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# **Govt keeps pledge**

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Aday after promising the Supreme Court that the Collegium's pending recommendations for the elevation of five High Court judges to the apex court will be cleared soon, the Centre on Saturday notified the appointments. The five judges elevated to the apex court are Justices Pankaj Mithal, Sanjay Karol, PV Sanjay Kumar, Manoj Misra and Ahsanuddin Amanullah.

Law Minister Kiren Rijiju tweeted to announce the appointment of the judges.

Justices Pankaj Mithal Sanjay Karol and PV Sanjay Kumar are Chief Justices of Rajasthan, Patna and Manipur High Courts respectively Justice Ahsanuddin Amanullah is a judge of the Patna High Court and Justice Manoj Misra is a judge of Allahabad High

On Friday, the Supreme Court had expressed displea-sure and pulled up the Central Government for delaying the appointments of the five judges who were recommended by Collegium on December 13, last year. A Bench of Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul and Abhay S Oka had given the Centre an ultimatum to process the appointments within ten days, after Attorney General N Venkataramani had submitted that they would be done "soon".

When the Bench insisted for a specific timeline, the AG said that appointment warrant



will be issued on Sunday.

Justice Pankaj Mithal, currently serving as the Chief Justice of Rajasthan High Court, was Chief Justice of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court. His parent High Court is the Allahabad High Court. Justice Sanjay Karol is currently the Chief Justice of Patna High Court and was Chief Justice of Tripura High Court. His parent High Court is the Himachal Pradesh High

Justice PV Sanjay Kumar is Chief Justice of Manipur High Court and served as a judge of Punjab & Haryana High Court. His parent High Court is Telangana. Justice Ahsanuddin Amanullah is presently a judge of the Patna High Court and was a judge at Andhra Pradesh High Court before being transferred back to Patna, his parent High Court. Justice Manoj Misra has been a judge of the Allahabad High Court for the past 12 years.

Currently, the Supreme Court has 34 judges and there

five new judges, its strength will up go to 32, with just 2 vacancies. On January 31, the SC Collegium had recommended the names of Allahabad High Court Chief Justice Rajesh Bindal and Gujarat High Court Chief Justice Aravind Kumar for elevation to the Supreme

#### Public is 'malik', nobody can give warning: Rijiju

Prayagraj: A day after the Supreme Court warned of action for any delay in clearing transfer and appointment of judges. Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju on Saturday said, "Public is 'malik' (master) of this country and we are servants. We all are here for service and the Constitution is our guide.... The country will be governed under the guidance of the Constitution and wishes of the public Nobody can give warning to

## SC gets 5 judges as India's image unaffected by Adani's FPO pullout: FM

ndia's economic image is not ▲affected due to Adani Group's recent decision to pull out ₹20,000 crore FPO amid allegations of financial wrongdoings, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said on Saturday.

The Finance Minister said there has been an accretion of USD 8 billion to the forex reserves in the last two days alone, "...Our macroeconomic fundamentals or our economy's image, none of which has been affected. Yes, FPOs (follow-on public offers) come in, and FIIs (foreign institutional investors) get out," Sitharaman told reporters here.

The Minister said there are "fluctuations" in every market but the accretion over the last few days establishes the fact that the perception of both India and its inherent strengths is intact.

Answering a broader question on the allegations against Adani Group, she said the country's independent financial sector regulators will be looking into the aspect and added that capital markets watchdog Securities and Exchange Board of India has the wherewithal to ensure stability in markets. ...For keeping the market

and the markets regulated in prime condition, the Sebi is the authority. And it has the wherewithal to keep that prime condition," she said. The FM also said that the

RBI has already spoken out on

the issue, referring to Friday's

statement, which said the bank-

that this is in the context of macroeconomic terms and the stability of India's public financial institutions. Meanwhile, on the decision

ing sector is resilient and sta-

based short seller Hindenberg

Research made a slew of alle-

gations on the corporate gov-

ernance front against Adani

Group. The Ahmedabad-based

group has denied all the alle-

gations and termed it as a cal-

culated attack on India. It has

cancelled the FPO even after

managing subscriptions to it.

Somanathan on Saturday stood

by his comment on the con-

troversy where he called it a

storm in a teacup, clarifying

Finance Secretary TV

About ten days ago, US-

to convert outstanding dues into equity at Vodafone Idea, Somanathan said the transaction is being done as a package

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman with MoS for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary addresses a press conference in Mumbai on Saturday He said the Government share will be held by the Department of Investment and Public Asset Management

> holder. DIPAM Secretary Tuhin Kanta Pandey said the price has been taken at ₹10 despite the Vodafone Idea shares trading lower on bourses because, as per laws, preferential allotments have to happen at the face value of a share

(DIPAM) where the stake will

be considered as a public share-

The Finance Ministry officials present at the meet also made it clear that the tweaks on taxation in the insurance front will not impact the policy agenda of deepening penetration and clarified that there was sufficient data to suggest that investments were masquerading as insurance premiums due to which a decision was taken to tax the

#### **Steps in place to** address excess volatility: Sebi

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Amid a raging controversy over a meltdown in Adani Group stocks, regulator Sebi on Saturday said it is committed to ensuring the stock market's integrity and all necessary surveillance measures are in place to address any excessive volatility in individual shares.

Without naming Adani Group specifically, the capital markets watchdog said in a statement that unusual price movement in the stocks of a business conglomerate has been observed in the past week. Officials confirmed that the statement has been issued in the wake of the Adani matter only.

"As part of its mandate, Sebi seeks to maintain orderly and efficient functioning of the market and has put in place a set of well-defined, publicly available surveillance measures (including the ASM framework) to address excessive volatility in specific stocks. This mechanism gets automatically triggered under certain conditions of price volatility in any stock," Sebi said.

BSE and NSE have put three Adani group companies under their short-term additional surveillance measure

PT Usha on Saturday broke that illegal constructions were being carried out at her district and strangers were trespassing into the property posing a security threat to the

#### INDIA'S 1ST TRANSMAN GETS PREGNANT



Transgender couple Ziya and Zahad at their home in Kozhikode on Saturday. Ziya and Zahad are expecting their haby in March while claiming this to be the first pregnancy case for a transman in India PTI

#### INJURED IN EXPLOSION Kolkata: One person was killed

and two others were injured when they were allegedly manufacturing crude bombs in an explosion at Basanti in West Bengal's South 24 Parganas district on Saturday.

#### SATELLITE TO BE SHIPPED TO INDIA FOR LAUNCH

Washington: An satellite meant for earth observation jointly developed by NASA and ISRO that will help study Earth's land and ice surfaces in greater detail is all set to be shipped to India later this month for a possible

## TN firm linked to vision loss, death in US told to stop making eye drops

PNS NEW DELHI

Saturday.

¬amil Nadu-based Global Pharma Healthcare, which is facing allegations that its eye drop was linked to vision loss of five people and death of a person in the US, has been asked to stop manufacturing all ophthalmic products till the inquiry is completed in the matter, officials said on

Officials in the Union Health Ministry said the direc-tion came after the manufacturing plant of the Global Health Pharma was inspected by Indian drug regulatory bodies. A three-member team each from the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) and the State Drug Controller visited the plant in Tamil Nadu's Kancheepuram, 40 km from Chennai, on Friday after the company recalled the eye

drop.

The teams have also collected samples of eye drop — Artificial Tears — which were



exported. The eye drops are not sold in India.

According to an official report, the joint investigation at the firm's manufacturing site at Thiruporur in Tamil Nadu's Kancheepuram was conducted on February 3 by the team of senior central and state drugs officials, under the supervision of Tamil Nadu's Director of Drugs Control and CDSCO's Assistant Drugs Controller (South Zone).

During investigation, it was found that the firm has exported two consignments of 24 batches of Artificial Tears to the USA which were manufactured in 2021 and 2022

## **Sharjeel among 11** 'scapegoats' freed in **Okhla violence case**

Acourt here on Saturday discharged 11 people, including student activists Sharjeel Imam and Asif Iqbal Tanha, in the Jamia Nagar violence case, saying as the Delhi Police was unable to apprehend the actual perpetrators, it booked the accused as "scape-

goats". The court, however, ordered framing of charges against one of the accused, Mohammad Ilyas.

"Marshalling the facts as brought forth from a perusal of the chargesheet and three supplementary chargesheets, this court cannot but arrive at the conclusion that the police were unable to apprehend the actual perpetrators behind the commission of the offence, but surely managed to rope the persons herein as scapegoats," Additional Sessions Judge Arul Varma

An FIR was lodged in



connection with the violence that erupted after a clash between police and people protesting against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA) in the Jamia Nagar

area here December 2019.
The judge said there were admittedly scores of protesters at the site and some anti-social elements within the crowd could have created an environment of disruption and

havoc.
"However, the moot question remains — whether the accused persons herein were even prima facie complicit in taking part in that mayhem? The answer is an unequivocal no," he added.

## Modi to open India's largest copter making unit in K'taka tomorrow

PNS NEW DELHI

With the objective of rapid indigenisation in defence manufacturing, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday will dedicate a helicopter manufacturing factory in Karnataka. It will produce light utility helicopters designed

within the country.
Giving details here on
Saturday, Defence Ministry
officials said Modi will dedi-Hindustan the Aeronautics Limited (HAL) factory at Tumakuru. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and senior officials of the Ministry of Defence will be present on the occasion.

The Prime Minister had laid the foundation stone of the plant in 2016.

The Greenfield Helicopter Factory, spread across 615 acres, is planned with a vision to become a one-stop solution for all helicopter requirements of the country



It is India's largest helicopter manufacturing facility and will initially produce Light Utility Helicopters (LUHs).
The LUH is an indige

nously designed and developed 3-tonne class, single engine multipurpose utility helicopter with unique features of high maneuverability. Initially, this factory will produce around 30 helicopters per year and can be enhanced to 60 and then 90 per year in a phased manner. The first LUH has been flight tested and is ready for unveiling

## ED seizes heroin, arms in 10 raids on **Punjab border dist**

PNS NEW DELHI

Directorate (ED) in a money laundering case linked to a Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act case on 10 different premises in different villages of Tarn Taran district in Punjab led to the recovery and seizure of 2.2 kg of heroin and other contraband items weighing about 14 kg of nar-

In addition, the ED also recovered documents of properties besides two rifles, three pistols and live ammunition from the premises of the sus-

The ED had launched the search operations on Friday at 10 premises in Sheron, Naushera Pannuan and Bugha villages of Tarn Taran district.

The agency searched the business and residential premises of Skattar Singh, alias Laddi, Gajjan Singh, Makhan Singh, other members of their family and some other associates under the Prevention of



Money Laundering Act, officials said.

"During the course of search, various incriminating evidence was recovered and seized relating to numerous immovable properties worth crores of rupees in the names of these accused persons, members of their family and their associates," the agency said in a statement.

A few packets of psychotropic substance appearing to be opium and its derivative products, including heroin, were also recovered from the residential premises of Skattar Singh and his family at Sheron village

#### **Orphans will** study free of cost in DU: VC

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi University Vice Chancellor Yogesh Singh on Saturday stated that thousands of orphan children, including those who lost their parents to COVID-19, will get an opportunity to pursue higher education free of cost with the university's new initiative to reserve seats for them. The vice chancellor said

the university has been responsible for providing education to the students seeking higher education without any discrimination on any grounds. The varsity decided to

reserve seats in its UG and PG programmes for orphans under supernumerary quota from the next academic year.

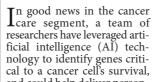
## Veteran singer Vani found dead at Chennai home **KUMAR CHELLAPPAN**

Vani Jairam, the versatile playback singer who strode over the South Indian film industry for more than five decades, is no more. Jairam (77) was found dead in her residence in

Chennai on Saturday morning by her maid servant Kalaivani. Chennai Police, who rushed to her home on being informed about her death, held a preliminary inquiry and shifted the mortal remains to Government Hospital for



istered by the police. Last weel honoured Vani Jairam with Padma Bhushan, the third highest civilian award of the A case under sections of country.



and could help deliver personalised cancer patient treat-They analysed different types of cancer cells to under-

dencies for identifying the genes, the study said. Researchers at University of Sussex, UK, have done this by developing a prediction algorithm that works out which genes are essential in

stand different gene depen-

the cell, by analysing the genetic changes in the tumour. This can be used to identify actionable targets that in time could guide oncologists to personalise cancer patient

'Al could help deliver personalised cancer treatment'

treatments, the study said.
"Our vision is to take advantage of the decreasing to both of DNA sequencing and to both of the power of AL to harness the power of AI to understand cancer cell differences and what they mean for the individual patient's treatment. "Through our research, we were able to identify cellspecific gene dependencies using only the DNA sequence and RNA levels in that cell, which are easily and cheaply obtainable from tumour biopsy samples," said Dr Frances Pearl, Senior Lecturer in Bioinformatics at the University of Sussex.

"This is an incredibly exciting step in our research which means that we can now work to improve the technology so that it can be offered to oncologists and help in the treatment path-Using a personalised ways for their patients," said approach to guide treatment could improve life expectancy,



Cancer treatments are priquality of life and reduce unnecessary side effects of canmarily prescribed on the basis of the location and type of cancer patients, the study said. cer. Genetic differences in In each cell, there are around 20,000 genes that contumours can make standard cancer treatments ineffective.

tain the information needed to make proteins. Around 1,000 of those genes are essential, meaning they are required for the cell When normal cells become

cancer cells, oncogenes, or genes with the potential to cause cancer, become activated and tumour suppressor genes become inactivated, causing a rewiring of the cell. This causes the cell to

become dependent on a new set of genes to survive, and this can then be exploited to kill the cancer cells. By using this new AI technology to target protein products of tumour-specific dependent genes, cancer cells can be killed, leaving the normal cells which are not dependent on these genes relatively unharmed, the study said. Although dependencies

can be determined using intensive laboratory techniques, it is costly and time consuming and would not be feasible to analyse all tumour samples in this way, the study said.

## **Opportunity for selected students to participate in schemes**

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ BHOPAL

hief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has said that nation's upliftment is possible only through the upliftment of villages. It is necessary to make development a mass movement. We will work with the youth power to make Madhya Pradesh self-reliant. The youth have to take the responsibility of changing the lives of the people. If there is passion, nothing is impossible. The public should get the benefit of the leadership potential of the youth.

The youth who have completed the leadership training course will work to deliver the government's schemes to the public. Youth associated with Madhya Pradesh Jan Abhiyan Parishad have done wonderful work in various fields. They are

expected to play such a role in the future as well. Various facilities will also be provided to the youth associated with the Community Leadership Training Programme.

Chouhan today said at the Community Leadership Youth Samagam under the Chief Minister's Community Leadership Capacity Development Programme (CMCLDP) at Bhopal's Jamboree Ground that the Jan Abhiyan Parishad will be the nodal agency for the Community Leadership Training Programme.

This course will be considered at par with the students of other regular courses of the government. The students of this course will get the benefit of schemes of higher education and other departments. In is also changing. Madhya order to ensure participation of Pradesh will change further

Community Leadership Training Scheme in the schemes, arrangements will be made for community engagement/internship projects in the concerned departments. Students will be authorised to evaluate the schemes of the government. They will also be given honorarium for this

Chouhan said that the country is moving forward under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. A glorious and powerful India is coming up. India now talks eye to eye with the countries of the world, not by bowing down. There was a time even small countries challenged India. The situation has changed after the year 2014. Madhya Pradesh

support of the society especially the youth is must for development.

The Chief Minister said that after listening to the views of some youths in this gathering today, I can see a yearning and fire for development in them. Man is a part of God, son of Amrit. Nothing is impossible for him, just self-confidence is needed.

Defining youth, Chouhan said that not just the people in the age group of 15 to 35 considered youth, but youth are those who are fast, have fire and have dreams in their eyes. If they are determined, they show it by completing their work. In the year 2019, Chouhan termed the decision of the then government to discontinue the leadership training programme as being against the youth. The one will be able to stop this useful programme.

On the development of Madhya Pradesh, Chief Minister Chouhan said that the state's growth rate is 19.7 percent, which is more than all other states. It is mentioned in the report of the Government of India.

Speaking at the event Margaret Gwada, Chief UNICEF Madhya Pradesh congratulated the Chief Minister for mobilising young people as change makers. She applauded young people who had been selected as interns and said congratulations for being selected. You are change makers and have to mobilize communities, and communicate that you learn so that you can influence your peers and com-



## Man caught for cheating for admission in nursing college

work.

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ BHOPAL

yber crime team arrested a man from **⊿**Narmadapuram who cheated in the name of providing admission in Nursing College, accused of collecting lakhs of rupees in the name of admission fees of the students. The accused Balaram Saha used to transfer money from stu-dents to their accounts through UPI.

In the name of admission of students in Nursing College through UPI in different installments The accused who cheated the complainant to the tune of Rs1.2 lakh was arrested the district Narmadapuram.

On January 14, 2023, the applicant had given a written complaint application in the Cyber Crime



Branch District Bhopal that through contacted mobile number 7000384794 to get brother admission in Nursing College, Bhopal, which gave me the admission of Nursing College.

The caller posed as an employee of a nursing college and asked to deposit money in advance for admission, then he cheated a total of Rs 120000 through UPI in different install-

Police registered a case under section 419 and 420 of the IPC. One accused arrested from Narmadapuram district and Android mobile phones, SIM cards were seized.

> Meanwhile crime Branch Bhopal arrested a bookie and recovered betting slips and Rs 15,500 in cash were recovered from the possession of the

The accused used to

write the number for betting in the register through mobile phones from the customers. Action is being taken against the accused after getting information about their connection with bookies in Bhopal.

The team of the crime branch searched for the criminals and reached Nariyalkheda and detained a person who was taking betting slips and money from mobile phones and visitors.

The accused was identified as Faraz Sheikh.

Mobile phone and cash of Rs 15,550 of a Redmi company were duly seized by the police. On the spot, when the accused was questioned about betting, he told that he takes and books betting slips through mobile phones. The police registered a case under section 41(1)(a) CrPC.

### Union Budget 2023 was organised at the UG campus of the Prestige Institute

PNS ■ INDORE

special session on Union Budget 2023 was organised at the UG campus of the Prestige Institute of Management & Research, Indore, to enlighten the students about the union budget, various economic reforms discussed in it and the role of budget in eco-

nomic and industry growth.
The panel speaker Kamlesh
Bhandari, Former Dean of Commerce Department at Devi AhilyaVishwa Vidyalaya talked on how the Union budget will add to the economic develop ment of the country.

He further emphasized on the Resource allocation among different strata of the society. According to him, the focus of the government has been on key aspects like self- reliance, Make in India, empowering youth and

**CA Niranjan** Lahoti connected the topics of **Budget with the** student's curriculum topics to make them understand the concepts better

CA. Apurva Mehta explained the differences and benefits of New Tax Regime and Old Tax Regime. He further covered the concepts related to Section 54, 54F, 44 AD, 44 ADA and Section

Mehta also talked about the accelerating growth of MSMEs

and Credit Guarantee Trust for

related to tax collection at source, updated returns within 2 years for correcting errors, increasing tax deduction limit on Employer's contribution to NPS account of State Govt. Employees, Tax reliefs to persons with disability and other provi-

(CGTMSE) scheme, provisions

The key economic agenda included concepts of GDP, Purchasing Power Parity, con-tribution to the agricultural sector, why people refrain from fil-ing income tax returns, Foreign exchange rate differences, imports-exports etc.

CA Niranjan Lahoti connected the topics of Budget with the student's curriculum topics to make them understand the concepts better. PIMR UG Director, S Ramen Iyer and other faculty members of Finance and Management also Micro and Small Enterprises attended the session.

Two die, as their car falls into a pit in Omkara Sewania

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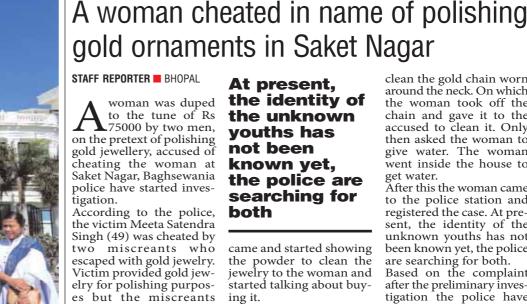
wo men died after their car fell in a pit at Omkara Sewania late in the night on Thursday; two were relatives and were returning home after a booze party, Sukhisewania police have started an investigation. The two were badly trapped inside the car which got damaged completely and cutters were used to cut the car and remove the two who died

in the accident. The deceased was identified as Manoj Gaur (36) and Kallu Gaur (30). The driver who was driving the car lost control over the car which led to the accident.

Manoj used to work as a farmer while Kallu used to work with a borewell machine.

In the initial investigation police have found that Manoj had gone out telling that he is going to Bhopal and later picked Kallu from Neemkheda Berasia.

The two had drinks and on their way back at around 2 in the night met with an accident. Their car fell in a pit and the reason remained unknown. The deceased Kallu married five years ago and is survived with two kids and wife. Manoj is survived by two children and his wife. Police said that



duped the victim of the gold jewelry. According to the police, the victim was sitting outside the house at around 12 noon on Friday. During

this, two unknown youths

At present, the identity of the unknown youths has not been known yet, the police are searching for both

two miscreants who came and started showing jewelry to the woman and started talking about buy

On asking the woman to check on this, she got the anklet and toe ring worn on her feet. By cleaning the anklets, the woman got

assured. After this, they asked to

clean the gold chain worn around the neck. On which the woman took off the chain and gave it to the accused to clean it. Only then asked the woman to give water. The woman went inside the house to get water.

After this the woman came to the police station and registered the case. At present, the identity of the unknown youths has not been known yet, the police

Based on the complaint after the preliminary investigation the police have registered a case under section 420 of the IPC and have started further investigation. During the investigation police have started to check the accused in CCTV footage.

#### sight and later his car turned turtle. After the preliminary investigation the body was sent for the post mortem. The car was hit by some other vehicle is unclear and would be investigated and further investigation.



#### Reiki Healing to boost the recovery of cancer patients

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ BHOPAL

**▼**orld Cancer Day targets misinformation to raises awareness and reduces stigma. Multiple initiatives are run on World Cancer Day to show support for those affected by cancer. When it comes to cancer treatment, most people think of radiation and chemotherapy and while treating the physical causes of cancer is an obvious part of treatment, alternative treatments that address the spiritual, Mental and emotional needs of cancer patients have begun increasingly popular at cancer treatment centers and pro-

The benefits of Reiki are most effective when they accompany traditional cancer treatments.Reiki, a Japanese Healing technique and its roots are connected with India , has become a concept of curiosity for cancer patients everywhere. Studies and anecdotal evidence have shown that, Reiki can be used to encourage healing and provide other benefits also.

In fact, some studies have even explored the effect of Reiki on patients who are



undergoing cancer treatment concurrently. These studies have found that, although Reiki is not a substitute for other cancer treatments, but it enhance these treatments and offer a number of benefits to patients as they deal with the symptoms and stresses of can-

Ayush Gupta who is the world's youngest Reiki Healer, Renowned Celebrity Tarot Card Reader & Numerologist, Started an initiative with his team to do absolutely free REIKI HEALING for Cancer Patients who are actually in need and cannot afford Alternate Healing Therapies. He says that 'as Reiki Helped healed most difficult situations of his life'. His Family faced diffucult times when his mother got diagnosed with

throat cancer.

#### Chouhan reviews paddy procurement

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ BHOPAL

hief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has said that paddy should be purchased from the remaining farmers who have not been able to supply paddy within the period prescribed for paddy procurement. Ensure prompt payment to farmers whose payment is pending in paddy procurement and strict action should be taken against service co-operative societies and selfhelp groups that indulge in irregularities in paddy pro-

Chouhan was reviewing the procurement of Kharif marketing year 2022-23. Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection Minister Bisahulal Singh, Commissioner Co-operative Alok Singh, Director Food and Civil Supplies Deepak Saxena and other officers were present in the meeting held at Samatva Bhawan at the CM's

residence. It was informed that paddy worth Rs 9 thousand 427 crore 60 lakh was purchased from 6 lakh 46 thousand 279 farmers, out of which payment of Rs. 214 crore 20 lakh to 10 thousand 319 farmers is under process.

#### BALCO's journey: a story of growth, determination, and transformation

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ BHOPAL

luminium is a strategic metal, vital for the growth and progress of any nation. To make the nation self-dependent, Pandit dependent, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the first Prime Minister of India sowed the seeds of many maiden industries among which Bharat Aluminium Company Limited (BALCO) was one. BALCO was established in 1965 as a Public Sector undertaking in Korba, Chhattisgarh.

The company created an aluminium manufacturing complex with a production capacity of 1 lakh tonnes/annum, supported by power generation facility of 270 MW, with the vision of contributing sig-nificantly towards development of the country.

The strategic acquisition of BALCO in 2001 by Vedanta, led to the company's turnaround at an unprecedented scale and BALCO became one of India's greatest privatisation success stories. Vedanta Limited is one of the

world's leading natural resources conglomerate with operations in India, South Africa, Namibia and

Australia. Australia.

It is a leading producer of Aluminium, Copper, Oil & Gas, Zinc, Lead, Silver, Iron Ore, Steel and Commercial Power. Vedanța contributes 1% towards India's GDP, as per IFC. Currently, . Vedanta Limited has a 51% stake in the company, and the Government of India has a 49% stake.BALCO is part of Vedanta's Aluminium Business, which is India' largest aluminium manufacturer, producing half of India's aluminium (around 1.97 million tonnes in FY21).

Vedanta Aluminium is a leader in value-added aluminium products that find critical applications in core industries, such as aerospace, aviation, automobile & transportation, building & construction, electrification,

nergy, consumer goods and more. Today, BALCO stands tall as India's iconic producer of a vital raw material for the country -



Senior Congress leader Digvijay Singh comes out after appearing in the court in connection with a hearing of a defamation case filed by BJP State President VD Sharma, in Bhopal on Saturday.

Pioneer photo

#### Parikshit lawn inaugurated by Minister Sarang

with anti-cancer property like

Bhopal: Parikshit lawn was inaugurated by Vishvas Kailash Sarang, Minister of Medical Education, Madhya Pradesh and Prof Ajai Singh, Executive Director, AIIMS Bhopal on 4th February 2023 on occasion of World Cancer Day.

The lawn has been developed under the Smriti Upvan Project a sustainable green campus clean campus initiative by Executive Director AIIMS Bhopal Prof. (Dr) Ajai Singh.

The Parikshit lawn has plants

tulsi and green grass and is a home to more than 1000 medicinal plants, including vinca, tulsi, ashwagandha, Indian long pepper, bamboo, and other plants known for their medicinal properties. These plants will not only provide a beautiful and natural environment for patients, but they also have the potential to improve their health and wellbeing. Besides, the hospital has also created a selfie point for patients in

from their treatment and enjoy the beautiful environment. It also allows them to document their journey and share it with their loved ones. The Smriti Upvan Project has targeted to plant 10000 trees this year out of which 42% target has

the lawn. This gives patients an

opportunity to take a break

already been completed in last two months. The lawn has been developed to provide a peaceful and inviting environment for everyone.

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## **Madhya Pradesh Police has a different identity in the country**

**STAFF REPORTER** BHOPAL

hief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has said ✓ that the Madhya Pradesh Police has worked with the spirit of patriotism and public service during the difficult times of Corona. When people were confined in their houses, the police personnel and officers put their lives at risk, and took care of the arrangements

and helped the people. Law and order situation is definitely better in Madhya Pradesh, the state is considered as an island of peace. We need to think about an action plan and strategy to maintain better law and order to face the challenges of cyber crime, increasing drug addiction and crumbling social values.

A conclave will be held in Bhopal to discuss what will be a different identity in the coun-

the form of policing by the year 2047 and what will be the challenges. The Chief Minister said that brainstorming sessions should be conducted at the district level with IG, SP, SDOP, Inspector and other

Chief Minister Chouhan was addressing the inaugural session of the Indian Police Service Meet 2023 at Kushabhau Thackeray Auditorium. Home Minister Narottam Mishra, Director General of Police Sudhir Kumar Saxena and IPS Association President Vipin Maheshwari were specially present. IPS officers posted in Bhopal and other districts and retired IPS officers of Madhya Pradesh cadre also took part. Chief Minister Chouhan said that Madhya Pradesh Police has

tion of dacoity in the state, control of naxal activities or infiltration of tribals in Kashmir, unrest in the north-eastern states of the country or terrorism in Punjab, the officers and employees of the state police have discharged their duties and responsibilities with full commitment.

Madhya Pradesh Police has played an important role in maintaining the integrity and unity of the country, we are proud of them. Chief Minister Chouhan also mentioned the contribution of former officer KPS Gill, Sarabjit Singh, Vijay Yadav and Dobhal.

Chief Minister Chouhan said that it is the result of the decision-making capacity and effective actions of the officers of the state police that at present there is no dacoit gang left

in the state. Action taken by Hawk Force against Naxalites is a big achievement. It is necessary to break the back of mafias and people of criminal tendency. In the state, 23 thousand acres of land has been freed from such elements. This land will be distributed among the poor.

The incidents of misbehavior with women are worrying. The police are controlling the criminals in the open, but there is a need to create awareness and atmosphere against this bad mentality prevailing in the society. It is necessary to run a massive campaign against cyber crime, chit fund companies and persons engaged in drug activities.

Awareness regarding these activities increases the tendency of the general public to be cautious and careful. It gives

will have to encourage community policing and expand its social reformer character. Chouhan said that work and behaviour is expected from police officers and employees

positive results. The state police

according to the dignity of their post. Rumours and news about their involvement in illegal activities tarnish the image of the entire police system. Police officers should lead their subordinates as role models. Officers should behave according to Tulsidas ji's couplet -'Mukhiya mukh so chahiye, khaan paan ko ek, pale pose sakal ang, Tulsi sahit vivek'. Be sensitive to the problems of policemen. See also that no one in the police force is affected by frustration and stress. It is the responsibility of the police officers to take care of everyone as



Shivkanya (269) from Madhya Pradesh gold medal winner in girls 200 mts run youth in action during the Khelo India Youth Games, at Tatya Tope Stadium in Bhopal on Saturday.

## Ayush fairs will be held in the state

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ BHOPAL

**¬**he AYUSH department is organising Ayush fairs in every block of the state on Sant Ravidas Jayanti on February 5.

The department has issued instructions to the district officers of Ayush regarding the organisation of Ayush fair. The teachings of Saint Ravidas ji will also be recalled in the Ayush fair and the general public will be informed about them.

Minister in-charge, MP, MLA, District Panchayat President and local public representatives will also participate in the Ayush fair. Patients will be treated through Ayurveda, Homeopathy, Unani Pathy the camp.

Arrangements have also been made to distribute

Cancer Day observed at AIIMS

Bhopal: World Cancer Day is observed on February 4 every year to create awareness about cancer in public. Cancer is a lifestyle disease and its incidence is increasing worldwide.

In India, particularly Madhya Pradesh, Cases of oral cancers are highest in country due to rampant habit to Tobacco and Gutka chewing. Department of Radiotherapy AIIMS Bhopal celebrated this day to create awareness about cancer to educate and motivate public and cancer patients.

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Name of

Rameshwar Aheliya

Mr. Arvind S/o

Date: 31/01/2023

Along with this, inforyoga exercises and yoga will be given to the general public in the camp. Arrangements have also been made for screening of non-communicable diseases in the camp. Instructions have been given to the district officials to make arrangements for the treatment of gynecologic and child diseases as well as check-up of blood pressure and sugar of the patients in the camp.

District officers have been instructed to give wide publicity to the "Ayush Cure" app prepared by the department and the "Vaidya Aapke Dwar" scheme. District officials have been asked to provide specialist services to the patients

Date: 03.02.2023

Description of work

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respective notices U/s.13(2) of the said Act within a period of 60 days.

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free medicines in the through the 'AYUSH Cure' in the camp. Information about medimation about benefits of cinal plants will also be given to the general public at the camp site. Instructions have also been given to seek the cooperation of the district administration and ensure the participation of vol-

> holding the Ayush fair. Minister of State for AYUSH Ramkishore Kawre will inaugurate the Ayush fair organised at village Kusmi in Paraswada tehsil of Balaghat district on the occasion of Sant Ravidas Jayanti on February 5.

untary organisations in

He will address the gathering by garlanding the picture of Saint Ravidas on this occasion. Minister of State Kawre will also participate in the Vikas Yatra after this.

Office of the Chief Workshop Manage

Date of Notice U/s.13(2)

17-11-2022

31-01-2023

Authorized Office

One Time Repair Contract for Portal Wheel lather

(Make- SAFOP Italy) Plant No. 975 at Wagon Repai

₹ 49,97,300/- (Rupees Forty Nine Lakh Ninety Sever

9.84.191/-

E-TENDER NOTICE

Workshop, North Central Railway, Jhansi has invites online E-tender for th

₹1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only)

Tender will be closed at 15:00 Hrs on 27.02.2023 and is available on Indian Railway E

JHSW-MNP-23-02

Workshop Jhansi.

Branch Office: Ward No. 8, RM Tower Municipal No. 269, Gorakuni Chorayaa

Near Rajwada, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Indore, M P 45200 POSSESSION NOTICE (U/s. Rule 8 (1) - for immovable property)

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of YES Bank Ltd. under the provisions of the Securitisation and

Reconstruction of Financials Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers

conferred under Sec. 13(12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand

notices calling upon the respective borrowers mentioned hereunder to repay the amounts mentioned in the

The respective borrowers having failed to repay the said amounts, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic Possession of the properties described herein below

The respective borrowers in particular and public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the said properties and any dealing with these properties will be subject to the charge of the YES Bank Ltd. for the

Secured Asset

Plot no. 765, C Sector, Shahpura, Ward

No. 51, Tehsil Huzur, Bhopal (M.P.)

As contemplated U/s.13(8) of the Act, in case our dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred

by us are tendered at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer, the secured asset shall not be sold or

in exercise of powers conferred on me under Sec. 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 9 of the said Rules.

respective amount mentioned herein below along with interest thereon at contracted rate

#### AAP to contest on all 230 seats in MP elections

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ BHOPAL

**◄**he hustle and bustle of the election year has begun in Madhya Pradesh. Apart from both the major parties BJP and Congress, other parties have also become active. In this case, Aam Aadmi Party has also started formulating its strategy. AAP MP Dr. Sandeep Pathak was in Bhopal on Saturday.

Speaking to media, AAP MP Sandeep Pathak said that the party will contest on all 230 seats in

Madhya Pradesh. He said that 'the base of our party is our issues, which are related to the public'. The Aam Aadmi Party will contest elections in the state on the issues of health, education, good governance, ending cor-ruption, reducing inflation and employment.

He further said that till now the politics of Madhya Pradesh has been based on these two parties BJP and Congress. People here did not have any option and the public gave

them a chance by changing them, but now everyone is suffering from them. Sandeep Pathak said,

'Whenever the public gave a chance to BJP or Congress, they misused it. Today it is difficult to tell whether BJP is really BJP or Congress is really Congress. It is not known who is what. Sometimes BJP becomes Congress and sometimes Congress becomes BJP. These two loot the country one by one

#### Malkhamb competition in Ujjain From Feb 6

E-Tendering Tender Notice

Divisional Railway Manager (Works) N.C. Railway, Jhansi for and behalf of

President of India invites sealed "Open Tender" through on line (E-Tendering)

E-Tende

No.

JHS-ENGG

HQ-2023-

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Date of closing of both tenders is 01.03.2023 at 15.00 hrs. Date of completion

period from issue acceptance letter: 12 Months. • Tender on online can be

submitted up to 15.00 hrs. on 01.03.2023. • For full details and submission of bid

**NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY** 

Ujjain: Malkhamb competition under Khelo India Youth Games will be organized in Ujjain district from February 6-10.

Boys and girls below the age of 18 years will participate in the said competition. Teams from 16 states will participate in five categories of the entire Malkhamb competition. At the same time, the teams of 13 states will include their 4-4 players in which two girls and two boys. The competition will be concluded on February 10 by organizing the award ceremony. In order to ensure all necessary preparations for Malkhamb's competition, Additional

for the following work.

Description of work

Annual Maintenance Contract

or Digital Weld Tester USFD

Machines Paras make for one year

Annual Maintenance Contract

Machines Paras make for one year

L. No. JHS-DyCEE-WS-T-09-2022-23-RT

or Double Rail Tester USFD

Collector Santosh Tagore took a meeting of all FA Heads, Branding Heads, Designers, Venue Managers, EE PWD, District Sports Officer at the competition venue on Saturday. Tagore instructed that the nodal officers who have been assigned duty should remain present at their duty place.

It was told that about 244 players will participate in the competition. Today 15 teams have reached the city to participate in the event. Arrangements have been made for the players to stay in eight hotels and rooms in the Madhav Seva Trust premises. NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY 62

Cost(₹)

1661272.79

Date: 02.02.2023

Money (₹)

11100.00

## **E-AUCTION** (SALE NOTICE)

BANK OF INDIA (Under Sarfaesi Act 2002)

Zonal Office: Bank of India Bhawan, Arera Hills, Jail Road, Bhopal-462011 Tel.: 0755-2556770, 2555169, E-mail: bhopal.assetrecovery@bankofindia.co.in

Appendix-IV-A [See provisio to rule 8(6)

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF MOVABLE / IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
E-auction Sale Notice For Sale of movable/ Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of

Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rules 8(6) of The Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the borrower(s) & guarantor (s) that the below described

mmovable property mortgaged / charged to the secured creditor, the Physical/Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the authorised officer the Bank of India (secured creditor) will be sold on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS, AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" & WHAT EVER THERE IS BASIS " on 09-03-2023 for recovery of bank dues to the Bank of India (secured creditor) Bidding will be done online through e-auction plateform https://www.mstcecommerce.com/ auctionhome/ibapi/index.isp

**Description of Mortgaged Properties &** Name of Borrower/Guarantor Demand Notice Date, Notice Amount & Possession Date Account to deposit auction sale proceeds- 946390200000033, IFSC- BKID0009463 Late Mr. Vinod Katare, Legal heirs: 1. Smt. Omwati W/o Mr. Vinod Katare,

. Mr. Kunal S/o Mr. Vinod Katare, 3. Mr. Yash S/o Mr. Vinod Katare Demand Notice Amount: ₹ 7,89,808.78 + interest & charges

Demand notice Date: 25.04.2022 Possession Date: 16.09.2022 (Symbolic) St. Paul School branch, Gwalior- Mob: 9755690690

Borrower: M/S ASHITA PRODUCTION

₹ 29.38.178.59 + interest & charges

Demand notice Date: 18.05.2022

(Prop: Ms. Rakhi Sharma)

**Demand Notice Amount:** 

Other terms and conditions:

on MSTC portal.

Singh Chouhan planted saplings

along with Under-19 Indian

women's cricket team member

Saumya Tiwari and her coach

Suresh Chenani. CM Chouhan

planted saplings of Peepal

Saptaparni and Shahtoot

(Mulberry). Saumya's father

Manish Tiwari, mother Bharti

Tiwari, her sister Sakshi, Arera

Cricket Academy's secretary

Hemant Kapoor and family

members Dinesh Tiwari

Akshay Tiwari, Sandeep Tiwari

and Prithviraj Trivedi took part

Under-19 Women's T-20 World

Cup. Along with Chief Minister

Chouhan, social worker Amit

Meena also planted saplings on

Nachiket Meena were with him.

in the plantation.

Municipal House No. 365, Ward No. 50, Selar Ki ₹ 3.35 Goth, Rai Singh Ka Bag, Lashkar, Gwalior, MP. Property owner: Late Mr. Vinod Katare S/o Mr. Bhagwan Das Katare Area: 373 Sq. ft. Boundaries: East: House of Shri Makhkhanlal, West: House of Shri Patiram, North: House of Shri Bhagirath, South: House of Shri Mewaram & Gali

Paper bag making machine large size: with gazetting

facility, bottom & center pasting, plates & printing

cylinder, with DC electric motor & control panel

complete in all respects. Maximum speed of the

machine 150 bags per minute depending upon GSM &

bag size: plain bag min size- 12X18 cms max size

42X60 cms paper GSM- 50 GSM to 150 GSM

Manpower required: One operator, one helper Machine

Size: L X W X H: 21' X 7' X 6.5' Max paper roll width:

Property owner: M/S ASHITA PRODUCTION, Prop:

86 cm With four colour flexo printing facility

Ms. Rakhi Sharma

Date and Time of e-auction: 09.03.2023, 11.00 A.M. to 5.00 P.M.

(With unlimited extension of 10 minutes duration each)

Auction Sale/bidding would be only through "Online Electronic Bidding" on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS" through the website: http://mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp. Bidders are advised to go through the website for detailed terms and conditions before taking in the e-auction sale proceeding.

The property can be inspected on or before 07-03-2023 between 10 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. with prior permission from Bank Manager of Concer

Intending bidders/purchasers are requested to register on MSTC portal (mstcecommerce.com/actionhome/ibapi/index.jsp) using thei mobile number & email id and get their KYC verified. EMD amount shall be paid online using "pay pre bid EMD" option after registration

The Successful tenderer shall deposit 25% of the sale price (inclusive of EMD already paid), immediately on the allotment of tender in his. her favour and balance within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale in above mentioned branch's account number. If the tendere

The bidding will start at a price higher than that of fixed reserve price.

For sale proceeds of Rs. 50 Lacs (Rupees Fifty lacs) and above, the successful bidder will have to deduct TDS at the rate 1% on the Sale proceeds and submit the original receipt of TDS certificate to the Bank.

All statutory dues/non-statutory dues/applicable stamp duty/additional stamp duty/transfer charges/all fees/assessment charges/othe

9) For further details contact Concern branch Manager at above Phone No. or Zonal Office Bhopal, Bhopal Phone: 0755-2556770/2555169

fails to pay the sale price as stated above, the deposit made by him/her shall be forfeited without any notice.

: This publication is also 15 days notice to Borrower/Guarantors/Mortgagors as required under Prov

dues including registration charges, stamp duty, taxes, applicable TDS etc. shall have to be borne by the purchaser Authorised Officer reserve the right to postpone/cancel or vary the terms and condition of the e-auction without

Name of Property Owner

Lakh ₹ 0.33 ₹ 10,000/

Lakh

₹ 0.87

₹ 10,000/

Tender

for the following work:-

Tender value Bid Security **Description of Work** Jhansi Workshop:- Electrica 51,28,024/-

For and on behalf of President of India, the Dy.CEE/Work Shop, North

Central Railway, Jhansi invites open tenders through online (E-Tendering)

work for: Augmentation of coaching stock maintenance 1,02,600/facilities in Coach Care Center

Closing date of tender: 03.03.2023 (upto 15:00 Hrs.).

Tenderer will submit the tender online upto 03.03.2023 (upto 15:00 Hrs.) Complete details & for submission of tenders can be seen in Indian Railway vebsite http://www.ireps.gov.in. 174/23 (ADM)



Tender Notice No.:- T 22-23 Bogie Asmb NOTICE Dated:- 03 02 2023 E-TENDER NOTICE

Chief Workshop Manager, Coach MLR Workshop, Jhansi for and on behalf of the President of India invites open e-tender from reputed contractors for

Description of work Qty. Tender cost Lifting of ICF coaches, Unloading Rs. 47,71,273,.92 Cleaning, Dismantling, Transportation and Fitment of ICF (Rs Forty Seven 22-23 Lakhs Seventy type bogies frame along with Tractor-Trolley with driver & Fuel as per scope of work at CMLR Bogie 95400/-Workshop Jhansi

Ninety Two Only) Completion period:- 12 Months, Tender Doc. Cost:- Rs. 0/-, 1. Tender will be closed at 15.00 Hrs. on 10.03.2023 and is available on Indian Railway E-Tendering website www.ireps.gov.in, 2. For detailed nformation please visit Indian Railway E-Tendering website www.ireps.gov.in., 3. Tenderers should watch the website for the corrigendum/addendum to the NIT/e-tneder document, if any as there will not be any separate communication for the same

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**Authorised Officer** 

Home First Finance Company India Limited

#### CM plants saplings with cricketer Saumya Tiwari Bhopal: Chief Minister Shivraj

Home First Finance Company India Limited CIN:L65990MH2010PTC240703,

Website: homefirstindia.com Phone No.: 180030008425 Email ID: loanfirst@homefirstindia.com

POSSESSION NOTICE REF: POSSESSION NOTICE UNDER SUB-RULE (1) OF RULE 8 OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORECEMENT) RULES, 2002

WHEREAS the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of HOME FIRST FINANCE COMPANY INDIA LIMITED, pursuant to demand notice issued on its respective dates as given below, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act No. 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 calling upon you/Borrowers, the under named to pay outstanding dues as within 60 days from the date of receipt of respective notices. You/Borrowers all, however, have failed to pay the said outstanding dues within stipulated time, hence HOME FIRST FINANCE COMPANY INDIA LIMITED are in exercise and having right as conferred under the provision of sub section (4) of section 13 of SARFAESI ACT,2002 read with rules thereunder, taken POSSESSION of the secured assets as mentioned herein below.

S. No	Name of Borrowers/ Co- Borrowers/ Guarantors	Description of Mortgaged Property	Date of Demand Notice	Total O/s as on date of Demand Notice (in INR)	Date of possession
1.	Mahendra Singh Thakur, Ramdas Karan Thakur, Veerendra Thakur,	Row House-64, Palash-64, Phase-V, Indus Town Phase - 5, Part of KH. No. 1058/3, P. H. No. 44, Village Ratanpur Sadak, Hoshangabad Road, Teh. Huzur, Distt. Bhopal (M.P.) Bhopal 462047	10-04-2022	7,70,664	30-01-2023

It is noteworthy that the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said rule on the date mentioned Saumya Tiwari of Bhopal played an important role în Îndia's victory in the recently held ICC

The BORROWERS/ GUARANTORS and the PUBLIC IN GENERAL are hereby cautioned not to deal with the above referred Properties/Secured Assets or any part thereof and any dealing with the said Properties/Secured Assets shall be subject to charge of HOME FIRST FINANCE COMPANY INDIA LIMITED for the amount m nereinabove against Properties/Secured Assets which is payable with the further interest thereon until payment in full

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of subsection (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset

Place: Bhopal Date: 05-02-2023

#### Notice Inviting E-Tenders

transferred by us, and no further step shall be taken by us for transfer or sale of that secured asset

OFFICE OF THE NAGAR PARISHAD, NIWARI, DIST-NIWARI

Dated: 01.02.2023 Online Lump sum bids for the following works under "AMRUT2.0" (Estimated on UADD SOR w.e.

2/08/2021) are invited from registered contractors and firms of repute fulfilling eligibility criteria Tende Probable Earnest Cost of Money amountof contract Deposit Docu-Com Rs.InLacs) (EMD)(InRs) ment pletion Survey, Soil Investigation, Design and execution of 613.55 306776.00 20000.00 12 various works for augmentation of water supply sysmonth 249938 tem including permission from indian railway, includ-Railway crossing for clear water feeder main ing and distribution pipes, construction of rainy OHT, installation of Clear water Pumps, Providing, sea Laying, Jointing, Testing and Commissioning of Clear son water feeder main and Distribution network including excavation, refilling, road cutting /dismantling, restoration to its original condition, providing and fixing required valves (Sluice, Air, Scour, PRV etc.) Specials, fittings, flow meters, Construction of valve chambers, thrust blocks and House service connections complete as required as per scope of work 1.Interested Bidder can view the NIT on website www.mptenders.gov.in and www.mpurban.gov.in

2. The Bid Document can be purchased only Online from 10:30 Hrs of 06-02-2023 to 17:30 Hrs of 10-03-2023 3. Amendment to NIT, if any, would be published on website only, and not in Newspaper. 4.GST shall be paid separately as per norms

After successful completion of the works as per tender, the Bidder shall operate and maintain the proposed works/entire water supply system including all existing and proposed components of water supply project of niwari ULB. for 5 years for supplying water to the town. After Completion of the Project 6 Month Trail and Run, Then O&M Period will be start No GST Shall be paid on Operation & Maintinance Amount. The initial period of 2 year after completion shall be treated as Defect Liability Period (DLP). Note: - It will be the responsibility of the concerned contractor to get the approval of the railway crossing from the railway department within 6 month from the date of work order, for which the fees deposited in the railway will be deposited by the municipal council niwari, in the railway department, after getting approval from railway department, according to guideline of the railway department pipes from under the railway track line laying work will be done by the contractor under the supervision of experienced staff.

> **CHIEF MUNICIPAL OFFICER** NAGAR PARISHAD NIWARI DIST - NIWARI (M.P.)

his birthday. Rajesh Meena and

Public 'malik',

says Rijiju

Min says after SC's strong

remarks over judges' transfers

# Agniveer recruitment through e-test

Given the rapidly changing nature of warfighting with stress on technology, the Army has decided to conduct written examination for all the aspiring Agniveers. Once they clear the examination, the candidates will have to undergo physical endurance test followed by the medical test. The Navy and the IAF are already following the process in the same order

The new tweaking in selection by the Army will commence mid February, sources said here on Saturday. Prospective candidates will first be required to take an admission examination online.



The physical and medical examinations will take place

Previously, the Army would undertake a physical and medical examination first. Only after passing the first two tests were candidates permitted to take the written examination. They said the new method will also help is easing

logistics involved. For the first time in 2022, the Indian Army recruited soldiers under Agniveer programme. Agniveer recruitment followed screening process and the the same procedure as regular

India, UAE, France to speed

A large number of candidates are said to congregate at army recruitment rallies,

which occasionally causes law and order issues. Additionally, it consumes a lot of resources. The written examination

in the first step will screen out candidates. Those who pass the written exam will be authorised to take the physical and medical exams.

"The changed methodology will ensure increased focus on cognitive aspect during selection. It will have wider outreach across the country and also reduce the large crowds seen during recruitment rallies to make them more manageable and easier to conduct," sources said.

The recruiting examination will be conducted online, and students will be assigned to the appropriate test locations for the written test. The examination will last 60 minutes. Following the written test, a merit list will be made public, after which the candidates will be contacted for a physical and medical exam. Physical testing

mission after four years. 40,000 Agniveers will be recruited again this year.

LG seeks active

involvement of

**PTI** ■ JAMMU

NCC in anti-drugs

campaigns in J&K

Lieutenant Governor (LG) Manoj Sinha on Saturday

sought the active involvement

of the National Cadet Corps

(NCC) in the anti-drugs cam-

paigns in Jammu & Kashmir.

NCC cadets to contribute

towards a successful conduct of

a G20 event scheduled to take

with the NCC cadets who took

part in the Republic Day

parade in New Delhi on

January 26. He congratulated

the contingent from Jammu

and Kashmir and Ladakh for

securing the fourth position among the 17 NCC direc-

cadets for the march on

Kartavya Path in New Delhi, as

part of a combined contingent

of the NCC at the national

level, and that of seven cadets

for the Guard of Honour was

indeed a great feat, Sinha

said. Hosting the cadets at the

Raj Bhawan here, the LG said,

The selection of 17 NCC

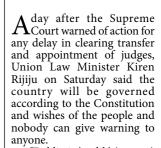
place in Srinagar.

He also encouraged the

The LG was interacting

#### is part of the second round of the examination, while the medical is part of the third and final round. The army recruited 40,000 Agniveers last year, and they are currently undergoing training. Around 10,000 Agniveers will be given permanent com-

**PNS** ■ PRAYAGRAJ



"Public is 'malik' (master) of this country and we are servants. We all are here for service and the Constitution is our guide.... The country will be governed under the guidance of the Constitution and wishes of the public. Nobody can give warning to anyone," Rijiju

"Sometimes discussions are held in the country on some matters and in a democracy everyone has the right to express their opinion. But people sitting in responsible positions have to think before saying anything, whether it will benefit the country or not," he said, referring to reported remarks of a Supreme Court

The minister was addressing an event on the 150th anniversary of the Allahabad High Court Bar Association here as the chief guest.

His remarks came a day after a bench of Justices S K Kaul and A S Oka expressed displeasure over the delay in clearing recommendations for transfer of high court judges, calling it a "very serious issue", and warned that any delay in this matter may result in both administrative and judicial actions which might not be palatable. On Saturday, the Supreme Court also questioned the government over the delay in clearing the names of five high court judges who had been recommended for elevation to the Supreme Court. The judges were elevated to the

Supreme Court on Sunday. The remarks are the latest in a tug of war between the judiciary and the executive over the process of appointment of judges of the Supreme Court and high courts.

On the pendency of cases, Minister Rijiju said, "At present, 4 crore 90 lakh cases are pending in various courts across the country. We are solving this problem." He said that in view of the huge number of pending cases, the government has made preparations to implement the Legal Information Management System so that a person will be able to get information about the status of the case in any high court on

"Being the largest high court of the country, I wish that the Allahabad High Court should play a leading role in implementing the e-courts project. The government has abolished 1,486 old and outdated laws and the process of removing 65 such laws is going on in the current Parliament session," he said.

The minister also said the Arbitration Bill is in the final stages of preparation and after its passage, a parallel judicial system will be established in the country. With the system of arbitration, small cases will be settled outside the court and the burden on courts will be reduced, he said.

## ED questions Rahul's aide in money laundering case against TMC functionary

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate has questioned and recorded the statement of Alankar Sawai, a close aide of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, in a money laundering case in which TMC spokesperson Saket Gokhale was recently arrested by the agency in Gujarat, officials said.

Sawai was questioned and also confronted with Gokhale in Ahmedabad over three days earlier this week, they said.

A former banker, Sawai is considered to be a close aide of Rahul, a former Congress president, and is stated to be heading his research team.

The federal probe agency

Mumbai civic body's budget for 2023-24 is procontractor and will pave the way for Mumbai's financial bankruptcy, said Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Aaditya

Thackeray on Saturday, while

the Bharatiya Janata Party called it "truly for

the Congress also criticised the

Rs 52,619-crore budget, which

Brihanmumbai Municipal

Corporation (BMC) chief and

administrator Iqbal Singh

Govt and the BMC governed

by the administrator has been

showing moral and legal bank-

ruptcy for 6 months. Today's

BMC budget shows that it

has begun to pave way for

Mumbai's financial bankrupt-

tweeted Aaditya

Until the term of the cor-

porators got over last March,

the Shiv Sena had ruled the

BMC for more than two

decades. The Uddhav

Thackeray-led party split in

June 2022 following a rebellion

by Eknath Shinde, who joined hands with the BJP to form the

government in the state. BMC

elections are expected to be

"The unconstitutional state

The Aam Admi Party and

**PTI** ■ MUMBAI

Mumbaikars".

Chahal.

Thackeray.

BMC budget pro-contractor,

bankruptcy, alleges Aaditya

it will spell Mumbai's financial

summoned Sawai after it arrested 35-year-old Gokhale on January 25 while he was in the Gujarat Police's custody in connection with alleged financial irregularities in raising

The Enforcement Directorate (ED), while seeking Gokhale's remand on that Ahmedabad court that when lakh deposited in his bank Gokhale had told the agency that "this amount was given in

funds through a crowd funding platform.

day, had informed a he was asked about Rs 23.54 account in cash over a year, cash by Alankar Sawai of the India National Congress for social media work and other

Demanding the BMC to

explain "hiked expenses" in its "pro contractor" budget,

Aaditya Thackeray said,

ly see contractor friends of this

unconstitutional State Govt

benefitting, the MC's

(Chahal's) speech finds a men-

tion of curbing expenses,

which should be told to the

bosses in Govt rather than

BMC over utilisation of funds.

party, which is trying to

expand its footprints in

Mumbai, said the budget is "an

annual ritual" aimed at throw-

ing big numbers but utilisation

of funds year after year reveals

a "sordid saga of ineptitude

crore for education is a mere

6.36 per cent of the overall

outlay, while healthcare saw a

9 per cent dip to Rs 6,309 crore

and is 12 per cent of the over-

all figures, said AAP.

The allocation of Rs 3,347

and incompetence".

The AAP targeted the

The Arvind Kejriwal-led

Mumbaikars.

Giving details of the initiative, MEA said on 19

Attempts underway

 $T^{\text{MC general secretary}}_{\text{Abhishek Banerjee on Saturday slammed the Centre}}$ 

for sending central teams to West Bengal, and said attempts

are on to malign the state gov-ernment as Chief Minister

Mamata Banerjee had not

He also dubbed the state BJP leaders "anti-Bengal", as

they have also "played a role in

BJP-led central government

has halted funds for Bengal. It

is doing this out of vengeance,

because the party could not win

the assembly elections in 2021,"

he said, while addressing a

TMC leadership would never

surrender before the "corrupt'

the answer to BIP's injustice. "BIP leaders are sending

central teams... However, they

couldn't find even one case of

fraud. The teams were sent to malign the people of the state,"

Abhishek Banerjee said the

mega rally at Keshpur.

BJP regime.

he alleged.

"People here know how the

ndia, France and the United

Arab Emirates on Saturday

discussed the way to hasten up

a trilateral initiative among

the three countries on issues

like climate change, protection of biodiversity and joint train-

ing and joint production of

reviewed during a telephonic

conversation between the for-

eign ministers of the three

countries on Saturday, min-

istry of externa affairs(MEA)

said here later. A joint state-

ment was also issued.

by Centre to

malign Bengal,

says Abhishek

**PTI** ■ KESHPUR

bowed before it.

These issues were

weapon systems.



gins of the United Nations General Assembly in New York, the Foreign Ministers of India, France and the UAE met for the first time in a trilaterformat.

In acknowledgement of their shared desire to promote international stability and prosperity, and to further build upon the constructive and collaborative ties that exist between the three countries, the Foreign Ministers of India,

cooperation initiative, with the aim of expanding cooperation in various fields of mutual interest. It is in this context that a phone call between the three Ministers was held on Saturday to adopt a roadmap for the implementation of this initiative

The three sides agreed that the trilateral initiative will serve as a forum to promote the design and execution of cooperation projects in the fields of energy, with a focus on solar and nuclear energy, as well as in the fight against climate change and the protection of biodiversity, particularly in the Indian Ocean

## Doctors welcome FM's call to increase NCCD on cigarettes

Doctors and activists have welcomed the Union Finance Minister's announcement to increase national calamity contingent duty (NCCD) on cigarettes to 16 per cent in the annual Budget of 2023-24, asserting that the move would strengthen varreduce cancer causing tobacco use in India.

However, at the same time they have urged the Government to augment these efforts increasing taxes on bidis and smokeless products that are becoming health as well as fiscal burden in the country. The NCCD on specified cigarettes was last revised three years ago.

Bhavna Mukhopadhyay, "Mamata Banerjee has Chief Executive, Voluntary never bowed her head in front Health Association of India of these dishonest BJP politihailed the decision but felt cians, and she will never do it. that the percentage increase is minimal. "We hope that in She has the love and affection of the people, and they will give future, the Finance Minister

"Drug addiction has emerged as the biggest challenge for the increase in taxation and society. The NCC cadets, along decrease in the affordability of all tobacco products to match with the youth clubs, need to the message that has been sent so strongly in this budactively participate in the campaigns against the drug men-

The present GST rates on tobacco products combined with the compensation cess for all tobacco products is much lower than the World recommended tax burden of at least 75% of retail price for all tobacco products.

The total tax burden is currently only about 53% for cigarettes, 22% for bidis and 60% for smokeless tobacco. According to international experts, raising the price of tobacco products through tax increases is the most effective policy to reduce tobacco use. Higher tobacco prices decrease affordability, encourage quitting among users, prevent initiation among non-users, and reduce the quantity consumed among continuing users.

### MP: Body of baby who died after 'hot iron' treatment exhumed

PTI ■ SHAHDOL

The body of a two-and-a-half-month-old girl ▲ has been exhumed in Madhya Pradesh's Shahdol district following her death after allegedly being branded with a hot iron rod more than 50 times by an exorcist, an official said on

District Collector Vandana Vaidya said the baby's body was exhumed on Friday and a postmortem will be conducted on Saturday.

Initial investigation has shown that she died due to pneumonia but the real reasons behind the death could be known after the post-mortem report, she said. The child's mother, a resident of Kathotia under Sinhpur police station limits in the tribal-dominated district, said her family first took her ailing daughter to a quack but



her condition didn't improve.

The family then approached a woman faith healer who poked the child's body with a hot iron rod 51 times in a bid to treat her, the moth-

However, the baby's condition deteriorated and she was taken to the district hospital, which referred her to Shahdol Medical College. The baby died during treatment on Wednesday, she

## Percentage of Adivasis declining in J'khand under Soren Govt: Shah

**PNS** ■ DEOGARH

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday claimed that demographic change in Jharkhand has seen the percentage of the 'Adivasi' (tribal) population declining during the Hemant Soren government's tenure in power.

Addressing the BJP's 'Vijay Sankalp Maha Rally' here, the senior party leader claimed that the population of Adivasis has declined from 35 per cent to 24 per cent due to massive infiltration from across the international border, which has been "encouraged by the Hemant Soren government for vote bank politics'

He alleged that infiltrators were grabbing land in the state after marrying tribal women. "The Hemant Soren gov-

ernment is the most corrupt in the country. Resources are being looted using railway wagons and tractors. People will unseat this government from power in the state as it failed to fulfil the 'aspirations of development' for which the separate state was

Shah said the BJP will win all 14 Lok Sabha seats in the state in the elections next

Referring to the killing of class 12 student, who was burnt alive by her stalker in Dumka last year, Shah said, "Adivasi girls are being murdered while the Hemant Soren government is

Earlier in the day, the Cooperation Minister said the Union government has decided to provide 300 services of the Centre as well as the state governments through the Primary Agriculture Credit Societies

Shah said PACS would now function as Common Service Centres (CSC) and farmers can avail benefits of 300 services including nodues certificates, birth and death registration, and many

"The decision was taken on Friday. The IT Ministry has supported the Cooperative Ministry in this regard," he said, while laying the foundation stone of a Rs 450-crore IFFCO nano urea

plant in Jasidih in Deogarh

district. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed on Friday to enable the PACS to provide services offered by Common Service

According to the agreement, more than 300 services will be made available to the rural population, including 13 crore farmer members of PACS, a statement said.



## **HM lays foundation stone of** ₹450-cr nano urea plant in J'khand

"Nano urea will benefit

farmers, and it is already

being exported to five coun-

Modi had inaugurated the

world's first nano urea plant

in Gujarat last year, according to IFFCO. This will be India's

Prime Minister Narendra

tries," he said.

**PTI** ■ DEOGARH

Santhal Paraganas.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday laid the foundation stone of a Rs 450-crore nano urea plant and township of the Indian Fertiliser Farmers Cooperative (IFFCO) in

Jharkhand's Deoghar. Shah said it will help in fifth such plant. "PM Modi has given prireducing the dependence on import of urea and usher in development of the eastern region, particularly the

ority to all works related to land conservation across the

Many urea factories were revived by Modi, and this small liquid urea factory built on 30 acres will manufacture about six crore bottles every year, which will make India self-sufficient by reducing imports in this sector," Shah The facility will prove to

be useful in increasing production not only in Jharkhand but also in Bihar, Odisha and Bengal, he said. Nano urea improves crop

productivity, soil health and nutritional quality of the produce, IFFCO said.

## Shah hails Naga group ENPO's decision to withdraw poll boycott call

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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m nion\,Home\,Minister\,Amit\,Shah\,on\,Saturday}$ Peoples Organisation (ENPO) to withdraw its assembly election boycott call, saying it is an expression of trust in the Modi government.

The ENPO, which has been demanding separate statehood - Frontier Nagaland - comprising six districts of Mon, Tuensang, Longleng, Kiphire, Shamatore and Noklak, had given the poll boycott call to press for their demand. "It is heartening that in an expression of trust

in the Modi government, the Eastern Nagaland Peoples Organisation (ENPO) in Nagaland has withdrawn its call to boycott the assembly elections. The decision will help in keeping the ongoing process of peace and development unhindered," Shah said in tweets.

The home minister said he was grateful to the group for the positive gesture reaffirming ENPO's commitment to democratic processes.

Shah said Prime Minister Narendra Modi has made untiring efforts to assure the people of Northeast India that the government is with them and the ENPO's move is an approval of

According to an ENPP release, the decision was taken during its executive meeting



request of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) to review the August 26, 2022 resolution of ENPO and its constituent tribal bodies and frontal organisations to abstain in any election process.

The ENPO also requested all citizens to cooperate with the government in the conduct of the election and not create any law and order In a release, the ENPO said the meeting dis-

cussed the assurance given by Union Home Minister Amit Shah to ENPO office bearers on February 2 and after due consultation with its constituent tribal bodies and frontal organisations relaxed its resolution with immediate effect.

indulging in politics of appeasement.

(PACS).

## **RUSSIA-UKRAINE CONFLICT Soldiers freed in Russia. Ukraine prisoner swap**

Dozens of Russian and Ukrainian prisoners of war have returned home following a prisoner swap, officials on both sides said Saturday. Top Ukrainian presidential aide Andriy Yermak said in a

Telegram post that 116 Ukrainians were freed.

He said the released POWs include troops who held out in Mariupol during Moscow's monthslong siege that reduced the southern port city to ruins, as well as guerrilla fighters from the Kherson region and snipers captured during the ongoing fierce battles for the eastern city of Bakhmut.

Russian defence officials meanwhile, announced that 63 Russian troops had returned from Ukraine following the swap, including some "special category" prisoners whose release was secured following mediation by the United Arab

A statement issued Saturday by the Russian Defence Ministry did not provide details about these "special category" captives.

At least three civilians have been killed in Ukraine over the past 24 hours as Russian forces struck nine regions in the country's south, north and east, according to reports on Ukrainian TV by regional gov-



ernors on Saturday morning. Two people were killed and 14 others wounded in Ukraine's eastern Donetsk region by Russian shelling and missile strikes, local Gov. Pavlo Kyrylenko said in a Telegram

update on Saturday morning.
The casualty toll included a man who was killed and seven others who were wounded Friday after Russian missiles slammed into Toretsk, a town in the Donetsk region.

Kyrylenko said that 34 houses, two kindergartens, an outpatient clinic, a library, a cultural centre and other buildings were damaged in the

Seven teenagers received shrapnel wounds after an antipersonnel mine exploded late on Friday in the northeastern

Syniehubov said on Telegram. He said they were all hospitalised but their lives were not in danger.

city of Izium, local Gov. Oleh

Elsewhere, regional Ukrainian officials reported overnight shelling by Russia of border settlements in the northern Sumy region, as well as the town of Marhanets, which neighbours the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant. Kyiv has long accused Moscow of using the plant, which Russian forces seized early in the war, as a base for launching attacks on Ukrainian-held territory across the Dnieper river.

## China plays down Blinken's cancelled visit over balloon

hina played down the can-Cellation of a visit by US Secretary of State Antony Blinken after a large Chinese balloon suspected of conduct-ing surveillance on US military sites roiled diplomatic relations, saying that neither side had formally announced any such plan.

"În actuality, the U.S. And China have never announced any visit, the US making any such announcement is their own business, and we respect that," China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs said in a statement Saturday morning.

Blinken was due to visit Beijing on Sunday for talks aimed at reducing US-China tensions, the first such highprofile trip after the countries' leaders met last November in

But the US abruptly cancelled the trip after the discovery of the huge balloon despite China's claim that it was mere-

ly a weather research "airship' that had blown off course.

The Pentagon rejected that out of hand — as well as China's contention that the balloon was not being used for surveillance and had only limited navigational ability.

Uncensored reactions on the Chinese internet mirrored the official government stance that the US was hyping up the

Many users made jokes about the balloon. Some said that since the U.S. Had put restrictions on the technology that China is able to buy to weaken the Chinese tech industry, they couldn't control the

Others called it the "wandering balloon" in a pun that refers to the newly released Chinese sci-fi film called "The

## 50-car train derailment causes big fire, evacuations in Ohio

**AP** ■ EAST PALESTINE

Atrain derailment and resulting large fire prompted an evacuation order in an Ohio village near the Pennsylvania State line on Friday night, covering the area in billows of smoke lit orange by the flames below.

About 50 cars derailed in East Palestine as a train was carrying a variety of freight from Madison, Illinois, to Conway, Pennsylvania, rail operator Norfolk Southern said in a statement Saturday.

There was no immediate information about what caused the derailment. No injuries were reported.

National Transportation Safety Board said Saturday that it was "launching a go-team to investigate" the derailment, and board member Michael Graham would "serve as spokesperson on scene."

Firefighters have been pulled from the immediate area and unmanned stream devices are being used protectively while crews try to determine which cars are still actively burning, village officials said in a separate statement Saturday.

They said they hoped to use drones to assess the scene in daylight, and warned that residents might hear more explosions as the fire burns.

The village notified residents that an evacuation order remained in place Saturday morning for people within a mile of the scene.

A high school and community center were opened to shelter dozens of people, while residents beyond that radius were urged to stay inside.

The few dozen residents sheltering at the high school included Ann McAnlis, who said a neighbor had texted her

## ASEAN vows to conclude pact with China on disputed territory

Southeast Asian foreign ministers vowed to finalise negotiations with China over a proposed pact aimed at preventing conflicts in the disputed South China Sea in their annual retreat on Saturday Indonesia's capital.

In the final session of their that seeks to end that country's two-day meeting, the ministers from the Association of Southeast Asian Nations also agreed to unite in their approach to implement a fivestep agreement made in 2021 between ASEAN leaders and Myanmar's military leader, Senior Gen Min Aung Hlaing,

worsening crisis.

China and the ASEAN member states, which include four rival claimants to territories in the South China Sea, have been holding sporadic talks for years on a "code of conduct," a set of regional norms and rules aimed at preventing a clash the disputed waters.

Foreign Indonesian Minister Retno Marsudi said that Indonesia, this year's ASEAN chair, is ready to host more rounds of negotiations over the proposed pact, the first of which will be held in March. She said ASEAN members are committed to concluding the

discussions "as soon as possible." "Members are also committed to promote implementation of a declaration of conduct," Marsudi added.

Marsudi did not elaborate, but in the past, China has accused Washington of meddling in what it calls an Asian dispute.

## Israeli army besieges homes of fugitives in West Bank raid

**AP** ■ AQABAT JABR REFUGEE

I refugee camp near the Palestinian city of Jericho on Saturday, besieging houses it said were being used as hideouts for Palestinian attackers and shooting at residents who The fightopened fire. ing wounded six Palestinians, two seriously, said the Palestinian Health Ministry, and jolted a generally quiet

The Israeli army raided a

occupied West Bank to search for suspects involved in a shooting attack last week at a nearby Israeli settlement.

oasis town that has seen less violence than other West Bank

Last Saturday, with the West Bank on edge after the deadliest Israeli military raid in two decades and two subsequent Palestinian attacks in east Jerusalem that killed seven people, the army said a Palestinian gunman had opened fire in a restaurant at a settlement near Jericho. After firing one bullet, the gunman



No one was wounded.

The army said several Palestinians had holed up in their homes after the shooting with the help of family and were planning future attacks.

To force the fugitives to The army said it entered surrender, a military bulldozthe Aqabat Jabr refugee camp er clawed at the walls of one of mander shouted threats over a Camp residents reported

receiving text messages urging families to keep their children inside and avoid clashing with Israeli troops. The suspects and family

members trickled out of one of the homes and turned themselves in, the military said. Security forces had leveled much of the house, leaving a pile of rubble and twisted

## Qatar boosts influence in Lebanon amid crises

 $M^{\rm ost}$  wealthy Gulf Arab nations followed Saudi Arabia's lead in recent years and ostracised crisis-hit Lebanon because of the growing influence of the Iranianbacked militant group Hezbollah. The exception was

Doha has been silently expanding its influence in Lebanon. It continued receiving Lebanese leaders and pumped tens millions of dollars into helping the country's armed forces amid a historic economic meltdown.

The small, gas-rich nation in late January began seeing the state-owned Qatar Energy replaced a Russian firm in an international consortium that will search for gas in the Mediterranean Sea off Lebanon's coast.

And on Monday, Qatar will for the first time join a meeting in Paris along with officials from France, Saudi Arabia and the US for discussions focusing on Lebanon's political and economic crises.

Qatar portrays itself as a more neutral force in a coun-



try where for decades outside powers have used Lebanon's sectarian divisions to fight their proxy battles. Saudi Arabia long backed Lebanon's Sunni Muslim factions and tried to push out Iran's influence through Shiite Hezbollah. The rivalry repeatedly pushed Lebanon to the brink of armed

Qatar, which has good ties with Iran, has been trying to advance negotiations between Tehran and Gulf nations. Its inclusion in the upcoming talks "is a signal that Iran will not be completely left out of that meeting and a recognition of the influence that Tehran has over Lebanon," said Mohamad Bazzi, a professor and director of the Hagop Kevorkian Center for Near Eastern Studies at New York University.

"With Saudi Arabia and other Gulf states less heavily involved in Lebanon, Qatar is trying to revive its mediator role in the country," he said.

## Pope encourages South Sudanese, will raise plight of women

**AP** ■ JUBA

Pope Francis sought Saturday to console the long-suffering people of South Sudan as he opened his first full day in a country beset by conflict, poverty and humanitarian crises, encouraging priests and nuns to serve their flocks by joining in their tears.

After arriving in the world's newest country on the first-ever papal visit Friday, Francis was spending Saturday ministering first to church personnel and then to South Sudanese who have been forced by fighting, flooding and other

Francis was highlighting in articular the plight of South Sudanese women, half of whom are married before age 18, are subject to rampant sexual violence and then face the world's highest maternal mortality rate.

"Let us ask ourselves what it means for us to be ministers of God in a land scarred by war, hatred, violence, and poverty," Francis said in St. Theresa Cathedral in the capital, Juba.

"How can we exercise our



ministry in this land, along the banks of a river bathed in so much innocent blood, among the tear-stained faces of the people entrusted to us?"

ural resources but beset by years of civil war and conflict, South Sudan is one of the world's poorest countries and is responsible for Africa's worst refugee crisis: More than 2 million people have fled the country and another 2 million are displaced within its borders.

Joined by Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby and the Presbyterian head of the Church of Scotland, Francis is seeking to draw global attention to the country's plight.

#### Wikipedia blocked for not removing blasphemous content in Pak

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

Pakistan has blocked Wikipedia, the online encyclopedia, for its failure to remove offensive or blasphemous material, the country's telecommuni-cation authority said on Saturday.

The blacklisting of Wikipedia comes days after the Pakistan Telecom Authority (PTA) degraded Wikipedia services for 48 hours, threatening to block it if the content deemed 'blasphemous' was not

Wikipedia is a free online encyclopedia, created and edited by volunteers around the world and hosted by the

PTA spokesperson Malahat Obaid said the ban had primarily been imposed for non-

compliance with the orders. "The decision can be reviewed once Wikipedia removes sacrilegious content that has been identified by the regulatory authority," the spokesperson added.

The PTA spokesperson earlier stated that Wikipedia was approached for blocking/removal of the said content by issuing a notice.

Sudan demands United

Nations immediately lift

#### 13 dead in Chile amid struggle to contain raging wildfires

**AP** ■ SANTIAGO

At least 13 people were reported dead as of Friday night as a result of the more than 150 wildfires burning across Chile that have destroyed homes and thousands of acres of forest while the South American country is in the midst of a scorching heat

Four of the deaths involved two separate vehicles in the Biobío region, around 560 kilometers (348 miles) south of the capital of Santiago.

"In one case they were burned because they were hit by the fire," Interior Minister Carolina Tohá said. In the other case, she said, the victims died in a crash, "probably try

ing to escape the fire."

The fifth victim was a firefighter who was run over by a fire truck while combatting a blaze in the area.

Later in the afternoon, a helicopter that was helping combat the flames crashed in the Araucanía region, killing the pilot, a Bolivian national and a mechanic, who was

## Democrats set to shake up start of 2024 presidential primary

**AP** ■ PHILADELPHIA

Democrats are poised to reorder their presidential primary schedule beginning next year, replacing Iowa with South Carolina in the leadoff spot as part of a major overhaul meant to empower Black and other minority voters critical to the party's base of support. The Democratic National

Committee has worked for months to revamp the start of its voting calendar, and the full membership is set to vote on the plan on Saturday. Although changes are still

possible throughout the summer and beyond, the formal endorsement during the party's meeting in Philadelphia is acknowledgement that the start of 2024's primary will look very different than the one in 2020.

The proposal has been championed by President Joe Biden and would have South Carolina hold its primary on Feb. 3. That would be followed three days later by New Hampshire and Nevada, the latter of which is swapping the caucus it used to hold in favour of a primary. Georgia would vote fourth on Feb. 13, followed



by Michigan on Feb. 27, with much of the rest of the nation set to vote on Super Tuesday in

This isn't just about us," Trev Robertson, president of the South Carolina Democratic Party, told a gathering of the DNC Southern caucus earlier this week. "This is a regional thing, and it's making us all look good."

States voting early in the primary have major influence since White House hopefuls struggling to raise money or gain political traction often drop out before visiting areas outside the first five. The move marks a major shift from the current calendar, which had started with Iowa's caucuses for the last five decades, followed by New Hampshire's primary and subsequent contests in Nevada and South Carolina.

#### **Iranian director** freed on bail after going on hunger strike

**AP** ■ DUBAI

cclaimed Iranian director A Jafar Panahi was released on bail Friday, two days after going on hunger strike to protest his imprisonment last summer, his supporters said.

Panahi was arrested last July and later ordered to serve six years on charges of propagandising against the government, a sentence dating back to 2011 that had never been enforced.

He is among a number of Iranian artists, sports figures and other celebrities who have been detained after speaking out against the theocracy. Such arrests have become more frequent since nationwide protests broke out in September over the death of a young woman in

police custody.
Panahi, 62, had continued making award-winning films for over a decade despite being legally barred from travel and filmmaking. His latest film, "No Bears," was released to widespread praise in September while he was behind bars, a week before the protests

## Pak to seek Af Taliban leader's help to control TTP

**PTI** ■ PESHAWAR

Adesperate Pakistan has sought Afghan Taliban chief Haibuttallah Akhundzada's help to rein in the outlawed Pakistani Taliban outfit responsible for a wave of terror attacks in the country, including the recent Peshawar mosque carnage that killed over 100 people, according to

a media report on Saturday. Pakistan has been hit by a wave of terrorism, mostly in the country's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, but also in Balochistan and the Punjab town of Mianwali, which borders the restive Pakhtunkhwa Khvber province.

In the Peshawar mosque attack on Monday, a Taliban suicide bomber blew himself up during the afternoon prayers, killing 101 people and injuring more than 200 others.

During the Apex Committee meeting here on Friday, Pakistan's civil and military leadership decided to seek Afghan Taliban chief Haibuttallah Akhundzada's intervention to control the



Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), according to The Express Tribune newspaper.

Pakistan's Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah, who attended Friday' meeting, said the masterminds of the Peshawar Mosque attack could be in Afghanistan, and added that the federal government would raise this issue with their Afghan counterparts, the report said.

Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Friday acknowledged the failure to avert the Peshawar carnage that killed over 100 people and called for "national unity" to tackle the menace. There is a need for unity

across the political spectrum This act of terrorism managed to breach the security check post and reach the mosque. We should not feel hesitant in admitting the facts," Sharif said at the meeting.



**AP** ■ UNITED NATIONS

Cudan is demanding the UN Security Council immediately lift an arms embargo and other sanctions imposed during violence in the western Darfur region in 2005, saying the punishment did not include conditions or require the military government to meet UN benchmarks. Sudan's UN ambassador,

said in a letter to the council circulated Friday that the sanctions "are no longer relevant to the magnificent reality on the ground in Darfur today compared to the situation in 2005." "Darfur has, for the most

Al-Harith Idriss Mohamed,

part, overcome the state of war, as well as previous security and political challenges," he

Mohamed said Sudan's transitional government is committed to addressing the remaining social and security issues in Darfur, including sporadic tribal clashes. He added that efforts are being made to form and deploy a Joint



Security-Keeping Force to protect civilians. The Sudanese government

has repeatedly urged the Security Council to lift sanctions but this letter was much stronger. It said that "Sudan will accept nothing less than the immediate lifting of these sanctions without conditions or benchmarks". The Darfur conflict began

in 2003 when rebels took up arms against the authoritarian government in Khartoum then led by Omar al-Bashir, accusing it of discrimination and neglect. The UN previously estimated 00,000 people died in the conflict and 2.7 million fled their homes.

Al-Bashir is wanted by the International Criminal Court for alleged atrocities in Darfur.

## **India will get into global bond** indices on own terms: Official

India will not bend over backwards to get included in the global bond indices, a top finance ministry official said on Saturday.

Deploying a sartorial analogy, Finance Secretary TV Somanathan said the indices are an exclusive club or gymkhana, which insists on entry only for those wearing

"...If we get into this club, it will be with our dhoti and saree. We will not change our domestic policies to suit for-eign investors," he said, addressing a post-budget interaction with industry players in the financial capital.

He said there are both positives and negatives of such an inclusion, which was spoken about in a previous budget announcement, and India will not "bend over backwards" to gain entry.

India's policies will be



based on domestic requirements, and there will not be any change to the stance to suit the fancy of global bond investors, he said.

The global indices should allow entry for India only if such a stance is acceptable to them, he said.

Positives of gaining entry include higher fund flows, but the same also exposes us to risks of volatility and pullouts due to non-domestic factors, Somanathan said, pointing to the experience of "destabilisation" in some east-Asian

Ajay Seth, the economic affairs secretary, hinted that there is no immediate plan of joining the indices.

"At the moment, there is quite a bit of uncertainty at the lobal level both in terms of he exchange rate and interest rate etc. It is not the right time to press the pedal on that

"When the global markets are a little bit more uniform, then at that point of time this piece will have to be picked up again," he said.

## Govt to push primary steel producers to use 50% of input from recycled steel by 2047: Scindia

Union Steel Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia on Saturday said his ministry will push primary steel producers to use 50 per cent of their input from scrapped/recycled steel by 2047 to help achieve the government target of moving into a circular economy

Currently, the level of recycled steel usage in primary steel production is only around 10 per cent even though recycled steel contributes to 22.5 per cent of the domestic total steel production of 140 million tonnes, the minister said while addressing the last day of the three-day international conference of material recycling

The 10th conference is being organised by the Material Recycling Association of India and is attended by over 2,000 delegates from 38 countries.

Noting that recycling is the key cog in the wheel of manufacturing as economies move

opment, he said, "Going forward the industry should focus on the 6Rs philosophy of reduce (exploitation of natural resources), recycle, reuse, recover, re-design and reinforce".

He said the government is committed to reducing CO2 emissions in the steel sector by 5 per cent by 2030 from the current 2.85 to 1.4 CO2/tonne of crude steel, and to achieve this recycling scrap steel is an extremely important source.

"Today, scrap usage is only 15 per cent in primary steel production. We will push the steel industry to increase this to 25 per cent in the next five years, and by 2047, this should double to 50 per cent. This means that the primary steel producers consume only 50 per cent of iron ore by then," Scindia said.

This is needed as the natural resources are finite and the demand looks infinite, he said, adding the steel industry has the biggest role to play in the whole process.

The country currently produces 25 million tonne of scrap steel and annually imports 5 million tonne of scrap steel with

zero import duty, he added. The recycling industry is highly unorganised and is worth about USD 50 billion now. There are over 25,000 recycling units in the country. However, in the metals space almost 95 per cent are organised, Material Recycling Association president Sanjay

He also urged the minister to extend the duty-free

imports of other scraps such as copper, aluminium, zinc and other metals as many countries are adopting no export of

did the UAE Domestic recyclers used to import 25 per cent of their shipments from the EU markets. Similarly, the UAE is also a large source market for the country. Counties are discouraging exports of scraps as they move into the circular economy.

scrap policies now. For

instance last month, the

European Union imposed a

ban on scrap exports, and so

Godrej Properties sales bookings rise 77%: Pirojsha

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Realty firm Godrej Properties sales bookings The Properties sales bookings rose 77 per cent year-on-year to Rs 8,181 crore in the April-December period on strong housing demand, and will cross the target of Rs 10,000 crore for the full fiscal, its Executive Chairman Pirojsha Codrei said Godrej said.

The company's sales bookings stood at Rs 4,613 crore in the first nine months of the last financial year.

In an interview with PTI, Pirojsha Godrej said: "We are very happy with the quarter gone by. Operationally, it has been a very strong quarter".

Sales booking during the October-December period jumped over two-fold to Rs 3,252 crore from Rs 1,541 crore in the year-ago period.

## **Not Enough: Tech industry seeks** more from FM to bridge digital divide

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Hailed as a progressive and forward-looking one by the IT and technology honchos, the Union Budget 2023-24 did fall short on some expectations by the industry, especially around consumer electronics manufacturing and bridging the digital divide in

According to the India Cellular & Electronics Association (ICEA), the latest steps will have no significant impact on the final product price but are generally in the right direction

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman mentioned that the mobile manufacturing sector crossed Rs 2,75,000 crore in 2021-22. The targeted number for 2022-23 is Rs 3,50,000 crore and Rs 4,40,000 crore in

She also proposed the removal of 2.75 per cent basic customs duty (BCD) on camera lens; removal of duty on inputs to parts of connectors -- Palladium Tetra Amon Sulphate; reduction of BCD on parts of open cell of TV panel from 5.5 per cent to 2.75 per cent; continuation of custom exemption notifications which were facing a sunset on March 31, 2023 for another one year.

Mohindroo, Chairman, ICEA, a high-performing sector's gen-



These could have provida significant impact on competitiveness leading to better exports, arresting the grey market and boosting revenue," he said in a statement.

For example, capping of basic customs duty (BCD) on import of high-end mobile phones is required to arrest the burgeoning smuggled market which has crossed Rs 12,000 crore in 2023. "This measure would have

boosted government revenue, reduced smuggling, ensured fair trade and helped build legal businesses in India," said Mohindroo.

Also required is the removal of input duties on resin, mesh, sponge, film, gasket, logo, cover tape, adhesive tape from 8.25 per cent to 16.5 per cent to zero level.

mote the manufacturing of a very cruel hand to this highics. The government should also remove input duties of 2.75 per cent duty imposed in the previous budget on the many

nectors and inputs of camera "Removal of duty on certain parts of the chargers is also required. While we have built a huge charger manufacturing industry, these changes would have helped us to become more competitive," Mohindroo

inputs of PCBA, inputs of con-

The Indian industry met the 2021-22 manufacturing target of Rs 2,75,000 crore but we may fall short of the manufacturing target of FY 2022-23 because of domestic demand shrinking in 2022-23.

In spite of a glorious performance in exports which will cross Rs 70,000 crore in 2022-23 (versus Rs 45,000 crore in 2021-22 plus 50 per cent increase), the 50 per cent increase in GST from 12 per This was essential to pro- cent to 18 per cent "has dealt a kept the nation's economy moving during the pandemic, said the ICEA.

According to the Internet

and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI), there have been two critical concerns for the digital industry.

"First, the growth rate of

digital penetration has slowed down and secondly, there is a clearly identifiable digital divide in India with some sections getting marginalised as they are not onboarded digitally," said the IAMAI.
"While the budget

announcement marks the cor-

rect intention and fiscal incen-

tives, other ministries need to

complement the Finance

Minister's grand vision to help realise her vision," said the industry body. `According to Sandip Patel Managing Director, IBM India/South Asia, it is a progressive budget that under-scores technology-driven

growth. "The investment in core infrastructure will require significant thrust on digital infrastructure including digitization and automation. The budget has outlined measures to provide impetus for technology-driven accelerated change and technology will also work as a key deflationary measure,' said Patel.

"India is all set for leading the change and usher in green growth which is aptly visible in gy to green mobility to green farming, which has found its place in the budget this year,'

## Revival of rural economy to take time in absence of specific triggers



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 $F^{
m ocus}$  on the rural economy in the budget has been waning over the years and in such a scenario a revival of the rural economy would take time, JM Financial said in a

In the absence of a specific focus on the rural economy in the Union Budget for 2023-24, analysts don't see immediate triggers for revival in the rural economy. Moreover in the absence of specific or enhancement of allocation towards the rural economy, we believe that the rural environment would have to revive on its own. Hence we would view businesses dealing with price senlikely to benefit, JM Financial

An attempt is made to make the new tax regime more

attractive after getting a low response in FY23, however we believe the benefits in the form of tax saving on enhanced notax limit (INR 0.2mn) is unlikely to spur demand in a meaningful manner, JM Financial said in a report.

Unlike the anticipation by a section of the market, rural focus was missing in the budget announcements. The expectations of a populist budget was linked to 9 state elections in 2023, moreover with FY24 being the last full year budget before the general elections in CY24. However, we believe that the schemes relating to empowerment of women Self Help Groups, artisans and setting up of digital centric solutions would provide opportunities in the rural economy to improve their livelihood, JM Financial said.

## Educationists say more funds are required to meet NEP targets



**T**n Budget 2023-24, the LEducation Ministry has been allocated Rs 1,12,899.47 crore the highest ever. Due to this, the share of higher and school education has also gone up.

An amount of Rs 44,094.62 crore has been allocated for higher education, which was around 8 per cent higher than the previous year's allocation of Rs 40,828.35 crore. However, some educationists believe that the higher education need even more funds to meet the National Education Policy 2020 (NEP) targets.

Professor Mamidala Jagadesh Kumar, Chairman, UGC said, "his is to overcome the learning losses of the Covid-19 pandemic and inject more digital technology into higher education for more access and equity. Increased fund allocamentation of NEP 2020, bringing further dividends to the students to make them employable and strengthen our efforts in

making India a knowledgebased economy, Kumar added.

Arvind Chaturvedi Pro Vice Chancellor, IILM University, Gurugram said that an 8 per cent increase in allocation to education sector is not sufficient. "A higher allocation was expected.

"Educationists were expecting a higher allocation to meet the NEP target of 6 per cent of GDP. In that sense, it is disappointing. However, the focus of budget proposals has been on IT education and skill development, which is a welcome move," he added.

Shishir Jaipuria, Chairman, Seth Anandram Jaipuria Group of Educational Institutions, and Chairman of FICCI Arise have a different opinion. He said, "The Union Budget 2023-24 spells out progressive initiatives and reforms for the Indian education sector in many areas, teacher training, future-readiness of learners, and greater accessibility of learning con-

#### कार्यालय : निदेशक उत्तराखण्ड चाय विकास बोर्ड, अल्मोड़ा जिला पंचायत परिसर, धारानौला, अल्मोडा-263601

पत्रांक : 849/4-स्टोर/निविदा सूचना/2022-23

दिनाक: 04 फरवरी, 2023

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Email ID: investors@rathisteelandpower.com, Website: www.rathisteelandpower.com This is to inform you that pursuant to the Regulation 33 of SEBI (Listing Obligations And Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 meeting of the Board of Directors of M/s Rathi Steel and Power Limited is to be held on Monday the 13th Day of February 2023 at the

Registered office of the Company at 4.00 PM to consider and approve following businesses as under :-

ITEM NO.	AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION
Take note	and confirm the following:-

Consider and Approve following:-					
4.	To take note and confirm the minutes of previous meeting of board of directors the Company.				
3.	To grant leave of absence, if any.				
2.	To Ensure Quorum of the Meeting				
1.	To appoint Chairman of the meeting to call the meeting to order.				

To consider and approve Unaudited Financial Results for the nine month ended and Quarter ended on December 31, 2022 Any other businesses with permission of the Chair.

For and on behalf of Board

Sd/(PREM NARAIN VARSHNEY) MANAGING DIRECTOR DIN: 00012709

## FM's bullishness on millets must translate into benefits for farmers

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Telangana figured just 1 once, albeit tangentially, in the February 1 Union Budget speech by Finance Nirmala Sitharaman when she announced that the

conditions will remain unchanged

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Hyderabad-based Indian Institute of Millets Research (IIMR), an affiliate of the Indian Council for Agricultural Research (IČAR), will be transformed into a centre of excellence to make India a global millets

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Due to unavoidable circumstances, e-Tender Notice Reference

NCB/17/EE(E&M)/MB-II/Barrage/2022-23 (Tender ID

2022 UJWB2\_52260\_1) Name of work: Design, Manufacturing, Supply

Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Trashrack panels & one no

Hydraulically Operated Movable Trash Rack Cleaning Machine (TRCM)

to safely handle rake capacity of 2.0 Tonne as well as log grapple

capacity of 2.0 Tonne including dismantling of existing Trash rack panels

& TRCM at Joshiyara Barrage, Uttarkashi, Uttarakhand, India, is

amended and Corrigendum No.02 has been uploaded on the e

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For fuller & further details, kindly visit e-procurement porta

E-Tender Time Extension Notice-4

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of NIT No - NCB/17/EE(E&M)/MB-II/Barrage/2022-23: "Design

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Trashrack panels & one no. Hydraulically Operated Movable Trash

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Tonne as well as log grappler capacity of 2.0 Tonne including

dismantling of existing Trash rack panels & TRCM at Joshiyara Barrage, Uttarkashi, Uttarakhand, India" invited by the office of

Executive Engineer (E&M), Joshiyara Barrage, Joshiyara, Uttarkash

Last Date/Time for receipt of bid in the portal - 10.02.2023 up to 16:00 Hrs

Last Date of receipt of hard copy of bid - 13.02.2023 upto 11:30 hrs

Details of subsequent addendum/corrigendum/cancellation etc. may

"Save Electricity in the Interest of Nation"

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Executive Engineer E&M)

**Executive Engineer** 

share best practices, research and technologies at the international level, the Minister announced but made no financial allocation for the proposal. This was the only announcement which

> brought some cheers for Telangana in what many termed as a disappointing PUBLIC NOTICE

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SATYENDRA KUMAR SHARMA (Advocate

Enrl. No. D-9-B/03 Chamber No F-716, 7th Floor, Karkardooma Court, Delhi- 110032

नगर निगम फ़रीदाबाद के भवन का रिकॉर्ड में युनिट प्रॉपर्टी आइडी नं. 1B9FB379 व मकान<sup>ै</sup>नं 2H-22/2 एन. एच 2 फरीदाबाद श्रीमान नवीन क्मार कालरा व श्रीमान आनंद प्रकाश कालरा के नाम पर दुर्ज़ हैं। श्रीमान आनंद प्रकाश कालरा पुत्र | श्रीमान खेमचंद कालरा की मृत्यु दिनांक 8.02.2017 के पश्चात जो कि इस भवन के रजिस्ट्री शुदा मालिकों में से एक थे,के बारे में प्रार्थी श्रीमान नवीन कुमार कालरा, श्रीमती राज रानी(पत्नी) व श्रीमान भूवन कुमा कालरा(पुत्र) ने आवेदन किया है कि यूनिट प्रॉपर्टी आइडी नं. 1B9FB379 व मकान नं. 2H-22/2 एन ह्यु 2 फ़रीदाबाद के क़ानूनी मालिक हैं और इस की मिल्कियत श्रीमती राज रानी व श्रीमान नवीन कमार कालरा के नाम दर्ज की जाए। यदि इस मिल्कियर जिसका यनिट प्रॉपर्टी आइही नं. 1B9FB379 व मकान . 2H-22/2 एन. एच 2 फ़रीदाबाद को प्रार्थीगण श्रीमती राज रानी कालरा व नवीन कुमार कालरा व नाम पर दर्ज होने हेतु किसी भी व्यक्ति को कोई एतराज़ है तो यह दैनिक राष्ट्रीय समाचार पत्र में प्रकाशित होने के 30 दिन (1 माह) के भीतर अपना एतराज़ अघोहस्ताक्षरी के कार्यालय में दे सकता है। समयाविध समाप्त उपरांत भवन कर रिकॉर्ड में प्रस्तृत दस्तावेजों के आधार कर दिया जाएगा। नगर निगम फरीदाबाद इसका उत्तरदाई नहीं होगा। सूचित रहे। क्षेत्रीय एवं

नगर निगम फरीदाबाट

Budget. In tune with its focus on millets, the Centre made the key announcement in the Union Budget for 2023-24. However, the roadmap to achieve the goal of boosting production and procurement of millets was

not mentioned.

Calling millets 'Shree Anna' or mother of all grains, Sitharaman quoted

Prime Minister Narendra Modi to say that India is at the forefront of popularising millets, whose consumption improved food security and the well being of farmers. The Finance

Minister pointed out

ducer and second largest exporter of millets. "We grow several types

of Shree Anna, such as Iowar, Raagi, Bajra, Ramdana, Cheena and Saama. These have a number of health benefits and have been an integral part of our food for centuries," she said. The UN has declared

2023 as the International Year of Millets (IYM) at the request of the Indian government to raise awareness and increase the production and consumption of millets. The declaration has

allowed the Centre to take the lead in celebrating IYM 2023. As part of this, Central Ministries, state governwill hold events throughout the year to promote and spread awareness about the benefits of millets.

Support will be provided for post-harvest value addition, enhancing domestic consumption, and for branding millet products nationally and internationally. As per the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), India is

the largest producer of millet in the world with a share of 41 per cent in 2020 Nine types of millets are grown as Kharif crops in

over 20 states. Rajasthan, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh are the leading producers.

## Exposition to promote clean fuels inaugurated

**PTI** ■ GURUGRAM

I Jnion Minister for Heavy Industries Mahendra Nath Pandey on Saturday inaugurated a conference and exposition here on schemes for promotion of cleaner fuels in the automotive sector. The event, named 'Towards

Panchamrit', is being organised at the International Centre for Automotive Technology (ICAT), Manesar.

To drive India towards cleaner mobility, the government is giving a major push to clean fuels. "Towards Panchamrit" event is an effort in this direction to promote adoption of 'Panchamrit" or five clean fuels -Hydrogen, Ethanol, Bio Diesel, Gas and Electric Vehicles.

Pandey said in line with Prime

Minister Narendra Modi's announcements at COP 26 - "Panchamrit Ki Saugat", five commitments to achieve the vision of becoming a carbon neutral country by 2070, ministries are taking comprehensive efforts to move towards fulfilling this goal. The government is also working to

achieve self-reliance in the automotive industry, he added. Minister of State for Heavy Industries

Krishan Pal Gurjar highlighted the initiatives taken by the ministry to promote clean and green mobility. He said these initiatives will give a

boost to domestic manufacturing, help in employment generation, reduce dependence on exports and thereby help in achieving the vision of 'Atmanirbhar Bharat

#### Place: New Delhi Date: 04-02-2023

## ARSENAL'S PREMIER LEAGUE TITLE CHARGE HALTED BY STRUGGLING EVERTON

ikel Arteta said Arsenal must now show the **LV** resolve of champions after a shock 1-0 defeat to Everton dented the Gunners bid to land a first Premier League title in 19 years

Arsenal still lead Manchester City by five points at the top of the table, but blew the chance to extend that advantage as they suffered just a second league defeat of the season.

James Tarkowski headed in the winning goal for the Toffees on the hour mark as Everton made a perfect start to life under new manager Sean Dyche to climb out of the relegation zone.

"This is not going to be a rose pathway," said Arteta of Arsenal's road to the title. "This is going to be tricky and we will have to dig in and play much better than we did today.

Everton came into the game on a run of four league defeats at Goodison for the first time since 1958.

That disastrous form cost Frank Lampard his job and Dyche's appointment got the desired bounce with a first win in 11 games.

"The minimum requirement is maximum effort and we saw that today," said Dyche. Everton's board again stayed

away due to rising tensions between the club's hierarchy and supporters. Protests were planned for

before and after the game for fans to voice their anger at the running of the club.

The Toffees were the only Premier League club to not make any signings in the January transfer window despite their perilous position in the table.

But the home side showed there is still enough talent avail-

#### Arsenal lacked composure in shock Everton defeat: Arteta



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**IVI**Premier League leaders Arsenal lacked composure in their shock 1-0 defeat at struggling Everton on Saturday. James Tarkowski's second

half header condemned Arsenal to just their second league loss this term. It was a frustrating blow for Gunners boss Arteta, who had hoped to open up an eight-point lead second over placed Manchester City.

For the first time since losing at Manchester United in September, Arsenal tasted defeat and Arteta claimed his players weren't composed enough to cope with Everton's aggressive game-plan under new boss Sean Dyche.

"We had loads of the ball but we lacked that purpose and quality in the final third, we generated many chances. But then we conceded and they slowed the game down and we struggled," Arteta said.

"Everton do this to every team that is their strength with the height, the physicality is their strength, if you want to control the game against them you have to control this. We did not do that

"We needed more composure and to control emotionally the game better. We gave away so many unnecessary free-kicks and that's what they want." Manchester City could close the gap on Arsenal to two points if they win at Tottenham on Sunday.

But, despite his criticism of their tepid performance at Everton, Arteta backed his players to survive the tense title race.

"Today I love them much better than the week before or a month ago. It is easy to be next to someone when they are winning well. I am still so proud of all of these players,

they deserve it," he said. "This is not going to be a rose pathway. This is going to be tricky and we will have to dig in and play much better

than we did today.



able to Dyche to dig themselves out of trouble if they can harness the same level of energy and intensity on a more regular

#### GOODISON 'ROCKING'

A first victory since October was no more than Everton deserved and it was two of Dyche's former Burnley players who combined for the only goal of the game on the hour mark as Tarkwoski headed in Dwight McNeil's cor-

"The fans are going to be massive for us. I have been here when it has been rocking. It was

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rocking today. But we have to give the fans something," added Dyche.

"Of course I'm going to drive home and think what a great start but I'm not naive. We have to keep working and improving.

Keeping Dominic Calvertewin fit will be critical to Everton's survival hopes, but the England international showed his rustiness in front of goal in a second consecutive injuryimpacted season.

Amadou Onana's surging run and ball across the face of goal just needed a finishing touch that Calvert-Lewin could not stretch to make.

Moments later Abdoulaye Doucoure, who had been frozen out by Lampard, headed a glorious chance wide when unmarked inside the box.

It took Arsenal half an hour to even threaten Jordan Pickford's goal, but they should have led when Eddie Nketiah fired high and wide with just the goalkeeper to beat.

Conor Coady then had to react quickly to turn Bukayo Saka's volley off the line as the visitors began to find their

Arsenal were brighter at the start of the second period and Martin Odegaard will feel he should have hit the target when teed up by Nketiah.

But just as the Gunners

were beginning to turn the

screw, their luck at the back ran Tarkowski was fundamental to Dyche overachievements in keeping Burnley in the Premier League for six consecutive seasons between 2016 and

2022 and the centre-back rose

highest to power home

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#### Bank of Maharashtra (A Govt. of India Enterprise)

**Hoshangabad Branch:** Hoshangabad

**DEMAND NOTICE** 

DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13 (2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND

ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002, (SARFAESI ACT)
In respect of loans availed by below mentioned borrowers/Gurantors through Bank of Maharashtra, Hoshangabad Branch which have become NPA with below mentioned outstanding amount. We have already issued detailed demand notice on below mentioned dates under Sec. 13(2) of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 by Registered post & Speed Post with acknowledge due to you which has been returned undelivered. We have indicated our intention of taking possession of securities owned by you as per sec. 13 (4) of the Act in case of your failure to pay the amount mentioned within 60 days.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section 8 of Sec 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets Details are hereunder :-

Name & Address of Borrowers & Guarantor (s)	Details of Property & Property Owner	Nature & Amt. of Credit facility	Outstanding Amt.  Demand Notice Dt.				
Borrower: Mr. Vijay Singh Rajput S/o Bhoore Singh Rajput Co-Borrower: 2) Mrs. Pushpa Singh Rajput W/o Vijay Singh Rajput Address of Both: Behind Hanuman Temple, Hoshangabad Tehsil & District Hoshangabad, Madhya Pradesh 461001	All those pieces & parcel of house property with construction & fixture there being & lying at diverted khasara no. 369/2 and 371/3, plot no. 52, situated at Malakhedi, P.H. No. 17, Ward no. 08, River view Residency, Hoshangabad, Tehsil & District-Hoshangabad, M.P 461001. Total area admeasuring of plot is 1012 sq.ft Owned by Mr. Vijay Singh Rajput S/o Bhoore Singh Rajput Bounded as: East-colony Road, West- plot no. 43, North- plot no. 51, South- plot no. 53	Limit  ₹ 34.00 Lacs A/c No. 60332438994  NPA Date 12/11/2022	Present outstanding as on 29/12/2022 Ledger Balance - ₹ 30,58,771.16/- +Unapplied Intt. @ (8.00%) p.a. ₹ 2,01,756.00/- +Penal charges @ 2 % p.a. ₹ 525.00/- Total Amounting ₹ 32,61,053.00/- + Unapplied Interest @ 8.00 % p.a. & penal charges @ 2% p.a. + Other charges w.e.f. 30/12/2022 30/12/2022				
Borrower: Mr. Rajendra Singh S/o Kamal Singh Rajput Address -At ward 5, Near ADB SBI Bank, Balaji Colony, Babai, Tahsil – Babai & District, Narmadapuram, Madhya Pradesh, Pin Code - 461001 Guarantor: Mr. Santosh Kumar S/o Munnalalji Jain Address - At Rudra Enclave Malakhedi.	All those Pieces & Parcel of property lying at Constructed Residential House out of Diverted Khasra No 21/4, area 40*25=1000 Sq feet Mauja Babai Ward No 05 Tehsil- Babai, District-Narmadapuram- 461001 Madhya Pradesh, owned by Mr. Rajendra Singh s/o Kamal Singh Rajput and bounded as - Boundries: East-Road, North- Plot of Pratibha Parsai, West-Remaining area of seller, South-Remaining area of seller	₹ 8.50 Lacs A/c No. 60208107566 NPA Date 30/08//2022	Present outstanding as on 06/12/2022 Ledger Balance - ₹ 8,49,687.97/- +Unapplied Intt. @ (9.60%) p.a.				
Tahsil & District Narmadapuram, Madhya	•	FITL	Ledger Balance - ₹ 2,29,005.86 /-				

60383872127 Total Amounting ₹ 2,38,396.00 Unapplied Interest @ 7.25% p.a. & **NPA Date** penal charges @ 2% p.a. + Other charges w.e.f. 07/12/2022 07/12/2022 Total Amounting ₹ 11,31,906.00/-+Unapplied Interest @ applicable rate & penal charges @ 2% p.a. + Other charges w.e.f. 07/12/2022. All those pieces & parcel of property with Present outstanding as on 01/12/2022 Cash Credit

M/s Avinash Tent Supplier construction & fixture there being & lying at Ledger Balance - ₹ 11,22,778.22/commercial cum residential plot with two +Unapplied Intt. @ (11.00%) p.a. Proprieter-Mrs. Seema Uike D/O 16.50 Lacs constructed shop and house out of diversion ₹ 32,358.00/- +Penal charges Ramcharan Uike A/c No. Address - At Gram Raipur, Tehsil & District Narmadapuram, (M.P.)- 461001 khasra No 13/1, Patwari Halka No. 20, Mauja 60075529199 Gram Pawarkheda Basti, Tehsil & District Narmadapuram, Pin-code no. - 461001, total **NPA Date** Guarantor: Mrs. Geeta Mehra w/o area, admeasuring 1060 sq ft, Owned by Mrs. Mr.K.S Mehra

Borrower Mrs. Chandrakala Rajput w/o Shri. Arvind Singh Rajput

Address - At Gram Pawarkheda Tehsil &

District - Narmadapuram (M.P.)- 461001

Co-Borrower: Mr. Arvind Singh Rajput s/o Bhuresingh Rajput Address of Both - Ward No-25 Ashutosh Nagar Rasuliya, Hoshangabad, Tehsil & District - Hoshangabad ,Madhya Pradesh, Pin code - Pin 461001 South- plot no. 82

Geeta Mehra w/o Mr. K.S Mehra. Bounded as East- canal, North- land Of Mr. K.N Mehra, West-Hoshangabad Itarsi Road, South- seller land All those pieces & parcel of property with Term loan construction & fixture there being & lying at house ( duplex), PH No. 17, ward no. 08 diverted Khasara No. 369/2, 371/3, plot no. 83, Gram - Malakhedi, Hoshangabad, Tehsil and Dist.- Hoshangabad, Madhya Pradesh – 461001.

Housing Loan 34.00 Lacs A/c No. 60332382531 Plot area 1012 sq ft. Owned by Mrs. Chandrakala **NPA Date** Rajput w/o Arvind Rajput and bounded as -Eastopen area, West- colony road, North- plot no. 84

@ 2 % p.a. ₹ 4818.00/-Total Amounting ₹ 11,59,954.00/-Unapplied Interest @ 11.00 % p.a. & penal charges @ 2% p.a. + Other charges w.e.f. 02/12/2022. 02/12/2022 resent outstanding as on 28/11/2022 Ledger Balance - ₹ 32,94,283.42/-+Unapplied Intt. @ (8.00%) p.a. ₹ 1,03,044.00/- +Penal charges @ 2 % p.a. ₹ 416.00/-Total Amounting ₹ 33,97,744.00/-Unapplied Interest @ 8.00 % p.a. & penal charges @ 2% p.a. + Other charges w.e.f. 29/11/2022.

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## Office of The Executive Engineer, P. W. D. (B./R.) Division Betul (M.P.)

NIT No.- 14-DL of 2022-23

Betul, Date 31/01/2023

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Online Tenders for the following work have been processed on the e-Procurement System Portal https://mptenders.gov.in

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1	2023_PWDRB	Betul	Road	Constn. of C.C. Road and	Ist Call	79.40	79,400/-	08 Months	EMD and all Documents
	_248514_1		Work	R.C.C. Drain at Kosmi				(Including Rainy	Submission Online Only.
				Industrial Area Betul				Season)	
				(Balance Work)					
2	2023_PWDRB	Betul	Road	B.T, Renewal on Bhogitheda	3rd Call	19.97	40,000/-	02 Months	EMD and all Documents
	_248530_1		Work	Bhadus Road. Length				(Excluding Rainy	Submission Online Only.
				2.50 Km.				Season)	
3	2023_PWDRB	Betul	Road	B.T. Renewal in Km. 2(700),	5th Call	16.49	33,000/-	04 Months	EMD and all Documents
	_248541_1		Work	3 and 4(300) of Khamapur				(Excluding Rainy	Submission Online Only.
				Guruwa Road.				Season)	
4	2023_PWDRB	Betul	Road	B.T. Renewal in Km. 1 to Km	4th Call	19.97	40,000/-	04 Months	EMD and all Documents
	_248549_1		Work	3/5. of Ronda Nayegaon				(Excluding Rainy	Submission Online Only.
				Road.				Season)	
5	2023_PWDRB	Betul	Road	Constn of B.T. Road from	1st Call	2.11	4,300/-	02 Months	EMD and all Documents
	_248556_1		Work	SDM Office to Main Road,				(Excluding	Submission Online Only.
				(Balance Work)				Rainy Season)	
6	2023_PWDRB	Betul	Bulding	Constn of Shed at F Type	1st Call	14.48	29,000/-	04 Months	EMD and all Documents
	_248562_1		Work	Qtr. in Polytechnic College				(Including Rainy	Submission Online Only.
				Campus Betul				Season)	
7	2023_PWDRB	Betul	Bulding	Constn of Shed at G Type	1st Call	9.94	19,900/-	03 Months	EMD and all Documents
	_248575_1		Work	Qtr, in Polytechnic College				(Inxcluding Rainy	Submission Online Only.
				Campus Betul.				Season)	
8	2023_PWDRB	Betul	Bulding	Constn of Shed at H Type	1st Call	7.90	15,800/-	03 Months	EMD and all Documents
	_248580_1		Work	Qtr, in Polytechnic College				(Including Rainy	Submission Online Only.
				Campus Betul				Season)	

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EMD and all Documents Submission Online Only.

**Executive Engineer** P.W.D. (B./R.) Division Betul (M.P.)

# WE'VE PLENTY OF OPTIONS IN SPIN DEPARTMENT: CUMMINS

ustralia captain Pat Cummins on Saturday said his team is not fretting over its spin combination as it has enough options to support veteran off-spinner Nathan Lyon in the high-profile four-match Test series against India beginning in

Nagpur on Thursday.
The touring Australians have named Mitchell Swepson along with finger spinner Ashton Agar to team up with Lyon.

"We've got plenty of options here (with) finger spin, wrist spin, left arm (pace) when (Mitchell) Starcy comes back," Cummins told reporters in his first media interaction after arriving in India.

"We'll obviously pick the

bowlers that we think are going to take 20 wickets. But how we split that up, we're not 100 per Asked if it would be a two-

pronged spin attack, he said: "I wouldn't say it's a given. Obviously it's very conditions dependent. Particularly in the first test, once we get to Nagpur we will see that.'

The Australians are here for a training camp before heading to

The good thing is someone like Agar was in our last team, Swepson played the last two overseas tour, so a bit of experi-

"Murphy played in the last tour. We feel that we got a lot of support in that department for

The 29-year-old Cummins pointed out that middle-order batter Travis Head also offers offspin option.

"Travis Head also bowls really good offspin. We have to balance things. We have got a plenty of variety there to choose from. We have not locked in any bowling line-up so far."

While there is so much talk about spin bowling, Cummins said his side should not forget about their intimidating pace bowling attack.

"I think sometimes, talking about a couple of spinners, you forget how good a lot of our fast bowlers have been in all condi-

"Even some of the SCG wickets, there haven't been a lot in them for quick bowlers, but the quick bowlers have found a way,'



way since he made a Test comeback after six years in Ranchi during the last tour of India in 2017.

An injury-prone Cummins then dished out a hostile spell to dismiss the star Indian trio of KL Rahul, Virat Kohli and Ajinkya Rahane en route to figures of

4/106.

"It was my first test in six years. I just wanted to reaffirm that's where I wanted to be in Test cricket. I really enjoyed that spell, you can't be worried about your body or different things. You just got to go all out. I really enjoyed

"Test cricket can be really, really harsh. You have got to accept that it's going to be grinding times, and you got to be out for it and embrace that challenge. Coming here to India when a lot of the talks are around, big spinning wicket, it's not always the

"You need to get into the grind at times. That role of the fast bowler, bowling a lot of overs for not a heap of reward but doing your job for your team. I really enjoy that aspect of the last tour. Much to play for this time,'

# at home this time: Greg Chappell

**PTI** MELBOURNE

Batting great Greg Chappell believes Australia can win the upcoming high-profile fourmatch Test series as India are "vulnerable" this time with injuries to key players like Rishabh Pant and Jasprit

While the swashbuckling keeper-batter Pant is ruled out for most part of the year as he continues to recover from injuries sustained during a horrific car crash, Indian pace ace Bumrah (back injury) does not figure in the Indian squad for the first two Tests.

"Australia can win this series. India are more vulnerable at home than they have been for some time due to injuries to key players like Rishbah Pant, Ravindra Jadeja and Jasprit Bumrah. They will rely heavily on Virat Kohli," Chappell wrote in an opinion piece for 'Sydney Morning Herald'.

Premier spin-bowling allrounder Ravindra Jadeja, who recovered from a knee injury and made a comeback in the Ranji Trophy last month, is in the Indian squad for the Test Thursday.

"Visiting teams are often fooled by a game that seems to be going nowhere but suddenly changes at a frenetic pace. The Indians are used to this, so Australia will need to adapt quickly with mind, bat and ball," said the former India

Finger spinner Ashton Agar, who is Australia's only lef-tarm tweaker in the squad, should be preferred to partner Nathan Lyon on turning tracks, Chappell said.
"Should the pitches favour

spin, which is more likely, I expect Ashton Agar to get the nod because finger spin is con-



sidered to be more accurate," said the 74-year-old Chappell who scored 7110 runs from 87 Tests with an impressive average of 53.86 between 1970 and

"Anil Kumble who took 619 wickets in Test cricket, rarely strayed off the straight and narrow. His stock in trade were fast, flat leg breaks which were always threatening the stumps. Batters knew if they missed, they were in trouble. Jadeja's stock in trade is similarly unerring.

"Agar has got to emulate their roles. One bowler leaking tight contest."

Recollecting his conversation with Erapalli Prasanna, he wrote the Indian legend would spin the ball hard, try to hit the batter on the pads often, get him thinking about the spinning ball, and then trap him on the crease with a straight one.

"Line, he (Prasanna) said, was optional, length was mandatory. He explained to me that he would lay the seam a bit flatter than for the traditional off spinner and then impart a higher number of rotations on the ball that would make the ball drift like an off spinner but, once it landed on the leather, it would the contest on day five, they will skid on with the arm giving the win," Chappell said.

impression that it had gone 'the other way'.

"As the leader of the spin attack, Nathan Lyon will need to take pages out of his book and

show the way." Chappell, however, said that Australia will also have issues to

"David Warner is in patchy form and needs to improve his Test record in India; Usman Khawaja, Alex Carey, Travis Head and Cameron Green will be tested against better quality spin than they encountered in Pakistan and Śri Lanka.

"Marcus Labuschagne will be facing his first big test in the subcontinent; and Steve Smith's recent batting tweaks will be examined more keenly than against the West Indies, South Africa and in the BBL," he

The series will be like a 'final frontier' for the Pat Cumminsled No. 1 Test side who have been on a roll after the pacer took over from Tim Paine.

Australia have had a fine run recently, winning the Ashes and then the series against Pakistan, West Indies and South Africa. They will be in search of

In their last tour of India in 2017, they began with a big win in the Pune Test but went on to lose the series 1-2. India, on the other hand, have not lost at home for more than a decade and have a record streak of winning 15 series.

The Australians will have to summon every ounce of their talent and experience during the next month to succeed. India is no longer the mystery it once was. Tours are more regular and the IPL offers valuable exposure.

"Attrition takes a huge toll on touring teams. If India are in

## OZ can win, India more vulnerable Green might have an 'outside chance' of playing Nagpur Test: McDonald

**PTI** ■ BENGALURU

Dashing all-rounder Cameron Green is making a quick recovery from his index finger injury and has an "outside chance" of making it to Australia's playing eleven for the opening Test against India starting in Nagpur on February 9.

The 23-year-old seam bowling all-rounder, who is recovering from a surgery on his index finger in his right hand, had a bowl at the nets in Alur.

"We haven't put a clear line through him on the team sheet. So, I wouldn't say he was in discomfort when he was bowling, McDonald told reporters here on the sidelines of their four-day training camp.

However there are still some concerns when he is batting, admitted the head coach.

"I would say one of the deliveries jarred the bottom of the bat and that can create discomfort for anyone, but there is a little bit of awareness around that finger. He has made some significant steps forward in the last couple of days, probably to my surprise. "So, there is still an outside chance, everything going well, he might be on the team options open.

Skipper Pat Cummins had earlier ruled out Green from bowling in the Test should he play, but McDonald said he has made significant progress.

Green's inclusion would provide Australia with an opportunity to include an extra specialist spinner in their bid to win their first Border-Gavaskar Trophy in India since

McDonald further said their explosive opener David Warner is fully "recharged" and looking forward to make amends for his poor runs in some of the previous tours in the upcoming Test

The 36-year-old, who has a poor record of averaging 24.25 in eights Tests in India, had complained of exhaustion and said he would have preferred the night off from the Cricket Australia awards to recover from a busy home summer.

"I haven't noticed any fatigue in David Warner since I got here," McDonald said.

"I would probably dispel that as a bit of a myth. He has had a couple of days off... He has been there (at training) for one of the two days, and he is not there today."

"We are managing each individual coming in around their specific preparation and



where they have been and there is no doubt it was a demanding summer into BBL, and it creates a challenge back into Test match

"But we feel the preparation we have him on he will be recharged and ready to go. It has been well documented he hasn't had the series that he would like. It's always challenging.

"I think the way he is applying himself in his downtime to really land on a method to take on the Indian spinners and also the quicks and to have a successful tour, I think you will see him fully invigorated and invested and fully charged for the chal-

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## UAE set to host Asia Cup, venue to be finalised in March



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 $T^{\text{he Asian Cricket Council}}_{\text{will decide on an alternate}}$ venue for the Asia Cup ODI tournament in March after BCCI secretary Jay Shah and PCB chairman Najam Sethi had their first formal meeting in Bahrain on Saturday

The Asia Cup was initially allotted to Pakistan and was scheduled in September this year but Shah, who is also the ACC chairman, had announced

last October that India will not travel to Pakistan.

It is understood that United Arab Emirates with three venues -- Dubai, Abu Dhabi and Sharjah -- are favourites to host the tournament but the decision has been withheld for the time being.

All heads of ACC member nations attended the emergent meeting which was called at the behest of PCB chairman Sethi after ACC under chairmanship of Shah released the continen-

tal body's itinerary where Pakistan wasn't named the hosts. "The ACC affiliates met today and there were a lot of constructive discussions. But the shift of venue has been postponed till March. But be rest assured that with India not going to Pakistan, the tournament will have to be shifted. A tournament without Virat Kohlis, Rohit Sharmas and Shubman Gills will have the sponsors back out," a senior

BCCI official privy to the devel-

One ACC insider said Sethi has just taken over PCB and if he would have ceded ground on the hosting rights in the first meeting itself, then it would have led to a bad impression at

Pakistan is currently going through an economic crisis and inflation has hit the coun-

try very hard with the country's currency (PKR) plummeting to Rs 277 against 1 US Dollar. Organising a high profile tournament like Asia Cup, even if ACC pays a grant could burn a hole in PCB coffers. So strategically, if the tournament is held in the UAE, there is every possibility that all the member nations will also get to earn

In another decision, the ACC has decided to increase the annual budget allocated for Afghanistan Cricket Association to 15 percent from

apart from the broadcast rev-

The ACC has assured that it will help the Afghanistan board in all possible ways so that women's cricket can be revived in the country. Women are banned from playing sport under Taliban rule.

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# THE CITY OF FLOWERS NOW AN EPICENTER OF VIOLENCE

Peshawar was a peaceful place until the early 1980s when Pakistan's then-dictator Ziaul Haq decided to become part of Washington's cold war with Moscow, joining the fight against the 1979 Soviet invasion of neighboring Afghanistan. Write RIAZ KHAN and MUNIR AHMED

akistan's Peshawar was once known as "the city of flowers," surrounded by orchards of pear, quince and pomegranate trees. It was a trading city, situated at the gates of a key mountain valley connecting South and Central Asia.

But for the past four decades, it has borne the brunt of rising militancy in the region, fueled by the conflicts in neighboring Afghanistan and the geopolitical games of great powers.

On Tuesday, the city with a population of about 2 million was reeling after one of Pakistan's most devastating militant attacks in years. A day earlier, a suicide bomber unleashed a blast in a mosque inside the city's main police compound, killing at least 101 people and wounding at least 225, mostly police.

Analysts say the carnage is the legacy of decades of flawed policies by Pakistan and the United States.

"What you sow, so shall you reap," said Abdullah Khan, a senior security analyst.

Peshawar was a peaceful place, he said, until the early 1980s when Pakistan's then-dictator Ziaul Haq decided to become part of Washington's cold war with Moscow, joining the fight against the 1979 Soviet invasion of neighboring Afghanistan.

Peshawar — less than 30 kilometers (20 miles) from the Afghan border — became the center where the American CIA and Pakistani military helped train, arm and fund the Afghan mujahedeen fighting the Soviets. The city was flooded by weapons and fighters, many of them hard-line Islamic militants, as well as with hundreds of thousands of Afghan

Arab militants were also drawn there by the fight against the Soviets, including the scion of a wealthy Saudi family, Osama bin Laden. It was in Peshawar that bin Laden founded al-Qaida in the late 1980s, joining forces with veteran Egyptian militant Ayman al-Zawahri.

The Soviets finally withdrew in defeat from Afghanistan in 1989. But the legacy of militancy and armed resistance that the U.S. and Pakistan fueled against them remained.

"After the Russian withdrawal from Afghanistan in 1980s, Americans abandoned mujahedeen, Americans even abandoned us, and since then we are paying a price for it," said Mahmood Shah, a former Pakistani army brigadier and a senior security analyst.

The mujahedeen plunged Afghanistan into civil war in a bloody fight for power. Meanwhile, in Peshawar and another Pakistani city, Quetta, the Afghan Taliban began to organize, with backing from the Pakistani government. Eventually, the Taliban took power in Afghanistan in the late 1990s, ruling until they were ousted by the 2001 American-led invasion following al-Qaida's 9/11 attacks in the U.S.

During the nearly 20-year U.S. war against the Taliban insurgency in Afghanistan, militant groups blossomed in the tribal regions of Pakistan along the border and around Peshawar. Like the Taliban, they found root among the ethnic Pashtuns who make up a majority in the region and in the city.

Some groups were encouraged by the Pakistani intelligence agencies. But others turned their guns against the government, angered by heavy security crackdowns and by frequent U.S. airstrikes in the border region targeting al-Qaida and other militants.

Chief among the anti-government groups was the Pakistani Taliban, or Tahreek-e Taliban-Pakistani, or TTP. In the late 2000s and early 2010s, it waged a brutal campaign of violence around the country. Peshawar was scene of one of the bloodiest TTP attacks in 2014, on an army-run public school that killed nearly 150 people, most of them schoolboys.

Peshawar's location has for centuries made it a key juncture between Central Asia and the Indian subcontinent. One of the oldest cities

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in Asia, it stands at the entrance to the Khyber Pass, the main route between the two regions. That was a source of its prosperity in trade and put it on the path of armies going both directions, from Moghul emperors to British imperialists.

A heavy military offensive largely put down the TTP for several years and the government and the militants eventually reached an uneasy truce. Peshawar came under heavy security control, with checkpoints dotting the main roads, and a heavy presence of police and paramilitary troops.

TTP attacks, however, have grown once more since the Afghan Taliban returned to power in Kabul in August 2021 amid the U.S. and NATO withdrawal from that country. The Pakistani Taliban are distinct from but allied to the Afghan group, and Pakistani officials regularly accuse the Afghan Taliban of giving the TTP free rein to operate from Afghan territory.

On Wednesday, several police officers joined a peace march organized by the members of civil society groups in Peshawar, denouncing militant attacks and demanding peace in the country. Police said they made some arrest in connection with Monday's mosque bombing but did not provide details.

Ahead of Monday's suicide bombing, Peshawar had seen increasing small-scale attacks targeting police. In another spillover from Afghanistan's conflict, the regional affiliate of the Islamic State group attacked Peshawar's main Shiite mosque in March 2022, killing more than 60 people.

Shah, the former officer, warned that more TTP attacks could follow and said that Pakistan needs to engage the Afghan Taliban and pressure them to either evict the TTP or ensure it doesn't launch attacks from Afghan territory.

"If we are to have peace in Pakistan, we should talk to TTP from the position of strength with help from the Afghan Taliban," he said. "This is the best and viable solution to avoid more violence."

## **Pakistan reaches out** to Taliban supremo

 $P^{\text{akistan has decided to seek the}}_{\text{intervention of Taliban supreme}}$ leader Mullah Haibatullah Akhundzada to control the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) terror group, according to official sources.

During an Apex Committee meeting in Peshawar, the civil and military leadership held the banned TTP responsible for the carnage in the city this week, and decided to take up the matter with the interim Afghan government at the highest level, with a clear message that Pakistan would no longer tolerate cross-border terrorism, The Express Tribune reported.

Although the TTP has denied its involvement in Monday's suicide blast at a mosque in the Peshawar Police Lines, a briefing given to the Apex Committee suggested that the banned outfit was indeed the mastermind of the attack.

The meeting at the Governor House in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) capital was held in the wake of a deadly terrorist attack in the Police Lines in which more than 100 people, mostly policemen, were killed.

The meeting was presided over by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif.

The participants of the meeting included Army chief Gen Syed Asim Munir, DG ISI Lt-Gen Nadeem Anjum, Peshawar Corps Commander, DGMO and other military officials as well as senior cabinet members, chief ministers of the four provinces, Gilgilt-Baltistan and Azad Jammu and Kashmir.

The Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) was invited to the all-impor-



tant meeting but it did not attend. The marathon meeting discussed how the suicide bomber managed to enter the high security zone, who the perpetrator was and how the government would respond to the renewed threat posed by the TTP.

The meeting was informed that the TTP, indeed, carried out the attack but because of fear of backlash from the Afghan Taliban, it did not own it, publicly.
Insiders told The Express

Tribune that Pakistan would seek the intervention of Akhundzada to control the banned terror outfit.

The meeting noted that despite the resurgence of terrorism in the country, terrorists did not hold any specific area, therefore there was no need for a full-scale military opera-

Instead, according to Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah, the intelligence-based operations would (IANS) continue.

# NIP CANCER IN THE BUD

Usually, the word cancer is equated with death. However, busting the common myth, health experts say that most cancers may be cured fully if diagnosed early. Late detection is one of the highest reasons behind poor survival rates. On the World Cancer Day on February 4, THE HEALTH PIONEER sheds light on some most common types of cancer in India and the causes behind them.

#### TYPES OF CANCERS

#### \* Gall Bladder Cancer

Bladder cancer risk factors include smoking, genetic mutations, and exposure to certain chemicals. Speaking on the rise in gallbladder-related illness, Dr Sushma Bhatnagar, the head of National Cancer Institute of India said, "Cases of gallbladder cases in women have been on the rise especially in the north-eastern parts of the country and settlements beside rivers.'

#### \*Cervical Cancer

Screening tests and the HPV vaccine can help prevent cervical cancer.

#### \*Colorectal Cancer

If you are 45 years old or older, get screened. Screening tests can help prevent colorectal cancer or find it early, when treatment works best.

#### \*Gynecologic Cancers

Five main types of cancer affect a woman's reproductive organs: breast, cervical, ovarian, uterine, vaginal, and vulvar. As a group, they are called gynecologic cancers.

#### \*Breast Cancer

Regular mammograms are the best tests doctors have to find breast cancer early. Talk to your doctor about when to start and how often to get a screening mammogram.

#### \*Ovarian Cancer

Ovarian cancer causes more deaths than any other cancer of the female reproductive system. But when ovarian cancer is found early, treatment works best.

#### \*Uterine Cancer

Uterine cancer is the most common cancer of the female reproductive system.

#### \*Vaginal and Vulvar Cancers

Vaginal and vulvar cancers are rare, but all women are at risk for these cancers.



#### \*Head and Neck Cancers

Cancers of the head and neck include cancers that start in several places in the head and throat, not including brain cancers or cancers of

To lower your risk of kidney and renal pelvis cancers, keep a healthy weight. Don't smoke, or quit if you do.

#### \*Liver Cancer

To lower your risk for liver cancer, get vaccinated against hepatitis B, get tested for hepatitis C, and avoid drinking too

#### PREVENTABLE CANCERS

No cancer is 100% preventable. However,

- \*Lung cancer \*Ovarian cancer
- \*Skin cancer \*Testicular cancer

ed for radon.

\*Lung Cancer

Lymphoma is a general term for cancers that start in the lymph system. The two main kinds are Hodgkin lymphoma and non-Hodgkin lymphoma.

Lung cancer is the leading cause of

cancer death in the United States. To

lower your risk, quit smoking, avoid sec-

ondhand smoke, and get your home test-

Myeloma is a cancer of the plasma

#### \*Prostate Cancer

Most prostate cancers grow slowly and don't cause any health problems. Learn more and talk to your doctor before you decide to get tested or treated for prostate cancer.

#### \*Skin Cancer To lower your skin cancer risk, pro-

tect your skin from the sun and avoid indoor tanning.

The thyroid gland is located in front of the neck. It sends out hormones that help control many activities in the

#### **MOST COMMON CAUSES FOR CANCER**

Tobacco use is a leading cause of cancer and of death from cancer. People who use tobacco products have an increased risk of cancer because tobacco products and sec-ondhand smoke have many chemicals that damage DNA.

Tobacco use causes many types of cancer, including cancer of the lung, larynx (voice box), mouth, esophagus, throat, bladder, kidney, liver, stomach, pancreas, colon and rectum, and cervix, as well as acute myeloid leukemia. People who use smokeless tobacco (snuff or chewing tobacco) have increased risks of cancers of the mouth, esophagus, and pancreas.

Dr SVS Deo, Professor of Surgical Oncology at AIIMS Delhi says, "Smoking and consumption of alcohol account for 30 per cent of total cancer cases. If we can somehow curb the usage of these deadly items, cancer cases will go down."

#### ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION

Environmental pollutants like arsenic, chromium, nickel, asbestos, dioxins besides tobacco are the major cause for lung cancer and gall bladder in India.

Dr Bhatnagar said, a major chunk of cancer cases are a result of air pollution, water pollution and an unhealthy lifestyle. Air pollution has also led an increase in the cases of cervical cancer. Delhi NCR witnessed 22000 cases of cancer last year of which 50 per cent of cases were treated at the National Cancer Institute, AIIMS.'

## Breast cancer Early detection key

Oncologists recommend breast self-examination every month around five days after the periods are over startthem, for postmenopausal women, it can be done on a certain day/date of every month. Annual breast examination by a trained doctor after the age of 20 is also strongly recommended. Finally, regular mammograms after the age of 40-45 is also recommended for early detection of Breast Cancers and timely treatment.

With the emergence of advanced surgeries including oncoplastic breast surgery, oncologists/surgeons are now able to offer breast conservation to most patients with a good cosmetic outcome that boosts confidence and creates a positive impact on the psychological state of the patient. According to the experts, newer techniques like Sentinel lymph node biopsy and Lymphovenous anastomosis help in reducing the lymphedema rates to less than 5 percent. Chemotherapy usually consists of 6-8 cycles administered in daycare at an interval of 15-21 days.

It's not just a woman who has cancer, suffers. It has a devastating impact for the next generation. According to a study by the International Agency for Research on Cancer, an estimated 4.4 million women died of cancer in 2020, leaving nearly 1 million children orphaned. At least 25% were due to

#### **DOCTORSPEAK**

Dr. Bhawana Awasthy, Chief-Medical & Clinical Oncology, Indian Spinal Injuries Centre

"Cancer that develops in breast glands or ducts is called breast cancer. A lump in the breast, bloody or strawcoloured nipple discharge, recent nipple inversion, ulceration or destruction of the nipple, dimpling of skin and thickening of skin to give an appearance of orange peel are some of the symptoms of breast cancer. While identifying these signs is important, regular mammography picks up cancers even before these symptoms. Meet your doctor for a breast examination and screening advice before the disease becomes apparent. Remember, breast cancer is curable if detected

Dr. Suman Mallik, Clinical Director - Senior Consultant & HOD Radiation Oncology, Narayana Superspeciality Hospital, Howrah

"Confirmation of diagnosis of breast cancer usually requires a needle biopsy, which can be performed at the



#### WHO Roadmap on breast cancer launched recently

recommends:

Countries to focus on breast cancer early-detection programmes so that at least 60% of the breast cancers are diagnosed and treated as earlystage disease.

Diagnosing breast cancer within 60 days of initial presentation can improve breast cancer outcomes. Treatment should start within three months of the first presenta-

Managing breast cancer so that at least 80% of patients complete their recommended treatment.

OPD 10-15 minutes after the mammogram is done. We initially go for ultrasound, mammogram and sometimes MRI in special situations to detect early disease. Patients with larger lumps, those having enlarged glands in the armpit or symptoms suggestive of distant organ involvement (bone pain, breathlessness, headache, enlarged liver etc.) need additional tests like PET-CT scan to rule out the spread of disease to other organs."

Dr. Ronak Vyas, Surgical Oncologist at Narayana Multi Speciality Hospital, Ahmedabad

People need to be aware of advanced treatment and facilities available in the country now. For example, our hospital has best-in-class treatment and care for breast cancer patients. It is very disappointing for us that a large number of patients come to us at advanced stages. Early Cancer or Stages I &II are usually treated by surgeries first. Locally advanced stage III requires chemotherapy first followed by surgery and radiation. Hormone and other targeted therapy are needed in the select group of patients who have certain markers present on their tumours. Stage IV (Distant organ spread) is treated either with chemotherapy or hormone therapy or both."

managing certain controllable risk factors such as your diet, physical activity and other lifestyle choices - can lower your chances of developing cancer. This is especially true for 9 specific cancer types, which include:

- \*Breast cancer \*Cervical cancer
- \*Colorectal cancer
- \*Head and neck cancer
- \*Prostate cancer

cells. In myeloma, the cells grow too much, forming a mass or tumor in the body.

#### Thyroid Cancer

Though the study was conducted in 2016, its observation still holds true keeping in mind no let up in the breast cancer

The authors have called for an awareness regarding breast cancer and BSE among rural women by exploring various mechanisms of community engagement, including involving grassroots-

records awareness of symptoms and risk factors of breast cancer and awareness and practice regarding BSE. It was translated into the local language Kannada for use in rural areas for study

## Rural women caught unaware

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 $E^{\text{ven as breast self-examination}}_{(\text{BSE}) \text{ remains a feasible}}$ screening method in resourcepoor settings like India, yet diaga cause of concern. This is mainly because the majority of women particularly from rural India have poor awareness regarding breast cancer and poor practice of BSE.

This was found by a group of researchers while assessing the awareness of breast cancer and the practice of BSE among women in a rural area of Karnataka in South India. This speaks volumes of the awareness status among rural women across the country.

Published in the Indian Journal of Cancer, the study revealed that less than one in ten women knew that a lump in the breast is a symptom of breast cancer. Majority 338 (81.2%) were not able to state even a single symptom of breast cancer and 365 (87.7%) not able to state even one risk factor of breast cancer.

Majority 354 (85.1%) of the heard of BSE. None of the women in the study performed monthly BSE. Only 40 (9.6%) of the women actually performed BSE within the last 6 months. Women with higher education and those who reported a history of a lump in the breast in self or family were significantly more likely to state at least one symptom of breast cancer and were more likely to practice BSE, noted the authors of the study led by Avita R, Department of Community Health, St. John's Medical College, Bangalore.

Awareness of at least one symptom of breast cancer was associated with an 18 fold increase in the practice of BSE,

"Evidence points out that early detection and treatment can improve breast cancer survival rates. For rural Indian women, the lack of a mammogram and breast examination by an experienced clinician makes BSE the only feasible screening method available. The poor awareness and practice of BSE could lead to delayed diagnosis and adversely affect the outcome of breast cancer. However, there are several socio-cultural barriers that continue to exist in Indian society such as negative attitude to BSE, poor health-seeking behaviour and lack of priority to the health of women as they reach the end of their child-bearing years."

study said, revealing an urgent need to focus on health awareness among rural women.

level health workers. The study tool used was the Breast Cancer Awareness Measure (Breast-CAM), developed by Cancer Research UK, King's College London and University College London in 2009, and it

## CANCER: Close the care gap

On World Cancer Day, WHO is calling for intensified action across the South-East Asia Region to strengthen health systems to prevent and detect cancers early, to provide prompt treatment referral, to enhance access to palliative care, and to close the gap in access to quality cancer services - the theme of this year's commemoration.

Cancer is the second leading cause of death globally, accounting for an estimated 9.9 million deaths in 2020. Between 2010 and 2019, global cancer incidence increased by 26%, alongside a 21% increase in cancer deaths. An estimated one third of cancer deaths globally are due to tobacco use, high body mass index, alcohol use, low fruit and vegetable intake, and lack of physical activity.

In the WHO South-East Asia Region, an estimated 2.3 million people developed cancer in 2020, and 1.4 million died of the disease. Cancer is estimated to account for more than 20% of premature mortality from noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) in the Region, which stand at around 4.7 million deaths every year. In 2020, cancer of the lungs, breast and cervix accounted for 400 000 of the total number of cancer-related deaths in the Region, and almost two-thirds of people

diagnosed with cancer succumbed to the disease, highlighting the urgent need for improved early diagnosis and treatment.

Since 2014, the Region has accelerated action to prevent, detect, treat and control cancer, with increased focus on eliminating cervical cancer as a public health problem. Eight countries of the Region now have in place population-based cancer registries (PCBRs), and three countries - Myanmar, Nepal and Sri Lanka - are focus countries for addressing childhood cancer. Ten of the Region's 11 Member States provide tertiary care services for cancer diagnosis and treatment including surgical and chemotherapy services - and nine also offer radiotherapy services.

WHO continues to support countries of the Region to implement its new Regional Action Plan on Oral Health 2022-2030, including oral cancers, which in 2020 were among the top five most common cancers, accounting for 7.4% of new cancers. Five countries of the Region

- Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Sri Lanka and Thailand – now have in place national cancer control plans, which Maldives and Nepal are in the process of finalizing. The Region is currently on track to achieve the WHO NCD Global Action Plan tar-



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get of a 30% relative reduction in tobacco use prevalence between 2010 and 2025

On cervical cancer, the Region is achieving rapid, life-saving progress. Five Member States – Bhutan, Maldives, Myanmar, Sri Lanka and Thailand - have introduced nation-wide HPV vaccination, which Bangladesh, India and Timor-Leste are set to also introduce. Indonesia has introduced HPV vaccination in several provinces, covering tens of millions of girls. New evidence shows that a single dose of HPV vaccine delivers protection comparable to the 2-dose schedule, which alongside additional cost reductions, should enable countries to reach every woman and

To accelerate progress and high-burden cancers with high close the care gap, the Region has potential for cure. They must be several priorities. First, introducing and/or expanding HPV vaccination in routine immunization to prevent cervical cancer, covering at least 90% of adolescent girls. At the same time, the Region must continue to facilitate healthy lifestyles, including by not just legislating but enforcing key tobacco control measures such as health warnings and bans on tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship, as well as by raising taxes on tobacco products.

Second, increasing capacity at the primary health care (PHC) level to detect cancers early, with a focus on intensified health workforce training, improved infra-structure and resources, and streamlined referral pathways for prompt initiation of treatment. In all countries, PHC physicians and nurses must be equipped to provide palliative and end-of-life care close to patients' homes and families, within the community.

Third, rapidly - and systematically – advancing the capacity of tertiary care facilities to provide comprehensive diagnostic and treatment services, which is critical to reduce cancer mortality. Interventions should be aimed at

potential for cure. They must be accessible to all. Existing PBCRs should be improved, and where appropriate, new registries established, ensuring that policy makers can access good quality information to plan, monitor and evaluate interventions, and adjust accordingly. Fourth, including cancer ser-

vices in risk pooling or pre-payment schemes and health benefit packages. For this, national health budgets should enhance the quality and accessibility of public sector services and strengthen financial protection, with a focus on ending catastrophic health expenditure. Action cannot and must not

wait. In the last two decades, the world has made significant progress in the science of cancer control. However, much more work is needed to close the care gap, improve cancer survival, and accelerate towards the NCD 2025 and Sustainable Development Goal targets 2030. On World Cancer Day, WHO reiterates its commitment to support all countries of the Region to prevent, detect, treat and control cancer, ensuring equitable access to quality cancer services for everyone, everywhere.



# Yemenis' wait for war crimes justice lingers

The Yemen crisis continues. It has completed eight years. The country's internal political factions and Saudi-led military intervention have spawned the catastrophe. The intractable civil war initially has gradually transformed into a full-blown tragedy leading to the deaths of millions, especially children and women. And it has added more numbers to the international refugee

The real tragedy lies in blatant violation of all universal norms set by the UN and prescribed by the international humanitarian laws. The rules and principles of the global humanitarian framework provide full protection to all civilians and others who are not participating in the war. In fact, all sets of international humanitarian law demands and normally ensures from the conflicting groups the greatest possible measures to reduce human suffering during the conduct of fighting. Therefore, these laws clearly distinguish between military objectives and civilian objectives. The final objective is to minimise harm to civil society. What has been observed in Yemen is flouting all humanitarian restrictions while pursuing military objectives. It has led to disproportionate attacks over civilian targets. Thus, many civil society organisations and global human right agencies are claiming that indiscriminate and disproportionate attacks carried out by the warring parties in Yemen are akin to war crimes

As long as there have been conflicts and wars, attempts have been made by international jurists and other experts to define "war crimes". However, only by the 20th century, the very concept of war crime was defined in the legal sense of the term. According to the UN, a war crime is a serious breach of international law committed against civilians or enemy combatants during an international or domestic armed conflict. So to have a war crime, there must be an armed conflict. An armed conflict, international or non-international or



Assault rifles and missiles seized by the French Navy lay on the deck of a ship at an undisclosed location on Wednesday. French naval forces in January seized thousands of assault rifles, machine guns and anti-tank missiles in the Gulf of Oman coming from Iran heading to Yemen's Houthi rebels, officials said on Thursday, the latest such interdiction amid West Asian nation's long-running war

involving an armed international group is a prerequisite to war crimes and grave breaches (Gary D Solis 2018). In contrast to genocide and crimes against humanity, war crimes have to take place in the context of armed conflict.

Further the meaning of war crimes is clarified in four Geneva Conventions of 1949. Article 147 of the fourth Geneva Convention defines war crimes as "wilful killing, torture or inhuman treatment, including... wilfully causing great suffering or serious injury to body or health, unlawful deportation or transfer or unlawful confinement of a protected person...taking of hostages and extensive destruction and appropriation of property, not justified by military necessity and carried out unlawfully and wantonly". So the war crime as per this land-

mark article has been recorded in many corners of the world. The International Criminal Court established by the Rome Statute is the first international criminal court when it first started in the year 2002 with 123 member nations. This court has the authority to prosecute individuals heads of state, military members and others — under three broad frameworks of international criminal acts: crime against humanity, war crimes and genocide. Again, the three main pillars of humanitarian law are the principles of distinction, proportionality and precaution. And if any one of these is violated, it could be established that a war crime has been

Now the reality in Yemen is grim. In the year 2019, the UN Human Rights Commission (UNHRC) released a devastating

report on Yemen. The report was prepared by a panel of independent experts empowered by the UNHRC to find out violations of human rights in Yemen during this war. The report clearly established the fact that though it was ostensibly a civil war, the outside powers are both direct and indirect belligerents and are responsible for war crimes. And here the main lead is taken by Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE). The report found a litany of crimes committed by the Saudi-led coalition that has targeted civilian sites a number of times. The report strongly suggested that Saudi Arabia's western backers, including the US, the UK and France, bear responsibility for war crimes. These global powers are consistently supplying arms and ammunition to Saudi Arabia for carrying out the war

offered technical assistance to Saudi Arabian forces while conducting massive bombing raids over enemy targets all across Yemen.

Yemen, a small nation located in the Arabian Peninsula has become a permanent war theatre today. The country has turned out to be a grievous site of human suffering particularly of children, women and ageing population. All global governance institutions, including the UN, except delivering peace sermons and urges, have simply become mute spectators, failing to stop the human carnage. And sadly, it is led indirectly by the world's most powerful nation, the US, on one side and the Islamic Republic of Iran by supporting Houthi Rebels on the other side. Who will be stopping them? Probably, no one until they withdraw on their own from the war field. And Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, popularly known as MBS globally, simply wants to showcase his prowess by demolishing the Iran-backed rebels which are unstoppable for now. At home, MBS remains popular for his innovative strategies to recast the regimes economic and techno visions, but internationally he has been unable to shake off the veil of suspicion for his alleged role in the murder of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi in Turkey in the year 2018. He is finding it too difficult either to withdraw or to outrightly declare his country as the winner of

the Yemen War. It is well known that the Saudis did not start the conflict. It is the Houthis who did it by marching to the historic capital city of Sanaa and overthrew the legitimate Yemeni Government in late 2014. Nevertheless, the conflict has its roots in the Arab Spring of 2011. Then an uprising of the public forced the country's long-time authoritarian President Ali Abdullah Saleh to hand over power to his Deputy Abdrabbuh Mansour Hadi. The transition, as expected by international political analysts, was supposed to bring peace and stability to Yemen, one of the poorest nations in the West Asian region.

However, unfortunately Hadi had to subsequently handle militancy, Islamic jihadists, military officers having continued loyalty to former President Saleh and most importantly an economic downturn propelled by massive corruption

When the Houthi Shi rebels took over the capital city of Sanaa, President Hadi had to flee and the real existential crisis of the legitimate government of Iran began. Again, the conflict took a turn of a regional war in March 2015, when Saudi Arabia and eight other, mostly Sunni Arab nations, backed by the US, France, and the UK began strikes against the Houthis to restore the Hadi Government in Yemen. This has given the war an international angle too and the Islamic Republic of Iran openly supported the Houthi rebels. In fact, the Saudis are seriously concerned about the continued success and rampage of the Houthi militants as it would open a stronghold for its rival Iran in its southern backyard for Truly, there has been disaster for

everyone whosoever has been involved in the war. But for the most part, it is no other than Yemen's impoverished and malnourished population who have become the central target of the war. The Yemenis are killing the Yemenis by taking global support for arms and ammunition from warmongering nations. And at the same time, the regional warring parties like Saudi Arabia, the UAE and the rival Iran are bleeding their own coffers simply to re-establish their superiority in West Asia. And the final sufferers are no other than the ordinary Yemenis. It's time to stop this war crime. Enough is enough.

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#### PERSPECTIVE •

# Budget ensures economy's | Budget ignores 90% fundamentals remain solid of India's population

The 2023-24 Budget has **I** proved all pundits wrong as they had predicted it to be a political Budget before the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. The last full-fledged Budget before the general elections is not populist on any parameter. It takes confidence and commitment to stick to the fundamentals of prudent fiscal management, when it makes complete sense to go all-out political. This attribute which was also visible during the handling of the Covid-19 crisis will keep the economy resilient.

The highlight of the Budget has to be the increased allocation for capital expenditure, which was hiked by 33 per cent to Rs 10 lakh crore and the total capex is expected to be around 13 lakh crore. After two consecutive years of blistering growth in Government capex, there was an expectation that the Centre would step off the accelerator and make more direct cash transfers under various social sector schemes. The increase in capex under this context is indeed a pleasant surprise.

The Budget continues to focus on the smooth functioning of the economy. Capital allocation for collateral-free lending to the micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) sector has been increased to Rs 9,000 crore. This will lead to an incremental lending of Rs 2 lakh crore to this sector. Customs duties have been reduced on a number of commodities to make manufacturing in India more competitive, with raw material availability at lower costs. These steps, together with the continued work on the ease-of-doingbusiness, will help the micro, small and medium enterprise sector in a major way.

Relief in personal income tax was widely demanded and the Budget has lived up to the expectation of the taxpayers. An individual can now earn up to Rs 7 lakh per annum and not pay any income tax. This is a 40 per cent increase over the current exemption limit of Rs 5 lakh per annum and has led to considerable rejoicing in the middle class. The relief has also been extended with people with very high levels of income. The surcharge on income above Rs 5 crore per annum has also been reduced and the highest marginal rate of taxation will come down from 42.75 per cent to 39 per cent. The Government has thus shown that it is not afraid to provide relief even to the rich if it believed that the rate was too high and political considerations did not come in the

document for the future. The Government has listed seven priorities that will guide policy making on the road to 2047. These have elements of green growth and energy transition while not losing sight of inclusive development and reaching the last mile. The focus and commitment to sustainable growth can be seen from schemes like Mishti, for Mangrove plantation, along the coastline and Amrit Dharohar, for preserving biodiversity in wetlands. Scrapping of old vehicles also finds a detailed mention in the Budget. Establishing a centre of excellence for Artificial the year 2025-26. Intelligence (AI) shows that the Budget has ambition. The Skill India scheme will, henceforth, include AI, robotics, 3D printing and so on. The

Government plans to set up

5G services.

The Government's support to the agricultural sector and its commitment to the rural economy are evident from the setting up of the Agriculture Accelerator Fund and the millet development programme. Schemes such as GOBARdhan yojana and facilitating natural farming are a case in point. The target for credit to the agriculture sector has been fixed at Rs 20 lakh crore. It will ensure that the agriculture sector continues to grow at a healthy rate.

A major achievement has

been the management of fiscal affairs. Several challenges on the macroeconomic front that stemmed from external factors, and were unseen at the time of the presentation of the Budget last year, unfolded as the year rolled by. The actual expenditure on food and fertiliser subsidy for the current year is This year's Budget is also a much more than what was initially budgeted, while the excise tax collected dipped due to excise duty cut on petrol and diesel by the Central Government. Despite this, the Narendra Modi Government has managed to achieve the budgeted target of 6.4 per cent for fiscal deficit for the year 2022-23. The fiscal deficit target for the coming financial year has been put at 5.9 per cent of GDP. Thus, the march on the path of fiscal consolidation continues and while there is an absence of a glide path, the Government has committed to bringing it down to the range of 4.5 per cent by

A Budget that is not swayed by considerations of politics shows the maturity of the Government and the confidence it has in the ability of Indian voters' judgement to 100 labs for the development of reward performance over

## **Point-counterpoint**



rhetoric. This Budget is, therefore, a historic document and shows the nature of changing politics unleashed by the Modi Government. This Budget will ensure that the fundamentals of the economy remain solid and the next Government will be able to build upon it.

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The last full Budget before **1** the 2024 general elections is not only an exercise in futility but is also tone-deaf to the realities of the society and India's neighbourhood. Like always, the Government cheerleaders claim that the Budget is historic, but if one looks beyond the surfeit of terms like Amrit kaal, Shri Anna, Karmayogi, etc, one finds that

it is neither for the masses nor

for long-term growth potential

of the economy. The biggest failure is the refusal of the Government to increase defence expenditure in any meaningful manner. For the first time in decades India's defence allocations have dropped below two per cent of the nominal GDP. The growth even failed to keep pace with the rise in nominal GDP. The capital expenditure for defence has seen a very small increase 2022-23 to Rs 1,62,000 (BE) for

that loves to claim its nationalist credentials at the drop of a hat, it is not surprising at all that the subject of defence was not mentioned in the Budget speech of the Finance Minister at all. The UPA Government under the Congress devoted more than 2 per cent of the GDP to defence and the BJP at that time used to shout that the allocation was not adequate and it will increase defence allocation when it came to power.

It must also be reminded that the India-China border was largely peaceful during that period and now that the possibility of a border clash between the two countries is a real possibility, the defence sector has been given a short shrift. It is also very likely that the subject of defence was not mentioned in the Budget so that it does not antagonise China and if that's the case then it's indeed shameful.

A lot of noise is being made by the Government on its target to reduce the fiscal deficit to 5.9 per cent of GDP next year. If one looks beyond the headlines, one can easily see that the fertilizer subsidy in the coming year will come down drastically as the global prices, which had spiked after the start of the Russia-Ukraine war, have cooled down. Moreover, the Government has also stopped the free food grain distribution that it had started in the wake of Covid-19 pandemic and therefore the food subsidy will also come in defence expenditure has down. The planned reduction on the fiscal deficit therefore is not a result of sound fiscal management by the Government but is a result of

from Rs 1,50,000 crore (RE) in factors beyond its control. Another aspect of the 2023-24. For a Government Budget is that the numbers pre-

sented are not honest. While the budgeted increase in capital expenditure is hogging the limelight, revenue expenditure has not been subjected to the scrutiny it deserves. The budget for 2023-24 has projected only a marginal increase in revenue expenditure over the revised estimate for the current year. In fact, if the interest payment is subtracted from the revenue expenditure, the amount is lower than revised estimates for the current year. This is clearly unrealistic and it is very likely that the actual revenue expenditure will exceed the Budget estimates. Moreover, it does not take much to puncture the claim of the Government on achieving very high Central Government capital expenditure as a percentage of GDP. The Government in its last 10 year period has raided the retained earnings of the public sector enterprises as a result of which the capital expenditure by PSUs has come down. The Government's only

objective seems to win praise from business newspapers and industry bodies. These people dominate any post budget discussion and the concerns of rural and the poor masses are always relegated to the background. The allocation to Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee scheme (MNREGA) has been reduced dramatically and the overall allocation to rural areas has come down. The Government likes to pretend that the country has fully recovered from the economic effects of Covid-19 but that is far from the truth. There is still widespread suffering in the rural areas and the Budget should have made increased allocation for the rural sector.

Unemployment is the biggest challenge facing our country but the Budget has nothing substantial for it. It seems that the youth will have no future to look forward to under the Modi Government. There was a lot of discussion on tourism in the Budget. It was projected as a magic pill to address the issue of unemployment in the country. However if one looks at the total allocation to the sector, it remains unchanged from what was allocated to it in the 2022-

23 at Rs 2,300 crore. The Budget is an all-round failure because it fails to prioritise its spending to areas that deserve urgent and continued attention of the Government. It criminally ignores 90 per cent of India's population and Indian voters will pay back in the coming State elections and the general election in the coming year.

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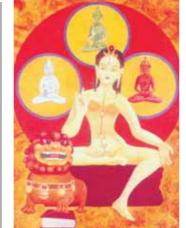




#### ARIES March 21-April 19

Your anxiety is evident in all your efforts. When it comes to your health, trust your instincts. Get a second opinion if a diagnosis doesn't feel right. Individuals who consume alcohol or drugs should avoid or take a break from intoxication at this time. You need to be a more caring and generous person at work. People turn to you for assistance; your buddy or colleague may want financial assistance from you. This is the moment to make long-term investments. Your generosity and kindness will make you a good name. There is anguish and grief in the connection. For the relationship to survive, both sides must be willing to work on and discuss it. This is the time to reflect and contemplate.

Lucky number 12 Lucky colour Yellow Lucky day Wednesday



#### **LEO** July 23-Aug 22

It will be beneficial if you pay attention to your health this week. The week begins with creative energy that makes you feel lively, nimble, and joyful. However, as the week develops, various health concerns may arise that require your quick treatment. There is a cure for everything. Be optimistic; everything will work out. Professionally, if you are not committed to your work, you may have to pay for it. People are observing you and providing up-to-the-minute information to higher authorities. You may be questioned about your irregularities in tasks and funds. This is a very emotional phase in your relationship. Things can rapidly turn sour and awkward. Take a rest if necessary. Pick your battles wisely, and always treat your partner as a friend.

Lucky number 17 Lucky colour Magenta Lucky day Friday



#### **SAGITTARIUS** Nov 22-Dec 21

This week will be difficult for you in terms of your health. Panicking at this point will just make matters worse. Every crisis is followed by the promise of a good time. It all relies on what you do about it. Be upbeat about it and seek assistance from others. Meditation will be quite beneficial. Things may not be going so well in your job. You are nearing the end of a project or assignment when you are confronted with another problem or task at work. You must be resilient and not be frightened by those who want to bring you down. On the personal front, you will have disagreements with people. You must recognize that honest communication with your partner may help you settle all of your disagreements.

Lucky number 10 Lucky colour Brown Lucky day Tuesday



#### **TAURUS** April 20-May 20

This week, your health and vitality should be excellent. If you need to change your behaviors to safeguard your health, now is an excellent moment to do so. Starting with minor objectives, such as a daily walk, might lead to a healthier and stronger you. Spend time balancing your body, mind, and soul. On the job front, there might be a monetary loss or a condition of unemployment. Your anxieties, addictions, and other unpleasant impulses may be causing a negative atmosphere around you. You are depressed and have a negative outlook on life. Be optimistic; now is the time to learn from your blunders. On the personal front, your situation is favorable, particularly in light of an ongoing romance. Your relationship will enter a lighter, more balanced phase in which you will respect each other as equals.

Lucky number 11 Lucky colour Pastel Blue Lucky day Thursday



#### VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

This week, focus on health and follow-up workouts for people with serious illnesses. You could finally find it within yourself to give up certain unhealthy behaviors that you are aware are harmful. Take care of yourself first; only then will you be able to properly care for others. This week, you may receive some excellent news at work. You could get a call about a job with a better viewpoint, benefits, and facilities. Those who are waiting for posting may be able to travel to their selected location. This week brings monetary rewards for businesspeople. Relationships are not going as well as you imagined. You must work hard. Put your thoughts and opinions to your loved ones in a way that they will be easily accepted; else, they will be rejected.

Lucky number 20 Lucky colour Mauve Lucky day Monday



#### CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 19

This week has some excellent news for you. Even if you are dealing with major health issues, a cheerful attitude may do miracles. If you believe something is amiss with your physical being, make sure you have access to medical care. Believe your intuition. On the job front, there is joy and celebration. You are going to see the fruits of your labor and efforts. If you are seeking for work, you'll find something greater than you could have imagined. Your contributions are recognized and respected. In terms of your relationship, your spouse's attitude may irritate you, and you may feel unhappy and lonely. You may have a sense of isolation. Try to broaden your horizons and think optimistically.

Lucky number 2 Lucky colour Grey **Lucky day** Friday



#### **GEMINI** May 21-June 20

Despite the strain and stress this week, you stay calm and composed. Your support system is your boundless energy and stamina. You must channel your enthusiasm into something productive. Your health is still fine, and you have control over your sensory delights. On the professional front, your dedication and willpower will help you reach your goals; otherwise, you will face several obstacles and delays in your job. In times of crisis, your tough decisions will give you the strength to proceed and set out the plan. Follow the advice of a senior person who understands your boundaries and is close to you. This week, you may confront pushback from close friends and family members. Family rifts and disagreements are probable. Be a little softer and more kind.

Lucky number 10 Lucky colour Off-white Lucky day Monday



#### LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

This week, you are constrained in terms of your health. Fear, worry, and negative thoughts are interfering with your ability to live a normal life. You must strike a balance between your body, mind, and soul. When one's thoughts are negative or filled with anxiety, one's health suffers. If you meditate and listen to your body's voice, 50% of your issues will solve themselves. On the job front, you may experience an unexpected setback or unfairness. The post you have been eyeing may be filled by another candidate of comparable caliber. The dilemma of whether to stay in the current one or join the new one will prevail. On the relationship front, make an effort to stay connected in order to keep the flame alive.

Lucky number 31 Lucky colour Red Lucky day Wednesday



#### **AQUARIUS** Jan 20-Feb 18

This week, your health may make you feel good. You should be full of energy and optimism for the future. Consider your regular frame of thought, and keep in mind that your attitude impacts your health. Maintain an optimistic mindset. You are now able to mentor others and share your spiritual insights. On the professional front, you are approaching the point where professional achievement and recognition are firmly within your reach. Make every effort to be orderly and productive. This will compensate you. Now is not the time to gamble or take chances. On the personal front, good fortune will accompany you in matters of the heart. If you are already in a relationship, it could deepen and improve. You are emotionally satisfied.

Lucky number 1 Lucky colour Indigo Lucky day Friday



#### **CANCER** June 21-July 22

You are feeling down and gloomy this week since things aren't going your way. There are several additional health conditions that have you concerned Do not be too tense; this is only a passing phase. All tests will pass. The strain is the most serious sickness You are likely to advance professionally. There will be money, status, and honor on the line. Business owners may make a lot of money. You schedule time for healing and massage therapy. This has been a decent emotional week. Romance is on the cards for the new love. Married partners must be concerned about and comprehend one other's sentiments. There is a communication gap that must be addressed since it is the primary cause of distance and isolation.

Lucky number 9 Lucky colour Orange Laucky day Saturday



#### SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

This week, your health is likely to be good. You will be full of energy and excitement. However, exercise should be done with caution because minor sprains or injuries can occur. If you've been slacking on your health, it's time to get back on track. On the job, you may come across a man of influence and leadership abilities who would like to mentor you. His presence is required to point you in the proper route. If you've been dealing with difficulties, now is the moment to take command of the issue. You will be incredibly goal-oriented and visionary. This week will be spectacular in terms of relationships. This is a moment to follow your intuition.

Lucky number 3 Lucky colour Peach Lucky day Saturday



#### PISCES Feb 19-March 20

This week, your health difficulties will be resolved. You are probably aware that health is extremely essential and requires special care and attention. The phrase "prevention is better than cure" applies to you well. You attend healing therapy sessions and seminars and put them into practice in your life. On the professional front, you must break free from the self-imposed constraints that are impeding your career advancement. In some situations, you must be fluent and quick-witted, yet your mental confusion and dualism prevent you from doing so. Reduce your spending. Keep your eyes and ears open for chances that come your way. On the personal front, commitments are not made to be broken; if you do, you may suffer in terms of relationships.

Lucky number 14 Lucky colour Green Lucky day Thursday

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n Saraswati puja day last week, a visitor asked: "Vedanta, the founding stone of Indian philosophy hypothesises a singular formless and attribute-less Primordial-Source where from the creation chain took off. But at the same time we worship various form-gods, seeking boons for fulfilment of desires. Are the two concepts not in conflict?' Well, there is none. Vedanta talks of

eternal reality to which the whole manifest world is rooted. The form-God concept, on the other hand, has a purposeful contextual relevance. They carry valuable educative import, each identified with a particular attribute, vital to orderly human conduct. Goddess Saraswati in this sense offers lessons on how to pursue the learning process to acquire wisdom. These imageries were accorded the status of a deity to draw immediate attention of the seekers.

Complex dynamics of man and the universe calls for necessary awareness. That alone would help us relate well with the world around individually and collectively. But our egotistical mind, bound by its preconditioning and habit tendencies, restricts our scope of vision, making it difficult to holistically understand the dynamics of life. That makes it incumbent upon us to expand our vision to explore existential truths with an open mind. Meditation on the imagery of Mother Goddess Saraswati is the way forward. First the word: "Saraswati". It is

made from the root-syllable, "Sarasa", which means spontaneous flow. Saraswati, thus, offers lessons in how ensure smooth run of life. She is visualised clad in spotless white apparel, also mounted on white Swan. Transparent white is the colour of purity, Buddhi (discriminate intelligence) and Space. It hints out at the pure, unsullied, truths, as laid down in nature. Only pureminds, free from any preconditioning whatsoever, could explore such truths. Otherwise, with our minds driven by a sense of relative perception, it will be difficult to identify the thin dividing line between truth and untruth. It is something like milk diluted with water, which looks no different from its pure from. However, when served to a Swan, it consumes the pure milk, leaving aside the adulterated water, and hence the relevance of Her mount.

# Educative import of Saraswati



The Mother is armed with Veena (a stringed musical instrument). We are all aware that pleasing sound emanating from the musical instrument comes into

effect through harmony and symphony of varied sound notes excited by differ ent strings. In an implied sense, She remains the beholder of all Sabdas- the

spoken as well as written words carrying meaning. And the word carries meaning only when the letters are placed in an orderly fashion. It also points to the fact that pleasing mannerism alone could help relate well and be in harmony with all and sundry, for a smooth run of life. Veena, the musical instrument of Mother thus metaphorically symbolises the beholder of words.

The mother is shown holding a book (the Veda) in one of her hands, meaning that scriptures provide us with the right lead. She is shown having a rosary in another hand. It implies that repeated reflection over knowledge acquired would be needed for realisation of the true import underlying the writeup. She is shown moving freely in a water body, having beautiful Lotus flower around, growing out of the mud lying in its womb. This is in acknowledgment of the fact that the earthly matter acquired its form-existence when aided by water element, and which acquired its dynamism out of the Sakti provided by the consciousness element, contextually symbolised by Mother. The Lotus flower here symbolises both creativity and lustre evident with knowledge. Though born in muddy water, not even a drop of water or mud particle can stick to the lotus flower leaves, thus implying a sense of detachment. So, true wisdom can be acquired only when explored with a sense of detachment.

A peacock is also shown around the Mother, which she uses as a carrier while moving up above in the sky. We cannot afford to lose sight of the forces routed through the infinite, inaccessible and indestructible space either. And, obviously tracking down the information laid down there is no easy task. It needs to be noted that the prized feed of a peacock is poisonous snake. When the peacock digests the snake's poison, it leads to a change in its body chemistry, which results in the beautiful colour its plumage reflects. Similarly, knowledge acquisition cannot be an easy task. It implies that only those who take on the pains associated with learning process kindly, would be able to acquire the knowledge and wisdom.

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