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# Rijiju slams judiciary for publicising IB, RAW files

It's a matter of grave concern, with implications, I will react at appropriate time, says Law Min

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Continuing his campaign against the judiciary, Law Minister Kiren Rijiju on Tuesday said it was a "matter of grave concern" that the Supreme Court Collegium put in public domain certain portions of sensitive reports of the Intelligence Bureau (IB) and the Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) while reiterating the apex court's recommendation for elevation of five advocates as High Court Judges. Addressing a press conference at his Ministry's function on e-courts, Rijiju said Intelligence agency officials work in a secret manner for the nation, and they would "think twice" in future if their reports are made public, and making their reports public "will have an implication."

"Putting the sensitive or secret reports of the RAW and



Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju addresses a press conference at the Department of Justice, Ministry of Law and Justice, in New Delhi on Tuesday. PTI

IB in public domain is a matter of grave concern on which I will react at an appropriate time. Today is not the appropriate time," Rijiju told reporters amid a volley of questions in this regard.

This is for the first time that the Government has reacted to portions of these reports that were put in public domain by the Supreme Court

Collegiums. Asked whether he would 'sensitise' Chief Justice of India (CJI) DY Chandrachud in this regard, the Law Minister said he often meets the CJI. "We are always in touch. He is the head of the judiciary, and I am the bridge between the Government and the judiciary so we have to work together. You cannot work in isolation," he said. Rijiju also referred to

certain statements and tweets by politicians and lawyers slamming him for lowering the dignity of the top court by commenting on the Collegium. He said while appointments are an administrative issue, judicial pronouncements are "totally different."

"I am not commenting, or nobody should make any kind of comment when it is a judicial order. Some people may say that certain remarks are made which compromise the independence of the judiciary. So let us be very clear. When we are talking about the appointment process — this is an administrative matter. This has nothing to do with judicial order or pronouncement," he said.

Meanwhile, noted lawyer and former Law Minister Kapil Sibal condemned Rijiju's speech on Monday in which the Law Minister had said that though judges are not elected by people but they should bear in mind that people are watching their verdicts in this age of social media. "Are all your controversial statements meant to strengthen the judiciary? You might believe it. We lawyers don't," said Sibal.

The Supreme Court Collegium on January 19, reiterated its recommendation for appointing five judges, rejecting the intelligence agencies reports against them.

# Rahul tries to deflect Digvijaya's self-goal

Indian Army doesn't need to prove anything on surgical strikes: RaGa

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday tried to douse yet another controversy triggered by senior party leader Digvijaya Singh who questioned India's 'surgical strikes' against Pakistan. The BJP accused the Congress of insulting the armed forces in their hatred of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Terming Digvijaya Singh's views 'ridiculous', Rahul said, "The party completely disagreed with his statement. The Indian Army does not need to prove anything. The Armed Forces do their job exceptionally well." Rahul was talking to reporters enroute Srinagar.

Singh on Monday had accused the BJP Government at the Centre of "spreading lies" about surgical strikes.

"They (Centre) talk about surgical strikes and that they have killed so many of them but there is no proof. All they do is spread lies," he said.

After his comments, the BJP hit out at the Congress.



Congress leader Rahul Gandhi with Bollywood actor Urmila Matondkar during the party's 'Bharat Jodo Yatra', in Jammu district on Tuesday. PTI

Truth has nasty habit of coming out, says Rahul on BBC documentary

Jammu: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday gave thumbs down to the Centre's decision to virtually ban a BBC documentary on 2002 Gujarat riots titled 'India: The Modi Question.' The Government on Friday had directed social media platforms Twitter and YouTube to block links to the documentary. Responding to a question during the press conference in Jhajar Kotli Gandhi said, "If you read our scriptures, if you read the Bhagavad Gita or the Upanishads, you will see that it is written in it that the truth cannot be hidden. The truth always comes out."

## CAPSULE

### 3 INDIAN FILMS EARN OSCAR NOMINATIONS

Los Angeles: 'Naatu Naatu', the hit dance track from SS Rajamouli's blockbuster 'RRR', on Tuesday continued its winning march by earning a coveted nomination for the Original Song at the Oscars 2023 where Indian documentaries 'All That Breathes' and 'Elephant Whispers' walked away with nods in Documentary Feature and Documentary Short categories. 'The Last Show', India's official entry in the International Feature category, however, failed to make the cut in the final five. 'Naatu Naatu' will compete with 'Applause' from 'Tell It Like a Woman', 'Hold My Hand' from 'Top Gun: Maverick', 'Lift Me Up' from 'Black Panther: Wakanda Forever' and 'This Is a Life' from 'Everything Everywhere All at Once.'

### EGYPTIAN PRES EL-SISI BEGINS INDIA VISIT

New Delhi: Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi arrived here on Tuesday for a three-day State visit focused on enhancing bilateral ties in a range of areas, including agriculture, digital domain and trade. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Sisi will hold wide-ranging talks on Wednesday.

### PADMA BHUSHAN BV DOSHI NO MORE

Ahmedabad: Well-known architect and Padma Bhushan recipient Balkrishna Doshi, who worked with legends like Le Corbusier and Louis Kahn, died at 95 at his home here on Tuesday.

Late report on 2 unruly flyers lands AI in soup



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has imposed a penalty of ₹10 lakh on Air India for not reporting on time against two unruly passengers on a Paris-Delhi flight (AI-142) of December 6, 2022.

According to the DGCA, apart from not reporting the incident on time, the airline also delayed referring the matter to its Internal Committee. This is the second time in less than a week that the DGCA has taken enforcement action against the airline in connection with unruly passenger behaviour.

Meanwhile Air India on Tuesday said it has closed the internal probe into the urination case and will assist the flight's Pilot-in-Command with an appeal against the suspension of his licence by DGCA.

# MCD fails to elect Mayor again as House adjourned



AAP and BJP leaders during the election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor, at the Civic Centre in New Delhi on Tuesday. The election has been postponed again after the AAP and BJP members exchanged heated arguments. PTI

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) could not elect its Mayor for the second time on Tuesday as its proceedings were adjourned sine die following a ruckus between AAP and BJP Councillors.

This was the second attempt of the MCD to elect its first single Mayor in 10 years

following the unification of its three divisions last year.

The House was adjourned soon after members took oaths amid sloganeering by both the AAP and BJP Councillors. The adjournment prompted Councillors, 13 MLAs and three Rajya Sabha MPs of the AAP to sit on a "dharna" for nearly four hours against the BJP.

We should've been consulted on panel, say wrestlers



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

India's top wrestlers are unhappy with the Union Sports Ministry for not consulting them before forming the oversight committee that will probe molestation and corruption charges against Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) president Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, who is also a six-time BJP MP from Uttar Pradesh.

Sports Minister Anurag Thakur announced on Monday that a five-member oversight committee, headed by legendary boxer M C Mary Kom, will probe the charges against the WFI boss and also manage the day-to-day affairs of the Wrestling Federation of India.

# 'Pathaan' sets advance booking record

SRK's comeback film set to break KGF2 record, revive industry, say insiders

PTI ■ MUMBAI



Beating back boycott calls, Shah Rukh Khan starrer 'Pathaan' is set for the biggest opening for any Hindi film with 4.19 lakh tickets sold till Tuesday and 80 per cent occupancy on day one, even for early morning shows beginning at 6 AM or 7 AM, say industry insiders.

The film, which releases across 5,000 screens on Wednesday, could well signal a happy 2023 for an industry

grappling with crippling losses following the Covid pandemic and a string of box office duds. The ticket surge is being seen in multiplexes, single screen theatres and also in the South.

"The film is going to take a historic start at the box office with opening day collections of ₹45 crore to ₹50 crore. The box office revival will begin with 'Pathaan', especially looking at its advance booking. This is

very rare. And tomorrow is a working day," trade analyst Taran Adarsh told PTI.

"This film is going to break the advance booking of 'KGF 2' and will do a business of ₹45 crore to ₹50 crore," agreed Rajendra Singh Jyala, chief programming officer at multiplex chain INOX.

"We have 7 AM shows at Inox and almost 80 per cent of it is full. The early morning shows are happening in cities

like Mumbai, Delhi, Pune, Kolkata and a few others," Jyala told PTI.

The Yash Raj Films production, which marks Shah Rukh's return as a hero after 2018's 'Zero', will get a five-day extended opening weekend as it releases the day before Republic Day.

The advances of 'Pathaan' have exceeded all expectation, added Kamal Gianchandani, president of the Multiplex Association of India.

"It's a foregone conclusion that tomorrow's opening would be the biggest for any Hindi film," he said.

There have been early morning shows before but the excitement for 'Pathaan' is unprecedented with cinema halls in various cities, including Mumbai, Delhi, Noida and Gurgaon, opening for a 6 AM or a 7 AM show, he said.

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## Increase in sex ratio and enrollment of girl students indicate success of Govt schemes: CM

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The State government will never fail to take stringent action against those who mistreat young girls and women in any way. Also, the increase in sex ratio at birth and increase in enrollment of girl students in schools indicate the successful implementation of the

assisting young girls in being more self-reliant and empowered. “The State government has recently made a provision to give 30 per cent reservation to women in government jobs. The government also transferred Rs 323 crore to the bank accounts of 80,000 girls under

He added that the government has also launched schemes like Khushiyon Ki Sawari Yojana, Nanda Gaura scheme, Mukhyamantri Aanchal Amrit scheme and Mukhyamantri Mahila Poshan Yojana to provide all basic health and education facilities along with skill development training to a girl child since her birth. The Women Empowerment and Child Development minister Rekha Arya also said in the event that the government has tried providing all possible facilities in the new sports policy to encourage participation of young girls in sports. She said that the government has given scholarships of Rs 1,500 each to 3,900 children under the Mukhyamantri Udiyanam Khiladi Unnayan Yojana and 50 per cent of the beneficiaries are sportswomen, added Arya. The CM along with Arya and women commission's head Kusum Kandwal also felicitated various sportswomen for their commendable performance in their respective sports.

schemes of the State government. The chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami said this on the occasion of National Girl Child Day on Tuesday in a seminar on participation of women in sports organised at the new multi-purpose hall at Parade Ground by Uttarakhand State Commission for Women.

He said that the National Girl Child Day is an important occasion to reiterate everyone's commitment towards women empowerment and further strengthen the ongoing efforts to empower the girl child of the State in every walk of life. He said that Uttarakhand has a history of brave women like Tilu Rauteli, Gaura Devi and Bachendri Pal who have always made each citizen proud of their achievements. Our daughters have also been participating and leaving a mark in various fields like sports, education, military and scientific research, said the CM. He also said that various schemes launched by the Central and State governments are also

Nanda Gaura Yojana. The sex ratio of the State has also increased in the State. We have also witnessed a rise in the admission of girl students in schools. All these factors indicate that government schemes are being run successfully in the State,” said Dhami.



## CFSL to conduct narco & polygraph tests of Pulkit Arya in February first week

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The team of Central Forensic Science Laboratory (CFSL) is likely to conduct narco and polygraph tests of Pulkit Arya, the main accused in the Ankita Bhandari murder case, in the first week of February after the recent court order. The additional director general (ADG) of police (Law and Order) V Murugesan said that the authority has presently given dates from February 1 to 3 to conduct narco and polygraph tests as per the court order but changes are possible in this schedule too due to certain factors. However, he added that the tests are most likely to be conducted in the first week of February.

The body of 19-year-old receptionist Ankita Bhandari from Pauri Garhwal was recovered from the Chilla canal in Rishikesh on September 24 last year. The police arrested the main accused Pulkit Arya- the owner of Vanantara Resort and his two accomplices Ankit

Gupta and Saurabh Bhaskar on September 23.

The Special Investigation Team (SIT) investigating the case also later added charges of sexual harassment under section 354A of IPC and Section 5 under the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act against them along with the charges of murder (IPC 302), criminal conspiracy (IPC 120B) and concealment of evidence (IPC 201) sections on October 9.

The police also invoked Gangster Act against the three accused in the case on October 30. The SIT filed a chargesheet of 500 pages against the three accused last month based on about 100 witnesses and 30 pieces of concrete evidence in this case. The officials said that though the police have all the evidence against culprits, the narco and polygraph tests of Pulkit will strengthen their case in court.

### Doon police arrest vlogger for traffic violation and insulting women's modesty for views

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The Dehradun police have arrested a vlogger Dhananjay Singh, a Patelnagar resident, for rash driving and allegedly insulting women's modesty on roads in order to garner views on social media platforms. The superintendent of police, traffic, Akshay Konde said that the accused has uploaded many videos in social media where he can be seen causing inconvenience to the public, especially young women. “He has uploaded several videos with titles like ‘Cute girl reaction on Kawasaki Z900’ and ‘Cute girl market reaction’ on social media.

In such videos, he can be seen unnecessarily accelerating the accelerator of his bike to seek the attention of young women and subsequently passing from in front of them

slowly. He then uploads such videos with absurd titles. It is clearly visible in his videos that such stunts caused inconvenience to those women.

He has also uploaded videos of rash driving in narrow lanes and colonies causing inconvenience to local residents,” said Konde. He said that considering all such violations, the police registered an FIR against him and arrested him on Monday evening. The police have imposed section 177 (false information), section 290 (punishment for public nuisance in cases not otherwise provided for), section 509 - (word, gesture or act intended to insult the modesty of a woman) and section 283 (danger or obstruction in public way or navigation path) under Indian Penal Code.



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शाखा नेहरु कालोनी	ऋणी बंधक कर्ता – मधु गारमन्ट, प्रो० श्रीमती मधु यादव पत्नी श्री अशोक यादव, निवासी ग्राम व पो०आ० बालावाला देहरादून। गारण्टर-1- श्री अशोक यादव पुत्र श्री हनुम चन्द निवासी ग्राम व पो०आ० बालावाला, देहरादून, जिला देहरादून, उत्तराखण्ड। गारण्टर-2- श्री अभिषेक यादव पुत्र श्री अशोक यादव निवासी ग्राम व पो०आ० बालावाला, देहरादून, उत्तराखण्ड।	नोटिस जारी करने की दिनांक 02.03.2021 बकाया राशि दिनांक 28.01.2021 रु० 4,15,815 (चार लाख पन्द्रह हजार रुपये मात्र) + ब्याज व अन्य खर्च	बंधक सम्पत्ति का विवरण भूमि का क्षेत्रफल 12.08 वर्गमीटर =130 वर्ग फीट जो कि खेत सं० 818 मुज्जा बालावाला, परगना परवादा, जिला देहरादून। चौहद्दी –पूरब में- सम्पत्ति दानकर्ता की भूमि, पश्चिम में-20 फीट रास्ता, उत्तर में- सम्पत्ति दानकर्ता तथा दक्षिण में- सम्पत्ति दानकर्ता की भूमि। आरक्षित मूल्य: रु० 94,016/-रुपये मात्र) ईएमडी :रु० 9,416 (शब्दों में रुपये मात्र)
शाखा माजरा	ऋणी बंधक कर्ता – प्रेम रत्न होटल, प्रो० श्रीमती स्वेता सिंह पत्नी श्री अमित कुमार, निवासी 74-शिवाजी मार्ग, कावली रोड, पो०आ० देहरादून, उत्तराखण्ड। गारण्टर-1- श्री शिवम कुमार पुत्र श्री अमित कुमार निवासी म०न० 53, लेन-1, सिंगल मंडी, पो०आ० देहरादून, जिला देहरादून उत्तराखण्ड। गारण्टर-2- श्री अमित कुमार पुत्र श्री सुखपाल सिंह निवासी म०न० 53, लेन-1, सिंगल मंडी, पो०आ० देहरादून, जिला देहरादून उत्तराखण्ड।	नोटिस जारी करने की दिनांक 02.03.2021 बकाया राशि दिनांक 15.02.2019 रु०. 15,48,350 (पन्द्रह लाख अड़तासी हजार तीन सौ पचास रुपये मात्र) + ब्याज व अन्य खर्च	बंधक सम्पत्ति का विवरण भूमि का क्षेत्रफल 135.36 वर्ग गज, निर्मित भूमि जो कि खाता सं० 1189, खसरा सं० 723, (पुराना खाता सं० 517 रकबा 135.36 वर्ग गज, या 111.43 वर्गमीटर भूतल व निर्माण क्षेत्रफल 71.07 वर्गमीटर व दो कमरे, एक इडिंग रूम बना हुआ स्थित ग्राम मौजा डेरा खास परगना सेंट्रल दून, जिला देहरादून, उत्तराखण्ड। चौहद्दी –पूरब में- विक्रीत सम्पत्ति आदि, पश्चिम में-15 फुट चौड़ा रास्ता, उत्तर में- विक्रीत सम्पत्ति आदि तथा दक्षिण में- विक्रीत सम्पत्ति आदि। आरक्षित मूल्य: रु 40,42,563. /-रुपये मात्र) ईएमडी :रु० 4,42,563 /- (शब्दों में रुपये मात्र)
शाखा सेलाकुई	ऋणी बंधक कर्ता – श्रीमती किरन बछेली, पत्नी श्री रमेश बछेली, निवासी 46 डोबलवाला, पो०आ० देहरादून, जिला देहरादून, उत्तराखण्ड। गारण्टर-1- श्री रमेश बछेली पत्नी श्री शिवानन्द बछेली, निवासी 46 डोबलवाला, पो०आ० देहरादून, जिला देहरादून, उत्तराखण्ड। गारण्टर-2- श्री राजीव कुमार पुत्र स्व० श्री केशव कुमार, निवासी 63/2, तेज बहादुर रोड, पो०आ० देहरादून, जिला देहरादून, उत्तराखण्ड।	नोटिस जारी करने की दिनांक 15.03.2021 बकाया राशि दिनांक 02.09.2014 रु०. 32,00,000 (बत्तीस लाख रुपये मात्र) + ब्याज व अन्य खर्च	बंधक सम्पत्ति का विवरण खाता सं० 2 भूमि का क्षेत्रफल 0.1290 है० जोकि खतौनी खसरा सं० 27, ग्राम-मौजा रामपुर खुई परगना पञ्चबादून तहसील विकास नगर, जिला देहरादून, उत्तराखण्ड। चौहद्दी –पूरब में- नहर तल 10 फीट चौड़ा रास्ता, पश्चिम में- विक्रीत भूमि अन्य, उत्तर में-शिव मंदिर की भूमि। दक्षिण में-बछेली की सम्पत्ति। आरक्षित मूल्य : रु 23,22,000. /-रुपये मात्र) ईएमडी : रु० 2,32,000 /- रुपये मात्र)
शाखा सेलाकुई	ऋणी बंधककर्ता- मैसर्स उदय इण्टर प्राईजेज प्रो० निवेशक चन्द्र पुत्र श्री रविन्द चन्द, निवासी हरिपुर, पो०आ० सेलाकुई, जिला देहरादून। गारण्टर-1-विक्रान्त सिंह पुत्र श्री सुल्तान सिंह चौहान, निवासी हरिपुर, पो०आ० सेलाकुई, जिला देहरादून। गारण्टर-2-द्वारिका सेमवाल पुत्र श्री महानन्द सेमवाल हरिपुर, पो०आ० सेलाकुई, जिला देहरादून।	नोटिस जारी करने की दिनांक 15.03.2021 बकाया राशि दिनांक 10.07.2017 रु०.3400000+ अन्य खर्च (तीन लाख चालीस हजार रुपये मात्र) + अन्य खर्च	बंधकसम्पत्ति का विवरण भूमि का क्षेत्रफल 0.230 है० निर्मित भूमि जोकि, खतौनी खाता सं० 599 खसरा सं० 74/3/3 मौजा अटक फार्म तहसील विकास नगर पञ्चबादून देहरादून। चौहद्दी –पूरब में-माहेस्वरी की भूमि, पश्चिम में-जंगलात की भूमि उत्तर में-मनोहर सिंह की भूमि तथा दक्षिण में- 15 फीट ग्रामीण सड़क आरक्षित मूल्य: रु० 41,40,000 रुपये मात्र) । ईएमडी :रु०. 414000 रुपये मात्र)।

- नियम एवं शर्तों : 1. इच्छुक बोलीदाताओं को नीलामी के लिये रखी गयी सम्पत्ति के विषय में (सम्पत्ति का टाईटल/दावें अधिकार/सम्पत्ति का टाईटल/दावें/अधिकार/सम्पत्ति को प्रमाण पत्र करने वाली सभी कारकाओं) अपनी बोली बोलने से पहले स्वतंत्र पूछताछ करनी चाहिये एवं अपने आपको सभी बाधाओं के प्रति संतुष्ट कर लेना चाहिये।
2. इच्छुक खरीदार (रो)/बोली दाताओं से उपरोक्त सम्पत्तियाँ “जैसे है जहाँ है” तथा “जैसा मौजूद है” आधार पर क्रय के लिये सरफेसी एक्ट 2002 के तहत 04.06.2022 को आयोजनाय निर्धारित नीलामी में धरोहर राशि जमा के बगैर अथवा समुचित दस्तावेज प्रस्तुत नहीं किये जाने की स्थिति में ऑफर तत्काल अस्वीकार कर दी जायेगी।
3. बोलीदाता जिसकी बोली प्रक्रिया की समाप्ति पर सबसे ऊँची पायी जायेगी, सफल बोलीदाता घोषित किया जायेगा तथा उसको इस प्रभाव की सूचना दे दी जायेगी, जो बैंक के प्राधिकृत अधिकारी के अनुमोदन के तहत होगा।
4. सफल खरीदार को अतिशीघ्र अर्थात् उसी दिन या अधिकतम अगले कार्य दिवस तक, जैसी भी स्थिति है, विक्री मूल्य की 25 प्रतिशत राशि, जिसमें धरोहरा राशि है, विक्री संचालन कर रहे प्राधिकृत अधिकारी के पास जमा करनी होगी, जिसमें ऐसा करने में असफल रहने पर, सम्पत्ति दोबारा बेची जायेगी और जमा की गयी धरोहरा राशि प्रतिभूत क्रेडिटर के पक्ष में जप्त कर ली जायेगी।
5. विक्री मूल्य की शेष 75 प्रतिशत राशि, धनराशि प्राधिकृत अधिकारी द्वारा विक्री की पुष्टि की 15 वें दिन को या पहले अथवा प्रतिभूत क्रेडिटर तथा खरीदार के बीच लिखित रूप में सहमति के आधार पर विस्तारित अवधि, जो किसी भी स्थिति में तीन माह से अधिक नहीं होगी, के भीतर जमा करनी होगी। शेष राशि निर्धारित अवधि के भीतर जमा करने में असफल रहने पर पहले जमा की जा चुकी राशि। प्रतिभूत क्रेडिटर के पक्ष में जब्त कर ली जायेगी। चूक की स्थिति में सम्पत्ति दोबारा बेची जायेगी तथा चुककर्ता के सभी दावे अमान्य होंगे। सम्पत्ति पर कोई सांविधिक तथा अन्य बकाया सफल खरीदार द्वारा चुकाया जायेगा।
6. सफल खरीदार द्वारा विक्री की पूरी राशि का भुगतान कर दिये जाने तथा विक्री की औपचारिकतायें पूरी किये जाने पर सरफेसी नियमावली के तहत निर्धारित प्रारूप के अनुसार विक्री प्रमाणपत्र जारी किया जायेगा। खरीदार को स्टॉम्प ड्यूटी तथा रजिस्ट्रेशन खर्चा वहन करना होगा।
7. उच्चतम बोलीदाता को व्याप्तित्व दस्तावेज तथा अन्य प्रासंगिक दस्तावेजों की जाँच और नीलामी में भाग लेने के लिये के विषय में अपना सन्तुष्टि पत्र प्रस्तुत करना होगा तथा बैंक की कोई जिम्मेदारी/देयता नहीं होगी।
8. उच्चतम बोलीदाता के उक्त लेट/अवले सम्पत्ति और उनकी सुरक्षा-सुविधाओं के संबंध में लम्बित बिजली बिल/मासिक अनुसंधान प्रमाण तथा अन्य प्रतिभूति राशि, यदि कोई (प्रत्येक खतों के अनुसार) जो कि नियत सुरक्षित मूल्य का भाग है, जोएस्टी (यदि लागू है) चुकानी होगी।
9. उपरोक्त अवल सम्पत्ति मौलिक कच्चे में है।
10. बैंक के प्राधिकृत अधिकारी को बिना कोई कारण बताये कोई भी या सभी ऑफर अस्वीकार करने अथवा एक या अधिक सम्पत्तियों के लिये ऑफर स्वीकार करने का अधिकार सुरक्षित है।
11. नीलामी में भाग लेने वाले बोलीदाता को आरक्षित मूल्य के 10 प्रतिशत के बराबर की राशि का बैंक ड्राट जो कि किसी भी सिडयुल्ड डिस्ट्रिक्ट कॉर्पोरेटिव बैंक लि० देहरादून के द्वारा डिस्ट्रिक्ट कॉर्पोरेटिव बैंक लि० देहरादून के पक्ष में देय हो, धरोहर राशि के रूप में, नीलामी समय से पूर्व जमा करना अनिवार्य है, साथ में अपना पैन नं०, पहचान पत्र भी लाना जरूरी है।
12. सम्पत्ति सम्बन्धी नियम व शर्तें नीलामी स्थल पर प्राधिकृत अधिकारी द्वारा घोषित की जायेगी।
13. आरक्षित मूल्य से कम बोली मान्य होगी।
14. बैंक से संबंधित कोई अधिकारी, कर्मचारी, प्रबन्धक कमेटी सदस्य बोली में भाग लेने से वर्जित है। यह सूचना उक्त ऋण के कर्जदारों गारंटर्स बंधकदाताओं को उपरोक्त सम्पत्तियों की नीलामी उपरिपरिणित तिथि को आयोजित करने का संबंध में सरफेसी एक्ट 2002 के नियम 8 (6) के तहत नोटिस भी है तथा उनसे नीलामी में उपस्थित होने एवं सहयोग करने का अनुरोध किया जाता है। नीलामी असफल होने की स्थिति में बैंक का सम्पत्तियाँ/गुप्त समझौते (प्राइवेट ट्रीटी) द्वारा बेचने का अधिकार सुरक्षित है।
15. नीलामी सम्बन्धी सम्पत्ति की जानकारी के लिये डिस्ट्रिक्ट कॉर्पोरेटिव बैंक लि० के प्रधान कार्यालय में प्राधिकृत अधिकारी से सम्पर्क कर सकते हैं। प्राधिकृत अधिकारी को अधिकार है कि यह बिना कोई कारण बताये निर्धारित तिथि को बढ़ा दे अथवा इसे निरस्त कर दें। इच्छुक बोलीदाता को चाहिये कि नीलामी में भाग लेने से पूर्व स्वतंत्र रूप से सभी मात टाइटिल क्लेम आदि की जांच स्वयं कर ले। सम्पत्ति वर्तमान एवं भविष्य के ज्ञात व अज्ञात भारों के साथ बेची जा रही है। प्राधिकृत अधिकारी किसी भी प्रकार के तृतीय/अन्य पक्षधार के क्लेम अधिकार एवं देनदारियों के प्रति उत्तरदायी नहीं नीलामी से पूर्व मुख्यालय में आकार टाइटिल डीड का निरीक्षण कर सकते हैं। बोलीदाता सम्पत्ति के बारे में पूर्ण रूप से संतुष्ट होकर ही बोली में भाग लें।
- नीलामी की तारीख एवं समय व स्थान – डिस्ट्रिक्ट कॉर्पोरेटिव बैंक लि० मुख्यालय भवन, देहरादून दिनांक 27.02.2023 समय प्रातः 11:00 बजे
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# Rs 3.72 crore distributed to 301 affected families as interim relief in Joshimath

## Helping affected people akin to serving humanity, says CM

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The Disaster Management secretary Ranjit Kumar Sinha said that an amount of Rs 3.72 crore has been distributed to 301 affected families as interim relief in Joshimath so far. He said that the initial discharge of water in Joshimath which was 540 litres per minute (LPM) on January 6 has reduced to 182 LPM at present. Meanwhile chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhama said that helping the affected people at this time is serving humanity.

Sinha said that in the temporary relief camps, Joshimath has a total of 661 rooms with a capacity of 2,957 people and Pipalkoti has 491 rooms with a capacity of 2,205 people. Till now cracks have been reported in 863 buildings. Further, 947 members of 282 families have been temporarily displaced in view of security.

Meanwhile, Emaar India CEO Kalyan Chakrabarti met chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhama and said that his company will construct upto 150 pre fabricated huts for the affected people of Joshimath. Appealing all to become involved in assisting the affected people of Joshimath, Dhama said that helping people in such a situation is service to humanity. The CM reiterated that the State government's first priority is to provide all possible help to the affected people in Joshimath. Officials have been directed to ensure that they do not face any inconvenience and that their issues are resolved swiftly. He said that the all the relevant institutions of the Central and State governments are involved in geological tests and other works in Joshimath and that soon work will be done on a concrete work plan in the area. Efforts are also being

undertaken for permanent solution to the issues of rehabilitating the affected people.

Later, while interacting informally with media persons, the CM said that this is the time to help the affected and not play politics on the Joshimath situation. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is regularly seeking information about works being undertaken in the area while the State government is also attempting to provide all possible assistance to the affected. Dhama said that misinformation is being spread about Joshimath, which is not right. About 70 per cent shops are open in the area and all important activities are continuing normally in the area. Personnel of the National Disaster Relief Force and State Disaster Relief Force are deployed to help the people.

# RaGa raises Joshimath issue in his Bharat Jodo Yatra in J&K

PNS ■ DEHRADUN



The leaders of Uttarakhand Congress effectively raised the issue of continued land subsidence in Joshimath city and the plight of the affected families during the Bharat Jodo Yatra of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday. Holding banners and placards of 'Save Joshimath' and 'Development or Destruction', the top leadership of Uttarakhand Congress walked with Gandhi in Udhampur of Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday. The Congress leaders also invited Gandhi to visit Joshimath city. He is likely to visit Joshimath in February.

The Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) president Karan Mahara, the Leader of Opposition (LoP) in State Assembly Yashpal Arya, former chief minister Harish Rawat,

former PCC president Pritam Singh, secretary of All India Congress Committee (AICC) Qazi Nizamuddin, former PCC president Ganesh Godiyal, former minister Harak Singh Rawat, Prakash Joshi, MLAs Vikram Negi, Madan Bisht former MLAs Ranjit Rawat, Vijay Pal Sajwan, Rajkumar and Anukriti Gusain took part in the Bharat Jodo Yatra on the day. The participants from the State Manish Khanduri, Lalit Farswan, Jyoti Rautela, Vaibhav Walia, Mohit Uniyal, Rajpal Bisht, Ishita Sedha and Ankit Shah were also present on the occasion. The PCC president Mahara told The Pioneer that Rahul Gandhi expressed deep concern on the situation of Joshimath and opined that a comprehensive plan to save the Himalayas

should be prepared and executed. Mahara said that Gandhi said that instead of forcing the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) to withdraw its content on Joshimath, the findings should be used for preparing a plan for Joshimath. The PCC president said Gandhi also expressed his concern on unplanned and uncontrolled construction activities and use of explosives in the Himalayas.

The spokesperson of Uttarakhand Congress Garima Dasauni said that the top leadership of Congress party is very sensitive on the issue of Joshimath and Rahul Gandhi dedicated an entire day of his Bharat Jodo Yatra to express his solidarity with the people of Joshimath.

# Politicising Joshimath issue exposes Cong dual character: BJP

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The Bharatiya Janata Party has alleged that the Congress is attempting to politicise the Joshimath subsidence issue in its Bharat Jodo Yatra. Objecting to this, the BJP has said that this has exposed the dual character of the Congress. The BJP State president Mahendra Bhatt said that on the one hand the State Congress leaders meet chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhama and give him suggestions regarding the disaster and the next day they give a political colour to the issue by raising it in the Bharat Jodo Yatra. The projects approved during the term of the Congress government for political gains are now being termed uncontrolled and unplanned development by its leaders, he said. Bhatt alleged that from the first day of the disaster, the Congress has been focusing on playing with the sentiments of the affected people and instigating them instead of helping them. Due to its attempts to defame the government, an atmosphere of uncertainty regarding travelling to Joshimath and other mountainous regions is being developed on social media and other media. "Dedicating one day of the Bharat Jodo Yatra to the Joshimath issue is part of the Congress' negative strategy. The Congress leaders



had met CM Dhama a day ago and handed him a list of suggestions while putting their faith in the government and praising it. It is part of the party's dual character to use not just the Joshimath issue, but other projects related to the nation's security and development in its political Yatra. Work on most of the constructed and under construction projects aimed at meeting the energy requirements of the nation has been going on since the term of the Congress governments. They are also aware of the national and regional importance of the Char Dham road and Rishikesh-Karnprayag rail projects. However, without any technical and scientific report, they are describing these as uncontrolled and unplanned development in the mountains during the political Yatra which is unfortunate," said the BJP State president.

# Issue of permanent employees becomes tricky for VS speaker

PNS ■ DEHRADUN



The issue of the employees appointed prior to the year 2016 in the secretariat of Uttarakhand Vidhan Sabha has become a tricky subject for the speaker Ritu Khanduri. Her problems seem to have increased with the continued agitation of the terminated employees of the Vidhan Sabha and the refusal of the advocate general to give legal opinion on the issue of the employees appointed from the year 2001 to 2015 in Vidhan Sabha. The advocate general

SN Babulkar has said that since the issue of the termination of the employees is pending in the single bench of Uttarakhand High Court, he is not in a position to give any opinion on the subject. He is learnt to have asked the speaker to wait for the decision of the HC on the issue. The response of the advocate general has now brought the contentious issue back to square one and the onus is now on the speaker to act on it. The terminated employees

of the Vidhan Sabha contend that since the employees appointed from the 2001 to 2015 were recruited in the manner similar to them then the speaker should also take similar action on them.

It is pertinent to mention here that the speaker Ritu Khanduri had appointed a three member committee headed by former bureaucrat, DK Kotia in the month of September to investigate the charges of backdoor appoint-

ments in Vidhan Sabha secretariat. In its report the committee found that the appointments were made in gross violation of all the norms. It said that the appointments were made in individual applications and no selection committee was set up for making them. Acting on the recommendation of the committee, the speaker on September 23 terminated the services of 228 ad-hoc employees recruited in the years 2016, 2020 and 2021. These appointments were made during the tenure of the then speakers Govind Singh Kunjwal and Prem Chand Agarwal. The removed employees knocked the door of the court to challenge the decision of their termination; however both the Uttarakhand High Court and Supreme Court granted no relief to them. Interestingly the Kotia committee had also found that the appointments prior to 2016 were also made in a similar manner. Since the services of these employees were made permanent during the tenure of Govind Singh Kunjwal, the speaker Khanduri decided to seek legal opinion in their case after which an opinion was sought from the advocate general.

# Cong blames speaker for VS appointments mess

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The Uttarakhand Congress has said that lack of proper homework and overenthusiastic decisions of the Vidhan Sabha speaker has resulted into a situation of crisis in the Vidhan Sabha. The chief spokesperson of State Congress Garima Dasauni has accused the speaker Ritu Khanduri for creating a major dispute in the appointments in Vidhan Sabha. She said that the speaker has also tried to mislead the people of the State. Dasauni claimed that this is not the first time when the speaker has tried to hide the facts. She said that recently Khanduri said that she has written a letter to the government seeking legal opinion on the issue of permanent employees of Vidhan Sabha but the fact is that the advocate general SN Babulka had conveyed his opinion on January 9 itself. Similarly the speaker used to steadfastly refuse that the Vidhan Sabha had approached the double bench when



the single bench of Uttarakhand High Court had ordered a stay on the termination decision of 228 ad hoc employees but the appeal was filed in the double bench by the Vidhan Sabha. She said that the Congress party is of the view from day one that the speaker has remained partial in her action. Dasauni said that while talking about corruption free administration, the speaker herself has fallen prey to nepotism. She said that the appointments in Vidhan Sabha can be termed wrong on moral ground but taking action against only some employees is not justified.

# Several routes to remain diverted on Republic Day

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

Many routes will remain diverted in Dehradun on the occasion of Republic Day on Thursday. The police informed that there will be a zero zone around the parade ground during the Republic Day Parade and entry of all vehicles, carts and

hawkers will be banned in the area too. The VIPs and the officials concerned will enter the parade ground from Gate No 01 opposite the Employment Office junction. The vehicles of those participating in the event including people from the army, para-

military force, police and media persons among others will be parked in the Rangers Ground, Mangla Devi Inter College and IRDTA premises. The vehicles of the spectators arriving to watch the event from Survey Chowk, EC Road and Darshanlal Chowk

will be parked at Mangala Devi Inter College and Rangers Ground respectively. According to the police, barriers will be installed at the routes on outer points- EC Road, Survey Chowk, Manoj Clinic, Buddha Chowk, Darshanlal Chowk, Orient Chowk and Pacific junction and vehicles of only VIPs and pass holders will be allowed to enter. The inner points- the employment office junction, Kanak Chowk, Doonga House, Lansdowne Chowk and Convent junction will also remain barricaded. The routes of Vikrams and city buses that operate on Rajpur, Dharampur, Raipur and ISBT routes will remain diverted too on the Republic Day. The superintendent of police, traffic, Akshay Konde has appealed to locals to use the alternate routes and ride two-wheeler vehicles to avoid any inconvenience on the said routes. He also appealed to the public to park the vehicles at the designated places.



Personnel parade as part of full dress rehearsal for Republic Day parade in Dehradun on Tuesday  
Pioneer photo

सेंट्रल बैंक ऑफ इंडिया Central Bank of India Regional Office- Astley Hall, Rajpur Road, Dehradun				
Appendix IV (See Rule 8(1) POSSESSION NOTICE (For Movable/Immovable Property))				
Where as, the undersigned being the authorised officer of the Central Bank of India, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of Powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice as mentioned against account stated here in to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of the said notices. The borrowers/Guarantors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers/Guarantors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken <b>Symbolic possession</b> of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) Section 13 of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said rule on <b>23.01.2023</b> . The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured asset. The borrowers / Guarantors in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the <b>Central Bank Of India, Rudrapur Branch</b> for the amount and interest thereon.				
S. No.	Name of the Branch & Borrowers	Description of Movable/Immovable Property	Date of Demand Notice	Outstanding Amount
1.	<b>Branch: Rudrapur</b> Borrower: M/s Sudarshan Press (Prop-Sh. Lalit Khatri) Near Panch Mandir, Rudrapur Distt- U S Nagar-263153	1. Hypothecation of Machinery And Stock. 2. Hypothecation of Vehicloe (four Wheeler)- UK06AG3007	23.09.2022 Date of Possession 23.01.2023	<b>Rs. 35,85,993.00</b> as on 23.09.2022 + interest & other expenses
2.	<b>Branch: Rudrapur</b> Borrower: M/s Devashri Supplier (Prop-Sh. Vivek Gupta) Plot No-6, Awas Vikas, Nainital Road, Oppo-pae Gate, Rudrapur Distt- U S Nagar-263153. Sh. Vivek Gupta S/o Sh. Naresh Chandra Gupta, R/o Ebro-A-401, Omaxe Rivera, Rudrapur U S Nagar- 263153. Mrs. Sweety Gupta W/o Sh. Vivek Gupta, R/o Ebro-A-401, Omaxe Rivera Rudrapur U S Nagar-263153. Sh. Naresh Kumar Gupta S/o Sh. Raghuber Dayal Gupta, R/o House No-9,model Colony, Rudrapur US Nagar-263153.	Equitable mortgaged of Commercial property (Shops) admeasuring 32.62 Sq Mtr, situated at Khasra No-199 min. (Shop No-9,12&13) Village- Shimlia Bahadur, Tehsil Rudrapur Distt- US Nagar Uttarakhand in the name of Mr. Vivek Gupta S/o Sh. Naresh Chandra Gupta. Boundaries- Shop No-9, East - Shop No-8, West - Wall, North - Rasta 2.42 mtr, South- Wall. <b>Shop No-12 &amp; 13:-</b> East- Rasta 2.42 mtr, West - Shop No-16 & 17, North - Rasta 2.42 mtr, South- Rasta 2.42 mtr.	23.09.2022 Date of Possession 23.01.2023	<b>Rs. 49,75,739.00</b> as on 23.09.2022 + interest & other expenses
<b>Note:</b> Possession Notice dated 12.01.2023 served upon you is hereby withdrawn and fresh notice under sub section (4) of Section 13 of the Act dated 23.01.2023 is being served upon you.				
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# US distances itself from BBC's docu on Modi

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The US has distanced itself from the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC)'s controversial documentary series on Prime Minister Narendra Modi saying it is "not familiar" with the documentary. However, the US said it is familiar with the shared values that connect Washington and New Delhi as two thriving and vibrant democracies.

Responding to questions raised by a Pakistani journalist, US State Department Spokesperson Ned Price on late Monday told reporters that Washington shares an "exceptionally deep partnership" with New Delhi based on values that are common to both the US and Indian democracies.

When the journalist pressed further on the BBC documentary, Price said: "I'm not familiar with the (BBC) documentary (on 2002 Gujarat riots) you're referring to. I am very familiar with the shared values that connect the United States and India as two thriving, vibrant democracies."

"When we have concerns about actions that are taken in India, we've voiced those. We've had an occasion to do that. But we want first and foremost to reinforce those values that are at the heart of our relationship," Price said, with the Biden



Administration, like the British Government, distancing itself from such a documentary. Price said there are several elements that bolster Washington's global strategic partnership with New Delhi, which include political, economic and through people-to-people ties.

"What I will say broadly is that there are a number of elements that undergird the global strategic partnership that we have with our Indian partners. There are close political ties. There are economic ties. There are exceptionally deep people-to-people ties between the US and India," he added.

"But one of those additional elements are the values that we share, the values that are common to American democracy and to Indian democracy.

India, of course, is the world's largest democracy. It's a vibrant democracy. And again, we look to everything that ties us together, and we look to reinforce all of those elements that tie us together," Price told reporters at his daily news conference. The Indian government has condemned the BBC's

controversial documentary, which has not been screened in India, as a "propaganda piece" with a questionable agenda behind it.

"We think that this is a propaganda piece, designed to push a particular discredited narrative. The bias, lack of objectivity and continuing colonial mindset is blatantly visible," Ministry of External Affairs(MEA) spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said last week.

Last week, British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak defended Prime Minister Modi over the BBC documentary, asserting that he "did not agree with the characterisation" of his Indian counterpart. Several members of the Indian diaspora in the UK have sent complaints to the BBC over the characterisation of the Indian leader in the series.

Meanwhile, the US has reaffirmed that the pace, the scope and the character of any dialogue between India and Pakistan is a matter for the two countries, asserting that Washington has always supported talks between the two neighbours to ensure peace in South Asia.

Responding to a question raised by a Pakistani journalist on Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's recent remarks seeking peace talks with India, Price said even though the United States wants to see regional stability in South Asia, its relationships with Pakistan and India "stand on their own".

# Cong disrespectful to Armed forces: BJP

Prasad raps Rahul for dismissing Digvijaya's comment on surgical strikes as his personal opinion

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Claiming that Rahul Gandhi's 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' is turning out to be a "Bharat todo yatra", the BJP on Tuesday slammed the former Congress president for dismissing his party colleague Digvijaya Singh's controversial comments on surgical strikes as his "personal opinion" and asked the Opposition party to make its stand clear on the issues of terrorism and national security.

Latching on to former Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister's Digvijaya Singh for raising questions on surgical strikes during the ongoing 'Bharat Jodo yatra' passing by Jammu & Kashmir, the BJP alleged that Congress has been "disrespectful" to the armed forces and been making "insulting" remarks against them in the past.

Addressing a press conference here senior BJP leader and former Union Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad asked as why Rahul could not convince Digvijaya who he said been with him since the beginning of the 'Yatra' from Kanya Kumari his party's view on the issue and "Why did Rahul Gandhi take so long to publicly declare his respect for the armed forces".

"Rahul Gandhi ji, even after walking thousands of kilometers with you, why couldn't you teach Digvijaya Singh to respect the Army?



Congress leader Rahul Gandhi during the Bharat Jodo Yatra, in Nagrota, on Tuesday PTI Photo

This is not the first time he (Singh) has spoken against the Army. This time he did it in Kashmir, it is a matter of great shame," said BJP leader. He lashed-out at Rahul for dismissing Digvijaya Singh's controversial comments on surgical strikes as his "personal opinion".

Referring to former Chief Minister raising questions on surgical strikes, Prasad said the 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' of which Digvijaya Singh is also a co-organizer "is turning-out to be a 'Bharat todo yatra' The BJP

leader also asked the Congress to make its stand clear on the issues of terrorism and national security. Prasad said the Congress has a habit of projecting uncomfortable views of its leaders as their personal views and asked if there is any limit to such opinion.

"The question is what is the standard of these leaders when it comes to respecting our armed forces. Indians do not seek proof of their heroics but salute them," Prasad told reporters, noting that Singh has a history of taking controver-

# Taking UP to pinnacle of development: Yogi

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Tuesday urged people to put an end to divisions among them on the basis of caste, region, language and religion that have harmed Uttar Pradesh, and come together to elevate and place the State among the most prosperous States of the country.

Addressing a gathering during the 'UP Diwas' celebrations at Awadh Shilpgram on the occasion of the 74th Foundation Day of the state, the CM said, "As we are bringing Uttar Pradesh out of darkness and taking it to the pinnacle of development, we must also associate with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' and expose the divisive forces and crack down on the corrupt."

Highlighting the role of the state in the country's development, the CM said Uttar Pradesh has played a significant role in creating a modern India. Uttar Pradesh became the focal point of the country's first freedom struggle, he pointed out.

"Mangal Pandey in Barrackpore announced the launch of the freedom movement, which was led by Rani Lakshmi Bai from Jhansi, Bandhu Singh from Gorakhpur, and Dhan Singh Kotwal from Meerut. This state saw the Kakori train incident



and the Chauri-Chaura incident. This land belongs to freedom fighters and their countless sacrifices," Yogi said. "The origin of India's Vedic knowledge, Naimisharanya of Sitapur, is in Uttar Pradesh. Although we had everything, PM Modi gave us a sense of pride and dignity. Today, Uttar Pradesh has once again stood up with courage and is moving forward," Yogi said.

He further pointed out that in 2017, when the double-engine government was formed in the state, former Governor Ram Naik inspired them to celebrate the Foundation Day of Uttar Pradesh.

"On this occasion, our government launched the flagship scheme of 'One District One Product' (ODOP). The ODOP scheme has doubled Uttar Pradesh's exports. Before 2017, UP was known as the state of riots and the hub of criminal activities but today it is referred to as the hub of exports. This is the inspiring story of the brand new Uttar Pradesh," Yogi said.

Pointing out that on the

occasion of UP Diwas, the Planning department has issued a Family Card, the CM said, "The dashboard for the Millet Promotion Scheme and natural farming was inaugurated by the Agriculture department. We have already provided two crore tablets and laptops to the youth here."

"Together with the Centre, the state government is going to give the benefits of the 'CM Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme', which was inaugurated by Governor Anandiben Patel today, to 7.5 lakh graduated youths of the state in the next one year."

"On this occasion, ODOP's six beneficiary-oriented schemes and the Uttar Pradesh Notary Management website have been launched," Yogi said.

Thanking Prime Minister Narendra Modi for giving Uttar Pradesh the opportunity to host 11 G-20 programmes, the CM said Lucknow is one of the four cities in UP where these programmes would be held.

"Through the Global Investors Summit, to be held between February 10-12, investment worth lakhs of crores of rupees is going to come to Uttar Pradesh. Now the youths here will not have to go to other countries and different states across India for jobs. A lot of opportunities will be available here. We have to be ready to welcome investors and entrepreneurs coming to Uttar Pradesh," Yogi said.

# 'Aero India demonstrates rise of strong, self-reliant India'

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NEW DELHI

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday said the forthcoming Aero India exhibition in Bengaluru will not only display the country's growing prowess in the aerospace sector but will also demonstrate the rise of a strong and self-reliant "New India."

The 14th edition of Aero India, held every two years, will be held in Bengaluru from February 13 to 17.

Reviewing the preparations for the prestigious exhibition here, Rajnath said Aero India 2023 will not just be an event, but a display of the growing prowess of the defence and aerospace sector and the rise of a strong and self-reliant



'New India', the defence ministry said. The defence minister urged all the stakeholders to ensure "foolproof" arrangements for the participants.

Officials said 731 exhibitors have registered for the event so far. The five-day event on the theme 'the runway to a billion opportunities' will be the largest-ever aero show organised at Air Force Station, Yelahanka in a total area of around 35,000 sq metres, the

defence ministry said. Officials said the defence ministers' conclave, with the theme 'shared prosperity through enhanced engagement in defence (SPEED)', and a CEOs' roundtable are among the marquee events being organised as part of the Aero India.

The Manthan start-up event and Bandhan ceremony, which witnesses signing of MoUs, will also be part of the event, along with a fabulous air

show on all the five days. It will showcase the paradigm shift the government has brought in the aim of organising such events, the ministry said.

The events have been restructured with focus on increasing defence exports and forging partnerships rather than merely import of weapons and equipment.

Rajnath noted the Indian defence industry is going through a transformational phase and the active participation of the private sector is the biggest catalyst to that change.

He said though Aero India is a business event, it also aims to strengthen the country's relations with other nations.

He commended Bengaluru for successfully organising several editions of Aero India, say-

ing that the event is shaping Karnataka as an epicentre of aviation and aerospace industry. Rajnath described Karnataka as one of the leading states which contributes to the economic growth of the country.

Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and state government officials joined the meeting through video conferencing, while Chief of Defence Staff(CDS) General Anil Chauhan, Chief of the Air Staff Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari, Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral R Hari Kumar, Chief of the Army Staff General Manoj Pandey, Defence Secretary Giridhar Aramane and other senior officials of Ministry of Defence attended the meeting physically.

# Navy carrying out mega war game in Indian Ocean Region

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NEW DELHI

The Indian Navy is carrying out a mega war game in the strategically important Indian ocean region where China has substantially increased its naval imprint. The war game involves almost all operational assets like warships, submarines and aircraft there to hone its operational readiness.

The biennial Theatre Level Operational Readiness Exercise (TROPEX) is aimed at "validating and refining" the Navy's concept of "operations" as well as to test overall combat capabilities, officials said here on Tuesday.

The TROPEX will last for three months from January to March and assets of the Indian

Army, the Indian Air Force and the Coast Guard are being deployed for the mega drills.

"As part of the exercise, all surface combatants of the Indian Navy including destroyers, frigates, corvettes as well as submarines and aircraft are put through complex maritime operational deployments to validate and refine the Navy's concept of operations including operational logistics and interoperability with other services," Navy spokesperson Commander Vivek Madhwal said. He said the exercise is being conducted in different phases, both in harbour and at sea, encompassing various facets of combat operations including live weapon firings.

"Having grown in scope and complexity over the years, this exercise provides an oppor-

tunity to test the combat readiness of the combined fleets of the Indian Navy to operate in a multi-threat environment," he said.

"The maritime exercise also facilitates operational level interaction with the Indian Army, Indian Air Force and the Coast Guard, which will further strengthen interoperability and joint operations in a complex environment," he said.

Separately, the Navy also conducted the biennial tri-services amphibious exercise (AMPHEX) 2023 at Kakinada in Andhra Pradesh from January 17 to 22.

The exercise focused on joint training of elements of all three services in various facets of amphibious operations to enhance interoperability and synergy.

# MD of Manipur-based firm held in Ponzi-linked money laundering case

**New Delhi:** The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has arrested the Managing Director of a Manipur-based company in a money laundering case linked to a Ponzi scheme through which 15,000 investors were duped of their investments to the tune of Rs 580 crore.

The ED conducted searches at eight different locations of Lamjingba Group of companies and its MD Sanasam Jacky Singh in Gurugram (Haryana), Kolkata (West Bengal) Manipur in the money laundering case and recovered Rs 34 lakh cash and various incriminating documents such as copies of property documents, list of investors, details of funds collected from the investors and foreign invest-

ments, the agency said in a statement. The ED arrested Singh on Saturday and a court later sent him to ED custody. The money laundering probe relates to a "large-scale Ponzi scheme operated by Sanasam Jacky Singh..." it said.

"These incriminating documents are related to generation of proceeds of crime, its further diversion, transfer and end use by the accused Sanasam Jacky Singh and others," it said.

Two bank accounts of Singh, with a balance amount of Rs 1,34,01,989, were also frozen. Further, four immovable properties (commercial buildings/lands) situated in Gurugram and Imphal, were also frozen/seized. PNS



PM Narendra Modi interacts with Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar Awardees 2023, in New Delhi, on Tuesday PTI Photo

# WHO for action to protect kids from spurious medicines

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NEW DELHI

Concerned at the reports of death among children due to cough syrups and medicines in some countries, the World Health Organisation (WHO) has issued an "urgent call to action" to the members to detect and respond to incidents of falsified medical products and protect children from contaminated medicines.

The global health agency said that over the past four months, countries reported several incidents of over-the-counter (OTC) cough syrups for children with confirmed or suspected contamination with high levels of diethylene glycol (DEG) and ethylene glycol (EG). The cases are from at

least seven countries, associated with more than 300 fatalities in three of these countries, with most young children under the age of five. The WHO said the contaminants are toxic chemicals used as industrial solvents and antifreeze agents that can be fatal even in small amounts, and should never be found in medicines.

"WHO is releasing an urgent call to action to countries to prevent, detect and respond to incidents of substandard and falsified medical products," the global health agency said. Since October last year, the WHO has issued three global medical alerts over substandard paediatric medicines and syrups.

In October 2022, it issued

an alert over Promethazine Oral Solution, Kofexmalin Baby Cough Syrup, Makoff Baby Cough Syrup and Magrip N Cold Syrup manufactured by Maiden Pharmaceuticals Limited, Haryana, India.

The four "substandard products" were identified in the Gambia and reported to the WHO in September 2022, then in November, an alert was issued by the health agency over eight products, including Unibebi Cough Syrup, Unibebi Demam Paracetamol Drops and Unibebi Demam Paracetamol Syrup, identified in Indonesia and manufactured by PT Afi Farma.

Earlier this month, the WHO issued an alert to warn against the use of two "substandard" cough syrups man-

ufactured by Marion Biotech, India that have been linked to the deaths of 18 children in Uzbekistan.

Ambrolonol syrup and DOK-1 Max syrup were manufactured by Marion Biotech, based in Noida, Uttar Pradesh. The global health organisation issued the alert saying the syrups fail to meet quality standards and contain contaminants that can prove fatal. The WHO's medical product alerts were rapidly disseminated to the national health authorities of all 194 WHO Member States.

These medical product alerts requested the detection and removal of contaminated medicines from circulation in the markets; increased surveillance and diligence within the

supply chains of countries and regions likely to be affected; immediate notification to WHO if these substandard products are discovered in-country; and otherwise inform the public of the dangers and toxic effects of the substandard medicines at issue.

It noted that since these are not isolated incidents, the WHO called on regulators and governments to detect and remove from circulation in their respective markets any substandard medical products that have been identified in the alerts as potential causes of death and disease; ensure that all medical products in their respective markets are approved for sale by competent authorities and obtainable from authorised/licensed suppliers.



## Political temperature in Doon soars as Koshyari expresses wish to quit

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The offer made by the Maharashtra governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari to resign from his post has heated up the political environment in Uttarakhand. Though the veteran leader has expressed his desire to spend the rest of his life in reading, writing and leisurely activities, not many in the Himalayan State believe that Koshyari would not remain active in politics. Meanwhile, former chief minister Harish Rawat said on social media on Tuesday that it is an interesting coincidence that Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank had talked about quitting the union cabinet on health grounds about one and half years ago. "Now another illustrious son of Uttarakhand Bhagat Singh Koshyari is talk-

ing about having bad health, we all pray that he regains his health. But is Maharashtra also doing the same?" Rawat said. Rawat's cryptic question in the later part of his comment is an oblique reference to the controversies created by the octogenarian leader during his tenure as Governor of Maharashtra. In November last year Koshyari kicked up a major controversy when he termed Shivaji Maharaj as an icon of the past and said that people like BR Ambedkar and Nitin Gadkari are the modern icons for the people of Maharashtra. His statements on the Jyotirao Phule and Savitribai Phule also evoked strong responses. His decision to administer the oath of office of chief minister to Devendra

Fadnavis and deputy CM to Ajit Panwar in an early morning swearing in ceremony drew widespread criticism from opposition parties and other quarters.

The political observers point out that given his stature and the following he commands it would be difficult for Koshyari to remain politically inactive in the State. They opine that being a mass leader Koshyari is very popular in the State and many leaders of Uttarakhand BJP including incumbent chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami and former CM Trivendra Singh Rawat were his protégés and in such a situation it is very likely that he will emerge as a power centre in Uttarakhand BJP.

## MCH aims to top SS23 in Uttarakhand

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

Though the Municipal Corporation of Haridwar (MCH) has performed poorly in past editions of Swachh Survekshan (SS), the officials this year are aiming to get the city into the top 50 cleanest cities of the country and at the number one position in Uttarakhand. Haridwar in previous Swachh Survekshan editions attained 376th position in 2019, 244th position in 2020, 285th position in 2021 and 330th position in 2022. The Haridwar municipal commissioner Dayanand Saraswati has stated that MCH has done thorough planning for improving sanitation facilities this year as per the criteria through which MoHUA gives points to civic bodies. He said that MCH is focussing on the proper execution of the plans and with more such initiatives in the upcoming months, the corporation aims to be among the top 50 cleanest cities in the country and achieve the number one position in the State. The commissioner said that the corporation has taken several initiatives this year to ensure better sanitation facilities are available across the city. The corporation established five garbage transfer stations this year in order to ensure proper transfer and disposal of garbage generated in all wards. The corporation has placed bins at all main public places to prevent littering, said Saraswati. Waste management through composting and other means is also being promoted at the local level to minimise waste generation. He said that the

corporation has also applied for ODF++ certification in the field survey of Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban (SBM-U) conducted by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) under SS. Besides this, the MCH has also applied for the certification of Garbage Free City (GFC) three-star ratings for the first time, added the commissioner. He said that the MCH has also tied up with an agency to ensure maximum plastic is being sent for recycling rather than ending up in dumps. Besides this, Saraswati said that the corporation is also making efforts to ensure it retains its title as the cleanest Ganga town in the category of more than one lakh population in the eighth edition of SS.

### Conduct research on different uses of pirul: Sandhu

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

Chief secretary SS Sandhu has directed officials to facilitate research on different uses of pirul (dry pine needles) for its proper disposal needed to check forest fires. He said this while chairing a meeting on pirul disposal and its different uses. Operators of some plants set up to generate electricity using pirul were also present in the meeting.

Sandhu said that possibilities for making briquettes from pirul and using these as fuel should be checked. As an experiment, such briquettes can be used as fuel to cook midday meals in schools when cooking gas is not available. This will help in utilisation of the dry pine needles while also provide a market to those involved in this activity. Sandhu also directed officials to check what the other States are doing regarding the dry pine needles.

He further said that a government order should be issued soon to bring pirul out of the category of forest produce which will make its collection convenient. The chief

secretary further said that he will himself visit plants set up to produce electricity using pine needle briquettes as fuel. He also directed officials to consider improvements and policy changes needed to make power generation using pirul practical. Later, he held a meeting for setting up solar plants in all government offices. He directed the officials to take action soon for setting up solar plants on the roofs of all government buildings and government school buildings. Solar energy is good for the environment and capable of drastically reducing expenditure on electricity, he said.

## Police return with fraud accused from Tamil Nadu

PNS ■ PAURI

A man accused of Rs one crore fraud was arrested by the Pauri district police from Tamil Nadu and has been brought back to the State. The accused Arun Raj Chhalaya was arrested in Tamil Nadu in a case registered in 2021 in Srinagar police station of Pauri district and was arrested late on Friday night. According to the police, Srinagar resident SS Bhandari had lodged the first

information report in Srinagar Kotwali in November 2021. The report stated that Arun Raj Chhalaya had committed a fraud amounting to crores of rupees with him and other locals in the name of supplying furniture and other domestic articles. The Srinagar police registered a case against Chhalaya under section 406 /420 of IPC. The investigation of the case was handed over to sub-inspector Ranveer Chandra Ramola. The additional superintendent of

police constituted a police team under inspector in-charge Hariom Raj Chauhan and under the supervision of circle officer Shyam Datt Nautiyal. The absconding accused was shifting to different locations to evade arrest. The Pauri senior superintendent of police Shweta Choubey had also announced a reward of Rs 5,000 for his arrest. The police at last got the information about his location in Tamil Nadu. The Pauri police went to Tamil Nadu and arrested the accused from Thanjavur district late on Friday night. The arrested accused told the police on investigation that he had come to Srinagar for the purpose of business on the advice

of persons known to him. He took advance money from local residents of Srinagar and its adjoining areas to supply articles at cheap rates before the festivals of Dhanteras and Deepawali in 2021 and collected crores of money before leaving the place. He also allegedly committed fraud in Rudraprayag, Rishikesh and other places of Uttarakhand. He was confident that the police would not be able to trace him in Tamil Nadu.

### UCO Bank posts Rs 652 crore quarterly net profit

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The UCO Bank has posted net profit of Rs 652.97 crore for the Q3FY 23 as against Rs 310.39 crore for Q3FY 22 registering y-o-y growth of 110.37 per cent which is the highest ever quarterly net profit in 80 years history of the bank. Net profit for nine months ending December-22 rose to Rs 1,281 crore which is also the highest ever nine months net profit. According to the bank, its Net Interest Income (NII) for Q3FY 23 increased to Rs 1,951.87 crore as against Rs 1,762.61 crore for Q3FY 22 registering y-o-y growth of 10.74 per cent. Pre provisioning operating profit (PPOP) for the Q3FY 23 increased to Rs 1,353.91 crore as against Rs 1,340.30 crore for Q3FY 22.

### Singh dwells on iconic bridges of Indian Railways

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The Iconic Bridges of Indian Railways is the second book by Yatindra Pal Singh. The book explores the integral relationship between bridges and Indian Railways. It contains information about the historical significance and infrastructural details of 34 iconic bridges in India. These bridges stretching over rivers and ravines have created a seamless travel experience for the passengers. Singh is a retired additional general manager of North Central Railways and an avid traveler and photographer giving a new perspective to the importance of bridges in the



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history of Indian Railways. The book is well-researched and informative while the writing style is lucid. Due to his experience and expertise in railways, Singh has created a unique narrative on the importance of bridges and their purpose.

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## New politics

Rahul Gandhi has done well by dissociating the party from Singh’s comments on surgical strikes

Senior Congress leader and former Madhya Pradesh chief minister Digvijaya Singh seems to relish being in news—even if that harms his own party. His recent statement there is no proof of surgical strikes exemplifies his penchant for attracting attention. Rahul Gandhi did the sensible thing by dissociating the party from Singh’s comments. Gandhi unequivocally said that Congress leaders “disagree with Digvijaya Singh’s views.” He went on to say that the armed forces do their “job exceptionally well. They don’t need to be providing proof.” The grand old party would like to believe that Gandhi’s statement would bring a closure to the issue. But the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), which on Monday had condemned Singh for questioning the 2016 surgical strike, is unlikely to let his recent remarks be buried. It has already said that he “echoes Pakistan’s narrative” on the Pulwama terror attack which killed 40 CRPF personnel in 2019. It will keep raking up his remarks. Worse, Singh himself is likely to come up with statements that the BJP loves to denounce. For how Rahul Gandhi would keep disagreeing with Singh’s intemperate statements is a question that the party top brass must deliberate on. Perhaps Singh says such things to make headlines; perhaps his politics of championing the cause of Muslims has resulted in a temperament that triggers such remarks; it is, however, the GOP that gets hurt. Championing the cause of Muslims—which usually meant pandering



to the most retrograde sections of the community, and which the BJP rightly calls Muslim appeasement—was a winning proposition in the pro-Modi era. Many a political career was made just by mouthing the fashionable, ‘secular’ homilies. Intellectual elites, most of them of Left-liberal disposition, were quite accommodating towards politicians whose ‘secular credentials’ were impeccable. So, Lalu Prasad Yadav got considerable traction despite serious charges of corruption against him and the withering away of the administration in Bihar under his watch. Digvijaya Singh flourished in that era. He called the Batla House encounter on September 19, 2008, at Jamia Nagar in Delhi “fake.” This was despite the fact that in that encounter an ace Delhi Police officer was killed and the Delhi Police was under his own party’s government. In 2016, he repeated his demand for a judicial probe into the encounter. Other Congress leaders have also played the same game. In 2012, for instance, the then law minister Salman Khurshid said Congress president Sonia Gandhi “wept bitterly” when she came to know about the young Muslim boys killed in the encounter. The BJP correctly called Khurshid’s statement as a “communal ploy to get Muslim votes.” That was then. The dynamics of politics were conducive for such ploys. But that politics is well past its expiry date. The sooner Singh recognises this fact, the better for his party.

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### PICTALK



People at a stall after fresh snowfall, in Patnitop, Jammu & Kashmir

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## Don’t intervene

Thousands of tech employees are being laid off every day, but Govt intervention is not needed

These are bad days for tech employees. A layoffs tracking site reported last week that, on an average, over 1,600 tech employees were being given the pink slip every day this month. On Monday, the website came up with something even worse: the number had gone up to 3,000. The situation got exacerbated because Big Tech icons like Microsoft and Google also began retrenching employees. In the last calendar year, more than 1,000 companies reportedly laid off 154,336 workers. There is turmoil among tech workers. It is also evident from the increasing popularity of LinkedIn, a business and employment-focused social media platform. In 2022, it was downloaded 58.4 million times all over the world. Unsurprisingly, LinkedIn is brimming with job searches, help and counsel from friends to their retrenched friends, etc. Thankfully, the Government has not shown any intention of coercing or coaxing tech majors to go slow on layoffs. In November, of course, Information Technology Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw had slammed Elon Musk’s decision to sack Twitter employees in India: “We condemn the way Twitter has sacked employees in India,” said Vaishnaw, adding that the employees “should have given the employees a fair time for transition.” But then liberals and the mainstream media love to criticise Musk for his unforgivable ‘crime’ of being a free speech “absolutist.” The Honourable Minister might have been trying to be fashionable when he condemned Musk.



Over a month later, Minister of State for Information Technology Rajeev Chandrasekhar also talked about retrenchment in the IT sector, but his views were rational and balanced. He said that while the Government “probably cannot” intervene to stop layoffs in the IT sector, it was working to ensure these job losses are “soft landings.” He rightly pointed out that there are enough jobs for talented people. He also talked about a Rs 460-crore “reskilling” plan. That’s the correct approach; the Government can help the sector, and employees in it, by providing indirect support, one of which is reskilling. It should avoid a ham-handed approach, involving diktats to the top brass of IT majors. That may win the Government brownie points in the political arena, but would do no good to either the sector or, in the long run, to the people working there. So far, the Government has avoided such a populist stance. Hopefully, it will stay the course.

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# Civilian facade of Thai military

Thai Military Generals have managed to subvert civil rule by manipulating the democratic process

Thailand, the favorite destination for Indian tourists, is an instructive case for the study of civil-military relations. Control of the military by civil authority, the accepted democratic norm, is frequently challenged by the Palace, the third player even though monarchy is constitutional. An election is around the corner on 7 May with the parliamentary term ending on 23 March. Currently, a coalition led by the Palang Pracharath Party (PPRP) the military which includes three Generals, all former Army Chiefs, has ruled the country since 2014. The two Generals in subordinate political positions are senior to the Prime Minister. The billionaire PM Thaksin Shinawatra, who was ousted in a military coup in 2006, was followed by his sister Yingluck becoming Prime Minister later and now his daughter Paetongtarn is carrying the flag of Pheu Thai Party (PTP). King Maha Vajiralongkorn, Rama X, barred his elder sister, who renounced royalty, from contesting elections with Thaksin’s PTP. Shinawatra according to a report in The Bangkok Post in May 2005 had made arrangements with the Palace to control the Generals.

The PPRP is led by Deputy Prime Minister, Pravit Wongsuwon, the senior most General; Gen Prayut Chan-o-cha junior most General is PM with Interior Minister Gen Anupong Paochinda. Wongsuwon last month told reporters that his party will decide whether he will be PM but he prefers “military life to political one”. He was confident his party would remain in power as part of a coalition. The Sunday China Morning Post of December 2022 reported that three of four Thais think PTP should be in power and Paetongtarn was the favorite leader to end the decade-old military rule. The National Institute of Development Administration polls showed she was 10 percentage points ahead of Prayuth and PTP ahead of PPRP and other political parties. But unless all political parties unite against the Generals’ PPRP they have no chance of defeating them.



Brad Adams, director of Human Rights Watch said that the military has made itself invulnerable by framing laws to dissolve the main opposition party, control the Election Commission, and hand-pick the Senate (which decides on government formation) to thwart the will of the people. Wongsuwon publicly stated it is not difficult for his party to form a government as the Senate is ‘controllable’. Thai Generals have taken a leaf out of neighboring absolute military rulers of Myanmar’s 2008 constitution into their 2017 constitution. Only a landslide victory by a single party like the National League of Democracy of Aung San Suu Kyi achieved in 2021 (which resulted in the coup) can undo military rule in Thailand. The 2017 constitution allows the nomination of 250 Senators (mostly Army and Police) that can dilute the verdict of the 500-strong House of elected Representatives. Rules have been so framed that the military needs only one-third of the elected house for government formation. The Generals have given a civilian façade to the military government – to put it crudely – like a wolf in sheep’s clothing.

The military (and police) in Thailand is one of the most politicized entities in this part of the universe. My Thai colleagues at Command and



THAI GENERALS HAVE TAKEN A LEAF OUT OF NEIGHBOURING ABSOLUTE MILITARY RULERS OF MYANMAR’S 2008 CONSTITUTION INTO THEIR 2017 CONSTITUTION

General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth (US) in 1975 mentioned how they made their political choices while in the Military Academy. Recently, the constitution was believed to have been amended to give the King special powers and certain special forces placed under his command. The Army Chief 2018, the son of a former coup leader, led his officers on bended knees and folded hands, to swear an oath of allegiance to the King at Army Headquarters in Bangkok. Gen Prayuth outdid him saying: “I will worship and protect monarchy”. Generals are galore – for every 212 troops one flag rank officer. In India, 21,000 soldiers make one General. The Army has prepared a 20-year Strategic Development Plan which governments are required to follow.

Although absolute monarchy ended in 1932, the constitutional monarchy prevailed with the previous monarch the most revered King who ruled for 70 years, slightly less than the term of Queen Elizabeth II. It is not clear which way the pendulum is swinging in Palace-Military relations at present. South China Morning Post reported that ‘normally the Army proposes and the King disposes of. Very strict laws exist on royal defamation under lese’ majeste – 15 years in jail under Law 112 for

expression against Monarchy. Protests for reforming monarchy erupted recently though mostly by youth who use code words to refer to their targets.

Two tragic events occurred last December – the sinking of a Thai warship with several sailors drowned; and the cardiac arrest of the Crown Princess (apparently first in the line of succession) still in a coma. The effects of the pandemic have struck a body blow to tourism, the mainstay of the economy. Fortunately, the tourist footfall in 2022 has crossed the 10mn mark.

India has strong and friendly relations with Thailand with 50,000 Indians gainfully employed from Gaggan Anand’s two Michelin Star restaurants to Gunjan Kumar’s mobile chana jor garam enterprise. Statues of Hindu gods and goddesses are dotted all over Thailand with many beautiful Tamil kovils. There are strong Buddhist links also with Thailand. The Shinawatra scion may give the Generals shivers but the ruling trio of Generals is bound to return for a third term four months from now.

*(The writer, a retired Lt Gen, was Commander, IPKF South, Sri Lanka, & founder member of the Defence Planning Staff, currently the Integrated Defence Staff; views expressed are personal)*

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### QUESTION OF MINDSET!

Sir — Apropos Zeeshan’s letter published in your daily on the 24th instant, Mr. Modi was exonerated of complicity in the Gujarat riots of 2002, by the Special Investigation Team (SIT) appointed by the Supreme Court of India. In April 2014, the apex court expressed satisfaction over the SIT’s investigations in nine cases related to the violence, and rejected a plea contesting the SIT report as ‘baseless’. For the BBC to now rake up the issue through a documentary smacked of bias and ulterior motives against a popular and honest Indian leader. Significantly, the UK PM Rishi Sunak has distanced himself from the documentary. The critics of the supposedly autonomous BBC, call it ‘Biased Broadcasting Corporation’. Whenever there is a terror attack in India, the BBC reports it as a ‘suicide mission’, whereas if it happens on British soil or if Englishmen get killed, it is called a ‘terror strike’! So much for the corporation’s autonomy and impartiality.

Even within the UK, the BBC is not held in high credibility. In August 2013, the Daily Telegraph reported a new study, which found that the BBC “exhibited a left-of-centre bias in both the amount of coverage it gives to different opinions and the way in which these voices were represented”. The BBC is still stuck in the days of the Raj, a pre-WWII era where Britain had a huge influence on global politics, which is not the case anymore with the US, India, China, and Japan taking center stage. This is not relished by the agency which is still stuck in a colonial hangover that they don’t want to get rid of. One cannot wake up a person who is pretending to be asleep!

V. Jayaraman | Chennai

### NATIONAL HANDWRITING DAY

Sir — 23rd Jan 2023 is National handwriting day. Good and aesthetic handwriting is an asset. But good handwriting and a good personality do not correlate (as many wrongly presume). Many great leaders like Mahatma Gandhi and Mother Teresa had very bad (illegible) writing. It is good that it is made compulsory for doc-

## PAK PM goodwill gesture



Sharif’s bid to have better ties with India is appreciable. He said that Pakistan did not get anything after fighting with India. He stressed that now it wants peace with its neighbours. He also said that “my message to the Indian leader is that, let us sit together and have a serious and sincere talk to resolve our internal

tors to write in big letters or capital letters.

Though it is pleasant to have good handwriting, in this modern IT and electronic gadgets era, more (keyboard) typing is being done by humans than handwriting. Good typists (on computers) in various languages are in high demand at educational institutions, other offices, and businesses too. Setting up a computer typing institute business is also good. Typewriter machines not to be seen at all.

Madhu Nivriti PS | Secunderabad

### NETAJI’S LEGACY

Sir — Appropriately and rightly so, the family of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose pulled away from taking part in the RSS’s program of observing his 126th birth anniversary yesterday, as the family had felt the organization’s philosophy has always been paradoxical with that of Bose’s inclusive beliefs. The RSS has intensified its vain efforts to co-opt Bose into its pantheon of saffron heroes. The Sangh Parivar’s political orientation with Subhas Chandra Bose has always been conflicting and sought to distort and falsify all that Bose stood for secularism. No doubt, Bose was a devout Hindu with a saintly streak of self-abnegation in him.

He was deeply inspired by the

and external affairs, irrespective of our burning points like Kashmir. We should live together with love and peace. Because it would be better for us to make progress and develop our countries.

On the other hand, he said that we should not waste our money on ammunition and bombs, but we should provide education and employment to our people, however this is a good invitation from Pak PM. If India accepts this invitation that would be better. Because they want to make relations with us by their choice. So we should accept it on condition that it would be terror free. I think that it would be better for both countries. And these will be for the progress of both countries.

Faizan Ahmed I Haryana

Bhagavad Gita and the preachings of Ramakrishna Paramahansa and Swami Vivekananda. Yet, he was uncompromising in his protagonism of Hindu-Muslim unity. If Bose is alive today, he would have rejected outright the RSS’s agenda of turning India into a Hindu Rashtra, as it is antithetical to his ideology of secular and inclusive Indian nationalism.

Ranganathan Sivakumar | Chennai

### SUPREME COURT EXPOSES THE GOVT

Sir — The supreme court has rightly exposed the Government’s faulty stance in not giving a nod to some of the collegium’s recommendations based on matters unrelated to their professional duties. In one case it’s the individual’s sexual orientation and in another case, it is his political leaning, which has nothing to do with their discharge of duties, that has made their nominations to be kept in abeyance by the government. The Government should shed its prejudices over the private choices of competent individuals and should not deny their rightful due. Without a proper reason, it cannot deny the recommendations of the collegium.

Dr DVG Sankararao | Vizianagara

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## SOUND BITE

When the right girl comes along, I’ll get married... just a loving person, who’s intelligent.



Congress leader — Rahul Gandhi



We strongly support the additional seats for developing countries because it is the under-representation of Africa, Asia, and Latin America which is the key problem of the (UN Security) Council today.

Russia’s Foreign Minister — Sergei Lavrov

When you (Ranbir Kapoor) know that people are crazy about your film Yeh Jawaani Hai Deewani, which was such a good rom-com, why did you decide that you won’t do work that people would like?



Comedian — Anubhav Singh Bassi



Umran Malik is not as trained and fit as Haris Rauf. If you look at him in ODIs, in his first spell he bowls around 150

kmph but by the 7th or 8th over the speed drops to 138 kmph. The difference is the same as it is between Kohli and the rest of the batters.

Pakistan cricket Coach — Aaqib Javed

RSS Chief Mohan Bhagwat must be clear about what he wants, you can’t follow Savarkar & Netaji together.

Netaji’s Grand Nephew — CK Bose

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EDUCATION REFORM IS THE NEED OF THE HOUR

Education must help maintain harmony in society




RAJYOGI **BRAHMAKUMAR NIKUNJ**

If we look at the current global political scenario, we would easily realize the fact that the demand for harmony between various communities, castes and regional, linguistic and other inter-caste groups is on the top of every nation's agenda.

There has also been a heightened awareness that in the absence of harmony all energy, money, and attention are wasted either in efforts to prevent worsening of relations between various antagonistic groups or much efforts have to be made to bring to normalcy the conditions of law and order even after a brief episode of disturbance in relations between various communities or groups has occurred.

The society, as it is constituted, today, is so clearly knit that a disturbance caused by one factor in one sector sets waves of disturbance in other sectors of the society also. An act of disharmony wrought by science, technology, education, art or religious worship, in fact, by any aspect of the society's life, can upset harmony and let loose the forces of disturbance in all or most other fields as well.

Disharmony in the form of environmental degradation is the best example of recent times. It is, therefore, essential that all types of institutions and all aspects of an organized society should work in unison to create holistic harmony, else incongruous steps by one or a desynchronized tune by another can disturb the total harmony or break the rhythm of the total system.



Research has proved that education is one of the most important sectors which can contribute a lot to the well-being and smooth functioning of the society. In order to create a healthy and happy society, in which there is social, political, and economic justice and harmony, education must enlighten the educated class on the need to inculcate human values and divine qualities in their life. Presently, this element in education is neglected, as a result of which many highly educated people do not know how to live a peaceful life and how to face their problems without much mental tension.

It is found that the present system of education does not cultivate the qualities of tolerance, self-control, humility, service, co-operation, concern for the wellbeing of society, and responsibility for one's own actions. Also, students are not given a clear knowledge of the value of simplicity, honesty, justice, non-violence and fair play. The result is that even after spending so many years in a school and college or at the university, there is often a lack of gentleness, nobility, sincerity and humanism, and an inspiring goal is missing in life.

The society, therefore, may have a high percentage of literates or educated people and yet there may be commotion in legislative bodies, disobedience to orders of the highest court of the land, total disregard for law, criminal tendencies and unsocial habits. One does not need lengthy explanation to understand that it is the aforesaid factors that create disharmony.

Education would, therefore, fulfill its noble objective only if it imparts teaching in such values that create harmonious personality and helps to maintain harmony in the society and man's harmony with nature, with the environment and with the self.

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# Netaji's nationalism drove the British out

But the struggle and ideas of nationalism of Netaji have been limited to a paragraph in history textbooks

On September 12, 1944, from somewhere in Burma, a speech echoed and resonated in the minds of every Indian then and even till today. Netaji, in his revolutionary tone, commented: "We have resolved to create a united and free India, therefore, we shall oppose all attempts to divide her and cut her into bits."

And after almost 78 years, a statue of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose was installed at the historic India Gate and the path leading to India Gate has been recently named as the 'Kartavya Path'. The path not only camouflages the iconic Subhas Chandra Bose and his vision of modern India, but also instills in the minds of every Indian, the primary duty to uphold the democratic principles incorporated in the legislature, the executive and the judiciary. It also ignites the spirit among the countrymen that India should always be united and dream of living in a free India and in the process, dedicate their lives in the establishment of India as a country that the entire globe views as a symbol of patriotism and unity in diversity.

The sense of nationalism that Netaji bore in his heart since his childhood and the activities that he carried on for the territory of India till his last breath, make him an iconic statesman.

Netaji, since his young age, was a socially conscious individual and during his days in the Presidency College in Kolkata. He was disturbed by the poverty and hardship that were faced by the people then. It was his sense of equality for all individuals that even made him question his stay at a three storied residence when he saw many beggars not having a roof over their head. And that made him even question the system of governance that created luxuries for a few but poverty for many.

That was his sense of nationalism for India that he envisioned even before India acquired her independence from the colonial rule. Nationalism for Bose was a transparent story of freedom for every individual where no one was dominated, and each and every individual had the equal amount of respect and liberty without any power expressing authority over them. This notion of nationalism that Bose had in his mind was visible in the events where he remained a witness to.

The history on Netaji depicts a story of his travel in a tram where he saw an Englishman sitting with his feet up, while an Indian gentleman was sitting in front of him. The Indian gentleman because of the fear of the colonial dominance did not raise his voice to it. But Bose was infuriated by this act of the Englishman and as such he asked him to put his foot down as he was spoiling the clothes of the Indian gentleman. The



NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR OF INDIA AJIT DOVAL STATED THAT THE BRITISH LEFT INDIA NOT BECAUSE OF MAHATMA GANDHI, BUT BECAUSE OF THE RISE IN NATIONALISM AND THE SPARK NETAJI CREATED AMONG THE SOLDIERS OF INDIAN ARMY IN THE FORM OF INA

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British man replied to Bose stating that the Indian can leave the seat if he had any problem with his foot being up. This made Bose very angry and seeing his rebellious nature towards establishing equality in the society, united the other Indians on the tram, and all joined Bose in the process of rebuking the Englishman.

However, Netaji's desire to establish a society free of dominance faced a setback when the Indian person who suffered from the act of the Englishman got down at the next station, so as to avoid more ugly scenes. On the one hand, it was that nationalistic approach of Bose that portrayed glimpses of Indian unity, but on the other hand, it was the clutches of dominance from which the Indians never imagined they could get out, jolted Bose briefly in his dream of establishing a free India.

Bose figured out the process of uniting a section of the Indians when he realised that it was not non-violence but armed rebellion that would prompt the British to leave India. The sense of nationalism was also visible when he in his bold voice, gave the call for 'Dilli Chalo' in his iconic Indian National Army movement as well as the immortal quote of 'You give me blood, and I will give you freedom.'

National Security Advisor of India Ajit Doval, in one of his speeches relating to Bose, stated that the British left India not because of Mahatma Gandhi, but because of the rise in nationalism and the spark Netaji created among the soldiers of Indian Army in the form of INA. Such was the aura of INA that even prompted the deeply loyal British Indian Army, Navy and Air Force to join hands in the fervour and energy that was unleashed by INA.

The impact of Netaji leading the Indian National Army was so strong that it not only acted as an opposite Indian force against the British, to which the Indian National Congress and the Muslim League had fallen prey, but it also led to the British wanting his immediate detention.

A visionary ahead of his time, Netaji was not only successful in raising the notion of Nation over community, religion and tribe but he also clearly understood the concept of diplomacy and foreign relations and he rightly applied the 'Chanakya Neeti' that speaks of "Enemy of an enemy is your friend"; and this principle helped him to form alliance with Germany and Italy, against the British and as a result of which he was successful in strengthening

the concept of military force in India in the form of INA.

A pragmatic nationalist who respected divergent approaches and views, Netaji understood the soul of the Indian nation and as such, he envisioned a strong central government with a large amount of autonomy allowed to the minority communities and the provinces. Therefore, for these reasons, Netaji's birthday in India, recently has also been tagged as 'Parakram Diwas'.

Netaji's idea of nationalism revolved around the concepts of equality, liberty and justice, individual freedom and balance of power and more importantly his nationalism for India laid in the concept of establishing India as a nation with complete overhauling and recasting of the stereotypical mode of existence, leading to genuine national solidarity that would in the longer run, give India the position of glory. He also believed that a Nation has no right to exist if it has no ambition, but he also emphasised on the fact that progress of a country should be broader and for the community as a whole rather than for fulfilling selfish ends.

But the struggle and ideas of nationalism of Netaji have been limited to a paragraph in history textbooks.

POINTCOUNTERPOINT

THEY TALK ABOUT SURGICAL STRIKES AND THAT THEY HAVE KILLED SO MANY OF THEM BUT THERE IS NO PROOF. THE CENTRE IS RULING WITH THE HELP OF LIES.  
— CONGRESS LEADER DIGVIJAY SINGH



THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY SENIOR LEADER DIGVIJAYA SINGH ARE HIS OWN AND DO NOT REFLECT THE POSITION OF CONGRESS.  
— CONGRESS COMMUNICATION INCHARGE JAIRAM RAMESH

# The Third Front again divides Opposition leaders

A weakened Congress is not a threat to regional satraps but their ambition stops them from including it in their coalition

Third Front again! Before every Lok Sabha poll, the Third Front idea is floated, and the 2024 polls are no exception. Political pundits predict that there is space for the entire Opposition against Bharatiya Janata Party but not a Third Front, as it will splinter the anti-BJP votes and help the ruling dispensation. The concept was tried and tested in 1977, 1989, and 1996-98, supported by either Congress or the BJP. But they were all short-lived.

Some regional satraps led by Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrashekhara Rao are trying to build a Third Front before the 2024 Lok Sabha polls. It includes some influential regional leaders heading BRS, AAP, CPI-M, Trinamool Congress, and the



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Samajwadi party. They want a coalition minus Congress to fight the BJP.

Parallely, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi is also currently on a Bharat Jodo Yatra to unite the Opposition parties. In effect, while Rahul wants to lead the Opposition, regional leaders prefer a front minus Congress.

Many ifs and buts are there for forging a Third Front. Since the 1980s, regional forces like SP, BSP, RJD, and JD(U) have emerged and had a stronghold in their respective states. Whether these leaders would come together to challenge Prime Minister Narendra Modi is the million-dollar question. Moreover, historically, arithmetic has shown the Third Front is only possible with the support of either

the Congress or the BJP.

With its glorious past but miserable present, a weakened Congress is currently attempting to save the party. With this in view, Rahul Gandhi is being rebranded before the 2024 polls. He has undertaken a Bharat Jodo Yatra to unite the secular forces.

The grand old party has invited 21 Opposition parties, including the Samajwadi Party and the CPM, for the concluding ceremony in Kashmir next month.

Rao floated his Third Front idea in early 2018, arguing that the Congress and the BJP have failed to govern the country. In KCR's mind, he and not Modi or the Congress could lead the country in the right direction. He tried to

build a non-Congress, non-BJP front ahead of the 2019 general election. But it failed, with most regional leaders stopping at extending only moral support.

In a show of strength to boost his political ambitions, KCR held a mega public rally in Khammam on January 18. The rally was the first after KCR converted his regional party Telangana Rashtra Samithi to Bharat Rashtra Samithi on October 5 last year. To KCR's delight, the Election Commission has recognised the BRS as a national party.

Most of those who skipped the Congress Yarra participated in the Khammam Rally. It included Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, his Punjab counterpart Bhagwant

Mann, Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan, Samajwadi Party leader Akhilesh Yadav, and CPI's D Raja. KCR has also opened back-channel communication with Odisha's Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, to join the alliance.

KCR is opposed to the Congress as the two parties are political rivals in Telangana. That is why he aspires to head a non-Congress, non-BJP front. Interestingly, he organised the Khammam meeting days ahead of the grand finale of the Bharat Jodo Yatra later this month in Kashmir.

KCR has never hidden his ambition for a national role while waiting to perform a hat trick in the Assembly polls later this year. He believes he is destined to become a national alternative to Modi.

However, after two consecutive terms since 2014, KCR has faced an anti-incumbency wave. Though he has finished off the Congress and the TDP in the state, to his dismay, the BJP has emerged as the main Opposition party in the state. He depends upon Dame Luck smiling at him.

A big question remains: will the Third Front aspirants manage to capture any space in national politics or match Modi's popularity with their king-size egos? Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, who is realistic, believes that "there is no question of a Third Front. There should be one front that includes Congress. Then we can trounce the BJP in 2024."

The Opposition has to decide who their real rival is. Is it the BJP or the Congress?

A weakened Congress is not a threat to the regional satraps. Still, their ambition stops them from including Congress in their coalition.

Changing electoral alliances offer only recurring political quicksand. Modi will return for a third term as long as the Opposition is divided.

The fragile unity of the Third Front is often criticised. There is a saying that the Third Front leaders can only remain together for a short time and apart for a shorter time. Only after identifying their prime ministerial candidate and devising a common minimum programme could the Second Front or Third Front succeed.

The regional leaders want to do this after the polls to avoid friction.



# 'Military exercises with China, Russia normal process for SA'

# War with China not an option: Taiwan's Prez

'Military exercises with China, Russia normal process for SA' | 'Serbia faces

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## Finland's top diplomat hints at joining NATO without Sweden

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1	Total Income from Operations.	5854.18	6102.40	6351.96	18155.59	15341.49	21607.46	5854.18	18155.59	21607.46
2	Profit before Interest, Depreciation & Taxes (EBITDA)	651.03	639.97	984.53	2103.57	2118.71	3073.63	651.03	2103.57	3073.63
3	Net Profit for the Period (before Tax & Exceptional Items)	539.27	545.37	894.45	1805.49	1860.70	2728.18	539.27	1805.49	2728.18
4	Net Profit for the Period before Tax (after Exceptional Items)	539.20	540.20	894.45	1800.26	1860.70	2728.18	539.20	1800.26	2728.18
5	Net Profit for the period after Tax (after Exceptional Items)	395.16	409.11	664.37	1337.51	1382.10	2024.41	395.16	1337.51	2024.41
6	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [(Comprising Profit) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	395.16	409.11	664.37	1337.51	1382.10	2024.41	395.16	1337.51	2024.41
7	Equity Share Capital	1133.00	1133.00	1133.00	1133.00	1133.00	1133.00	1133.00	1133.00	1133.00
8	Reserves	9180.76	8785.60	7200.94	9180.76	7200.94	7843.25	9180.76	9180.76	7843.25
9	Earnings Per Share (of ₹10/- each)	3.49	3.61	5.86	11.81	12.20	17.87	3.49	11.81	17.87
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**Sonipat, 22.01.2023**

**sd/- (J. K. GARG)**

**CHAIRMAN & MANAGING DIRECTOR**



# 7 dead as California mourns 3rd mass killing in 8 days

# 1 killed, houses damaged as earthquake jolts Nepal

AP ■ HALF MOON BAY (US)

A gunman killed seven people at two agricultural businesses in Northern California, plunging the state into mourning again in the wake of its third mass killing in eight days.

Officers arrested a suspect in Monday's shootings, 67-year-old Chunli Zhao, after they found him in his car in the parking lot of a sheriff's substation, San Mateo County Sheriff Christina Corpus said.

Seven people were found dead and an eighth injured at a farm and another location several miles away, the Sheriff's Office said. Officials believe Zhao worked at one of the facilities and that the victims were workers as well, Corpus said. Officials haven't determined a motive for the shooting.

California is still reeling from an attack on a Lunar New Year celebration in Monterey Park that killed 11 and cast a shadow over an important holiday for many Asian-American communities. Authorities are still seeking a motive for the Saturday shooting.

"For the second time in recent days, California communities are mourning the loss of loved ones in a senseless act



of gun violence," President Joe Biden said Tuesday morning. "Even as we await further details on these shootings, we know the scourge of gun violence across America requires stronger action."

The new year has brought six mass killings in the U.S. In fewer than three weeks, accounting for 39 deaths. Three have occurred in California since Jan. 16, according to a database compiled by The Associated Press, USA Today and Northeastern University. The database tracks every mass

killing — defined as four dead not including the offender — committed in the U.S. Since 2006.

The killings occurred on the outskirts of Half Moon Bay, a city about 30 miles (48 kilometers) south of San Francisco.

Half Moon Bay Vice Mayor Joaquin Jimenez said the victims included Chinese and Latino farmworkers. Some workers lived at one of the facilities and children may have witnessed the shooting, she said. Corpus said it wasn't immediately clear how the two locations were con-

nected.

The Sheriff's Office first received reports of a shooting in the afternoon and found four people dead and a fifth wounded at the first scene. Officers then found three more people fatally shot nearby, Capt. Eamonn Allen said in a news release.

About two hours later, a sheriff's deputy spotted Zhao's car parked outside a sheriff's substation in a strip mall and arrested him.

A video of the arrest showed three officers approaching a parked car with drawn weapons. Zhao got out of the car, and the officers pulled him to the ground, put him in handcuffs, and led him away. A weapon was found in his vehicle, officials said. The video was captured by Kati McHugh, a Half Moon Bay resident who witnessed the arrest.

The sheriff's department believes Zhao acted alone.

"We're still trying to understand exactly what happened and why, but it's just incredibly, incredibly tragic," said state Sen. Josh Becker, who represents the area and called it "a very close-knit" agricultural community.

Aerial television images showed police officers collecting evidence from a farm with dozens of greenhouses.



PTI ■ KATHMANDU

A 5.9-magnitude earthquake jolted Western Nepal on Tuesday, killing one person and damaging a number of houses in the region, officials said.

The earthquake, with epicentre in the Mela area of Bajura district in Sudurpaschim province, hit the region at 2:43 PM local time, said Lok Bijaya Adhikari, head of the Earthquake Measurement and Research Centre.

A 35-year-old woman was killed in Gaumul Rural Municipality-2 when a falling rock hit her while she was cutting grass in the nearby forest,

police said.

According to provincial police chief, the earthquake damaged a number of houses in Bajura and Bajhang districts.

Two houses were destroyed in Ward No. 7 and two other houses in Ward No. 9 of Badimalika Municipality of Bajura district, which is situated 450-km West of Kathmandu. A temple in the municipality also developed cracks, police said.

A landslide triggered by the earthquake resulted in the death of over 40 sheep, the police said, adding that one person was injured in the incident.

Monika Dahal, who is head

## Remains of 60 of Nepal crash victims handed over to relatives

AP ■ KATHMANDU

Authorities in Nepal have handed to relatives the bodies of 60 of the 72 people killed in a plane crash last week, the airline said. Rescuers were still searching for two bodies at the site where a Yeti Airlines flight with 72 on board crashed on Jan. 15 at the resort town of Pokhara, 200 kilometers (125 miles) west of the capital, Kathmandu.

Among the 10 other bodies recovered, six have been identified and will be returned to relatives soon and four others still need to be identified, the airline said in a statement late Monday.

The twin-engine ATR 72-500 aircraft plummeted into a gorge as it was approaching Pokhara International Airport in the Himalayan foothills. The crash site is about 1.6 kilometers (1 mile) from the runway at an elevation of about 820 meters (2,700 feet).

While it's still not clear what caused the crash, some aviation experts say video taken from the ground of the plane's last moments indicated it went into a stall, although it's unclear why. Nepal's Civil Aviation Authority has also said the airport's instrument landing system will not be working until Feb. 26 — eight weeks after the airport began operations on Jan. 1.

# Enormous challenge to conduct local polls: Lankan official

PTI ■ COLOMBO

It would be an "enormous challenge" for Sri Lanka to hold local polls in March as the country is facing a dire economic situation, a senior government official said on Tuesday.

Cabinet spokesman Bandula Gunawardena told reporters here the government would not be able to enhance the rationed fuel quotas for vehicles to be widely used in the election process.

"We have informed both the

election commission and the Supreme Court that holding of the election would be an enormous challenge," Gunawardena said.

He said both the state power entity Ceylon Electricity Board (CEB) and the Central Transport Board, whose buses would be pressed into service for the election process, are in very bad shape with the loss of revenue and resources.

Gunawardena said the government would not be able to enhance the rationed fuel quo-

tas for the vehicles. Currently, petrol is rationed at 20 litres per vehicle for a week.

Sri Lanka's election commission announced on Saturday it will hold the local council polls on March 9, ending speculation that the election may be postponed again due to the prevailing economic crisis in the country.

The local election for the 340 councils in the island nation had been due from March last year but was earlier postponed by six months due to an unre-



cedented economic turmoil which triggered a political crisis and led to the ouster of former President Gotabaya Rajapaksa. The opposition parties have been pressing for the local election, saying it will give people a chance to show displeasure over the government's handling of the economic crisis.

The government, however, has delayed the local polls and said the time is not suitable to hold the election given the ongoing economic crisis in the country.

"This is not the time for an unimportant election such as the local election," said Vajira Abeywardena, a government member.

The election process will reportedly cost Rs 10 billion

which would put additional pressure on the already lean state finances.

The opposition groups say that the government was trying to postpone the election due to fear of a defeat.

# Rights group files suit in Germany against Myanmar military

AP ■ BANGKOK

A human rights group and 16 people from Myanmar have filed a criminal complaint in Germany seeking punishment of Myanmar's generals for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity they alleged were committed in that country after their 2021 government takeover and during a 2017 crackdown on Muslim Rohingya.

Fortify Rights, a complainant in the case announced Tuesday in Bangkok, noted "the individuals responsible for crimes related to both have yet to be held accountable."

The federal prosecutor's office in Germany, where the legal complaint was filed last Friday, declined to comment on it. The office would have to decide whether to file an indictment before the matter can go to court, a potentially lengthy process.

The actions of Myanmar's generals are under investigation by the International Criminal



Court and in a genocide case at the International Court of Justice, also known as the World Court.

But activists seeking accountability also have filed cases in national courts in Argentina, Turkey and now Germany as well, under the concept of universal jurisdiction.

The legal principle allows prosecution for mass atrocities regardless of location or nationality when the offenses are so severe they represent crimes against the entire international community, said Matthew Smith, chief executive officer and co-founder at Fortify Rights.

"An investigation and subsequent prosecution of these crimes under German law would serve to punish those who have committed the gravest of crimes, prevent future crimes by perpetrators in Myanmar, and signal to other would-be perpetrators in Myanmar and elsewhere that accountability for atrocity crimes cannot be avoided," Fortify Rights said in a statement.

# Extreme Israeli group takes root in US with fundraising bid



AP ■ JERUSALEM

An Israeli group raising funds for Jewish extremists convicted in some of the country's most notorious hate crimes is collecting tax-exempt donations from Americans, according to findings. The records in the case suggest that Israel's far right is gaining a new foothold in the United States.

The amount of money raised through a U.S. Nonprofit is not known. But the Associated Press and the Israeli investigative platform Shomrim have documented the money trail from New Jersey to imprisoned Israeli radicals who include Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's assassin and people convicted in deadly attacks on Palestinians.

This overseas fundraising arrangement has made it easier for the Israeli group, Shlom Asiraich, to collect money from Americans, who can make their contributions through the U.S. Nonprofit with a credit card and claim a tax deduction.

Many Israeli causes, from hospitals to universities to charities, raise money through U.S.-based arms. But having the strategy adopted by a group assisting Jewish radicals raises legal and moral questions.

It also comes against the backdrop of a new, far-right government in Israel led by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, where ultranationalists and extremist lawmakers have gained unprecedented power.

According to Shlom Asiraich's promotional pamphlets, its beneficiaries include Yigal Amir, who assassinated Rabin in 1995; Amir Ben-Uliel, convicted in the 2015 murder of a Palestinian baby and his parents in an arson attack; and Yosef Chaim Ben David, convicted of abducting and killing a 16-year-old Palestinian boy in Jerusalem in 2014.

## Turkey condemns Quran protest in the Netherlands

AP ■ ISTANBUL

Turkey's foreign ministry said Tuesday it summoned the Dutch ambassador following a demonstration targeting Islam's holy book, days after a similar protest in Sweden tensed relations. Edwin Wagenveld, Dutch leader of the far-right Pegida movement in the Netherlands, on Sunday tore pages out of a copy of the Quran near the Dutch parliament and stomped on the pages. Police looked on but did not intervene.

"It is about freedom of expression and I think that should be possible in the Netherlands," Wagenveld said in a video posted on the site of Dutch newspaper Algemeen Dagblad. The Turkish foreign ministry said in its statement that it condemned the "vile attack," which it said was proof of Islamophobia, discrimination and xenophobia in Europe.

The ministry told the Dutch ambassador they expected concrete precautions to prevent and not permit similar demonstrations in the future, and that authorities take action against Wagenveld.

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**G20** **NORTHERN RAILWAY** **75**  
Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav  
**E-Tender Notice**  
Dy. CSTE/IGSU/DLI, DIVISIONAL RAILWAY MANAGER OFFICE, 1st FLOOR, ROOM NO-8, State Entry Road, New Delhi-110055 for & on behalf of 'President of India' invites online OPEN E-tender in single packet system from the experienced & established contractors having sufficient experience in similar work and satisfying minimum eligibility criteria on the prescribed form for the under noted work:

1	Name of work	Tender for the Balance Outdoor and Indoor Works of EI (M/s Medha make) including Supply of Signaling and Telecom Materials l.c.w "Replacement of signaling gears with Electronic Interlocking at Shakurbasti station of Delhi division on Northern Railway"
2	Approximate cost of the work	Rs. 89.57,174.59 (Eighty Nine Lakh Fifty Seven Thousand One Hundred seventy four Rupees and fifty nine paise only).
3	Cost of tender form	Nil
4	Address from where tender document can be downloaded	Indian Railways website <a href="http://www.irps.gov.in">www.irps.gov.in</a>
5	Bid security Deposit	Rs 1,79,200
6	Completion period	6 (Six) months.
7	Date and time of submission of tender and opening of tender	Tender to be submitted online on Indian Railways website <a href="http://www.irps.gov.in">www.irps.gov.in</a> from 02.02.2023 up to 11:30 hrs of 16.02.2023. Date of tender Opening: 16.02.2023 at 11:30 hrs.
8	Detailed Tender Notice	Available at Indian Railways website <a href="http://www.irps.gov.in">www.irps.gov.in</a>

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**G20** **Kind Attention Rail Passengers** **IMPORTANT NOTICE** **75**  
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In view of Republic Day Parade on 26.01.2023 (Thursday) the movement of trains over Tilak Bridge during the Parade period will remain suspended. As a result the following trains will be regulated, cancellation and diverted as under:

CANCELLATION OF TRAINS ON 26.01.2023	
Train No. & Name	
04913/12 Palwal - Ghaziabad-Palwal Spl.	04965 Palwal - New Delhi Special
04952 New Delhi - Ghaziabad Special	04947 Ghaziabad- New Delhi Special
DIVERSION OF TRAINS ON 26.01.2023	
Train No. & Name	Diverted Route
04444 New Delhi - Ghaziabad Special	Will be diverted to run via New Delhi-Delhi Shahdara-Sahibabad
04408 Shakurbasti-Palwal Special	Will be diverted to run via Patel Nagar-Delhi Safdarjung to H.Nizamuddin
04956 Delhi Jn.-Ghaziabad Spl.	Will be diverted to run via Delhi Jn.-Delhi Shahdara-Sahibabad
12423 Dibrugarh-New Delhi Rajdhani Exp.	These trains will be diverted via Sahibabad-Delhi Shahdara-Delhi Jn.-New Delhi
12313 Sealdah-New Delhi Rajdhani Exp.	
12259 Sealdah-Bikaner Durgam Exp.	
12056 Dehradun-New Delhi Janshatabdi Exp.	
20839 Ranchi-New Delhi Rajdhani Exp.	New Delhi
REGULATION OF TRAINS ON 26.01.2023	
Train No. & Name	Station and Duration of Regulation
20506 New Delhi-Dibrugarh Rajdhani Exp.	These trains may likely to be regulated at New Delhi Station till clearance of parade as per instructions received from security agencies.
14086 Sirsa-Tilak Bridge Express	
11078 Jammu Tawi-Pune Jhelum Exp.	
15128 New Delhi-Banaras Kashi Vishwanath Express.	Regulated at H.Nizamuddin
02570 New Delhi-Darbhanga Clone Spl.	Regulated at Sahibabad
12925 Mumbai Central-Amritsar Paschim Exp.	These trains may likely to be regulated at Ghaziabad Jn. till clearance of parade
12033 Kanpur Central-New Delhi Shatabdi Exp.	
12581 Banaras-New Delhi Superfast Exp.	
20801 Islampur-New Delhi Magadh Express	

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पत्र सं. 70 **TENDER NOTICE** दिनांक: 23.01.2023  
Office of the Executive Engineer PCM Dhalipur, Dehradun invites sealed tenders from interested parties. Brief summary of the tender is given below:  
**Tender No- 27/EE/PCM/Dhalipur/ 2022-23 & 28/EE/PCM/Dhalipur/ 2022-23**  
**Name of work:** 1- Special Maintenance and Repair work of Type-I residences of Dhakrani Power House Colony, Dhakrani, Dehradun  
2- Cleaning works of Syphons across Power Channel Stage IV during monsoon at Asan Barrage, Kulhal, Dehradun  
**Estimated value of Tender:** Rs. 24,98,334.59 & Rs. 23,39,485.00 respectively (excluding GST)  
**Date & Time of availability of bid document on website** - From 17:00 Hrs of 24.01.2023  
**Last Date & Time for submission of tender**- Up to 15:00 Hrs 14.02.2023  
For fuller and further details, kindly visit our website. The tender documents can be downloaded from the Nigam's website [www.ujvnl.com](http://www.ujvnl.com).  
**Executive Engineer(PCM)**

**C.G. Rajya Sahakari Matsya Mahasangh Maryadit**  
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No.1171/MMS/Engg/2022-23 Raipur, Date: 24 /01/2023  
**// NOTICE INVITING TENDER //**  
Sealed tenders are invited from manufacturers & authorized dealers for providing & fixing in position HDPE Black / Blue Geomembrane (Virgin Quality) film of 500 micron (0.50mm) thick on pre constructed earthen ponds. Prescribed Tender Form can be obtained from this office on or before 08.02.2023 on payment of Rs. 3,000/- (Rs. Three thousand only) during office hours. The tenders shall be received in the office of the undersigned till 3.00 PM on dated 09.02.2023. There after the tenders will be opened at 4.00 PM in presence of tenderers or their representatives who may be present at that time.  
**Managing Director**

**ICICI Bank** Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd, 3rd Floor, Plot No- 23, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh, Delhi- 110005  
**PUBLIC NOTICE: Builder Cancellation**  
This is to bring to your notice that ARUNDHATI KAR / DR. TANGI RAJDEV PATRO (borrower/s) has availed Home loan facility vide facility agreement number LBGUR0002404536 located at Villa no. 0297, Pocket B in Anant Raj Estate, Sector - 63A, Gurugram, Haryana. The borrower/s has failed to pay the contractual amount to the builder as per the terms and conditions of the agreement.  
The Bank had informed the same to the borrower through letter dated January 20, 2023 informing that ANANT RAJ LIMITED. has cancelled the allotment of the above mentioned property. You are therefore requested to resolve this matter with the builder within 7 days from the date of this publication.  
Please take further notice that post cancellation of the allotment of the said property ICICI Bank shall not be bound and/or responsible for any other allotment done by the builder.  
Dated: January 25, 2023 For ICICI Bank Limited  
Place: Delhi/ NCR Sd-

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पत्र सं. 75 **Tender notice** दिनांक: 24.01.2023  
Office of the Executive Engineer, (M&G) Mohammadpur Power House, Gurukul Narsan-Hardwar invites sealed tenders from experienced firms for following works/supply for Mohammadpur Power House:-  
**Tender No -15,16 & 17/EE(M&G)/MPH/2022-23**  
**Name of work** - 1 Testing & Fault rectification work on 66kv switchyard equipment including procurement of 66kv spares at Mohammadpur Powerhouse.  
2 - Supply, Installation, testing & commissioning of 24 nos, 12 volt, 65 Ah VRLA, batteries for UPS system of Mohammadpur Power House.  
3- Removal of debris from Trashpit, forebay and Trashrack of Mohammadpur Power House for one year (excluding canal closure period).  
**2 - Estimated Cost** - Rs 7,00,500.00 (GST Extra), Rs 2,79,372.00 (GST Extra) Rs 11,17,760.00 (GST Extra) respectively  
**3 - Date of availability of Tender document on website** - 25.01.2023 from 11:00 hrs  
**4 - Date of Receipt of the tender** -15.02.2023 upto 16: 30 hrs  
For all details, bidders are advised to visit our website [www.ujvnl.com](http://www.ujvnl.com)  
**Executive Engineer (M&G)**

**"Avoid wasteful use of Electricity"**



# VC investment in Indian startups fell 38% in 2022

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Venture capital (VC) investments in Indian startups plunged over 38 per cent in 2022 as economic uncertainty and market volatility affected fundraising and investment activities, GlobalData said on Tuesday.

In a statement, GlobalData said an analysis of its financial deals database reveals that “a total of 1,726 VC funding deals worth \$20.9 billion were announced in India in 2022 compared to 1,715 deals worth \$33.8 billion in 2021.”

“The ongoing economic uncertainty and market volatility continue to affect the fundraising and investment activities in India and subsequently VC investment in the country startups suffered a massive year-on-year 38.2 per cent decline in value terms during 2022,” the data and analytics company said.

Aurojyoti Bose, lead analyst at GlobalData, said India is a key Asia-Pacific market and stands just next to China in terms of VC funding deals by volume and value.

It is also among the top four markets (the US, the UK, China and India) globally.

India accounted for 5.1 per cent and 6.3 per cent share of global VC funding value and



volume, respectively, in 2022.

While the US, the UK and China registered decline in VC funding deal volume in 2022 compared to the previous year, India stood out as a notable exception and registered 0.6 per cent growth.

“Although India’s VC funding deal volume has slightly increased year-on-year, the significant drop in VC funding value seems to be a fallout of growing investor cautiousness over startup valuations. Moreover, volatile market conditions and recession fears seem to have forced many investors to preserve capital. The restrictions on travel and in-person meetings also made it more difficult for VC firms to conduct due diligence on potential investments,” Bose said.

The average size of VC funding deals, which stood at \$19.7 million in 2021 fell to \$12.1 million in 2022. The number of VC deals valued more than or equal to \$100 million announced in India stood at 42 in 2022 as compared to 86 during the previous year.

“The decrease in venture capital investment can also be attributed to the lack of companies that can generate significant returns for investors. This is a common challenge for emerging economies, and India is no exception,” Bose added.

GlobalData said historic data may change in case some deals get added to previous months because of a delay in the disclosure of information in the public domain.

# Finance Min meets private sector bankers

## Reviews progress of various financial inclusion schemes

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Finance Ministry on Tuesday held a meeting with private sector lenders to review progress made by them under the flagship financial inclusion and social security schemes.

“Dr. Vivek Joshi, Secretary DFS chaired a meeting today with the representatives of Private Sector Banks, Small Finance Banks and Payment Banks to review the progress made by them under various Financial Inclusion initiatives (PMJDY, PMJJBY, PMSBY, APY, PM SVANidhi, etc.),” Department of Financial Services said in a tweet.

Last week, Joshi met heads of public sector banks and urged them to achieve targets under various schemes for current financial year.

During the meeting, progress of various social secu-



rity (Jan Suraksha) schemes, including Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY), Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY), Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY), Atal Pension Yojana (APY), Pradhan Mantri MUDRA and Prime Minister Street Vendor’s AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PMSVANidhi), and Agri credit etc, were reviewed.

Indian Banks’ Association (IBA) has already been requested to expedite the Consumer Service Rating for all Scheduled Commercial Banks to gauge the consumer expectation and enable banks to raise their standards of services delivery to every segment.

# Vistara to add 70 planes in fleet by mid-2024: CEO Vinod Kannan

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Full service carrier Vistara will continue to expand and expects to have a total of 70 planes by mid-2024, its chief Vinod Kannan said on Tuesday.

The airline, a joint venture between Tata Sons and Singapore Airlines, reported an operating profit for the first time since inception in the three months ended December 2022.

By the middle of next year, Kannan said it will have a total of 70 aircraft, including 7 Boeing 787s.

Out of the total 70 planes, there will also be 10 A321s and 53 A320 neos, the Vistara CEO said at a briefing.

Among the 53 A320 neos, 10 planes will have all economy class and the rest will have three classes. Currently, the airline has a fleet of 53 aircraft.

“We will continue to expand... More international



routes (will be added),” Kannan said.

Without disclosing the exact profit figure in the December quarter, the airline also said it crossed the \$1 billion revenue mark and remained EBITDA positive in the current fiscal year.

EBITDA refers to Earnings

Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortisation.

“For the first time since inception, the airline reported a net profit (excluding unrealised foreign currency loss and non-operating income) for the quarter ended December 2022,” Vistara said.

# Rupee falls 28 paise to 81.70 against US dollar

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The rupee fell 28 paise to close at 81.70 (provisional) against the US dollar on Tuesday as unabated foreign fund outflow hit market sentiments.

However, a weak dollar and fall in crude prices capped the losses in the local currency, forex traders said.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the rupee opened lower at 81.61 to a dollar against the previous close of 81.42. The local unit moved in a range of 81.43 to 81.76 during the day.

On Monday, the rupee had declined by 25 paise to close at 81.42 against the US dollar.

Meanwhile, the US dollar index, which gauges the greenback’s strength against a basket of six currencies, declined 0.01 per cent to 102.15 amid con-



cerns over US economic growth.

The Brent crude was trading 0.41 per cent lower at \$87.83 per barrel.

On the domestic equity market front, the 30-share BSE Sensex ended almost flat at 60,978.75, up 37.08 points or 0.06 per cent. The broader NSE Nifty inched up 0.25 points to 18,118.30.

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) were net sellers in the capital market on Monday as they sold shares worth ₹219.87 crore, according to exchange data.

# Ex-Sebi chief Damodaran launches midcap corp governance index ATOM

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Airawat Indices Pvt Ltd, a joint venture firm founded by former Sebi Chairman M Damodaran and Decimal Point Analytics, has launched a new index ATOM, comprising 30 midcap companies listed on stock exchanges.

ATOM (Airawat Touchstone MidCap Index) is a thematic index designed to serve investors seeking to invest in “well-governed mid-cap companies”, the company said in a release.

The joint venture has selected these 30 midcap com-

panies from the AMFI’s (Association of Mutual Funds in India) list of midcap 150 stocks as the starting point of its scoring methodology.

Damodaran, former Chairman of UTI and IDBI, also announced a Corporate Governance Index for midcap companies.

The methodology to select the 30 companies in ATOM captures the financial quality and corporate governance standards of the AMFI midcap universe, it said, adding the index is reconstituted every six months based on revisions AMFI makes to its list of 150



midcap companies.

Speaking at the launch of ATOM, Damodaran said: “The midcap space is conventionally thought to be risky and full of dodgy companies. However, we decided to explode this myth and found a way to systematically identify well-gov-

erned companies to create ATOM.”

He further said with the rapid growth of asset management services in India, having a handful of index providers may prove to be insufficient.

“Airawat, as a new entrant, is committed to finding new and innovative segments in the markets and creating indices around which investors can build unique portfolios,” he said.

Ashutosh Bishnoi, Advisor to Airawat and a former Board member of the Association of Mutual Funds of India, said ATOM represents the best

quality of midcap companies in India.

“On a CAGR basis, it outperformed the 150 midcap stocks over the last five years by over 500 bps and yet significantly underperformed over the last one year,” he said.

Decimal Point Analytics serves capital market institutions in Europe and the US from its offices in London, New York, Gift City, Nashik and Mumbai. Decimal Point also handles the management of over 400 indices for global index companies, the release said.

# Croma Infiniti-Retail to take up rapid expansion in next FY

PTI ■ CHENNAI

Tata Group-owned Infiniti Retail which operates consumer electronics store chain under the ‘Croma’ brand has drawn up ‘rapid expansion’ plan in the next financial year, the company said on Tuesday.

The company recently launched its 300th store in the city.

Croma launched around 100 new stores this year and plans rapid expansion in the next financial year. Croma has been expanding its footprint in Tier II and III towns to reach more people, the company said in a statement.

With the inauguration of the 300th store in Chennai, the company has 19 stores in Tamil Nadu.

“We are elated to have surpassed the milestone of 300 stores spanning across the top 100 plus cities of India. With our growing retail presence, our aim is to delight our cus-



tomers with a world class shopping experience, expert advice and assured lifetime service,” Croma Infiniti-Retail Ltd MD and CEO Avijit Mitra said.

“We will continue to expand our service across India with stores and croma.Com,” he said.

The company has revamped its website www.Croma.Com to enhance online shopping experience for its more than 30 million monthly traffic.

The 300th store in Sholinganallur is spread across 10,000 sq ft offering a range of products including televisions, smartphones, digital devices, home appliances among others.

# Total toll collection through FASTag grew 46% to ₹50K crore in 2022: NHAI

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Total toll collection through FASTag on fee plazas, including state highway toll plazas, increased 46 per cent to ₹50,855 crore in 2022, state-owned NHAI said on Tuesday.

Total toll collection through FASTag on fee plazas, including state highway toll plazas, in 2021 was ₹34,778 crore.

The average daily toll collection through FASTag on NH fee plazas in December 2022 was ₹134.44 crore, and the single day highest collection touched ₹144.19 crore on December 24, 2022, the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) said in a statement.

Similarly, the statement said the number of FASTag transactions also witnessed a growth of about 48 per cent year-on-year in 2022.

The number of FASTag transactions in 2021 and 2022

was 219 crore and 324 crore, respectively, it added.

The statement said with 6.4 crore FASTags issued as of date, the total number of FASTag-enabled fee plazas across the country also grew to 1,181 (including 323 state highway fee plazas) in 2022 from 922 in the previous year 2021.

FASTag implementation has reduced the waiting time at NH Fee Plazas significantly.

A FASTag allows a user to pay the highway fee electronically without having to stop at the toll collection booths set up by the highway operators.

Since February 16, 2021, the government has made FASTag mandatory for all private as well as commercial vehicles.

As per the rules, vehicles that do not have a valid or functional FASTag must pay double the toll charge as a penalty.

# Sensex, Nifty trim gains to close flat amid volatile trade

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Benchmark Sensex trimmed barely gains to close marginally higher while Nifty settled flat in choppy trade on Tuesday as gains in auto shares were offset by selling pressure in banking and energy shares.

The 30-share BSE barometer closed slightly up by 37.08 points or 0.06 per cent to 60,978.75, with 15 of its stocks ending in green and the rest in red. The index opened higher and gained over 300 points to a high of 61,266.06 in early trade.

The index, however, dropped over 400 points from the day’s high to touch a low of 60,849.12 due to selling in select counters.

The broader NSE Nifty closed flat at 18,118.30 with 29 of its shares ending in red and 21 in green. The 50-issue index touched a high of 18,201.25 and a low of 18,078.65 in the day trade.

“Mirroring robust global peers, the domestic market extended previous gains driven by auto stocks. However, due to



selling pressure in banking shares, the indices anchored close to the flatline,” Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services, said.

Auto stocks were in focus prior to the earnings results of the sector major Maruti Suzuki India. Hopes of a soft landing of the US economy along with the anticipation of a lesser rate hike boosted global bourses, Nair said.

Among major gainers, Tata Motors rose the most by 3.26 per cent.

Maruti Suzuki India rose by 3.23 per cent after its post-

of the prevailing consolidation phase.

Auto and IT shares advanced while metal, realty and pharma declined.

In the broader market, BSE Midcap declined 0.3 per cent to 25,038.24 and Smallcap dropped 0.43 per cent to 28,422.45.

Among sectoral indices, BSE Metal fell by 1.21 per cent, Healthcare by 1.01 per cent, Realty by 0.95 per cent, Utilities by 0.82 per cent, Power by 0.78 per cent and capital goods by 0.75 per cent.

On the other hand, BSE Auto gained 1.17 per cent, IT by 0.66 per cent, Consumer Discretionary by 0.71 per cent and Consumer Durables by 0.51 per cent.

Asian stock markets were also higher following overnight gains in US markets on expectations that the Federal Reserve will trim its rate hikes to tamp down inflation.

Tokyo’s Nikkei 225 index gained 1.5 per cent and Australia’s S&P/ASX 200 rose 0.4 per cent. Many markets in Asia were closed for the Lunar New Year holidays.

# ‘Family issues pose great threat to small, medium family enterprises’

**Mumbai:** A study released by Bharartiya Vidya Bhavan’s SP Jain Institute of Management and Research (SPIJMR) has found that small and medium family enterprises have less to worry about from the business side. Instead, family issues may prove to be the proverbial Achilles’ heel for such businesses.

The study, titled ‘India: State of the Family Business Report’, undertaken by SPIJMR’s Centre for Family Business & Entrepreneurship (CFBE), involved a survey of 350 family businesses across India over May-October 2022, conducted by Hansa Research.

It found that most small and medium family enterpris-

es have reported either stable or increasing trends across various parameters such as sales, market share, profitability, number of people employed, and profit margin on sales in FY 2021-22.

This would be in line with the provisional estimates released by the National Statistical Office (NSO), which reported that the Indian economy had fully recovered to its pre-pandemic levels of 2019-20, with the real GDP growth rate estimated at 8.7% in 2021-2022.

The sentiments regarding their competitiveness in the past three years and their future expectations regarding growth and adoption of technology

remain optimistic for these small and medium family enterprises, even though expectations regarding cost increases run high.

Microenterprises reported better business performance than other small and medium enterprise peers.

Most microenterprises reported stable or increasing sales, market shares, profitability, Return on Assets, Return on Equity, and profit margins compared to medium enterprises. These enterprises also reported employing a greater or the same number of people as before.

More service sector enterprises reported improvement in business parameters such as



sales, market share, profitability, number of people employed, and profit margin on sales compared to manu-

facturing enterprises and thus outperformed them.

It is on the family side that family businesses face the most

significant challenge. While the FBs are governed by clear values and a code of conduct, there is less attention paid to critical aspects such as family governance and planning for succession.

This manifests in unclear succession timing, despite an intent to hand over the business to the next-gen family member and a reluctance to let go due to the perceived inability or lack of interest in the next-gen family members.

“Our survey reveals that despite a seemingly difficult and uncertain business environment, small and medium family businesses seem less pressurized by business developments.

In fact, family businesses will face greater headwinds from the family side than from the business side, with issues of succession and governance looming large and threatening their business performance.

Our survey also sounds a warning bell to family businesses in India- the most common form of business organization.

Family Businesses will need to put their family in order, so that they can reap the benefits of an improving business environment,” said Dr Tulsi Jayakumar, Executive Director, CFBE and author of the report.

Pointing to the difficulties of succession planning - a key

section of the survey, Dr Jayakumar added: “Management schools and consultants will need to train the senior generation family members of the importance of ‘letting go’ in order to preserve the family business they have invested so much in.

Many of the respondents among the senior gen in our survey expressed their intent to continue running the business as long as they could.

This would of course demotivate the talented and independent among the next-gen.

Transgenerational entrepreneurship can be fostered only through paying sufficient attention to family dynamics.”



# RYBAKINA, KHACHANOV REACH AUS OPEN SF



AP ■ MELBOURNE

Big-serving Elena Rybakina blasted her way into the Australian Open semi-finals on Tuesday, while Karen Khachanov followed suit in the men's draw after Sebastian Korda suffered a wrist injury.

In the first quarter-final on day nine at Melbourne Park, Moscow-born Kazakh Rybakina stepped up her bid for a second Grand Slam title with a ruthless 6-2, 6-4 win over Jelena Ostapenko.

She will face American third seed Jessica Pegula or two-time Australian Open champion Victoria Azarenka in the last four.

The 23-year-old Rybakina sent down 11 aces to blow former French Open champion Ostapenko off Rod Laver Arena in 79 minutes.

The 22nd seed has blasted 35 aces so far, more than any other woman at the tournament.

Ominously, she said her serve is better now than when she won Wimbledon last year.

"I gained even more power. It's my weapon on the court and of course we are trying to work on it," she said, before adding: "Always a lot to improve."

The first men's quarter-final had been warming up nicely until Korda hurt his wrist against Russia's Khachanov.

The 18th seed went through when the young American retired in the third set, down 7-6 (7/5), 6-3, 3-0.

Khachanov's reward is a clash with either Greek third seed Stefanos Tsitsipas or unseeded Czech Jiri Lehecka, who play later, for a spot in Sunday's final.

Tsitsipas is the highest remaining seed in the draw after a series of shock exits.

The 22-year-old Korda, who had been attempting to emulate his father Petr's Australian Open victory in 1998, said afterwards that he could barely hold the racquet.

He said he first felt the injury while playing the Adelaide International this month, where he made the final and forced a championship point before being beaten by Novak Djokovic.

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the opening four rounds at Melbourne Park until he hit a return in the second set.

"I had it in Adelaide and then it went away completely. Now it just came back out of nowhere," he said. "I have never had any wrist issues before."

"I knew kind of what it was right away, right when I hit the return. I kind of felt that spot that I was feeling before."

"Some forehands I couldn't even hold the racquet. Volleying was almost impossible for me, so it was a little tough."

For Khachanov it is a second consecutive Grand Slam semi-final, having reached the last four at the 2022 US Open.

Nine-time Melbourne champion Djokovic is still on the scene, with a quarter-final against Russian fifth seed Andrey Rublev on Wednesday, but otherwise the draw has opened up.

"I'm feeling good, to be honest, and really happy about the way I'm competing," said Khachanov, ranked 20th in the world.

"I'm looking forward to the semi-finals here in Australia for the first time."

## Bopanna-Mirza move to mixed doubles semifinal



PTI ■ MELBOURNE

The Indian team of Rohan Bopanna and Sania Mirza moved to the Australian Open mixed doubles semifinals without moving a sinew as they got a walk over from Jelena Ostapenko and David Vega Hernandez here on Tuesday.

The Indian team has not yet dropped a set in the mixed team competition.

They now await the winner of the quarterfinal between the pairs of third seeded Desirae Krawczyk and Neal Skupski and Taylor Townsend and Jamie Murray.

Bopanna and his partner Mathew Ebden, seeded 10th, had made a first round exit from the men's doubles event, while Mirza and her Kazakh partner Anna Danilina had lost in the women's doubles second round.

Ramkumar Ramanathan and his Mexican partner Miguel Angel Reyes-Varela, Yuki Bhambri and Saketh Myneni had also made first round exits.

Jeevan Nedunchezhiyan and N Sriram Balaji had reached the second round before bowing out.

No Indian featured in men's singles competition.

## Kyrgios targets March return

AP ■ MELBOURNE

Nick Kyrgios's knee surgery was a "great success" with the temperamental Australian targeting a return for the Indian Wells ATP Masters in March, his manager said on Tuesday.

The 27-year-old went under the knife in Canberra on Monday after pulling out of the Australian Open on the eve of the tournament, saying he was "devastated" to miss his home Grand Slam.

"The surgery was a great success," his manager Daniel Horsfall told the Melbourne Age newspaper.

"We couldn't have been more pleased with the outcome of it. Now we will be pushing ahead for a speedy recovery and are aiming to see everyone at Indian Wells."

Kyrgios, considered an outside chance of winning the Australian Open, had surgery to repair a small tear in his left lateral meniscus.

## Korda says could barely hold racquet

AP ■ MELBOURNE

Sebastian Korda said he could barely hold the racquet before retiring in the Australian Open quarter-finals Tuesday, but despite the disappointment is confident of "really big things" ahead.

He said he first felt the injury while playing the Adelaide International this month, where he made the final and forced a championship point before being beaten by Novak Djokovic.

But it had not bothered him in the opening four rounds at Melbourne Park until he hit a return in the second set.

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that I was feeling before. "Some forehands I couldn't even hold the racquet. Volleying

was almost impossible for me, so it was a little tough."

Despite the pain of defeat, it was a hugely successful Australian Open for Korda, who made a Grand Slam quarter-final for the first time.

Along the way he stunned two-time losing finalist and seventh seed Daniil Medvedev and world number 10 Hubert Hurkacz.

"There is a lot of positives. I mean, way more positives than even negatives," he said.

"Today was tough, but hopefully it's nothing serious and I can take care of it so I don't have it in the future."

"Still a great tournament. My first quarter-final in a Grand Slam. You know, I'm going to go forward with my head high and keep working."

## Ten-man Inter slip to defeat against Empoli



AP N MILAN

Inter Milan missed the chance to go second in Serie A when they slipped to a 1-0 defeat at home to Empoli on Monday.

Inter, who had won their last nine league games against Empoli, began the day in third but their hopes of climbing above city rivals AC Milan into second were hampered five minutes before half-time when Milan Skriniar was dismissed for a second yellow card.

The Slovak defender, who has been linked with a move to Paris Saint-Germain, was booked for obstruction in the 25th minute before being shown the red card for a nasty tackle.

The only goal came after 66 minutes when Nedim Bajrami provided the assist for 19-year-

old Tommaso Baldanzi to fire home off his left foot for his third goal of the season.

Inter battled hard to retrieve the game with Simone Inzaghi throwing both Edin Dzeko and Romelu Lukaku into the fray.

They came close on several occasions and had a header rebound off the bar but less than a week after lifting the Italian Super Cup in style with a 3-0 win over AC Milan, Inter may have kissed goodbye to the Scudetto.

Inter remain third, a point behind AC Milan who play at Lazio on Tuesday, and level on points with Roma.

Napoli are the runaway leaders, 12 points clear at the top.

In Monday's other game Bologna were held to a 1-1 draw by bottom side Cremonese.

## Kane sinks Fulham to become Spurs' joint record scorer

AP ■ LONDON

Antonio Conte vowed to "win something" with Harry Kane after the striker became Tottenham's joint record scorer as his 266th goal for the club sealed a vital 1-0 win against Fulham on Monday.

England captain Kane netted on the stroke of half-time with a clinical strike from the edge of the penalty area at Craven Cottage.

Jimmy Greaves' Tottenham record had stood since 1970, but Kane's first goal in his last three appearances gave him a share of the historic milestone.

Kane played despite being ill with a fever and Tottenham boss Conte admitted he is desperate to reward the selfless star with silverware. Without a major trophy for club and country, Kane has been linked with Manchester United.

But Conte said: "Today he was amazing. I think he scored a fantastic goal, the execution, to control the ball, then to kick it in that way, only a world-class striker can score this goal."

"About the spirit that I spoke before, I want to underline Harry played with a fever and he was not so good, but he wanted to play because he understood the moment."

"He understood he is a point of reference for us. For sure, I would like to help him and me, also his team-mates, to try to do something important,



to win something with Tottenham because he loves Tottenham. "Tottenham is in his heart and it should be good if together we were able to win something, because then it is important to have this record, but I think it could be more important if you win a trophy."

Kane could break Greaves' record in Tottenham's next match in the FA Cup fourth round at second tier Preston on Saturday. It is only a matter of time before Kane takes sole possession of Tottenham's most hallowed record.

That remarkable achievement would have seemed impossible during a difficult start to his career that featured several failed loan spells before he finally emerged as a star.

Greaves, who died aged 81 in 2021, is regarded as one of the most natural goal scorers in football history. A member of England's 1966 World Cup-winning squad, who netted 44 times for his country, Greaves is the highest scorer in English top-flight history with 357 goals.

For Kane to be alongside such a legendary player is a tribute to his predatory instincts and his perseverance.

The 29-year-old is now one short of becoming the third player to net 200 Premier League goals, after Alan Shearer (260) and Wayne Rooney (208).

Kane also drew level with Rooney as England's joint record goalscorer after bagging his

## FOREST WILL ATTACK MAN UTD: COOPER

AP ■ LONDON

Nottingham Forest boss Steve Cooper said on Monday his side will take the attack to Manchester United in this week's League Cup semi-finals. Cooper's side host United in the first leg on Wednesday, then travel to Old Trafford for the decisive second leg one week later.

With Forest regarded as under-dogs against star-studded United, it would be easily for Cooper to adopt a defensive game-plan in the hope of nicking a narrow victory.

But Cooper said he would tell his players to go on the offensive at the City Ground.

"It's not been an easy ride for sure to get to the semi-final, and we've treated it like every

other game, one we want to do well in and win," Cooper told reporters.

"It's a semi-final, we really want to commit to it, we really want to attack it. Obviously it's Man United, it's over two legs, incredibly tough games - but ones we want to have no regrets about."

"We're in the semi-final of an important cup. I think we should go into it thinking they don't come along very often, so treat it like it might be the last one."

"There's a real good feeling about the semi-final in the city, the stadium will obviously be the atmosphere that it's been every single game so far this season, which has been incredible, and we should really embrace that."

53rd international goal in the World Cup quarter-final defeat against France in December. Thanks to Kane's 18th goal in all competitions this season, fifth placed Tottenham closed the gap on fourth placed Manchester United to three points.

It was a much-needed result after successive defeats against Manchester City and Arsenal damaged Tottenham's bid to qualify for next season's Cham-

pions League via a top four finish. Conte's team had conceded 21 goals in their previous 10 league matches.

So, while Kane rightly took the spotlight, Conte was just as pleased by his players' defensive resilience. "It was a big win. I had a good answer from my players. I asked them for solidity of the last season and the will and desire to fight and to be resilient," Conte said.

## Santos set to be named Poland coach

AP ■ WARSAW

Polish Football Association (PZPN) president Cezary Kulesza hinted on Monday that former Portugal boss Fernando Santos would be named their new coach.

The PZPN will hold a press conference on Tuesday to announce a new man in charge with Santos heavily linked with the role.

"See you tomorrow at the press conference at the national stadium," Kulesza said on Twitter in a message with a photo of himself alongside Santos attached.

Kulesza also retweeted a congratulatory message from Polish Sports Minister Kamil Bortniczuk.

"Fernando Santos is a coach with a very good resume... successes... and work experience with huge stars," Bortniczuk



said on Twitter.

Former England and Liverpool midfielder Steven Gerrard had also been linked with the position.

Santos, 68, will succeed Czeslaw Michniewicz, who was

sacked last month following a last-16 appearance at the World Cup in Qatar.

Poland finished second in their group, beating Saudi Arabia, drawing with Mexico and losing to eventual champions Argentina.

In the last 16 for the first time in 36 years, they went out after a tame 3-1 defeat at the hands of eventual runners-up France.

Santos was previously Portugal coach, but quit last month following the team's shock World Cup quarter-final loss to Morocco.

Appointed coach of Portugal in September 2014, Santos won the country's first major title at Euro 2016 and followed it up with the 2019 Nations League.

However, his time in charge also saw last 16 exits at the 2018 World Cup and Euro 2020.

AP ■ PARIS

Kylian Mbappe became the first Paris Saint-Germain player to score five times in one match as the Ligue 1 giants crushed sixth-tier amateur minnows Pays de Cassel 7-0 in the French Cup on Monday.

Mbappe, who scored a hat-trick in France's defeat by Argentina in the World Cup final just over a month ago, netted a hat-trick in the first half here as PSG led 4-0 at the break against their regional league opponents.

He struck twice more after the restart, with Neymar and Carlos Soler scoring PSG's other goals in the last-32 tie.

The Qatar-owned club, who have won the French Cup 14 times, more than any other team, will now play away to bitter rivals Marseille in the last 16 early next month. That match is scheduled



for the week beginning February 6, just a week before PSG host Bayern Munich in the first leg of their Champions League last-16 tie. "Once we scored the first goal it became harder for our opponents," PSG boss Christophe Galtier told reporters.

"The opponents we'll face over the next weeks are of a different quality," he added. Mbappe was given the captain's armband while Neymar also started, but Lionel Messi was rested, allowed to sit out this tie played before a full house at the 38,000-seat Stade Bollaert-Delelis in Lens.

Pays de Cassel are a tiny club representing a handful of villages inland from the port town of Dunkirk in France's far north, but their remarkable run to this stage of the tournament stoked the interest of the whole region.

They performed admirably in the early stages against the

Ligue 1 leaders, but their resistance was broken just before the half-hour mark when Mbappe turned in a Nuno Mendes cut-back, the ball taking a crucial deflection on its way in.

Mbappe then set up Neymar for the Brazilian to score his first goal since the World Cup, before the France star lobbed in his team's third and then completed a 12-minute hat-trick from a Vitinha pass.

Mbappe's fourth, and PSG's fifth, followed a goalkeeping mistake in the 56th minute.

Neymar set up Soler to backheel in for 6-0 before Mbappe completed the rout, his fifth of the game allowing him to equal the all-time record for most French Cup goals.

He has now scored 29 times in the competition, as many as former Marseille great Jean-Pierre Papin.



# INDIA WHITEWASH BLACK CAPS



PTI ■ INDORE

Rohit Sharma scored his first ODI hundred in three years while Shubman Gill continued his domination with another sublime ton as India completed a clean sweep with a 90-run win over New Zealand in the third match here on Tuesday.

Batters from both sides lit up the dead rubber as 680 runs were scored at the Holkar Stadium.

Rohit (101 off 85 balls) got to the three-figure mark for the first time since January 2020 while Gill (112 off 78) scored his fourth ODI hundred to take India to 385 for nine.

Following twin failures, the

New Zealand top-order put up a much better show. Devon Conway (138) stitched crucial partnerships but Shardul Thakur (3/45) and Kuldeep Yadav (3/62) regularly struck to bowl out the Black Caps for 295 in 41.2 overs.

It was India's second consecutive clean sweep, having beaten Sri Lanka last week. After Hardik Pandya (1/37) got rid of Finn Allen (0), Conway shared 106 runs with Henry Nicholls and 78 runs with Daryl Mitchell (24). In the absence of Mohammed Shami and Mohammed Siraj, the Indian bowlers struggled initially, leaking runs as Conway tonked the ball all around the park.

Shardul, however, managed

to turn the game, as he took back-to-back wickets of Mitchell and Tom Latham (0) in the 26th over. In his next over, Thakur sent Glenn Phillips (5) packing with a cross-seamed delivery.

Umran Malik (1/52) then got Conway as the centurion pulled awkwardly with Rohit doing the rest at midwicket as the match seemed to slip out of New Zealand's grasp.

The spin duo of Kuldeep and Yuzvendra Chahal (2/43) then cleaned up the tail.

Earlier, Rohit and Gill put up a belligerent 212-run opening stand, sharing 22 fours and 11 sixes between them.

Rahul Dravid joked on the eve of the match that bowlers don't want to bowl as soon as

they land in Indore because of the batter-friendly conditions. The batting great had a point, and the New Zealanders rolling over their arms during the first 25 overs would have shared Dravid's sentiment.

At one point every ball that Rohit and Gill's bat touched was either flying to the boundary or over it. Gill hit four fours and a six to plunder 22 runs off Lockie Ferguson in the eighth over, symbolising the kind of form the 23-year-old has been in lately.

The youngster didn't have to even time the ball for it to run to the boundary. After three fours, he launched the short ball for an upper-cut six.

With the outfield quick and the wicket flat, the rather inex-

perienced New Zealand bowling unit had no answers to the Indian openers' carnage.

The 26th over saw both Rohit and Gill getting their centuries. Rohit pulled away to deep square to get to his mark and, three balls later, Gill got to the triple-figure mark, his third in four innings.

New Zealand skipper Tom Latham used as many as six bowlers and it was his sixth option — spinner Michael Bracewell — who provided the tourists their first breakthrough.

Trying to slog one out of the park, Rohit missed the ball as it kept low and turned to eventually hit the stumps. His wicket was met with a roar by the partisan crowd, welcoming Virat

Kohli (36).

A miscued shot in the next over spelt the end of Gill's innings as New Zealand struck twice in quick succession.

Ishan Kishan (17) didn't look too comfortable and took nine balls to open his account. A yes-no with Kohli, who had sprinted halfway, marked the end of the wicketkeeper batter's stay in the middle.

New Zealand were able to bring down the boundaries and sixes and, looking to play a big shot, Kohli couldn't beat Finn Allen at mid-off. Firmly on course for a 400-plus score, India endured a familiar middle-order batting collapse, before Hardik Pandya (54 off 38 balls) provided the final flourish.



## Don't understand why Oz isn't playing a tour game in India: Clarke

PTI ■ MELBOURNE

Former Australia captain Michael Clarke cannot fathom why Pat Cummins' side is not playing practice or tour games ahead of the Border-Gavaskar series, beginning in India on February 9.

Australia will be touring India for the four-Test series, with the opening game scheduled at Nagpur, and Clarke opined that not playing a tour game could have a "significant" impact on the outcome.

"That's the part (not playing tour games) I don't understand," Clarke was quoted as saying by Big Sports Breakfast on Tuesday.

"The no tour game before the first Test in India. I hope I'm proven wrong but I think that is going to be significant." Clarke, who played 115 Tests and scored more than 8,600 runs, added that playing 20-over or 50-over games in India was completely different from competing in the longest format, especially while countering spin.

"You need a completely different plan to what you have (been) playing in Australia, the way you start your innings against spin bowling, the way you play reverse swing, through the Australian summer we didn't see any reverse swing, the games were over in two, three days," he said.

Clarke added that the probability of India playing at least two spinner in the four-Test series could well favour them, given that the Australians are predominantly playing quick bowlers.

"So reverse swing is going to play a big part (in India), all these batters that walk out and play bowlers bowling 130-140ks — there's every chance India is going to play at least two spinners, so it's a completely different game."

Australia will likely arrive in India in the middle of next week, giving them around seven days to tune up for the gruelling series, and Clarke felt that wouldn't be enough.

## Pant only Indian in ICC Test team of 2022



PTI ■ DUBAI

Wicketkeeper-batter Rishabh Pant, who is recovering from the injuries he sustained in a serious car crash two days before the new year, is the only Indian to be picked in the ICC Men's Test team of 2022.

The 25-year-old had a glorious year with the bat, amassing 680 runs from

12 innings at an average of 61.81 and a strike rate of 90.90. He had two centuries and four fifties in the year.

He smashed 21 sixes in Tests in 2022 and was decent with the gloves, producing six stumpings and taking 23 catches.

England skipper Ben Stokes, who transformed the side with his aggressive brand of cricket, has been named cap-

tain of the Test XI that also has his teammates Jonny Bairstow and James Anderson.

The ICC Test XI features four Aussies including skipper Pat Cummins forming a pace combination with South African ace Kagiso Rabada and Anderson.

Pakistan captain Babar Azam and West Indies skipper Kraigg Brathwaite complete the lineup.

Middle-order batter Shreyas Iyer and young pacer Mohammed Siraj are the only two Indians who found a place in the ICC ODI Team of 2022 captained by Pakistan's Babar Azam.

In a fruitful 2022, Iyer played the role of anchor in India's star-studded batting lineup in the 50-over.

Mostly slotting in at No.4, Iyer played 17 games during the calendar year and scored 724 runs at an average of 55.69.

He scored his runs at a brisk pace of 91.52, which included one century and six fifties to cement his place in India's ODI scheme of things ahead of the World Cup in October-November.

Siraj was one of the most improved bowlers in white-ball cricket and finished as the leading wicket-taker for the Men in Blue with 24 scalps in 15 ODIs in the absence of an injured Jasprit Bumrah.

**ICC Test Team of 2022:** Ben Stokes (c), Usman Khawaja, Kraigg Brathwaite, Labuschagne, Babar Azam, Jonny Bairstow, Rishabh Pant (wk), Pat Cummins, Rabada, Lyon and Anderson.

**ICC ODI Team of 2022:** Babar Azam (c), Travis Head, Shai Hope, Shreyas Iyer, Tom Latham (wk), Sikandar Raza, Mehidy Hasan Miraz, Alzarri Joseph, Mohammed Siraj, Trent Boult and Adam Zampa.

## MANDHANA, HARMAN, RENUKA IN ICC WOMEN'S ODI TEAM

PTI ■ DUBAI

Three Indian cricketers — Smriti Mandhana, captain Harmanpreet Kaur and pace bowler Renuka Singh — figure in the ICC Women's ODI Team of the Year announced on Tuesday.

Mandhana, who scored a breezy unbeaten 74 against the West Indies Women in a T20 Tri-series match on Monday, has shown remarkable consistency, helping herself to a century and six half-centuries for the calendar year 2022.

The left-handed batter scored a fine 123 against the West Indies at the World Cup in New Zealand, with the 26-year-old following it up with a 91 against England at Hove in September and then again smashing 40 and 50 to finish off the year in style.

India skipper Harmanpreet slammed two centuries and five half-centuries during the calendar year, with her unbeaten 143 against England in September the high point.

Pacer Renuka, who made her ODI debut early last year and couldn't break into the India XI during their unsuccessful 50-over World Cup campaign in New Zealand, collected 18 wickets from seven games in 2022, with her best of 4/28 coming against Sri Lanka in Palkele in the middle of the year.

**ICC Women's ODI Team of the Year:** Alyssa Healy (wk), Beth Mooney (Australia), Smriti Mandhana, Harmanpreet Kaur, Renuka Singh (India), Laura Wolvaardt, Ayabonga Khaka, Shabnim Ismail (South Africa), Nat Sciver, Sophie Ecclestone (England), Amelia Kerr (New Zealand).

## Smriti, Harmanpreet fifties help India win



PTI ■ EAST LONDON

Smriti Mandhana and captain Harmanpreet Kaur cracked fine unbeaten half-centuries as India defeated West Indies by 56 runs to keep their slate clean in the Women's T20I Tri-Series here.

India, after winning the toss and electing to bat, were off to a good start and managed 167 for two in 20 overs. They then restricted the opponents to 111 for four to eke out their second consecutive win of the series.

Openers Yastika Bhatia and Mandhana stitched together a 33-run partnership before the former was dismissed by off-spinner Karishma Ramharack for 18 with just one delivery remaining in power play.

Her dismissal brought in

Harleen Deol but her stay at the crease didn't last long, as she was trapped in front while trying to flick the ball on the off-side from pacer Shanika Bruce.

At 52 for two, there were some tense moments but once Mandhana and Harmanpreet paired up, boundaries flowed freely. Harmanpreet, who was back leading the side after missing the opening match of the tri-series reportedly due to illness, was on song as she smashed a 35-ball 51 studded with eight boundaries.

Mandhana, after failing with the bat in the opening game against South Africa, was equally belligerent scoring 74 off just 51 deliveries as the duo batted together for nearly 12 overs to guide India to a competitive score.

## Kaur, Deepti among notable gainers

PTI ■ DUBAI

Captain Harmanpreet Kaur jumped three places to reach the 11th position in the latest ICC women's T20I player rankings.

While Kaur's 35-ball 56 not out against the West Indies saw her knocking on the doors of world's top 10, all-rounder Deepti Sharma's knock of 33 in the preceding win against South Africa has taken her to a career-best 25th position.

Deepti has also moved up one place to second among all-rounders in the latest weekly update.

India opener Smriti Mandhana, who was named Player of the Match against the, remains the top-ranked batter from her country in third position, earning nine rating points to reach 736 points.

**Brief scores:** India Women 167 for 2 in 20 overs (Smriti Mandhana 74\*, Harmanpreet Kaur 56\*) beat West Indies Women 111 for 4 in 20 overs (Shemaine Campbelle 47, Hayley Matthews 34\*)

## Ranji Trophy: Jadeja bowls 17 overs on return; Tamil Nadu 183/4

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Returning to competitive cricket after close to six months, India's premier all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja went wicket-less in his 17 overs on a slow Chepauk pitch, as Tamil Nadu made 183/4 against Saurashtra in their Ranji Trophy match here on Tuesday.

In the presence of national selector Sridharan Sharath, who was seen talking to Jadeja after the first day's play, the star left-arm spinner's fitness was put to test ahead of the Australia Test series.

He ended the day with none for 36.

Jadeja is leading Saurashtra in their last group league match with Cheteshwar Pujara and regular captain Jaydev Unadkat rested ahead of the marquee four-match rubber, beginning at Nagpur on February 9.

The all-rounder, who pulled out after injuring his knee during the Asia Cup last September,

is also part of the Indian squad for the first two Tests but his inclusion in the 17-man squad is subject to fitness.

Opting to bat, Tamil Nadu lost the wicket of Narayan Jagadeesan in the second over of the day. But thereafter, opener Sai Sudharsan, twins Baba Aparajith and Baba Indrajith steadied the ship with identical scores of 45.

Indrajith remained unbeaten with Vijay Shankar giving him company on 11 at the other end.

At CCI, Maharashtra rode on Kedar Jadhav's second century in five innings to overcome an early scare and post 314 for six against Mumbai.

Maharashtra lost Pavan Shah before they could open their account while their No. 3, Naushad Shaikh, also fell cheaply for 12 with the team's score reading 23/2. But Jadhav salvaged his side with his 128 from 168 balls (18x4, 1x6) and a 105-run partnership with



Siddhesh Veer (48).

Veer, however, could not get to his fifty and was dismissed by Shams Mulani before they lost

Ankit Bawne for the addition of just one run. Jadhav, though, continued strongly at the other end.

After Jadhav's departure, Saurabh Nawale produced a fine rearguard action at No. 7, scoring a gritty 56 not out.

## K'TAKA BOWL OUT J'KHAND

**Jamshedpur:** Spinners K Gowtham (4/61) and Shreyas Gopal (3/18) helped Karnataka dismiss Jharkhand for 164 in the first innings on the opening day of their Group C match.

Table-toppers Karnataka ended the day at 80 for 2, still trailing Jharkhand by 84 runs.

Mayank Agarwal (20) and R Samarth (31) were the visiting team batters to be dismissed.

After opting to bat first, the home team kept losing wickets at regular intervals. Medium-pacer Vidwath Kaverappa (2/34) struck the first blow by removing opening batter Kumar Deobrat (18) in the ninth over. Five overs later, Gowtham removed the other opener Aryaman Sen (6). Though Kumar Suraj (22) tried to dig in, Gowtham removed captain Virat Singh (8) and the experienced Saurabh Tiwary (0) in successive balls in the 20th over as Jharkhand slumped to 57 for 4.

Suraj and Kumar Kushagra (37), the top-scorer, put on 29 runs before Gowtham had the former caught by Agarwal.

A 38-run stand for the seventh wicket between Kushagra and Shahbaz Nadeem (22) saved Jharkhand from being bundled out for a low score. Kushagra was one of Gopal's three scalps, caught by Manish Pandey.

Useful contributions from the lower order pushed Jharkhand past the 150-run mark.

In other matches, Kerala, which is aiming to qualify for the knockout phase, had to toil on day 1 against Pondicherry as Paras Dogra's ton helped the team score 253 for 4 in 87 overs while Rajasthan bowled out Services for 178 and replied with 58 for 2 at stumps in a must-win game.

**ODISHA 96/2 AGAINST BENGAL.**

**Kolkata:** Odisha scored 96 for 2 against Bengal on a truncated day one that saw only 35 overs

being bowled in a Group A match at the Eden Gardens.

The match commenced at 1pm in place of the scheduled start at 8.45am start due to damp conditions.

Put into bat, Odisha began the proceedings on a cautious note as openers Shantanu Mishra (41 not out) and Anurag Sarangi (15) were not troubled much by the Bengal bowlers.

The home side was in search of much-needed breakthrough and finally tasted success in the 15th over when Akash Deep dismissed Sarangi to reduce Odisha to 26 for 1.

From there on, Shantanu and Sandeep Pattanaik (30) combined well to add crucial 57 runs for the second wicket.

Towards the fog end of the day, Sandeep played a rash shot off the bowling of Ishan in the 32nd over.

But Shantanu and skipper Subhransu Senapati (9) stood firm to remain unbeaten at the end of the day's play.