off a decent run there in Scotland where we managed to qualify for next year's World Cup, so I think everyone's feeling excited," he added.

"We had two great games against India last summer and I think everyone's really looking forward to the big build-up, and the exciting crowd. They're going to come with that energy and it is going to be great," Tucker said.

The 26-year-old is coming from a 93-ball 133 in Lightning's demolition of North West Warriors in an Inter-Provincial Cup game on Monday.

"It was good to be out there for a long period of time and figure out some quirks that haven't been quite right throughout the summer. It's brilliant to get that kind of energy, and that excitement, going into that big series," he said.

India: Jasprit Bumrah (C), Ruturaj Gaikwad (VC), Yashasvi Jaiswal, Tilak Varma, Rinku Singh, Sanju Samson (wk), Jitesh Sharma (wk), Shivam Dube, Washington Sundar, Shahbaz Ahmed, Ravi Bishnoi, Prasidh Krishna, Arshdeep Singh, Mukesh Kumar, Avesh Khan. **Ireland:** Andrew Balbirnie (captain), Harry Tector, Lorcan Tucker, Ross Adair, Mark Adair, Curtis Campher, Gareth Delany, George Dockrell, Fionn Hand, Josh Little, Barry McCarthy, Ben White, Craig Young, Theo van Weorkom.

MSK Prasad joins LSG as strategic consultant

PTI LUCKNOW

 $F^{\rm ormer\ India\ cricketer\ and}_{\rm selection\ committee\ chair}$ man MSK Prasad was on Thursday named as strategic consultant by Indian Premier League franchise Lucknow Super Giants. In his new capacity, Prasad will be instrumental in providing essential guidance across a spectrum of critical domains to LSG.

"Prasad brings with him a wealth of experience and a stellar track record in cricket operthat has driven him to remarkable achievements in both national and international arenas," the IPL side from Lucknow said in a statement.

"His journey is marked by a range of accomplishments that spans from representing the Indian national team to steering the operations of prominent cricket associations; all of which will bring valuable insights and experience to our organisation."

In his previous role as the chairman of BCCI's senior selection committee from September 2016 till March 2020, Prasad played a key role in spearheading talent scouting and player development to help create a robust talent pipeline for the Indian national team across all formats. The former wicketkeeper-batter has also served as the Director of Cricket Operations at the Andhra Cricket Association, where he played a key role in establishing coaching facilities across 13 districts in the region. The 48-year-old former cricketer represented India in six Tests and 17 ODIs, scoring 106 and 131 runs respectively.

After spending 11 months away from the game, a fit-again Jasprit Bumrah is back hungrier than ever and says he is ready to bowl long spells for India in the Asia Cup and subsequent ODI World Cup at home.

Bumrah, who last played in September 2022 before lower-back stress fractures pushed him on the sidelines for the "biggest break" of his cricketing career, is making his much-anticipated comeback with the T20 series in Ireland.

Here, he will be required to bowl four overs per game but speaking ahead of the first T20 on Friday, the star pacer said the plan was always to prepare for 50-over events including the World Cup at home beginning

"We were mindful of the fact there is no Test cricket till the ODI World Cup. In my rehab as well, I was not preparing for a T20 game. I was always preparing for the World Cup compe-

tition. "I have been bowling 10, 12 and even 15 overs. So I have bowled more overs, that way it becomes easier when less bowling is required. We kept that in mind that we are preparing for oneday competition and not a four-over competition.

I have lots of overs under my belt. You have to keep working your way up. From where you left, you are are little down and you keep working your way up," Bumrah, who will captain India in the three T20s against Ireland, told reporters. Bumrah said he is not holding back in the training sessions, as it was

the case in the opening nets here on Thursday. A fully-fit Bumrah is a precious asset for India but the 29-yearold is not going to get expectations get "I don't really think about expec-

tations. I just want to go enjoy the game as I have come after a long break. Never been away from the game this long. I am coming back to enjoy as I

"I am just the same guy (that I was



11 months ago). I always had a lot of belief. I understand I am coming back after a long lay off. I am very happy to be back. Been working really hard

at the NCA. It has been a long road. The body feels good and looking forward to some game time," he said. Bumrah has got stellar success

across formats with his slingy action but many former players including West Indian great Michael Holding

have raised questions over his future

with the same action that puts a lot of load on his back.

NEVER TOOK IT IS AS A DARK

Self-doubt can creep in when a cricketer at the peak of his powers is forced to be away from the game for so long but Bumrah chose to look at the bright side.

"When injury takes time to heal,

it can be frustrating. Instead of having self doubt, I was thinking how to get fit and make a comeback. "It is important to give the body time and respect. I never took it as a dark phase and thought my career could be over. I was looking for solutions and when solutions came I was feeling good.

"When you are facing an injury not what the world is saying. I wanted to recuperate. You learn to enjoy the game a lot more. I looked it as an off season. So I got to spend time with family. So was looking at the positives. At the same time, I missed being away

NZ to tour Bangladesh for three ODIs

New Zealand will tour Bangladesh for the first time in 10 years, when they travel to the country for a split ODI and Test series in September and November. The three-match ODI series will be the dress rehearsal for the two teams ahead of the World Cup in India.

The World Cup begins with last edition's runners-up New Zealand taking on defending champions England in Ahmedabad in a repeat of the 2019 final. Bangladesh begin their World Cup journey against Afghanistan on October 7 in Dharamsala.

As per the itinerary unveiled



by the Bangladesh Cricket Board on Thursday, the tour is set to commence on September 21. All three ODIs are scheduled to take place at the Sher-e-Bangla National Cricket Stadium in Mirpur. The Test series is sched-

uled to start in late November following the conclusion of the World Cup. The venues for both Tests will be announced

The second leg of the tour will be part of the ICC World

Test Championship cycle. The red-ball clashes will take place after the World Cup.

The Black Caps last toured the country in 2013 for a full series. The two-match Test series was drawn, while Bangladesh secured a 3-0 win in the threematch ODI series. The Kiwis ended their tour, winning the one-off T20I.

NZ TOUR OF BANGLADESH 1st ODI: September 21, 2nd ODI: September 23, 3rd ODI: September 26 (All matches in

Mirpur) 1st Test: November 28-December 2; 2nd Test: December 6-10 (Venues to be

decided).

PCB includes Imran in revised video but controversy refuses to die

PTI KARACHI

Tn an apparent bid to end the Loontroversy over the release of a video in honour of the former players, the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has created more problems for itself.

The PCB had faced a lot of backlash on social media over completely ignoring former captain Imran Khan in the tribute video released on August 14.

Late Wednesday night, the PCB came out with an inexplicable explanation that due to duration problems, the tribute video was abridged and some important clips were missing from it but it had been rectified in the complete version.

It also said the PCB had launched a promotional campaign leading up to the 2023 World Cup and the tribute

The interesting part is that

video from which Imran was missing and the "completed" version are around the same duration but this time the board has hacked all the clips and pictures of Wasim Akram and replaced them with Imran.

ing and wondering on social media where has Wasim disappeared. Wasim had on Tuesday lashed out at the PCB completely overlooking the role of Imran in some of Pakistan cricket's most memorable and

Pakistan's former captain Rashid Latif said the PCB explanation was hard to digest because the tribute video was

and videos up to 7-8 minutes duration and secondly there was no duration bar on Youtube as well for the PCB channel to upload longer videos. "So where does this duration problem come in for PCB?

"It is an attempt to cover up and save face but the PCB still needs to give answers as to who was responsible for authorizing, making, approving and releasing the video," he added.

uploaded a two and half minute video on Thursday trying to chronicle the journey of Pakistan in all the World Cups from 1975 to 2019. The video is mostly without any voice over or proper footage of Pakistan's World Cup appearances

people wondering if a 2:30 seconds video suffices to properly chronicle Pakistan's journey in the 50-over showpiece.

Indian men bag 10m air pistol team bronze at ISSF World C'ship

India's campaign in the ISSF World Championship began on an unimpressive note as none of the six 10m air pistol shooters competing here on Thursday were able to clinch a 2024 Paris Olympic quota, though the men clinched a consolation bronze medal in the team event.

a consolation bronze medal in the team event.

The men's 10m air pistol team, comprising Shiva Narwal (579 points), Sarabjot Singh (578) and Arjun Singh Cheema (577) clinched the bronze medal with an aggregate score of 1734. The Chinese team of Zhang Bowen (587), Liu Junhui (582) and Xie Yu (580) took the gold medal with an aggregate of 1749 points, while the German team, comprising Robin Walter (586), Michael Schwald (581) and Paul Froehlich (576) bagged the silver with an aggregate score of 1743.

On a day when the Chinese shooters claimed all four gold medals at stake, the Indian



men fared poorly in individual 10m air pistol event, with none of them making it to the eightplayer final.

Narwal (579) finished in 17th place after the qualification round, while Sarabjot was 18th with 578 points. Cheema finished 26th with a qualifying round score of 577. memorable tenth edition which

PKL-10 set for Dec 2 return **PTI** ■ MUMBAI

Pro-Kabaddi League's 10th edition will return in the 12city caravan format and is slated to begin on December 2. The auction for the upcom-

ing season will be held in Mumbai from September 8-9, the organisers stated in a release. "We have witnessed kabaddi spreading across India as a sport people love to watch and play through the success of the last nine seasons of PKL," PKL Commissioner Anupam Goswami said. "We promise a

added. thers are the two-time defending champion,

team with three titles. Seasoned Pardeep Narwal, who currently plays for UP Yoddha, has the most raid points to his name (1,542)In the defence, Iranian tack-

ler Fazel Atrachali has garnered the most tackle points (424), while he currently leads Puneri Paltan. The complete schedule for PKL Season 10 is expected to be announced in due course.

will be a true celebration of the sport," he Jaipur Pink Pan-

while Patna Pirates are the most successful

video was part of it.

the duration of the earlier

Cricket fans are now ask-

iconic moments.

modified after nearly 48 hours. "Why wasn't the mistake

accepted and resolved as soon as the backlash started on social media and in the media,' he questioned. He also noted that the PCB had a verified X (formerly Twitter) account which meant it can upload clips

Ironically, the PCB also got mixed reactions after it

or key moments. This has now left some



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Yunnan: A Many-Splendored Life

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Study tours: Classrooms on the road

Study towns are increasingly popular in recent years. In 2022, the number of participants in study towns exceeded 6 million in China. As more and more cultural townsm industry players, institutions, and schools enter the arena, study tours are undergoing great changes with new development trends emerging. In this issue of our newsletter, to provide another perspective on "a lifestyle called Yunnan", we will focus on those study tours of railways, museums, and folk musical theaters.







Moving classroom helps Lao children fulfill dreams

The reviving tourism industry is making the economic sector more diversified. Along the China-Laos Railway. study tours have spread to Laos and are expected to become a new form of tourism.

Having been engaged in the tourism industry for more than a decade, Zhang Dawei is keenly aware that this summer vacation is bringing business opportunities. So far, he has opened two study tour routes between China and Laos, and the tours stop in cities along the China-Laos Railway such as Vientiane, Vang Vieng and Luang Prabang

Zhang is a native of Laos. When studying international finance at Jilin University in China, he learned to speak fluent Chinese. More than ten years ago, he and his Chinese partner Long Xiaoli incorporated Double Dragon Tourism Co Ltd and began to engage in cross-border tourism services between China and

The China-Laos Railway, with a total length of 1,035 kilometers between Kunming and Vientiane, went into operation in December 2021. As of August 3, 2023, the railway has operated for 20 months and cumulatively delivered more than 19 million trips and 23 million tons of goods.

"Since the opening of the international passenger train in April this year, the China-Laos Railway is bringing significantly more Chinese people to Laos, and we are receiving more and more orders," Zhang said. "Currently we mainly receive study tours from China to Laos. This tourism model is still new in Laos. We hope to organize some study tours from Laos to China so that more Laotians can see China and experience Chinese culture."

Not long ago, a study tour to China was organized for 100 Lao primary school students. First, these kids took the international passenger train from Vientiane to Xishuangbanna. Then, they embarked on a 16-day journey to places such as Kunming, Beijing, Xi'an, Xiamen, and Guangzhou. They tried their hand at making flower cakes in Yunnan, built aerospace models in Xiamen, and attended a model juvenile

Vicky Sipongma, a primary school girl from Bokeo Province, said, "On this study tour, we traveled from south to north and from west to east. We met with friendly Chinese children and experienced the colorful Chinese culture, which helps me to better understand China. Most importantly, it has always been my dream to visit Beijing."

Chinese culture passed on through Beijing opera performances

Just a few days ago,

led by the professional performers of Yunnan Provincial Beijing Opera Theater, more than 20 children aged from six to twelve staged a Beijing opera performance at the Lianhuachi Courtyard Theater in Kunming. The young performers were dressed in gorgeous costumes, with their faces colorfully painted, leaving a deep impression on the

As China's most influential opera genre, Beijing opera represents the quintessence of Chinese culture, and it is performed throughout the country with Beijing as the center. Zhang Shijie has been a professional performer with Yunnan Provincial Beijing Opera Theater for thirty years. In recent years, according to Zhang, a large number of children have learned Beijing opera at the theater, and more than 200 of them have been admitted to Beijing opera colleges.

Many of them participated in Beijing opera-related study tours and competitions. Some of them have even fulfilled their dreams of becoming professional Beijing opera performers.

The entry of Beijing opera into schools has brought this theatrical art closer to the students." said Zhou Kai, vice president of Yunnan Provincial Beijing Opera Theater. Every Beijing opera play relates a story. When children learn Beijing opera, history behind the stories and pass on the Chinese

Beijing opera is a profound and extensive art. To arouse the children's interest, the teaching must begin with simple and catchy spoken and sung parts of Beijing opera plays. "We hope to organize more stage performances and study tours themed on Beijing opera. By combining learning with practice, we'll be able to attract more children to learn Beijing Opera. In this way, Beijing opera will be carried forward," Zhou said.

Exploring mystery of nature at Chengjiang fossil site

"Today we'll mainly learn the paleontological knowledge concerning Chengjiang biota as well as some fossil restoration methods and techniques." At the Chengjiang Fossil Site Natural History Museum in Yuxi, Yunnan, staff members are taking primary and secondary school students from all over the country on a study tour. After all, summer vacation is here.

Among the world's fossil sites discovered so far, the Chengjiang fossil site contains the most concentrated, best preserved, and most varied remains of early Cambrian creatures that amount to more than 20 categories and 300 species. In recent years, relying on its advantageous resources, the museum has been actively

organizing science popularization study tours. Once a national youth education base, the museum has attracted a large number of primary and secondary school students for study tours.

The study tours organized by the museum are themed on the mystery of the Cambrian explosion of life. Through entertaining ways such as staff commentaries, 4D films, and fossil search and restoration, participants of paleontological fossils that is unavailable in school classrooms.

"Unlike normal tours, study tours require good facilities, well-developed teaching plans and qualified instructors for students to obtain the desired knowledge," said Jin Hongsen, executive deputy director of the Chengjiang Fossil Site World Natural Heritage Administration. Study tours enable students to combine book knowledge with on-site practice. To ensure that the study tours are fruitful, the museum has not only upgraded its teaching equipment, funetion rooms and lecture halls, but also developed a series of featured courses for primary and secondary school students. Moreover, the museum has joined hands with the Chinese Academy of Sciences and higher learning institutions such as Northwestern University and Yunnan University to build a strong team of instructors.

Since it was officially opened to the public free of admission in 2020, the museum has cumulatively received more than 1.5 million participants in study tours. As an important extension of school education, study tours offer more than just knowledge. They also cultivate the kids' love of science and knowledge, Jin said. (Staff correspondents Qin Xuedan, He Rong and Guo Xiaorong)

The development history of study tours

In 2013, China's State Council adopted "The National Program on Travel and Leisure (2013-2020)", proposing to "implement study tours in a progressive manner" for the first time.

In 2016, China's Ministry of Education and 10 other departments jointly issued "Opinions on Promoting Study Tours for Primary and Secondary School Students", explicitly incorporating study tours into the school teaching and learning program.

In 2019, China's Ministry of Education added nine programs to the original catalog of vocational education programs, including study tour management and service.

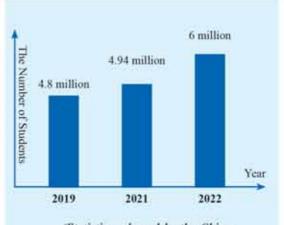
In 2022, China's Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security published 18 new professions. Among them, the study tour instructor is defined as a person who plans, develops and implements study tour programs and organizes and provides guidance for study tour experience

In March 2023, the China Tourism Academy released the "China Study Tours Development Report (2022-2023)". The report shows that 93 Chinese higher vocational colleges began to offer the "study tour management and service" program in 2022. (Southern Metropolis Daily and China Youth Daily)

Classification of study tours

In accordance with "The Code of Practice for Study Tour Services" that officially came into effect in 2017, study tour products are categorized into the knowledge and science popularization type, nature viewing type, experience and investigation type, motivation and outdoor training type, and culture and recreation type depending on the resources available. (CCTV)

The number of students participating in study tours in China in recent years



(Statistics released by the China Tourism Academy)

"Museums should provide more opportunities for experiential education and arouse the kids' enthusiasm for study tours through interactive experience. Museums should also deepen cooperation with social institutions and schools, and act as a hub to integrate schools and various educational resources to explore and expand the forms of organizing study tours, thus enriching the content and connotation of study tours and making them more efficient and inclusive."

 Wu Qian, deputy director of the Dongjiao Pavilion of China Railway Museum

"I believe that the ultimate purpose of study tours is 'study'. The value of study tours is to promote the students' quality through traveling, sightseeing, and experiences."

- Xiong Bingqi, director of the 21st Century Education Research Institute and professor at Shanghai Jiaotong Uni-

STORY

Study tour instructor Zhang Ye: Promoting children's well-rounded development in entertaining ways

For the public, the study tour instructor is a relatively new occupation. So what is a study tour instructor supposed to do? Is it a good choice for job seekers?

Zhang Ye teaches Chinese at an international school in Thailand. She is also one of the first study tour instructors recognized by Yunnan Province.

Zhang majored in tourism at university. She is only 25 years old, but she has been a qualified study tour instructor for three years. "I took the test in 2020 when the study tour instructor certificate was first introduced." At that time, Zhang's university was running a joint program with a Thai university. Soon after receiving the certificate, she went to Thailand to continue her

"Many people tend to think that a study tour instructor is the same as a tour guide," Zhang said. "A tour guide faces a wide tour instructor mainly faces primary and secondary school students. They plan routes and guide the kids to think. In fact, parent-child tours, summer camps and winter camps are study tour products, and the teachers in charge are study tour instructors." In Zhang's opinion, normal tours are often cursory and superficial, while study tours are both educational and entertaining so that kids can achieve well-rounded development through these tours.

Zhang is excited that the study tour instructor has become a new occupation. "I sat for the study tour test mainly because 1 love travelling," Zhang said. "As with study tours, I can always learn new things when travel-Last April, Zhang graduated

from university and found a job as a teacher of Chinese at an international school in Thailand. As a qualified study tour instructor, Zhang often takes her students on brief study tours of local gardens and tie-dye workshops, which produce "fairly good results". For Zhang, study tours can combine textbooks and "The two are well combined. Participants can meet different people and do different things along the way, which provide a good experience for students," she said. (e23.cn and people-

Rainforest school in Xishuangbanna

It is a common thing to see a lab in a building, but have you ever seen a lab in a tropical rainforest?

In the Wangtianshu Scenic Area of Xishuangbanna, Yunnan, a group of young masters and doctors have founded China's only school for assimilating tropical rainforest knowledge. These young people have developed original minforest science courses and science popularization activities to educate the public.

At this school, the modern science popularization laboratory almost becomes part of the tropical rainforest. The species to be studied are right next to people. One just needs to step out of the door to observe, sample, and obtain first-hand data

"Yunnan is a treasure trove of biodiversity, and Xishuangbanna is a bright pearl in this treasure trove," said Dr. Liu Zhilong, head of the Rainforest School. In 2019, Xishuangbanna Wangtianshu Tourism Development Co Ltd and Linnaeus Labs jointly built the rainforest school. Based on the scenic area's environment and resources, Liu and his partners have developed study tour courses. They also invite rainforest experts to give lectures here on a regular basis. The school

has a nature museum, a lecture hall, and function rooms.

"How does it feel to hold a cup of chlorophyll in your hand. or seal a piece of the rainforest in an amber and bring it home for a keepsake?" Liu asked. The minforest school offers courses such "The Colors of Life", "Sweetness and Sugar of Fruits", "What Tropical Plant Contains the Most Water in Its Leaves", and "Artificial Ambers DIYing". All these courses are easy to follow, educational and entertaining. They attract a large number of study tours, especially enthusiastic parent-child groups.

"Today, with a growing demand for quality education and a general consensus to protect the environment, the tourism industry is undergoing transformation and upgrading. In such a context, the minforest school is expected to become a core project to enhance the scenic area's quality," Liu said. As one of the founders of the rainforest school, Liu is full of confidence in the "tourism, education and ecological conservation" development model. He hopes that more people will understand, care for and protect the tropical minforest.

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