

power: VP to judiciary Refrain from public

posturing and one-upmanship, Dhankhar tells judges PIONEER NEWS SERVICE JAIPUR

In an unprecedented attack on the judiciary by a senior constitutional functionary, Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar on Wednesday asked the judges to refrain from "one-upmanship and public posturing from judicial platforms and also frowned at the power allegedly usurped by the judi-ciary to review laws passed by Parliament.

Addressing the 83rd All India Presiding Officers Conference in Jaipur, Dhankar, who is the Rajya Sabha chair-man, said, "Today this oneupmanship and public posturing from judicial platforms are not good. These institutions must know how to conduct themselves?

The Vice President also hit out at the judiciary for scrapping the NJAC Act and maintaining the supremacy of the Collegium in appointment of judges

Dhankar also travelled in the past and picked up the landmark 1973 Kesavananda architecture



Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar with Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla and Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot at the 83rd All India Presiding Officers' Conference in Jaipur on Wednesday

Bharati case verdict, claiming that in its verdict the Supreme Court set a wrong precedent and diluted the lawmaking power of Parliament.

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In the 1973 Kesavananda Bharati case, the court in a 7-6 decision said it could strike down amendments to the Constitution that were in violation of the fundamental

Constitution. It means that he disagrees with the Supreme Court ruling that Parliament can amend the Constitution but not its basic structure.

Dhankar said as presiding officers of legislatures, they cannot have an Ostrich-like stance on judiciary-legislature relations. Parliamentary sovereignty cannot be permitted to be diluted or compro-

mised by the executive or the judiciary, he said in his strongest remarks yet against alleged judicial interference in the working of Parliament. "If any organisation

strikes down a law by Parliament, then it is not good for democracy. And it would be difficult to say we are a democratic nation," he said

pension scheme: HC

Court junks NPS for them, says **CAPF** part of armed forces

PNS 📕 NEW DELHI

In a major decision, the Delhi High Court on Wednesday ordered implementation of the old pension scheme in the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) terming the paramilitary forces as the "armed forces of the Union of India".

The decision came in response to the writ petition by one Srinivas Sharma seeking implementation of the old pen sion scheme.

In its order, the High Court held that CAPFs are also included in the armed forces of India and new pension scheme (NPS) is not applicable to them. Whether a person is recruited in CAPF today, has been in the past or will be in future, he will be eligible for the old pension scheme, according to the order.

The old pension scheme for the paramilitary forces was scrapped for personnel who joined the forces after 2004 as the Centre was ambivalent on the status of the paramilitary forces' personnel.

However, the old pension scheme was retained for the defence forces which too are



an IED blast triggered by CPI (Maoist) in the dense forest of Chaibasa in Ranchi on Wednesdav

armed forces of the Union under the command of the Defence Ministry

The paramilitary forces, according to the respective Acts of the Parliament, are also armed forces of the Union under the command of the Union Home Ministry.

Trashing the new pension scheme for the paramilitary forces, the court recognised these forces as 'armed forces of the Union of India.

The ambivalence in recognising the paramilitary forces as armed forces of the Union led to the adoption of the new pension scheme for the CAPFs After January 1, 2004, all personnel recruited in central Government jobs were excluded from the purview of the old pension, including the CAPFs. However, the Government then contended that the army, navy and air force were the only armed forces of the Union Government.

The BSF Act, 1968 states that the force was constituted as an armed force of the Union of India. Similarly, the rest of the CAPFs have also been constituted as the armed forces of the Union of India.



people held a rally in Nepal's national capital on Wednesday during which pro-monarchy slogans were chanted. The protesters gathered around the

statue of former King Prithvi Naravan Shah, who unified and

built modern Nepal some 255 years ago, and chanted pro-

monarchy slogans. The

monarchy was abolished in

the last king — Gyanendra

TO PROMOTE RUPAY

New Delhi: The Cabinet on

crore scheme for promoting

RuPav debit cards and low-

value BHIM-UPI transactions

Under the scheme, banks will be

provided financial incentives for promoting Point of Sale (PoS)

and e-commerce transactions using RuPay and UPI in the

current financial year

Wednesday approved a ₹2.600

2008 in Nepal after the ouster of

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Man, girl found dead in Delhi hotel; murder, suicide suspected

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

A young man and a woman were found dead in a hotel

phas powder were found at the spot, police said. Prime facie, it looks like the man killed the woman and later sulphas tablets leav

Your presence will strengthen voice of truth, compassion, Cong tells leaders



Cong invites Opp leaders to join Bharat | Thousands of flights in US grounded after system glitch

PTI WASHINGTON

 $N_{\mathrm{are\ resuming\ gradually}}^{\mathrm{ormal\ air\ traffic\ operations}}$ gradually across the US on Wednesday following a technical failure of that resulted in the grounding of thousands of flights for several hours. The Federal Aviation Administration announced earlier in the morning that it suffered an outage of its Notice to Air Missions or NOTAMs, which alerts pilots and other PT personnel about airborne issues. The FAA ordered airlines to delay all domestic departures early Wednesday morning, but lifted the ground stop just before 9 am after several hours. "Normal air traffic operations are resuming gradually across the US following an overnight outage to the Notice to Air Missions system that provides safety info to flight crews. The ground stop has been lifted. We continue to look into the cause of the initial



Bawana area on Wednesday. The police suspect that the man first killed the woman and then died by consuming sulphas tablets recovered.

According to the police, the woman had an injury on the neck while foam marks and a foul smell were noticed in the mouth of the man. There was also some vomit on the side of the man's body, Deputy Commissioner of Police Devesh Kumar Mahla said.

A black liquid was found in the bathroom which seemed to be vomit, the officer said.

The man and woman checked in at hotel around 10 am on Tuesday and went into their room, police said. On checking with the reception, it was found that both the deceased were 21 years old. A blood-stained knife and sul-

ing to his death, the DCP said. CCTV footage was checked but no one could be seen entering the room after they checked in, police said.

A case has been registered in the matter and an investi-

gation is underway, the police officer said, adding that address details are being verified. The duo were colleagues and worked in a shoe manufacturing factory in the Bawana industrial area. They knew

each other for the last six to eight months, police said.

When family members of the deceased were contacted, they told police that they were aware that both knew each other and were friends. However, family members maintained that they did not know the depth of their rela tionship, police said.

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announced interim assistance

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In a major outreach to polit-ical parties, the Congress has invited leaders of 21 Opposition parties to join the concluding function of the Bharat Jodo Yatra in Srinagar on January 30, saying their presence would strengthen the yatra's message of truth, compassion and non-violence. The list of leaders includes

Congress' current allies in State Governments JD(U), RJD, JMM, DMK besides Trinamool Congress, Shiv Sena, TDP, SP, BSP, Left parties, RLSP, NCP, National Conference among others. RID chief Lalu Prasad and Bihar Deputy CM Tejashwi Yaday have been invited.

Separate invitations have also been shared to NC lead-



Congress leader Rahul Gandhi offers prayers at Fatehgarh Gahib Gurdwara, during the party's 'Bharat Jodo Yatra', in Fatehgarh Sahib on Wednesday

ers Farooq Abdullah and Omar Abdullah. Farooq, representatives from Shiv Sena, NCP, DMK have already marked their presence at different occasions en route the Bharat jodo Yatra.

In a letter to the presidents of the parties, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said from the beginning of the yatra, the Congress has sought the participation of every likeminded party and on the invitation of Rahul Gandhi, MPs

of several political parties have joined it at different stages

"I now invite you to per-sonally join the concluding function of the Bharat Jodo Yatra to be held in Srinagar on January 30 at noon. The function is dedicated to the

memory of Mahatma Gandhi, who lost his life on this day in his tireless struggle against the ideology of hatred and violence," Kharge wrote.

Travelers stand in the departures hall of Terminal B at LaGuardia Airport in New York on Wednesday

problem," FAA said in a tweet. According to FlightAware,

a flight tracking company, more than 3,700 flights within, into or out of the US were delayed and more than 600 were cancelled due to the system failure. More than 21,000 flights

were scheduled to take off in the US on Wednesday, mostly domestic trips, and about 1,840 international flights expected

Cirium. The FAA earlier said it is making progress in restoring its Notice to Air Missions system and departures are resuming at the Newark Liberty

to fly to the US, AP reported,

citing aviation data firm

International Airport and Atlanta International Airport due to air traffic congestion in those areas.

Joshimath anti-razing stir rages on **'Naatu Naatu' waltzes back**



People affected by the gradual 'sinking' of Joshimath gather at Tehsil office after cracks appeared in their houses on Wednesday PT

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 $P_{\text{quate compensation once}}^{\text{rotesters demanding ade-}}$ again stalled the demolition of unsafe structure in the subsidence-hit Joshimath town on

Wednesday. In a bid to end the hotels were going to be mechanically demolished and protest, Uttarakhand Chief not the houses marked as Minister Pushkar Singh unsafe.

Disaster-proof town planned for displaced

PTI NEW DELHI

The Central Building Research Institute (CBRI) has proposed to develop a disaster-resilient model town to rehabilitate people displaced from the sinking Uttarakhand town of Joshimath. The Roorkee-based insti-

tute of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), has also suggested a three-pronged action plan for Joshimath that envisages demolition of tilted buildings, safety assessment of existing 4,000 build-ings and providing intermediate shelters to the dis-placed people, CBRI Director R Pradeep Kumar

home with Golden Globe

PTI LOS ANGELES

Naatu Naatu", the irrepress-ible, fun track from the blockbuster "RRR", danced its way to a Golden Globe as the "best original song-motion picture" - and to Indian showbiz history - at a star spangled awards ceremony here.

The song, which beat the likes of numbers by Taylor Swift, Rihanna and Lady Gaga, to win the coveted award is the first time an Indian production has won a Golden Ĝlobe.

Organised by the Hollywood Foreign Press Association, the prestigious awards, which mark the beginning of the Hollywood season that ends with the Oscars in March, were presented here on

Tuesday night. "RRR" had also been nominated in the 'best pic-ture-non English' category and lost out to Argentina's his-



torical drama "Argentina, 1985"

But there was compensa-

tion aplenty. "And the Globe goes to 'Naatu Naatu' 'RRR," actor

Jenna Ortega announced on stage to loud cheers from the "RRR" team.

The track has been composed by veteran music director MM Keeravaani and voiced by singers Kala Bhairava and Rahul Sipligunj.

Keeravaani thanked director S S Rajamouli for his "vision" as he accepted the award.

"It has been an age-old practice to say that this award actually belongs to someone else. So I was planning to not say those words when I get an award like this, but I'm sorry to say that I'm going to repeat the tradition because I mean my words.

'This award belongs to, in order of priority, my brother and the director of the movie, SS Rajamouli for his vision. I thank him for this constant trust in my work and support," Keeravaani said.

Auto, taxi fares rise up to 20% in Delhi

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

A uto and taxi fares went up by nearly 15-20 per cent in the national Capital from Tuesday.

According to the new fares, the metre down charge (minimum fare) for the initial 1.5 kilometre for auto rickshaws has been increased from Rs 25 to ₹30, while the per kilometre charge afterwards has been hiked from ₹9.50 to ₹11. The revised rates came into force

from January 9. The Delhi Cabinet took the decision to hike the fares in October last year, the new fares were notified on Tuesday after the Lieutenant Governor cleared the proposal. The hike in fares will be applicable to black and yellow taxis and all auto rickshaws.

There has been no increase in waiting charges and night charges for auto rickshaws, while the charges for extra luggage have been hiked from ₹7.50 to ₹10. For taxis, the existing

charge for the first km was Rs 25 for both AC and non-AC types. This will go up to ₹40. The per kilometre charge after metre down will increase to ₹17 for non-AC and ₹20 for AC taxis. Before the revision, they were ₹14 for non-AC and ₹16 for AC.

The 25 per cent night charges will remain unchanged. The waiting charge, which is currently ₹30, will be charged by ₹1 per minute after 15 minutes stay. The extra luggage charge has been hiked from ₹10 to ₹15. The last revision in the autotaxi fares was done in 2020, while that for taxis, which includes black-and-yellow taxis, economy taxis and premium taxis, happened nine years back in 2013.



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Performance improvement workshop organised at BSL

R SHARMA : BOKARO

A one-day Performance Improvement Workshop on the topic "Mission 85000 Tonnes Per Month from PLTCM of CRM-3"was organized on 10th

January at BSL's Human Resource Development Center for the officers and personnel of various departments of the plant. In the inaugural session of the workshop, Executive Director (Works) BK Tiwari, CGM In (CRM-3) Akhouri Ashok Kumar, General Manager (HR) BK Singh and officers and personnel of various departments were present. In the beginning General Manager (HRD), BK Singh welcomed everyone and highlighted the usefulness of this workshop. In his address, Tiwari discussed the importance of cold rolled products for Bokaro Steel Plant at present and described this workshop as very useful to achieve the target of 85000 tonnes of production. He gave a message to all the participants to brainstorm by forming a group and make a practical action plan. Akhouri Ashok Kumar urged all the participants to give suitable suggestions to achieve the "Mission 85000 Tonnes Per Month from PLTCM of CRM-3". The program was conducted and the program briefing was done by the Senior Manager (HRD) GK Singh and the vote of thanks by the General Manager (CRM-3) BN Tripathi. Also in another programme organized in the Central Mechanical Maintenance Department of BSL with the aim of felicitating the winning QC teams of NCQC. During the program VK Singh, Chief General Manager (Mechanical) felicitated the winning QC teams of NCQC. It is worth mentioning that QC-1818, QC-2636, QC-3505 and QC-692 of Central Mechanical Maintenance Department received Par Excellence Award in NCQC-22 organized by QCFI at Aurangabad, Maharashtra.



PNS : RANCHI

Secretary, Govt. of India, Ministry of Coal, Amrit Lal Meena, was on a day-long visit to the state capital-Ranchi. He arrived in Ranchi yesterday evening along with the Additional Secretary, Ministry of Coal, M.Nagaraju.

The Coal Secretary along additional secretary with M.Nagaraju Coal India Limited (CIL) chairman Pramod Agrawal visited Project Bhavan and met the Chief secretary of Jharkhand, Sukhdev Singh. They discussed various issues related to coal mining companies in the State. CMD CCL^P. M. Prasad along with CMD, BCCL, CMPDI, ECL and senior officials also attended the meeting.

Earlier in the morning, the Coal secretary visited Jharkhand Sports Academy and interacted with the sports there. cadets enrolled

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Jharkhand Sports Academy is Gandhinagar hospital. The a CSR venture of CCL which online hospital management operates jointly with the system is an effort by CCL Jharkhand State Government. towards automation enhance transparency in the The cadets of the academy have won medals at internafunctioning. He also launched tional and national level com-CCL'S first E Vehicle. CCL has highered 16 E vehicles as a petitions and brought laurels part of its effort to reduce carto the state. Meena reviewed the infrastructure facilities and bon transmission. Speaking on motivated the cadets to perthe occasion, Meena said that form to the best of their abilievery effort should be made to provide the best medical facili-Meena also inaugurated ties for the stakeholders. He congratulated the hospital management for the imple-mentation of the Hospital the renovated auditorium and the online hospital manage-

Management System and stated that digitalization of services will be beneficial for every-Pramod Agrawal, body. Chairman, CIL stated that CIL's hospitals played an outstanding role during the Covid pandemic and he expressed confidence that the doctors and paramedical staff will work with the same zest in future.

R.B.Prasad Dir (Op) H.N.Mishra Dir (Pers), Dir B.Sairam (P&P) P.K.Mishra Dir (Fin), Pankaj Kumar CVO CCL, Dr Mita Paul CMS CCL and other officials were present on the occasion.

Amrit Lal Meena, Secretary(Coal) visited CCL Gandhinagar hospital, Ranchi He inaugurated the hospital management system (HMS) which will improve the efficiency and transparency through digitalisation. He inaugurated the renovated conference hall and interacted with doctors.

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votes out of 185 votes.

(CGPC) began under tight

security at its office located on

the Sakchi Gurudwara prem-

out of 211. In the end,

Bhagwan Singh emerged as a

clear winner and became the

winner with 170 votes. On the

other hand, Singh's arch rival

Harminder Singh Mindi ended up with a total of 10

votes while Mahendra Singh

received a total of three votes.

Two votes were rejected, after

which Bhagwan Singh

Jamshedpur entrepreneur

Sudhanshu Kumar has sold his

first Edtech company, iNeuron,

to Physicswallah for INR 250

A total of 185 people voted

the Central

ises on Wednesday.

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Pre-retirement employee empowerment Workshop in SAIL RSP

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APre-retirement employee empowerment workshop

'ROSHNI' was held at HRD

Centre of SAIL, Rourkela Steel

Plant. Birendra Kullu, GM In-

charge (P&A) presided over

the inaugural session. G R

Welfare, Canteen, Town and

Medical) was also present on

employees including execu-

tives from Plant and Odisha

Group of Mines are superan-

nuating in the month of

January, 2023. The sessions

covered topics such as Final

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Financial Security Planning, Procedure for Smooth Final Settlement and SAIL. Mediclaim Scheme, Mindset For Smooth Transition to a New Phase of Life after Retirement, Ensuring Good Health, Well Being (Know your Body and Mind) and Safe uses of IT to facilitate smooth and stress-free transition from active employed life to post retirement life. Jyoti Oreya, Senior Manager (Personnel) welcomed the gathering, while Khageswar Panda, Labour Inspector coordinated the session along with the Personnel Welfare Team.

elect the president.

Those in the fray for the

post of the president were

Bhagwan Singh, Mahendra

Singh Bojha and Harvinder

Singh Mindi. Once the elec-

tions are over, a new execu-

tive committee under the new

president will be set up for

running the CGPC which rep-

resents the interest of people

belonging to the Sikh commu-

the CGPC office, polling is

being held in the presence of

two executive magistrates

under videography. "Except

the Tinplate Gurudwara,

functionaries of all the

Gurdwaras from across the

twin districts of Singhbhum

participated in the elections,

said the officials.

disputes in the

Gurudwara Committee.

Seraikela-Kharsawan

The Tinplate Gurudwara

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How Swami Vivekananda viewed the historical civilizations of his motherland

BY HITENDRA ANUPAM & AMARDEEP YADAV

wami Vivekananda found Sthat beneath all the apparent variations of manners and customs of culture and power all the Indians reflected the same mighty human heart under the impulsion of the same joys and sorrows, of the same weakness and strength. He was of course grateful to the lands of the West for the warm hearts that many received him with all the love, but his life's allegiance was for his motherland alone. He once said that. "If I had a thousand lives, every moment of the whole series would be consecrated to your service, my countrymen and my friends. For this land I owe whatever I possess, physical, mental and spiritual; and if I have been successful in any-

mine He believed that it was in this land, the great problems of life and death, the thirst for life, and the vain mad struggles to preserve it only resulting in the accumulation of woes, were first grappled with and solved. India alone discovered that even life itself is a will, the shadow only of something which alone is real. He found that India is a

thing, the glory is yours, not

Vivekanand found that there was an inquisitiveness in the Aryan race which later

view- still keeping the type of the Aryan-stronger, broader and more organised by assimilation. We find the central developed into bold analysis. Its boldness made these men assimilative core giving its search every brick of their type and character to the sacrificial altars, scan, cement and pulverise every whole mass, clinging on with word of their scriptures, arrange, rearrange, doubt, deny or explain the ceremonies. It evolved the science of geometry from the arrangements of bricks to build various altars, and startled the world with astronomical knowledge that arose from the attempts to accu-

rately time their worship and the line of sixth century obligations. It made their con-Before Christ to restructure tribution to science and maththe overwhelming ancient ematics the largest of any order of things under Buddhism which swept off race, ancient or modern and almost every bit of the old ritto their knowledge of chemistry, of metallic compounds uals of the Vedas, The aim of Buddhism was reform of in medicine, their scale of Vedic religion by standing musical notes and invention against ceremonials requiring of almost all bow instruments offerings of animals, against to which the west was obliged to depend while building up hereditary caste and exclusive priesthood, and against their so-called modern world. But the greatest feature of beliefs in permanent souls. But the older forces were Hindu race was its poetic insight. Its religion, its philosnever pacified; indeed they ophy, its history, its ethics, its underwent a good deal of politics were all inlaid in a modification driving the cenflowerbed of poetic imagery turies of Buddhistic supremacy. But in spite of these historthe miracle of language which was called Sanskrit or "perical undercurrents Vivekananda claims that the fected", lending itself to expressing and manipulating centres of national life in Ancient India were always the intellectual and spiritual and not political and has been always subordinated to spiriand intellectual. tual Vivekananda admitted that the reactionary movement to Buddhism led in close succession by Kurmarila in the north, and Shankar and Ramanuja in the south was the last embodiment of the vast accumulation of sects and doctrines and rituals called Hinduism. Hinduism in northern India was affected but awakened by the thundering rush of Muslim cavaly across the plains of Afghanistan. In the south, however, the spiritual upheaval of Shankar and Ramaniya was followed by

great pride to its name of turies to subjugate the south, Aryan, and though willing to but can scarcely be said to give other races the benefits have got even a strong foothold; and when the strong of its civilisation, it was by no means willing to admit them the united empire of Mughals within the Aryan pale.³ was very near completing its Modern India admits spiriconquest, the hills and plateaus of the south poured tual equality of all souls but strictly keeps the social differin their bands of fighting ences. The Indian history peasant horsemen, deterreflects the struggle all along mined to die for the religion which Ramdas preached and Tukaramsang. The friars of the orders founded by Ramanand, Kabir, Dadu, Chavitanya or Nanak were all agreed in preaching the equality of man, however differing from each other in philosophy. Their energy was for the most part spent in checking the rapid conquest of Islam among the masses, and they had very little left to give birth to new thoughts and aspirations. Though evidently successful in their purpose of keeping the masses within the fold of Hinduism, and tempering the fanaticism of the Muslims, they according to Vevekanand kept only struggling to obtain permission to live. He praised Guru Govind Singh as being a creative genius and for founding a great political organization as a result of his spiritual work. Vivekanand criticised the facts founded during British rule as the voices of the dead or the dying. The feeble tones of a terrorised people, pleading for permission to live, and who adjusted their spiritual and social surroundings according to the tastes of the conquerors. No wonder that these facts mushroomed just to live. Therefore Vivekananad became one of those great pioneers who ushered the era of revivalism and restoration forces of the ancient glory of our motherland. The views expressed in the article are the writers the usual Indian sequence of united races and powerful

PALAMU POLICE SEIZE CAR IN ROAD RAGE INCIDENT OCCUPANTS AT empires. It was the home of LARGE refuge of the Indian religion and civilisation, when north-

M F AHMAD : DALTONGANJ

A road rage case has occurred in Palamu. The rage is on account of inebriation. Parwa police in Palamu seized a car whose occupants were prima facie found exhibiting rage on the National Highway and these men have gone into hiding.

Assistant superintendent of police cum sub divisional police officer Rishabha Garg said our Parwa police have seized the car and now we are in hot search of its four occupants who showed extreme act of road rage in utter violation of the traffic rules.

Officer in charge (acting) of the Parwa police station Nakul Sah said one former mukhiya Ranvir Singh and others were zig zagging a bus of Ramchander Chandravanshi university on January 9 where the exasperated driver and some teachers travelling in this university bus asked the car occupants to avoid zig zagging ahead of the bus as it was delaying them besides being a violation of road safety. The men in the bus tried to bring the occupants of the car to their senses but it went the wrong way, said sources. Police officer Nakul Sah said Ranvir Singh felt offended and took it as his personal affront despite him then doing the worst of thing on the National Highway that was zig zagging ahead of the university bus carrying teachers and students of the medical college, engineering college etc. The Police officer said the man Ranvir phoned some of his men who got assembled at some distance away and intercepted this university bus at Kajree on the national highway. The locals barged into the bus, roughed up the driver, manhandled the students and teachers and scared the girl students much who were the most frightened lot said Sah.

Bhagwan Singh elected new president of CGPC PNS : JAMSHEDPUR Sabha used their franchise to

Settlement

the occasion.

In a one-succu again, Bhagwan Singh, president a one-sided fight, Gurudwara Prabandhak Committee, registered an easy victory in the elections held on Wednesday for the Central Gurdwara Committee (CGPC). Singh, received 170

The triennial elections of became the winner with a huge margin. Gurudwara Committee After the results, Bhagwan

Singh and his supporters took out a procession. Senior Sikh leaders Sardar Shailendra Inderjit Singh, Singh, President of Telco Workers Union Gurmit Singh Tote, Committee Member of Tata Workers Union and BJMO leader Joginder Singh Jogi were engaged in campaigning for him.

In the election, in all 211 voters from 34 Gurudwaras and outfits like Central Stree Satsang Sabha as well as Akali Dal Central Naujawan

Jamshedpur entrepreneur



ing potential of this joint ven-

sells iNeuron for Rs 250 Cr accessible to everyone. Beyond the facts, Kumar's limitless curiosity and determination ultimately drive his success.

With more than 600 cours-

land renunciation. Upanishads declared "Na Prajaya Dhanein Tyagenaike Amritatvamanasu (Not by Progeny, not by wealth, but by renunciation alone immortality is reached)" India in every generation of its civilization has taken up the challenge and tried their utmost to solve the world riddle on the plane of desires. In the words of Vivekananda, "This is the theme of Indian life work, the burden of her eternal songs, the backbone of her existence, the foundation of her being, the raison d'etre of her very existence-the spiritualisation of the human race. In this life course she has never deviated, whether the Tartar ruled or the Turks, whether the Mogal ruled or the English".

them better than any other tongue the aid of melodions numbers was invoked even to express the hand facts of mathematics. Arts and sciences, even the relatives of domestic life, are covered with a mass of poetic conceptions.

Vivekananda also eulogised the Aryan identity in his own brilliant way. In his words, "On wards surrounded by the snows of Himalayas on the north and the heat of south-vast plains, interminable forest, through which mighty rivers roll their tides. We catch a glimpse of different races- Dravidians, Tartars, and Aboriginals pouring in their quota of blood, of speech, of manners and religions. And at last a great nation emerges to our

crore. Sudnansnu, wno previously worked with consulting companies such as Deloitte and Ernst & Young, founded the edtech startup in 2019, and iNeuron was one of India's few affordable and profit-making skilled education platforms.

PNS : JAMSHEDPUR

Sudhanshu Kumar, founder and CEO of iNeuron, has cultivated a deep-seated enthusiasm for learning and gaining knowledge. A deep thinker and avid learner, Kumar has long held a curiosity about what's happening in the world of technology. He has taken this passion to a new level. His primary goal is to transform how education is tailored to meet the needs of corporates and enterprises internationally and make sure that it is sustainable and

es across all technologies including state-of-the-art proj ects in emerging technology like data science, block chain, IoT, AR/VR, and commercial drones, iNeuron has established itself as one of India's leading EdTech solutions, offering innovative solutions for both aspiring professionals and experienced individuals alike. From live and recorded sessions to 24x7 doubt clarifications and job portals, iNeuron is revolutionizing how we learn and secure jobs. iNeuron is empowering them with the knowledge they need to succeed and stay on top of the ever-evolving technologies.

Their students are placed in well-known companies such as Amazon, Hitachi, and Wipro etc.

Commenting on the acquisition, Kumar said, "The excit-

ture in striving for our mutual goal of making education more accessible to all learners. With this shared belief system and a strong commitment to transforming the learning experience, this collaboration is certain to bring about significant positive changes and open up a wealth of opportunities for both organizations. A promising new era for educational excellence is on the horizon. and both iNeuron and PhysicsWallah look forward to the success this joining of forces is likely to bring."

ATIUNA L YUUTH DA **Relevance of Swami Vivekananda's 1893 Chicago Address in Modern Times**



DR. NEHA SINHA

n the history of mankind. there have been rare instances where the introductory words spoken by a person have electrified the whole audience as much as Swami Vivekananda's groundbreaking speech to the 1893 World's Parliament of Religions. Beginning with the words "Sisters and Brothers of America", the speech managed to eliminate the difference between Swamiji's status as a person belonging to a different nation and religion. It also made the people realise that they were in the audience of someone who could show

them the path of universal brotherhood. In today's times, Swamiji's speech serves as a beacon light and a 'source of truth' for the nation and the leaders to

help them implement strategies, formulate policies and take corrective steps to bring their citizenry together, in order to help build bridges with other nations. The speech by Swamiji has also been often referred to by leaders from across the globe in present times to remind the people of the values which Swamiji's speech stood for and are the most critical in today's times that are compassion, brotherhood, tolerance, acceptance.

While we see the whole world living in the throes of sectarianism, fanaticism and persecution; there has never been a better time to turn towards Swamiji's speech and really focus on the key

values highlighted therein to make this world a better place. Across the globe, we have countries fighting each other (externally) and their population divided over caste, creed and colour. Swamiji, in his speech, emphasised on the two vital requirements for world peace - brotherhood and universal acceptance; and it would not be an exaggeration if we state that these are what the world needs to make it a better place to live. If only people start imbibing the values which Swamiji stood for, if only nations start focusing on compassion and tolerance can this world become a better place for everyone.

Swami Vivekananda, the great yogi of the nineteenth century was much ahead of his times because of his sheer vision. At the point of time, when the world was fighting for religious, ideological superiority and was busy usurping each other's land, Swamiji gave the message of "To Serve man is to Serve God" - as he could see God in each and every human soul. He not only broadened the concept of brotherhood but also explained its relevance by raising the model of "Universal Brotherhood", which incorporates each and every human soul irrespective of any form of discrimination.

The World Parliament of Religions which continued for seventeen days from 11th September to 27th September 1893, had six lectures of Swamiji in which during final session of the final day he spoke about the road ahead for humanity and mentioned - "The Christian is not to become a Hindu or a Buddhist, nor a Hindu or a Buddhist to become a Christian. But each must assimilate the spirit of the others and yet preserve his individuality and grow according to his own law of growth." Swamiji looked upon humanity holistically, and not in compartments with different lenses. He had deep rooted love for

his motherland India. He loved his countrymen, but also believed that humans had no identity. He not only preached this message, but practiced it throughout his life. It is only because of his love for humanity in totality that the same countrymen who called him 'Black 'and 'Niger' there Swamij referred to them as "My Dear sisters and brothers of America" and the world was at his feet.

It would be fair to say that Swamiji's whole life and teachings have been a call to the people to rise and become a better version of them. The speech in 1893 was a small summary of the core values which Swamiji

sought to impart. The Chicago speech is a glimps of what Swamiji truly stood for and the onus is on all of us to ensure that we benefit from the teachings of one of the most revered sons of India. It's India which has always believed in 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' (The world is one family) and can lead the world towards universal brotherhood and truly become a 'Vishwa Guru,' in its true sense.

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5 jawans injured in IED blast in West Singhbhum

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he Maoist ultras today made their presence felt by triggering a Five CRPF blast. jawans were injured in an IED blast triggered at a jungle under the Tonto police station area of West Singhbhum district about 110 km away from Jamshedpur this afternoon.

The IED blast took place at Sarjamburu forest while the paramilitary forces were carrying out a search operation for the naxals who were reportedly hiding.

After the explosion took place, the forces were also rained shots by the naxals, but the former gave a befitting response by retaliating the fire.

After the IED explosion was triggered, an additional number of paramilitary forces rushed to the Sarjamburu for-



An injured CRPF jawan being rushed to a hospital after being airlifted from the site of an IED (Improvised Explosive Device) blast triggered by CPI (Maoist) rebels, in the dense forest of Chaibasa on Wednesday. PNS

est. "Five jawans were injured on," said an official. According to police, the CRPF had startin the explosion. They have been air-lifted to a hospital in ed carrying out the opera-tion at the Sarjamburu on Ranchi. The operation is still

getting intelligence input that a big number of naxals belonging to naxal leader Misir Besra was anchored deep inside the jungle.

Sources informed that the high alert has been sounded after intelligence report that the ultras may attack at naxal areas.

Sources informed that there are intelligence inputs that CPI (Maoist) may indulge in demonstrative acts of violence by targeting security forces and economic infrastructure such as trains, buses, railway stations, bus stations and other places where people are likely to gather in significant numbers.

"Every effort will be made to maintain law and order and to ensure security of the people. This time all security forces have also been alerted to remain vigi-

lant, particularly against IEDs and landmines," said another official.

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Meanwhile, the police and paramilitary forces have started frisking commuters in the bordering areas. At some places common people are also being interrogated by police and paramilitary forces on suspicion. Forces have been deployed in strategic locations.

Police said that the security has been beefed up in the area and they were keeping strict vigil on movement of the Naxlites. "There has been a substantial increase in Maoist activities in this. We are not much concerned about small acts of violence because these activities can be controlled by us, but the bigger attacks are worrisome," said a security official.



Chief Minister Hemant Soren greets his father Shibu Soren along with younger brother Basant Soren on the occasion of Dishom Guru's 79th birthday in Ranchi on Wednesday. PNS

'Central Committee to take

under the grip of drought. He said that the Central

Government team has been

informed about all the points

and it is expected that the

Central Government will take a

positive decision on the report

submitted by the central team and will take appropriate steps

for the upliftment of the

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ment had made all the prepa-

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The Agriculture Minister

drought-affected farmers.

Jharkhand's tableau at Republic Day parade after 7 years



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State's tableau depicting the famous Baidyanath Dham temple in Deoghar will be one of the16 tableaus of states and union territories to be displayed at the Republic Day parade in New Delhi this year in New Delhi. The state will participate in Republic Day parade after seven years gap. The tableau would have a

statue of Birsa Munda in the front. Adivasi art Sohrai would be shown at the side panel, while traditional dance 'Paika' would be presented along with the tableau.

The selected states and UTs have to ready their tableaus by January 19 and participate in a rehearsal on Januarv 23.

By January 19, the chosen states and UTs must have their tableaus ready, and on January 23, they must take part in a rehearsal. Notably, Jharkhand has only four times shown their tableau at the R-Day procession. Its tableau, which was inspired by ancient clay temples in Maluti in the Dumka area, won second place in 2015. The state displayed a tableau with a Dokra art theme in 2013. When it made its premiere at the R-Day parade in 2004, it featured Birsa Munda. In 2021, the

state didn't submit any proposals. Santhal Hul in 2022 was used as a model, but it was rejected.

Jharkhand has showcased its tableau during the R-Day parade only four times. In 2015, its tableau based on historic terracotta temples in Maluti in Dumka district bagged the second prize. In 2013, the state presented a Dokra art-themed tableau. It showcased Birsa Munda when it debuted at the R-Day parade in 2004. The state did not send any proposal in 2021. The suggestion based on Santhal Hul in 2022 was rejected.

According to the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Defence, the selection process of tableaux is an elaborate and time-consuming affair. The ministry constitutes a committee of distinguished persons from various fields to help shortlist the best proposals. In view of time constraints, only a limited number of proposals will be shortlisted and this time, the Centre is focussing on giving an opportunity to those states, which have showcased their tableau least number of times in the last eight vears

Apart from this for the first time since Independence, the women contingent of the Border Security Force (BSF) atop camels will be featured in the Republic Day Parade 2023. Mahila Praharis, the women contingent of the paramilitary force as pop-ularly known, will be seen riding camels along with their male counterparts.

Since 1950, a similar squad of the Army used to participate in the annual parade, however, in 1976, it was replaced by the BSF's camel contingent



Agriculture Minister Badal during a meeting with Central government officials on drought assessment in the State on Wednesday. PNS

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n a meeting with the State Agriculture Minister, Badal, on Wednesday, Government Central Officials' team leader and Joint Secretary S Rukmani said, "We have taken stock of Ranchi's Chanho block and our team will go to 7 districts to assess the drought situation and send its report to the sub-committee of the Central Government and we are hopeful that the Central Committee will take positive decisions on the recommendations sent by our team."

less rains in the State, there Badal held a meeting with has been about 65 per cent less yield. Till August 15, instead of the Central Government officials' team that had come to 658 mm, only 426.3 mm of assess the drought situation in rain was received, due to the State and informed about which 226 blocks of the State the situation. After the meeting were affected. He said that the held at Nepal House, Badal said that 226 blocks have come

ment of 58 lakh farmers of the State. To inspect the situation of

drought in the State a team consisting of Government of India officials reached Ranchi on Tuesday in leadership of Joint Secretary to the Government of India, S Rukmani. This team will hold a meeting with the officials of the State Government.

The team will visit the drought affected areas, Only after that it will be decided what is the status of that area in the list issued by the Jharkhand Government. Till January 13, the team will take stock of different blocks of Jharkhand. Only after that, according to the demand of Jharkhand, a decision will be taken on whether the Central Government will get assistance of Rs 9,000 crores under the drought relief scheme or not.

In the team that reached Ranchi, Dr Man Singh, Niti Aayog's, SC Meena, Director, Chowdhary, Dr Dar Advisor, Karan Rajshekhar, Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, VR Thakre, Director of Animal Husbandry Department. UK Navvar. Deputy Secretary of Rural Development, Pramod Narayan, Director of Water Resources Department, Mahesh Kumar, Director, Department of Expenditure, Brijmohan Singh, Assistant

Director, Khadi and Public

JMM Supremo Shibu Soren alongwith his wife Rupi Soren and son and State Chief Minister Hemant Sooren cuts a 79 pound cake on the occasion of the 79th birthday, in Ranchi on Wednesday. Pix by Ratan Lal

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Extremists beat up guards, set on fire 2 vehicles in Kanke

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of the party's Zila Kisan Morcha.

uspected extremists attacked security guards **D**on duty and set on fire two heavy vehicles in Ranchi's Kanke area late on Tuesday night. The extremists had demanded a levy from a stone chips mine owner. The Tritiya Prastuti Committee (TPC) has attacked the Stone Chips Mines located near ITBP

Prakash slams Govt over

JP State President and MP Deepak Prakash reached

Bedica Hospital today and met Gumla District BJP Kisan Morcha General Secretary and former block president

Sumit Kesari, who was seriously injured in firing by the crimi-

Balmukund Sahay were also present along with the State

President. Prakash spoke to the Superintendent of Police Gumla

and DIG of South Chhotanagpur division over the phone

demanding the arrest of the criminals behind the incident. He

told the family members that the entire BJP family is standing

with them in this hour of crisis. He assured all possible help to

Keshri was the ex-block president of BJP and the secretary

Police said Keshri along with his nephew Utsav Keshri (20)

was at his fly ash brick plant site located along the Bilingbira

road in Palkot block headquarters on Monday. At about 9.30

pm, two miscreants carrying arms entered the site by scaling

the boundary wall of the plant and took both of them captive at

gunpoint. The two were then taken to some distance on foot

the criminals not to take his nephew captive. "He (Utsav) was

later let go with a warning not to reveal the incident to anyone

or else they will kill his uncle (Keshri)," a police officer said.

Fearing that Utsav may be abducted, Keshri pleaded with

and Utsav was asked to bring a motorcycle from the plant.

State General Secretary and MP Aditya Sahu and

nals yesterday. His condition remains serious.

attacks on **BJP** leaders

Center of Kanke Ranchi Rural SP, Noushad Alam said that they beat the guard who was on duty at the time and the mobile has been snatched away. The incident took place at around quarter to 11 in the late night. It has been learned that the extremists were threatening the Stone Mines operator for extortion for several days, he added. Alam further said that the

armed extremists reached the mines in the number of 11 at night. They were asking about the owner by pointing a pistol at the guard's forehead. After getting the information, Alam along with Dy.SP reached the spot. Police also searched for militants in the surrounding area. But the police did not get any clue. The militants had reached the mines on foot, he added.

The Rural SP said that the criminals knew that the mines are very close to the Ring Road and that there is an ITBP camp nearby. "That's why they stayed there only for 10 minutes and escaped after setting fire to two highways. During that time dozens of truck drivers were present in the mines. Some of them immediately started showing courage by picking up stone dust from the mines and throwing it on both the highways, due to which the fire was extinguished immediately and the hywas were saved from burning. After this incident, there is an atmosphere of panic among the mines workers," he added.

Meanwhile, in the morning near Koriyasa Rajkrit Middle School in Deoghar, miscreants killed a young man by hitting him with a bomb. The young man died on the spot due to a bomb hit on his head. The dead person has been identified as Laxmi Yadav.

The criminals who came in the number of 4 to 6 escaped from the spot after carrying out the incident. Here, on the information of the incident, SDPO Pawan Kumar reached the spot with the police force where the police took stock of the incident.

BLANKET DISTRIBUTION BY SBPS STUDENTS

Keeping with the tradi-tion of the school of making the lives of the needy a little comfortable, Sarala Birla Public School, Ranchi organized Sarala Birla Public a community outreach programme 'Shubheksha: Donating for a cause'. The students, escorted by their



teachers, went and dis-tributed blankets in Paika, Chatra, Sirpa and Bongai Bera village of Angara block under Ranchi district. School Head Personnel and Admin Dr. Pradip Varma praised the efforts made by the school for taking this initiative. Principal Paramjit Kaur said that apart from academic excellence, the school also endeavours to inculcate the sense of love and benevolence among the students by conducting such activities.

SEMINAR ON ACCIDENT RELIEF, DISASTER MANAGEMENT

Aseminar on disaster management and accident relief and Arescue was organized by the Medical Department of Ranchi Railway Division and St. John Ambulance Brigade at Divisional Railway Hospital Complex, Hatia on Wednesday. The main objective of the seminar was to discuss in detail the topics related to quick rescue and relief work, first aid to injured passengers and medical aid at the time of railway accident. About 100 employees of the Medical Department and St. John Ambulance Brigade were given information about accident relief and rescue and medical assistance through power point presentation during the seminar. The seminar was conducted by Circle Medical Officer Dr. Vivek Sahai under the guidance of Chief Medical Superintendent Dr. SK Behera. On this occasion ACMS - Muri Dr. Jharia Kachhap, ACMS- Ranchi Dr. Sanjeev Kumar, ACMS Dr. Manisha Verma, ACMS Dr. Brajesh Sahu, Dr. Neelam Dayal, Dr. Saloni Sinha, St. John Ambulance S.P. Rout, Divisional Commander, and members of the Civil Defense and staff of the Medical Department were present.



Work to eliminate malnutrition among children in State: Secy

State Monitoring and Implementation Committee meeting held under Jharkhand State Nutrition Mission **PNS : RANCHI**

Cecretary, Women and Child Development and Social Security department, Kripa Nand Jha today said that children are the future of the family, State and the country. Saving children from malnutrition is the priority of the state government. The department is working with full readiness, awareness and commitment to save children from malnutrition. The state has to work towards making malnutrition free at all costs.

"Provide quality nutritious food to children in Anganwadi centers of the state. Implement with commitment all the schemes run by the department for the physical and mental development of the children. Identify malnourished children and women suffering from anaemia in the state by conducting a survey and health workers prepare data by conducting their medical checkup," he said in the meeting of the State Monitoring and Implementation Committee at Project Bhawan Complex Auditorium on Wednesday Even after 22 years of for-



Secretary, Women and Child Development and Social Security, Director General State Nutrition Mission Rajeshwari B, Director Social Welfare Chhavi Ranjan along with others during a meeting in Ranchi on Wednesday. PNS

mation of Jharkhand state, Jharkhand is surrounded by a big disaster of malnutrition. According to the latest National Family Health Survey 5, most of the children of Jharkhand are suffering from malnutrition. Anaemia affects 69 per cent of children and 65 per cent of women. Efforts have been started by the government to improve the health of mothers, children and adolescent girls of the state with a grand campaign against malnutrition and anaemia. 'Samar

Abhiyan' The aim of this campaign is to identify children and women suffering from severe malnutrition and anemia and

treat them. As well as providing adequate and nutritious food. The government is very serious about this campaign.

Rajeshwari B, Director General, Jharkhand State Nutrition Mission, directed the officials of the department to speed up the work progress of the summer campaign scheme. In the meeting, the departmental secretary informed that

through this campaign, the system is being ensured to provide services in a time-bound manner, to create concrete and intensive monitoring and intervention infrastructure.

In the meeting, Director General State Nutrition Mission also gave necessary guidelines while reviewing the status of weight measurement of children registered in all Anganwadi centers district wise. Get all children registered in Anganwadi centers weighed and ensure malnourished/severely mal-

nourished children are admitted to MTC.

In the meeting, a detailed discussion was held on IC for successful implementation of the scheme. The secretary said that the scheme should be firmly implemented in the state through publicity. In the meeting, Director

General of Jharkhand State Nutrition Mission Rajeshwari B, Director Social Welfare Chhavi Ranjan, Under Secretary Arshad Jamal, Chief Medical Officer-cum-Civil Surgeon and other officials of the concerned district were present.



PM to flag off Ganga cruise on Jan 13

including world heritage sites,

major cities like Patna in Bihar,

Sahibganj in Jharkhand, Kolkata in West Bengal, Dhaka

in Bangladesh and Guwahati in

Assam. The journey will give

the tourists an opportunity to

embark upon an experiential

voyage and indulge in the art,

culture, history, and spirituali-

ty of India and Bangladesh.

Modi to lay foundation for ₹1K cr inland waterways projects

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi will on January 13 flag off the world's longest river cruise, MV Ganga Vilas, and inaugurate a 'Tent City' on the banks of the Ganga river in Varanasi. He will also inaugurate and lay the foundation stones for several other inland waterways projects worth more than Rs 1,000 crore on the occasion via video conferencing.

MV Ganga Vilas will begin its journey from Varanasi and sail around 3,200 km in 51 days to reach Dibrugarh in Assam via Bangladesh, traversing across 27 river systems in the



Luxury Cruise MV Ganga Vilas ahead of its flagging off by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in Varanasi, on Wednesday PTI Photo

two countries, the Prime the world. The cruise is planned Minister's Office (PMO) said. with visits to 50 tourist spots, The 51-day river cruise is a national parks, river 'ghats' and

unique opportunity to connect with India's cultural roots and discover beautiful aspects of its diversity. The cruiser has three decks, 18 suites on board with a capacity of carrying 36 tourists and having all luxury amenities. The maiden voyage has 32 tourists from Switzerland signing up for the entire length of the journey, it noted. The PMO said the cruise has been

In line with the PM's endeavour to boost river cruise curated to bring out the best of the country to be showcased to tourism, the service will help unlock the huge untapped potential of the sector and herald a new age of tourism for India, it said.

The 'Tent City' at Varanasi has been conceptualised on the banks of the River Ganga to tap the potential of tourism in the region, the PMO said. The project has been developed opposite city ghats which will provide accommodation facilities and cater to the increased tourists influx in Varanasi, especially since the inaugura-tion of the Kashi Vishwanath Dham. It has been developed by the Varanasi Development Authority in PPP mode. The tourists will reach the 'Tent City' by boats from different ghats situated in the vicinity. The 'Tent City' will be operational from October to June every year and will be dismantled for three months due to rise in river water level in the rainy season.

Among other projects, Modi will inaugurate Haldia Multi Modal Terminal in West Bengal. Developed under Jal Marg Vikas Project, it has a cargo handling capacity of around over three Million Metric Tonne Per Annum

(MMTPA) and the berths are designed to handle vessels up to around 3000 Deadweight tonnage (DWT). Modi will also inaugurate four floating community jetties at Saidpur, Chochakpur, Zamania in Ghazipur district and at Kanspur in Ballia district in Uttar Pradesh. Besides, foundation stone will be laid for the five community jetties at Digha, Nakta Diyara, Barh, Panapur in Patna district and Hasanpur in Samastipur district in Bihar by Modi.

More than 60 community jetties are being constructed along Ganga across UP, Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal to boost economic activities and improve the livelihood of local communities, the PMO said. Modi will also inaugurate Maritime Skill Development Centre for North East at Guwahati. It will help in honing rich talent pool in North Eastern region and will provide for better employment opportunities in burgeoning logistics industry. Inauguration of a ship repair facility and an elevated road at Pandu Terminal in Guwahati will also be done.

Modi greets Netanyahu for becoming PM of Israel; both agree to deepen ties

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

 $S_{ties}^{ignifying \ the \ fast \ growing}_{ties \ between \ the \ two \ coun-}$ tries, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday discussed the entire gamut of relationship with Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in a telephonic conversation. Modi also congratulated his coun-terpart for becoming Prime Minister for the sixth time recently

Incidentally, Netanyahu had sent a condolence message when Modi's mother passed away on December 30. In his talks with Netanyahu on Wednesday, the two leaders agreed on the potential for further strengthening bilateral strategic cooperation in a variety of areas. It was the first phone conversation between Modi and Netanyahu after the veteran Israeli leader was sworn in as the prime minister for a sixth term around two weeks back. "Was a pleasure to speak with my good friend,

@netanyahu

Congratulated him for his impressive election win and for becoming Prime Minister for a record sixth time. Delighted that we will have another chance to advance the India-Israel Strategic Partnership together," Modi tweeted.

During the talks, Modi invited Netanyahu to visit India at an early date, according to a statement by the Prime Minister's Office (PMO).

"The prime minister conveyed his warm congratulations to Netanyahu for his election as the Prime Minister of Israel for a sixth time, and wished him a

very successful tenure," it said. The PMO said the two leaders expressed satisfaction at the rapid progress in the India-Israel strategic partnership in recent years. The two leaders expressed

satisfaction at the rapid progress in the India-Israel Strategic Partnership in recent years, and agreed on the potential for further strengthening strategic cooperation in a variety of areas," the statement said.

The ties between India and Israel have been on an upswing in the last few years in a range of sectors, including defence, agriculture and water.

Lakhimpur case may take 5 years, session court tells SC

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The Sessions Judge, who is conducting trial in the Lakhimpur Kheri violence case in which Union Minister Ajay Kumar Mishra's son is an accused, on Wednesday, informed the Supreme Court that it might take around five years to conclude the trial in normal course.

In a letter sent to the apex court, the Judge said there are 208 prosecution witnesses, 171 documents and 27 forensic science laboratory (FSL) reports in the case. "He (Sessions Judge) says in normal course, it may take five years," said a Bench of Justices Surya Kant and V Ramasubramanian.

The top court had last month asked the sessions court how much time in normal course it is likely to take to conclude the trial, without compromising with the schedule of other pending or prioritised matters in that court.

hearing on Monday. The Bench is hearing a plea filed by Ashish Mishra seeking been bail in the case of mowing down of protesting farmers in October 2021 in Lakhimpur

Top court agrees to hear petition of Google against NCLAT order

to be complied by January 19. "There is no finding of abuse

The Supreme Court on Wednesday agreed to hear of dominance," he said. The NCLAT, on January 4, a plea of US tech giant Google had refused an interim stay on against an order of the an order of the competition

National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) regulator imposing a Rs 1,337 crore penalty on Google and had asked it to deposit 10 perrefusing an interim stay on the competition regulator imposcent of the amount. ing a Rs 1,337 crore penalty on The NCLAT admitted the

search giant's challenge to the A bench comprising Chief Justice DY Chandrachud and CCI slapping a Rs 1,337.76 crore fine for abusing the dominant position of its Android smartphone operating system Justice P S Narasimha took note of the submissions of senior advocate A M Singhvi, appearing for the US firm, and in the country. The CCI in October last

year had asked Google to allow smartphone users on the Android platform to uninstall extraordinary directions have apps and let them select a passed by the search engine of their choice. Competition Commission of That order was to become India (CCI) and the order has effective from January 19.

3 multi-State co-ops for organic products, seeds, exports soon

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

The Union Cabinet on Wednesday decided to establish three new nationallevel multi-state cooperative societies to promote organic products, seeds and exports. The national-level cooperative organic society, cooperative seed society and cooperative export society will be registered under the Multi-State Cooperative Societies (MSCS) Act, 2002.

"The cooperatives sector plays a pivotal role in creating a stronger economy and furthering rural development. In this context, the Cabinet has taken a crucial decision which will further our vision of 'Sahakar Se Samriddhi'," said Prime Minister Narendra Modi in a tweet.

Briefing media about the cabinet decisions, Union Minister Bhupender Yadav said cooperatives are an important part of rural India and the cabinet has taken an important decision to set up three new multi-cooperative societies after 35 years. The Multi-State Cooperative Societies law was



enacted in 1984. It was in 1987, TRIFED (Tribal Co-Marketing Operative Development Federation of India Ltd) was established under this law as a nationallevel cooperative body.

After 35 years, three new multi-state cooperative societies will be established. They will play a key role in realising the goal of "Sahakar Se Samriddhi" (prosperity through cooperatives) by boosting rural growth and farmers' income, he added.

The Minister said cooperatives societies, including primary societies, district, state and national level federations, multi-state cooperative societies and Farmers Producer Organisations (FPOs) can become members of these new cooperatives.

"All these cooperatives will have their elected representatives in the Board of the society as per its bye-laws," Yadav said, adding that there are about 8.5 lakh registered cooperative societies in the country with 29 crore members. The setting of these three nationallevel cooperative societies will bring rural growth, he said.

Sharing the role of the proposed export society, the Cooperative Ministry said it will provide thrust to exports from the cooperative sector by acting as an umbrella organi sation for carrying out and promoting exports.

It will also help cooperatives in getting benefits from various export-related schemes and policies of different ministries of the central government in a focused manner. Basically, it will help unlock the export potential of Indian cooperatives in the global market.

According to the ministry, the proposed cooperative organic society will help in unlocking the demand and consumption potential of organic products in domestic as well as global markets.

in Mangaluru bomb blast case PNS NEW DELHI November 19 last year and the

ED conducts raids

Enforcement The Linotet (ED) on Wednesday conducted searches at some locations in Mangaluru as part of a money laundering probe linked to a cooker bomb blast there last year. The money laundering case is based on an FIR of the National Investigation Agency (NIA).

The ED officials conducted searches at a building in Mangaluru, where a Congress party office is also located, apart from some other locations as part of gathering documents and evidence in the case filed under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), officials said.

The agency searched an office in that building and no raids were conducted in the premises of any political party. Searches were also undertaken at some other places, they said. A bomb blast took place in

an auto rickshaw in the outskirts of Mangaluru on

man who was allegedly handling the explosives in the three-wheeler, Mohammed Shariq, is the main suspect in the case. He suffered 40 per cent

burns in the blast, and, according to police, Shariq and his accomplices were allegedly inspired by the terror outfit Islamic State and were in touch with it through the Telegram messaging application. Police also said their handlers outside India had sent a document to

guide them in making a bomb. Using the document, they made a bomb and carried out a trial on the banks of Tunga river near Shivamogga district in Karnataka. The state police had said there was a plan to unleash large-scale destruc-tion across Karnataka.

Due to violence on August 15 last year over the Hindutva ideologue V Savarkar in Shivamogga, the police had unearthed an IS-inspired terror module, but Shariq had given the police the slip.

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During the hearing, the

Bench asked the counsel appearing for the Uttar Pradesh Government to confirm whether the four accused in a separate case lodged over the killing of three occupants of the SUV, which allegedly mowed down farmers in the incident, are still in custody. The bench posted the matter for further hearing on January 19. On October 3, 2021, eight

said that it will list the plea for

The senior lawyer said that

people including a journalist were killed in Tikunia in Lakhimpur Kheri district during violence that erupted when farmers were protesting against the then Uttar Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad

Maurya's visit to the area. Four farmers were mowed down by an SUV, in which Ashish

Nagvi lauds RSS chief's remarks on Muslim supremacy Mishra was seated, according to the Uttar Pradesh Police FIR. PNS NEW DELHI Following the incident, the driver and two BJP workers $H^{\rm ailing \ RSS \ chief \ Mohan}_{\rm Bhagwat's \ remarks \ on}$ were allegedly lynched by angry farmers. A journalist also died Muslims, former Minority in the violence.

Lakshadweep MP, 3 others get 10 yrs' jail

PTI 🔳 KAVARATTI (LAKSHADWEEP)

Acourt in Lakshadweep on Wednesday sentenced four people, including Lakshadweep MP Mohammed Faizal to 10 years jail in connection with an attempt to murder case.

Lawyers associated with the case said the District and Sessions Court in Kavaratti tered against them in 2009.



also imposed a fine of ₹1 lakh each on the convicts in the attempt to murder case regis-

According to the lawyers, the MP and others attacked Padanath Salih, son-in-law of former Union Minister P M Sayeed, when they had reached their neighbourhood for intervening in a political issue dur-ing the 2009 Lok Sabha polls. Speaking to PTI, Faizal said it

was a 'politically motivated' case and he would file an appeal in the higher court soon.

the battle to dominate leads to the path of development. Naqvi's assertion follows Bhagwat's remarks that Muslims have nothing to fear in India, but they must abandon their "boisterous rhetoric

of supremacy" "The simple truth is this, Hindusthan should remain Hindusthan. There is no harm to the Muslims living today in Bharat... Islam has nothing to fear. But at the same time, Muslims must abandon their boisterous rhetoric of supremacy," Bhagwat said in an interview to Organiser and Panchjanya. "We are of an exalted race; we once ruled over this land, and shall rule it

Affairs Minister and senior

BJP leader Mukhtar Abbas

Naqvi on Wednesday said the

spirit of partnership and not

again; only our path is right, rest everyone is wrong; we are different, therefore we will continue to be so; we cannot live together; they (Muslims) must abandon this narrative. In fact, all those who live

here whether a Hindu or a communist must give up this logic," the RSS chief said. Speaking with media persons on Bhagwat's remarks, Nagvi said, "The spirit of participation and not the battle to dominate leads to the path of development and trust. The result of this is that out of every 10

Muslims in the world, one is living in India. His social, economic and educational rights are completely secure and strong." "But the problem is not of common Muslims, it is of the 'contractors' vying for Muslim votes. These people do not want Muslims to be a part of inclusive development and society," he said in an apparent swipe at the Opposition.

Comments a call for violence against minorities, says Left

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

eft parties, CPI(M) and CPI, condemned the controversial comment of RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat 's controversial comment on Muslims that they will have to give up the idea of supremacy to remain safe.

The CPI(M) polit bureau in a statement said that Bhagwat's comments were atrocious and virtually a call for violence against minority communities. CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury said that the RSS Chief's atrocious comments in an interview to RSS weeklies, constitutes an open and blatant

challenge to the Constitution tion of Indian citizens on the of India, to equal rights of all citizens and to the rule of Law.

added Yechury. CPI general secretary D Raja said that Bhagawat is "Bhagwat's statements are an update of the hate filled communal writings of RSS acting like a self appointed cusicons like Hegdewar and Golwalkar that Muslims can todian of Indian society and breached the walls of live in India only if they accept Constitution and legality. a subordinate position," said is not against an enemy outside Yechury.

"He has threatened the but against an enemy within' Muslim minority community exposed RSS' divisive agenda. that they will have to give up Such provocations must be ideas of 'supremacy' to remain resisted and defeated through safe. He justifies the aggression unity," said Raja. of 'Hindu society' in the name CPI(M) polit bureau said of perceived historical wrongs, that RSS chief's statements stating that Hindus are 'at are an open and blatant chal-

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CBI launches 'Operation Kanak' to check graft in FCI procurement

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The CBI on Wednesday launched a crackdown on alleged corruption in the Food Corporation of India (FCI), conducting searches at 50 locations in Punjab, Haryana and Delhi after arresting a DGMrank officer and seizing Rs 80 lakh in cash.

The agency on Wednesday launched 'Operation Kanak' on alleged "channelized corruption in the FCI procurement, storage and distribution".

It conducted searches at 50 locations in Punjab, Haryana and Delhi after arresting a DGM-rank officer from Chandigarh, officials said. The CBI booked as many as 74 accused in the FIR, including FCI Executive Director Sudeep



Singh after a six-month-long undercover operation to identify suspects in the syndicate of officials, rice mill owners and middlemen, among others who were allegedly indulging in corrupt practices, they said.

Deputy General Manager (DGM) of FCI Rajiv Kumar Mishra was arrested for allegedly receiving a bribe of Rs 50,000 from one Ravinder Singh Khera, the CBI said. The role of senior officers of Punjab government is also under scrutiny for running 'benami' godowns outsourced to the FCI.

Among the 74 accused, 34 are serving officials, three are retired, 17 private persons and 20 entities, the officials said. The agency has recovered Rs 60 lakh in cash, including Rs 10 lakh from a female officer which was hidden in a washing machine.

The agency has launched the operation against an "unholy nexus of corruption" in the FCI involving a chain of officers, rice mill owners and grain merchants among others, engaged in the procurement,

storage and distribution of food grains, sources said. The accused officials were allegedly receiving bribes from silos operators and rice millers in extending favours during the tendering process as well.

Their illicit actions cheated farmers by forcing them to sell products through syndi-cate, leading to delivery of sub-standard grains under the Public Distribution System, the CBI alleged.

The agency also alleged officials showed more procurement on paper than what was available in godowns. The role of officials from technical assistants to executive directors in the FCI is underagency's scanner, officials said, adding operation is spread across multiple cities in Punjab, Haryana and two locations in Delhi.

Overuse of antibiotics can cause IBD: Study PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

 $F_{\text{may}}^{\text{requent}}$ use of antibiotics the risk of inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) — Crohn's disease (CD) and ulcerative colitis (UC)- in people over the age of 40, according to a study published in the journal Gut. The IBDs

are chronic inflammatory disorders of the gastrointestinal (GI) tract.

It said, the risk appears to be cumulative and greatest 1-2 years after use, particularly for antibiotics used to treat gut infections. In the study, more than 6.1 million people were included, and just over half of

them were female. The study found that at least 91 per cent ie in total, 5.5 million were prescribed at least one course of antibiotics between 2000 and 2018. During this period, some 36.017 new cases of ulcerative colitis and 16,881 new cases of Crohn's disease were diagnosed.

Moreover, compared with no antibiotic use, the use of these drugs was associated with a higher risk of developing IBD, regardless of age, but older age was associated with the highest risk.

The study also reveals that those aged 10-40 were 28 per cent more likely to be diagnosed with IBD, 40-60 year-

olds were 48 per cent more likely to do so, while those over the 60s were 47 per cent more likely to do so. However, the risks were slightly higher for Crohn's disease than they were for ulcerative colitis —40 per cent among 10-40 year-olds, 62 per cent among 40-60 year-olds, and 51 per cent among those over the 60s.

war.

As per the age band, the risk seemed to be cumulative, with each subsequent course adding an additional 11 per cent, 15 per cent, and 14 per cent heightened risk, said the study. The highest risk of all was observed among those prescribed 5 or more courses of antibiotics - 69 per cent

heightened risk for 10-40 yearolds, a doubling in risk for 40-60 year-olds, and a 95 per cent heightened risk for those over the 60s.

Among 10-40 year-olds IBD risk was 40 per cent higher 1-2 years after taking antibiotics compared with 13 per cent 4-5 years later. The equivalent figures for 40-60 year-olds were 66 per cent vs 21 per cent

and for those over the 60s were 63 per cent vs 22 per cent. In terms of antibiotic type, nitroimidazoles and fluoroquinolones, which are com-

monly used to treat gut infec-

tions, were associated with the

highest risk of IBD, the study

mentioned.



3 soldiers killed after falling into J&K gorge

"Inspite of adverse weath-

er condition and rough terrain,

sustained efforts of the search

Defence spokesman said.



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE JAMMU

A Junior Commissioner Officer along with two other jawans made a supreme sacrifice in the line of duty after they slipped into a deep gorge late Tuesday evening in Machhal sector of North Kashmir's Kupwara district.

According to a Srinagar based Defence Spokesman, "a routine operational task was undertaken on 10 Jan 2023 at about 5:30 p.m in Machhal Sector, along a narrow winter

track While moving towards the forward post, snow along the Amit Sharma, 23.



narrow track broke, leading to Kumar a resident of village slipping of one JCO and two Majua Uttami, Bishnah Jammu Jawaans into a deep gorge". in J&K had joined Army in Immediately a search and res-1996. He is survived by his wife and two children. cue operation was launched with troops from the nearest

Hav Singh had joined the Army in 2001. He belonged to Village Mandwara, Una in Himachal Pradesh. He is survived by his wife and one son.

party led to the recovery of Amit Sharma had joined the Army in 2019. He belonged mortal remains of the three brave soldiers today morning to Village Talasi Khurd, Hamirpur in Himachal between 4:15 to 4:45 am," the Pradesh. The braveheart is sur-The three slain have been vived by his mother. The moridentified as Naib Subedar tal remains of the deceased sol-Parshotam Kumar, 43, diers will be dispatched to Havaldar Amrik Singh, 39 and their native villages for performing the last rites.

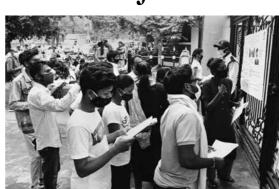
Eligibility criteria for JEE relaxed

Top 20 percentile students in each Board will now be eligible to seek IIT, NIT admissions

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n a major move that would provide a breather to thousands of students, the eligibility criteria for JEE (Advanced) has been relaxed following constant demand from IIT aspirants in this regard.

The Ministry of Education on Wednesday said the top 20 percentile students of each education Board will now be eligible to seek admission in IITs and NITs and appear for JEE Advanced even if they have not scored 75 per cent marks in Class 12. The decision comes against the backdrop of constant demands for relaxing the eligibility criteria for JEE (Advanced), which requires at least 75 per cent marks in aggregate in the class 12 exam-



ination conducted by the respective education boards.

"The 20 percentile criteria will help those candidates who are short of 75 per cent aggre-gate in their Class 12 boards. Discussions were held and since many of the top 20 percentile candidates in a number of state boards score below 75 per cent marks or 350 marks, the Ministry decided that if a candidate is in the top 20 percentile he or she is eligible,"

official sources said. The online registration for the first edition of JEE-Main will end on January 12. The exam will be conducted between January 24 and 31.

According to the JEE (Main) 2023 information bul-

letin, admission to BE/BTech/ BArch/BPlanning programmes in the NITs, IIITs, and CFT via central seat allocation board will be based on all India rank with the additional eligibility of at least 75 per cent in aggregate in the class 12 examination conducted by the respective education boards.

Scheduled For Caste/Scheduled Tribe candidates, the qualifying aggregate is 65 per cent in Class 12 board exams. The eligibility criteria was kept in abeyance during the pandemic (2020, 2021 and 2022).

Silvassa: Minor boy beheaded, chopped for human sacrifice

PTI SILVASSA

Anine-year-old boy was kid-napped and decapitated as part of a "human sacrifice" ritual in Dadra and Nagar Haveli district of the Union Territory and his body was chopped into pieces, police said on Wednesday.

Police arrested two men and detained a teenage boy last week after the headless body of the boy, belonging to a tribal community, was found in the Damanganga canal near Vapi town in Valsad district of neighbouring Gujarat.

The boy went missing from Sayli village in the Dadra and Nagar Haveli (DNH) district of the UT on December 29 last year, following which a case of kidnapping was registered at the Silvassa police station on December 30, police said in a release.

While multiple teams were found to trace the boy, a headless body matching his description was found at Vapi, locat-



ed around 30 km away from Silvassa, the headquarters of the DNH district, police said.

While the body was found in a canal in Vapi, parts of the body, suspected to be of the victim, were found in Sayli village where the ritual was performed, an official said. The body parts have been sent for forensic examination, he added.

"The investigation led the police to a juvenile. He revealed he had kidnapped the victim on December 29, 2022, from Sayli village and murdered him as a human sacrifice with the help of his accomplice," the police said.

TMC ignores Cong BSP invites ire over song praising Mayawati as a goddess invite to Srinagar; PNS LUCKNOW Close on the heels of con-troversy over Congress leader Salman Khurshid calling former party president Rahul Gandhi as Lord Ram during a takes dig at Rahul

SAUGAR SENGUPTA KOLKATA

The Trinamool Congress is not giving much importance to an invite it has received from the Congress to attend the closing ceremony of Bharat Jodo Yatra which is likely to take place in Jammu and Kashmir.

Side tracking questions on whether the party would send representatives to Srinagar party spokesperson and MP Dr Shantanu Sen on Wednesday said that instead of making a spectacle out of the much hyped Yatra apparently aimed at uniting India the Congress leadership should have tried to unite their own rank and file.

"Firstly TMC is a disciplined party and all decisions are taken by our party president Mamata Banerjee and commander and national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee so it is upon them to decide whether to go to Srinagar or not ... but for me I can only say that instead of embarking on a Bharat Jodo Yatra Rahul Gandhi and the Congress lead-



Janpath. Wondering whether the Congress would be able to hold together the party even after the Yatra Sen said the "A 137-year-old party, the Congress has failed even to keep its flock together even after winning in certain States ... where most of their elected representatives have quit the party ... this is a poor reflection on their leadership."

Again he accused the Congress of perpetrating corruption when it was in power leading to its defeat in the 2014 general elections. "They had come back to power in 2009 but failed to retain it on account of large scale corruption ... they will have to take care of this also."

Buddha". Mayawati will be presented as a big leader through this song.

The beginning of the song goes something like this – "Among all the leaders of the country, Behanji is in first place, and her name is among press conference recently, now the Bahujan Samaj Party has the great leaders of the world. drawn ire over a song to be Because of her courage and released on party's president bravery, she is called Iron Lady, Mayawati birthday on January the people of India consider her as a goddess".

The song states that Indians consider Mayawati as Interestingly, according to BSP leaders, they do not know their goddess. This time, on who has written the lyrics of Mayawati's birthday, the theme this song. A senior party leader of the song which will resonate said that there was a team in in everyone's ears and the song Delhi which got the song written and sung by noted Bollywood singer Kailash Kher. on which the workers will dance will be "Incarnation of sakshat devi and Gautam On the other hand,

Laxman Singh, president of BSP's Delhi unit, said that no one was involved in getting this song written or prepared on behalf of his unit. "Yes, I have also received this song from

Mayawati's office and have been asked to play it on her birthday," he disclosed before the local media persons. Bahujan Samaj Party

spokesperson Dharamveer Chowdhary, when asked about the song comparing Mayawati with a goddess, said that the song was the voice of Bahujan Samaj and Sarva Samaj. 'Mayawati is the form of

god in human form. People of Bahujan Samaj worship her. Mayawati also helps in the same way as Lord Ram helped

the poor, downtrodden and backward section of the society," he said.

Sources said that while the song was sent to all party units, the central unit of the party in New Delhi has also instructed to play it especially in Dalit hamlets and rural segments during celebration of former Uttar Pradesh chief minister Mayawati's birthday on January

Party activists will celebrate BSP supremo's birthday `Jan Kalyankari Diwas' (Public Welfare Day). On Mayawati's birthday, party leaders and workers try to show her in a different light. Sometimes she is depicted as Iron Lady on the posters and



sometimes as the messiah of Dalits. This time the workers will celebrate BSP supremo Mayawati's birthday with great fanfare on January 15, and preparations have started for

It may be mentioned that Mayawati has already announced this time that "she

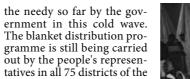
will celebrate her birthday with simplicity". She has also asked all the workers to go among the people and share their sorrows. Mayawati has clearly directed that her birthday should be celebrated as a public welfare day and party workers should help the poor and destitute by going among them.

UP Govt distributed 1,79,740 blankets to needy in last 10 days

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To ensure that no one in the state suffers due to the cold wave sweeping across the state, the Uttar Pradesh government, following instructions from Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, has distrib-

state. The government has provided a total of 4,66,201 blankets to the needy in the last 10 of January 10, against 2,86,740 till January 1, implying that in just 10 days, 1,79,740 blankets The chief minister personally visited the night shelwere distributed. ters on January 8 during his The blankets were provisit to Kashi and gave food vided by the government in a short period of time -10 days and blankets to those in need. -due to the cold. The proce-Even in Gorakhpur, the chief minister personally distribdure of blanket distribution uted blankets and food. was completed relatively A total of 4,66,201 blanfaster in each district, whether it was Lakhimpur, Banda,





Need for Hindus to unite: Togadia

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International Hindu Council president Dr Praveen Bhai Togadia alleged that the murder of Kanhaiya in Rajasthan and Shraddha in Delhi had made it clear that Hindus were



ould have first tried to unite their own party ... the way leaders like Ghulam Nabi Azad and Kapil Sibal are quitting the party there is a big question about the Congress' internal unity itself," Sen said.

The TMC leadership, which has never cloaked Mamata Banerjee's prime ministerial ambitions, had not joined the Yatra in earlier phases when invited to do so by on unity etc," he said.

Gandhi the TMC MP said that he should first indicate that he was a full time politician. "Yatra is all right but what is the guarantee that their leader will once again not go abroad in holiday trip leaving the party and the politics to its own fate ... so the Congress leadership should first take care of such drawbacks before talking big

kets have been delivered to



Maharajganj, or Unnao.

So far, in this cold wave, 21,926 blankets have been distributed in Lakhimpur Kheri, 16,629 in Hardoi, 12,640 in Bareilly, 12,546 in 12,050 Banda. in Bulandshahr, 11,414 in

11,989 Deoria, Maharajganj, 11,600 in Ghazipur, 11,570 in Prayagraj, 10,395 in Ballia, 10,288 in Rae Bareli, 10,265 in Unnao, 10,123 in Firozabad, 9,990 in Lucknow, 9,450 in Sitapur, and 9,437 in Shravasti.

"In such a situation, there is a need for Hindus to wake and to be united," he said in

Pilibhit on Wednesday. Dr Togadia, while talking to journalists on Wednesday, said that he was going across the country to awaken Hindus.

"Today Hindus need to wake up and fight for their rights," he said.

Lok Sabha elections, Dr Togadia said that he never contests elections but always gives support to the candidates. Talking about Ram temple

at Ayodhya, Dr Togadia made it clear that the credit of the temple was not of any political party or any organisation but it was a victory for 100 crore

Referring to the coming Hindus.

ED attaches 'luxurious' house of sextortionist



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The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Wednesday attached a 'luxuri ous' house of the prime accused Archana Nag worth Rs 3.64 crore in connection with ongoing money laundering investigation into the high-profile sextortion racket being run in and around the city of Bhubaneswar.

Earlier, the ED had seized two high end vehicles worth Rs 56.5 lakh under Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

The ED had registered a case under PMLA against the lady 'blackmailer' Archana Nag, her husband Jagabandhu Chand, Shradhanjali Behera, and Khageswar Patra on the basis of two separate FIRs registered by the Bhubaneswar Police.

Case registered against 14 men for doing stunt on 3 bikes in Bareilly PNS LUCKNOW

Fourteen people riding three motorcycles and perform-ing stunts have landed in trouble in Bareilly district after their video went viral on social media

The police have registered a case in this connection and are making investigations to initiate legal proceedings.

In the video clip which went viral, as many as 14 men are seen riding three motorcycles - six on one and four each on two – in Deorania police circle of Bareilly. They can be seen performing a dangerous stunt on a section of Bareilly-Nainital highway.

The video is reported to have been shot on Sunday. As per reports, police also

saw them performing the stunt, but the men fled the spot before the police could act. A police action has been

initiated against the men involved in the stunt and all the motorcycles have been seized.

Senior Superintendent of Police of Bareilly, Akhilesh Kumar Chaurasia, said, "Once the information was received, the bikes were seized. Further action is being taken.

Unprecedented security AIPEF to oppose grant of Noida power licence to Adani for Gkp Khichdi Mela

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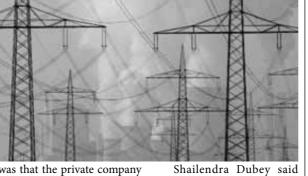
The All India Power Engineers Federation (AIPEF) said it would oppose the grant of licence for power distribution in Gautam Buddha Nagar to a private company.

Adani's power company Adani Jewar Electrical Company Limited has recentapplied to the UP State Électricity Regulatory Commission for obtaining a parallel licence for distribution of electricity in Noida and Greater Noida

Prior to this, Adani had applied for parallel licence in Navi Mumbai and Torrent Power in Pune and Nagpur in Maharashtra, in protest against which the Maharashtra's power employees and engineers went on strike. Maharashtra's Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis held talks with the power workers in the midst of the strike and gave a

written assurance that the Maharashtra government would oppose the parallel licence in the regulatory commission and would not allow rivatisation.

Chairman of AIPEF Shailendra Dubey said that according to the Electricity Act, 2003, the basic condition for obtaining a parallel licence for distribution of electricity



was that the private company should have its own power distribution network like substations and network of lines in the area in which it sought the license.

It is notable that the entire network of power distribution in Noida is with the Paschimanchal Vidyut Vitran Nigam and Adani has no network there.

Dubey further said that in 1993, private company Noida Power Company Limited was given electricity distribution licence in Greater Noida, whose term was expiring in August 2023. He said in such a situation, this network would automatically come to Paschimanchal Vidyut Vitran Nigam, therefore, no company could be given licence in Greater Noida area also until that company builds its network completely.

that the private company was seeking a licence for power supply in heavy industrial and commercial areas by using the network of the UP Power Corporation Limited, which meant that the private company was using the network of the government company without building its own network

"By using the government distribution network Adani Power will snatch away industrial and commercial consumers from the UP Power Corporation which will have a huge adverse impact on the financial position of the Power Corporation," he said. "Thus, this experiment is neither in the interest of the Power Corporation nor in the interest of agriculture and domestic consumers of the state," he added.



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The famous Khichdi Mela at L the Gorakhnath temple in Gorakhpur will begin on Sunday amid unprecedented security

The devotees will have to go through three layers of security to participate in the mela. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, who heads the Gorakhnath temple, has been personally supervising the arrangements. He made a surprise visit to the district on Tuesday night to make on the spot inspection of the ongoing arrangements.

Yogi Adityanath directed the officials to ensure timely arrangements and to ensure

that the event passed off peacefully with no trouble to the visitors

Talking to media persons about the security arrange-ments, Additional Director General (ADG) Akhil Kumar said devotees would have to pass through three layers of security

The first checking will be done at the entry points of the city, the second at the entry of Gorakhnath temple premises, and third at the entrance gate of the main temple.

The Gorakhnath temple has been receiving several attracts lakhs of devotees from bomb threats, some of them fake, which has necessitated an India as well as Nepal and is a increase in security. The district much-awaited event.

administration has completed arrangements for the weeklong Gorakhpur festival to be held between January 11 and 17 at the Champa Devi Park.

Talking to reporters, festival nodal officer and Vice-Chairman of Gorakhpur Development Authority, Mahendra Singh Tanwar, said nearly 200 artistes would take part in the festival, including 180 local ones, and the area had been divided into four super zones. In addition, a police station has been established at the temple. The annual Khichdi Mela

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Govt should refrain from seeking more money from Union Carbide for the 1984 Bhopal gas tragedy

Thy is the Government seeking additional compensation from Union Carbide for the 1984 Bhopal gas tragedy? Way back in 1989, there was an agreement which stipulated a payment of \$470 million (Rs 715 crore at that time) by the American company. That was supposed to be the final settlement. If over three decades after reaching a settlement, India makes additional demands, what sanctity would be left in the pacts we make with other countries, big companies, or multilateral agencies? What impact would it have on the foreign direct investment that our leaders arduously seek? In fact, there are the questions someone in the Government must have raised when a decision was made to seek an amendment to the mutually agreed 1989



deal with Union Carbide; apparently, no one did. But the apex court asks questions and flags issues (this is the main reason why the Government is at loggerheads with the judiciary, but that's another story). So, it was left to the five-judge Bench of Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul, Sanjiv Khanna, Abhay S Oka, Vikram Nath, and JK Maheshwari to remind the Government about the far-reaching ramifications of the proposed move, one of which would be the impact on prospective investments by multinational corporations. The Bench is hearing a curative petition filed by the Centre. Saying that populism cannot be the basis of judicial review and the "sanctity of the settlement" would go away if the case is reopened, it also said that a Rs

50-crore sum of the compensation which remains unutilised even after so many years. The Government's move brings to mind the unedifying episode of retrospective tax-

ation which brought a lot of embarrassment to the nation. The sordid saga of retrospective taxation began with the famous Vodafone case. Vodafone bought Hutchison's mobile telephony business and other assets in India in 2007, on which the Indian tax officials demanded Rs 7,990 crore in capital gains and withholding tax from Vodafone. Vodafone legally challenged the demand notice, and won the case in the Supreme Court in 2012. The matter should have ended there, but taxmen managed to convince the then finance minister, Pranab Mukherjee, to disregard the highest court of the land and undo its ruling by bringing in an ordinance — which he did. Retrospective taxation was widely opposed, including by those within the ruling dispensation. Prime minister Manmohan Singh was convinced that the proposed amendment in the IT Act would impact FDI inflows into the country, Mukherjee wrote in his memoir, adding that Sonia Gandhi, Kapil Sibal, and P Chidambaram also expressed the apprehension that the retrospective amendments would create a negative sentiment for FDI. When the Bharatiya Janata Party came to power, it also continued with retrospective taxation; the Government did a somersault only when its position became absolutely untenable in the international arena. It should not do anything that brings more embarrassment to India.



Let love permeate life and living



For human survival, love is the panacea. It must essence of human life else we are bound to end up fighting and annihilating everything around

uman survival on the planet earth is unthinkable without the presence of love. It needs no elaboration on how critically significant is the presence of love amongst living beings. In a rare instance in contemporary history, hatred, violence prolonged incarceration only helped purify the stream of love within an enlightened individual, Nelson Mandela. He presented a shining example of how love could over-come even the most ferocious inflictions of hatred: "People are not born to hate. They are taught to hate. They can be taught to love. No one is born hating another person because of the color of his skin, his background, or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite." It is also a stark reality that people suffer burgeoning levels of hate, distrust, terror, violence, and wars. And this is happening in our civilized world in the third decade of the 21st century!

Never before have human beings been familiar with the secrets of nature today. Never before governments, and global organizations were as wellequipped as today to annihilate human suffering anywhere on the planet earth. Then, why are people suffering on one count or the other? Love flourishes in peace, in righteous conduct, in nonviolence, in truth! All these five truths, peace, nonviolence, righteous conduct, and love - constitute the ultimate prescription for a totally humane world.

Interestingly, each one of these is organically linked to the other four! This perfect five is also an expression of ultimate human aspiration. It would be a goal that subsumes spirituality, the essence of faith and manifestation of the essential unity of all human beings, and the eternal search for truth.

The very survival of the plan-et earth; and hence humanity; is at stake. The world before us; and

the UN Antonio Guterres at the COP-15, representatives from 190 countries met in Montreal in December 2022 to take a final call on global biodiversity framework for years ahead: "With our bottomless appetite for unchecked and unequal economic growth, humanity has become a weapon of mass destruction. We are treating nature like a toilet. And ultimately, we are committing suicide by proxy." Obviously, the survival of

humanity on the planet earth requires a two-fold long-term strategy that could give lasting impetus to the process of learning universal values and internalization of humane elements by every citizen and every human being. This process - of moving ahead in the direction of a humane world - would require the participation of every individual citizen and human being in two major initiatives: restoration of the sensitive man-nature mutuality on one hand, and reinventing the man-man relationship to a level where every person treats every other person 'as he himself would like to be treated by everyone else'.

It is not something like two agenda items in a plan or emerging before generations program; it would cover every

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high-level intellectual churning, and acceptance of the real-ity that 'learning to live together' and 'Vasudhaiv Kutumbakam' are no more clichés, but a basic approach and skill that is as essential to human survival as are air, water, and food. As one contemplates the existing and emerging shape and situation of our planet, attention invariably shifts to the process of growing up of human beings, the manner each innocent and unaware child is taught to love. Let the child witness love all around in family, schools, and society let him observe love connecting people. Let this environment transform him from a 'person to a personality'. Education policies deserve fresh thinking and let humanistic and ethical values develop around the ful-crum of love. Educational institutions, particularly teacher preparation establishments, could set examples. One has personally observed how national and regional level educational institutions nurture love across all diversities. These need to remain conscious of external elements that would be interested in disturb-

ing the symphony of national ANYWHERE ON unity and integrity. THE PLANET leaching learning materials are undergoing serious transformations, and this is the

time to ensure that no oppor tunity is ignored that could reemphasize the need to internalize love for others, and the desire to help and serve the needy. Rapid technological advancements are threatening to downgrade human ingenu-

ity and intelligence. These could lead to neglect

of the human element in the process of growing up, and also in professional life. It has to be taken note of in the preparation of textual materials. The objective of education must be cautiously woven around humane values. It must particularly lay emphasis on the equality of all religions, and comprehension of universal human values drenched in love. These form part of every faith and religion. In a cohesive world, human life must remain a quest for the secrets of nature; it must persistently strive to understand man, nature, and the beauty that makes every initiative and effort worthwhile. The future world must appear beautiful to its inhabitants, Recall the lines of Keats: "Beauty is truth, / Truth beauty – that is all / ye know on earth, / and all ye need to know.

(Professor Rajput works in education, social

Lunatic Asylum

Pseudo-intellectuals hit a new low by forcing a caterer to serve non veg dishes in Kerala student festival wami Vivekananda described Kerala as a lunatic asylum when he visited South India as part of his Bharat Yatra during the latter half of the nineteenth century. What made the Hindu saint express his disgust was the apartheid in vogue in the region at the instance of certain caste leaders who had made it a symbol of royalty and feudalism. The modern-day royalty and feudalism in the State are epitomized by certain political goons and pseudo-intelligentsia who want Kerala to remain as a communal cauldron. It is an accepted policy that arts and culture should unify people who follow myriad religious beliefs. Kerala is home to Asia's biggest cultural jamboree of school children, the State Schools Youth Festival. Nearly 10,000 school students from across the State participate in arts and cultural events spread over five days. The event assumes more significance than any other festival in the State thanks to the innocence of the



teenage participants. Noted caterer Pazhavidam Mohanan Nampoothiri, whose cooking and serving of foods was the one who has been feeding the participating children with quality vegetarian dishes for the last 25 years. Nampoothiri dedicates a month every year to cook and feed the child participants.

Media reports about the school youth festival would not be complete without features about the daily delicacies served by him. But Nampoothiri shocked Kerala with his announcement that he would not be there with his kitchen from next year as a section of the self-styled intelligentsia took umbrage over the fact that he serves only vegetarian stuff during the event. The fact that Nampoothiri serves a non-vegetarian menu during the

annual Kerala Schools Sports Meet was hidden from society. The statement was like opening a Pandora's Box in a State which stands polarised on communal lines. Things reached an alarming level this time as Nampoothiri and his staff had to sit on guard round-the-clock in the kitchen as well as the storeroom because of threats by certain elements that they would put poison in the food. They demanded that beef delicacies be served and described the ace caterer as emblematic of communalism and fascism. They were silent about dozens of people getting killed in the State after consuming nonvegetarian dishes from eateries. Let the children enjoy their favorite dishes. Communalism and Fascism have no space in kids' worlds. One cannot be blamed if he doubts whether Kerala is an Animal Farm visualized by George Orwell.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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VIVEKANANDA WAS NOT COMMUNAL

Sir - While the child Narendranath experimented with hookahs used by different communities to experience how one "loses" his caste or religion, the matured Swami Vivekananda advocated for universal brotherhood and equality of all human beings.

Though Vivekananda was a proud Hindu as well as Indian, that did not deter him from pointing out the vices that had plagued the religion and the nation. Neither did he paint an imaginary story revolving "glory" of ancient India by "discovering" a test-tube baby, plastic surgery with Ram's arrows being "missiles" and Kuber's Pushpak Rath an "aircraft" nor tried to impose his religious belief upon other communities by projecting Hinduism and India as superior to others; rather his true love for his own religion and country got translated into love and respect for all religions and humanity as a whole.

It is indeed a disgusting sight when the rabid orthodox pseudo-nationalist merchants of hatred, who have emerged as the self-declared "guardians" of Hindus and "holy cows" and can't hold a candle to the liberalism of the great sage, dare to proiect the humanitarian harmony-personified Swami Vivekananda as one of their "icons"! Had Vivekananda been alive, he would have got ashamed to witness the communal environment in his country. Lastly, the Bhakts and their leaders are earnestly requested to not invoke the name of Swami Vivekananda in their divisive lips and pen on the occasion of his birthday! This humanitarian started the ritual of Kumari Puja by worshipping a 4-year-old Kashmiri Muslim girl in Kheer Bhavani in 1898! Yes, this all-embracing sage used to see the Divine Mother in all female entities irrespective of religion. So instead of paying lip service to Vivekananda at the drop of a hat, they should try to learn his values and treat all citizens and human beings on an absolutely equal pedestal irrespective of their origin-birth-caste-religion-language-race-region.

Kajal Chatterjee | Kolkata **KOHLI'S TON**

Joshimath disaster



03 buildings have developed cracks and **6**03 buildings have developed cracks and more than 68 families are shifted to safe locations. The historic recurrence of Uttarakhand 2013 is a corollary of incessantly ignored alarming bells by nature and experts. Rampant infrastructure development, improp-

achieving the milestone of the 73rd international century and his 45th ODI century. He needs just 5 more to beat Sachin Tendulkar's world record of 49 ODI centuries. Now that more ODIs and T20s are being played, Virat has more opportunities to achieve 100 international centuries.

Should Virat play IPL (to gain more practice) or quit IPL (to avoid overplay and exhaustion)? He should decide with medical experts and cricket experts and coaches. Emperor Kohli also has new records for most ODI centuries (9) against any single nation (Sri Lanka). Also most ODI centuries (20) on the home (Indian) soil, from 102 matches. (Whereas Sachin Tendulkar has 20 ODI tons on home soil, from 164 games). Hope the best of Virat is yet to come and he will be on the ground for many more vears

Madhu Nivriti PS | Secunderabad

GOVERNOR WALKOUT NOT CALLED FOR

Sir — By staging an unprecedented walkout from the Assembly after intentionally skipping a few key portions of the approved text over his customary address. Tamil Nadu Governor R. N. Ravi has brought a new low to the House.

er drainage system, and unprecedented changes in climate have made the area more fragile and paved the way for disaster. The localities are paving the price of someone else's greed by evacuating their hometown. Safety negligence is leading to accidents. Amplified landslides and cracks in the house symbolises not only the need for strict rule and regulations but also the forced and timely implementation of these rules. Moreover, the need of the hour is also to stop the hydropower projects in order to pause fur-

ther destruction. Also, bring Dam Safety Law into effect, especially for places like Himachal where almost 97% of the area is prone to landslides. Tashi Baheti I Ujjain

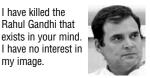
Sir - Congrats to Emperor Kohli on his Governors are generally expected to stick to the text prepared by the governments of the day. That the governor refused to even read the name of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, the father of the Indian constitution, is highly disappointing. It is all the more upsetting that he did not even wait for the recital of the national anthem, thus disrespecting the same. ("Stalin objects to straying, Guv walks out

of House", Jan. 10). The tumultuous incident that took place in the Tamil Nadu Assembly has only escalated the already simmering relationship between the governor and the political Executive of the State, and it is a clear indication of how the position of a governor is being misused in a democracy for personal and political gains. The events that folded up last Monday in the TN House led to ruminate about amending the Indian constitution and abolishing the position of Governor altogether or allowing the members of a State government to elect the Governor on

their own. Ranganathan Sivakumar | Chennai

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Congress leader Rahul Gandhi

Today, the world listens to India. It can become the engine of develop ment of the world



Prime Minister - Narendra Modi



for basic human rights. Prime Minister of Israel – Benjamin Netanyahu

Indian cinema should stop such nudity content on big and small

screens. Showing things against our

culture and tradition will definitely cause conflicts among the people. Actor — Anant Nag

> It's rare to see someone strike this way. I have seen amazing players like AB de Villiers. Vivian Richards,

Sachin Tendulkar, Virat Kohli, and Ricky Ponting but few can hit the ball as cleanly as Suryakumar. Hats off to him!

Former cricketer – Kapil Dev

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JYOTI KAPOOR

veryone experiences stress, which gives you an unpleasant feeling, but it's not a disease in itself. However, there are links between stress and mental health issues such as post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), anxiety, depression, and psychosis. It is a reaction to a real or perceived event that acts as a stressor.

In other words, how stressed one feels depends on how much stress one perceives in a given situation. Stress causes a chemical response in the brain with several physical and psychological effects. Acute stress can trigger anxiety, and long-term stress, even if it is of low intensity, can cause permanent changes. Your heart, muscles, nervous system, and immunity all get affected. Fatigue, lethargy, muscle aches and pains, lack of enthusiasm, irritability, and sleep disturbances may occur.

Lifestyle malfunctions are the result; social and interpersonal health suffers. Mental illnesses, like any illness, are vulnerable to stressful events. Here the stress chemical acts as a trigger, which activates an underlying vulnerability.



Acute stress associated with the sudden death of a loved one can trigger mood disorders like depression and bipolar disorder. Psychotic disorders associated with hallucinations and delusions can become prominent after severe stressful events like death or an accident.

Loss of sleep can trigger the onset of manic or depressive episodes in known or high-risk cases of bipolar disorder. Similarly, in patients with OCD or Observed Compulsive Personality Disorders, stress exacerbates obsessive-compulsive symptoms.

Long-term stressful situations that go untreated manifest as psychosomatic conditions or somatoform disorders. Anxiety disorders and health-related anxieties are often caused by prolonged life stressors in biologically vulnerable individuals. Physical or surgical stress is also known to cause anxiety episodes and sometimes psychosis in individuals with limited stress-coping abilities.

The signs and symptoms of stress may be thinking-related, emotional, or physical. This can vary from person to person. Thinking-related symptoms may include feeling difficulty, concentrating or thinking, memory-related problems, facing negativity or lack of self-confidence, feeling constant worrying, and difficulty making decisions.

Emotional symptoms may include the likes of feeling mood

Swami Vivekananda: true icon for youths



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During Amrit Kaal, let's make the most of the teachings of Swami Vivekananda to make an Atmanirbhar Bharat

wami Vivekananda was an incredibly versatile personality with a vast knowledge of different subjects, including Western philoso-phy. He was the first Hindu monk of India, who spread the message of Hinduism and 'Sanatan Dharma'. He established the supremacy of 'Sanatan' values, culture and Hinduism in a decisive manner.

It was a great achievement as this was done by Swami Vivekananda, born on January 12, 1863 in Kolkata, at a time when the whole world used to look down upon us.

Blessed with a yogic temperament, he used to practice meditation even from his boyhood. Inquisitive to the core, his life underwent a sea change ever since he came into contact with Sri Ramakrishna Paramhans, which later on developed into a unique guru-disciple relationship with fewer parallels in the history of spiritual masters. He once asked Shri Ramakrishna Paramhans one day in November 1881: "Sir, have you seen God?" He replied: "Yes, I have. I see Him as clearly as I see you, only in a much intenser sense?

Under divine guidance of Shri Ramakrishna Paramhans, Swami Vivekananda made strides on the spiritual path. His speech at the World's Parliament of Religions, Chicago, on September 11, 1893 left an indelible mark on the gathering comprising religious and spiritual personalities of different faiths from across the world. He started his speech by addressing the gathering from the core of his heart as 'sisters and brothers of America' which was followed by thunderous applause from the audience.

He said: "It fills my heart with joy unspeakable to rise in response to the warm and cordial welcome which you have given us. I thank you in the name of the most ancient order of monks in the world; I thank you in the name of the mother of religions; and I thank you in the name of the millions and millions of Hindu people of all classes and sects."

Swami ji went on to add: "I am proud to belong to a religion which has taught the world both tolerance and universal acceptance. We believe not only in universal toleration but we accept all religions as true ... I am proud to belong to a nation which has sheltered the persecuted and the refugees of all religions and all nations on earth." Swami ji was of the firm opinion that all paths lead to the one true God, as is also mentioned in Rig Veda that 'Ekam Sat Vipra Bahuda Vadanti' (Truth is one; the wise call it by various names.) His views of modern Indian secularism were based on equal respect for all faiths. He supported religious tolerance as a part of public culture, as he wanted harmony and peace. It was not a mere hollow proposition but a strong intent to serve the people with compassion and

SWAMI VIVEKANANDA WAS AN **INSPIRATIONAL** PERSONALITY. FOR HIM, YOUTH WAS THE HARBINGER OF HOPE AND THE FULCRUM OF CHANGE. HIS

CLARION CALL— **ARISE AWAKE** AND STOP NOT UNTIL THE GOAL

IN OUR HEARTS

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without any discrimination either on the basis of caste or religion. There was no place for appeasement in his views on secularism. It was all inclusive, which he preached in the US and the UK, the two countries he visited exten-sively after delivering the historic lecture at Parliament of the World Religions in 1893.

Šwami Vivekananda's concept of potential divinity of the soul, principle of morality and ethics, and being a bridge between the East and the West, and sense of unity, pride in the past, and the sense of mission are real assets for us. He defined and strengthened the sense of unity for us as a nation, giving a proper understanding of our country's great spiritual her-itage. Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose wrote: "Swamiji harmonized the East and the West, religion and science, past and present. And that is why he is great. Our countrymen have gained unprecedented self-respect, self-reliance and self-

assertion from his teachings." In the words of eminent Britisn

of steel and gigantic hearts. He wanted the youth of the country to have strong will power to serve the motherland and masses. He once said: "Go, all of you, wherever there is an outbreak of plague or famine, or wherever the people are in distress, and mitigate their sufferings" by serving the country.

During his travels all over India, Swami Vivekananda was deeply moved to see the appalling poverty and backwardness of the masses, in particular the downtrodden. He was the first religious leader in India to understand and openly declare that the real cause of India's downfall was the neglect of the masses. They had lost their faith in their capacity to improve their lot due to centuries of oppression. He realized that despite poverty, 'the masses clung to religion, but they had never been taught the life-giving, ennobling principles of Vedanta and how to apply them in practical life?

He saw education as the only means to improve their econom-

self-confidence!

As a divine soul, Swami Vivekananda visualized the role of science and technology in improving the life of human beings. So when he met Jamshedji Tata on a ship, he asked his help in creating human capital dedicated to sciences. Jamshedji Tata, inspired by the words of Swami Vivekananda, established the Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru! Swami ji want-ed to "bring the best aspects of both the traditional Hindu and Western systems of education".

During Amrit Kaal, let's make the most of the teachings of Swami Vivekananda, a great philosopher, thinker, orator, poet, and the greatest patron of the youth, to make an Atmanirbhar Bharat! We celebrate January 12, the birth anniversary of Swami anniversary of Swami Vivekananda, as the National Youth Day, to draw inspiration from the "philosophy of Swami ji and the ideals for which he lived and worked could be a great source of inspiration for the Indian Youth. The dream of Ek Bharat, Sarvshrestha Bharat and making India Vishwa Guru can be realized by following the path shown by Swami Vivekananda, which is at the centre of the governance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi ji. Let us resolve today to assimilate the essence of teachings of Swami Vivekanandnational spirit, patriotism, unity in diversity, inclusivity and purity! This will be the real tribute to Swami Vivekanand.

low morale, irritability, feeling hopeless or helpless, apprehensive, anxious or nervous, feeling depressed, being unhappy or guilty, agitated or unable to relax.

Physical symptoms may include headaches, muscle tension or other physical pain or discomfort, stomach problems, loss of sex drive, rapid heart rate, high blood pressure and fatigue.

To deal with stress, one should start making a stress diary and identify what causes stress, while also asking why it causes stress; is it a negative presumption about the event or a reality that is bothering you? One must figure out ways to deal with stress and figure out the alternatives in cases of failures. If you are not able to do this exercise by yourself, consult a psychotherapist.

Some healthy ways to deal with stress may include-regular breaks from watching, reading, or listening to news stories, including those on social media; eating healthily and practicing good hygiene; exercise, get plenty of sleep; and give yourself a break if you feel stressed out.

Taking part in other activities could also be helpful. Talking to others is also a way out of stress. Try to open your heart to someone you can trust. Ask when you need more help. If problems continue or you are thinking about committing suicide, talk to a psychologist, social worker, or professional counsellor regarding the same.

(The author is founder and senior psychiatrist, Manasthali)

IS REACHED historian A L Basham, in centuries to come, he will be remembered as STILL one of the main moulders of the modern world...!" REVERBERATES

Swami Vivekananda was an inspirational personality. For him, youth was the harbinger of hope and the fulcrum of change. His AND MINDS clarion call - Arise awake and stop not until the goal is reached - still reverberates in our hearts and minds. He said that he wanted vouths with muscles of iron, nerves

ic condition, and spiritual knowl-edge to infuse in them faith in themselves and strengthen their moral sense. What was education for him? In his own words: "The education which does not help the common mass of people to equip themselves for the struggle for life, which does not bring out strength of character, a spirit of philanthropy, and the courage of a lion — is it worth the name? Real education is that which enables one to stand on one's own legs." That is

HE MAKES STATEMENTS THAT ARE FACTUALLY **INCORRECT AND POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS.** - DMK LEADER **TR BAALU**

Gamosa, cultural symbol of Assam, gets GI tag

IS A MORE APPROPRIATE WORD.

- TAMIL NADU GOVERNOR

If Indian states do not apply for the GI tags for their specialised products for commercial use, other countries can do that

◄he government has Geographical Indication (GI) tag to various products, including Gamosa of Assam, Tandur Redgram of Telangana, and an apricot variety of Ladakh. Gamosa, a significant cultural symbol and identity of Assam, has received the Geographical Indication tag from the Central Government.

The Gamosa, a symbol of the culture and identity of Assam, is traditionally a handwoven rectangular cotton piece of cloth with red borders and different designs and motifs, is offered to elders and guests as a mark of respect and honour. It is similar to 'Khata', a silken scarf, presented to guests in Sikkim and Tibetans as a mark of respect. Gamosa tag has been received by Assam after



PK VASUDEVA

(The author is a retired senior professor of international trade)

five years of scrutiny by the tional products, produced by Controller General of Patents. rural communities over gener-A Geographical Indication ations that have gained a rep-(appellation of origin) is priutation on the markets for marily an agricultural, naturtheir specific qualities. Such a al or a manufactured product name conveys an assurance of (handicraft and industrial quality and distinctiveness.

WHATEVER APPLIES TO THE ENTIRE COUNTRY, TAMIL

NADU SAYS NO. TRUTH MUST PREVAIL. THAMIZHAGAM

goods) originating from a def-Geographical Indications inite geographical territory. protection is granted through There is a proper process of the Trade Related Aspects of registration of GI products, Intellectual Property Rights which includes filing of appli-(TRIPS) Agreement of the World Trade Organisation cation, preliminary scrutiny (WTO). On the one hand, it is and examination, show cause notice, publication in the geogranted through sui generis law (public law), e.g., in the European Union. In other graphical indications journal, opposition to registration, and registration. Any association of words, GI protection should persons, producers, organisaapply through ex-officio protion or authority established by tection, where authorities may or under the law can apply. support and get involved in the making of GI collective The applicant must represent the interest of the producers. dimensions together with their Geographical indications corresponding GI regulatory are generally related to tradi- council, where ongoing dis-

course with the government is implied for effective inspection and quality control.

On the other hand, it is granted through common law. In other words, it is similar to the protection afforded to trademarks as it can be registered through collective trademarks and also through certification marks. A geographical

indication is a name or sign used on products, which corresponds to a specific geographical location or origin (e.g. a town, region, or country)

The Controller-General Patents, Designs and Trade Marks who is also the Registrar of Geographical Indications and is based in Chennai to administer this Act. It is a sui generis Act of Parliament for

indications in India. This country, as a member of the WTO, enacted the Act to comply with the WTO Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS).

The GI tag ensures that none other than those registered as authorised users (or at least those residing inside the geographical territory) are allowed to use the popular product name and others have to pay at commercial rates for their use like patents. Darjeeling Tea became the first GI tagged product in India in 2004-05.

The top five states holding maximum number of GIs are Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra and Kerala. Recently, the government has

GIs by approving an expenditure of Rs 75 crore for three years for promotion of awareness programmes.

The commerce and Industry ministry said on 13 December that the total number of GI has reached 432. The famous goods, which carry GI tag, include Alphonso Mango from Ratnagiri, Sindhudurg and other adjoining areas in Maharashtra, Basmati rice, Darjeeling Tea, Amritsari fish, Phulkari of Punjab, Chanderi Fabric, Mysore Silk, Kullu Fabric, Wysore onk, remu Shawl, Kangra Tea, Thanjavur Paintings, Allahabad Surkha, Farrukhabad Prints, Lucknow Zardozi and Kashmir Walnut Wood Carving. Some other products

which have been granted GI tag include Mahabaleshwar protection of geographical supported the promotion of Strawberry, Blue Pottery of

Jaipur, Banarsi Sarees, Triputi Laddus, Kangra Paintings, Nagpur Oranges, Kashmir Pashmina, Rasagulla of Odisha, Phulkari of Punjab and manufactured goods like Pochampalli Ikat, Kancheepuram Silk, Sholapur chadars Bagh Prints, Madhubani paintings, etc. Himachal Pradesh can

easily get the GI tag for its Kinnaur apples and so on. Other states should also try to get GI tags for their specialised products so that the farmers and other genuine experts get their well-deserved income from their hard work and research. If Indian states do not apply for the GI tags for their specialised products for commercial use, other countries can get the certification as their own products.



Mining town holding out against Russian assault: Ukraine

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he fate of a devastated saltmining town in eastern

Ukraine hung in the balance on Wednesday as Ukraine said its forces were holding out against a furious Russian onslaught in what has become one of the fiercest and most costly battles in the almost 11month war.

Though unlikely to provide a turning point in the war, Soledar's fall to Russian forces after months of Ukrainian defense would be a prize for the Kremlin, which has been starved of good news from the battlefield amid Ukraine's counteroffensive in recent months.

It would also offer Russian troops a strategic springboard for their efforts to encircle the nearby city of Bakhmut.

The spokesman for Ukraine's Eastern Group of Forces, Serhiy Cherevaty, said on Wednesday that Russian claims it had conquered Soledar were untrue", Ukrainian news outlet Suspilne reported.

Cherevaty offered no further details, saying only that Ukraine's General Staff would provide more information later. The General Staff in its

Wednesday morning update only listed Soledar among cities and towns that continue to be shelled by Russian forces.

Late on Tuesday, Yevgeny Prigozhin, the head of the Wagner Group — a Russian private military contractor claimed in audio reports posted on his Russian social media platform that his forces had seized control of Soledar, though he also said that battles were continuing in a "cauldron" in the

city's centre. The Associated Press was

unable to verify that claim. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry

Peskov said on Wednesday that Russian forces had "positive dynamics in advancing" in



Soledar, but he stopped short of declaring its capture when asked about the claims that it has come under Russian control.

"Let's not rush and wait for official statements," he said. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said this week that "everything is com-

pletely destroyed" in the area due to relentless shelling and weeks of close, house-to-house combat. "The whole land near

Soledar is covered with the corpses of the occupiers and scars from the strikes," Zelenskyy said. "This is what madness looks like?

Soledar, known for salt mining and processing, lies in the Donetsk region and has little intrinsic value. But it lies at a strategic point 10 kilometres (6 miles) north of Bakhmut, which Russian forces are aiming to surround.

Taking Bakhmut would dis-

rupt Ukraine's supply lines and open a route for Russian forces to press toward Kramatorsk and Sloviansk, key Ukrainian strongholds in Donetsk.

Soledar's fall would make "holding Bakhmut much more precarious for Ukraine", Michael Kofman, the director of Russia Studies at the CAN nonprofit research organisation in Arlington, Virginia, noted on Wednesday.

The costly war of attrition, with expected heavy casualties, may make Russia's victory as costly as a defeat, however.

"I don't think the outcome at Bakhmut is that significant compared to what it costs Russia to achieve it," Kofman said in a tweet.

The Wagner Group, which now reportedly includes a large contingent of convicts recruited in Russian prisons, has spearheaded the attack on Soledar and Bakhmut.

Western intelligence has

estimated that the Wagner Group constitutes up to a quarter of all Russian combatants in Ukraine.

A success in Soledar and Bakhmut would help Prigozhin, who has openly criticised Russia's military leadership, to increase his clout at the Kremlin.

Russia illegally annexed Donetsk and three other Ukrainian provinces in September, but its troops have struggled to advance. After Ukrainian forces recaptured the southern city of Kherson in November, the battle heated up around Bakhmut.

The Institute for the Study of War says Russian forces are up against "concerted Ukrainian resistance" around Bakhmut.

"The reality of block-byblock control of terrain in Soledar is obfuscated by the dynamic nature of urban combat ... And Russian forces have largely struggled to make significant tactical gains in the Soledar area for months," the think tank said. An exceptional feature of

the fighting near Bakhmut is that some of it has taken place around entrances to disused salt mine tunnels which run for some 200 kilometers (120 miles), according to western intelligence reports.

Several front-line cities in eastern Ukraine's Donetsk and Luhansk provinces have witnessed intense fighting in recent months.

Together, the provinces make up the Donbas, a broad industrial region bordering Russia that Putin identified as a focus from the war's outset and where Moscow-backed separatists have fought since 2014.

Russia's grinding eastern offensive captured almost all of Luhansk during the summer. Donetsk escaped the same fate, and the Russian military subsequently poured manpower and resources around Bakhmut.

krainian troops to train on Patriot system

AP WASHINGTON

About 100 Ukrainian troops will head to Oklahoma's Fort Sill as soon as next week to begin training on the Patriot missile defense system, get-ting Kyiv closer to obtaining the longsought protection against Russia's missile attacks.

Ukraine for months requested that the U.S. provide the Patriot surface-toair guided missile defense system because it can target aircraft, cruise missiles and shorter-range ballistic missiles. During his late December visit to the U.S., Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said the battery would make a significant difference in bolstering Kyiv's defenses against Russia's invasion.

The number of Ukrainians coming to Fort Sill is approximately the number it takes to operate one battery, and they will focus on learning to operate and also maintain the Patriot, Pentagon spokesman Air Force Gen. Pat Ryder said Tuesday.

Kyiv's decision to take troops off the battlefield to train across the Atlantic in the U.S. is unusual, although Ukraine has sent forces for short-term training



at European bases for other complex systems it has received, such as on the longer-range High Mobility Artillery Rocket System.

Patriot training normally can take several months, but "the longer those troops are off the line, they're not actually engaged in combat," Ryder said, so

the training will be shortened.

Fort Sill was selected because it already runs Patriot training schools, Ryder said. The U.S. pledged one Patriot battery in December as part of one of several large military assistance packages it has provided Ukraine in recent weeks. Last week Germany pledged an additional Patriot battery.

Each Patriot battery consists of a truck-mounted launching system with eight launchers that can hold up to four missile interceptors each, a ground radar, a control station and a generator. The Army said it currently has 16 Patriot battalions.

The Patriot batteries will complement a variety of air defense systems that both the U.S. and NATO partners have pledged to Ukraine, as it faces an evolving barrage of missiles and drones against its civilian population and infrastructure from Russia in the nearly 11-month-old conflict. In the last few months Germany has pledged four IRIS-T air defense systems; the U.S. has also pledged eight mid-range National Advanced Surface-to-Air Missile Systems, or NASAMS, and Avenger air defense systems.



Buildings impacted by Russian missile shelling are seen in Kyiv, Ukraine on Wednesday

Russia's war in Ukraine threatens students daily

THE CONVERSATION WASHINGTON

Svitlana Popova's students didn't realize she was leading their online math class while outside the charred remains of her home in Ukraine until they saw a news video on social media.

affirmed in an emotional New Year's address. "Each of us is a fighter," Zelenskyy stated. "Each of us is the basis of defense." Listing the tools of war ship's helms, steering wheels,

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2022, armed conflict with

Russia internally displaced 1.5

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warfare on children for trauma healing since Russia's invasion began nine years ago. Still, these earlier challenges pale in comparison with what the Ukrainian educational system faces today.

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analysed the impact of this the road for a long time. It was very emotionally draining, and when they returned to school, it was something they were used to," one teacher told a Ukrainian reporter.

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Russia to launch new capsule to return space station crew



Her students were in their

own difficult circumstances, too - seeking refuge away from their homes, some in other countries. Popova is a mathematics teacher in the town of Borodyanka, in the Kyiv region of Ukraine. Her school was seized as a headquarters by Russian military forces and heavily damaged before their retreat. After her classroom transitioned to online instruction, Russian tanks fired on her house and burned it down. Yet this dedicated teacher continued to lead virtual lessons from a small umbrella-covered table in the vard.

Ordinary Ukrainians have been hailed for their heroism since Russia's full-scale invasion. "There are no small mat-

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inclusion: the teacher's pointer. This passing remark highlights an often hidden front in Ukraine's defensive struggle the fight by countless teachers and parents to keep more than 8 million children educated, even as their worlds have been thrown into upheaval. **Educational efforts**

Like Ukraine's stunning resistance itself, local educators are rising to the occasion despite enormous challenges. Viral videos show teachers continuing to instruct their small pupils in bomb shelters during active bombardments, or conducting lessons inside a post office after schools lose electricity. Gas stations and grocery stores, powered by generators long after homes and schools

lose power, are being transformed into hubs for filming virtual lessons.

One Kyiv teacher spent hours crouching on a snowy sidewalk outside a store, determined to finish sharing the day's homework assignment despite rolling blackouts. Other teachers now bring their pets for online lessons, lifting spirits and providing psychological support. Many teachers, like Popova, comfort their students despite their own traumatic losses. Long-term displacement

2022 led to the largest refugee flows in Europe since World War II. In the weeks following the invasion, nearly 16 million Ukrainians were driven from their homes to seek refuge abroad and elsewhere in As an anthropologist work-Ukraine. Many of these were women and children, exacting ing in Ukraine since 2015, I have long observed the effects a heavy toll on Ukraine's of armed conflict on Ukrainian female-majority teaching corps, children. After Russia first as well as their students.

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pandemic. Now that war had driven their classes apart again, Ukrainian teachers adapted those skills to teach students across Europe and the world.

Some private online schools like Optima made their materials available free of charge. This step allowed Ukrainian students to study at home if they could not otherwise access schooling because of the war. It also provided a way for Ukrainian refugee children to retain access to school materials in their native language. Still, new obstacles

emerged. Many countries that took in Ukrainian refugees required the children to attend local schools, even if they didn't speak the local language.

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE Ukraine on Feb. 24.

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KRoscosmos said Wednesday

that it will launch a new space-

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require longer preparations. He added that the Soyuz MS-23 will also ferry some supplies to the International Space Station.

In case of an emergency on the International Space Station that would require the evacuation of the entire crew before the new capsule arrives, space officials will consider whether the Soyuz MS-22 could be used safely, Borisov said.

The leak from the Soyuz MS-22 was spotted in December when the Russians were about to venture outside the station on a planned spacewalk and ground specialists saw a stream of fluid and particles emanating from the Soyuz on a live video feed from space.

Borisov said Wednesday that the analysis confirmed the leak was caused by a micrometeoroid. He said that the Soyuz MS-22 eventually would be sent back to Earth without a crew.

Roscosmos and NASA both have said the incident hasn't posed any danger to the station's crew. Officials from the Russian and US space agencies were scheduled to speak jointly about the current plans later Wednesday.

Along with Prokopyev, Petelin and Rubio, four other crew members are currently on the space outpost: NASA astronauts Nicole Mann and Josh Cassada; the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency's Koichi Wakata; and Anna Kikina of Roscosmos.

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UK, Japan sign defence deal Amid rising concern about China

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AP LONDON

he leaders of Britain and Japan are signing a defence agreement on Wednesday that could see troops deployed to each others' countries.

The two countries are strengthening military ties amid growing concern about China's increasing military assertiveness and designs toward Taiwan, which it considers a renegade province.

The British government said the defence agreement "cements our commitment to the Indo-Pacific" region. It is due to be signed by Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida and UK leader Rishi Sunak during a meeting in the symbolic setting of the Tower of London fortress.

The deal has been in the works for years,



and was discussed when Kishida visited Sunak's predecessor, Boris Johnson, in London in May.

The Reciprocal Access Agreement -Japan's first with a European nation allows the two countries to hold joint military exercises

The British government said it will allow the armed forces of the two Group of Seven countries "to plan and deliver larger and more complex military exercises and deployments".

It reflects a new "Indo-Pacific tilt" in Britain's foreign policy following the country's departure from the European Union in 2020. Britain sees Japan as its key East Asian ally.

"In this increasingly competitive world, it is more important than ever that demo-

cratic societies continue to stand shoulder to shoulder as we navigate the unprecedented global challenges of our time," Sunak said.

The two leaders were meeting at the Tower of London, a 1,000-year-old former palace and prison that houses the Crown Iewels.

Sunak's office said they will view Japanese armor presented to King James in 1613 by Shogun Tokugawa Hidetada of Japan to mark the first-ever trade agreement between England and Japan. Japan has joined Western nations in

condemning Russia's invasion of Ukraine and imposing sanctions against Moscow Japan also has supplied Ukraine with helmets and other non-lethal military aid.

Japan is concerned Russia's invasion of Ukraine could have an impact in East Asia, where China's military has grown increasingly assertive and threatened to unite with Taiwan by force if necessary.

Concerned about rapid weapons advancement in China and North Korea, Japan in December adopted key security and defence reforms, including a counterstrike capability that makes a break from the selfdefense-only principle it has maintained since its defeat in World War II.

Japan holds the presidency of the G-7 this year, and Kishida is on a weeklong trip to visit allies including Italy, France, Canada and the United States, where he is due to meet President Joe Biden at the White House on Friday

Lanka summons Canadian diplomat over sanctions on Rajapaksa brothers

PTI COLOMBO

Cri Lanka's Foreign Ministry **)** on Wednesday summoned Canada's top diplomat here and expressed its displeasure over his country's decision to impose "unilateral sanctions" on its four citizens, including two former presidents. Canada on Tuesday

imposed sanctions on four Sri Lankans, including former presidents Gotabaya Rajapaksa and Mahinda Rajapaksa, for committing what it called "gross and systematic violations of human rights" during the country's civil war.

Sanctions were also imposed on Staff Sergeant Sunil Ratnayake and Lt Commander Chandana P Hettiarachchithe.

Reacting to the sanctions, the foreign ministry summoned Canada's Acting High Commissioner in Colombo and expressed the government's displeasure over the

move. "Foreign Minister Ali Sabry summoned the Canadian Acting High Commissioner Daniel Bood to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs," the foreign ministry said in a tweet.

He "expressed the deep regret of the Government on the announcement of unilateral sanctions brought against

four individuals including two

former Presidents of Sri Lanka by the Government of Canada based on unsubstantiated allegations," it added.

"Foreign Minister Sabry emphasised that such unilateral action by the Canadian Government, motivated by domestic political compulsions in Canada, sets a dangerous precedent and is inimical to Sri Lanka's interests, especially when national unity and reconciliation are of paramount importance," the statement said.

"It was also stressed that the announcement by Canada is detrimental to the Government's ongoing efforts towards national unity, reconciliation, and stability," it said, adding that the foreign minister asked Canada to review the decision and engage constructively with Sri Lanka.

This is the first time that Rajapaksa brothers have been banned by any country despite long held accusations of rights abuses and corruption.

In a separate statement, the Foreign Ministry said it is "unfortunate that this action by the Canadian Government could polarise communities and have a detrimental impact on ongoing processes in place to secure socio-economic sta-

bility." Earlier, State Minister of Foreign Affairs Tharaka Balasuriya said that the sanctioning of former presidents was "untimely" and was intend-ed to pacify domestic elements in Canada.

He said Canada's decision to impose sanctions on the Rajapaksa brothers came at a time when Sri Lanka was attempting to take forward the post-war reconciliation process.

"This shows who our friends really are and who are not," he was quoted as saying by the Colombo Gazette newspaper

The sanctions target former president Gotabaya, who resigned in July last after a massive protest against his gov-ernment, and his elder brother Mahinda, who has held the titles of president and prime minister.

Gotabaya temporarily fled his country last summer after mass protests over the country's economic crisis, while Mahinda resigned from his post as prime minister last

spring. Sri Lanka's majority Sinhalese population had praised the brothers for defeating Tamil separatists after a 26year civil war, which took place from 1983 to 2009.

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Campaign Against Arms Trade,

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March 2015.

Yemen's war began when

Hussein Husseini, Lebanon's former parliament speaker and the father of the 1989 Taif Agreement that ended the country's 15-year civil war, died on Wednesday after days of illness. He was 85 Husseini was admitted to Beirut's American University Medical Centre on January 3,

Father of peace

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after suffering from a strong flu, the state-run National News Agency said.

NNA added that Husseini remained in the intensive care unit until his death on Wednesday morning. Caretaker Prime Minister

Najib Mikati declared a threeday mourning period in the crisis-hit Lebanon while Parlia-ment Speaker Nabih Berri postponed a session that was sched-uled to take place on Thursday to elect a new president.

Husseini was elected to parliament representing the northeastern Baalbek-Hermel region in 1972 and remained a legislator until 2008. He was elected as parliament speaker in 1984, a job that he kept until 1992.

The politician was a harsh critic of Lebanon's sectarianbased political system that divided top posts in the country of 5 million between Christian and Muslim communities.

Husseini was also a strong vocal opponent of the country's financial policies, including heavy borrowing, that started in the 1990s and eventually led to Lebanon's ongoing three-year economic meltdown.

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Thousands rally in Nepal to seek restoration of monarchy

AP KATHMANDU

Thousands of supporters of Nepal's former royal family held a rally on Wednesday demanding the restoration of monarchy in the Himalayan nation. They gathered around the statue of King Prithvi Narayan Shah, who started the Shah dynasty in the 18th century. The last Shah king -Gyanendra - was forced to step down and the monarchy abolished in 2008, making Nepal a republic.

There are still many supporters who seek to bring the monarchy back and rally every year on the birth anniversary of

Prithvi Narayan. Some previous rallies have turned violent with clashes between demonstrators and police. Wednesday's rally was peaceful and police in riot gear kept a close watch on the event that included participants waving flags, playing music and chanting slogans to praise the monarchy. Nepal's new government led by Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal declared Wednesday a public holiday to mark Prithvi Narayan's birthday.

Dahal led Maoist communist rebels between 1996-2006 seeking to abolish the monarchy in Nepal. Gyanendra became the king after his elder brighter was assassinated in a palace massacre



Bolsonaro eyes return to Brazil as US stay pressures Biden AP MIAMI

The Biden administration is wing pressure from leftists in Latin America as well as U.S. Lawmakers to expel Jair Bolsonaro from a postpresidential retreat in Florida fol-Îowing his supporters' brazen attack on Brazil's capital over the weekend. But the far-right ex-president may pre-empt any plans for such a stinging rebuke. On Tuesday, he told a Brazilian media outlet that he would push up his return home, originally scheduled for late January, after being hospitalized with abdominal pains stemming from a 2018 stabbing. "I came to spend some time away with my family but these weren't calm days," Bolsonaro told CNN's Portuguese-language affiliate in Brazil. "First, there was this sad episode in Brazil and then my hospitalization?

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thousands of die-hard support- October runoff. Their invasion PUBLIC NOTICE Be it known to all that SMT. MANPREET KAUR BHANDARI W/O SH. MANDEEP BHANDARI R/O 378, SAINIK VIHAR, PITAM PURA, DELHI -110034 AND SMT Before the Central Government Registrar of Companies, Delhi ers who had been camping for of Brazil's congress and presiweeks outside a military base in dential palace left behind shat-In the matter of sub-section (3) of Section 13 of imited Liability Partnershin Act. 2008 and rule SODHBANS R/0 700, 1" STREET, APT 13 N. HOBOKEN, USA AND MANMEET KAUR LOOMBA W/O SHRI ARVINDER PAUL SINGH LOOMBA R/O 3715, PRUNERIDGE AVE, SANT CLARCA CA 95051, USA (Say Bolsonaro's narrow defeat in an and slashed artwork. 17 of the Limited Liability Partnership Rules, 2009 In the matter of the Limited Liability (11.00 hrs) PUBLIC NOTICE Partnership Act, 20 sneral public is hereby informed that Mrs. Kashmiri W/o Bijender is the owner of Plot area measuring 50 sq. 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Joginder Kaur are reported to be lost and missing. Anybody else including banks/financial institutions etc. having any sort of intrest/ claim/ lien in the aforesaid property or any part thereof on the basis of aforesaid or any other deeds/ documents or otherwise are required to put forth his/ her/ their claim with the undersigned in writing with documentary evidence, within 5 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which this shall be presumed that the abovesaid property/ flat is free from all sorts of encumbrances (registered) or un-registered) and my Clients shall proceed further to complete the transaction as bonafide purchaser in terms of the already agreed arrangement/ agreement and any claim and/ or objection raised thereafter shall be considered as waived and abandoned and the same shall not be binding upon my Clients. 2008 seeking permission to change its 7. Renistered office from the state of **"Delhi"** to the state of "Haryana". 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Raghav Tiwari (Advocate) Ch. 830, Patiala House Courts, New Delhi-110001 Mob.:+91-8076188328 Raghav Tiwari (Advocate) Raghav Tiwari (Advocate) Ch. 830, Patiala House Courts, New Delhi-110001 Mob.: +91-8076188328 leliver or cause to be delivered or send by stered post of his/her objections support by an affidavit stating the nature of his/he Gicici Bank Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd, 3rd Floor, Plot No- 23, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh, Delhi- 110005 erest and grounds of opposition supported by an affidavit to the Registrar of Companies **Delhi & Haryana,** within 21(twenty one) days from the date of publication of this notice with PUBLIC NOTICE: copy to the petitioner LLP at its registered **Builder Cancellation** This is to bring to your notice that RAM KISHOR/ REENA PAL ffice at the address mentioned above (borrower/s) has availed Home loan facility vide facility agreement number LBNOD00004901191 located at UNIT NO LG-408H, LOWER GROUND FLOOR, GAUR CITY CENTRE, PLOT NO C1 A For and on behalf of Rasasvada Capital LLP shall not be binding upon my Clients Gaurav Sachdeva (Adv C-21, Malviya Nagar, New Delhi-110017 Ph.: 41048314, 9810006297 Reena Wadhwani, Designated Partner /GH 01, SECTOR 4, GREATER NOIDA, NOIDA. The borrower/s has Date:11-01-2023 Place:Delhi **UJVN LIMITED** H.O.: "UJJWAL' 8. Fax- 0135- 2763 प.सं. 37 e-Tender Notice दिनांक 11.01.2023 Office of the Executive Engineer, Project Civil Maintenance- Dakpathar UJVN Ltd., Dakpathar (Dehradun) invites online bids from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below: For ICICI Bank Limited Tender No.22/EE/PCM-DKP/TN/2022-23 Name of work : Renovation and modernization of Khodri Power House न्धक (सिविल), निर्माण खण्ड-तृतीय complex at Khodri. Estimated cost: 1,84,34,924.66 (GST Extra) गाजियाबाद। E-Mail- cd Date of availability of bid document on website : From 17:00 hrs of 12.01.2023 Last date for submission of bids on website : Up to 17.00 Hrs o 03.02.2023 For fuller & further details, kindly visit e-procurement porta "https://uktenders.gov.in" Executive Engineer(PCM) ful use of Electricity" निविदा का प्रकार कार्य की समत रह (साल में) UJVN Limited AL", Maharani Bagh, G.M.S. Road, Dehr अल्पकालीन 37.87 08, Fax: 0135-276350 es: 0135-276 39.29 अल्पकालीन CIN No RO No. 38 Dated : 11/01/2023 **Tender Notice** अल्पकालीन 23.92 Office of Executive Engineer (M) Ramganga Power Station, UJVN Limited, Kalagarh, Distt, Pauri Garhwal invites sealed tender from भल्पकाली 16.45 of Bids interested parties. Detail of tender is given below. T.No. 23/EE(M)/RPSK/2022-23 अल्पकाली 17.96 Name of work/supply/ services etc.-: Annual operation & upkeeping of Erector Hostel and Canteen at Ramganga Power Station, Kalagarh. Estimated cost : Rs. 8.22.971/- GST Extra Date of availability of bid document on website : 12/01/2023 Support Agency of Gujarat, 3rd Floor, Birsa Munda Bhavan, Gandhinagar, Gujara Last date for submission of tender : 03/02/2023 up to 16.00 Hrs. 82010. Phone:- (079) 23252253, Email:- ceodsag@gujarat.gov.in For fuller & further details, kindly visit our website. The tender documents can be downloaded from the Nigam's website "www.uivnl.com" EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (M) No/INF/VPN/2022/G/2227 "Avoid wasteful use of Electricity'

in 2001 but remained unpopu lar. Political parties teamed up with the Maoist insurgents to organise protests forcing him to

give up power in 2006. Two years later, Parliament voted to abolish the monarchy. Gyanendra, 75, remains a common citizen and is not politically active. The protesters welcomed the government's declaration of a public holiday and allowing them to hold the rally.

'The monarchy needs to return to Nepal. We are seeking a ceremonial king and we are fine with an executive prime minister but need a ceremonial king," said Ram Prasad Upreti, a retired medical doctor.

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Report: UK, US supplied arms, killed civilians, in Yemen

AP CAIRO

Weapons supplied by the United Kingdom and the United States and used by a Saudi-led coalition fighting in war-torn Yemen killed at least 87 civilians and wounded 136 others in just over a year, a new report said Wednesday.

The report by the Oxfam charity found that the Saudi-led coalition used weapons supplied solely by the UK and the US in hundreds of attacks on civilians in Yemen between January 2021 to the end of February 2022. Britain is the sec-

Japan, S Korea protest China visa stoppage amid Covid spat

surge



AP TOKYO

Tapan and South Korea defended public health restrictions on travellers from China on Wednesday, a day after China stopped issuing new visas in both countries in apparent retaliation.

Chinese embassies stopped issuing new visas for South Koreans and Japanese on Tuesday. It wasn't clear whether China would expand the visa suspensions to other countries that have imposed stricter virus testing on passengers from China following its COVID-19



Bolsonaro arrived in Florida in late December, skipping the Jan. 1 swearing-in of Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, who became the first elected Brazilian president not to receive the presidential sash from his predecessor since democracy was restored in the 1980s. Bolsonaro is reportedly staying at the Orlando-area home of Brazilian mixed martial arts fighter Jose Aldo, a fervent supporter.

His visit to the Sunshine state went largely unnoticed in the U.S. Until Sunday's attack by

its consulates in China through

the end of January while also

requiring all passengers from

China, Hong Kong and Macau

to submit proofs of negative tests

taken within 48 hours of their

arrival in addition to COVID-

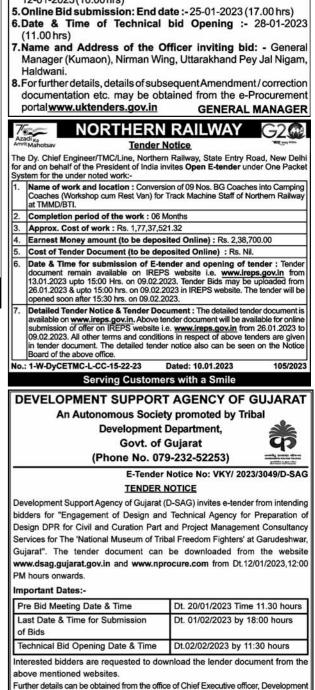
19 tests at the airport.

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 09, 2023 informing that **GAURSONS HI-TECH INFRASTURCTURE PRIVATE LIMTITED** 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 boundand/or responsible for any other allotment done by the builder Dated: January 12, 2023 Place: Delhi/ NCR र्यालय उप महाप्रब **३०५० राज्य औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण** रीक्षेप्र प्रिये जनिवाल हे भिन्न upsida अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा सूचना South Korean Foreign Mini-तदद्वारा सचित किया जाता है कि प्राधिकरण के विभिन्न जनपदों में स्थित औद्योगिक क्षेत्रों में सिविल ster Park Jin said Wednesday he भौ, विकास एवं अनुरक्षण रख–रखाव के कार्यों हेतु सरकारी∕सार्वजनिक पक्रमों∕निगमों∕प्राधिकरणों∕ परिषदों∕नगर निकायों में पंजीकृत फर्मो∕ठेकेदारों से अल्पकालीन कार्यो, finds it "significantly regrettable" that China stopped issu-–निविदायें आमंत्रित की जाती है। ing short-term visas to South Koreans and called for China to कार्य का नाम क्रम संव align its pandemic steps with Special Repair & Maintenance of Administrative Building at I.A. Baghpat. "scientific and objective facts." 2. Special repair & Maintenance of Administrative According to South Korea's Building in apparel park (P-2) at I.A. Trans Delhi Disease Control and Prevention Signature City, Ghaziabad Agency, about 17 per cent of the Repair & Maintenance of Administrative Building at 3. 2,550 short-term travellers from I.A. Trans Delhi Signature City, Ghaziabad China from January 2 to 4 Construction of Public Toilets in I.A. Baghpat Distt Tuesday have tested positive. Baghpat. South Korea has stopped Construction of Toilet block at I.A. Trans Delh 5 issuing most short-term visas at Signature City, Ghaziabad

> उपरोक्त निविदा 12.01.2023 से 19.01.2023 को 18.00 बजे तक अपलोड की जा सकती है जिसके दिनांक 20.01.2023 को 11.00 बजे या इसके पश्चात खोला जायेगा। निविदादाताओं द्वारा शपथपत्रे की मूल प्रतियाँ दिनांक 23.01.2023 को 17.00 बजे तक पंजीकृत डाक / व्यक्तिगत रूप से कार्यालय में जमा की जा सकती है।

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India to grow by 6.6% next fiscal: World Bank

India's economic growth rate will slow to 6.6 per cent in next financial year from an expected 6.9 per cent in 2022-23, the World Bank said in its latest economic update.

India however is expected to be the fastest growing economy of the seven largest emerg-ing-market and developing economies (EMDEs), it said.

The growth rate of 6.9 per cent in current fiscal year (April 2022 to March 2023) compares with 8.7 per cent in the previous year. For 2024-25, the growth rate is projected at 6.1 per cent. "The slowdown in the

global economy and rising uncertainty will weigh on export and investment growth," it said

The government has increased infrastructure spending and various business facilitation measures. However, it will



crowd-in private investment and support the expansion of manufacturing capacity "Growth is projected to slow, to 6.6 per cent in

FY2023/24 before falling back toward its potential rate of just above 6 per cent," it said.

The GDP expanded by 9.7 per cent on an annual basis in the first half of fiscal year 2022-23, reflecting strong pri-vate consumption and fixed investment growth.

Consumer inflation in most of the last year was above

the Reserve Bank's upper tolerance limit of 6 per cent, prompting the policy rate to be raised by 2.25 percentage points between May and December.

India's goods trade deficit has more than doubled since 2019, and was USD 24 billion in November, with deficits for crude petroleum and petrole-um products (USD 7.6 billion) and other commodities (for example, ores and minerals at USD 4.2 billion) accounting for the widening.

Markets end on flat note in highly choppy trade

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In a highly volatile trade, equity benchmarks Sensex and Nifty ended on a flat note on Wednesday amid unabated foreign fund outflows and a weak trend in index heavyweight Reliance Industries.

Continuing its previous day's decline, the 30-share BSE Sensex dipped 9.98 points or Services, HDFC Bank and Tata 0.02 per cent to settle at 60,105.50. During the day, it fell Motors were among the win-309.7 points or 0.51 per cent to 59,805.78. sustained selling by FIIs for 13

The broader NSE Nifty skidded 18.45 points or 0.10 per cent to end at 17,895.70.

From the Sensex pack, Bharti Airtel, Hindustan Unilever, Titan, Reliance Industries, Nestle, IndusInd Bank, Bajaj Finserv and NTPC were the major laggards.

Sun Pharma, UltraTech Cement, Tata Motors, Larsen & index ended marginally higher by 0.02 per cent. Toubro, Tata Consultancy

Rupee gains 13 paise to

Startup funding in India drops 33 per cent to USD 24 bn in 2022: Report

PTI NEW DELHI

Funding for Indian startups dropped by 33 per cent to USD 24 billion in 2022 as compared to the previous year though it was nearly double the amount recorded in 2019 or 2020, said a PwC India report on Wednesday.

Global investors were still positive about the Indian startup ecosystem despite the global slowdown, as per the report titled 'Startup Tracker-CY 22'.

"Funding for Indian star-tups in CY22 was nearly USD 24 billion, a drop of 33 per cent in comparison to CY21 but was still more than twice the funds raised in CY20 and CY19 each", it said.

The startups received total funding of USD 13.2 billion in 2019, USD 10.9 billion in 2020 and USD 35.2 billion in 2021.

Despite the funding slow-In the broader market, the BSE midcap gauge declined down, Amit Nawka, Partner -0.27 per cent, while smallcap Deals & India Startups Leader, PwC India, said, "some areas like SaaS (Software as a service)



and early-stage funding have remained upbeat. With significant dry powder waiting to be invested, it seems likely that the funding scenario will begin to

normalise after 2-3 quarters." Meanwhile, he added, many startups were using the current situation to tighten operating models and optimise cash runway by deferring discretionary spends and investments

The report said the earlystage deals accounted for 60-62 per cent of the total funding in 2021 and 2022 in volume terms and average ticket size per deal was USD 4 million per deal.

early-stage deals contributed to

per cent of the funding activity in 2022 in value terms, representing 38 per cent of the total count of deals. According to the report, average ticket size in growth-stage deals was USD 43 million and late-stage deal was USD 94 million during 2022.

As regards the city-wise startup funding, the report said, Bengaluru, NCR and Mumbai accounted for nearly 82 per cent of total Indian startups as of December 2022. As many as 28 per cent of startups in the top three cities have raised in excess of USD 20 mil-

approximately 12 per cent of the total funding in 2022 com-

pared to nearly 7 per cent in 2021. Growth and late-stage funding deals accounted for 88

Bengaluru witnessed the nighest number of unicorns, followed by NCR and Mumbai. Similar trends have been noted for other companies that have In value terms, it added, raised more than USD 50-100

million, the report said.

Micro & small enterprises corner 55% of total orders placed on GeM portal

PTI NEW DELHI

Micro and small enterpris-es (MSEs) have cornered over 55 per cent of the total orders placed on the public procurement platform GeM since FY 2020-21, a senior government official said.

The Government e-Market (GeM) portal was launched on August 9, 2016, for online purchases of goods and services by all the central government ministries and departments.

GeM CEO P K Singh said that the public procurement policy for MSEs mandates 25 per cent of buying of goods and services from these units and 3 per cent MSEs owned by

women "On GeM, MSEs have secured 55.2 per cent (Rs 1,41,887 crore) of total order value (Rs 2,57,263 crore) and MSEs owned by women have secured 8 per cent (Rs 11,373 crore) of the MSE orders since



FY 2020-21 till now. The numbers reflect inclusivity on

GeM," Singh told PTI. Procurement of goods and services from government portal GeM has crossed Rs 1 lakh crore so far this fiscal on

account of an increase in buying activities by different ministries and departments. The commerce ministry is also in the process of awarding

a project to upgrade the portal. Currently, government departments, ministries, public sector units, state governments, and Central Armed Police Forces are allowed to

this portal.

"Indian Rupee appreciat-ed on Wednesday extending carry out transactions through gains of the previous day on

dollar

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bonds selling and overall weak-

touched an intra-day high of

81.52 and a low of 81.82

It finally ended at 81.61,

registering a rise of 13 paise

against the greenback.

over its previous close.

ness in crude oil prices.

rupee, traders said.

81.61 against US dollar foreign inflows from bonds selling...And overall weakness The rupee gained 13 paise to in crude oil prices," said Anuj L close at 81.61 against the Choudhary -Research Analyst at Sharekhan by BNP US dollar on Wednesday, dri-

ven by foreign inflows from Paribas. However, FII outflows and recovery in US Dollar capped

However, a muted trend sharp gains. Choudhary further noted in domestic equities dented investor sentiments and that the dollar gained as capped the sharp gains in the traders are adjusting their positions ahead of US CPI inflation data. At the interbank foreign exchange market, the local unit opened at 81.73 and

The dollar also gained on safe-haven appeal as the World Bank trimmed the 2023 global GDP forecast to 1.7 per cent citing the Russia-Ukraine conflict, inflation and higher interest rates as the main reasons

On Tuesday, the rupee settled at 81.74 against the US "We expect the Rupee to trade with a positive bias amid risk-on sentiments and weak crude oil prices. However, sustained outflows by foreign investors may cap



sharp gains. Investors may remain cautious ahead of inflation data from the US and India on Thursday. USD/INR spot price is expected to trade in a range of Rs 81 to Rs 82," Choudhary said.

"The biggest drag on the

market in the near-term is the

continuous sessions, which has

taken the cumulative cash mar-

ket selling to Rs 16,587 crore,

said V K Vijayakumar, Chief

Investment Strategist at Geojit

Financial Services.

The dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, advanced 0.06 per cent to 103.30.

Global oil benchmark Brent crude futures rose 0.42 per cent to USD 80.44 per barrel

On the domestic equity market front, the 30-share BSE Sensex declined 9.98 points or 0.02 per cent to end at 60,105.50, while the broader NSE Nifty fell 18.45 points or 0.1 per cent to 17,895.70.

"Rupee extended its gains ahead of inflation numbers that will be released on Thursday. The expectation of inflows in the bond segment is supporting the currency," said Gaurang Somaiya, Forex & Bullion Analyst, Motilal Oswal Financial Services.

Direct tax collection grows 24.58 pc to ₹14.71 lakh crore till Jan 10

cent

PTI NEW DELHI

The country's gross direct tax collection rose 24.58 per cent to Rs 14.71 lakh crore till January 10 this fiscal, buoyed by an upsurge in personal income tax mop-up, the government data showed on Wednesday.

After adjusting refunds, net direct tax collection stood at Rs 12.31 lakh crore, 19.55 per cent higher than the net collections for the corresponding period of last year.

The net collection is 86.68 per cent of the total budget estimates of direct taxes for the current fiscal. The Budget had estimated direct tax collection at Rs 14.20 lakh crore this fiscal.

On gross basis, collections from corporate income tax (CIT) grew 19.72 per cent, while that for personal income tax (PIT) increased 30.46 per

India generates around 3.4

country has risen at a com-

pounded annual growth rate

(CAGR) of 9.7 per cent to 14

MT in the financial year 2016-

17 to 20 million tonnes in

India's plastic waste output also doubled between the said

period, the report titled 'Plastics, The Potential and

September approved a revised

policy which provides for long-

term leasing of railway land for cargo related activities for a

period of up to 35 years at 1.5 per cent of market value of

strategic sale would spill over

to next financial year when

financial bids would come in

from potential investors

The completion of Concor

land per annum.

Possibilities' said.



"The provisional figures of direct tax collections up to 10th January, 2023 continue to register steady growth. Direct tax collections up to 10th January, 2023 show that gross collections are at Rs 14.71 lakh crore which is 24.58 per cent higher than the gross collections for the corresponding period of last year," the Central

Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) said in a statement. After adjusting refunds, the net growth in CIT collections is 18.33 per cent and that in PIT (including securities transaction tax) is 20.97 per cent.

Healthcare tech industry body seeks cut in customs duty, removal of health cess on medical devices in Budget

POWERGRID CSR bids for mother-child care



head of the Budget, Amedical Technology Association of India (MTaI) on Wednesday urged the government to reduce customs duties and removal of health cess on imported medical devices.

MTaI, which represents medical technology companies, appreciated the various reforms undertaken by the government during the previous year, but said that more was needed to be done as 80 per cent of the medical devices used are imported.

MTal Chairman and Director General Pavan Choudary said the customs duties and taxes levied on medical devices in India are one of the highest in the world and highest among the neighbouring countries which directly impacts patients' affordability.

"As the preparation for the



Union Budget 2023 gets under-MTaI said the high cusway, we expect a correction in toms duty has adversely impacted the costs of medical the customs duties and taxes devices in India and it should levied on medical devices," Choudary said. The sector, he added, requires more focus in gov-

be reduced to 2.5 per cent. Also, the 5 per cent health cess ad valorem imposed on imported medical devices has ernment outlays and one way further compounded the bur-den on the industry and should to achieve this is by increasing the public health spending to meet the current gaps in healthcare demand and supply. be removed.

There is a need for He also suggested the governfocussed increase in public ment should consider a sepaspending on health infrastrucrate budget allocation for proture especially in Tier 2, Tier 3 moting and marketing medical cities and rural areas, MTaI added.

PNS BAGHPAT

s a CSR ini-As a Concentration Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID) signed an MoU CMO. with Baghpat for providing financial assistance

towards establishment of 11 maternal and newborn care units, 8 nutrition rehabilitation centers and mobile pathology labs along with upgradation of the already existing NRC at District Hospital in Baghpat. Along with these estab-lishments, POWERGRID shall also provide funding for the next 12 months towards providing nutri-tious food and protein to malnourished children / underweight children / ado-



lescent girls of the dis-trict. Malnutrition, especially micronutrient deficiencies,

restricts survival, growth and development of children.

It contributes to morbidity and mortality in vulnerable population, resulting in substantial diminution in productive capacity in adulthood and consequent reduction in the nation's economic growth and wellbeing.

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PTI 📕 NEW DELHI

Gold price jumped by Rs 89 to Rs 56,126 per 10 gram in the national capital on Wednesday amid gains in rates of the precious metal globally, according to HDFC Securities.

In the previous trade, the yellow metal had settled at Rs . 56,037 per 10 gram.

Silver also rose Rs 677 to Rs 2019-20, Marico Innovation Foundation said in a report released in the national capital.

69,218 per kilogram. "Spot gold prices in the Delhi markets traded at Rs 56,126 per 10 gram, up Rs 89 per 10 gram. Domestic market gold prices gain was capped by a stronger rupee," said an ana-lyst at HDFC Securities.

The Indian Institute of Science (IISc) and Praxis In the overseas market, Global Alliance report said, gold was trading higher at USD 1,882.2 per ounce while Maharashtra, Gujarat and silver was up at USD 23.88 per Tamil Nadu contribute 38 per ounce. cent India's plastic waste.

Govt to invite Eols for Concor

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UP signs 79

MoUs worth

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million tonnes (MT) of plastic waste, a report said on The Uttar Pradesh govern-Wednesday noting that only 30 I ment on Wednesday held a per cent of it is recycled. roadshow here in which 79 Over a five-year period, the memorandums of underplastic consumption in the

standing (MoU) worth Rs 76,000 crore were signed, an official release said. Industrial Development

Department Minister Nand Gopal Gupta Nandi addressed eminent industrialists in the roadshow and discussed the changes that have taken place in the state in the last five years and the investment-friendly policies of the Yogi Adityanath government while inviting them to invest in the state, as per the release

The investors who came to participate in the event appreciated the wind of change in the new Uttar Pradesh, it added.

Kamlesh Jain, Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer of Varun Beverages, said: "We have 7 plants in UP. The environment of UP is better than anywhere else. We had to set up a plant in Gorakhpur. The allotment letter for the land arrived within two and a half months. The Uttar Pradesh government is doing great work. We will invest Rs 3,400 crore in Uttar Pradesh".

WorkIndia raises \$12mn in funding led by SBI Holdings

New Delhi: WorkIndia, India's largest blue and gray-collar job portal, has raised \$12 million in its pre-series B funding from SBI Holdings, Tokyo, Yamauchi No.10 Family Office, the founding family of Nintendo, Persol and Insitor.

Kunal Patil, Co-founder, and CEO, WorkIndia said, 'The blue-collar market has seen two phenomena viz one penetration and two, adop-

Bajaj Allianz, Punjab & Sind Bank enter into corporate agency partnership

device sector globally.



PTI NEW DELH

Public sector lender Punjab & Sind Bank and Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance on Wednesday entered into corporate agency partnership, under which bank customers can avail insurance products of the life insurer.

Punjab & Sind Bank is the 25th scheduled commercial bank that is partnering with

Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance for

distributing its life goals-based product suite. The partnership will allow Delhi-headquartered Punjab & Sind Bank's customers to avail a variety of retail life insurance products from Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance includ-

ing term, savings, retirement and investment options, according to a joint statement

Meta, FADA join hands to enable auto dealerships to reach customers digitally

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 $\mathbf{S}_{\mathrm{on}}^{\mathrm{ocial}}$ media platform Meta Son Wednesday said it has joined hands with Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations (FADA) to enable auto dealers across the country to reach consumers digitally. The announcement of the

programme Move with Meta was made at the Auto Expo 2023 here.

It would upskill more than 3,000 auto dealers across the country to build a social presence and digitise using Meta platforms, the social media giant said. FADA, currently, represents 15,000 auto dealers across the country.

With people increasingly relying on digital touchpoints to decide on their automobile

purchases, auto dealers have felt

an urgent need to become discoverable to customers online, it said.

Meta platforms enable auto dealers to build a social pres-ence through its key products, such as Stories, Reels, Business messaging, and Facebook and WhatsApp Groups. It added that Facebook and

Instagram also help auto dealers with a more efficient model of lead generation through hyperlocal outreach.

PTI 📕 NEW DELHI The government will this month invite Expression of Interest or preliminary bids for privatising Container Corporation of India (Concor),

The official said the bid which is essentially a group of key Cabinet ministers.

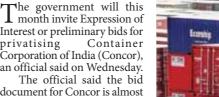
"We are trying hard to issue the Preliminary Information Memorandum inviting Expression of Interest (EoI) for Concor as quickly as possible. It should be issued this month, subject to approval," the official told PTI

The Cabinet, in November 2019, had approved strategic sale of a 30.8 per cent stake,



along with management control, in Concor out of the gov ernment equity of 54.80 per cent. The government will retain 24 per cent stake post sell-off but without any veto powers.

However, the stake sale was hanging fire as investors awaited clarity on the rail land lease policy and licensing fees. The Union Cabinet in



document for Concor is almost ready and has to get approval from 'Alternative Mechanism'

privatisation this month



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INDIA EYEING ANOTHER BIG WIN WITH ROHIT, VIRAT IN FULL FLOW

PTI KOLKATA

Buoyed by the form of its top three batters, a clinical India will look to take an unassailable 2-0 lead when they face Sri Lanka in the second ODI here on Thursday.

Having ended his century drought for nearly three years in a T20I against Afghanistan in the Asia Cup in September, Virat Kohli has not looked back since then especially in the white ball format and brought up his 73rd International century in their 67-run win in Guwahati on Tuesday.

He looked in supreme control in the first ODI in Guwahati on Tuesday and made Sri Lanka pay the price for two dropped chances to slam a back-to-back ODI hundreds that formed the backbone of India's massive 373 for seven. It was like the Kohli of the old as he looked uncluttered and no Sri Lankan bowler troubled him.

Returning from an injury, Indian skipper Rohit Sharma too allayed any concerns whatsoever of being short on match-fitness as he took on the Lankan attack in a 67-ball 83 to set the

total. He seemed to be in his zone before coming to his favourite venue Eden Gardens.

The last time the two teams met in an ODI here, Rohit struck that world record 264 eight years back. Now here in his favourite venue as the Indian skipper, Rohit would be definite-

ly keen to get to a big score. That an ODI century is also eluding him since a long time — his last ODI hundred came against Australia in January 2020 would also be an added motivation.

Add young opener Shubman Gill's splendid ODI run to Indian top three and Indian top-order looks sorted and would once again look to dominate the pedestrian Lankan attack

Having got unflinching sup-port from his skipper, Gill was back as opener in the ODI format at the expense of left-handed keeper-batter Ishan Kishan, a selection that copped a lot of criticism in Guwahati.

But Gill silenced all that debate with yet another aesthetic knock of 70 off just 60 balls as he continued his fine form from



last year during which he has averaged 70-plus from 12 innings

With Shreyas Iyer also coming back from a dream ODI run last year and occupying the no 4 spot with his flair for tackling

spin and rotating strike in the middle overs, the only spot that may open up in the batting order is that of KL Rahul.

Rahul, who also doubles up as a wicketkeeper, has been in

wretched form of late but may

get a longer run especially in the

ries to prolong Kishan's wait. Mohammed Siraj continued to raise his stakes and looked terrific with the new ball in an opening spell of 5-1-15-2, laced with 25 dot balls on a flat deck

at Barsapara Stadium.

On Eden's fast deck, Siraj will relish the challenge bowling with old warhorse Mohammed Shami as it remains to be seen whether the team think tank opts for an extra seamer.

role of the enforcer in the middle overs till Dasun Shanaka took on him en route to a fine century

The young pace gun is a work in progress and would look

work in progress and would look to improve with every match. Skipper Dasun Shanaka has been the only silver-lining for Sri Lanka in a lopsided contest in Guwahati. From being 179/7, the premier Lankan all-rounder gave the visitors some hope with a valiant 108 not out as he would look to continue his fine form

Taking full advantage of the dew, Shanaka took Indian bowling to cleaners but they would need a collective effort from their batters to give India any fight.

With opener Pathum Nissanka also in good form, the Lankans would look to put up a strong show with the batting.

But the biggest letdown for the Sri Lankans was their fielding as they dropped Kohli twice. They would also hope for an improved show from their bowlers especially in the powerplay where they gave a lot of width to Indian batters.

whether Sri Lanka will get the services of left-arm seamer Dilshan Madushanka who made his debut in Guwahati.

He hurt his right shoulder while fielding and coach Chris Silverwood said they are awaiting the X-ray to make sure everything is okay. TEAMS (FROM)

India: Rohit Sharma (c), Hardik Pandya (vc), Shubman Gill, Virat Kohli, Suryakumar Yadav, Shreyas Iyer, KL Rahul (wk), Ishan Kishan (wk), Washington Sundar, Yuzvendra Chahal, Kuldeep Yadav, Axar Patel, Mohammed Shami, Mohammed Siraj, Umran Malik and Arshdeep

Singh Sri Lanka: Dasun Shanaka (c), Kusal Mendis (vc), Pathum Nissanka, Avishka Fernando, Sadeera Samarawickrama, Charith Asalanka, Dhananjaya de Silva, Wanindu Hasaranga, Ashen Bandara, Maheesh Theekshana, Chamika Karunaratne, Dilshan Madushanka, Kasun Rajitha, Nuwanidu Fernando (ÓDIs), Dunith Wellalage, Pramod Madushan, Lahiru Kumara.Match starts: 1.30pm IST.

I was in denial about my vulnerability, frustration was creeping in: In-form Kohli recalls prolonged lean patch

PTI GUWAHATI

Aremarkably eloquent Virat Kohli admitted being in complete denial about his "vulnerabilities" and "frustrations" during his poor run of form, which in turn also made him "cranky" and "snappy" with his family and friends.

Kohli smashed his 45th ODI hundred, a 87-ball 113, to guide India to a 67-run win over Šri Lanka in the opening game here on Tuesday.

The 34-year-old batter had scored an identical 113 against Bangladesh in his final ODI of 2022 and has now 73 international hundreds with the last three coming in a space of four months after a near three year lull.

"In my case, in denial, frustration was creeping in. I was very cranky, very snappy in my space. It was not fair on (wife) Ánushka (Sharma), my closed ones, its not fair on the people who support you. So I had to take responsibility and kind of put things in perspective," Kohli told teammate Suryakumar

Yadav in an interview for bcci.Tv. Kohli reiterated the need to

when I realised that I can't be



sion in order to rekindle it and feel hungry once again. am vulnerable, I am not playing "I was far off from my crick-

well, I am the worst player around, I have to accept it. I can't et. My attachments, my desire, be in denial," Kohli admitted his had totally taken over. That's frailties.

advice for Surva, who is in the form of his life as far as T20Is are concerned.

"Sometimes what happens, you (Surya) will also experience it as you play more and more

ently. When Surya goes out to play, people will say that Surya will do it. To keep up with it is an intense process," he told his

junior colleague about the weight of expectations that he has carried for more than a decade now. One only realises the down-

side when form deserts a player, said Kohli.

"When your cricket is going well, all these things flow well but whenever there is a slight dip, in my case, frustration started creeping in because I wanted to play in a certain way but my cricket was not allowing me to play like before."

Kohli said that he would like to build on his good form having started the new year with a hundred.

"I am just happy... In the last two years I didn't have such a start," Kohli said.

"It was the first match of the year and I got a century, so hope-fully, I can build on this because it is also a World Cup year and there is a big Test series coming against Australia.

"When you score runs in any match, it gives you confidence. I am happy I was able to ost bat through the innings,

to give the team 20-30 extra runs with dew coming in. I am just happy and excited to play."

Kohli stressed on the need to get away and comeback refreshed, an approach that has helped him get rejuvenated.

"Sometimes your mindset goes up and down when you play so much, but keeping that mental freshness is helping me." The former India skipper

had endured an extended lean patch for last few years and also took a month off from the game last year before returning to score his first hundred in 1020 days in September against Afghanistan in T20 Asia Cup.

Kohli continued his magnificent run in the T20 World Cup in Australia, scoring 205 runs to be named the ICC Men's Player of the 'Month for October'. He then smashed his 44th ODI hundred in December last year.

When I returned relaxed in Asia Cup, I started enjoying training again, which is how I have always played cricket," he said.

So I would say that if you feel even a bit of desperation then take two steps back, rather pushing more and more because



KL has found ways to get

out, coaches should work

player according to him. "Hardik has looked good as a leader and seems that he can carry the team along. But he needs to be careful about his back as he had been out for a long time. "India would need Hardik, the all-rounder and we can't afford to risk injuries. Hardik has got a young team and that's the way forward. To forge a winning combination, it will need strong co-ordination for the upcoming T20 series."

Indian selectors have copped a lot of flak of late and Azhar would ideally like his former teammate and chairman of Chetan

Playing in T20 leagues will prepare me for ODI World Cup: Joe Root

runs.

year at Kochi even as country-

mate Sam Curran went for a

record sum of Rs 18.25 crore and

the current Test skipper Ben

Stokes earned Rs 16.25 crore.



With an eye on the ODI World Cup in India this year, former England Test skipper Joe Root is hoping to further fine-tune his 50-over skills by playing in domestic T20 leagues such as the ILT20 in the UAE.

While Root has played more than 150 ODIs, scoring 6,207 runs at an average of 50.05, he still feels leagues like the ILT20, beginning in Dubai on January 13, will give him the necessary versatility as England aim to retain the 50-over World Cup.

"I have a lot of experience in playing 50-over cricket now. I have got a good understanding of how to play in ODIs. "I really want to develop my

white-ball game further and if there is anything that I can add to my 50-over game, it will come from playing more T20 cricket and putting myself in situations I have not found myself frequently during the course of my career so far," said Root, who will play for Dubai Capitals in ILT20.

While Root has been one of England's most trusted toporder batters in Tests and ODIs, Ranji Trophy: Prashant scores ton as Himachal take first-innings lead

PTI NADAUN

Prashant Chopra completed his 12th first-class century as scoring runs aplenty, he has only played 32 T20Is, scoring 893 the Himachal Pradesh opener helped the hosts take the first-The 32-year-old went innings lead in their Ranji Trophy Group A match against Odisha on Wednesday. unsold in his very first IPL auction (base price Rs 1 crore) this

The dependable opener's 198-ball 138 was the highlight of the day as Himachal quickly got on with the task of erasing the opponents' first-innings lead.

Indicating that he wants to Beginning the day at 91/2 in get a good grip on the shortest reply to Odisha's first-innings total of 191, Himachal had only format, given that all the money now is in domestic leagues, Prashant to thank for guiding them to a modest 258 even as the visitors' seam bowler Sunil Roul wreaked havoc

The 24-year-old Roul created a lot of hurdles for the hosts with his nagging line and length.

But Prashant, starting from where he had left off on Tuesday at 61, kept accumulating runs



and punished any loose deliveries by dispatching them for boundaries. The opener ended up with 18 fours and a six with a healthy strike rate of almost 70 to boot.

The seasoned batter, in the process, completed his 4,000 first-class runs even as Roul continued to chip away, returning figures of 6/62.

Prashant finally fell victim to a Roul delivery, trapped in front of the wicket. His dismissal

opened the floodgates as none of the Himachal batters could play the wily bowler with confidence

Himachal wicketkeeper-batter Praveen Thakur and Mayank Dagar departed without opening their account, while tailenders Vaibhav Arora and Kanwar Abhinay too fell cheaply. Soon, the hosts' batting wound up at 258 in 76.5 overs. At stumps on day two,

Odisha were 29 without loss in

13 overs with Anurag Sarangi and Shantanu Mishra unbeaten on 14 and 15 respectively. BRIEF SCORES

At Nadaun: Odisha 191 and 29 for no loss in 13 overs vs Himachal Pradesh 258 in 76.5 overs (Prashant Chopra 138, Amit Kumar 46; Sunil Roul 6/62). At Kalyani: Baroda 269 in 100.1 overs (Jyotsnil Singh 85, Priyanshu Moliya 50, Mahesh Pithiya 52; Mukesh Kumar 3/56, Akash Deep 4/71) vs Bengal 189 for 9 in 59 overs (Anustup Majumdar 90; Soyeb Sopariya 3/43, Sahejadkhan Pathan 4/46). At Rohtak: Nagaland 88 in 42.1 overs (Shrikant Mundhe 32; Amit Rana 5/15) vs Haryana 56 for 2 in 14.5 overs (Yuvraj Singh batting 38).

At Lucknow: Uttar Pradesh 107 for 6 in 52 overs (Dhruv Jurel 29, Sameer Choudhary batting 28; Agrim Tiwari 2/17) vs Uttarakhand

consistency is missing in his ame," Azharuddin told PTI in an exclusive interaction.

PTI NEW DELHI

✓L Rahul needs to be way

Kmore consistent and work

on his technical flaws with

national team coaches, feels for-

mer India captain Mohammed Azharuddin. The 57-year-old

Azhar, whose elegant wrist work

made him a cynosure of crick-

et fans, is a bit disappointed that

a player of Rahul's talent isn't

realising his full potential. "I think consistency is the problem in KL Rahul's case. But

I think there are coaches who

should rectify his flaws. In my

opinion, he is a good player but

Rahul, who has had a string of poor scores since his international comeback, was bowled round his legs for a sedate 39 in the opening ODI against Sri Lanka in Guwahati on Tuesday.

"I think Rahul is getting out in a lot of manners. Primarily, it is not the good balls that are getting him out. It is poor shot selection first up that is causing problems," said Azhar, who believes that all senior players should take out time and play domestic cricket.

Limited over captain Rohit Sharma and superstar Virat Kohli were among runs in the opening ODI and Azharuddin feels that these two will be India's premier performer dur-ing the 50-over World Cup at the end of the year. "Both are very good and classy players and they have done well in the past too, as the records say. I do believe Kohli and Rohit will do fairly well in the World Cup. In ODI format, they have always been pretty consistent.'

Having captained the Indian team in two phases and close to a decade between 1990 to 1999, Azharuddin has a fair idea about people with leadership acumen. Hardik Pandya, the

clear the air about certain selections so that there is no ambiguity. "Definitely, Chetan is supposed to be doing at least one or two press conferences and should tell that what is the way forward for the current Indian team," he was forthright. He has now been the president of Hyderabad Cricket Association for more than a year but had his share of differences with former India players like Arshad Ayub and Shivlal Yadav with regards to running the administration.

"It has been good so far. We are fighting to revive the lost reputation of the Hyderabad Cricket Association. We have had a lot of work done (in terms of renovation) in the Stadium arena as well as dressing rooms.

'When I took charge, it was all in pathetic condition. We will be hosting our second international match in three months time (vs New Zealand). We are very happy that the BCCI has recognized our hardwork and matches are being allotted to us," Azharuddin said.

It must be mentioned BCCI awards matches to every centre as per its own devised rotation system and thus Hyderabad is hosting a T20 and ODI in a short span of time.

Murphy earns maiden call-up, Australia name spin-heavy squad for Test tour of India

PTI MELBOURNE

 $U_{\mathrm{Murphy,\,with\,\,all\,\,of\,\,seven\,\,match}}^{\mathrm{ncapped}$ off-spinner Todd first-class experience, received his maiden Test call-up as Australia on announced a spin-heavy squad for their upcoming four-Test series in India starting February 9.

Looking for their first Test series win in India since 2004, Australia will play Test matches in Nagpur (February 9-13), New Delhi (February 17-21), Dharamsala (March 1-5) and Ahmedabad (March 9-13). The 22year-old from Victoria will join fellow

spinners Ashton Agar, Mitchell Swepson and Nathan Lyon in the 18member squad which also includes Peter Handscomb and Matthew Renshaw as batting back-ups.

Owing to a finger injury, Mitchell Starc will miss the first Test in Nagpur on February 9 and is likely to join his pace colleagues -- captain Pat Cummins, Josh Hazlewood, Scott Boland and Lance Morris later for rest of the series. All-rounder Cameron Green will also be part of the contingent as he races against time to recover from a finger fracture.

"We have selected a squad that pro-



vides the depth and flexibility required to adapt depending on the conditions we may encounter," former skipper and current chief selector George Bailey said in a statement.

On Murphy's call-up, Bailey said:

"Todd Murphy has progressed quick-ly having impressed in domestic cricket and recently with Australia A. With those performances Todd has emerged as a strong spin option."

Murphy will be Nathan Lyon's understudy, having taken 29 wickets in his seven first-class games so far. He has also played 14 List A and 8 T20 games

'Ashton Agar continues to impress following his comeback in Sydney and we believe left-arm finger spin will play an important role in Indian conditions. Mitchell Swepson has recent Test experience in the sub-continent and offers leg-spinning variety.'

While Handscomb will join Renshaw as the batting backups, Marcus Harris was left out.

"Peter Handscomb deserves his place back in the squad. His domestic form has been strong recently and Pete has proven he can perform at the Test level," Bailey said. "His experience against spin on the subcontinent is valuable and he is also an exceptionally good close to the wicket catcher.'

Handscomb last played a Test in 2019. Australia will also play three ODIs in India but the squad for the limited over series will be announced at a later date.

Root hoped he could score big in ILT20 and then take his T20 career further.

"It's really exciting for me. I haven't played a lot of T20 cricket in the last couple of years, but my experience as a cricketer will hold me in good stead," said Root, who was not part of the team's T20 World Cup run in 2021 and 2022, though he was

a part of the side that won the ODI World Cup at Lord's in 2019. "Hopefully, I can go out there and get some big scores to

help our team win some match-Root also said that Sachin

Tendulkar was his icon and a "standout" for him when he was growing up.

"I mean obviously there are some wonderful players currently playing but look at what Sachin (Tendulkar) has achieved; it's just remarkable really, the longevity, the ability to be such a high-performing player at such a young age, and then to be able to sustain and to keep developing and moving forward in the game," Root told Zee



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AUSTRALIAN OPEN 2023: UNVACCINATED DJOKOVIC BACK, YEAR LATER

AP BRISBANE

ovak Djokovic had just Wrapped up last season by winning the ATP Finals for a record sixth time when, rather than looking ahead to 2023, his mind immediately went back to the way 2022 began: He was unable to compete in last year's Australian Open after being deported from the country because he was not vaccinated against COVID-19.

That whole episode, and the decision to eschew the shots required for entry elsewhere, too, helped define his season and, perhaps to some, his legacy. So as he reflected on his triumph at the year-ending championships in Italy last November, Djokovic viewed it through the prism of what occurred in Australia last January. "It feels deeply satisfying and, at the same time, huge relief, because of the circumstances that I have been through this year — situations earlier this year, of course, with Australia. ... That had an effect, obviously, on my start of the year," the 35-yearold from Serbia said. "For the first several months, I was trying to find that balance, gamewise but also mentally, in order to be able to come back to the

court and find that tennis level that I need. When the new Grand Slam season begins at the Australian Open on Monday morning (Sunday night EST), Djoković will be back. Back in Australia despite never getting inoculated against the coronavirus thanks to government decisions Australia by winning a tuneup

to remove any vaccination requirements for visitors and to waive what could have been three-year ban for him as someone whose visa had been revoked. Back at a tournament he has dominated like no other, resulting in nine of his 21 major trophies, including the past three times he played there.

Back in position to strive for elite status and to challenge his great rival Rafael Nadal for supremacy in the Grand Slam title chase. Sure, it is Nadal who is the defending champion and who owns a men's-record 22 majors. It is Djokovic, though, who will draw the most attention. And it is Djokovic who will be viewed as the favorite - and would have been, even had he not started off his trip to



title at Adelaide. The lead-up to this Australian Open has been filled with talk about who will not be there: Serena Williams and Roger Federer ended their play-ing careers in 2022, as did Ash Barty; No. 1-ranked Carlos Alcaraz and seven-time major champion Venus Williams are injured; former No. 1 and fourtime Slam winner Naomi Osaka last played a completed match in August; another former topranked player, Simona Halep, is serving a provisional doping suspension. Once play begins, the talk will squarely be about

Djokovic, and most folks in the sport seem to agree he should be back in the field. Nadal, for one, called it "good for tennis."

got in the way," former U.S. Davis Cup captain Mardy Fish said.

Frances Tiafoe, an American who reached the U.S. Open semifinals, said: "We want the biggest players playing in the biggest tournaments in the world, regardless of everything else. We're trying to sell a product at the end of the day, and you want those big names at the big events.

One measure of how much things have changed, even as the coronavirus remains a part of daily life around the world: For the first time since 2020, players at the Australian Open will not need to self-report if they test positive for COVID-19; tournament director Craig Tiley said they're simply being encouraged to stay away if they are sick.

"It's nice to see cooler heads prevailing there, (after) politics Malaysia Open: Sindhu loses to Marin,

Man United, Newcastle advance to League Cup semifinals

AP LONDON

Manchester United cannot stop winning. Marcus Rashford cannot stop scoring. Make that eight straight

wins in all competitions for United after a 3-0 victory over third-tier Charlton Athletic secured a place in the English League Cup semifinals on Tuesday.

Rashford came on as a 60thminute substitute and had enough time to grab two goals, scoring for the sixth game in a row

While United is looking to end what will be a six-year trophy drought, Newcastle has a shot at a first piece of silverware since 1955. September.

The Saudi-controlled club from northeast England distake place Wednesday, when patched Leicester 2-0 thanks to Manchester City visits Southampton and Nottingham goals by Dan Burn and Joelinton and advanced to the last four of Forest hosts Wolverhampton in another all-Premier League the League Cup for the first time since 1976. Not even 18 months into its new era, Newcastle is matchup. perhaps exceeding expectations **RELENTLESS RASHFORD** after rapidly becoming a force in English soccer.

ranked team left in the compe-It is the latest positive step tition, Man United manager in encouraging seasons for two teams who have also estab-Erik ten Hag was able to field a weakened lineup against lished themselves in the top four of the Premier League. Charlton — perhaps in view of



Newcastle and Man United a derby match against Man City are tied on points in third and in the league on Saturday - and fourth place, respectively, and are still come through fine. in relentless form, with just one "I said before the game, No loss between them since

ifs, buts or maybes, we have to be in that semifinal' and we did The other two quarterfinals the job," Ten Hag said.

Brazil winger Antony collected the ball on the right and curled a shot into the far corner from just outside the area to put the hosts ahead in the 21st minute at Old Trafford.

Rashford was one of three substitutes to enter on the hour mark and poked home a finish in the 90th at the culmination of a counterattack to end Charlton's hopes. The England forward then stroked in a leftfooted shot after beating the offside trap, for his 18th goal for club and country this season. Rashford has 15 goals and

six assists in 25 matches for United and is perhaps in the best form of his career.

United is through to the semifinals for the third time in four seasons. It was eliminated by City in the last four in 2020 and '21.

EASY FOR NEWCASTLE

At St. James' Park, Dan Burn was the unlikely scorer of Newcastle's breakthrough goal in the 60th minute, the tall left back taking a pass from Joelinton and surging through Leicester's defense before slipping home a low finish. "I like to get forward and it's

entertaining watching a guy my size running into the box," Burn said after scoring his first goal for the team he grew up supporting. "I used to sit in the East

Stand," he added. "You always want to score in front of the Gallowgate End and to do that in front of my family was amazing." Joelinton, who had earlier hit the post, then scored himself in the 73rd with a low, angled shot.

The 1976 final was the only time Newcastle has reached the League Cup's title match.

Hero Cup gives Europe chance to assess options for Ryder Cup

AP WASHINGTON

For European golf, this year's Ryder Cup is set to mark a break from the past. This week might provide a hint as to who is part of the future.

The Hero Cup match-play event takes place in Abu Dhabi from Friday to Sunday, pitting Britain and Ireland against Continental Europe in a competition that allows European Ryder Cup captain Luke Donald a chance to assess his options eight months out from the contest with the United States outside Rome.

New blood will be needed in Donald's Ryder Cup team because of the likely absence of veteran players - such as Ian Poulter, Lee Westwood and Sergio Garcia, who all play in the Saudi-funded LIV Golf league who have long been the

backbone of Europe's lineup. The Hero Cup, essentially a renewal of The Seve Trophy that had eight editions from 2000-13, is the perfect opportunity for up-and-coming players to prove themselves in a team format and press their case for inclusion in the Ryder Cup, especially with Donald having six captain's



PTI KUALA LUMPUR

Double Olympic medallist PV Sindhu faltered on her return to action after a long injury lay-off but in-form HS Prannoy continued his sensational run to progress to the second round of the Malaysia Open Super 1000 badminton tournament here on Wednesday.

Sixth seed Sindhu, who was playing her first match since she sustained a stress fracture on her left ankle en route her Commonwealth Games gold in August, lost 12-21, 10-21, 15-21 to Rio Olympics champion Carolina Marin of Spain in 59 minutes

Earlier, world No. 8 Prannoy dle, losing 9-21, 13-21 to second lived up to his new status of seed Korean An Se Young. being India's best-ranked men's

The women's doubles pair of Ashwini Bhat and Shikha Gautam lost 10-21, 12-21 to Thailand's Supissara Paewsampran and Puttita Supajirakul.

Sindhu came into the match with a 5-9 head-to-head record against Marin, who had a tough last few years, having suffered an ACL in both her knees.

The Indian had a rusty start as she struggled with her finishing, allowing an aggressive Marin to grab an 11-3 lead at the interval. The Spaniard then zoomed to eight game points with precise returns, converting them at the first opportunity.

In the second game, Sindhu returned the favour, moving to a massive seven-point lead at the break. The Indian followed up her strokes well, playing some excellent shots and looking more polished at the net as she grabbed 10 game points with the Spaniard going to the net time and again.

Sindhu converted it when Marin faltered with her net play again.

In the decider, Marin again found her touch as her crosscourt returns, punch clears and body smashes kept Sindhu at bay. The Spaniard moved into the breather with a four-point advantage after Sindhu went wide.

Korea (world no: 10)

After failing to qualify for the

2018 edition, Korea return to

World Cup action courtesy of a

superb victory at the Asia Cup,

where they defeated Malaysia in

the final. The team has been

involved in two high-profile

competitions in recent months,

finishing runners-up to Malaysia

in the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup in

November. Evergreen 39-year-

old captain Namyong Lee will be

compete in their 11th World Cup,

with the Odisha event being

their seventh in succession. They

are yet to finish higher than sev-

enth, a placing they have achieved

on four separate occasions, but

that could all change this time

a force to reckon with, being

blessed with some genuinely

world-class players in their ranks.

eran striker Simon Child, penal-

ty corner expert Kane Russell,

defensive midfielder Nick Ross

and 19-year-old debutant Charlie

Morrison could be the players to

Defender Blair Tarrant, vet-

The Black Sticks are always

New Zealand are all set to

among the key players. New Zealand (world no: 9)

singles player with a come-

from-behind 22-24, 21-12, 21-

18 victory over Lakshya Sen,

ranked 10th, in an edgy open-

ing-round contest that went for

Kerala will next face Indonesia's

and Chirag Shetty also advanced

to the pre-quarterfinals with a

21-16, 21-13 win over the

Korean pair of Choi Sol Gyu and

meet the Indonesian combina-

tion of Muhammad Shohibul

failed to cross the opening hur-

Fikri and Bagas Maulana.

The world No. 5 pair will

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little over an hour.

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FIH World Cup: Analysis of participating teams

picks.

PTI BHUBANESWAR/ ROURKELA

nalysis of teams participating Ain the FIH Men's Hockey World Cup, beginning here from Friday.

Argentina (world rank: 7)

Rio Olympics champions Argentina are Pan American hockey's falg bearer, having won the continental title on 14 occasions. With a swashbuckling style and incredible technical ability. Los Leones can beat any team in the world on their day, something they showed in their 2-1 victory over reigning Olympic and world champions Belgium in November. But the team coached by former Argentina goalkeeper Mariano Ronconi has struggled in the World Cups, having reached the semifinals only once in their 13 app earances so far — in the 2014 edition when they had finished third. Last time, they topped their group but lost to England 3-2 in the quarterfinals. The loss of star penalty corner specialist Gonzalo Peillat to the German team after playing more than 100 matches for Argentina will be felt.

Agustin Mazzilli, Lucas Vila and team captain Matias Rey named Player of the Tournament as his team swept to victory in the 2022 Pan American Cup in Santiago, Chile to seal their World Cup - are among the players to watch out for despite being well into their 30s. Australia (world no: 1)

The Kookaburras are the most consistent men's hockey team in the last 30 years, having remained in the top four of the FIH World Rankings for the duration of that period. They have won every prize available, including the Olympic, World Cup, FIH Hockey Pro League and Oceania Cup titles.

The team coached by former striker Colin Batch has not played

out loss to Belgium in the Tokyo Olympics in 2021. They, however, claimed a sensational seventh Commonwealth Games title,

Drawn against the lowest-

thrashing India 7-0 in the final in Birmingham in August last year. Since then they have played just five matches against India, winning 4-1 in a high-scoring home series in November-December. Unlike many other teams in

this World Cup, Australia have not started their Pro-League campaign this season but known for fast-paced, attacking hockey with compact defence, there is no doubt that the Australians will go in search of a record-equalling fourth world title. They had lost to the eventual runners-up

Netherlands in the semifinals in the shootout and beat England in the third-place match.

Captain Eddie Ockenden, penalty corner specialist Blake Govers, defender Jake Harvie, midfielder Aran Zalewski will be among the players to watch our for the brilliant Kookaburras. elgium (world no: 2)

Belgium's rise from among European also-rans to the summit of global hockey has been one of the standout stories of the past two decades. In the past last years the Red Lions have won every

major title on offer, including the World Cup (2018), Olympic Games (2021), European Championship (2019) and FIH Hockey Pro League (2020-21).

They are again the favourites to win the title, along with Australia and the Netherlands, and defend the title they won at the Kalinga Stadium four years ago. The team coached by Dutchman Michel van den Heuvel has strength and depth in every department and contains some of the world's finest play-

ers, proven winners who have claimed the biggest titles on the greatest of stages. They, however, have relied

on the tried and tested players with more than half of the squad above 30 years and over (or nearly) 200 matches to their kitty.

In Vincent Vanasch — who lost to India's PR Sreejesh in the FIH Goalkeeper of the Year award — and Loic Van Doren, they have two world class goalkeepers, while Arthur Van Doren, Victor Wegnez, Felix Denaver, Florent Van Aubel, John-John Dohmen, Alexander Hendrickx, Arthur de Sloover and Tom Boon – the latter two both shortlisted for the FIH Hockey Stars Player of the Year Award for 2022 - are all extraordinary talents.

Germany (world no: 4)

With four Olympic gold medals, two World Cups and eight European titles, Germany have an enviable history in international hockey. Tactically astute and technically superb, Die Honamas — as the German national team is known as have a habit of hitting form at Olympic Games and World Cups, something they will be

hoping to repeat here in Odisha. After losing to India in the bronze-medal play-off in the Tokyo Olympics, Germany got a new coach in Andre Henning. The team had a long preparation of more than eight months, winning 13 out of 18 matches in the past year and will look to replicate the same performance in the World Cup.

Forward Niklas Wellen who was one of the nominations for the FIH Best Player award and goalkeeper Alexander Stadler, who was in the running for Best Goalkeeper award, would be among the key players in this German team

Another forward Christopher Rühr and captain Mats Grambusch would be the other star players. The addition of star penalty corner specialist Gonzalo Peillat - the man who fired

Argentina to Olympic gold at Rio 2016 — would only lend potency to the side.

dia (world no: 6)

India won the World Cup once in 1975, and since then have failed to qualify for the semifinals. They won a bronze in the inaugural edition in 1971, clinched a silver in 1973. In the previous edition, also held in Bhubaneswar, they did go past the group round but failed to win a quarterfinal game against the Netherlands. From 1978 to 2014 they could not go past the group stage.

After years of sliding down in the world game, culminating to the failure to qualify for the 2008 Olympic Games — a competition they had won a record eight times — India are back at the top table.

A bronze medal at the Tokyo Olympic Games was a landmark moment for the team, following it up with a third-place finish in the 2021-22 edition of the FIH Hockey Pro League.

Since Graham Reid took over the head coach's position,

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India's stature has grown up. He has been able to get the best out of the players, injecting a tactical discipline to their trademark

skilful, fluid playing style, making them a team that is respected and feared in equal measure. After losing to Australia 0-7

in the Birmingham Commonwealth Games final, India had improved a lot in the away series against the Kookaburras. India lost 1-4 in the high-scoring series but contested on equal footing in three matches and notched up a rare win against their formidable opponents

Captain and FIH Player of the Year Harmanpreet Singh, a fabulous defender and one of the best drag flickers in the game, will be the key player while goalkeeper PR Sreejesh, midfield ace Manpreet Singh and Hardik Singh, and striker Mandeep Singh are all capable of bringing about game-changing moments.

Defender Amit Rohidas, who has captained the team in the past and also takes penalty corners, and forward Akashdeep Singh will be among the other players to watch out for. etherlands (world no: 3)

Under head coach Jeroen Delmee, the legendary Dutch defender who as a player won two Olympic gold medals, the Netherlands have found consistency in their performance. Since taking charge in the latter part of 2021, Delmee has injected a significant amount of fresh talent into the Oranje squad. The young guns rose to the challenge in style, winning 12 of their 16 matches in the 2021-22 edition of the FIH Hockey Pro League to win the title for the first time.

Having suffered painful make it third time lucky this time crown, a feat only Pakistan have managed to achieve.

Captain Thierry Brinkman, striker Koen Bijen, penalty corner ace Jip Janssen and goalkeeper Pirmin Blaak will be among

defeats in the last two FIH Men's World Cup finals, the Netherlands will be aiming to around and win a fourth world

the players to watch out for.

England played in World Cup final only once, in 1986,

when they lost to Australia 1-2 in front of their home crowd in London. They finished fourth in the last three editions and the current team under new head coach Paul Revington will be hoping to win its maiden title.

But they have come in this World Cup with a young squad, with 10 players having zero experience at this level.

Zach Wallace, Condon David, Martin Harry and Roper Phill will be among the England players to watch out for. Spain (world no: 8)

Spain hosted the first-ever World Cup in 1971. So far in hockey's most prestigious event, Spain have played in the finals twice, in 1971 and 1998, but failed to win the crown. They will be the dark horse in Pool D which also has India, England and wales. Recent wins against teams like India and New Zealand will surely make them believe that a young squad can beat the best teams in the world.

Under coach Max Caldas, Spain will expect Alvaro Iglesias, Ricardo Sanchez and Enrique Gonzalez to play the playmaking

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matured than teams of past: Hassan Sardar from Friday. India is pitted in told PTI Bhasha in an exclusive

Current Indian hockey team is way more

He used to be a resident threat to Indian hockey teams of late '70s and early '80s but Hassan Sardar, Pakistan's master centre forward of yestervears is amazed to see the maturity shown by the national team from the neighbouring nation in recent years.

In his opinion Australia, Belgium and Netherlands are other strong contenders apart from India.

The FIH Men's Hockey World Cup gets underway in Bhubaneswar and Rourkela

group D along with England, Spain and Wales.

Olympic gold medallist Sardar, who mesmerized the Indian hockey loving public with 11 goals during the 1982 World Cup in Mumbai, feels that there is not much difference between Harmanpreet Singh led team and other top nations.

"I had said before the Tokyo Olympics that this Indian team is capable of winning medals at the highest level. They won bronze but there is hardly any major difference in top 4 teams in world hockey now," Sardar

interview from Pakistan.

"This Indian team is way more focussed and matured. Add to it, they have an added advantage playing at home ground. I have seen a hockey tournament in Odisha and would like to congratulate state CM Naveen Patnaik for promoting hockey in a big way," said the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic gold medallist

> India's lone title win in WC was 48 years back when Ajitpal Singh's defeated Pakistan in the final.