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Govt keeps pledge

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. 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.

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 Court.

Court.

On Friday, the Supreme
Court had expressed displeasure 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
SOka had eiven the Centre an and year. A befut of listices 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



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 Court.

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Justice PV Sanjay Kumar is Chief Justice of Manipur High Court and Served as a judge of High ab & Harlingh Court and Served as a judge of High and High Court and Served as a judge of Her Path High Court and was a judge at Andhra Pradesh High Court For being transferred back to Patna, his parent High Court, Justice Manoj Misra has been a judge of the Path Allahabad High Court for the past 12 years.

Currently, the Supreme Court has 34 judges and there

are seven vacancies. With these five new judges, its strength will up go to 32, with just 2 vacancies. On January 21 44-20will 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 up go to 32, with Just 2 vacan-cies. 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 Court.

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

Supreme Court warned of action for any delay in cleaning transfer and appointment of judges. Union Law Minister Kiren Rigiju 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 anyone."

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

ion Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman with MoS for Finance Pankaj audhary addresses a press conference in Mumbai on Saturday

India's economic image is not affected due to Adam Group's recent decision to pull out 720,000 croe FPO amid allegations of financial wrongdoings, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said on Saturday.

The Finance Minister said there have heaven an accretion of

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

fundamentals or our economy's image, none of which has been affected. Yes, PPOs (follow-on public offers) come in, and Fils (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.

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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

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 where-withal to keep that prime con-dition," she said. The FM also said that the RBI has already spoken out on the issue, referring to Friday's

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He said the Government share will be held by the Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) where the stake will be considered as a public shareholder.

DIPAM Secretary Tuhin Kanta Pandey said the price has been taken at 101 despite the Voddrone Idea shares trading lower on bourses because, as per laws, preferential allotments have to happen at the face value of a share.

The Finance Ministry offi-

Chaudhary addresses a press co

About ten days ago, US-based short seller Hindenberg Research made a slew of allegations on the corporate governance front against Adani Group. The Ahmedabad-based group has denied all the allegations and termed it as a calculated attack on India. It has cancelled the FPO even after managing subscriptions to it. Finance Secretary TV Somanathan on Saturday stood by his comment on the con-

by his comment on the con-troversy where he called it a storm in a teacup, clarifying that this is in the context of macroeconomic terms and the stability of India's public finan-

icial institutions.

Meanwhile, on the decision to convert outstanding dues into equity at Vodafone Idea, Somanathan said the transaction is being done as a package for all telcos.

Steps in place to address excess volatility: Sebi PTI NEW DELHI

A mid a raging controversy over a meltdown in Adami Group stocks, regulator Sebion 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 Adami

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 marter 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.

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BSE and NSE have per three Adani group companies under their short-term addi-tional surveillance measure

SECURITY THREAT Thinvananthapuram: Legendary athlete and Indian Olympic Association president PT Usha on Saturday broke down before the media alleging that illegal constructions were being carried out at her academy campus in Kozhikode dictrict and strangers were trespassing into the property posing a security threat to the immates.

INDIA'S 1ST TRANSMAN GETS PREGNANT



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

BENGAL: 1 KILLED, 2 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

Tamil 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 Saturday.

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Officials in the Union Health Ministry said the direction 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 Controll Organisation (CDSCO) and the State Drug Controller visited the plant in Tamil Nadu's Kancheepuram, 40km from Chenna, on Friday after the company recalled the eye drop.

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 Controll 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.

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Sharjeel among 11 'scapegoats' freed in Okhla violence case

STAFF REPORTRE NEW DELHI

Court here on Saturday
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Adischarged 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 "scapegoats".

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 actuall perpetrators behind the
commission of the offence, but
surely managed to rope the
persons herein as scapegoats,
'Additional sessions judge Arul
Var An FIR was lodged in concertion with the violence that

ma said. An FIR was lodged in con-



erupted after a clash between police and people protesting against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA) in

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 thating 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

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 dedicate the Hindustan 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 heli

face value of a 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 misquerading as insurance premiums due to which a decision was taken to tax the same.

copter manufacturing facility and will initially produce Light Utility Helicopters (LUHs). The LUH is an indigenously 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.

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In addition, the ED also recovered documents of proporties besides two rifles, better besides two rifles, there pistols and live ammunition to me the search operations on Friday at the search operation of Friday at the search operation on Friday at the

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

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Searches by the Enforcement
Directorate (ED) in a money
laundering case linked to a
Narcotic Drugs and
Psychotropic Substances
(NDPS) Act case on 10 different
premises in different vilalges of Tarn Taran district in
Punjab led to the recovery and
seizure of 2.2 kg of heroin and
other contraband items weigh
ing about 14 kg of narcotics.

In addition, the ED also
recovered documents of propeerties besides two rifles, three
pistols and live ammunition
from the premises of the suspects.



cials 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.

associates," the agency said in a statement.

A few packets of psy-chotropic substance appearing to be opium and its derivative products, including heavier performed in the residential premises of Skattar Singh and his family at Sheron village.

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Visa centre opens in city

Lucknow: Technology can help in achieving not only the goal of ease of doing business but also ease of living, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said on Saturday. He was speak-ing at the inauguration of a VFS ing at the inauguration of a vro Global Visa Application Centro

With the launch of this cen-the facility to complete the tre, the facility to complete the visa application process for 10 countries — Austria, the Netherlands, the Czech Republic, Switzerland, Estonia, Hungary, Portugal, Germany, Italy and Saudi Arabia — will be available in Lucknow. "The inauguration of the VFS centre in Lucknow a week before the Global Investors Summit is, an opportunity and Summit is an opportunity not only for the residents of Lucknow but also for the people of Uttar Pradesh," Adityanath said.

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Veteran singer Vani found dead at Chennai home

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN

Vani Jairam, the versatile Valayback singer who strode over the South Indian film industry for more than five decades, is no more more indiant for the decades, is no more more more and 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 autopsy.

A case under sections of unnatural death has been reg-



ed by the police. Last week Government of India had

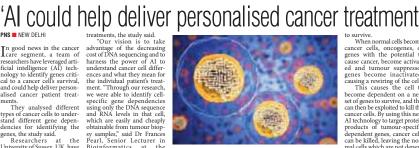
In good news in the cancer care segment, a team of researchers have leveraged arti-ficial intelligence (Al) tech-nology to identify genes criti-cal to a cancer cell's survival, and could help deliver personalised cancer patient treatments.
They analysed different types of cancer cells to under-

They analysed different types of cancer cells to understand different gene dependencies for identifying the genes, the study said.

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

treatments, the study said.
"Our vision is to take advantage of the decreasing cost of DNA sequencing and 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 cell-specific 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 pathways for their patients," said

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Cancer treatments are primarily prescribed on the basis of the location and type of cancer. Genetic differences in tumours can make standard cancer treatments ineffective.

Using a personalised quality of life and reduce innecessary side effects of can-

unnecessary side effects of can-cer patients, the study said. In each cell, there are around 20,000 genes that con-tain the information needed to make proteins. Around 1,000 of those genes are essential, mean-ing they are required for the cell Using a personalised approach to guide treatment could improve life expectancy,

to survive.

When normal cells become cancer cells, oncogenes, or genes with the potential to cause cancer, become activate of the control of the central dependent of the central dependent 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

mal 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.

CM inaugurates VFS Global Visa Application Centre

Giving a gift to the people of Uttar Pradesh a week before the start of UP Global before the start of UP Global Investor's Summit-2023, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Saturday inaugurated the VFS Global Visa Application Centre by which the facility to com-plete the process related to visa application for 10 countries would be available in the state capital.

capital.

The countries whose visa application process will be simplified are Austria, the Netherlands, Czech Republic, Switzerland, Estonia, Hungary, Portugal, Germany, Italy and Saudi Arabia.

Saudi Arabia.

Speaking at the event, the chief minister said that the inauguration of VFS in Lucknow a week before the Global Investors' Summit was an opportunity not only for the residents of Lucknow, but for residents of Lucknow, but for the people of the entire state of Uttar Pradesh. "For this, I heartily thank Mr. Zubin Karkaria, the founder and CEO of VFS, and his entire team, and congratulate all of you on

this occasion," he said.

The chief minister noted that with the launch of this centre in Lucknow, applying for visas to 10 countries would become much easier for the residents of the state.

"In fact, by using technology in today's time, we can achieve the goal of not only lease of doing business' but also rease of living. If a little dries ease of living, If a little dries goals can be achieved, "he said.

He continued by saying that the prime minister's efforts over the last nine years to bring this comprehensive change in this comprehensive change in this comprehensive change in this comprehensive change in this contry were now bearing fruit, and the results were in front of everyone, particularly with regard to visas, passports, and so on.
"You must have seen that over the past five to six years, as governed as a contraction of the countries, or victims of disasters, an exercise which has

Indians stranded in other countries, or victims of disas-ters, an exercise which has been recognised on a global scale," the chief minister said. Maintaining that the VFS Global was launched in 2001 by



RAMCHARITMANAS REMARK

to stoke controversy

field of visa processing to var-ious governments and embassies/high commissions. Presently, it is looking after passport and visa services for India in 12 countries around the world. So far, it has dis-posed of two crore applica-tions, the chief minister point-ed out.

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Speaking about the role layed by the company in various missions of the Central government, the chief minister said it participated in missions of the said that the said return of Indian citizens who were stranded in the war-torn Arab country of Yemen.

The 'Vande Bharat Mission-2020' was conducted to safely bring back Indian citizens stranded abroad as a result of the ban on global travel due to novel coronavirus and the control of the contr

Maurya, SP leaders continue

Afghanistan, in the year 2021, the chief minister added. The chief minister also mentioned the crisis that arose during the Russia-Ukraine conflict saying. You must have seen recently that these outsourcing companies played a significant role in the effort launched by the Government of India to rescue Indian children from Ukraine. He further said that this centre had the capacity to handle more than 1.20 lakh visa applications every year. Thave also been informed that VFS Global, in collaboration with the Indian Hotels Company

Global, in collaboration with the Indian Hotels Company Limited, will train the youth of the state in hospitality services as per the skill development programme of the state government," he added. The chief minister concluded: This will benefit Uttar Pradesh's youth and carry the state's atthict devo bhava' legacy forward. This company, VFS, will help Uttar Pradesh achieve the goals of 'ease of doing business' and 'ease of living'.

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N. Havaldar Pradeep Kumar Singh S/o Surendra Bahadur Singh Resident of Village -Sighour, Post Mahranigan Dist-Raibareli (UP). I have change my son Atharva Singh to Atharv Singh is actual name.

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CITYBRIEFS

Akhilesh hits out at PM over Adani

Taking a plunge into the furore over the Hindenburg report leading to the crash of Adani group stocks in the stock market, Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav targeted the Narendra Modi government, saying public money was given to an industrial house.

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Hindenburg, founded by short-seller Nathan Anderson, issued a 100-page report accusing the Indian conglomerate Adani of using a web of companies in tax havens to inflate revenue and stock prices, even as debt piled up.

"Who is responsible for the huge loss suffered by the public financial institutions like the Life Insurance Corporation and PSU (public sector undertaking) banks and the common investors? Public money was given to a favourite industrial house of the government. What action the government what action the government shad a losse, "Akhilesh Yadav said.

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ASAD SECURES ADMISSION

Asad Usman of City Montessori School, Gomti Nagar extension has been select-

Nagar extension has been select-ed for admission by four noted universities of England for a major in business and manage-ment. Asad has been offered admission by the University of London, University of East Anglia, University of Leicester, University of Sussex of England.

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT COMPETITION

SCIFARI-2023
SCIFARI-2023, a Inter-school Science Festival, organised
City Montessori School will commence from Sunday at CN
Kanpur Road auditorium. CMS students will present colourl
educational-cultural items in the imauguration ceremony. T

objective behind organising this science festival is to introduce new dimensions of science to the students and promote their aca-demic and creative potential besides motivating future genera-tion to utilise science for socially useful works.

The Lucknow Public Collegiate organised a flower arrangement and salad dressing competition on Saturday. The theme of the flower arrangement competition was Ikebana. The students participated in theactivity with a lot of enthusiasm. A basketball match was also played in presence of principal Jawaid Alam Khan, who lauded the students for their efforts.

Moradabad on Saturday.
Akhilesh Yadav also questioned the claims of the Yogi Adityanath government about the two-day Global Investors' Summit here from February 11.

Summit here from February 11.
Without naming the business house, the SP chief said,
'The industrialist who was expected to make big investments and who figured among the top three rich people in the world no longer figures even in the top 20 rich persons.' The SP chief added that the UP GIS was merely an exercise the second of the control of the second of the seco

the top 20 rich persons. The SP
chief added that the UP GIS
was merely an eyewash.

"The UP government is
claiming that the top industrialists will invest billions of
rupees in the state. Millions of
rupees in the state will measter be state.

Akhilesh Yadav said.

He said chairman of the
UP Power Corporation Limited
was sent to jail for the scam in
which funds from the provident fund of the employees
were invested in Dewan
Housing and Finance Limited.
He said besides the owners and
promoters of the company

were arrested and sent to jail and several officers of the power corporation were also dismissed from service, but no action had been taken against the officers of the finan-cial institution and Adani for

cial institution and Adami for the huge loss of public money. Akhilesh Yadav, on reach-ing Rampur, was accorded a warm welcome by senior SP leader Mohammad Azam Khan. Azam Khan's son Mohammed Abdullah was also present.

Even as Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav is maintaining a semblance of distance from the controversy over the verses of Ramcharitmanas, Swami Prasad Maurya and other party leaders continue to stoke the controversy over some verses of the Ramayana. Maurya claimed that the verse he mentioned was derogatory and insulting for the women, Scheduled Caste and Other Backward Classes.

SP MLC Swami Prasad

Mohammed Abdullah was also present.

Addressing a whistle stop meeting, the SP president said opposition leaders were being targeted by the Yogi Adityanath government and the government officials were working as agents of the ruling party.

He alleged that Azam Khan was framed in fake cases by the Yogi Adityanath government for political reasons. He claimed that never in the history of UP was any political leader was targeted by the government. He said no political leader was targeted by the government in the past as the Yogi Adityanath government targeted Azam Khan.

Woman complains against youth

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A woman accused her neigh-bour's son of passing lewd remarks on her and making obscene gestures whenever he spotted her, in Gomti Nagar police station area on Friday. As per the complainant, the accused, identified as Pawan of Vikas Khand, was harassing her for a long time.

"He passes lewd comments."

for a long time.
"He passes lewd comments
and makes obscene gestures
whenever he sees me. He has
obtained my mobile phone
number and sends messages
and makes phone calls to me
from different mobile numbers. Iblocked some of these mobile
numbers but in vain as the misnumbers but in vain as the mis-creant uses another mobile number to harass me. In the night, he gets drunk and then starts abusing my parents and forces me to go along with him, 'she alleged. The victim said the family members of the accused always took his side and they never reprimanded him for his bad conduct.

reprimanded him for his bad conduct.

They are all quarrelsome and attack us and abuse us when we complain about his conduct. On Friday, they beat me and my family members for complaining about Pawan's bad conduct, 'she alleged.

The police registered a case against the accused under different sections of the Indian Penal Code.

"We are not against the Ramcharitmanas, we are against only those verses in Ramcharitmanas which make derogatory reference to women, SC and OBCs," said a SP leader.

or leader.
Supporters of Maurya demanded that the derogatory verses of the Ramcharitmanas be deleted.

ieieted. Swami Prasad Maurya, in

love with another woman and she had threatened to lodge a report of rape against him if he did not marry her. The police said as per the suicide note, Dilip's lover was forcing him to marry her while his marriage was settled with some other

Sanghamitra hopeful of BJP ticket next year

Lucknow (PTI): Despite Lucknow (P.11): Despite the controversy triggered by Samajwadi Party leader Swami Prasad Maurya, with his comment on Ramcharitmans, his daughter Sanghamitra Maurya hopes to get the Lok Sabha ticket from the BJP in next year's election.
"I have nothing to do with this debate," she told PTI in a possible attempt to

Classes.
SP MLC Swami Prasad
Maurya, who had quoted a
verse from Ramcharitmanas
terming it as derogatory
for women and OBCs, on
Saturday dug out past events to
further aggravate the controversy. with this debate," she told PTI, in a possible attempt to distance herself from the row after the senior Maurya said in January that portions of the Hindu epic denigrated Dalits and women. His comments had drawn a sharp reaction from the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party, which Maurya had quit last year to join Akhilesh Yadaw's Samajwadi Party.

further aggravate the controversy.

On Saturday, one more hoarding was put in front of the state office of the SP in Lucknow on Saturday proclaiming. "Say with pride we are Brahmins, the BJP is anti-Brahmin and we oppose the controversial verse in Ramcharitmanas."

Earlier a hoarding was put up claiming "Say with pride that we are shudra".

Hundreds of supporters of Swami Prasad Maurya on Saturday staged a demonstration here in protest against the verse of Ramcharitmanas.

We are not against are Party.
Sanghamitra Maurya, an Sanghamitra Maurya, an MP from Budaun in Uttar Pradesh, had remained with the BJP.

But her initial reaction last month to the Ramcharitmanas row was to defend her father even though the BJP leaders had slammed him for the com-

Sanghamitra Maurya had then said there should be a on some portions of

debate on some portions of the Hindu epic. But now she said the matter should end. "All things are now clear. Why do you (the media) want to make so much noise over it?

over it?
"Now, end this matter. If
you wish to speak on any
other subject, then you can,
I do not want to talk on this
matter. I have nothing to do
with this debate,"
Sanghamitra Maurya told
PTI.
The guestion on contest.

PTI. a question on contest-ing the upcoming Lok Sabha elections on a BJP ticket, she said, "I will contest the upcoming Lok Sabha elec-tions from Budaun. I am working continuously there. working continuously there. I will fight the upcoming Lok Sabha election from Budaun on a BJP ticket".

referred to the humiliation faced by Dr BR Ambedkar, forcing him to convert to Buddhism. He said Dr Ambedkar had said "I was Swami Prasad Maurya, a prominent OBC leader in Uttar Pradesh, had on January 22 alleged that certain verses of Ramcharitmans – a 16th-century poem "insult" a large section of the society on the basis of caste and demanded that those b"banned".

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Danned...
A caloinet minister in the previous BJP government in the state, he had resigned and joined the SP before the 20.2 Uttar Practeds assembly pollow the control of the property of the state election from Fazilnagar Assembly seat in the Kushingar district but lost. He was later sent to legislative council by SP chief Akhilesh Yadav.
FIRs were registered against Swami Prasad Maurya at the Hazratganj and PGI police stations in Lucknow over his controversial comments on the Ramcharitmans.

versial comments on the Ramcharitmanas. Swami Prasad Maurya, who was recently made the general secretary of the SP, had said if there is any insult to a section of society due to certain lines in the Ramcharitmanas on the basis of 'jaati', 'varn' and 'varg', then it is cartainly not diby.

of 'jaati', 'varn' and 'varg' then it is certainly not 'dhar-ma', it is 'adharma'. He had said that ther were certain lines in which names of castes such as 'teli and 'kumhaar' are men-tioned

ioned.

Maurya had claimed that the feelings of lakhs of people belonging to these castes have been hurt.

"Similarly, a 'chaupai' (verse) in the holy scripture

(verse) in the holy scripture says women should be pun-ished. This amounts to hurt-ing the feelings of women, who constitute half of the population," he had said. Reacting sharply to Maurya's remarks on the epic, Uttar Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya has alleged that he is speaking on behest of his party chief Akhilesh Yadav.

born as a Hindu but I will not die as a Hindu"

die as a Hindu". He said Dr Ambedkar embraced Buddhism along with 10 lakh people in 1956.

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Lucknow (PNS): A 24year-old carpenter ended his
life lalgedly due to the threat
issued by his lover in
Mohanlalganj on Saturday.
The victim, identified as
Dilip Kumar of Parwar
Paschim under Bijnor police
station area, left his house for
some work in Telihagh in the
morning on Saturday and later
he was found hanging from a
tree alongside the canal in tim. The news of the death of the victim spread a pall of gloom on the family, which was busy in preparing for tilak of the victim on February 20. He was engaged last Monday. His younger brother Ankit said Dilip was upset for the last few days. It surfaced during investigation that Dilip was in Monaniagani. The Incident came to light when some commuters saw the man hanging from the tree with a rope tied around his neck. On getting information, a police team reached the spot. A mobile phone and a suicide note were found on the person of the vicwas settled with some other woman. "Dilip was in a fix. He feared public disgrace if a rape case was registered against him and so he ended his life," said the family of the deceased. Although every possible care and caution has been taken to avoid errors or omissions, this publication is being sold on the condition and understanding that information given in this publication is merely for reference and must not be taken as having authority of or binding in any way on the writers, editors, publishers, and printers and sellers who do not one any responsibility and seek appropriate advice to saidly themselves about the variably of any binding of advertisement beting to any or control and published in this investment. The interior, collisions ended and proquested advice to saidly themselves about the variably of any binding of advertisement beting to any or control and published in this investment. The interior, collisions ender and provide ender and any endersor, and from a formation or control and published in this investment. The interior, collisions enders and from a formation and published in this investment. The interior and published and any control and any or control and published the investment and the secondation of any or control and any or control and

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CM: UP centre of country's spiritual, religious traditions

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Calling Uttar Pradesh as a state with limitless possibilities, Chief Minister Yogi Aditynanth said that UP should be present across the country and the world as the centre of the country and the world as the centre of the country as printual and religious traditions.

"We frequently overlook the leadership that India has provided to the globe in the realm of education, where India has been hailed as a Vishwa Guru with UP being its base land," the chief minister said while attending a higher education conclave here on Saturday.

The chief minister said while attending a higher education conclave here on Saturday, and the them the Indian scholars gave the mantra of 'Aano bhadra krtavo yantu vishwatah', they must have been motivated to believe that one must acquire knowledge from whatever source it may come from.

"In 2020, when the world was suffering from the novel coronavirus, Prime Minister Narendra Modi presented the feeling of being a world guru in the field of ancient education by giving the country a National Education Policy,' he said.

The chief minister emphasised that one could not escape one's social obligations. "Everyone, whether a minister or a commoner, is subject to the same act and system. We must have solid infrastructure, professors, a digital library and healtly environment for the institem. We must have solid intrastruc-ture, professors, a digital library and a healthy environment for the insti-tution, but no deviation from Indian principles and ideals should be allowed. It should be remembered that no activity should be done in a way that could lead to the emer-



Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath addressing a gathering at higher education conclave on Saturday

gence of a new stream contrary to nationalism on campus, he said. The chief minister said that investment proposals worth Rs 1.52 labk crores had been received also ald contract to the contract of the interest of contract summit. He said with this, new universities and centres of education would be estab-lished as models.

While pointing out that the National Education Policy gave freedom to establish campus of international universities, the chief minister asked, But have wheen able to plan for this? The environment needs to be changed. To move in this direction, new work must be done. Innovation requires a drive among young people.

The chief minister said that UP had travelled a long way in the last 5-6 years. "UP's economy has near-ly doubled during this time, as has ly doubled during this time, as has the per capita income. New models have been established for infrastruc-ture development in addition to an improvement in the law and order situation," he said.

"Today, as UP has started fresh

standards nave oeen created. In that direction, thoughful analysis can be done, knowledge can be shared, sources and innovation can be expanded to every part of the state, and UP can once again be developed as the best hub of education, "he

and UP can once again oe developed as the best hub of education," he said.

The chief minister said that UP was a revenue surplus state in the country. "UP has the most fertile land and the best water resources. Previously, no one was aware of the government's schemes. Efforts have been underway for the past six years. Sixteen per cent of the country we been underway for the past six years. Sixteen per cent of the country's population is in UP, but we have only 11 per cent of the crountry today," he said.

"In each district now, there is a Krishi Wigan Kendra. Four agricultural universities are run by the state government. Along with developing them as centres of excellence, new research has started. We can produce three times as much food grain on the arable land in UP if we focus on these. Universities will need to be main focus for this, and we need

on these. Universities will need to be the main focus for this, and we need to work in the direction of setting up new start-ups in agriculture," he

initiatives to make the state a one-trillion dollar economy to further Prime Minister Modif vision, we can contribute to increasing the lim-itiess possibilities in the field of edu-cation," he said.

"Central, state and private uni-versities in UP have started good efforts to give it a new light, some models of research are given. New

also be established. UP has skill po

he said.
The chief minister said that as

MSME units. UP has skill power, he said.

The chief minister said that as India was the youngest country in the world, UP was also the youngest state in India. We have the most youth. The youths must move forward because they have limitless options, he said.

The United Nations (UN) gave the world the target of achieving the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030, so is this work only of the government? The organisations must join this programme by taking these responsibilities, he said.

Speaking about eradication of encephalitis, the chief minister said that he got the opportunity to represent Gorakhpur as a Member of Parliament for a long time. There used to be thousands of deaths every year due to encephalitis. The process of death continued for 40 years. No university, medical college or doctor from eastern UP has written a research paper on it," he said.

He added: T stated that I would find a solution and when I was given the position of chief minister in 2017, I built a team to coordinate amongst departments. The deaths caused by the disease, which used to le 2000–1500 annually, has been reduced by 95-97 per cent as result of awareness and sanitation campaigns, among other initiatives. The study could have saved the lives of many children had it been carried out sooner."

More stations means easy commutation, says BJP MP

Thanking Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav for strengthening traffic movement across Uttar Pradesh, Bharatiya Janata Party's Rajya Sabha member Dr Radha

Mohan Das Agarwal said more sta-

Mohan Das Agarwal said more sta-tions would mean easy commutation. Dr. Agarwal said that between 2009 and 2014, the previous Congress government had allocated only Rs 1,109 crore for railways to Uttar Pradesh, while the present govern-ment had allocated 16 times more --

Rs 17,507 crore to the state.

He said that on date 83 schemes of 7,148 kilometres worth Rs 93,697 crore were underway in the state for which funds would continue to be allocated as per the requirement.

Dr Agarwal also thanked the prime minister for giving approval to

make 149 railway stations of UP as world class stations. He said that out of these, work had already started in Variance of the construction and acceptance ic feasibility study report was being of 1,136 flyovers and over bridges

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Man duped of Rs 1.5 lakh

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A resident of Indira Nagar was duped of over Rs. 1.5 lakh in the name of a start-up business. The police are investigating the case.

As per reports, the victim, Sameer Srivastava of Ravindra Vihar Faridi Nagar, was looking for a start-up business after the under went two heart surgeries. He met one Mohit Tyagi through Facebook who claimed to be a supplier of UPS batteries. "In the name of earning a profit, he told me that he could make a billing of Rs 2 lakh by using my Aadhaar card and asked me to transfer Rs. 1.5 lakh of his account to get the profit. He, however, stopped attending calls after I transferred the money, he said.

money," he said.

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An Air Force officer accused his acquaintance of criminal breach of trust by defrauding Rs 2 lakh from him in Mahanagar.

Flight Lieutenant Rajesh Malik of Mahanagar said he had deposited Rs 2.5 lakh in the had acposited Rs 2.5 lakh in behad account of the wife of one Karmveer Singh some time back to purchase the latter's land in Haryana. "Karmveer sold the land to another person, breaking his promise. When I reminded him of the same, he returned Rs 50,000 but he is yet to refund Rs 2 lakh and now he is adopting dilly-dallying tactics," he alleged.

RP Sanjiv Goenka Group to invest Rs 10,000 cr in Uttar Pradesh



New Delhi (PTI): RP Sanjiv Goenka Group said it will invest Rs 10,000 crore in Uttar Pradesh.

The announcement was

The announcement was made by group head Sanjiv Goenka during a meeting with Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath.

"Dr Sanjiv Goenka in a meeting today with the Honourable Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Shri Yogi

Adityanath has announced an investment of Rs 10,000 crore in the state..," the group said.
Out of this, Rs 7,500 crore will be invested in renewables,

will be invested in renewables, while power distribution and retail sectors will receive Rs. 1,000 crore each.

Besides, the sports academies in the state will see an investment of Rs 500 crore, the group, said. The group, with revenues owns the IPL franchise Lucknow Super Giants.

ment of RP Sanjiv Goenka Group to the state of Uttar Pradesh is now pegged at Rs 20,000 crore," it added.

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d Officer, Indian Bank

UP BJP setting up new booth committees for Lok Sabha polls

Lucknow (PTI): With a focus on the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, the Uttar Pradesh BJP is set-ting up new booth committees and has asked all regional and district chiefs to provide details of the existing ones by February 10. In a letter to all regional in-charges and

all regional and district chiefs to provide details of the existing ones by February 10.

In a letter to all regional in-charges and presidents, and district in-charges and presidents on Saturday, BJP's general secretary (organisation). Uttar Pradesh, Dharampal Singh directed them to form booths on the basis of the recent voters' list. In the run-up to the 2022 assembly elections, a booth was set up for a maximum of 1,200 voters, but according to the voters' list published on January 5, every booth will now have 1,500 voters, Singh said. Due to this, the number of booths will come down. The number of regions in the state, however, will remain the same, Singh said. He has also sent the delimitation format to the office-bearers. It has to be completed and sent to the election management committee of the state headquarters by February 10, according to the election management committee of the state headquarters by February 10, according to the election management and the state of the state headquarters by February 10, according to the letter. The organisational structure of the BJP consists of Shakti Kendras', tyline and 27,000 'Shakti Kendras', 1,918 regions and 98 organisational districts. The party has divided its manpower across the state into six regions — Kashi, Gorakhpur, Awadh, Kanpur-Bundelkhand, Braj and West.

In a meeting of the BJP's state working committee here last month, Uttar Pradesh unit president Bhupendra Singh Choudhary gave the office-bearers the target of winning all 80 seats in the state in the general elections. In the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, the BJP and its ally Apna Dal (Sonelal) won 64 of the Sonesta. The Congress won one seat, the Samalwadh Party five and the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) 10.

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| 10 | बेगम हजरत महल पार्क में 05 नग स्थापित फौव्यारों की मरम्मत का कार्य। | 3.85 | विवृत/वात्रिक 9918001535 | 11-02-2023 |
| 11 | समतामूलक चौराहे पर मगरमच्छ रखने हेतु प्लेटकामें का निर्माण तथा चौराहे की मरम्मत का कार्य। | 3.10 | जोन-7 9918001590 | 09-02-2023 |
| 12 | पुराने पुल से कुड़िया घाट तक दक्षिण तरक बाउण्द्रीवाल की मरम्मत व वेन्टिंग के साध-साथ बड़ा इमामबाड़ा से छोटे इमामबाड़ा तक पेड पर रंगाई का कार्य। | 2.67 | योग-7 9918001590 | 09-02-2023 |
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हुन्तान्वाका राज्य च्या प्राप्त का पाया हुन्-निविदाओं के सम्बन्ध में कोई बदलाव अधवा अतिरिक्ता सूचना मात्र उपरोक्ता दोनों वेबसाईट्र उपराबध कराई जायेगी, अतः इच्छुक निविदावाता नियमित रूप से उक्त दोनों वेबसाईट्स देखते रहें उपरोक्ता क्रमॉबन – 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11 एवं 12 पर अधित कार्यों हेतु समान्य निवि

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ce: 10/379 Rameni (Tarauns), Hamirpur, Uttar Pradesh - 210301

Appendix-IV Under [RULE - 8 [1]] of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 20 POSSESSION NOTICE {Rule 8(1) for Immovable Properties}

| SI. No. | Name and address of the Borrowers/wortgagores/Guarantors | Description of the Immovable Property | Date of Demand Notice outstanding Amt. |
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| Ė | Branch: Bahua, Distt. Fatehpur, Mobile No.: 9415102238 | diameter and | Dt. of Possession Notice |
| 1. | Borrower: Mis Pawan Cold Drinks (PropSmt Sunita Devi Wio | | outstanding Amt. |
| | Gandhinagar, Qasba-Bahua, Pargana- Ayah Shah, Tehsil & Distt Gand | Shah Tehsili Sadar Fatehour District- | 05.09.2022 Rs. 21,14,343.00 + intt. & Charges |
| | Gupta, | Bhanu Prakash Gupta. Boundaries: East: Field of Jagdev Singh, West: Banda Sagar Road, North: In Past Piot of Noor Ali S/o Rascol Bux., | 03.02.2023 Rs. 21,14,343.00 + intt. & Charges |

2 arrested for threatening witness

WITNESS

Lucknow (PNS): Two miscreants booked for attacking an eyewitness and intimidating her to withdraw as witness in a case against their mentor in a court in Rea Bareli, were arrested by police on Saturday.

The accused were identified as Ram Pratap Yadav and Harshit Verma, both of Rae Bareli. At team of eight policemen nabbed he accused on a tip-off.

The police were working on the case registered on January 10, 2023. The complainant, Raj skimari Singh of Rae Bareli, said she was all alone at her house in the night on January 10 when Abhitej and Suryabhan and their 8-10 atdes barged into the house.

Abhitej and Suryabhan and their 8-10 aides barged into the house. "Abhitej trained a pistol at me and threatened to shoot if I appeared as a witness in a case against them. They also forced me to give them Rs 10 lakh as extortion," she alleged.

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Pumping set wheel claims farmer's life

A farmer was killed after his Adhoti got entangled into the wheel of the pumping set in the field in Gadanpur Chorsa village under Bilhaur Kotwali police area on Friday afternoon. On the information his kin rushed to spot and turned upset. Rajian Lal Sharma (58) son of Late Sitaram Sharma of Gadanpur Chorsa village was engaged in agriculture work. His family comprises of wife Somwati, married sons Sarvesh, Sunil, Jang Bahadur and Ratanlal. On Friday after-

noon, when Rajian Lal was irri-gating the wheat crop and trying to find out some technical mag in the running pumping set, be was seriously injured after his thoti got entangled into its wheel. Hearing noise, people present in nearby fields rushed to spot and by the time they switched off the engine, Rajian Lal died. Kin took the body to home. Inspector Surendra Singh said he was aware of the incident and had sent a police team to the spot. On receipt of complaint, further action would be taken up in the matter, he said.

Chaubepur. School children Manu, Anushka, Shivam and Suryansh sustained minor injury while Rani, Shiva, Gudiya, Deepak, Vidya Devi Kartaria and Atul

सन्त बैरागी बाबा महाविद्यालय मुझ्या, घाटमपुर, कानपुर नगर, नो. नं. : 9450123055

(2) फाइयक आयार्क की गांच्या, दुंआता, पुरुत्त महुन्द हुन सरक कर नवनानुसार (2) फाइयक आयार्क मैं,एस.सी.: नीतिक विद्वान, स्वायन विद्वान, स्वीचत, जन्तु एवं वनन्दर्श विद्वान। महत्त्वक आयार्क एम.ए. हिंदी एवं विश्वा शास्त्र अर्द्धन: स्वाचीन विषय में नाताक के प्रायन निव्हान के स्वायन निव्हान निव्हान निव्हान निव्हान निव्हान के स्वायन निव्हान निव्ह

INJURED: Six persons were injured when a school van col-lided with their e-rickshaw head on Chaubepur Sheoli road under Chaubepur Sheoli road under Chaubepur police area on Saturday morning. Some of the school children riding in the van also sustained minor injury. According to reports, a van carrying children of Vinyas Publics School, Amiliha, Chaubepur, was going towards Sheoli on Saturday morning. On Sheoli Road in front of Vidya Bhawan, it collided head on with an e-rickshaw. After the incident, when children screamed for help trespassers and nearby factory workers rushed to spot. They got off all the children from the van and sent the injured e-rickshaw passengers to Community Health Centre, Chaubepur.

Trivedi riding on e-rickshaw were seriously injured.

Crushing operations commence at NSI's experimental factory

Crushing operations in the Experimental Sugar Factory of National Sugar Institute, Kanpur commenced on Saturday after performing the rituals. The NSI is the only sugar institute in the world to provide in-plant training to its students of various courses. The factory shall be operated for about 45 days and will utilise sugarcane mainly from its farm.

The Director, NSI, Prof Narendra Mohan, said the ESF was unique in many ways, first, in respect to its crushing capacity and then for possessing facilities to produce raw, refined and plantation white sugars thus giving wide exposure to the students. Normally wide exposure to the students. Normally wide to the students with the other sugar factories either whitesugar.

He said this was the reson the

the other sugar factories either produce raw-refined or plantation whitesugar. He said this was the reason, the students of the institute having sound theoretical and practical knowledge were readily accepted not only by the Indian but overseas ugar industry. He said the NSI was going to provide the students

a comprehensive practical knowledge starting from sugarcane to sugar production and its management. Prof Mohan said as we had gone for cultivation of some new sugarcane varieties, the students shall be trained on methodology for assessing quality of sugarcane. He said further, as with the sugar factories there were growing environmental concerns too, hence, this year NSI is going to emphasise upon educating students on different techniques of water management and effluent treatment.

Ashok Garg, Officer In-charge Education informed that the NSI had already gone for mod-

Education informed that the NSI had already gone for mod-ernisation of the plant in a bigger way to provide meaningful train-ing to the students by installing variable frequency drives, contin-uous and fully automatic batch type centrifugal and rotary juice screens etc.

etc.. He added that the NSI was planning to add a few more for enhancing plant efficiency and to provide exposure to the students about modern equipment.



कार्यालय : निदेशक उत्तराखण्ड चाय विकास बोर्ड, अल्मोड़ा

जिला पंचायत परिसर, घारानौला, अल्मोड़ा-263601

अल्प कालीन ई-निविदा सूचना

उत्तराखण्ड चाय विकास बोर्ड, अल्मोड़ा द्वारा अपने चाय बागानों में उपयोग हेतु क्रय की जाने वाली, जैविक खाद व नर्सरी सामग्री की आपूर्ति हेतु इच्छुक निविदादाताओं से ई-निविदायें दिनांक 06-02-2023

ऑनलाइन Website www.uktenders.gov.in पर दिनांक 15-02-2023 को सायं 5.00 बजे तक आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदाओं से सम्बन्धित निविदावार अलग-अलग विवरण (निविदा प्रपत्र निविदा शर्तं, सामग्री का विवरण इत्यादि) ऑनलाइन अवलोकन/डाउनलोडिंग हेतु Website www.uktenders.gov.in पर उपलब्ध है।

निदेशक

जिला पंचायत परिसर, धारानौला, अल्मोड़ा (उत्तराखण्ड)

उत्तराखण्ड चाय विकास बोर्ड,

128/24 Om Laxmi Tower, H-Block, Kidwai Nagar, Kanpur-208011, Tel: 0512-2985004

Description of Properties

Bank of India Possession NOTICE See Rule 8 [1]

Demand Notice Dt. | Possession Date

| Medical Store | Demand Notice Dt. Possession Date 17.11.2022 31.01.2023 | land & building and other fixtures and fittings erected of installed thereon situated at Arazi No. 1032/4 Mauj Pichhore, Abadi Maharana Pratap Nagar, Jhansi, Tehs & Distt, Jhansi, U.P. 284128, Name of Mortogoor: M | |
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| Proprietor: Mr. Anurag Dwivedi Slo Mr. Dinesh Kumar Dwivedi Guarantor: Mr. Narendra Bhushan Dwivedi Slo Mr. Ram Prakash Dwivedi | Rs. 12,01,465.91 { Rs. Twelve Lakh One Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Five and Ninety One Palsa + Intt. + Other Charges / NPA Date 09.11.2022 | | |
| Borrower; Mohd. Akhtar Khan alias Nenu S/o | Demand Notice Dt. Possession Date 15.10.2022 31.01.2023 | Equitable Mortgage of Immovable properly comprising the Suiding and other follows and fittings exceled a restalled thereon shauled all polit in land no. 5 Maying statement of the Suiding and the Suiding and Suiding | |
| Mohd. Anwar Khan Guarantor: Mrs. Tahira Begam Wo Mr. Akhtar Khan | Rs. 11,71,077.59 (Rs. Eleven Lakh Seventy One Thousand Seventy Seven and Fifty Nine Paisa + Intt. + Other Charges / NPA Date 25.09.2022 | | |
| Date: 04.02.2023 | Place: Jhansi | Authorised Officer: Bank of India | |

PARTICULARS 31.12.2022 Income from operations
Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period (before Tax,
Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)
Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period refore Tax
(after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)
Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period after tax 17.77 9.95 4.14 35.50 15.32 7.06 14.86 6.85 4.67 29.68 15.19 5.99 ptional and/or Extraordinary items) rehensive Income for the period 15.97 31.21 15.44 7.03 4.79 Total Comprehensive income for the period (comprising Profit/ (Loss) for the period (after tax). Equity Share Capital Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve as shown in the Salance Sheet of previous year) Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 101-each) 224.90 224.90 224.90 224.90 224.90 224.90

For and on behalf of the Board of Continental Chemicals Limited

'World Wetland Day' celebrations conclude

Kanpur (PNS): DFO, KP Singh, addressing the closing function of the three-day "World Wetland Day" celebrations informed on Saturday that around a dozen potential wetland areas had been identified in the Ganga River under the Namami Gange Project. He said efforts were now being made to develop those wetlands jointly by Forest and Irrigation departments. He said the theme for the 2023 is "Its time for wetland restoration" and work in the direction was being carried out on a war footing. He said wetlands were unique, productive ecosystems where terrestrial and aquatic habitats meet. He said they played a critical role in maintaining many natural cycles and supporting a wide range of biodiversity. He said they purily and replensish water and provide the fish and rice that fed billions. He said they also serve as a natural sponge against flooding and drought, and protect our coastlines and help fight climate change. It may be mentioned here that a few years ago wetlands were regarded as westelands. Today, wetlands provided many important services to the environment and to the public as they offered critical habitat for fish and other wildlife, and above all purify polluted waters, and they help check the destructive power of floods and storms. They also provide a wide variety of recreational opportunities such as fishing, hunting, photography, and wildlife iobservation as these and many other wetland functions and values were now becoming quite popular. Wetlands along rivers especially Ganga absorb energy and store water during storms, which reduced downstream flood damage and lessened the risk of flash floods.

The slow release of this stored water over time can help keep streams flowing during periods of drought. Wetlands provide habitat for many species of amphibians, repelles, birds and mamilal are uniquely dapted to aquatic environments. Upland wildlife use wetlands for food and sheller and were particularly vital to many migratory bird species.

Pachauri: Budget 2023 proved to be a 'sanjivani' for 650 workers

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DIP MP Satyadeo Pachauri
said the Budget 2023
proved to be a 'sanjivani' for
650 workers of The British
India Corporation (BIC) of
Kanpur. Addressing mediapersons at his camp office on
saturday, he said Rs.102 crore
had been allocated in the
Budget to pay off the 43
months' salary arrears to 650
workers of BIC and its units
Lalimli and Dhariwal. These
workers had been fighting for
payment of salaries to carry
out the livelihood of their
family members for the past
two-and-a-haff decades. After
the approval of the Budget in
the parliament, the process
for payment of salary arrears
to BIC workers
would be
start and during erstwhile
government's regime, these
workers had got part payment
of their salaries. This was for
the first time when the
Budget 2023 of Amritkal car-



ried provisions of one-time payment of arrears to all the BIC workers, some of them had already been retired struggling to get their hard earned money. The Budget 2023, therefore, indicates about the government's con-

cern towards the weaker and industrial workers. It was due to his continuous efforts and vigorous follow up at the government level which ultimately brought cheers to hundreds of BIC workers, he said.

₹30 crore land case: Court gives verdict in KDA's favour

Kanpur Development as a case of the 2000 sq mtr land worth Rs.30 crore situated near Bingawa Maurang Mand from the High Court. The Court has dismissed the writ petition of the applicant claiming his ownership of the land. According to reports, a writ petition No.4976/12007 relating to Arazi Nos.317, 318, 319, 320, 322, 361, 364 and 373 was filed in the court about 15 years ago. In this case of Raigu Sharma and In the Court about 15 years ago. In this case of Raigu Sharma and In this case of Raigu Sharma and In the Court about 15 years ago. in the court about 15 years ago. In this case of Raju Sharma and others Vs State of U.P., the High Court has announced the judgement in KDAS favour. Earlier, KDA had also won the case of its 5000 sq mtr land worth Rs.18 crore situated near Jarauli Scheme from the High Court on January 4. Besides, on December 23, 2022, KDA had of the possession on its 32.5 got the possession on its 32.5 bigha land worth over Rs.100 crore situated in Ahirwa and crore situated in Ahirwa and Sajari after 34 years after winning a case from the High Court. Thus, during past three months, KDA has won the cases of its lands situated in different parts of the city worth Rs.147 crore where it is now planning to launch grand housing schemes.

'Hard work, fitness & discipline very important for sportsperson's success'

Member of the winner Indian squad in Women (U-19) World Cup Archana Devi was extended rousing welcome at the KDMA International School, Barra-8, on Friday, Sharing her experience with the hardwork, discipline and fitness are the three very important aspects for the success of a sportsperson. She also gave tips of the hardwork on the ground and stressed on regular practice if they wanted to further them in their career prospects. Academy players minutely understood the intricacies of good catches and spin bowling of Archana in her final match. On this occasion, Chairman of Kampur Cricket Association (KCA) Dr

es and spin bowling of Archana in her final match. On this occasion, Chairman of Kanpur Cricket Association (KCA) Dr Sanjay Kapoor and Chairman of the Industrial Cooperative Estate Vijay Kapoor felicitated Archana Devi with the national flag and bouquet. They also felicitated the former international woman cricketer Rita De of the city for her valued inspiration given to Archana Devi. Speaking on the occasion, Dr Sanjay Kapoor said Archana really did proud for her city and state and hoped that she would certainly confirm her place in India's seniors' cricket team in near future. Principal Priyanka Sehgal, Activity Incharge Bharti Singh, Mampreet Kaur, Manish Mehrotra, Aditya Pathak and Dinesh Katiyar were also present on the occasion

DC INAUGURATES MEETING ON RTI

The Kanpur Divisional Commissioner, Dr Raj Shekhar while inaugurating the



meeting on Right to Information, 2005 and Uttar Pradesh Right to Information Act, 2015 exclusively organised for the District Information Officers of blocks, tebsil, district and division level officials directed them to ensure that all such applications put up under the RT1 to the department should be settled full and final in a stipulated timeframe. He directed them that all the applications under the RT1 Act received on a daily basis should be endorsed in the register for hearing without fail. Such a control of the control of the stipulation of the control of the con

in documents need not be analysed again freshly.

He said thus there should be no concoted data nor "Why" related questions and thus it was the duty of the officials concerned to ensure that satisfactory reply had to be provided to the applicanty on a priority basis.

The DC directed that Joint Director

The DC directed that Joint Director Development, Kanpur Division, Mr NB Savita to compile and put up all the rele-vant details of the applications received as well as the current status or if it was set-tled then when was it done and then the

ued then when was it done and then the reply provided.

He said this will also help facilitate the reviews that were carried out later in the meetings.

'Youth should hunt for other alternatives instead of govt jobs'

Kanpur (PNS): Ex-IAS, Pravir Kumar while inau-gurating the Investors Summit at Kallash Bhawan of Chandra Shekhar Azad University of Agriculture and Technology on Saturday said the current day youth should hunt for other alternatives instead of only being focused on government jobs. He said youth need not only to aquire education alone but make indepth search in the field of entrepreneurship. He said this will certainly help promotion of other such areas of entrepreneurship as well

will certainly heip promotion or orner sticn areas or entrepreneurship as well. He emphasised upon the need for Farmers Production Organisations so as to introduce integrated agriculture techiques. He said farm scientists had found that using integrated techniques such as even found that using integrated techniques such as even found that using integrated techniques such as even found to the control of the c

duce fewer greenhouse gas emissions per unit of production than either organic or conventional farms. He said he scientists found that using integrated techniques such as crop rotation, organic fertilizers, cover crops, and very little pesticide application would use less energy and produce fewer greenhouse gas emissions per unit of production than either organic or conventional farms. He added that in this system, an inter-related set of enterprises was used so that the "waste" from one component became an input for another part of the system and this reduced costs and improved production or income.

Mr Kumar said integrated farming system was also a sustainable agriculture system which focused on intensification of farm productivity by increasing diversification, resource integration and creating mar-

ket linkages. He said in the past few decades, agricultural research and modern technology developments had led to integrated farming being implemented to not only enhance the productivity per acre, but to maximise land use in such a way to ensure sustainability of food production to meet the growing demands created by an increase in country's population.

on. The Vice Chancellor, Dr Vijendra Singh and The Vice Chanceior, Dr Vijedra Singa and underlined the need for giving further momentum to research and presented a detailed report of the research work being carried out by students and sci-entists as well. He also emphasised upon the need read by CDo, Mr Studhir Kumar and the programme ered by CDo, Mr Studhir Kumar and the programme was successfully conducted by Dr Shweta Yadav.

CM: India has shown its capability | Vande Bharat Metro to run during COVID-19 pandemic

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Saturday said that India showed its

Addityanath on Saturday said that India showed its capability in the era of humanity and added that the nation manufactured PP kits and medicines in just two months during the COVID-19 pandemic whereas these were imported earlier.

On the first day of his two-day wisit to city the CM while inaugurating two national seminar on "Drug-Development" and Opportunity held in Asha Udyalaya in Babatpur here said that India had manufactured two vaccines in just niem months during the COVID-19 pandemic and the country had not only made available 220 crore doses of vaccines to the

not only made available 220 crore dosse of vaccines to the people of the country free of cost but also made available to other countries and the world had seen a new image of the country and India became the fifth economy in the world lagging Britain behind.

The field of pharmacutical is big and if the work in this field is done in timebound, India can emerge as a big cen-



The CM speaking while inaugurating two-day seminar in a school in Varanasi on Saturday

tre in this field said he informing that the major markets of medicine between Patna and Varanasi are Varanasi and Gorakhpur and the medicines are supplied even to Kathmandu from Gorakhpur. He emphasised on new research in the field of pharma. Kashi has been known as

Kashi has been known as spiritual and cultural capital since ancient time and it has

now established itself at a glob-al platform with its antiquity, said the CM adding that the city does something new in each period and the Shri Kashi Vishwanath Corridor is a glar-ing example. The possibilities have emerged in the country during the last a few years, he said, India is hosting the G-20 Summit which represents the

20 powerful nations of the world and its members more than 75 per cent patent and GDP of the world, he said adding that some programmes of the Summit are also to be held in UP.

The state ministers Anil Rajbhar, Daya Shankar Mishra, MP BP Saroj and MLAs of the district were present on the occasion.

from Prayagraj to Varanasi

As expected, the city of Sangam has received a big ▲ Sangam has received a big gift. Vande Bharat Metro will gift. Vande Bharat Metro Wil run from Prayagraj to Varanasi. This train of 10 coaches will give passengers the pleasure of a smooth journey. This train running at a speed of 125-130 km will cover the distance of Prayag-Kashi within a few minutes.

Prayag-Kashi within a few minutes.

Equipped with the latest technology, hi-tech facilities, fully air-conditioned and Wi-fi, this train is a mini form of Vande Bharat. The blueprint of Wish train has been prepared keeping in mind the convenience of the daily commuters. In less time, people will be able to come and go for office or important work and there will be no problem of getting stuck in traffic. Those visiting Kashi Wishwanath and tourism between Prayag-Kashi will get a boost from this train.

Prayagraj has gained worldwide fame by organizing

Kumbh. In such a situation, this special train gifted to Prayagraj will be liked by foreign travel-ers as well. The 10-coach Vande Bharat Metro will run from Prayagraj to connect the city at a distance of 100 km. Preparations are on to cover the distance between the two cities

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of NCR only. There will be extensive work on infrastructure with track doubling, third line, fourth line from this

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The work of road safety and construction of rail over bridge and rail under bridge will now be given double speed. While signalling, level crossing and track renewal will be kept in the primary umbrella work. Many important works have been added to the account of NCR.

It also includes redevelopment of Prayagraj Junction, Kanpur Central, Gwalior Railway Station. Similarly, 46 stations under Amrit railway station in Prayagraj, Agra, Jhansi divisions will also be redeveloped. Along with rail track renewal in all the three zones of NCR, the work of armor system will be

done from Ghaziabad to PDDU. At the same time, under Mission Raftaar, the work of wall construction on Delhi-Howrah, Delhi-Mumbai routes

wall construction on Delhi-Howrah, Delhi-Mumbai routes and metal beam fencing on the route will also be done at a fast pace to run trains at a speed of 160 km.

On Friday, Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw shared information on Pink Book and Railway Budget in video conferencing. Giving information about the alloca-tion of funds to each state, he was seen comparing with the UPA government. Along with UPA government. Along with thout naming Arvind Kejirwal, he also targeted him to see how much money has been given in this budget, the last og ave information on the budget given to Himachal, Haryana, Delhi, Rajasthan, Jammu and Kashmir etc. In view of the upcoming elections, this time priority was given to UP in the budget.

Birth anniv of Sant Ravidas today

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PIONEER NEWS SERVICE IN WARAMASI

Seer Govardhan, the birthsplace of Sant Ravidas has turned into spiritual one with the recital of Amrit Bant and the recital of the medieval period and dancing on the devotional songs. The Chief Minister Yogi Adilyanath will offer prayer at Ravidas Temple on Sunday on the birth will offer prayer at Ravidas Temple on Sunday on the birth anniversary of Sant Ravidas which falls on the auspicious occasion of Maghi Purnima.

The devotees of Sant Ravidas Amerace and the significant of the country but also from various countries of the world to celebrate the birth anniversary of their Guru and seek blessing of the head of Sant Ravidas Temple Sant Niranjan Das who arrived here on Friday. The entire area of Seer Govardhan turned into Spiritual as the devotees could be poems of Sant Ravidas and lancing on the devotional songs. The Sant Ravidas and lancing on the devotional songs. The Sant Ravidas and the entire area choosed with the recital of the path of Amrit Bani, Langars were organised



Birthplace of Sant Ravidas flooded with devotees

for the devotees. The devotees coming from abroad were also seen serving the devotees in langars. Sant Niranjan Das will sermon the religious discourse to the devotees in the morning on Sunday in a grand water-proof pandal. As the devotees of Sant Ravidas mainly belong-ing to the Dalit community and

so, the political leaders also visit the birthplace to celebrate the birth anniversary of this great religious leader. In this order, the chief of Shiromani Akali Dal and ex Deputy CM of Punjab Sukhbir Singh Badal reached here on Saturday and worshiped at the temple and also sought the blessing of the

head of the temple. The CM Adityanath will visit the Sant Ravidas temple on Sunday. Some other political leaders are also expected to reach here to seek the blessing of Sant Ravidas. The district adminis-tration has made all the arrangements of basic ameni-ties to facilitate the devotees.

HC Bar Association's Foundation Day celebrations conclude

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE PRAYAGRA

Union Law Minister Kiren
Rijiju said that the laws of
the British era will be completely abolished. The name of
the Britishers will be removed
from everywhere its process is the Britishers will be removed from everywher, its process is going on. This was said during the addressing programme organized in the concluding session of the 150th Foundation Day celebrations of High Court Bar Association Allahabad here on Saturday. Many judges including Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju, Chief Justice Rajesh Bindal and others attended the pro-gramme.

gramme.

Pointing to the ongoing tussle between the Supreme Court and the Central Government, he said that "No one can threaten anyone. We are public servants, we have every right to speak our mind. We talk about public interest. Court also works in public interest." He said that for the convenience of the common people, work is being done to provide arguments and orders in Hindi in the Supreme Court like the Lower Court and the



High Court.

High Court.
Addressing the dosing session of the 150th Foundation
Day celebrations of High Court
Bar Association Allahabad,
Chief Justice Rajesh Bindal
said that it is a matter of pride
for me that the historic event
took place during my tenure.
This is a very bigb are nad very
big High Court. Advocates
here Kanhaiya Lal Mishra,
Shanti Bhushan, Keshari Nath
Tripathi are the source of inspiration.

Justice Pritinkar Diwakar observed that advocates devote a lot of time to their profession. They give less time to family. Advocates are an intellectual

society. This intellectual class gathers under one roof.

The Allahabad Bar started with four advocates and grew to 31,000. Never seen such a big bar and such unity anywhere, he added. It is a request to the Law Minister to give a hi-tech library here. Both the Bench and Bar are not guilty for pending trial in the Allahabad High Court.

Apart from Union Law Minister Kiren Rijin, Supreme Court Justice Krishna Murari, Justice Vikramnath, High Court Justice Ramesh Sinha, Advocate General Ajay Mishra, Advocate General Ajay Mishra, Bar Association President RK OJha, Secretary SD Singh

Jadaun are present on the stage.

It may be pointed out here
that on Friday, CM Yogi
Adityanath also arrived to participate in the foundation day
celebrations of the Allahabad
High Court Bar Association.
Addressing the advocates here,
he had said that "Today I have he had said that "Today I have come to participate in the Advocate Kumbh. This is the city where people from all over the country reach in the hope of justice. People come to this temple of justice in Prayagraj when a person is troubled and harassed". He also praised the coordination between the Bar and the Rend's in the All-Lat.

coordination between the Bar and the Bench in the Allahabad High Court.

VDA to lodge FIR against illegal occupants

Varanasi Development Vauthority (VDA) will lodge an FIR against those who have illegal possessions in Lalpur Awasiya Yojana and also ascertain action against them. This was decided in the 128th meeting of the VDA Board which was held on Friday under the chairmanship of its Chairman and Divisional Commissioner Kaushal Raj Sharma. The District Maeistrate Staialineam. VDA Sharma. The District Magistrate S Rajalingam, VDA Vice-Chairman Abhishek Goel, Secretary Dr Sunil Verma and member of the Board Ambarish Singh Bhola were mainly present in the

meeting.
The Board decided to raise the development fee by raise the development fee by 9.97 per cent and gave its nod to the proposal to implement the development fee to be increased in future from April 1 automatically each year on the basis of cost index of the

the basis of cost index of the Income Tax department.

The shopkeepers of Dashashwamedh and adjoining markets be contacted for the allotment of shops in Dashashwamedh tourist plaza and the allotment process should be followed on the basis of the number of the applicants the meeting decid. Income Tax department. The shopkeepers of Dashashwamedh and adjoining markets be contacted for the allotment of shops in Dashashwamedh tourist plaza and the allotment process should be followed on the basis of the number of the applicants, the meeting decided to fixed the applicants, the meeting decided to contact the applicants, the meeting decided to fixed the applicants of the applica



The DC Kaushal Raj Sharma and others in the meeting of VDA Board.

remove the encroachment level and also at the zonal offilevel and also at the zonal offi-cer level through help desk and camp. The Board also decided to develop integrated grievance redressal portal and open control room with toll free number to address the grievances and take action against illegal construction. The Board also gave its nod to the proposal to include 95 vil-The Board also gave its not to the proposal to include 95 vil-lages including 30, 37, 17, 9 & 2 villages of Pindra Tehsil, Rajatalab Tehsil, Chunar Tehsil of Mirzapur, Sadar Tehsil of Chandauli, Sakaldiha Tehsil of Chandauli, Tespec-

tively.

The Board gave its nid to the proposal to include UP Transit

Oriented Development Policy and decided to make marking and level marking of HFL in the development areas and also make the people aware of it.

it.
The meeting decided to hold a programme for the monthly training of architects and engineers and directed the officers to hold camps to address the problems related to the allotted lands.

Youth shot at during street brawl

Vansh Yadaw (22), was shot at and injured during a street brawl took place at halway in the control of the cont

accused.
Roop Singh Yadav, a resident of Jhalwa village, has two markets for which he gets rent. His only son Vansh had gone to near Vishnu Bhagwan Public School (Dadanpur vil-

lage), about one kilometer away from home at around eight o'clock on Friday night was the was fired upon. The bulket his above the was fired in the back above the wash was bying in a pool of blood, while the shooter ran away. Locals said that a fight between Vansh and the shooter occurred at that place.

After getting the news, the family members of Vansh reached, while the specific of the family members of Vansh reached the spot. The police force of Dhumanganj police station also reached within no time. DCP Nagar Santosh

Kumar Meena also saw the condition of the injured Vansh.

According to the DCP, the youth who shot after the quarrel is absconding. The police team has gone to Umri village in search of him. If a named complaint is given on the basis of Vansh's state-

the basis of Vansh's statement, then arrest will be made by filing a case.

On the other hand, police forces of several police stations including Kotwali, Shahganj, Khuldabad, Georgetown were called upon the arrival of a large number of people from Jhalwa in the

Meanwhile, in another incident, People informed the police after seeing a dead per-son living in a room on 60 Feet Road in Rajrooppur area

Feet Road in Rajrooppur area of the city.
Corporator Mithilesh Singha laso reached along with the police of Dhumanganj police station.
Police said that the exact reason for the death of the deceased 38-year-old Rajesh Shukla is yet to be ascertained. No visible injury has been seen. Postmortem will clarify the cause of death, police added.

ADM inaugurates exhibition

By promoting the cottage industries and Khadi Gramodyog we strengthen the economy of the nation and to promote the use of village produced items was best way to contribute to the rural economy. These views were expressed by ADM(Mamami Gange) Amarendra Verma while he was inauturating the exhibit he

Amarendra Verma while he was inaugurating the exhibition of the products of Khadi and Gramodyog at BLJ ground near GIC on Friday.

The ADM expressed his contentment that it was the quality of the goods being showcased at the stalls were attracting the customers. Earlier to the inauguration the ADM condoled the death of MIA Rahul Kol by observing two minutes silence at the ground. Deputy Commissioner Industry Ashok Kumar, District Information Officer

Om Prakash Upadhyay, the officials of Khadi and Gramodyog of Vindhyachal division and the others were present on the occasion. As per the information of the organ-

present on the occasion. As per the information of the organisers the exhibition did the business around Rs 5 lakh till the evening.

RAHUL PRAKASH KOL
CREMATED: Mirzapur, Mortal remains of MLA Rahul Prakash Kol was consigned to the flames at Ganga Ghat on Friday. The last ritual of the MLA was performed by his son Samrat (11) with full government benour amidst the presence of thousands of people. The demise of the MLA caused due to cancer who died on Thursday in a hospital at Mumbai. The prominent among those who gave the last adieu at funeral ground were Union State Minister Anupriya Patel, UP Cabinet Minister Asheesh Patel, MLC

Shyam Narain Singh, MLAs Rama Shankar Patel and Anurag Patel, chairman Zila Panchyat Raju Kanaujiya and the leaders of all the political parties. Rahul Kol was elected parties. Rahul Kol was elected as MLA from Chhanbey constituency of the district in 2017 for first time and at present it was his second term. The ML was the son of Pakaudi Lal Kol who is the MP from Sonbhadra

parliamentary constituency.
PENSION ADALAT:
With the purpose to provide all With the purpose to provide all the post retirement benefits to the employees of the division a divisional pension adalat was held at the office of divisional commissioner on Friday. Presiding over the meeting the Divisional Commissioner disposed 51 cases out of 73 and directed the officials concerned to the provide of the provided that the provided the officials concerned to the control of the provided that the provided the provided that the provided that the provided that t arrected the officials concerned to dispose rest of the 22 cases within 15 days. The DC issued the adverse entries to the drawing disbursing officers of the

Sonbhadra, office of assistant director Fisheries and PWD for Sonbhadra, office of assistant director Fisheries and PWD for remaining as absent from the meeting. The DC issued the adverse entry to a clerk of CMO office Ganga Ram for inordinate delay in the disposal of the matters of the pensioners. He directed the officials concerned to dispose the matters without delay otherwise face the music. He asked the DDOs concerned to attend the next meeting with detail information about all the pending cases. He made it clear that the post retirement benefits should not be withheld at all. The adalat was mainly attended by the DM Mitrzapur Divya Mittal, officiating additional director Treasury Archana Tripathi, the CTOs of Sonbhadra and Bhadohi, patron pensioners Lalloo



Agniveer recruitment through e-test Public 'malik',

Given the rapidly changing nature of warfighting with stress on technology, the Army has decided to conduct written examination for all the aspiring Agnivens. 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.

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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

later.

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 the Agniveer programme. Agniveer recruitment followed the same procedure as regular

soldier recruitment. 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.

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

LG seeks active involvement of

NCC in anti-drugs

campaigns in J&K

says Rijiju

Min says after SC's strong remarks over judges' transfers



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 the country will be governed according to the Constitution and wishes of the people and nobody can give warning to anyone.

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"Public is 'malik' (master) of this country and we are ser-vants. We all are here for ser-vice and the Constitution is our guide.... The country will be governed under the guidance of the Constitution and wish-es of the public. Nobody can give warning to anyone," Rijiju said,

PTI JAMMU

Lieutenant Governor (LG)

Manoj Sinha on Saturday
sought the active involvement
of the National Cadet Corps
(NCC) in the anti-drugs campaigns in Jammu & Kashmir.
He also encouraged the
NCC cadets to contribute
towards a successful conduct of
a G20 event scheduled to take
place in Srinagar.
The LG was interacting
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
scuring the fourth position
among the 17 NCC directorates.
The selection of 17 NCC
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
Aga Bhawan here, the LG said,
"Drug addiction has emerged
as the biggest challenge for the
society. The NCC cadets, along
with the youth clubs, need to
actively participate in the campaigns against the drug men-Sometimes discussions are "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 bench

bench.

The minister was addressed on the 15

The minister was address-ing 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 claritur excompendations for 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 Rujius 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 Systems so that a person will be able to get information about the status of the case in any high court on one click.

Being the largest high

the case in any high court on one click.

"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

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

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ing his research team. The federal probe agency

INDIA'S HELICOPTER MAKING HUB TO GIVE FILLIP TO PM'S

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The factory will be augmented to produce other helicopters such as Light Combat Helicopters (LCHs) and Indian Multirole Helicopters (LCHs) and Indian Multirole Helicopters (IMRHs). It will also be used for Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul of LCH, LUH, Cwil Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) and IMRH in the future. Potential exports of Activation of the Helicopters in the range of 3-15 tonnes, with a statal business of over Rs four lakh crores over the Helicopters in the range of 3-15 tonnes, with a statal business of over Rs four lakh crores over the Helicopters of the Activation of the Helicopters in the range of 3-15 tonnes, with a statal business of over Rs four lakh crores over the Helicopters of the Activation of the Helicopters o

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 funds through a crowd funding platform.

The Enforcement

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The Enforcement
Directorate (ED), while seeking Gokhale's remand on that
day, had informed a
Ahmedabad court that when
he was asked about Re 32-54
lakh deposited in his bank
account in cash over a year,
Gokhale had told the agency
that 'this amount was given in
cash by Alankar Sawai of the
India National Congress for
social media work and other
consultancy'.

India, UAE, France to speed up trilateral bid on climate

India, 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 training and joint production of weapon systems.

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These issues were reviewed during a telephonic conversation between the foreign ministers of the three countries on Saturday, ministry of externa affairs(MEA) said here later. A joint statement was also issued.

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September 2022, on the mar-gins of the United Nations General Assembly in New York, the Foreign Ministers of

establish a formal trilateral 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.

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York, the Foreign Ministers of India, France and the UAE met for the first time in a trilateral format.

In acknowledgement of their shared desire to promote international stability and prosperity, and to further build upon the constructive and collaborative ties that exist the Foreign Ministers of India, iative. The three sides agreed

Doctors welcome FM's call to increase NCCD on cigarettes

Doctors and activists have 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 various initiatives aimed to reduce cancer causing tobac-

move would strengtnen various initiatives aimed to reduce cancer causing tobactouse in India the Mowever, at the Government to augment these efforts increasing taxes on bids 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 Mukhopadhay, Chief Executive, Voluntary Health Association of India hailed the decision but felt that the percentage increase is minimal. "We hope that in future, the Finance Minister

get?.

The present GST rates on tobacco products combined with the compensation cess for all tobacco products is much lower than the World Health Organization (WHO)

much lower than the World Health Organization (WHO) recommended tax burden of at least 75% of retail price for all tobacco products.

The total tax burden is currently only about 53% for collection of 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

actively participate in the cam-paigns against the drug men-

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

Saturday.

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 to 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 mother said.

er said.

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 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 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

"The Hemant Soren government 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 created," he said.

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

year.

Referring to the killing of a 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 indulging in politics of appeasement."

Earlier in the day, the Cooperation Minister said the Union government has

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

death registration, and many more.

"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 Centres.

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

Inion Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday laid the foundation stone of a Rs 450-crore nano ear plant and township of the Indian Farmers (FFFCO) in Inarkhand's Deoghar. Shah said it will help in reducing the dependence on import of urea and usher in development of the eastern region, particularly the Santhal Paraganas.

"Nano urea will benefit farmers, and it is already being exported to five countries," he said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had inaugurated the world's first nano urea plant in Gujarat last year, according to IFFCO. This will be India's fifth such plant.

fifth such plant.
"PM Modi has given priority to all works related to land conservation across the

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 said.

The facility will prove to be useful in increasing pro-duction not only in lbarkband duction not only in lbarkband

be useful in increasing pro-duction 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 pro-duce, IFFCO said.

PUNJAB BORDER DIST RAID IN NDPS CASE

ED SEIZES HEROIN, ARMS IN

IN NDPS CASE

Following this, the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB), the lead agency for probing NDPS cases, was requested for verification and testing of the suspicious products. "As per the NCB officials, the substance recovered was suspected to benoin weighing approximately 2.2 kg which was tested and seized by them in the presence of ED officials," the ED said in its statement.

Also, some packets of white powdery substance were recovered from the shop of Skattar Singh, Proprietor of Baba Sidana Trading Company at Nausheran Pannuan village for which NCB was requested for its verification and testing. "As per the NCB officials, the same appeared to be suspected Narcotics contraband material weighing 11,980 (say which was seized the said. The search operation also yielded recovery of arms and ammunition, including two ridges. These included one ridt, two pistod and cartridges recovered from the residential premises of Makhan Singh, brother of Singh.

VETERAN SINGER VANI

VETERAN SINGER VANI FOUND DEAD

In a career spanning more than five decades, she has sung more than 10,000 songs in almost all Indian languages. Jairam became an overnight sensation with the songs "Bolire Pappi Hara."

and Hum Ko Mann Ki Sakthi Denaa.." she rendered for the 1971 Hindi film Guddi directed by Hrishikesh Mukherjee. The music for the film was composed by the maestro Vasanth Desai. Since then there was no looking back for Vani Jairam. By 1972, she started singing for Malayalam, Tamil, Telugu and Kannada films. Music lovers who were accustomed to Lata Mangeshkar, P Susheela and S Janaki found in Vani Jairam a unique combination of diction, mellifluous and captivating voice. Starting her career as an employee of a nationalised bank, Vani Jayaram opted for a profession in music and was an instant hit with music lovers.

FIRM TOLD TO STOP MAKING EYE DROPS

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No stocks of the said batches were found during the investigation, the report said. "The firm has maintained the control samples for the said batches. The samples were taken for an analysis from the 4 batches of control samples. The sample of raw material Carboxymethylcelluloes Sodium which was utilized for manufacturing of finished products was also taken for an analysis; the joint investigation report said Also, the firm has stated that the media fill validation — a part of the validation of an aseptic manufacturing process—was carried out biannually. The records were verified for the same, according to the report. Further, it is observed that the firm has not carried out the complete root cause analysis in respect of the above complaint and stated that it was under process, the report said. On the verification of records, it is noticed that the firm has done the stability studies—which helps understand how the quality of a drug product varies with time and environmental factors—for the representative batch of the said drugs yearly once, the report said. It said the manufacturing records of all batches, purchase invoices of raw materials, sales of all batches, purchase invoices of raw materials, also discussed in the said of the said drugs that the said and the said in the said of the said of

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The court said the legal proceedings against the 11 accused were initiated in a "perfunctory and cavalier fashion" and "allowing them to undergo the rigmance of a long-drawn trial does not augur well for the criminal justice system of the country." Furthermore, such police action is detrimental to the liberty of citizens who choose to exercise their fundamental right to peacefully assemble and protest. The liberty of the protesting citizens should not have been lightly interfered with," it said. The court said dissent is an extension of the fundamental right to freedom of speech and expression, subject to reasonable restrictions. Referring to a 2012 verdict of the Supreme Court, the judge said the court is duty-bound to lean towards an interpretation that protects the rights of the accused, given the ubliquitous power disparity between them and the state machinery. The court said the investigative agencies needed to discern the difference between dissent and insurrection.

"The latter (insurrection) has to be quelled indisputably. However, the former (dissent) has to be given space, a forum, for dissent is perhaps reflective of something which pricks a citizen's conscience," it said. The court also said dissent has to be encouraged and not stifled, with the condition that it should be absolutely peaceful, without degenerating into violence.

ARSENAL'S PREMIER LEAGUE TITLE CHARGE HALTED BY STRUGGLING EVERTON

ikel Arteta said Arsenal must now show the resolve of champions after a shock 1-0 defeat to Everton dented the Gunners Everton dented the Gunners title in 19 years.

Arsenal still lead Manchester City by five points at the opt of the table, but blew the chance to the created that advantage as they

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

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.

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

desired bounce with a first will in 11 games. "The minimum require-ment 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

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-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 corner.

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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."

improving."

Keeping Dominic Calvert-Lewin fit will be critical to Everton's survival hopes, but the

England international showed his rustiness in front of goal in a second consecutive injury-impacted 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 Eddle Niketiah fired high and wide with just the goalkeeper to bett.

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conor coady then had to react quickly to turn Bukayo Saka's volley off the line as the visitors began to find their rhythm.

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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 fundamen-

larkowski was fundamen-tal to Dyche overachievements in keeping Burnley in the Premier League for six consec-utive seasons between 2016 and 2022 and the centre-back rose highest to power home.



Arsenal lacked composure in shock Everton defeat: Arteta

Mikel Arteta admitted Premier League leaders Arsenal lacked composure in heir 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 over second placed Manchester City. For the first time since losing at Manchester United in September, Arsenal tasted defeat and Arteta claimed his players werent composed enough to cope with Everton's aggress-

sive 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

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 today. We needed more compo-sure and to control emotional-ly the game better. We gave away so many unnecessary free-kicks and that's what they

consider the win at Tottenham on the property of the property

Bopanna-Bhambri lose in Davis Cup



PTI HILLEROD (DENMARK)

Land Yuki Bhambri lost to word number 9 Holger Rune and Johannes Ingildsen in straight sets to hand hosts Denmark a 2-1 lead after the doubles tie in the Davis Cup World Group Play-Off on Saturday. The Danish pair made short work of the Indians winning 6-2 6-4 in just 65 minutes as Rune's presence proved to be

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and 27 minutes. Nagal restored the parity after
blambr in ad a forgettable opening singles losing 2.6.2-6 to the
thisting teen sensation Rune.
Bhambri has quit singles
and now plays only doubles on
tour. The 25-year-old Nagal,
ranked 506, dropped serve in the
very first game of the match but
once he got hold of his nerves,
he was his usual fighting self.

He got the break back but squandered the chances when Holmgren offered them.

squandered the chances when Holmgren offered them. The Danish player, ranked 484, eventually sealed the set. In the second set, it was nagal who drew the first blood and went up 5-2. He served out the set in the ninth game to force a decider.

Nagal had a chance to get the first break when he made a deep return and Holmgren forehand return sailed over the baseline at 30-all but the home player served well to save the chance. Nagal got another chance when Holmgren netted a forehand at deuce point in the third game but he himself made a forehand at deuce point in the third game but he himself made a forehand error on the breakpoint.

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While Nagal preferred to hit from the baseline, Holmgren charged the net often to create chances for volley winners.

Holmgren handed Nagal author break chance when he tried to pick a low volley but could not keep the ball in the court and followed that up with

Zverev storms to Davis Cup win after being cleared of abuse



A lexander Zverev defeated three-time major winner Stan Wawrinka in the Davis Cup on Friday as the German star returned to the courts for the first time since being cleared of domestic abuse. The 25-year-old Zverev swept past Wawrinka 6-4, 6-1 in Triet to bring Germany level with Switzerfand after the opening day of their qualifier. On Tuesday, Zverev was told by the ATP that there was

a double fault, allowing the Indian to take a mini 3-2 lead. That lead stayed with Nagal and he came out serving for the match in the 10th game. Holmgren's forehand error gave the Indian three match points and converted the first one on

"insufficient evidence" to sub-stantiate allegations against him of abusing a former girl-friend. Former world number two Zverev always denied the claims, describing them as "baseless".

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On Friday, Wawrinka, who helped his country win the 2014 Davis Cup, was returning to the team competition for the first time in eight years. Now ranked 135 in the world, he was comfortably beaten for the fifth time in five meetings by Zverev.

home team player's unforced error.

In the opening singles, Rune broke Bhambri twice in each set. The 19-year-old converted four of the seven break chances while the Indian did not get a single chance to break his opponent.

Dipa Karmakar handed 21-month ban after failing dope test

Star gymnast Dipa Karmakar Dhas been handed a 21-month ban for failing a dope test con-ducted by the International Testing Agency, contrary to claims made by Indian officials

lesting Agency, contrary to claims made by Indian officials that her "suspension" last year was not related to doping offence.

Karmakar's dope sample collected out-of-competition by the ITA, an independent organisation that manages the anti-doping programme of the-ration (FIG), was found to contain Higenamine, which is a prohibited substance under World Anti-Doping Agency Code.

Her ban period will, however, end on July 10 this year as it was counted from the day (October II, 2011) the sample was collected.

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"The ITA confirms that "The ITA confirms that Dipa Karmakar has been suspended for a 21-month period, effective until 10 July 2023 after testing positive for higenamine (S3. Beta-2 Agonists as per the World Anti-Doping Agency prohibited list), "the ITA said in a statement late on Friday. "The positive sample was collected on behalf of the FIG in the scope of an out-of-competition control on 11 October 2021," it added. The Switzerland based non-profit organisation works under

The SWITZERIAND DASED NORTH profit organisation works under the supervision of WADA and International Olympic Commit-tee to implement anti-doping



programmes for various interna-tional federations. The ITA fur-ther said Karmakar's dope issue was resolved under a case resolution agreement pursuant to article 10.8.2 of the FIG Anti-Doping Rules and equivalent provision in the WADA. "The athlete's results have been disqualified from October 11, 2021 onwards." Karmakar, who shot to fame after finishing fourth in the 2016 Rio Olympics in the vault

event, has been struggling with injuries ever since she under-went a surgery to treat an ante-rior cruciate ligament (ACL) injury in 2017.

injury in 2017.
Her last FIG event was the 2019 World Cup in Baku.
The ban on Karmakar flies on her face as well as on the Gymnastic Federation of India officials who have been claiming ignorance after she was put in the "suspended" category by the FIG in February last year.

GFI president Sudhir Mittal had then said that he had not received any communication from the FIG regarding her

suspension.

Karmakar herself and her coach Bisheshwar Nandi kept quiet at that time.

Other GFI officials went to the extent of saying that the 'suspended' status could be due to other issues, like ethical or disciplinary, not related to doping violation.

Chelsea can't buy a goal in Fulham stalemate

AFP LONDON

Chelsea manager Graham Potter
pleaded for time to gel his
expensive collection of new stars
after the Blues were held 0-0 at home
by Fulham on Friday.

Enzo Fernandez made his
Chelsea debut after becoming the
most expensive player in British football history with a £107 million move
(\$132 million) from Benfica on
transfer deadline day.

Mykhailo Mudryk was also
given his Stamford Bridge bow,
while Noni Madueke and David
Datro Fofana came off the bench for
their Premier League debuts.

Chelsea's record investment of
over £300 million in the January window took the total spend on players

over £300 million in the January win-dow took the total spend on players in their first season under new ownership to over half a billion. Co-owners Todd Boehly and Behdad Eghbail were in attendance, but will not have been impressed as another chance to close on the top four slipped by. Potter's men sit minth in the

Potter's men sit ninth in the table, still nine points adrift of the Champions League places.
"New players are adapting to a new country and a new league. It's not straightforward. When the price tag is what it is questions will be asked, it's the nature of the business,"

"The decision we took in the window you can see the profile in terms of age. We feel we have a very strong group of players. We have to gel and become a really good tarbet. That's where the work is."

Fulham had secured a first victory in the west London derby since 2006 when the teams met just three weeks ago.

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Marco Silva's men sit two points and three places above their local rivals in the table in their first season back in the top flight.

HAVERTZ'S HAT-TRICK OF

MISSE Fulham were seeking a first ever league double over Chelsea and came close to achieving it as Andreas Pereira forced Kepa Arrizabalaga into a flying save low to his right. For the enormous sums spent by Chelsea's new owners, their lack of a clinical goalscorer was exposed once more.

Kai Havertz had a hat-trick of big chances to break the deadlock before half-time.

big chances to break the deadlock before half-time. The German international failed to get enough contact on Thiago Silva's brilliant pass to divert the ball beyond Bernd Leno. Havertz then could not stretch to turn Mason Mount's dangerous



cross on target.

But his best opening came when he hit the post with a lob over Leno from Hakim Ziyech's defence-splitting pass.

Ziyech would have been a Paris Saint-Germain player this week had Chelsea not submitted the wrong paperwork in the minutes before tuesday's transfer deadline.

The Moroccan is just one of a wealth of wide options now available to Potter and he wasted no time in hooking Mudryk despite his price tag after a disappointing first 45 minutes.

The Ukrainian joined from Shakhtar Donetsk last month for a fee that could rise to 100 million curos (\$110 million).

Maducke was introduced in his place and Potter also threw on the hour mark in the search for a winner.

winner. Fernandez was inches away from the perfect debut as the Argentine World Cup winner flashed a shot wide from distance 20 minutes from time. Connor Gallagher came even closer as he hit the side-netting from the edge of the box.

But the best chance fell to Fofana as the Juviain rounded the strand-

as the Ivorian rounded the strand-ed Leno, but failed to beat the cov-ering Tim Ream on the line.

WE'VE PLENTY OF OPTIONS IN SPIN DEPARTMENT: CUMMINS

A ustralia captain Pat Cummins on Saturday over its spin combination as it has nough options to support veteran off-spinner Nathan Lyon in the high-profile four-match Test series against India beginning in Nagpur on Thursday.

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Nagpur on Monday.

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

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

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



way since he made a Test come-back after six years in Ranchi dur-ing 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.

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"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 that.

"Test cricket, can be really."

that. 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 alot of the talks are around, big spinning wicket, it's not always the case.

case.
"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," he said.

at home this time: Greg Chappell

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

Rishabh Pant and Jaspru Bumrah.
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 hor-rific car crash, Indian pace ace Bumrah (back injury) does not figure in the Indian squad for the first two Test.

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"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 all-rounder 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 series beginning in Nagpur on Thursday.

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 of urming tracks, Chappell said.

Thould 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 sts with an impressive average 53.86 between 1970 and

Tests with an impressive average of 53.86 between 1970 and 1984.

"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 runs will be the difference in atight contest."

Recollecting his conversation with Erapalle 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, "sees contional, length was manda-

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 spiner 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 skid on with the arm giving the

way'. s 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

Town out. 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 Sri Lanka.

"Marcus Labuschagne will be facine his first bid test in the

"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

wrote. The series will be like a 'final

The series will be like a 'final frontier' for the Pat Cummissled 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 the Pakistan, West Indies and South Africa. They will be in search of their first series win in India in 19 years.

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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
funger 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
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comfort 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 sheet," McDonald kept the options open

sheet," McDonald kept the 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 oppor-tunity to include an extra spe-cialist spinner in their bid to win their first Border-Gavaskar

Trophy in India since 2004.

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 previ-ous tours in the upcoming Test

ous tours in the upcoming resseries.

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

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

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 cricket.

a challenge back into Test match cricket.

"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 se him fully invigorated and invested and fully charged for the challenge ahead."

PTI NEW DEI HI

Former India batter Suresh Raina is baffled by Australian team's decision to opt for simulation training rather than play warm-up games ahead of the first Border-Gavaskar Test, starting February 9 in Nagpur.

The Australian team are currently training in Bengaluru and are practising on rank turners, having summoned little known Baroda spinner Mahesh recembles wichanden Aberbard with the summon that the summon t

Raina surprised with Aus decision to not play warm-up games

they are really important. They (Australia) can understand the quality of pitches in India only if they play on them," Raina told PTI on the sidelines of Mission

PTI on the sidelines of Mission Olympics Annual Day Meet, organised by Police Families Welfare Society. Raina is confident that India will do well in the four-Test series and Ravindra Jadeja's comeback will add fine balance to the squad. "I am happy with Jadeja's comeback after a long time." said the southpaw

time," said the southpaw.



Axar Patel are doing well. Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma have been in good form and I think we will get to watch an interesting series in the coming days. While visiting teams are restricted to the state of the sta

I will only comment (on performance) after watching the first day and seeing the focus of players." Rain a is very happy that there is so much competition for places in the national team across formats.

"It is an achievement (that many are worthy of a place in the many are worthy of a place in the Indian team). When there is such a competition we will get the best performance from the

He also welcomed BCCI's decision to organise the inaugur-al Women's Premier League

al Women's Premier League (WPL). "WPL is going to be very beneficial for women cricketers

UAE set to host Asia Cup, venue to be finalised in March Carey reminds OZ of Indian



PTI NEW DELHI

The Asian Cricket Council 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

the ACC chairman, had announced tast 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

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 to design the ACC under chairman should be a support of the ACC under chairman should be a support of the ACC under chairman should be a support of the ACC under chairman should be a support of the ACC under chairman should be a support of the ACC under chairman should be a support of the ACC under chairman should be a support of the ACC under chairman should be a support of the ACC under chairman should be a support of the ACC under the support of the AC

tive 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

shifted. A tournament without Virat Kohlis, Rohit Sharmas and Shubman Gills will have the sponsors back out." As earlier BCCI official privy to the development told PTI.

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 ted to a bad impression at home. Pakistan is currently going through an economic crisis and inflation hash it the country very hard with the tournament it is said. 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 apart from the broadcast revenues.

In another decision, the ACC has decided to increase the annual budget allocated for Afghanistan Cricket Association to 15 percent from six. The ACC has assured that it will be the Afghanistan Dario value for the price of the price of the Acc has assured that it will be the Afghanistan Dario value for the price of the Acc has assured that it will be the Afghanistan Dario value of the Acc has assured that it will be the Afghanistan Dario value of the Acc has assured that it will be the Afghanistan Dario value.

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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.

pacers' reverse-swing threat

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Australia wicketkeeper-batter Alex Carey has reminded his team how damaging the Indian pacers could be with their reverse swing even as countering the threat from hosts spinners was the main focus in the build-up to their high profile four-match Test series starting on Thursday.

Australia abandoned the dead "irrelevant" tour games in India and instead trained with SG balls on specially-prepared spinning pitches in Sydney before coming to India. Coming to Paktistan it was a lot of spin talk and I found the Counter of the SG balls on specially-prepared spinning pitches in Sydney to Sidney to SG balls on specially-prepared spinning pitches in Sydney to Sidney to SG balls on specially-prepared spinning to India. Carey told reportes here on the sidelines of their four-day training camp.

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He recalled their tour game He recalled their tour game in Bengaluru in 2018 when pacers were equally making impact as the spinners and Mohammed Siraj returned with a match haul of 11 wickets. "I played a four-day game



(for Australia A against India A) in 2018 and a lot of the talk was about spin and probably forget a bit how damaging both team's fast bowlers are with the reverse-

last bowlers are with re reverse-swinging ball, with a wicket that might be a bit up and down," said the 31-year-old. Carey also recalled their drawn Test series in Sri Lanka in July last year where the Australians had to adapt to dif-ferent pitch conditions. "We went to Galle for two Tests and they were two differ.

"We went to Galle for two Tests and they were two differ-ent wickets. So be open-mind-ed about what we are going to come up against, what team they put on the park and what sce-nario I come in at," he said.

"Having the game ebb and flow between spin and fast bowling, dry periods, periods where it will score quickly... Think that's great about this team, the experience we do have."

Carey said the visiting team understands the capability of the Indian side, and will plan

understands the capability of the Indian side, and will plan accordingly. "Well speak to the guys who have played (in India) in the past and well have our batters' meeting soon. Well face a lot of different spinners, our spinners (are) bowling well as well, so for everyone it's getting our feet on the ground. "We haven't really spoken about the way we are going to play, if's the individual basis. For Travis it might be exploring that cattacking game a bit, Renners (Matthew Renshaw) is a bit taller and can get to the pitch of the ball — he has been here and succeeded — so it's up to the succeeded — so it's up to the individual to own their game then we back them in to do that"

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Inever thought being famous would be wonderful, but my limited exposure to celebrity has shown me the dark side big-time"





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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 akistan's Peshawar was once

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.

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kilometers (20 miles) from the Afghan border — became the center where the American CIA and Pakistani military 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 refugees.

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Arab militants were also drawn there by the fight against the Soviets, including the scion of a wealthy Saudi family, Osama bin Laden founded al-Pesnawar that bin Laden founded at-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 mijahedeen, Americans even abandoned us, and since then we are paying a price for it," said Mahmood Shah, a former Pakistani army brieadier and a senior security 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-Quidás 9/11
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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.

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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 Pakistant Taliban are distinct from but allied to the Afghan group, and Pakistant 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.

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 Afghanistans' conflict, the regional affiliate of the Islamic State group attacked Peshawar's main Shitte

affiliate of the Islamic State group attacked Peshawar's main Shitie 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." (AP)

more violence?

Pakistan reaches out to Taliban supremo

Pakistan has decided to seek the intervention of Taliban suprem leader Mullah Haibatullah Akhundzada to control the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan terror group, according to official

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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 Tribun ereported.

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 outflt 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

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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. 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 few of back.

attack but because of fear of back-lash from the Afghan Taliban, it

lash 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-tions.

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



CANCER IN THE F

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 Bhatmagar, 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 cologic cancers

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 cluding brain cancers or cancers of

*Kidney Cancer
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 much alcohol.

PREVENTABLE CANCERS

No cancer is 100% preventable. However, 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."

- *Breast cancer
 *Cervical cancer
 *Colorectal cancer
 *Head and neck cancer
- Lung cancer
- Ovarian cancer

*Lung Cancer
Lung cancer is the leading cause of
cancer death in the United States. To
lower your risk, quit smoking, avoid secondhand smoke, and get your home test-

*Lymphoma

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

Myeloma is a cancer of the plasma cells. In myeloma, the cells grow too much, forming a mass or tumor in the bone marrow.

Ansate 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, protect your skin from the sun and avoid indoor tanning.

*Thyroid Cancer

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

MOST COMMON **CAUSES FOR** CANCER

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Tobacco use is a leading cause
Cancer and of death from cancer.
People who use tobacco products
have an increased risk of cancer
Decause tobacco products and secondhand smoke have many chemicals that damage DNA.
Tobacco use causes many types
of cancer, including cancer of the
lung, larynx (voice box), mouth,
scophagus, 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 AlIMS 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 deadjviems, cancer cases will go down."
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POLLUTION

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

Dr Bhattnagar 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 starting from the age of 20. According to them, 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.

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With the emergence of advanced surgeries including oncoplastic breast surgery, oncologists/surgeons are now able to offer breast conservation to most batients 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 breast cancer.

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

"Cancer that develops in breast gands or ducts is called breast cancer. A lump in the breast, bloody or straw-coloured 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 early.

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

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



WHO Roadmap on breast cancer launched recently

- 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 early-stage disease.

 Diagnosing breast cancer within 60 days of initial presentation can improve breast cancer outcomes. Treatment abould start within three should start within three months of the first presenta-
- Managing breast cancer so that at least 80% of patients complete their recommended

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

Dr. Ronak Vyas, Surgical cologist at Narayana Multi Speciality

Dr. Ronak Vyas, Surgical Oncolgist at Narayana Multi Speciality Hoopital, Ahmedabad "People need to be aware of advanced treatment and facilities available in the country now. For example, our hoopital 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 1 &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."

Rural women caught unaware

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Even as breast self-examination
(BSE) remains a feasible
screening method in resourcepoor settings like India, yet diagnosis in advanced stages remains
a 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
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cer. 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 women in the study had never 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 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 several socio-cuttural parriers 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 regarding breast cancer and BSE need to focus on health awareness among rural women.

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

still holds true keeping in mind no let up in the breast cancer cases.

The authors have called for an urgent need to focus on health wareness regarding breast cancer and BSE among rural women by exploring various mechanisms of community engagement, including involving grassroots-level health workers.

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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 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 purposes.

CANCER: Close the care

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.

In the WHO South-Fast Asi: 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 mor-tality from noncommunicable dis-eases (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 Regions 11 Member States provide treitary care services for cancer diagnosis and treatment including surgical and chemotherapy services.

WHO continues to support countries of the Region to implement its new Regional Action Plan on Oral Health 2022–2039, 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 Maddives 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 Timori-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 girl. On cervical cancer, the Region

To accelerate progress and close the care gap, the Region has several priorities. First, introducing and/or expanding HPV vaccination in routine immunization to ing and/or expanding rir v suc-mation in routine immunization to prevent cervical cancer, covering at east 90% of adolescent girls. At the same time, the Region must con-tinue 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 ruising taxes on tobac-co products. Second, increasing capacity at the primary health care (PHC) level to detect cancers early, with a focus on intensified health work-force training, improved infra-

a focus on intensified health work-force 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 pro-vide palliative and end-of-life are dose to patients' homes and fam-ilies, within the community. Third, rapidly – and systemati-cially – advancing the capacity of tertiary care facilities to provide comprehensive diagnostic and treatment services, which is criti-cal to reduce cancer mortality. Interventions should be aimed at

high-burden cancers with high potential for cure. They must be accessible to all. Existing PBGRs should be improved, and where appropriate, new registries estab-lished, ensuring that policy mak-ers can access good quality infor-mation to plan, monitor and eval-uate interventions, and adjust coordingly. Tourth, including cancer ser-vices in risk pooling or pre-pay-vices in risk pooling or pre-pay-

Fourth, including cancer services in risk pooling or pre-pay-ment schemes and health benefit packages. For this, national health budgets should enhance the quality and accessibility of public services services and strengthen financial protection, with a focus on ending catastrophic health expenditure.

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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 relierates 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 T 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 refuser. numbers to the international refugee

numners to the international retugee crisis.

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 laws 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. measures to reduce human suffering during the conduct of fighting. Therefore, these laws clearly distinguish between military 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 target. Thus, many civil society organisations and global human right agencies are claiming that indiscriminate cies are claiming that indiscriminate and disproportionate attacks carried out by the warring parties in Yemen

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 assinst rivilians or enemy. 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

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involving an armed international group is a prerequisite to war crimes and grave breaches (Gary D Solis 2018). In contrast to genocide and

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 transier 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 wanton-ly". So the war crime as per this land-

International Criminal Court estab lished by the Rome Statute is the first lished 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 exception of distinction, recovery. principles of distinction, propor-tionality and precaution. And if any one of these is violated, it could be established that a war crime has been committed.

committed.

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

experts empowered by the UNHRC to find out violations of human rights 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 coultien that have traversed civilian. 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 crime. These responsibility for war crimes. These global powers are consistently sup-plying arms and ammunition to Saudi Arabia for carrying out the war

in Yemen. However, the US has also 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 grievpermanent 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, populari won their own from the war field. And Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, populari 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 nurrer of Saudi journalist lamal

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 Yemen Government in late 2014. Nevertheless, the conflict has its roots in the Arab Spring of 2011. Then an 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 interna-

tional political analysts, was sup-posed to bring peace and stability to Yemen, one of the poorest nations in the West Asian region. However, unfortunately Hadi had to subsequently handle mili-tancy, Islamic jihadists, military offi-cers having continued loyalty to former President Saleh and most importantly an economic downturn propelled by massive corruption charges.

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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 vival Iran in its southern backyard for future. future.
Truly, there has been disaster for

rruly, there has been disaster for everyone whosoever has been involved in the war. But for the most part, it is no other than Ymenis impoverished and malnourished population who have become the central target of the war. The Ymenis are killing the Ymenis 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 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 management when it makes complete sense to go all-out political management. plete sense to go all-out polit-ical. This attribute which was also visible during the handling of the Covid-19 crisis will keep

of the COVIG-19 CTISS WIII Keep the economy resilient. The highlight of the Budget has to be the increased allocation for capital expendi-ture, 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, 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 account Central

tioning 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-doing-work on the ease-of-doinglending to the micro, small and work on the ease-of-doing-business, will help the micro, small and medium enterprise ector 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 if the lieved that the rate was too high and political consideration. was too high and political con-siderations did not come in the

siderations did not come in the way.

This year's Budget is also a 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 executive the last mile. The reaching the last mile. The focus and commitment to sustainable growth can be seen from schemes like Mishti, for from schemes like Mishti, for Mangrove plantation, along the coastline and Amrit Dharohar, for preserving biodiversity in wetlands. Scrapping of old whiches also finds a detailed mention in the Budget. Establishing a centre of excellence for Artificial Intelligence (AI) shows that the Budget has ambition. The Skill India scheme will, henceforth, include AI, Pobotics, 3D print-include AI, Pobotics, 3D printinclude AI, robotics, 3D print-ing and so on. The Government plans to set up 100 labs for the development of

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

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 ture on food and fertiliser sub-sidy for the current year is much more than what was ini-tially budgeted, while the excise ax collected dipped due to excise duty cut on petrol and diesel by the Central Government Despite this, the Naredra 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 tar-get for the coming financial and the control to the year of 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 the year 2025-26.

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 reward performance over

Point-counterpoint



rhetoric. This Budget is, there-fore, a historic document and fore, 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.



The last full Budget before 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 for long-term growth potential of the economy.

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The biggest failure is the refusal of the Government to 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 in defence expenditure has even failed to keep pace with the rise in nominal GDP. The capital expenditure for defence has seen a very small increase from Rs 1,50,000 crore (RE) in 2022-23 to Rs 1,62,000 (BE) for 2023-24. For a Government

that loves to claim its nation-alist credentials at the drop of a hat, it is not surprising at all lat 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 BP at that time used to shout that the allocation, was not adequate allocation was not adequate and it will increase defence allocation when it came to

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 that it does not antagonise China and if that's the case then

Canna and it mast he case men 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 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 down. The planned reduction on the fiscal deficit therefore is not a result of sound fiscal not a result of sound fiscal management by the Government but is a result of

factors beyond its control.

Another aspect of the Budget is that the numbers pre-

sented are not honest. While the budgeted increase in capi-tal expenditure is hogging the limelight, revenue expenditure has not been subjected to the scrutiny it deserves. The bud-get for 2023-24 has projected only a marginal increase in re-renue expenditure over the revised estimate for the current vear. In fact, if the interes 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 payment is subtracted from 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 Manatma Gandini Nationai 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 offsets of Cavid 10 but that is 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

total allocation to the sector, it remains unchanged from what was allocated to it in the 2022-23 at Rs 2,300 crop. The Budget is an all-round failure because it fails to pri-oritise 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 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 moviduals with ownstantia according to though should 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 irrom you. This is une frontent 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 teel fively, mintibe, and joyful. However, as the week develops, various health concerns may arise that require your quick treatment. There is a cure for everyfring. Be optimistic, everyfring will work out. Professionally, if you are not committed to your work, you may have to yoy for!. Beople are observing you and providing up-to-the-minute information to higher authorities. Your may be used to make he unselfined shout your. and proving gyp-tre-imitude amonator to migra-duthorities. 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



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 good time. It all relies on what you do about it. Be upbeat about an dose assistance from others. Meditation will be quite beneficial. Things may not be going so well in your job. You are enaring 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 frightnend 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



TAURUS April 20-May 20

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This week, your health and vitality should be excellent. If you need to change your betaviors to safeguard your health, now is an excellent moment to do so. Starting with minor bodyctives, such as a daily walk, might lead to healthier and stronger you. Spend time balancing your body, mind, and soul. On the jot front, there might be a mondary loss or a condition of unemployment. Your anvietes, addictions, and other unpleasar imposters may be causing a negative atmosphere around you. You are depressed and have a negative doublet on life. Be optimistic, now it be time to learn from your blunders. On the personal front, your situation is tavorable, particularly in light of an ongoing romance. Your relationship will enter a faighter, more balance dynase in which you will respect each other as equals.

Lucky number 11



VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

This week, focus on health and follow-up workouts for This week, focus on health and follow-up workouts for people with serious linesses. You could finally find it within yourself to give up certain unhealthy behaviors that you are avariate are harmful. Eaks 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 businesspeofie. 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.



CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 19

CHATHILUMN 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 celberation. 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.



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 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 your each 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 justiback from close friends and family members. Family rifts and disagreements are probable. Be a little softer and more kind.



LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

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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 on'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 untainsess. The post you have been eyeing may be illied by another candidate of comparable catellare. The dieman 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.



AOUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

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. additional health conditions that have you concerned. Do not he too tenser; this is only a passing plase. 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.



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 you'r heatur, it is mine to giet oack on trabx. Un 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 lake 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



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 '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.



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

orderly human conduct. Goddess Saraswati in this sense offers lessons on how to pursue the learning process to

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 under-stand the dynamics of life. That makes it incumbent upon us to expand our vision to explore existential truths with

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 sumes 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 nged musical instrument). We are all

effect through harmony and symphony of varied sound notes excited by differstringed musical instrument). We are all aware that pleasing sound emanating from the musical instrument comes into 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

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 Wother 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 mul lying in its womb. This is in acknowledgement 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 knowl-

edge. 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

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. In 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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