

Pawar 'expels' Praful, urges Speaker to disqualify Ajit

Praful retains Sharad as NCP national prez, sacks Maharashtra NCP chief Jayant

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In a significant decision taken a day after the dramatic split in his party, NCP chief Sharad Pawar expelled party's newly appointed working president Praful Patel and party leader Sunil Tatkare from the primary membership of the party for "anti-party" activities. Meanwhile, his party moved Maharashtra Assembly Speaker Rahul Narwekar seeking the disqualification of key rebel leader Ajit Pawar and eight other party leaders.

In a counter move akin to the one witnessed after the Eknath Shinde-engineered split in the Shiv Sena in June last year, breakaway NCP working resident Praful Patel, "retained" NCP chief Sharad Pawar as the national president. He sacked NCP state president Jayant Patil and appointed rebel leader Sunil Tatkare in his place with immediate effect.

Announcing the removal of Patel and Tatkare, Sharad said in a letter issued to them that the two leaders had indulged in "anti-party" activities by "facilitating and spearheading" defections of nine MLAs, including Ajit Pawar, "in a surreptitious manner, without the knowledge or con-

sent of the party president." The NCP chief said that the acts by the two leaders amounted to a "clear and absolute" violation of Article 32 of the Constitution of the NCP and the rules framed under Article 21 (vi)(a) of the party constitution. "Your actions of sup-Aiit Pawar and



NCP chief Sharad Pawar addresses supporters after paying tribute to former Maharashtra Chief Minister Yashwantrao Chavan in Karad on Monday

Cong's meeting today to pick LoP even as Sharad names Jitendra for post NCP MLAs were sworn in as

The Maharashtra Congress has scheduled a meeting of its legislators on Tuesday, during which discussions regarding staking a claim to the post of Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly are expected to take place, according to a party leader.

The meeting will be attended by All India Congress Committee secretary HK Patil.

The vacancy for the Leader of the Opposition arose after NCP leader Ajit Pawar resigned on Friday and sub-sequently joined the Shiv Sena-BJP Government as the Deputy Chief Minister. Eight

whom the NCP has moved the are MLAs Chhagan Bhujbal, Dilip Walse-Patil, Hasan Musĥrif, Dhananjay Munde, Dharmarao Baba Atram, Aditi Sunil Tatkare, Sanjay Bansode, and Anil Patil.

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ministers Notably, the Nationalist Congress Party, led by Sharad Pawar, appointed MLA Jitendra Awhad as the Leader of the Opposition.

"Tomorrow, the Congress has convened a meeting of its legislators where discussions are likely to take place on staking a claim to the position of the Leader of the Opposition," said Congress Legislature Party leader Balasaheb Thorat.

Sharad had earlier stated the Congress, as a constituent of the MVA alliance, is justified in claiming the post of Leader of the Opposition. Continued on Page 2

Ajit will replace Shinde as CM, say Uddhav Sena, Cong; BJP trashes claim

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The Shiv Sena (UBT) and the Congress have claimed that NCP leader Ajit Pawar, who recently took oath as the Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra, will soon replace Chief Minister Eknath Shinde.

Chief Minister Eknath Shinde. However, the BJP has dis-missed such talks, saying the speculation of Shinde losing the chief minister's post is nothing but kite-flying. Ajit's sudden decision to split from the NCP and join the ruling coalition led by Shinde and the BJP has sent shock-waves through Maharashtra's political landscape. Eight NCP political landscape. Eight NCP leaders were also sworn in as ministers in the Shinde-BJP Government.

The Shiv Sena (UBT) mouthpiece 'Saamana' pub-lished an editorial stating that Ajit has set a record by becoming the Deputy Chief Minister once again. "This time the 'deal' is strong," the editorial added, hinting at a significant

power shift in the State. According to the editorial, "Pawar has not taken up the deputy CM's post just for that. Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and rebel MLAs of the Sena will soon face disqualification, paving the way for Pawar's

coronation." Senior Congress leader

Prithviraj Chavan also assert-ed that the BJP has promised



Ajit the position of Maharashtra Chief Minister. However, senior BJP leader Madhav Bhandari said all these

talks are nothing but kite flying. "First of all the disqualification petition pending with the speaker will not go against us. Even if it does, the fallout won't impact the government as we have enough numbers."

With Ajit Pawar's move to join the ruling coalition, the dynamics of Maharashtra's pol-itics have undergone a signifi-cant change. Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Sanjay Raut claimed that Shinde would lose the CM poet CM post.

Raut stated, "Shinde and 15 other MLAs will undoubtedly face disqualification, and the BJP has brought in Pawar to save the government. Once Shinde is disqualified, Pawar will eventually take over as the Chief Minister.

Responding to a query, Chavan confirmed that he had publicly spoken about the possibility of Ajit aligning with the BIP and faced criticism for it. Continued on Page 2

Meeting with Council of Mins fruitful: Modi

PM takes feedback, calls for getting ready to take on future challeges

PNS NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday described as "fruitful" a lengthy meeting of council of ministers that he presided over, dis-cussing key organisational issues, ahead of the Lok Sabha

elections, next year. "A fruitful meeting with the Council of Ministers, where we exchanged views on diverse policy related issues," said the Prime Minister after the conclusion of the meeting at the convention centre of Pragati Maidan

Many of the ministers presented their ministries' report on various Central schemes and their implementation to the Prime Minister, according to sources.

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contentious decision.

Modi took the feedback begins from July 20, could be from his colleagues and called the last window for such an for preparing for "challenges" exercise. ahead

The important meeting has come amid a heightened buzz about a likely Cabinet reshuffle following a series of meetings of the ruling BJP's top brass like Amit Shah and JP Nadda with Modi last month.

What has added to the reshuffle buzz is that the period before Parliament's Monsoon Session, which



elections

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Nearly four years after the Government abrogated Article 370 that bestowed spe-A head of the Monsoon ses-sion of Parliament, which is set to begin on July 20 and durcial status on the erstwhile which the Modi state of Jammu and Kashmir, a ing Government is expected to five-judge constitution bench headed by Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud will table a bill on the Uniform Civil Code (UCC), the parliamentary take up for hearing on July 11 panel on law held an important meeting on the issue on a batch of pleas challenging the Monday

According to a notice Panel chairman and BJP IP Sushil Modi keeping the tribals of the North East out of the purview of the UCC.

ten statements questioning the Law Commission's move to invite suggestions on the UCC from the public and other stakeholders. They highlighted that the previous Law Commission, whose term ended on August 31, 2018, had described the UCC as "neither necessary nor desirable" at this stage. Congress' Manickam Tagore also questioned the intent behind the move and

Key Changes in the cabinet

Some of the Union

and party are expected fol-

lowing Modi's extensive brain-

Ministers may be drafted into

the party in the run-up to the

general elections, sources said

adding State-level reshuffle if

office bearers are also on card

ahead of several state assembly

storming on Monday night.

other MLAs who were sworn in as ministers in violation of the party's direction and mandate." Sharad Pawar said, "amounted to the desertion of the party, which in turn invites disqualification from the primary membership."

In his letter to the two leaders, the NCP chief asked them to refrain from misrepresenting before any forum that they had any association with the NCP. "Any such act of misrepresentation would be absolutely unlawful and illegal," he said.

Swift in acting against the nine NCP MLAs, including Ajit Pawar, who were sworn in as ministers in the Eknath Shinde-Devendra Fadnavis Government, the NCP rushed its newly appointed leader of the Opposition in the Assembly Jitendra Awahad to the residence of Assembly Speaker in

the small hours of Monday with a petition seeking the disqualification of Ajit and eight other party MLAs.

Apart from Ajit, the other breakaway party leaders against

On Monday morning, Sharad himself called up the Speaker to confirm the delivery of the petition seeking the qualification of nine MLAs. dis

On his part, Speaker Narwekar confirmed the receipt of the disqualification petition sent by Sharad. However, he said that he was not aware of the exact number of MLAs who were supporting rebel leader Ajit Pawar. "I have absolutely no idea as to how many MLAs are supporting Ajit Pawar," Narwekar said.

Maharashtra NCP presi-dent Jayant Patil said that his party had written to the Election Commission of India, stating that the "nine MLAs have engaged in anti-party activities and the moment they

took the oath as ministers, they stood disqualified."

LG OK's sacking of 400 hired staffers, sparks new flashpoint

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

Delhi Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena has given approval to a proposal by the Services Department to immediately terminate the services of approximately 400 private individuals engaged as Fellows/Associate Fellows/Advisers/Deputy Advisers/Specialists/Senior Research Officers/Consultants in 23 departments, autonomous bodies, public sector units, and other agencies.

This move is likely to spark another confrontation between the Arvind Kejriwal-led Government and the Lieutenant Governor.

According to a statement from Raj Niwas, the appointments of these individuals were made in violation of constitu-Continued on Page 2 | tional provisions regarding



reservation

"The appointments of these personnel were made by flouting the constitutional provisions of reservation; by depriving the people belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and OBCs from their constitutional rights and through back door entry without meeting the qualification / experience. "It was observed that the

provisions of reservations for SC/ST/OBC shall be followed

in all temporary appointments lasting for 45 days or more. and such temporary appointments have been done by the Delhi Government for more than 45 days in all such cases.

"The appointments of these personnel also did not follow the mandatory reserva-tion policy for SC/ST/OBC candidates prescribed by the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT).

"This is an open denial of the rights of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and OBC in Delhi," the statement said.

To protect the rights of these integral sections of the society of India, the LG decided to immediately cancel all such back-door recruitments undertaken in violation of constitutional provisions of reservation

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site on Monday, the five-judge bench, also comprising Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul, Sanjiv Khanna, BR Gavai and Surya Kant will take up the pleas, including the one filed by IAS officer Shah Faesal and others,

for passing directions. Faesal, a 2010 batch IAS officer, the first Kashmiri to have topped the all-India civil services examination, was detained for over a year after Article 370 of the Constitution was scrapped. He had resigned from service and launched Jammu Kashmir People's Movement, a political entity in January 2019. The Government didn't accept his resignation and Faesal, a doctor by profession, was later posted to the Union Culture Ministry.

He had also moved a petition in the Supreme Court against government's decision on Article 370. On August 5, 2019, the Centre decided to strip the erstwhile State of J&K of special status and bifurcate it into two Union Territories. Continued on Page 2

The committee, headed by Modi, had called representatives from the Law Commission and the Law Ministry to discuss a recent notice issued by the law panel seeking the views of stakeholders on the issue of a uniform civil code.

According to sources, some Opposition members questioned the Law Commission's decision to initiate consultations on this contentious issue. Most Opposition members, including those from the Congress and the DMK, linked the push for a UCC to the upcoming Lok Sabha polls next year. Shiv Sena's Sanjay Raut pointed out that many countries have a common civil law but emphasised the need to address the concerns of different communities and regions. He also

consultation. Congress MP Vivek Tankha and DMK MP P Wilson submitted separate writ-

questioned the timing of the

polls.

However, BJP's Mahesh Jethmalani strongly defended the UCC, citing debates in the constituent assembly and asserting its historical significance. Sushil, in his comments, advocated for excluding tribals, including those in the North East, from the scope of any proposed UCC, emphasising that all laws have exceptions. It was also noted in the meeting that certain central laws do not apply in some N-E States with-

out their concurrence. Law Commission officials stated that they have received around 19 lakh suggestions thus far since the consultation process began following a public notice on June 13. The consultation will continue until July 13. Approximately 17 out of 31 members of the panel attended the meeting. In other news, the BJP-

ruled state of Uttarakhand has completed its expert committee report on the UCC and aims to be the first State to implement it.

CAPSULE

DON'T AID KHALISTANIS, INDIA WARNS CANANDA

New Delhi: External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Monday warned Canada against giving space to Khalistani elements, Jaishankar's statement came after it came to light that Khalistani threat posters in Canada were featuring names of Indiar diplomats.

HC DISMISSES BAIL PLEA OF SISODIA

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court on Monday dismissed the bail plea of AAP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia who was arrested on March 9 by the FD in connection with a money laundering case related to alleged irregularities in the excise policy

SC raps Delhi Govt for inability to fund RRTS STAFF REPORTER MINEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday slammed the Delhi Government for expressing its inability to contribute funds for construction of the Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) project and directed it to furnish details of funds spent on advertisements in the

last three financial years. The funds were meant for

construction of the RRTS stretch that will connect the national Capital with Rajasthan and Harvana

Meanwhile, the BJP was quick to attack Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, alleging that the Delhi Government has spent Rs 1,868 crore on adver-



tisements in the last five years.

"Kejriwal's Govt has expressed inability to fund the NCR Rapid Rail project, citing lack of funds. Kejriwal, in the last 5 years, has spent a whopping 1,868 crore on advertise ments, that is more than 31 crore per month and approx 1.2 crore per day!" BJP IT-cell Amit Malviya tweeted. Continued on Page 2 head

CBI chargesheets Lalu, Rabri, Tejashwi in lands-for-jobs scam

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The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has filed a charge sheet in the land-for-jobs scam case, naming Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Tejashwi Yadav, his father and former Railways Minister Lalu Prasad, and mother and former Chief Minister Rabri Devi, along with 14 others.

This charge sheet, the second one in the case, has been filed based on new documents and evidence that surfaced after the submission of the first charge sheet, according to



officials familiar with the matter. In addition to the Yadav family members, the CBI has also named AK Infosystems and several middlemen as defendants in the case.

filed before a special CBI court, as the alleged roles of the accused could not be fully covered in the initial report, officials said

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Update on steps taken to end violence, SC directs Manipur

PNS NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday directed the Manipur Government to file an updated status report detailing steps taken for rehabilitation, improving the law and order situation and recovery of arms in the ethnic violence-hit State.

The State Government, meanwhile, told the bench headed by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud that though slowly, the situation is improving and now the curfew time has come down to five in 24 hours.

"Just tell us what steps have been taken with regard to rehabilitation camps, law and order and the recovery of



Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh addresses the media after holding a key security meeting, in Imphal, on Monday

arms," said the bench, also comprising justices P S Narasimha and Manoj Misra, 10.

while listing a batch of petitions on the issue for hearing on July Continued on Page 2

The charge sheet has been

5 Marlas of land for J&K PMAY(G) beneficiaries

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE JAMMU

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The Government of Jammu Kashmir has approved a proposal for the allotment of 5 Marlas of land each to landless PMAY(G) beneficiaries. The decision was taken by the Administrative Council on 21st June 2023. However, the announcement was made by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha in Srinagar on Monday.

Addressing media persons LG Manoj Singh said, "The present allotment is restricted to only the left out cases of the Permanent waiting list (PWL) 2018-19, which may later, at the time of the launch of the next phase of the PMAY(G) scheme in 2024-25 be extended to the same categories of landless beneficiaries, who otherwise become eligible for getting housing assistance under

PMAY(G) Phase-III". "It is a historic day for Jammu Kashmir and a new beginning for thousands of landless families," Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said,

adding that this historic deci-

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sion will prove to be a golden chapter in the Administration's effort for social justice, equality, respect, and equal opportunities to all citizens. "This path-breaking deci-

sion will not only entitle the landless poor to own a piece of land and have a house but it will also provide them means of livelihood, raise their living land available for construct standards and realize their dreams and aspirations," the Lt tion. overnor said.

The Lt Governor said the oor section of the society is at the centre of government policies and a substantial population that was devoid of basic facilities and rights even after seven decades of Independence is being brought to the mainstream of development.

According to the proposal approved by the UT administration the following categories of Awaas plus beneficiaries will be considered by the Deputy Commissioner concerned for the allotment of land under the JK revenue laws:

Forest land, in Rakhs, and Farms land, where construction is not permitted; People sitting on Custodian land; and Land allotted to displaced people by the Government near Dachigam Park for agricul-ture purposes, where construction is not permitted. Any other category of cases who are otherwise eligible for housing but do not have any

> According to official sources, "The Ministry of Rural Development, GoI, on 30th May 2023, allocated an additional target of 199550 Houses to UT of J&K for FY 2023-24 for saturation of the Awaas + list (PWL 2018-19)".

It has been desired by the Ministry to sanction these houses by 30th June, 2023 and ensure completion by 31st March, 2024. As of date 144385 houses have been registered and 141371 houses have been sanctioned to eligible households enlisted in Awaas + PWL against the aforementioned People residing on State land, target

leader Ajit Pawar, Sule said,

"Ajitdada will always remain

my elder brother. I will be very

happy if the party rebels return.

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WHO issues new norms to safeguard kids from food marketing impact

PNS NEW DELHI

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has issued new guidelines on Monday, urging stronger policies to safe-guard children from the detrimental impact of food marketing. It expressed concerns that children are still being exposed to marketing that predominantly promotes foods high in saturated fatty acids, trans-fatty acids, free sugars, and/or sodium, using various strategies that appeal to children.

The WHO is calling on member countries to implement comprehensive mandatory policies to shield children of all ages from the marketing of food and non-alcoholic beverages. It emphasized that such marketing tactics have a harmful influence on children's food choices, dietary intake, their requests for marketed foods to adults, and the development of their food consumption norms.

The move comes after observations that previous calls for responsible marketing practices have not produced significant results. The WHO recommends that governments establish robust and comprehensive regulations. Despite endorsing recommen-

dations on the marketing of food and non-alcoholic beverages to children in 2010, children are still exposed to powerful marketing of high in fat, sugar, and salt (HFSS) foods and non-alcoholic beverages, consumption of which is associated with adverse health effects, WHO said. The updated recommendation is based on evidence, including studies on how exposure to food marketing and its influence affect children's health, eating behaviors, and

attitudes towards food. The WHO highlights that policies to restrict food marketing have the most impact when they are mandatory, protect children of all ages, employ a Government-led nutrient profile model to classify foods that should be restricted from mar keting, and are comprehensive enough to minimise the risk of marketing shifting to other age groups, spaces within the same medium, or other media platforms, including digital spaces.

Restricting the persuasive power of food marketing is also significant, which involves limiting the use of techniques that appeal to children, such as cartoons, toys with products, advertising with songs, and celebrity endorsements.

DMA gets new **Addl Secretary**



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

Vice-Admiral Atul Anand on Monday took over as Additional Secretary, Department of Military Affairs (DMA). The post was previously held by Lt-General Anil Puri, who superannuated on February 28, $20\overline{2}3.$ Anand was commissioned

into the executive branch of the Indian Navy on January 01, 1988. He is an alumnus of National Defence Academy (NDA), Defence Services Command and Staff College, Mirpur (Bangladesh) and National Defence College, New Delhi. He has also attended the Advanced Security Cooperation course at Asia Pacific Centre of Security Studies, Hawaii, USA, defence ministry officials said here.

NCP rubbishes Ajit's 40 MLA support claim

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Unfazed by the claims made by the party's rebel faction that it enjoyed the support of 40 party MLAs, the Sharad Pawar-led NCP on Monday asserted IEG NCP on Monday asserted that the breakaway group leader and newly sworn in deputy chief minister Ajit Pawar did not even have the support of 36 party MLAs, a number required to escape the provisions of the anti-defection law anti-defection law.

On his part, Ajit Pawar has steadfastly refused to spell out as to how many NCP MLAs were supporting him. However, the rebel faction is "leaking" information to the media that it had submitted a letter to Maharashtra Governor Ramesh Bais claiming that Ajit Pawar enjoyed the support of more than 40 MLAs and six out of the nine MLCs.

There is no confirmation as to whether Ajit Pawar had indeed given such a letter to the Governor. Seeking to counter the narrative being put out by the Ajit Pawar faction, the Sharad Pawar-led NCP went on record saying that "Ajit Pawar doesn't have the support of 36

288-member the in Maharashtra Assembly and Ajit Pawar needs the support of at least 36 MLAs not to attract the provisions of anti-defection law. Talking to media persons here, NCP's national spokesperson Clyde Crasto said that the party's working president Supriya Sule and state unit chief Jayant Patil were contacting all the 53 MLAs and the picture will become clearer by Tuesday. On his part, State Speaker

MLAs". The NCP has 53 MLAs

Rahul Narvekar – while con-firming that he had received the disqualification petition sent by State NCP president Jayant Patil against nine party MLAs said that he was not aware of the exact number of MLAs who were supporting rebel leader Ajit Pawar.

"I have absolutely no idea as to how many MLAs are sup-porting Ajit Pawar," Narwekar said. Jitendra Awhad, who has been appointed by the parent party as the new leader of the Opposition in State Assembly, dubbed the Ajit Pawar faction as a "kitty party" and did not enjoy the support of as many MLAs as claimed by it.

Not getting ERT for

CBI chargesheets Lalu, Rabri, Tejashwi in...

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The CBI alleges that during Lalu Prasad's tenure as Railways Minister in the UPA Government from 2004 to 2009, candidates were appointed to railway positions without following proper procedures or advertising the vacancies.

It is alleged that these appointments were made as favours, and in return, the candidates or their family members sold land to Lalu's family at significantly discounted rates.

The land transactions reportedly took place between the candidates or their immediate family members and Lalu's family, with the locations, including Mumbai, Jabalpur, Kolkata, Jaipur, and Hajipur.

The filing of the charge sheet by the CBI signifies a significant development in the investigation into the landed that all concerned engagements. Such proposals Environment, Delhi Archives, Departments/Autonomous should be forwarded to the Women and for-jobs scam, shedding light on alleged irregularitie corrupt practices during Lalu's tenure as Railways Minister.

Pawar 'expels' Praful... both MPs. "Patel and Tatkare, on July 2, 2023, acted in direct

From Page1 Contesting the NCP lead-ership's decision to seek dis-qualification of nine MLAs, including Ajit, for anti-party activities, Praful Patel said, contravention of the Party Constitution and Rules, amounting to desertion and disqualification from the party "Nobody has the right to take membership. I request Pawar Saheb to take immediate action action or disqualify any of the leaders who have decided to and file disqualification petijoin the Maharashtra governtions under the 10th Schedule of the Constitution of India before the Competent ment.' Addressing a news confer-

Authority against the two MPs ence along with Patel, Ajit Pawar said that only the Speaker had the authority to appoint the LoP based on the majority strength of the opposition legislators. "We are all very much in the NCP. A maximum number of legislators are

with us. So the action or new appointments don't make any sense," Ajit Pawar said. Meanwhile, NCP working

president Supriya Sule, MP, I was not privy to any information. The BJP is doing all said that she had earlier written a strong letter to Sharad, this because the BJP lacks confidence ahead of the 2024 elecdemanding immediate action against Praful and Tatkare, tions.

Cong's meeting today...

From Page1 Thorat emphasised that the NCP can only appoint their group leader in the Legislative Assembly. Senior Congress leader Prithviraj Chavan expressed confidence that appointing the new Leader of the Opposition would not be problematic once they determine the number of MLAs who remain with the NCP after the split in the legislature party. In the 288-member Assembly, the Congress currently has 45 MLAs.

Ajit will replace Shinde as CM, say Uddhav Sena, Cong; BJP trashes claim

From Page1 He further stated that they were aware of the ongoing discussions and bargaining, with Ajit being promised the chief minister's post by sidelining Eknath Shinde through the speaker's decision on the dis-qualification of 16 Shiv Sena

in the balance

SC to hear Article...

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Several petitions challeng-ing the Centre's decision to abrogate the provisions of Article 370 and the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019, which split J-K into two Union Territories Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh were referred to a constitution bench in 2019.

By abrogating Article 370, the Central government had revoked the special status of Jammu and Kashmir. People's Union of Civil Liberties (PUCL), a prominent NGO, the Jammu and Kashmir High Court Bar Association, and an intervenor had earlier sought that the matter be referred to a larger bench on grounds that two judgements of the apex court - Prem Nath Kaul versus Jammu and Kashmir in 1959 and Sampat Prakash versus Jammu and Kashmir in 1970 — which dealt with the

rare diseases at issue of Article 370 conflicted AIIMS, MAMC: Kin with each other and therefore, the current bench of five judges

could not hear the issue. Disagreeing with the petitioners, the top court had ruled in 2020 it was of the opinion that "there is no conflict between the judgements" and the issue will be heard by the five-judge bench.

Faesal, who had floated his political party, the Jammu and Kashmir People's Movement (JKPM), had filed the petition in the top court in 2019.

In April 2022, the government had accepted Faesal's application for withdrawing his resignation from service and reinstated him. Faesal had in April last year filed an application seeking deletion of his name from the list of seven petitioners who have challenged the scrapping of Article 370 of the Constitution.

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m a}$ patient registered with the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in Delhi, tragically passed away in December 2022 while awaiting treatment for his rare disease.

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NEW DELH

Twelve other patients registered with the Centres of Excellence (CoEs) at Delhi's Maulana Azad Medical College (MAMC) and AIIMS have been diagnosed with Lysosomal Storage Disorders (LSDs) such as MPS I, MPS II, Pompe, and Fabry diseases. Their relatives have written a letter to the Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya, drawing attention to their plight.

Currently, all these patients for publicity in the current fisare receiving bridging therapy support from pharmaceutical Junt none of the eligible patients have been able to undergo the life-saving Enzyme Replacement Therapy (ERT) as per the National Policy for Rare Diseases (NPRD) 2021, as they have lamented in their letter. Parents and relatives of the patients expressed their disappointment that despite the Union Health Ministry's announcement in May 2022 of revised Rs 50 lakh funding provisions for all categories of rare disease patients, the patients have not yet received treatment at these two prestigious healthcare institutions even after nearly 14 months.

LG OK's sacking of 400... From Page1 The LG has further direct-t that all account of these ments of Archaeology, Environment Delhi Archives. SC raps Delhi Govt ...

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"When you blow up tax

cial years," the bench said. The Delhi-Ghaziabad- cal year is Rs 557.24 crore. "The payers money on self promo- Meerut Segment of the RRTS, above amounts do NOT of the total pro

potential rise of Ajit Pawar as Maharashtra's new leader hang

MLAs. The political landscape in Maharashtra remains tense as speculations and power struggles unfold within the ruling coalition. The fate of the current chief minister and the

for engaging in anti-party activ-ities," Sule said, while confirming that she had written a letter to Sharad Pawar. Simultaneously holding out an olive branch to her cousin brother and breakaway rebel



CHANGE OF NAME

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I, Hakim Singh Yadav S/o Shree Sone Lal R/o A-15, Sangam Vihar New Delhi-110080 Declare that my name wrongly mentioned in my policy ducument CUR-NC-10737-001-0000929-A as Hakim Singh my correct name is Hakim Singh Yadav henec Hakim Singh and Hakim Singh Yadav are same and one person.

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I, Amrita Priyamvada wife of Ravi Narayan Pandey, Resident of E-14 Dayal Bagh Colony, Faridabad Declare that I have Changed my name as Amrita Priyamvada in place of my previous name i.e Amrita Pandey, Now I Shall be known by new name i.e Amrita Priyamvada in future for all purposes. PD(086)A

comply with the constitutional provisions of reservation failing and approval. which action, including departmental proceeding, may

be initiated against the concerned defaulting officers for violation of such constitutional provisions.

The Services Department viduals as specialists. It was found out that several of these found that the provisions of private individuals did not meet reservation for SC/ST/OBC, as the eligibility criteria, including prescribed by the DoPT order educational qualifications and dated 15.05.2018, were not folwork experience, as specified in lowed in these appointments. the job advertisements.

Additionally, the concerned including Environment, administrative departments Archaeology, Delhi Archives, failed to verify the authentici-Women ty of work experience certifi-Development, and Industries, engaged these private individ-uals without obtaining the cates submitted by these individuals, many of which were found to be falsified. approval of the competent Consequently, the LG approved authority the proposal to terminate the

engagement of these private individuals in all the Delhi Government departments, corporations, boards, societies, and autonomous bodies that had not obtained the necessary approval.

engaging these individuals. The However, administrative Services Department also disdepartments have the option to covered that 69 individuals

Development, and mission to the Lieutenant without approval.

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Governor for consideration It was noticed by the Services Department that The Services Department Departments like Environment, Archaeology, Delhi Archives, compiled information from 23 departments, autonomous bod-Women and Child Development and Industries ies, and public sector units that have not obtained the approval had engaged these private indiof the competent authority, before engaging these private persons".

Furthermore, 13 boards/autonomous bodies engaged 155 individuals with-Several departments, out obtaining the necessary approval. Additionally, no information was provided to the Services Department regarding Child the engagement of 187 individuals in Delhi Assembly Research Centre (DARC) Dialogue and Development Commission of Delhi (DDCD), and Department of Planning, Similarly, corporations, boards, societies, and other concerning the approval of the autonomous bodies, such as competent authority.

However, 11 individuals DAMB and DPCC, failed to clearly state whether they had engaged in departments such as obtained the prior approval of Health and Family Welfare, the competent authority before Food Safety, Indira Gandhi Hospital, and Transport had the approval of the Lieutenant Governor

resource for development work!" he added. Earlier, a bench comprising Justice S K Kaul and Justice Sudhanshu Dhulia directed the AAP Government to file an affidavit enumerating details of funds

on, there

within two weeks. The direction came after the counsel for the Delhi government told the bench that there was paucity of funds and expressed inability to provide monetary assistance.

"You want us to get into what funds you are spending where. All funds for advertisement shall be diverted for this project. You want this kind of order? You are asking for it," the court said.

"The Delhi Government has expressed its inability to contribute funds for common project. Since paucity of funds is an

impediment in this project, we call upon the NCT of Delhi to file an affidavit setting forth the funds utilised for advertisement as the project is of national importance. Details may be furnished for last finan-

cost of Rs.30,274 crore and Delhi government's commitment was only to the tune of Rs. 1180 crore. Out of which, despite directions from the Supreme Court, Rs.415 crore is yet to be released.

It took the Supreme Court to order on 06.03.2019 to release Rs 265 crore and on 21.04.2023 to release Rs 500 crore by the Delhi government. The Uttar Pradesh government on the contrary, has met its financial commitments in the project.

Similar is the situation in the Delhi-Gurugram-Alwar and Delhi-Panipat Segments of the Project, wherein while other State Governments that include Harvana and Rajasthan have started releasing their payments, Delhi government is vet to do so.

Sources said the Kejriwal Government has spent Rs 1106.02 crore on advertisement, in the last three financial years which include Rs 297.70 crore in 2020-21; Rs 596.37 crore in 2021-22 and Rs 211 crore in 2022-23. The budget

is a problem that is being tack-

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include end of Delh Govt Boards, Corporations and Autonomous Bodies, like DJB, DTC, DSIIDC, DTTDC, Academies and Universities," sources said.

The Leader of Opposition in the Delhi Assembly Ramvir Singh Bidhuri has stated that the Supreme Court has completely exposed the Delhi Government in its recent order. The Government, which can spend 3,000 crores in the last eight years to promote its image and 179 crores on Kejriwal's residence, is now claiming that it does not have funds for the RRTS," Bidhuri said.

"Previously, when the Peripheral Road was being constructed in Delhi, the Kejriwal Government had refused to contribute its share of 3,700 crores.

The Central Government did not stop and completed the project despite the Delhi Government's non-cooperation. This project alone led to a reduction in the entry of thousands of trucks into Delhi and helped in reducing pollution," the LOP said.

Rare diseases are debilitating lifelong conditions, and approximately 95 per cent of them have no approved treatment. It is estimated that only one in ten patients receive treatment specific to their disease. Access to and availability of drugs play a crucial role in reducing mortality associated with rare diseases. Furthermore, even in cases where drugs are

available, they are often prohibitively expensive. ing giving any communal angle disbanded and are allowed to go and kill there will be an escalation in violence." "This is

Christians etc. That is not necessary. Human beings are dealt with by the law enforcement agencies," Mehta said. Gonsalves countered that attacks on Kukis have hugely increased after the State told this court that the incidents of violence have decreased. Some people are going to news shows and saying "they are going to annihilate (Kukis). Their Facebook savs kill the Kukis and drive them from the

camps are there," he said. What I would request is hills. No FIR and no action that because I would not take an taken... Not a single person has been arrested...," the senior lawyer alleged, adding "As long adversarial stand in this matter that my learned friend (Colin Gonsalves) may consider avoidas these armed groups are not

unfortunate. This will not solve the problem," said the Solicitor General. The court also took note of the submissions of a lawyer, representing a Meitei group in the State that some of the Kuki militants are having assault rifles and the central government must answer the issue. It asked the law officer to take instruction on this aspect as well. "I may or may not mention that in (status) report... But I will take instruction and appraise court on this...There cannot be a head count of militants," Mehta said.

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Mehta, appearing for the Manipur Government, termed as "unfortunate" the allegations levelled by senior advocate Colin Gonsalves, who represented minority Kuki organisations, that some militant groups were "sponsored by the State" and said he should avoid giving any "communal angle".

In a brief hearing, the top law officer gave details of the deployment of security forces and the recent status of the law

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DERC CHIEF'S OATH-TAKING DEFERRED TO JULY 6

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

 $T_{\rm for\ justice\ (Retd)\ Umesh}^{\rm he\ oath-taking\ ceremony}$ Kumar as the Chairperson of the Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (DERC) has been delayed again. Despite expressing his availability for the ceremony, Justice (Retd) Umesh Kumar has been kept in limbo since June 26, 2023. To overcome the current situation Delhi Lieutenant Governor (LG) VK Saxena has again written to Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, urging him to ensure the prompt administration of the oath of office and secrecy to Justice (Retd) Umesh Kumar.

In his letter, Saxena advised the Chief Minister that



Minister of Power should event that both situations are not feasible, the Chief Secretary administer the oath virtually through a video-conference or has been suggested as an altervideo call, and if the Minister native to administer the oath of is unable to do so, the Chief office and secrecy to Justice Minister Arvind Kejriwal or Kumar. any other designated Minister

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Tomato prices touch ₹140-160 per kg in Delhi-NCR

SUPPLY DISRUPTION DUE TO RAIN TO BLAME

6:00 PM, has now been rescheduled for July 6 in the Delhi Power Minister's chamber. Earlier during the day, the office of the Minister of Power conveyed to Justice Umesh Kumar that she had suddenly taken ill and proposed a new date for the ceremony.

The Delhi government, in a statement said, "Power Minister Atishi had come to office today and her schedule included the event to administer oath to the DERC chairperson-designate.

However, she suddenly faced a health issue due to which all her meetings and official engagements (including the administering of oath to DERC chairman-designate) had to be postponed."

The oath taking ceremo-

ny of the new DERC chairperson has been rescheduled for the coming Thursday, the statement added. According to the Raj Niwas officials, Atishi wrote to the chairman-designate and asked for his availability to take the oath in her presence.

"He accordingly confirmed the same," they said. Later, the event was postponed after Atishi took ill, the officials said.

As the oath-taking cere-mony of Delhi-electricity Regulatory Commission (DERC) chairperson-designate Justice (Retd) Umesh Kumar was postponed at the eleventh hour, the situation has raised eyebrows, considering that the notification by the President of India appointing Justice (Retd) Umesh Kumar was issued on

has pointed out that in his letter dated June 27, he request-ed the Chief Minister to facil-

itate the oath ceremony for Justice (Retd) Umesh Kumar without any further delay. Subsequently, the Minister of Power proposed holding the ceremony on July 3 at 6:00 PM in her office and sought Justice (Retd) Umesh Kumar's consent for the proposed date and time. Agreeing with the suggest-

ed time and date, Justice (Retd)

June 21, 2023 itself.

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urged Kejriwal to ensure the

prompt administration of the

oath of office and secrecy to

Justice (Retd) Umesh Kumar.

Expressing concern over the delay, LG Saxena highlighted

the series of events that have led

to the current impasse. Saxena

Kumar expressed his consent in writing and arrived in Delhi on Monday in the forenoon. However, he received a communication from the office of the Minister of Power, stating her sudden illness and proposing a rescheduled oath ceremony on July 6, 2023, at 6:00 PM in her chamber.

LG Saxena expressed surprise over the delay and noted that Justice (Retd) Umesh Kumar has been kept in limbo since June 26, 2023, despite his availability and expressed willingness to fulfill his responsibilities as the Chairperson of DERC. The LG emphasised that it is indeed perplexing that a notification issued by the President of India on June 21, 2023, has not been given effect to due to the unavailability of

the Minister, particularly in today's digital age. Atishi was scheduled to administer the oath of office and secrecy to Justice (Retd) Kumar at 6 pm on Monday with Delhi government sources stating that the minister had also communicated her go-ahead regarding this to "all concerned."

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The AAP government had recommended the name of former Madhya Pradesh High Court judge Justice (retd) R K Srivastava for the position. However, Justice Srivastava expressed his inability to take over charge due to "family commitments and requirements". Later, the government sent the name of Justice (retd) Sangeet Raj Lodha of the Rajasthan High Court on June 21

Sisodia's bail plea rejected again

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

In a fresh setback to senior AAP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia, the Delhi High Court on Monday declined him bail in a money laundering case linked to alleged irregularities in the city government's excise policy, saying the charges against him were "very serious in nature".

Besides rejecting Sisodia's plea, the High Court also refused bail to businessmen Abhishek Boinpally, Benoy Babu and Vijay Nair, who are co-accused in the money laundering case lodged by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) arising from the alleged scam.

Sisodia was arrested in connection with the case on March 9. This matter has to be visited with a "different approach" as a deep rooted conspiracy involving huge loss of public funds has been alleged, the court observed while rejecting his bail appli-



cation. Justice Dinesh Kumar Sharma said the former deputy chief minister of Delhi has not been able to pass the "triple test" for bail under the antimoney laundering law in which the court has to see whether an accused is likely to flee from justice, tamper with evidence or influence witnesses.

"The present case arises of an alleged conspiracy wherein the government framed an excise policy with a malafide intention to recoup the kickbacks received in advance from certain individuals and to further generate ill money from the liquor trade.

"There are witnesses and special court which had earliwitnesses on record to show er dismissed Sisodia's bail petition, and he does not find any that certain outsiders were actively participating from the infirmity or illegality in the stage of drafting and formula-tion of the policy," the high court said in the 56-page judg-ment on Sisodia's bail plea. decision. The special court has

passed a reasoned order on the basis of material available on It said the statements of the record, Justice Sharma said, witnesses clearly indicate some "extraneous" factors were adding "The petitioner (Sisodia) is not entitled to bail working since the time of conand the petition is accordingceptualisation, formulation and ly dismissed?

He said the high court was drafting of the excise policy. fully conscious of the fact that eration of the e-mails in suppersonal liberty is a "sacrosanct port of the excise policy also raises the "red flag that everyright and pre-trial detention cannot be taken as a punitive measure". However, the court thing was not being done in a transparent and bonafide manhas to strike a balance between the interest of an individual and "This court at this stage the interest of the society at cannot go into the probative large, the judge said. The judge, value of the witnesses nor can in his 45-page order passed on it meticulously examine those the bail plea by Nair, observed facts. The involvement of the that the allegations are third parties in the formulating "extremely serious in nature" and drafting of the policy cerand the alleged conspiracy in tainly points at mens rea (crimthe present case was "peculiar in nature where the excise pol-Justice Sharma said he has icy was allegedly framed with gone through the order of the mala fide intention".

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

The Delhi Metro on Monday said HUDA City Centre Centre.

Haryana's Gurugram, a bustling IT and commercial hub in the National Capital Region (NCR) that is known as

has been taken to rename the HUDA City Centre Metro station on Yellow Line as Gurugram City Centre. Accordingly, the process of changing the name in all official documents, signage, announcements, etc. Has been initiated and

shall be changed gradually." Sources said a request to rename the station had come from both the Centre and the

HUDA Metro station to be renamed Millennium City Centre

station on the Delhi Metro's Yellow Line will be renamed Millennium City Centre, hours after announcing that it will be rechristened Gurugram City

The station falls in Millenium City.

Earlier in the day, the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) tweeted, "A decision



Commuters at HUDA City Centre station, in Gurugram, on Monday. HUDA City Centre station on the Delhi Metro's Yellow Line will be renamed Millennium City Centre, as DMRC announced

Haryana Government. Hours Millennium City Centre". A later, the DMRC said in anothsenior DMRC official said the er tweet, "In partial modificaprocess of changing the name tion of the earlier announcein all official documents, ment regarding the renaming announcements, and on sigof the HUDA City Centre nages, etc. Has been initiated Metro station on Yellow Line, and shall be completed gradually. Officials, however, did not it has now been decided by competent authorities to say on what grounds the decirename the station as sion to rename the station was taken. The HUDA City Centre metro station is the terminal point of the 49-km Yellow Line. The other end of the corridor is Samyapur Badli metro station in northwest Delhi.

The elevated HUDA City Centre metro station, as part of the Qutub Minar-HUDA City Centre segment was opened on June 21, 2010.

Many Delhi Metro commuters wondered what was the rationale behind renaming the station. "I don't understand what was the need for renaming the station.

One reason that seems plausible is perhaps the local government wanted the name Gurugram' to become more popular after the rechristening of Gurgaon. But changing the old this name was not necessary," said a Gurugram resident who frequently takes the metro

to get to his office in Delhi. "I work in Delhi and use the metro also a lot. At times, I park my motorcycle at HUDA City Centre station and take the metro to office," he said.

Traffic advisory issued ahead of Kanwar Yatra

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

The Delhi Traffic Police on Monday issued an advisory stating that elaborate arrangements have been made in view of forthcoming Kanwar Yatra and cautioned that congestion to the movement of Kanwarias. The Kanwar Yatra will commence on Tuesday. It will culminate on August 15 as holy Ganga water will be offered to Lord Shiva. A large number of Kanwariyas reach Delhi every year and some of

New Delhi: Retail tomato prices

have surged up to Rs 140-160

per kg in the Delhi-NCR region

due to the supply disruption from the producing centres

owing to rains. Wholesale prices of toma-

to at Azadpur Mandi here,

Asia's largest wholesale fruits

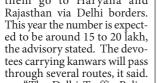
and vegetables market, were ruling in the range of ₹60-120

per kg, depending on the qual-

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per kg on Sunday. Online retail-



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The Delhi Traffic Police has made elaborate arrange-



er Otipy was quoting tomato hybrid at ₹140 per kg and BigBasket ₹105-110 per kg on

Monday. "The increase in prices

of tomato is due to tight supply

from the key producing centres.

Because of rainfall, the supply is

disrupted," Azadpur Tomato

Association President Ashok

bouring Haryana, Uttar Pradesh

and Rajasthan got exhausted

quickly due to rains. Now,

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DU teachers urge VC to resolve salary crisis

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

A group of Delhi University teachers on Monday urged Vice Chancellor Yogesh Singh to resolve the "widespread



ment of Kanwarias and other road users and to minimise inconvenience to the general public and devotees. "The devotees and road users are advised to follow the traffic rules and obey the directions of policemen on duty.

Students arrive to attend classes at a school after the summer vacations, in New Delhi on Monday

Kaushik said.

some colleges".

In a letter to Singh, 10 DU faculty members, including members of the University's Academic and Executive Councils, asserted that the "crisis" is not limited to permanent and ad hoc teachers as even the guest teachers in some colleges have not been paid for the last five months. The two councils are the decision-making bodies of the DU.

"Despite the onset of July, The hilly state is also receiving the salaries of teachers and heavy rains, impacting picking employees for June are still awaited. In some cases, the Traders are unable to get dues are of more than a supply from the producing cenmonth," the letter read. "In tres of Maharashtra and many colleges, the payment of salaries with a week's delay has Karnataka, as prices out there are ruling high due to rains, he become a new normal which noted. Kaushik said, "A crate of is creating huge hardships as 25 kg is quoted somewhere teachers have to pay bills.

between ₹2,400 to 3,000. The Last month, the teachers wrote to Dean of Colleges ducing centres is ₹100-120 per Balaram Pani raising the con-Staff Reporter cern that the salaries of the ad-

been pending for more than a month in many colleges, the letter mentioned. "The retired teachers and employees have not received their pensions for more than a month in many colleges. In some cases, only partial payment of the monthly pension was released," it added.

The teachers requested Singh to take appropriate measures on an urgent basis as the financial problems have reached crisis proportions. They are no more sporadic but have rather become systemic. the teachers said.

MCD got ₹1,113 crore as property tax in April-June

New Delhi: The Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) has collected over Rs 1,113 crore as property tax in the April to June quarter, a surge of over 40 per cent from the same period of time the previous vear.

Addressing a press confer-ence, Mayor Shelly Oberoi said the number of taxpayers has also increased to around 7.17 lakh. "A property tax of Rs 1,113 crore has been collected by the MCD," Oberoi said, adding that the figure was higher than that of 2021 and 2022

Oberoi said the Municipal Corporation was making losses before despite collecting taxes earlier also. The people of Delhi have shown faith in Aam Aadmi Party Government, she

said. In 2021-22, the property tax collected was Rs 695 crore, while it was Rs 540 crore in 2020-21. Lauding the higher tax collection, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal in a tweet said that people are voluntarily paying their taxes due to the presence of an honest government

in Delhi. "Earlier, people did not pay taxes during BJP's rule. They thought that the tax they paid would be stolen. Now, after the

formation of the Aam Aadmi Party government, people themselves have come forward and started paying taxes.

They have faith that since there is an honest government now, every penny will be spent on the development of the people," Kejriwal tweeted in Hindi.

AAP MCD in-charge and MLA, Durgesh Pathak expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the people of Delhi for showing their unwavering support for the AAP's transformative efforts, marking a significant milestone in the city's history. Leader of Opposition in

MCD and former Mayor Raja Iqbal Singh and Delhi BJP Spokesperson Praveen Shankar Kapoor have condemned the statements given by Pathak and Mayor Oberoi and have said that it is all a misleading game of statistics.

Singh said that earlier 15% rebate was given on depositing advance property tax, but after assuming charge in corporation AAP has reduced it to 10%. Staff Reporter

Excise policy case: Delhi HC denying bail to Sisodia is tight slap on AAP Govt, says BJP

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 $T_{\ \ Delhi\ High\ Court\ denying}^{he\ BJP\ on\ Monday\ said\ the} \\ {}_{bail\ to\ AAP\ leader\ Manish}^{he\ BJP\ on\ Monday\ said\ the}$ Sisodia in the excise policy scam case was a "tight slap" on the Delhi government and dismissal of Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's 'kattar imandaar' claim.

In the fresh setback to Sisodia, the court on Monday declined him bail in a money laundering case linked to alleged irregularities in the city government's excise policy, saying the charges against him were "very serious in nature".

Reacting to the court's order, BJP national spokesperson Shehzad Poonawalla said, "Once again today Arvind



supplier for Delhi-NCR region.

and transportation, he added.

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Keiriwal and his corrupt government has received a tight slap from the Delhi High Court as it has refused to give any relief to Manish Sisodia in the PMLA case." "With this, his (Kejriwal's) 'kattar imaandar' (dead honest) certificate has also been dismissed. The only question which remains today is how long Kejriwal will continue to play victim card and vendetta card," he said.

Martyr Usman must be your role model, join Indian Army: Jamia VC tells students

ASAD 📕 NEW DELHI

Students should join the Indian Army and defend their motherland even at the cost of laying down their life as Brigadier Mohammad Usman did, said Jamia Vice Chancellor Najma Akhtar on Monday after a wreath-laying ceremony to commemorate the death anniversary of Usman, Maha Vir Chakra winner.

The event was organised on Monday by a contingent from 50 (I) Para Brigade of the Indian Army at his memorial situated in Jamia Millia Islamia graveyard. Several serving and retired Army officers, NCC officers and cadets attended the ceremony. A wreath on behalf of the VC was also laid at the memorial by senior officials of the varsity.

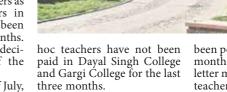
Late Brigadier Mohammad Usman, also known as the saviour of Naushera (Naushera ka Sher), was responsible for the recapture of Jhangar and Naushera (Jammu & Kashmir) during the 1947-48 war with Pakistan. The gallant officer attained martyrdom on July 3, 1948 when an enemy artillery shell landed close to him in



Naushera

Najma mentioned that many Jamia students, including girls, take part in NCC so that they can later join the Army and serve the country.

"We have been repeatedly



raising the issue of the separation of salary head of ad-hoc teachers and contractual employees from salary head of permanent ones and bringing together with the pension head, which would lead to such a salary and pension crises. But this has not been

addressed yet and our colleagues are suffering," the letter said. The remunerations of the guest teachers have also

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Maha slugfest: Opp more determined to oust BJP

SP tries to iron out Cong, BRS issues before July 17-18 B'luru unity meet

PNS NEW DELHI/HYDERABAD

he political slugfest in Maharashtra has set the stage for the next meeting of Opposition parties, which is scheduled to take place in Bengaluru on July 17 and 18. The Congress has announced the dates and emphasised their determination to defeat the BJP, citing the "Mumbai operations" of the "BJP washing machine" as a source of strengthened resolve.

Simultaneously, Samajwadi Party member Akhilesh Yadav met with Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao in Hyderabad, followed by a significant statement from Yadav. Political sources suggest that the former Uttar Pradesh CM is attempting to bridge the gap between KCR and Congress to ensure a united front for the forthcoming General Elections. Yadav had skipped the previous meeting of Opposition parties held in Patna last month. "It was KCR who took the first step in forming a front by personally visiting and meeting with his counterparts, including Nitish Kumar of Bihar, Mamata Baneriee of West Bengal. Hemant Soren of Jharkhand, Stalin of Tamil Nadu, Arvind Kejriwal of Delhi, Bhagwant Mann of Punjab, and Uddhav Thackeray of Maharashtra. As the chief of the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS), KCR is also expanding and making strides in Maharashtra with the sole aim of taking on the BJP," said a BRS leader at their Delhi office.

Yadav emphasised the need for unity among Opposition parties to prevent the BJP's victory in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. He stated, "We have one aim, which is to remove the BJP from power. Whether it is Congress, Samajwadi Party, or other parties, our objective is the same, and we have joined hands for this purpose. It is important for the country and the Constitution." Yadav had a lunch meeting with KCR at Pragathi Bhavan.

The meeting between the two party leaders has garnered attention in political circles, considering the recent meeting of Opposition parties in Patna



Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav meets Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao, in Hyderabad. PT

and the upcoming 2024 Lok Sabha elections. Additionally, this meeting becomes crucial in light of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's remarks that BRS stands for "Bharat Rishthedaar Samiti" and is the BJP's B team, made at a public meeting in Khammam. While KCR has made it clear that he will not align with either the Congress or the BJP fronts, Congress has also stated that they will not attend any meeting where BRS is invited.

Congress general secretary (organisation) K C Venugopal announced the dates of the Opposition meeting on Twitter, emphasizing their unwaver-ing resolve to defeat "fascist and undemocratic forces." The first Opposition meeting took place in Patna, Bihar, on June 23.

Derek O'Brien, TMC's leader in Rajya Sabha, also tagged Venugopal's tweet and stated, "Bengaluru Summit. All For One. One For All." Previously, Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) chief Sharad Pawar had announced that the next opposition meet would be held in Bengaluru on July 13-14. However, these dates clashed with assembly sessions in some states.

Congress chief spokesman Jairam Ramesh took to Twitter and commented, "If anything, the Mumbai operations have strengthened Opposition resolve." He took a swipe at Modi, posting a pic-ture of 'Modi Washing Powder' with the tagline 'removes all stains in a jiffy.'

India slams threat to its envoys by Khalistanis Have requested Canada, US, UK, not to give space to radicals, says EAM

PNS/ AGENCIES NEW DELHI/ TORONTO

India has taken strong exception to alleged Khalistan supporters naming and threatening Indian diplomats in Canada and a planned protest march by them to Indian embassies in Toronto and Vancouver on July 8. The extremists have put up posters for the rally naming Indian High Commissioner Sanjay Kumar Verma and Counsellor Apoorva Srivastava with their photographs. The protestors will take out the march named 'Khalistan Freedom Rally' after trying to blame Indian diplomats and security agencies for the killing of designated terrorist and chief of Khalistan Tiger Force (KTF) Hardeep Singh Nijjar. Verma, India's High Commissioner to Ottawa told an Indian news-

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paper that, "In the garb of freedom of expression, they are attempting to cause harm to foreign envoys, which may not be the intention of Canadian law and constitution, under which such rights are provided?

External Affairs Minister, S Jaishankar has also responded to the matter of names of Indian diplomats on Khalistani posters in Canada. Speaking to reporters in New Delhi, he said, "We have requested our partner countries like Canada, the US, the UK and Australia not to give space to the Khalistanis. This will affect our relations. We will raise this poster issue with the Governments of these countries."

He also said the "radical, extremist" Khalistani thinking is not good for India or its partner countries like the US, the UK,



"We have requested our partner countries like Canada, US, UK and Australia where sometimes Khalistani activities happen, not to give space to the Khalistanis. Because their (Khalistanis) radical, extremist thinking is neither good for us nor them nor our relations," he said.

"We will raise the issue of posters with those governments. I think it would have already been done by now," he added. A photo of 1985 Air India airplane bombing accused Talwinder Parmar was seen in a pro-Khalistan rally in Canada, seeking to glorify him. While the poster for protest rally in Toronto on July 8 names Indian High Commissioner Sanjay Kumar Verma and Counsellor Apoorva Srivastava with photos, posters of a simultaneous rally in Vancouver names the High Commissioner and Consul General Vancouver Manish. The posters carried phone numbers of the organizers of protest rally along with photos of their targets that is Indian diplomats. "Since the identities of those threatening Indian diplomats is known, the Canadian government this time has no excuses for not taking action", said an offi-

cial EC portal to improve parties' financial transparency

> that it is incumbent on them to that it is incumbent on them to adhere to the principles of democratic functioning and transparency in electoral pro-cesses, particularly in financial disclosures," the statement said. The EC said a comprehensive guiding manual with graphical representations and FAQs has also been sent to the political parties explaining the online module and the process of filing reports online. To give further guidance on the online filing, the EC would

also organise a hands-on training programme for the designated person(s) from various political parties. Sources said various instan-

ces had come to notice where number of political parties had either not filed one or more requisite financial statements or had filed delayed, inadequate or incomplete details, that too in a non-standardised manner.

India-UK Electric **Propulsion Tech** Workshop held

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An India-UK Electric Propulsion Technical Workshop to foster collaboration, exchange knowledge, and explore the possibilities in the field of electric propulsion was orga-nized here on Monday.

The daylong workshop served as a crucial platform for experts, researchers, and industry professionals from both countries to come together, share insights, and engage in meaningful discussions on the development of electric propulsion for ships, defence ministry officials said. The interaction and discussions provided a comprehensive understanding of the subject matter, paving the way for col-laboration and exchange of ideas.

The Election Commission (EC) on Monday announfunding and expenditure on which it had been working for a year now under Chief Election ced an initiative to improve transparency of the finances of political parties by launching a Commissioner Rajiv Kumar, portal for the parties to submit culties in filing physical reports, sources said.

mats. "The Commission will, in

crackdown and compliance to

strengthen transparency and

accountability in the political

Political parties not intendtheir financial statements, and annual contribution reports of ing to file the financial report all donations over Rs 20,000 through online mode will have each, and expenditure reports to convey the reasons for not doing so in writing and may after every election. In a statement, the EC said continue to file reports in hard copy format along with CDs or

political parties will now be able to submit their financial pen drives in the prescribed foraccounts online, instead of physturn, publish all such reports ically sending the documents to the Commission. The portal, online, along with a letter of jusiems.eci.gov.in, will be used for tification sent by the party for not filing financial statements submitting contribution reports, audited annual accounts and election expenditure statements.

The 'Integrated Election Expenditure Monitoring System' is part of the poll panel's "3C strategy" comprising clean up,

online," the EC said in a state-'The online availability of data is expected to enhance the ment. In a letter to the political level of compliance and transparency. In the letter, the EC parties, the Commission said the step has been taken with twin pointed to the pivotal position objectives - to overcome diffiof political parties, and stressed

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by them from the Bank and the loans have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). A notice was issued to them under Section 13 (2) of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act-2002 on their last known addresses, however it was not served and hence they are hereby notified by way of this public notice

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	Isanpur, Ahmedabad- 382443	Scheme No.37, Ahmedabad- 382443		
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Wrong signalling main reason | NIA busts Maha-based behind Balasore train tragedy ISIS module, arrests 4

Mishap could have been averted if past red flags had been reported. says probe panel

PTI NEW DELHI

A "wrong signalling" to be the main reason for the Balasore train accident and flagged "laps-es at multiple levels" in the Signalling and Telecommuni-cation (S&T) department, but indicated the tragedy could have red flag en averted



necting two parallel tracks were reported to them by the station manager of Bahanaga Bazar, the spot of the accident.

The report also suggested that the non-supply of stationspecific approved circuit diagram for the works to replace the electric lifting barrier at level crossing gate 94 at Bahanaga account of wrong wiring and cable fault.

"Had corrective measures been taken, after this incident, to address the issue of wrong wiring the accident at BNBR would not have taken place," the report said.

and to ensure timely filing in a

are required to be submitted by

political parties to the Election

Commission/Chief Electoral

Officers of States/Union Terri-

tories, as per the Represen-

tation of People's Act, 1951 and

transparency guidelines issued

by the Commission, from time

to time, over the last many

years, the poll panel said.

These financial statements

standardised format.

The accident on June 2 resulted in the deaths of 292 people and over 1000 were injured. The CRS report has also

said that the initial response to such a disaster should be faster an advised the Railways to review the system of disasterresponse in the zonal railways and also the coordination between the zonal railways and various disaster-response forces like NDRF and SDRF.



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NIA files 6th chargesheet in Salaya Port drug smuggling case

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The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Monday The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Monday busted a Maharashtra-based ISIS filed its sixth supplementary chargesheet in the case relating to seizure of 500 kg of module by arresting four accused heroin, being smuggled from for promoting terrorist activities Pakistan into India, at Salaya at the behest of ISIS, a proscribed Port in Gujarat. The NIA has terrorist outfit in an intelligencenamed four accused in the sheeted filed charge-

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	Kuldeep Kumar, B-207 Ina Colony, New Delhi, Delhi, Delhi110023. A/c No:- LBFDB00005214694, LBFDB00006107397	Residential Plot No-1686, (Old Plot No. Na-38), Ground Floor, Sector-A, Residential Colony Known As "Greenfields", Village Sarai Khawaja, Tehsil Badkhal Distt. Faridabad-121002	13-05-2023 Rs. 36,72,169/- Rs. 16,95,503/-	02/02/ 2023
2.	Rajesh Singh, Rakesh Singh, 177 3rd Floor Block B-2,safdarjung Enclave South, West Delhi, Delhi, Delhi 110029. A/c No.:- LBDEL000049838795, LBDEL00004983816	Property Bearing No-117, Block-B-2, 2nd Floor (Entire Terraceover & Above The Entire 2nd Floor Upto Sky), Safdarjung Development Residential Scheme Safdarjung Encalve Delhi Delhi 110029 (Along With 25% Undivided, Indivisible & Impartible Ownership Right In The Land Underneath The Said Plot of Land With All Rights In Common Facilities & Amenities)	24-05-2023 Rs. 1,81,02,889/- Rs. 7,89,014/-	01/03/ 2023
3.	Shubir Walter Abraham, Shumir Oliver Abraham, Edna Abraham, Flat No 1136 Sector D Pocket 1 Vasant, Kunj New Delhi, Delhi, Delhi 110070. A/c No.:- LBDEL00005394144, LBDEL00005394146	Dda Flat No 1136, 3rd Floor Pocket 1 Sector D, Sfs- Cat-ii, Sector D Along With Scooter Garage, Vasant Kunj New Delhi Delhi 110070	24-05-2023 Rs. 1,31,08,804/- Rs. 10,09,832/-	06/03/ 2023
	Anita Shokeen, Akash Shokeen, B 1, Plot No 9, Shaman Vihar CGHS, Sector 23, Dwarka, South West Delhi, Delhi 110075. A/c No.:- LBDEL00005164135, LBDEL00005331625	Flat No-B-1, Ground Floor, Shaman Vihar Cghs Ltd., Plot No. 9, Sector 23 Dwarka, Phase I, Delhi 110078 (Alongwith Proportionate Undivided Leasehold Ownership In The Land & All Rights To Use The Common Facilities & Amenities Of Society)	24-05-2023 Rs. 97,10,342/- Rs. 22,60,069/-	04/03/ 2023
5.	Ashok Kumar Singh, Seema Ashok Singh, House No.35 BSF Block B, Sector 52 Gurgaon, Ardee City Gurgaon, Gurgaon 122003. A/c No.:- LBDEL00004045102, LBDEL00004045103, LBDEL00004045101, LBDEL00005335544	Flat No B-35, 2nd Floor Block-B, Village Wazirabad, Bindapur, Platinum Deluxe Floor, Ardee City, Sector- 52, Gurgaon Haryana	29-05-2023 Rs. 23,15,038/- Rs. 25,09,708/- Rs. 71,70,870/- Rs. 17,24,973/-	11/01/ 2021
	Golden Jublee Flats Sfs, Sector 11 Rohini, New Delhi 110085. A/c No.: LBDEL00002419810, LBDEL00005311963	Flat No. 377, Ground Floor Category Il Pocket 10 Sector 11 Extension, Rohini Delhi Delhi 110085	29-05-2023 Rs. 50,47,405/- Rs. 7,77,056/-	06/03/ 2023
	Hari Krishan, 222-anyay Khand-2, Indirapuram222, I E Sahibab UP Ghaziabad 201010. A/c No.:- LBGHZ00005671331, LBGHZ00005822693	House No A.E. 012, Ground & First Floor, Avantika Colony, Village Mehrauli Rjapur And Harsaoun UP Ghaziabad 201002	30-05-2023 Rs.79,72,910/- Rs. 1,29,668/-	03/09/ 2022
	Rahul Gupta, Dinesh Kumar Gupta, E 28 Beta 1, Gr Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar, UP, Noida- 201310. A/c No LBGHZ00004308675, LBGHZ00005389938	Unit No 30 (Shop), Ground Floor, Kaveri City Center, Situated at Plot No. C 06 Sector Delta- 1 UP Greater Noida 201307	30-05-2023 Rs. 35,78,069/- Rs. 6,57,493/-	04/07/ 2022
	Bharat Lal Meena, Kesanti Devi, Mukesh Kumar Meena, Ajay Kumar Meena, Ram Swaroop Meena, Rajour, Balghat, Karauli, Rajasthan, Karaul- 322238. A/c No.:- LBGNC00005499372, LBGUR00006423825, LBGNC00006299579	Plot No (Patta No 2713), Situated At Gram Panchayat Bhandari, Khasra No. 53, Andhruni Panchayat Samiti, Tehsil Todabhim, Gangapur City, Karauli, Rajasthan - 322201	31-05-2023 Rs. 29,90,804/- Rs. 11,36,355/- Rs. 11,29,319/-	13/03/ 2023
0.	Sujal Khandelwal, Meenakshi Gupta, Gf- 1 3rd A 200/17 Rachna Sec-3 Vaishali Sahibabad, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh- 201010. A/c No.:- LBNOD00004375098, LBNOD00004375102.	Plot No 179, Ground Floor (without Roof Rights) Situated At Plot No. 179, Sector 2 Aditya World City Uttar Pradesh Ghaziabad 201001	24-05-2023 Rs. 32,41,077/- Rs. 5,37,215/-	06/03/ 2023

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above borro applicable) are advised to make the payments of outstanding within period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice else further steps will be taken as per the provisions of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

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were reported.

The independent inquiry report submitted by the Commission of Railway Safety (CRS) to the Railway Board said notwithstanding the lapses in signalling work, remedial actions could have been taken by the S&T staff if "repeated unusual behaviour" of switches con-

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ments.

India's trade with Russia has

seen a boost in the aftermath

of the Ukraine conflict, External

Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said here on Monday stressing

that the interest of Indian peo-

ple must be prioritised in the

country's diplomatic engage-

that led to wrong wiring".

It said that a team of field supervisors modified the wiring diagram and failed to replicate

'India's trade with Russia

The report also said that there was a similar incident on May 16, 2022 at Bankranayabaz station in Khargpur Division of South Eastern Railway, on tion.

pointed out that the rear-collission was due to the "lapses in the signalling-circuit-alteration" carried out at the north signal goomty' in the past and during the execution of the signalling work related to the replacement of electric lifting barrier for level crossing gate 94 at the sta-

No nation can become

Under the leadership of the

Citing Modi's recent visit to

development, the Minister said.

Prime Minister, several changes

have taken place in the last nine

the US, Jaishankar said, "He has

a different image, especially in

the democratic world as a senior

experienced and credible leader."

Modi to chair SCO virtual summit today

years, he said.

four were arrested after extensive raids by the NIA in Mumbai, Thane and Pune early on Monday. The arrested accused have been identified as Tabish Nasser Siddiqui from Nagpada, Mumbai, ²Zubair Noor Mohammed Shaikh alias Abu Nusaiba from Kondhwa, Pune, and Sharjeel Shaikh and Zulfikar Ali Barodawala from Padgha Thane. Searches were conducted at their houses at five locations

oper

in the ISIS Maharashtra module case, registered by NIA on June 28, 2023. NIA teams seized several incriminating materials, such as electronic gadgets and several documents related to ISIS, during the searches at the houses of ic and Ukraine war on the the accused, the NIA said.

The material seized clearly exposed the strong and active linkages of the accused with ISIS and their efforts to motivate vulnerable youth to further the terror outfit's anti-India agenda. the agency said. Preliminary investigations by the NIA have established that the accused had hatched a conspiracy to further the terrorist activities of ISIS known by different names, such as Islamic State (IS)/Islamic State of Iraq and Levant (ISIL)/Islamic State of Iraq and Syria

the NIA Special Court, Ahmedabad, under various Sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, and Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act.

The agency has arrested 24 persons so far in the case and a hunt is on for the remaining nine accused who are currently absconding.

The absconders include Italy-based and one of India's most wanted drug smugglertraffickers Simranjeet Singh Sandhu, Pakistan-based wanted accused Hajisaab alias Bhaijaan, Nabi Baksh and Australia-based Tanvir Singh Bedi. NIA has managed to trace the linkages of the arrested accused to these wanted criminals," the NIA said in a statement.

(ISIS)/Daish/ Islamic State in Khorasan Province (ISKP)/ISIS Wilayat Khorasan/ Islamic State of Iraq and the Sham Khorasan (ISIS-K), it said. "The accused were trying to breach the unity, integrity, security and sovereigntv of the country and preparing to wage a war against the Government of India," it said.

around you," he said citing the impacts of the Covid pandemprices of petroleum products and food grains. developed without embracing technology and research and

saw boost after Ukraine war

can progress without embracing technology and research and development.

Jaishankar also urged the Making this assertion with students to understand local and global developments.



students of the National Institute of Technology (NIT) as part of the BJP's public outreach to "Globalisation has broken down mark nine years of the Narendra the boundaries between inside Modi Government at the and outside and you should Centre, he also said no country understand what is happening



Xi, Putin, Sharif to participate PNS NEW DELHI SECURE acronym was coined by Modi at the 2018 SCO sum-

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday will chair the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit in the virtual format. Chinese President Xi Jingping, Russian President Vladimir Putin and Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif will take part in the high-profile event.

The meeting will focus on the regional security situation and explore ways to boost connectivity and trade.

The theme of the SCO summit hosted by India is Towards a SECURÉ SCO? The

mit and it stands for Security; Economy and Trade; Connectivity; Unity; Respect for Sovereignty and Territorial Integrity; and Environment. Heads of six international and regional organisations have also been invited to the summit.

The organisations are the UN, the ASĔAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations), CIS (Commonwealth Independent States), CSTO (Collective Security Treaty Organisation), EAEU (Eurasian Economic Union) and CICA (Conference on Interaction and



Confidence Building Measures in Asia)

Incidentally, it will be Putin's first participation in a multilateral summit after a mercenary group launched a short-lived armed rebellion last week that rocked Moscow

The summit of the SCO is also set to welcome Iran as the new permanent member of the

grouping. The situation in Afghanistan, the Ukraine conflict and enhancing cooperation among the SCO member countries are expected to figure in the summit, people familiar with the matter said, adding boosting connectivity and trade is also likely to be discussed.

The summit is also taking place against the backdrop of the over three-year eastern Ladakh border standoff between Indian and Chinese troops, and two weeks after Prime Minister Modi's high-profile visit to the US.

The SCO, comprising India, China, Russia, Pakistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan, is an

influential economic and security bloc and has emerged as one of the largest trans-regional international organisations. India assumed the rotating chairmanship of the SCO at the Samarkand Summit of SCO on September 16 last year.

Heads of the two SCO bodies -- the secretariat and the SCO RATS (Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure) are also set to attend Tuesday's virtual summit.

India's presidency of the SCO saw significant activities in a number of areas. New Delhi created five new pillars for coop-eration in SCO. These are startups and innovation, traditional medicine, digital inclusion, youth empowerment and shared Buddhist heritage.

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Ministers review preparations for Prime Minister's visit

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All the three local UP Ministers including Labour and Employment Minister Anil Rajbhar, Minister of State for Stamp and Court Registration (Independent Charge) Ravindra Jaiswal and Minister of State for AYUSH and Food Security (Independent Charge) Dayashankar Mishra 'Dayalu reviewed the preparations of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit on July 7 and in a meeting here on Monday, they directed the administrative officers to complete all arrange ments in a well-planned and systematic manner on time with quality. After the meeting, the ministers also inspected the venue of the public meeting at Wajidpur and gave necessary directions to the officers present on the spot. In view of the rainy season, they said that proper arrangements of drainage should be made apart from arrangements of sufficient number of coolers, fans etc.

At the review meeting, they said that the PM would give a gift of 32 development projects worth Rs 3,147 crore which include inauguration of 19 development projects worth Rs 1,720 crore apart from laying the foundation stones of 13 projects worth Rs 1,427 crore. They said that during his public meeting site, the PM would distribute certificates/ keys of three beneficiaries each of Pradhan Mantri SVANidhi



UP Ministers Anil Rajbhar, Ravindra Jaiswal and Dayashankar Mishra 'Dayalu' inspecting PM's proposed public meeting site at Wajidpur in Varanasi on Monday.

Medical Officer (CMO) to Yojana, Gramin Awas Yojana and Ayushman Bharat Yojana select a site for setting up a and before this, the PM would trauma centre in Chiraigaon hold talks with 10 beneficiaries and till the opening of this centre, the same work should be each of these three schemes in done at Community Health a room built at the venue of the public meeting. The pro-gramme will also be attended by the Governor Anandiben Centre (CHC) Narpatpur. He also asked the concerned officers to upgrade the roads of the Patel and Chief Minister Yogi city. Minister Ravindra Jaiswal Adityanath.

According to the ministers, asked the District Magistrate about 14,000 beneficiaries of (DM) to ensure arrangements Varanasi, Jaunpur, Ghazipur, Chandauli, Mirzapur and for installation of information boards related to the benefits to Bhadohi districts will particithe general public from the varpate in the programme and out ious schemes. He laid special of them, there would be 3,000 emphasis on installation of beneficiaries only from signage for the development Varanasi district. Minister Anil works done in Kashi with an Rajbhar directed the Chief amount of more than Rs 2,600

crore at the relevant work sites, as well as installation of hoardings thanking the PM on behalf of the public for these works in the district. He also directed entrance gates on major roads related to the identity of Kashi. Minister Dayashankar Mishra 'Dayalu' directed to repair the lighting decorations installed in the city

DM S Rajalingam, while giving detailed information about the preparations made so far, assured that all the arrangements would be completed on time. CDO Himanshu Nagpal, ADM (Admn) Ranvijay Singh, ADM (City) Gulab Chandra and others were also present on the occasion

BJP intensifies efforts to make Modi's rally a success

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Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has intensified its efforts to make the proposed public meeting of Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Wajidpur on Harhua-Sarnath Ring Road on July 7 a grand success. In this direction, under the leadership of regional president (Kashi Region) Dilip Singh Patel a meeting was held here on Monday. He said that both the district and city units have intensified their preparations for the success of the public meeting.

He further said that in onnection with the pre tions, several meetings at city and district units were held during the day, while similar meetings at assembly con-In stituency levels were organised a day ago. Besides, senior BJP leaders and people's representatives participated as chief guests in the meetings held at the Mandal level. He himself attended two Mandal level meetings in the Sewapuri area at Ramesh Pradhan's residence and in Rajatalab area at SH Vatika (Aswari). Addressing these separate meetings, Patel said that India has touched new heights of development under the leadership of the PM. "Today Kashi

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¬uru Purnima was cele∙

Ubrated in this holy city with

traditional gaiety and religious

fervour when a heavy rush of

shishyas (disciples) was seen at

several leading ashrams, maths

and other places here on

Monday. Long queues of devo-

tees were seen at Parao,

Garhwaghat, Ravindrapuri and

other famous ashrams where

thousands of supporters

thronged, seeking the blessings

(Shri Sarveshwari Samuh

Sansthan Devasthanam) in the

northern outskirts of the city at

Parao, long queues of disciples

was seen both inside of this

sprawling premises and outside

to seek the blessings of Baba

Gurupad Sambhav Ram, who

At Aghor Peeth Ashram

from their gurus.



Regional BJP chief DS Patel addressing a party meeting in Varanasi on Monday

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1.	Jaya Pandey, Ravi Shankar Pandey, B-74 1st Floor Ramprastha Colony Ghaziabad UP Ghaziabad 201011., A/c No:- LBDEL00002203375	Flat No- 1402, 13th Floor, Tower- A, Kingswoods Court, Plot No- Gh 06, Crossing Republik Dundahera, Ghaziabad	08-12-2022 Rs. 12,39,373/-	03-06 2022
2.	Prakash Chandra Joshi, Rama Joshi, Block No 4 H No 369 Khichadipur Khichdi Pur Trilok Puri East Delhi New Delhi Delhi 110091., A/c No:- LBDEL00005042703	Block K Flat No- K-1106 11th Floor Diya Green City, Raj Nagar Extn. Ghaziabad.	06-09-2022 Rs. 16,90,552/-	03-06 2022
3.	Vinod Kumar, Anuradha Tomar, Nagarro Software Pvt Ltd, H No. S 36 SEC 22A Gurgaon Gurgaon 122015., A/c No LBGUR00002893460	Flat No. J 31, 3rd Floor, 63 Golf Drive Tower 9, Sec- 63A, Gurgaon.	06-09-2022 Rs. 4,22,444/-	03-06
I .	Shakuntala Devi., Sandeep Dutt Sharma, WZ- 190 Lajwanti Garden Delhi 110046., A/c No:- RBDEL00001865448	Flat No. WZ- 190, Lajwanti Garden, Plot No - 15(With Roof Rights), Khasra No- 212, Villagr Nangal Raya, New Delhi, Delhi.	06-09-2022 Rs. 4,19,907/-	30-06 2022
5.	Sulochana Jha, Dev Shankar Jha, B- 429 1st Floor Avantika Sec- 1 Rohini Delhi 110085., A/c No:- LBDEL00003081733	Flat No- 0803, 12th Floor, Tower 12, Village Naurangpur, Supertech Basera, Sector-79 and 79B, Manesar Urban Complex, Gurgaon.,	06-09-2022 Rs. 13,46,474/-	31-0° 202°
3.	Mohit Singhal, Suman Singhal, R 2/123 Raj Nagar Ghaziabad Ghaziabad 201001., A/c No:- LBGHZ00002865033	H.No M-146, Ground Floor, Sec- 23 Sanjay Nagar, Ghaziabad	06-09-2022 Rs.10,91,710/-	30-10 2021
7.	Rakesh Kumar Pahuja, Raj Rani, Flat No-17 SRM Apartments, 106 IP EXTN Patparganj Shakarpur, East Delhi Delhi 110092., A/c No:- LBDEL00004601450	Flat No. 1103, Tower-3A, 11th Floor, Situated in Project "Speedway Avenue", Plot No. Gh-A-2, Sector-25, Jaypee Greens Sports City, SDZ, Yamuna Expressway, Greater Noida	06-01-2023 Rs. 31,69,694/-	03-10 2022
8.	Amit Bhagat, Leela Bhagat, 882, ATS Vill 1 Express Way, Sec 93 A, Noida 201301., A/c No:- LBGUR00001951319	Unit No Ocb0052601, Orchards Jaypee Green, Wishtown Noida, Sec-128, Noida	06-01-2023 Rs.45,18,032/-	11-10 2022
9.	Sanjay Kumar Patel, Kritika Patel, 168, New Surya Kiran Appt. Plot No- 65, I.P.EXTN. Patparganj, Delhi Delhi 110092., A/c No:- LBNOD00001949666	Flat No.J1- 606, 6th Floor, Tower-J1, Blossom County Situated at Plot No. Gh- 02, Sector 137, Noida	06-01-2023 Rs. 39,41,116/-	11-10 2022
	Prabhati Pritam, Amrendra Kumar Amar, D- 603 Star Rameshwaram, 6th Floor Fir Tower D Ghaziabad Ghaziabad 201017.,A/c No:LBGHZ00005158563	Flat No- F-605, 6th Floor, Tower- F, Star Rameshwaram, Raj Nagar Ext., Ghaziabad, Uttar Pardesh	02-03-2023 Rs. 5,42,404/-	29-08 2022
-	Ringu Srinivasu, Indira Ringu, Flat No. 40 1st Floor Pocket 2 Sector 14 Dwarka Delhi 110078., A/c No:- LBDEL00002396128	Dda Lig Flat No.37, First Floor,pocket- 2, Sector- 14, Dwaraka Residential Scheme, Phase- 2, Dwarka, Delhi	02-03-2023 Rs. 26,42,695/-	18-10 2022
	Parvesh Mann, Saksham, Ruchika Dabas, Ms Om Retails, Flat No.11 Second Floor, Pkt 4 Sec 24 Rohini Near Heritage School Pkt 4 Sec 24 Delhi 110085., A/c No:- LBDEL00005375319	Dda Built- Up Flat No.270, Category-mig on Third Floor, Along With One Scooter Garage on Ground Floor, Pocket 7, Sector 23, Rohini, Delhi-110085	13-05-2023 Rs. 35,03,334/-	03-02 2023
	Anand Prakash Naithani, Chintan Naithani, E76/3 Block E, Pandav Nagar, Delhi 110091., A/c No:- LBGHZ00002941703	Flat No.D-503, 5th Floor (Without Roof Rights), Block- D, Raj Hans Premier Apartment on Group Housing Plot No-4/4, Situated at Ahinsa Khand- 1, Indirapuram Ghaziabad Tehsil & Distt., Ghaziabad-201001	13-05-2023 Rs. 28,84,415/-	03-02 2023
4.	Hemalata Yadav, Avanish Kumar, Kh No. 767 768 FF BLK K Gali No. 8, Mahipalpur Gali No. 8 Mahipalpur Delhi Delhi Delhi 110037., A/c No:- LBDEL00005031996	Flat No.604, 6th Floor, Tower D2, Aangan, Village Harsaru, Sector- 88A/89A, Gurgaon.	13-05-2023 Rs. 13,53,642/-	03-02 2023
5.	Debojit Saha, Manojit Saha, H No. F 212, Jalvayu Tower Sec 47, Police Station Sector 49 Noida 201301., A/c No:- LBDEL00002332436	Flat No.3-B, 3rd Floor, Ashirwad, Situated at Premises No.39, Kabi Nabin Sen Road, Police Station- Dum Dum Kolkata- 700028	22-05-2023 Rs. 19,99,119/-	13-03 2023
16.	Bishwjeet Biswas, Jyoti Biswas, 1519-B, Gali No-13 S/F, Govind Puri, Delhi 110019., A/c No:- LBFDB00005141300	Flat No-D-103, 1st Floor, Tower-D, Mulberry County, Situated at Village Mujeri, Sector-70, Faridabad- 121001	22-05-2023 Rs. 35,52,494/-	06-03 2023
	Amrita Devi, Pradeep Kumar, Plot No.547 Min 2BHK 4th Floor, Kapa Shera High Tenti on Wali Gali Delhi 110037., A/c No:- LBDEL00004865125	Flat No.12-007, Ground Floor, Tower/Block 12, Serenas, Sector 36, Sohna (With Two Wheeler Open Parking Site & The Pro Rata Share in The Common Areas) Gurgaon 122103	22-05-2023 Rs. 15,78,451/-	13-03 2023
1	Veerpal Singh, Hema Singh, Flat No. B303 Third Floor The Royal Residency Co-Op Sector 45 Gurgaon 122001., A/c No:- LBGUR00004928648	Apartment No 5-005, Ground Floor, Tower 5, "The Serenas", Situated At Sector 36, Sohna District, Gurgaon 122003	22-05-2023 Rs. 23,36,762/-	05-07 2021
19.	Anita., Rupesh Dubey, Flat No. C-504 Moti Residency Near Morta Villege Raj Nagar EXT Ghaziabad Ghaziabad 201017., A/c No:- LBDEL00002900950	Flat No.C/504, 5th Floor, Tower-C, Moti Residency, Situated at Khasra No.238, Village- Morta, Raj Nagar Extension, Near NH-58, Uttar Pradesh Ghaziabad- 201001	22-05-2023 Rs. 32,78,902/-	06-03 2023
20.	Ashutosh Roy, Ruchi Kumari, House No. 50 A Surya Vihar, Part 2, Sehatpur, Sector 91, Faridabad 121013., A/c No:- LBNOD00004789321	Flat No.2103, 21st Floor, Wing H, Future Estate, Situated at Plot No. Gh-16E, Sector-1, Uttar Pradesh Greater Noida (West) 201307	22-05-2023 Rs. 23,94,114/-	06-03 2023
)	Prabhu Narayan Mishra, Gouri Mishra, E-1, Surya Vihar-ii, Sehatpur, Faridabad 121003., A/c No:- LBNOD00002182273	Flat Bearing No.Gf 17, Ground Floor, Tower- B, "Gardenia Gateway", Situated At Plot No.10,ECO City, Sector-75, Gautam Budha Nagar Noida-201301	22-05-2023 Rs. 65,71,941/-	30-04 2019
	Mohan Service Center, Mohan Singh, Laxmi Devi, 0 Vill. Maholi Yatayat Nagar Mathura 281004., A/c No:- LBDEL00004959547	Commercial Plot on A 13 (Southern Part), Situated at Yatayat Nagar, Mathura Vrindavan Vikas Pradhikaran Palikhera, Uttar Pradesh Mathura- 281001	22-05-2023 Rs. 12,94,669/-	04-03 2023
23.	Tushar Garg, Meenu., G 2053 16th Avenue Gaur City 2 Greater Noida Noida Uttar Pradesh- 201310., A/c No:- LBNOD00004905808	Flat No.1705, 17th Floor, Wing- I, Future Estate Situated at Plot No.Gh- 16E, Sector 1, Greater Noida West Uttar Pradesh Noida 201307	22-05-2023 Rs. 40,97,467/-	06-03 2023
24.	Rajesh Chowdhary, Radha Chowdhary, B6/194 Nandnagri Shahdara Gtb Xing, Delhi New Delhi Delhi 110096., A/c No:- LBDEL00001981243	Flat No-A 1802,18th Floor, Avj Heightss Situated at Plot No Gh-12/2 Sector Zeta- 1, Greater Noida Uttar Pradesh Noida 201307	22-05-2023 Rs. 70,91,044/-	31-12 2016
25.	Gaurav Sharma, Alika Sharma, H No-294 Deerwood Chase, Nirvana Country Sector 50 Gurgaon, Haryana, 122001 Sector 50 Gurgaon Haryana 122001., A/c No:- LBGUR00002432831	Unit No.R-1207, 12th Floor, Ireo City Central , Managed Serviced Apartments Sector- 59 Gurgaon Haryana 122001	22-05-2023 Rs. 58,77,619/-	06-03 2023
	Hemant Prakash, Darshana H Prakash, 590 Sector-A Pocket B-C Vasant Kunj South West Delhi Delhi Delhi 110070., A/c No:- LBGUR00002071252	Flat No- 590, DDA Mig, Second Floor, Pocket B and C Sector A, Vasant Kunj Vasant Kunj New Delhi Delhi 110070	22-05-2023 Rs. 70,08,978/-	13-03 2023
	Rajesh Kumar Yadav, Anil Kumar Yadav, Flat No.77 Venus Appartment, Rohtak Road Paschim Vihar Near Inder Enclave West Delhi Rohtak Road Paschim Vihar Near Inder Enclave West Delhi Delhi 110087., A/c No:- LBDEL00002587330	Flat No-9, Ground Floor Lig Venus Cghs Known As Venus Apartment Near Inder Enclave, Rohtak Road, Paschim Vihar Delhi Delhi 110087	22-05-2023 Rs. 35,51,405/-	06-03 2023
	SUBAL JALAN, Acme Praxis Pvt Ltd, Shalini Jalan Jalan Transport Pvt Ltd, 1202 Marvella Mahagun Moderne Sector 78, Noida Uttar Pradesh Noida 201304., A/C No:- LBDEL00003788759	Unit No. 2174, on The 21st Floor Block Ferrera, Mahagun Moderne, Situated at Plot No.GH-2, Sector- 78 Uttar Pradesh Noida 201305	22-05-2023 Rs. 3,85,37,125/-	30-04 2019
	Rabindra Singh, Soni Singh, House No.9 Block I Beta 2, Behind Omaxe Cannaught Place Mall Greater Noida Gautam Buddha Nagar Uttar Pradesh- 201301., A/c No:- LBNOD00004981801	Plot No-9, Block-I Sector-Deta (MHS02) Greater Noida Industrial Devlopment Authority Uttar Pradesh Noida- 201307	24-05-2023 Rs. 55,28,508/-	06-03
50.	Gauray Sharma, Alika Sharma, H No, 294 Deerwood Chase,	Unit No-ICC-MSA-R12-06,12th Floor, Ireo City	24-05-2023	06-0

is gaining prestige on the global platform with a divine aura. this Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, India is dominating the global stage with two major achievements. The first achievement is the presidency of the G-20 and the second achievement is India's emergence as the fifth largest economy in the world," he said, adding that the last nine years completed by July 5. of the central government has been unmatched. He also called

upon all the party workers to warmly welcome our MP and Prime Minister.

He expressed his gratitude to the party workers for the

the day. UP Minister of State success of the Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's public meeting on June 26 and expressed (Independent hope that the party workers Ravindra Jaiswal, district pres would make the proposed proident and MLC Hansraj gramme of the PM a historic one. He gave a target of 2,000 people to reach the PM's meeting from each Mandal unit. He said that the meetings of Shakti Kendras and booths should be Regional spokesman Navratan Rathi said that apart from the office-bearers of the district and city units, senior BJP leaders and people's representatives were also present in

aurav Sharma, Alika narma, H No. 294 Deerwood Init No-I C-MSA-R12-06,12th Floor, Ireo Ci Nirvana Country Sec 50 Gurgaon Gurgaon, Haryana, 122001 Gurgaon Haryana 122001., A/c No:- LBGUR00002504503 Central- Managed Service Apartment Sector- 59 Gurgaon Haryana- 122001 Ravi Kumar Goyal, Pratiksha Goyal, G 115 Ground Floor Sector 22 Noida Near Fedral Bank Noida Uttar Pradesh 201301., Unit No-T4/1102,11th Floor, Dream Homes, Wave City, Situated at NH 24 Sector 5 Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh- 201001 Charge) A/c No:- LBNOD00004857927 Flat No. 904, 9th Floor, Tower H, Oxirich Sunskriti Phase Ii, Situated at Sector-33, Tehsil Pradeep Rawat, Paramjit Rawat, Flat No-323 DG-3 Vikaspuri, Tilak Nagar West Delhi Tilak Nagar Delhi Delhi Delhi 110018., A/c No:- LBDEL00004913438 Tijara Bhiwadi, District Alwar, Rajasthan 301019 Flat No-10107, Tower 10, 10th Floor, Synera, Sector 81, Block 10 Vill Nakhnaula, Sector- 81 33. Md Zeeshan Akhtar, Shadab Akhtar, F-19A Gali No. 6/4 Ground Floor Joga Bai Extension, Jamia Nagar Jamia Nagar Delh 110025., A/c No:- LBDEL00003276347 Gurgaon Haryana- 122001 34. Rojamol K, Mohammed Roshan K, 70A /1 Gautham Nagar New Re Sy No.395/7-1, Varkala Taluk Mananboor Village, Re Sy No.395/7-1 Block 18, Old Sy No.4245 4232, Varkala Trivandrum- 695144 Delhi Delhi 110049., A/c No:- LBDEL00005179147 Dinesh Kapoor, K&K Health Care Private Limited, Saru Kapoor, Second Floor Plot No-C-10 Preet Vihar Delhi 110092., Property No.C-10, 3rd Floor, Front Side, Preet Vihar, Village Mandawali Fazalpur, Shahdara. & Property No.C-10, 2nd Floor (Upto Ceiling Level), Rear Side, Preet Vihar, Village Mandawali Fazalpur, Shahdara. A/c No:- LBNOD00001685505 36. Rajnish Kumar Pallan, Shruti Pallan, T7-101, Pivotal Devaan, Sector 84 Dlf Quatab Enclave Gurgaon 122004., Flat No.101,1ST Floor, Tower 7, Known as "DEVAAN", Sector- 84, Gurgaon 122001 A/c No:- LBGUR00005298863 Plot No-238, Pocket-b, Sector-20, Noida Noida Premendra Mohan Sharma, Manju Sharma, A-49/3 SFS Flat Dda Opp PVR Anupam Cinema Hall Saket Delhi 110017., 201301 A/c No:-LBDEL00001814788 38. Arun Kumar, Parveen Kumar, Santosh. D 6 68 Rohini Sector 6, Avantika North West Delhi, Delhi Delhi New Delhi Delhi 110085., A/c No:- LBDEL00005156619 Flat No.769,DDA Lig, Second Floor, Block GH-1 Pocket 1, Sector 29, Rohini New Delhi Delhi 110085 Sumanta Banerjee, Rakhahari Banerjee, B 134-136 Ambedkar Colony Street No.1 Chhattarpur New Delhi Delhi 110074., Flat No-J-146, 14th Floor, Tower J, 63 Golf Drive, Village Ullahwas, Sector-63A, Gurgaon A/c No:- LBGUR00004679201 122001 Niraj Gupta, Seema Gupta, H25 2nd Floor Residency Greeans Sector 46, Gurgaon Gurgaon 122001., Flat No.2D, Block- 5, 2nd Floor, Regent Enclave Mouza- Mondalganthi, Police Station Rajarhat District 24 Pargana (North), West Bengal 24 Pargana (North) 700120 (Alongwith A/c No:- LBGUR00001979938 Swami Appurtenant, Undivided Share in The Land & Similar Share In Common Areas & Amenities) 41. Anurag Malik, Reema Maan, H No. 105 1st Floor Sec 3 Ballabhgarh Faridabad Haryana Faridabad- 121002., A/c No:- LBFDB00004960893 Flat No-803, 8th Floor, Tower-T-5, "AAGMAN" Village Mujeri, Sector-70 Faridabad- 121001 42. Kishan Gupta, Govind Gupta, House No- 2, Block-C Main Road Flat No. 503, 5th Floor, Tower T6, Laxmi Apartments Sheetla Colony Gurgaon Haryana- 122001. Village Gopalpur, Sector- 99A, Manesar, Tehsil and A/c No:- LBGUR00003984789 Distt, Gurgaon Gurgaon 122001 43. Seema Suri, Virender Suri, 702/A Sri Nagar Rani Bagh Gali No.2 Delhi Delhi 110034., A/c No:- LBDEL00001790872 44. Neetu Gupta, Ashu Gupta, Atin Kumar, H No.109 Bangur Avenue, Block D Part 02 South Dum Lake Town North 24 Block D Part 02 South DCM Lake Town North 24, Calcutta West Bengal 700055.,

other disciples sought the blessings from Mahant Balak Das. At Srividya Math near Shankaracharya Ghat, in absence of Shankaracharya of Jyotish Peeth Avimukteshwaranand, the followers offered prayers to his 'Charan Paduka' and he function was attended by a good number of followers from Varanasi and its adjoining districts and important among them were media in-charge Sanjay Pandey, Brahmchari Bhiritanand and Basant Rai. The women sang bhajans on A/c No:- LBDEL00002371563 the occasion. At Dharmsangh Shiksha Mandal, Durgakund, in the morning Peethadishwar SwamiShankardev Chaitanva Brahmchari Ji Maharaj offered prayers to the charan paduka of ĥis guru late Swami Kalpatriji

ers through traditional methwhile talking to the reporters ods on the eve of the day, said that the religion does not teach us to fight with each other, but teaches us the art of living. "Religion is a social system which always connects and creates a harmonious atmosphere," he said. Several dignitaries including former Union Minister PL Punia also reached



Parao Ashram in Varanasi on Monday

there to seek blessings of their guru. The name of the leprosy unit of this ashram has been included in the Guinness Book of World Records for treating people. the maximum number of lep-

Similarly, at yet another big ashram located on the southern outskirts, thousands of people sought the blessings of Peethadheeshwar Sadguru Sarnanand. It was the ashram where in recent years, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit

Shah, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and others visited there frequently, keeping in view of its influence among the

In the mid-city area heavy rush of disciples was seen at Kinaram (Krikund) Ashram, Ravindrapuri. There was a festive mood seen throughout the day. The devotees sought the blessings from Peethadishwar Aghoracharya Baba Siddharth Gautam Ram. Apart from these ashrams, at Patalpuri Math, several Muslims including women and

Maharaj and 'Brahmleen Swami Laxman Dev Chaitanya Brahmchari Ji Maharaj. Later, he gave blessings to his disciples who reached there in a large number. A good rush of people was also seen at Tulsi Ghat, located residence of Mahant of Sankat Mochan Temple Prof VN Mishra and many others.

Vishwakarma, city chief Vidya Sagar Rai, MLAs Dr Neelkanth Tiwari, Dr Awadhesh Singh and Saurabh Srivastava, former MLA Surendra Narayan Singh regional general secretary Ashok Chaurasia, Sanjay Sonkar, Naveen Kapoor, Jagdish Tripathi, Praveen Singh Gautam, Ramprakash Dubey Jagdish Tripathi, Ashok Patel Pawan Singh, Suresh Singh and many others were also predifferent meetings held during sent. **Guru Purnima celebrated with gaiety**

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Flat No.F-315A, Block F, Nand Nikunj, EWS 30-05-2023 06-03-Rs.9,32,779/- 2023 30-05-2023 Rakesh Kumar Verma, Sinki Shrivastava, 20 Block-C Pocket-I Rohini Sec Flat No. 395, 2nd Floor Block C Pocket 1 Sector 06-03 17 Rohini N, Delhi Delhi Delhi 110089., A/c No:- LBDEL00002412370 17, Category-LIG, Rohini Delhi Delhi 110089 Rs.4,69,165/- 2023 Radheygovind Wood And Furniture House, Manoj Kumar, Om 30-05-2023 H No 859/29, Gali 3, Vikasnagar Mauza 03/01 Prakashi Neelam, Aa, Kakroi Road Near Csd Canteen, Near Csd Cantee Sonepat Haryana Sonepat 131001., A/c No:- LBDEL00004950351 nalpur Hadud Nagar Nigam Sonepat 131001 Rs 2023 9,82,808/-30-05-2023 48. Govind Gupta, Kishan Gupta, H No.2 Block- C Sheetal Colony Main Road Haryana Gurgaon Haryana 122001., Flat No.1001,10th Floor, Tower T-9, Laxmi Apartments Village Gopalpur, Sector-99A, Haryana Gurgaon 122001 30-03-Rs. 9,40,779/-2023 A/c No:- LBGUR00003939681 Flat No-101, 1st Floor, Mahagun Moderne, Block Marvella Situated at Plot No.GH 02, Sector-78, 03-06-2023 30-01-49. Ajit Kumar, Shipra Singh, Flat No- 02191 Tower No- 2, Floor No-19, ATS Advantage Ahinsha Khand- 1 Near Aditya Mall, Indirapuram Rs. 51,15,103/-2023 Shipra Suncity Ghaziabad 201014., A/c No:- LBDEL00003356957 Noida- 201305 03-06-2023 11-03-Rs.3,29,735/- 2022 50. Lalita Khantwal, Sunil Khantwal, A 538, Sec 47, Noida 201301., Flat No.Q-202 Tower Q, Ajnara Garden Situated at Plot A/c No:- LBNOD00002973479 No.GH-02, Sector 16 Greater Noida (West) 201307 The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above borrower/s and/or their guarantors (as applicable) are advised to make the payments of outstanding within period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice else further steps will be taken as per the provisions of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security InterestAct, 2002. Date: July 04, 2023 Authorized Officer ICICI Bank Limited Place: Delhi/NCR

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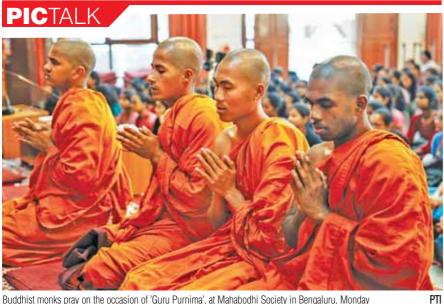
Ajit Pawar's entry into the State Cabinet exposes fissures in the NCP

he recent inclusion of Ajit Pawar, a prominent leader of the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP), in the cabinet as Deputy CM has sent shockwaves through Maharashtra's political landscape. Ajit's return to the fold after his brief and controversial alliance with the BJP last year has highlighted the deep-rooted divisions within the NCP. This unexpected move has raised concerns about the party's internal dynamics and the impact it may have on its future trajectory. Though after Sharad Pawar elevated Supriya Sule and Praful Patel, giving them more responsibilities and sidelining Ajit and his sympathisers, it was a foregone conclusion. Sharad Pawar's resignation episode a few weeks ago showed that Ajit did not have the sway over the party members demanding, as they did, Pawar's comeback in one voice. Ajit's association with the NCP has been marked by both achievements and controversies. He is known for his astute political strategies and administrative acumen, which



earned him the reputation of being a key troubleshooter for the party. However, his decision to join hands with the BJP and form a short-lived government in Maharashtra in 2019 did not work and lowered his stature as a leader who was not on the same page as stalwart Sharad Pawar. The NCP, founded by the senior Pawar, has been grappling with internal disagreements and power struggles for some time now. The party has historically witnessed factionalism, with various leaders vying for dominance. Ajit's controversial move last year exacerbated these divisions and led to a bitter feud within the party. A section of the NCP leadership, loyal to Sharad

Pawar, was deeply hurt by Ajit's decision to align with the BJP, considering it betrayal of the party's ideology and principles. The sudden shift had also caused considerable embarrassment to the NCP, forcing it to form an alliance with the Shiv Sena and the Congress to reclaim power in Maharashtra. The move has not only divided opinions within the NCP but has also raised concerns among its alliance partners. The Sena and the Congress, both wary of Ajit's past actions, have expressed apprehension about the implications of his re-entry into the government. This has further strained the already delicate relationship among the parties. With Ajit's return, the NCP faces significant challenges in restoring trust and unity within its ranks. The party must reconcile the differing factions and present a united front to effectively address the issues facing Maharashtra. The credibility and reputation of the NCP, as well as its alliance partners, are at stake, and it is crucial for them to act prudently. Ajit's entry into the cabinet has exposed deep-seated divisions within the NCP, casting a shadow over its unity and long-term prospects. The party's leadership must demonstrate strong resolve and commitment to its core principles to emerge from this episode with renewed strength and a clear vision for the future.



Tradition of sruti, smriti and Sengol



Perception and inference are valid sources of knowledge in the Indian traditions and so must be respected

ecently, India witnessed the establishment of the historic 'Sengol' in her new building of the parliament. The ceremony verily is the demonstration of our civilisational journey and re-discovering the ancient tradition once practised. The 'Sengol' is not a symbol of power, or lustre that is passed on from one generation to another rather it envelops a much wider connotation with deep philosophic meanings. The Sengol' as a concept is deeply rooted in the idea of 'Aram' - the Tamil equivalent of 'Dharma'. Saint Tiruvalluvar, in his timeless 'Thirukkural', sings the glorification of 'Sengonmai' as 'rule with justice, which is one of the most precious achievements of the Indic civilisation. The 'Sengol', or the Staff or the

Sceptre, is the foundation or support of all virtues and ethics essential for the state. The establishment was a moment of joy, pleasure, and pride for most of us. But some people doubted its grandeur and importance and also questioned its historicity. Being ignorant of our rich indic tradition of 'Sruti and Smriti', such people sought the justification of this entire ceremony. To understand the significance of Sengol, it is necessary to sweep over the tradition of Sruti and Smriti.

One of the distinctive features of India is her preservation and dissemination of knowledge for almost five thousand years at least. India bestows utmost importance on knowledge, and that is why India is known as a 'knowledge culture. This knowledge tradition is beyond the boundaries of any spatiotemporal relationship (desatita and kalatita) as well as continuous (nirantara). The entire outlook of Indian knowledge tradition is an interplay of Sruti and Smriti. There is a very intricate relationship between Sruti and the Smriti. The Brihaspati Smriti perceives these two as the two eyes for the men of wisdom and deprived of these two, one may lose their path and



ing' which is the primary revelation at the beginning of creation.' This revelation was 'seen' by the primaeval seers; on the other hand, Smriti means 'recollection' and is the collective term for all other sacred literature which is considered to be secondary to Sruti (Van Buitenen, 1974. Revelation is the inner visualisation of the true nature of various entities and their attributes. Vedic seers acquired this revelation through a progressive self-culture (atmasanskara). Sruti statements are considered infallible and hence are authoritative.

In his book 'Freedom at Midnight', Dominique Lapierre and Larry Collins remind us of the above-men-tioned ritual that happened at sundown on 14th August 1947 in Delhi. This pious ritual ended with chanting 11 verses of Kolaru Pathigam - a Tamil text - to instil good thoughts in mind.

Indian philosophical tradition accepts Sruti as the only means of Dharma. Sruti as well as Smriti are regarded as valid means of knowledge. Sruti ovides a firm foundation fo all knowledge traditions, and practices. Regarding the validity of Smritis, the Mimamsa School of philosophy presents

an enriching argument by saying that "if the Smriti writers knew a certain action that should not be done, how could they declare it to be one that should be done, and thus mislead the contemporary society? One may argue that some sort of memory of the Sruti provides the necessary foundation for Smriti writers to codify some acts. But such memory is also not possible in the absence of some previous perception. The Smritis cannot be solely based on memory because memory demands INDIC TRADITION previous cognition or experi-ACCEPTS SMRITI ence. Continual of some sort of cultural memory also does AS RELIABLE not authenticate them. On the other side, the memory of BASED ON the Vedas is not authenticated INFERENCE merely by its unbroken tradition but by the fact that the (ANUMANA) Vedas are perceptible to us during its recitation. In the case WHICH IS A VALID of Smriti, no such prior cog-SOURCE OF nition is available to support

their theories and practices. **KNOWLEDGE** Indian tradition accepts Smriti as reliable based on inference (anumana) which is a valid source of knowledge. The reason behind such inference is the fact that 'the agent awakening and echoes the is the same', i.e., the author of civilisational idioms in the the concerned Smriti and the 21st century. performer of the acts prescribed by the Sruti are the

same individual. It is also quite reasonable to accept that knowledge of Sruti texts is remembered, while certain Sruti texts and their wordings may be now lost. Different philosophical schools answer this question differently. The Mimamsa School assumes that Smritis are derived from Vedic texts now forgotten or inaccessible to us currently. In this way, Smriti, through inference, becomes the source of valid knowledge.

Perception and Inference, thus, are valid sources of knowledge in the Indian culture. Amidst the looming controversies surrounding the tradition of 'Sengol', its cultural validity can be significantly proven through the institutional memory that rests with the Adheenams of Tamil Nadu. In the present context, the tradition of handing over Sengol as a symbolic transfer of power is an inalienable cultural embodiment of the Sruti-Smriti tradition of ancient India. Its reiteration in modern India and symbolic placement in the new Indian parliament signifies the cultural (The author is member Secretary IGNCA)

Since the Vedas are transmitted orally and are perceptible to the auditory sense, it is termed Sruti. It means 'learning by hear-

Buddhist monks pray on the occasion of 'Guru Purnima', at Mahabodhi Society in Bengaluru, Monday

Address employee burnout on priority



Employee burnout has become a pervasive issue for many individuals who experience chronic stress at their workplace

he pressure to address burnout in workplaces became so intense in 2019 that the WHO had to announce it as an occupational phenomenon. According to a recent survey conducted by MPower, an initiative by The Aditya Birla Education Trust, it was found that approximately 48% of corporate employees are grappling with mental health concerns due to work-related stress.

Employee burnout is happening in modern workplaces that are increasingly fastpaced and demanding. Additionally, ever-evolving technology has blurred the line between work and life.

However, technology has a bright side too. Now, organisations recognise the threat of employee burnout, they are turning towards tech-based Human Resource strategies to address the challenge of keeping the workplace momentum in tune.

Beyond the Cubicles: In 2022, Mckinsey Survey revealed that employees who report experiencing high levels of toxic behaviour at work are eight times more likely to experience burnout symptoms. Lack of leadership and



micromanaging executives tions of work gives them a are additional factors that sense of autonomy to be promake employees feel extreme ductive on their terms and stress and insecurity. Modern manage commitments better. workplaces have introduced Installing HRM solutions that digital and virtual work modmay include mobile apps or els that have added productivplatforms that allow employity paranoia in employees. ees to set their availability, Post-pandemic work modules request time off, or even do provide freedom while swap shifts with colleagues seamlessly. By enabling flexworking but also cause digital fatigue. Microsoft Work ible work arrangements, Trends report in the year organisations can help 2022 highlighted the number employees achieve a better work-life balance, reducing of weekly online meetings the risk of burnout. had increased by 153%.

Overwork, strict deadlines, and undue expectations cause physical and mental burnout. Lack of work-life balance has resulted in unengaged, unproductive, and demotivated employees. **Tech-Based HR Solutions:** Though, modern workplace challenges require modern

solutions. By leveraging tech-

based HR strategies, HR departments can play a pivanalysing the collected data, HR departments can identiotal role in fostering a culture fy patterns and implement of well-being, cultivating targeted interventions to mitemployee engagement and igate burnout factors. promoting work-life balance. **Employee Well-being:** A vital **Technology for Flexibility:**

aspect of employee well-being is feeling recognised and valued for their contributions. HR tech tools that facilitate regular performance evaluations and constructive feedback can help employees understand their strengths and areas for improvement and align their goals with organisational objectives.

Well-Being As Work Culture: Employee well-being should be non-negotiable as they are the base of every organisational growth and success in the market. To foster collective resilience, organisations have a responsibility to support employees in transitioning from fear to a more empowered mindset. By implementing HR tech solutions that prioritise wellbeing, and offer long-term strategies to address employee burnout, organisations can reap significant benefits and ensure the well-being and

Assess Their Engagement:

Organisations can regularly

assess the performance, satis-

faction and engagement of

employees to counter the

issue of burnout. HR tech

platforms can enable the

deployment of employee sur-

veys and pulse check-ins to

gather real-time feedback on

employee experiences. By

success of their workforce. (The writer is founder HROne)

THE EDITOR **POLICE INDULGING IN VIOLENCE**

Sir — The pension reform and killing of 17 years old young boy in France had boiled the country once again. People are protesting in France for a week now, leading to which Mr Macron having to cancel his official state visit. Routers and Police Officers clash in the French City of Marseille, leading the entire nation into the garb of unrest and chaos.

Although the shot down of Nahel M, a young 17-year-old boy, clamp the nation as police arrested 1300 protestors so far. Like America, gun attacks by police on locals had been reported frequently. No doubt, arms are the instrument of Policing, but police must remember that it is for public safety not for taking public life. Mr Marcon, must immediately abide by the strict measures with respect to arms laws and regulations, and ensure that such people unrest will settle down as soon as possible. France which is burning for a week of chaos must settle peace and tranquillity on an urgent basis. We hope that the French Republic will soon return to normalcy with peace all around. Kirti Wadhawan | Kanpur

RESISTANCE AGAINST UCC

Sir — Why Uniform Civil Code is facing resistance among tribals in Chhattisgarh. While Prime Minister Narendra

Modi's recent speech in Madhya Pradesh advocating for the UCC has sparked a heated debate nationwide, it is crucial to consider the unique cultural and traditional practices of the tribal people in Chhattisgarh. Chief Minister Baghel rightfully questions the predominantly Hindu-Muslim perspective often associated with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and raises concerns about the implications for the tribal communities.

Any attempt to implement the UCC should be guided by the principles of preserving the cultural heritage, customs, and traditions of the tribal communities. It is crucial to ensure that the code respects their distinct identities and does not compromise their way of life. This could be achieved by 25 per cent less for the senior woman citi-

Extreme nationalism



ome international affairs experts believe that after the first half of the 20th cen-Sthat after the first had of the 21st century, the whole of Europe, once again, is finding itself in the grip of extreme nationalism or far-right ideology. While I believe that not only Europe but also South and North America are not able to separate themselves from these conservative thoughts. The former Trump gov-

allowing for specific provisions or exemp-tions within the UCC framework that take into account the unique needs and beliefs of the tribal communities.

In conclusion, the concerns r, inclusivity, and a commitment to preserving cultural diversity, we can strive towards a Uniform Civil Code that respects and upholds the rights and traditions of all communities in our great nation.

Md Maimul Islam Safui | Howrah

REPORTING ON LOSS MUST BE ACCURATE

Sir — Free travel to women is one of the five guarantees promised and implemented in Karnataka. Reports on loss due to free travel facility allowed must be accurate or at least must be nearer to accuracy. The conductor of the state-owned bus issues tickets to women with zero value.

There is also a purpose in issuing zerovalue ticket to ascertain the loss caused to the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC). For the purpose of calculation of loss, the ticket value for both senior citizens and non-senior citizens cannot be the same because the bus fare was

ernment in the United States and the earlier Bolsonaro governments in Brazil were also ruling on the strength of this radical ideology. India, which is called Asia's largest democracy, is also under the control of nationalists. Yes, it is definitely true that Europe is promoting and spreading the most conservative. In the political corridors of countries like France, Britain, Italy, Sweden, Poland and Germany, the movement of hatred and divisive people has increased more than ever. The biggest danger of nationalism is that it does not accept globalization and immigration. Religious minorities, blacks, and the poor are viewed with hatred by these conservatives. Due to this, the situation of conflict is continuously being created in the societies there

Jang Bahadur Singh | Jamshedpur

zens also. There are also girl children whose ticket value is 50 per cent of the fare up to a certain age. If the ticket value of girl children who were supposed to pay 50 per cent of the fare and if the ticket value of senior woman citizens who were supposed to pay 75 per cent of the bus fare is calculated at the value applicable to all, the loss is shown at an inflated value. This is wrong. The data showing the loss on account of free-travel concession to women will be flawed and the public are fooled by the fudged data related to loss reporting.

The ruling party wants to show the inflated figure to create an impression that it has helped the people more than it has actually helped. It is a different issue that the cost of goods and services in other government sectors has been hiked to offset the losses on account of the freebies given to the people. The government is making more profits from the freebies given. It is business. Freebies are the "investments" by the government to earn profits.

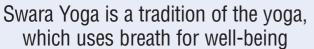
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FIRSTCOLUMN SWARA YOGA: A FORGOTTEN PANACEA





SWARA YOGI SWAMI CHARANASHRIT

ver since man has come into existence he has been attempting to understand the realm of the occult. He has tried his level best to accomplish this great task in various ways. Some talk about karma yoga, others about bhakti yoga, raja yoga, inana yoga, kundalini yoga, etc. But there is hardly anyone who talks about Swara Yoga. Swara Vigyan refers to the science of breath or the study of the rhythmic patterns of breath and its influence on human physiology, psychology, and spiritual well-being.

The main source of recorded knowledge on swara yoga comes from the Shiva Swarodaya. Shiva is the supreme consciousness. This text extols the significance of the different types of breath or pranic rhythms as told by Lord Shiva. Lord Shiva, first expounded the knowledge of swara to Devi Parvati. The Shiva Swarodaya was the outcome of this dialogue. The very opening of the Shiva Swarodaya emphasizes the importance of Swara yoga.

Shiva implores Devi to make sure that science is kept very secret and sacred, and remains the highest of all the vidyas or forms of knowledge. Lord Shiva further states that in all the seven lokas he knows no greater wisdom or treasure than the swara yoga. Is the ancient science bestowed to Devi Parwati by the lord Shiva?

According to Swar Vigyan, the breath is considered a powerful tool that can be used to regulate and balance various aspects of our lives. It recognizes that the flow of breath through the nostrils is not constant but alternates between the left and right nostrils. This alternating pattern is believed to be linked to the activation of different energy channels in the body.



Swar Vigyan practitioners observe and analyze the subtle changes in the flow of breath, such as the dominance of breath through one nostril over the other, the duration of inhales and exhales, and the specific qualities associated with each nostril's breath flow. These observations are believed to provide insights into the state of one's physical, mental,

India to become largest toymaker in the world



analys \$ 07

India makes toys worth USD 1.5 billion and is soon would be the world's largest toy maker but there are many challenges on the way, including of quality and pricing



ndia is poised to replace Chinese toys with indigenous manufacturing touching \$ 1.5 billion. It is likely to double to \$ 3.3 billion by 2028, according to International Market Analysis Research and Consulting Group (IMARC Group). India's toy imports, according to official figures, have declined by more than 70 per cent in the past 3.5 years, while exports have jumped by 61.3 per cent. It is expected to grow at a 12 per cent compound annual growth rate (CAGR). The world's leading toymaker Mattel recalled over 21 million Chinesemade toys worldwide in 2007 due to excessive levels of lead paint and other unsafe components.

India first banned toy imports from China mainly for its toxicity on 23 Jan 2009 but again eased it on 6 March 2009. The Narendra Modi government has put restric-tions again on September 1, 2017. Despite all this as per WTO norms a

tage of Western efforts to diversify from the world's No 2 economy, says an International Labour Organisation study.

India's share in the global toy market, estimated at \$90 billion, is 0.5 per cent (\$500 million). The toy manufacturers are mostly located in NCR, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and clusters in some other states.

Chitrakoot in Uttar Pradesh, Kondapalli in Andhra Pradesh, Tanjore dolls, Ghurni clay dolls, Rajasthani puppets and Chenna-patna on the Bengaluru-Mysuru highway have an age-old tradition of toy making but are unable to keep up with modern scale and trends.

machinery encourage manufacturers to produce innovative toys and boost the market outlook. The rising sales of smartphones, laptops, and personal computers (PCs), along with the increasing influence of social media, are propelling market growth.

Amazon sold \$ 6292 million worth of toys, Walmart \$ 4645 million and Target \$ 1621 million through e-commerce. India's import of toys in the financial year 2018-2019 stood at \$1.4 billion (Rs10,000 crore). Almost 85 per cent of the toys 2020 sold in India are imported, with China being the top source, followed by Sri Lanka, Malaysia, Germany, Hong Kong and the US. A large variety of toys are available within the Indian market, they can be broadly classified into two very distinct categories based on their application & purpose - educational and recreational toys. Amongst these two categories, under educational toys various toys and games made out of plastics and cardboard materials are prominent, while recreational toys, including electronic toys - remote controls, video games, battery operated toys, cars, plastic toys, dolls, soft toys and mechanical pull back toys are not popular amongst modern parents. However, out of all of these toys, electronic toys & games as well as battery-operated toys are being manufactured less in India. The markets still sell Chinese products as still these are considered to have beheld the buyer. The Indian toys, despite being less expensive, are supposedly of better quality and have yet to carve out a

niche in the market. There is a perception that the imported are tech-nologically better. Manufacturers say that at initial stages the reactions are normal but as the indigenous products proliferate the percep-tion would change.

Manufacturers find that while they have started mainly plastic toys as it is easier, they face different kinds of problems. It is just not the kind of metals and plastics but many toys need different kinds of textiles and other accessories. The ancillaries are yet to come up. Some require particular kinds of durable, light and special fabric. That too is not locally available. China has also advanced the low-cost electronics industry.

and emotional well-being

By understanding and working with the natural rhythm of breath, Swar Vigyan practitioners aim to harmonize the flow of energy in the body, enhance physical health, balance emotions, improve mental focus, and achieve spiritual growth regarding the finer aspects of the theory and practice.I The physical act of breathing is said to have a very subtle influence on the level of consciousness and therefore the effects of swara yoga are also very subtle. It aims at directly awakening the highest human potential. In other systems, a similar understanding of the Swara of the breath is also expressed.

Swara yoga not only helps those who believe in a supreme reality but also those who do not have faith and who will also be surprised to discover many truths about this reality. Swara yoga is a path that leads to total experience and awakening of the entire being.

The alignment of the swara or breath is done according to the day and Hindi calendar. It is not very difficult to learn it. Just one has to be aware all the time of one's breath. It changes whether it is running from the right nostril or left nostril. If it is running from the right nostril at that time we should perform hard work like eating, doing exercise and even evacuating and logical, analytical mathematics can also be done.

> (The writer is an exponent of Swara Yoga. The views expressed are personal)

complete ban on toy imports is unlikely.

À new government initiative promises to help Indian toymakers scale up production capacity to compete internationally, further shrinking China's share in the domestic market. The government is considering a special scheme for the toy industry, according to Ajay Aggarwal, president of the Toy Association of India. It is likely to be a production-linked incentive. It will spur the activities of the toy industry

India is home to 25 per cent of the world's children aged between 0 and 12 years. Domestic demand is huge. It also has a rich history and culture when it comes to toy making. India's toy industry has been a rare bright spot in the country's drive to cut import reliance on China in recent years. Various policies to reduce dependence on Chinese goods and boost local manufacturing have been initiated while taking advan-

The traditional craft is protected as a geographical indication (GI) under the World Trade Organization. These are in demand EXPENSIVE, ARE SUPPOSEDLY OF **BETTER QUALITY** in the West as exquisite pieces of art. India's domestic toy industry com-AND HAVE YET prises 4,000 micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) and is pri-TO CARVE OUT A marily in the unorganized sector. NICHE IN THE

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The increasing population catal-yses the demand for toys. In addition, inflating income levels and the rising awareness among individu-als about the benefits of toys in improving the cognitive capabilities of children are positively influencing the market in the country. Apart from this, a shifting prefer-ence from conventional toys towards modern and hi-tech electronic toys is strengthening the market growth. In line with this, the escalating demand for sensory toys for kids with special needs is driving the market in India, the ILO notes Advanced technology and

However, they are expecting more government support for ban-ning imports to sustain production. A KPMG-FICCI report is hopeful that the country's market size would be doubling to \$ 2 billion shortly. Electronic toys comprise about ten per cent of the toy segment, it is hoped that even without them the rest of the segment would grow and gradually critical areas would also be covered.

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry is trying to understand the dynamics and shortcomings. It is also looking at the experience of other countries. It is working with the Toy Association of India.

Overall a good import substitution move has been made and the government expects the sector to leap by 2028. The Ministry of Commerce thinks that in the next few years Indian toy industry would compete with China and have a niche in the world market.

Basic Structure Doctrine: Its genesis and Indian Parliament

The Basic Structure Doctrine should balance its ambit concerning the powers of Parliament, as it is the biggest forum of representative democracy

■ his year in April, we celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Basic Structure Doctrine. Basic Structure doctrine is used by constitutional courts in our country to interpret provisions of our constitution and other laws which further drive us to the conclusion about the amendments of constitution or new laws, whether they are constitutional or unconstitutional

Though few jurists attribute this doctrine to J. Mudholkar wherein his lordship in Sajjan Singh's case used the word "basic feature". He cited a case from Pakistan, where it was held that essential features of the constitution cannot be amended (Fazlul Quader Chaudhary v. Mohd. Abdul Haque). Another branch of jurists



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is attributed to the lecture delivered by Sir Dieter Conrad, a German jurist at Banaras Hindu University. The lecture was used by the great jurist M K Nambiar in Golakhnath's case wherein he watered the seeds of Basic Structure, which already existed in our constitution, which will be explained later in this article by drawing

advocates that Basic Structure

an analogy from German's Basic Law. Shri M K Nambiar holds the distinction of arguing this doctrine for the first time in India.

Basic Structure doctrine cannot be analyzed without taking into account the Constitution of Germany which is called Basic Law. Article 19 of the Basic Law restricts certain rights as and when any situation arises. It is



pertinent to note that subclause (2) of Article 19, acting as a proviso to subclause (1) explicitly mentions that "In no case the essence of Basic Rights be affected". From here we can derive that to much extent, though unknowingly our Basic Structure doctrine is inspired

by Basic Law. Adding further to it, Article 19(4) of basic law guarantees, what we call in India the right to Legal Remedies. Article 10(2) of Basic Law puts some restrictions in furtherance of law when there is a need to protect the basic democratic order of

the country. Article 19(4) mentions that Article 10(2) cannot curtail the right of legal remedy.

There is a whole maze of events in this. In the Indian Constitution, we have a provision under Article 32(4) that mentions that rights under Article 32 (legal remedy) cannot be suspended except and otherwise provided by this constitution. Article 32 is termed as "Heart and Soul" of our constitution by Dr Ambedkar. This is because it is upon this right, our part III of the constitution gets enforced if violated by the state or its functionaries. It means, without using the words like "essential feature" or "Basic Structure" our constitution too has taken up the need to protect certain rights essential

for a civilized country. Basic Structure was there since inception, it is another issue that was first argued explicitly in Golaknath's case.

Therefore, delving into a debate about the fact that who introduced this doctrine in India is a futile debate. Rather we should understand that there are certain rights essential for humankind irrespective of borders. It is not to credit or discredit someone's effort as to who used it first but to thank every advocate and judge who used it at any point in time, which resulted in an honest effort to protect the rights of

individuals or society. As Indian polity is not that smooth, the rift between government and judiciary led to various litigations where the ambit of Basic Structure was widened. A recent interview given by Shri K K Venugopal rightly raises the caution that frequent usage of this doctrine has left parliament groping in the dark. Elaborating on the same, he added, the manner this doctrine was used in the NJAC case, undermined the intention of our Constituent Assembly members concerning the appointment of judges in constitutional courts.

Therefore, it is required that the Basic Structure Doctrine should balance its ambit concerning the powers of parliament, as it is the biggest forum of representative democracy. This doctrine has protected the rights of society and individuals but a caution to its usage is required to protect the interest of representative democracy as well.

(The author is a senior journalist)



French crowds rally in solidarity at town halls Khan protests

AP 📕 NANTERRE

rowds gathered at town halls across France Monday to show solidarity with local governments targeted in six nights of unrest touched off by the police shooting of a 17-year-old. The riots, which seemed to be easing overnight into Monday, were driven by a teenage backlash in the suburbs and urban housing projects against a French state that many young people with immigrant roots say routinely discriminates against

them. In all, 99 town halls have been attacked in the violence, along with other public buildings, according to the Interior Ministry.

President French Emmanuel Macron was meeting Monday with mayors of 220 towns from across the country. Across France, 34 buildings were attacked overnight many of them linked to the government - along with 297 vehicles

There has been little in the way of organized protests beyond a march last week for

Nahel, the teenager of Algerian descent who was killed on Tuesday in the Paris suburb of Nanterre. Instead, the anger has manifested with young people targeting police and both sides using increasingly aggressive tactics.

The anger has descended into attacks against symbols of the state, widespread arson and nighttime looting. About 45,000 officers were deployed nationwide against violence that the mayor of Nanterre, Patrick Jarry, said hurt young people above all. We want justice for Nahel and that the calls for an end of the violence expressed by his grand-

mother and mother be respected," said Jarry, speaking in front of his city hall, which escaped attack A car loaded with incendi-

aries struck the home of the mayor of the Paris suburb of L'Hay-les-Roses over the weekend, an unusually personal attack that authorities said would be prosecuted as an attempted homicide. The attack prompted an outpouring of support for local governments in many towns where the city hall is often



literally central to public life. L'Hay-les-Roses Mayor Vincent Jeanbrun said his wife and one of his children were injured and criticised the government for doing too little, too late — and said blaming social media or parents was papering over a bigger problem.

largest IMF borrower.

"The base ingredients are still there. For several years now, all summer long, explosives go off that keep people from sleeping, that make them crazy," he told BFM television on Monday. "We are powerless summer after summer."In all, according to the Interior

Ministry, there were 157 arrests overnight out of a total of 3,354 since last Tuesday, and two law enforcement stations were attacked, among other damage. The interior minister said the average age of those arrested was 17 and that children as young as 12 or 13 had been detained for attacking law enforcement and setting fires.

In the Paris suburb of Clichy-sous-Bois, where a fire also struck the town hall, residents over the weekend said anger had simmered for years and many said the government had done little to help them.

"Young people are afraid to die by the hands of police. They are hopeless. They are bored and they need something to distract them so they don't hang out in the streets," said Samba Seck, 39.

Macron has blamed social media for the spread of the unrest and called on parents to take responsibility for their teenagers. Justice Minister Eric Dupond-Moretti told France Inter radio that parents who abdicated that responsibility, "either through disinterest or deliberately," would be prosecuted. A 24-year-old firefighter died of a heart attack while responding to a blaze in an underground garage that spread to the apartment building above, according to Paris police. The cause of the fire was under investigation, police said in a statement.

'fascist' govt's oppression

Pakistan's ousted prime minister Imran Khan on I minister Imran Knan on Monday resumed political activities by launching his party's flag hoisting campaign, urging his supporters' full participation in the face of the "facciat" government's oppres-'fascist" government's oppressive tactics against it.

This is the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party's first political activity after the violent May 9 riots broke out in the country following Khan's arrest in a corruption The PTI chief was case. later released and has been on bail in over 140 cases of terrorism, violence, blasphemy, corruption and murder.

Taking to Twitter, Khan said, "The more they have tried to suppress Pakistan's biggest and the only Federal party, the more people of Pakistan stand with it."

"Let's show the fascists by putting up the PTI flag that nothing will stop us from our mission of Haqeeqi Azadi (real freedom)," Khan tweetèd.

The PTI party's official Twitter handle also posted videos showing people "actively participating in the drive."

The federal government led by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif of the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) has vowed to punish those involved in the anti-government protests under the stringent Ārmy Act.

Although the PTI is anticipating police action against those hoisting its flag, it is ready to face it as well, a party leader told PTI.

"Through this campaign, we will try to break the environment of fear the fascist government and its handlers (establishment) have instilled among the people on the pre-text of the May 9 incidents," he

said More or less, all PTI activists and leaders have gone underground, fearing police and military establishment action and the party anticipates a police crackdown on those hoisting its flag.



Thousands of party workers, including leaders and women, are in jails, mainly in Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa provinces, for Khyber their alleged involvement in vandalising dozens of military and state buildings during the May 9 violence.

The Pakistan Army is cur-rently trying 102 PTI activists under military laws. Khan has been under a kind of house arrest at his Lahore residence, as police do not

allow anyone to see him. Widespread violence erupted in Pakistan after the former premier was arrested by paramilitary personnel inside the Islamabad High

Court on May 9. He was later released on bail. Over 20 military installations and state buildings, including military headquarters in Rawalpindi, were damaged or torched in the violent protests that followed Khan's

arrest Khan, 70, was ousted from power in April last year after losing a no-confidence vote in his leadership, which he alleged was part of a US-led conspiracy targeting him because of his independent foreign policy decisions on Ćhina Russia. and Afghanistan.

EU climate chief concerned over expansion of coal industry in China

Beijing (AP): The European Union's climate chief on Monday expressed concern over the expansion of China's coal industry, with the building of new coal-fired plants.

At a conference in Beijing, Frans Timmermans said that while China is forging ahead with plans to expand its use of renewable resources such as wind and solar energy, the country has also been constructing an ever-growing number of coal-fired plants in

the past few years. "And that seems to be in a contradiction and it is in contradiction," said Timmermans. "But at the same time, I do understand the anxiety caused by potential blackouts."

China is the world's biggest and fastest-growing producer of renewable energy. It aims to turn one-third of its total power supply renewable by 2025.

As more cities are experi-encing sweltering temperatures this summer, the country may face power shortages and challenges to electricity grids, similar to what happened last year. At the same time, water shortages have led to reductions in

board with debt restructuring hydropower generation. Zhenhua attended the conference and presented a complate to memorative PTI COLOMBO Timmermans, who is on a two-day visit to China for the EU-China High-level Environment and Climate Dialogue. Official plans called for boosting coal production capacity by 300 million tons last year, at least the third consecutive year of growth. Although China is one of the biggest investors in wind and solar, anxious leaders called for more coal-fired power after economic growth plunged and shortages caused blackouts and factory shutdowns.

'Pak to become 4th biggest IMF debtor' stood in second place with USD Pak explores external

PTI ISLAMABAD

Debt-trapped Pakistan will become the fourth largest IMF borrower in the world after receiving a fresh loan of USD 3 billion in the next nine months under the standby arrangement reached with the global lender. Pakistan, which is facing its worst economic crisis since independence from Britain in 1947, was on March 31, 2023, ranked

fifth in the list of countries with faces an acute balance of paythe highest borrowing from the ments crisis because of the International Monetary Fund spillovers from the war in (IMF), The Express Tribune newspaper reported, citing the lenges. global lender's data. However, Pakistan will move tries owing it money, the IMF's

to the fourth place in this list when it receives another USD 3 billion in the next nine months under the Stand-By Arrangement made with the Washington-based global lender on Thursday. The deal, which still needs to

be approved by the IMF'S board, comes after an eight-month delay. Earlier, in terms of loans

Kyrgyz Republic, Armenia (West Asia) and Mongolia, are far from the IMF, Argentina ranked behind Pakistan in terms of first with USD 46 billion, Egypt

taking loans from the global lender.

18 billion, Ukraine came in third with USD 12.2 billion, According to IMF statistics, as of March 31 this year, the glob-al lender had issued loans of Ecuador took the fourth spot with USD 8.2 billion, and USD 155 billion or USD 115.2 billion special drawing rights Pakistan was at fifth position with USD 7.4 billion. With loans from the global lender worth USD 10.4 billion, (SDRs) to balance the world's financial position and support Pakistan will overtake Ecuador weak economies.

to become the world's fourth-This dollar figure was calculated using IMF data on the value Cash-strapped Pakistan of an SDR on March 31 this year, which stood at USD 1.345. The global lender uses the SDR as a unit of account to assess the value kraine and domestic chalof support it extends to its member countries. Despite a total of 93 coun-

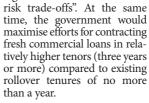
In August 2022, the IMF extended USD 1.1 billion to top 10 debtors, including Pakistan as part of a USD 6.5 billion programme agreed back in July 2019. Only 19 of the IMF's Pakistan, still account for the lion's share of 71.7 per cent of the outstanding balance of USD member countries have a USD 155 billion.Pakistan also holds 1 billion or more debt, the report the "title" of being the largest said. The high ranking in the list IMF borrower in the Asian of IMF borrowers calls for susregion, according to the report. tainable development for Pakistan by pulling the country out of the debt trap instead of Other Asian countries that borrowed from the IMF, including Sri Lanka, Nepal, Uzbekistan, the trumpeting the approval of a loan from the global lender under the stand-by arrangement.

PTI ISLAMABAD

With the IMF now on board, the cash-strapped Pakistan government is now considering meeting most of its external financing needs in the medium term through 10-15 years of international bonds and concessional multilateral loans, according to a media report on Monday. It also plans to diversify local debt instruments to inflation-based bonds, list government papers on the stock exchange, and issue short-term Islamic and conventional float-

The Pakistan government and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) last week reached a long-awaited staff-level agreement to inject USD 3 billion into the ailing economy after monthslong negotiations that pushed the country to the brink of default.

of Finance on the weekend, for the fiscal years 2023 -2026, the report said. "Availing maximum concessional external financing from bilateral and multilatera development partners" is one of the measures under the strategy to increase the average time to maturity of the external debt portfolio over the medium term, said. The strategy added that other measures would include borrowing more in 10 years' and 15 years' tenors in the international capital market while keeping the consideration for cost and



'Terror attacks in Pak rise by 79%' PTI ISLAMABAD

Comparatively, the same time-

frame in 2022 witnessed 151

attacks, causing 293 deaths and 487 injuries. These figures

represent a staggering 79 per

cent increase in militant attacks

during the first half of this year

compared to the corresponding

period last year," the report

said. Further, the latter half of

2022 recorded 228 attacks.

resulting in 246 fatalities and 349 injuries."Thus, the first

six months of 2023 witnessed

an 18 per cent rise in attacks



This is part of the new Medium-Term Debt Management Strategy, released by the Ministry

newspaper reported.

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Russia's attack on Ukraine added to the anxiety that foreign oil and coal supplies might be disrupted. China is the top producer and consumer of coal.

 $S^{\rm ri}$ Lanka hopes that China will assist the country in its

bid to restructure the external debt in the ongoing negotiations, Foreign Minister Ali Sabry said here on Monday. Sabry said negotiations have been progressing well with the Chinese as they are believed to hold over 50 per cent of Sri Lanka's external debt.

We have had several rounds of discussions with them," Sabry, who was in China

last week, said. He said the Chinese were taking part as observers in the platform created by the Paris Club of Creditors along with

India and Japan. "We are very confident that China will assist us in debt restructuring," Sabry said. Sri Lanka hopes to

restructure its external debt of USD 41 billion along with its slightly higher domestic debt of USD 42 billion. On Saturday, the govern-

ment got its local debt restructuring plan approved in Parliament

SL hopes China will come on

Both the restructuring rocesses should be complete y September in time for the International Monetary Fund's first review of its USD 2.9 billion bailout programme extended in mid-March.

Sri Lanka approached the IMF for a bailout in April 2022 after declaring its firstever debt default since independence in 1948.

Domestic debt restructuring (DDR) is a key condition in the IMF programme, through which a bailout package was approved for Sri Lanka.

The IMF programme unlocks more help from international funding agencies. Accordingly, the World Bank, earlier this week, approved USD 700 million in financing as budgetary and welfare support for Sri Lanka, which is facing its worst economic crisis.

The island nation is facing its worst economic crisis in history due to a shortage of foreign exchange reserves.

Sri Lanka's economy has been hit hard by the pandemic, rising energy prices, populist tax cuts and double-digit inflation.A shortage of medicines, fuel and other essentials also helped to push the cost of living to record highs, triggering nationwide protests which overthrew the government of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa in 2022

this week

visit China

Yellen to

Washington (AP): Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen will travel to Beijing Thursday as part of an ongoing Biden administration effort to thaw U.S.-China relations, a senior Treasury official said Sunday. Yellen, who has called the notion of an economic decoupling from China "disastrous," has frequently said in the past year that she would like to visit China. She says the two nations "can and need to find a way to live together" in spite of their strained relations over geopolitics and economic development. Yellen will meet this week with Chinese officials, U.Scompanies doing business in

China and with Chinese people and will stay through July 9, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss details of the trip.

Pakistan registered a whopping 79 per cent spike in terror attacks in the first six months of 2023 compared to the corresponding period last year, a prominent think-tank said here on Monday.

A statistical report released Pakistan Institute for Conflict and Security Studies (PICSS) said that the country's restive Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province has been the most highly impacted state due to the militant attacks while Sindh saw a dip in such attacks compared to last year.

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2022, accompa cent increase in fatalities and an 88 per cent increase in injuries," according to data released by the PICSS. Pakistani security forces

have also stepped up their response against terrorism and killed at least 236 militants across the country while 295 suspected militants were also arrested during the first six months of 2023.

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa emerged as the most affected province during the first half of this year, with 174 reported militant attacks, which claimed the lives of 266 individuals and injured 463.

Among the reported attacks, 100 took place in mainland Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, resulting in 188 deaths and 354 injuries, while 74 incidents occurred in the tribal districts. causing 78 deaths and 109 injuries

Thai opp party struggles to take power

AP BANGKOK

¬hailand's new Parliament L convened on Monday nearly two months after a progressive opposition party won a stunning election victory, but there was still no clear sign that its leader will be able to become prime minister and end nine years of military-dominated rule. To form a government, a party must have the backing of a combined majority of the elected House Representatives and the military-appointed Senate, which

represents the country's traditional conservative ruling class. The Move Forward Party's

unexpected election victory alarmed the ruling establishment, which regards it as a threat to the status quo and the monarchy. Some senators have already announced their opposition to party leader Pita Limjaroenrat, a 42-year-old Harvard-educated businessman.



In this May 17, 2023 photo, leader of Pheu Thai party Chonlanan Srikaew, left gestures with the leader of Move Forward Party Pita Limjaroenrat, in Bangkok, File photo Thailand.

Pita has formed an eight-party showed that Move Forward's coalition holding 312 seats in progressive agenda resonated the 500-seat lower house, which with a public weary of nine leaves it short of an overall years of military-controlled rule majority without the support of under Prime Minister Prayuth a significant number of the 250 Chan-ocha senators. The election results

'Explosion in Tokyo building injures four'

Tokyo (AP): An explosion at a building in Tokyo's Shimbashi commercial district on Monday shattered windows and spewed smoke, injuring four people, department officials said.Tokyo Fire Department said the explosion occurred at an eatery on the second floor of an eight-story building, injuring two people inside and two pedestrians who were hit by shards of glass.

Fire department officials said the four injured were all conscious but further details were unknown. NHK national television said three of them were seriously injured. An owner of the eatery who was among the injured told police that he noticed a smell of gas or sewage when he entered a smoking room, and the explosion occurred when he flicked his lighter, NHK said.

US recommends Americans reconsider travelling to China due to exit bans

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The US is recommending Americans reconsider travelling to China because of arbitrary law enforcement, exit bans and the risk of wrongful detentions. No specific cases were cited, but the advisory

China also recently passed a broadly written counterespionage law that has sent a chill through the foreign business community, with offices being raided, as well as a law to sanction foreign critics. "The

(PRC) government arbitrarily enforces local laws, including issuing exit bans on U.S. citizens and citizens of other countries, without fair and transparent process under the law," the

"US citizens travelling or residing in the PRC may be detained without access to US consular services or information about their alleged crime? it said.

"PRC authorities appear to have broad discretion to deem a wide range of documents, data, statistics, or materials as state secrets and to detain and prosecute foreign nationals for alleged espionage," the advisory said. It listed a wide range of potential offenses from taking part in demonstrations to sending electronic messages critical of Chinese policies or even simply conducting research into areas deemed sensitive. Exit bans could be used to compel individuals to participate in Chinese government investigations, pressure family members to return from

abroad, resolve civil disputes in favor of Chinese citizens and "gain bargaining leverage over foreign governments," the advi-

sory said. Similar advisories were issued for the semi-autonomous Chinese regions of Hong Kong and Macao. They was dated Friday and emailed to journalists on Monday. The US has issued similar advisories to its citizens in past, but those in recent years had mainly warned of the dangers of being caught in strict and lengthy lockdowns while China closed its borders for three years under its draconian "zero-COVID" policy. China generally responds angrily to what it considers US efforts to impugn its authoritarian Communist Party-led system It has issued its own travel

advisories concerning the U.S., warning of the dangers of crime, anti-Asian discrimination and the high cost of emergency medical assistance.

Details of the accusations against the accused spy John Shing-Wan Leung are not avail-able, given China's authoritarian political system and the rul-ing Communist Party's absolute control over legal matters. Leung, who also holds permanent residency in Hong Kong, was detained in the southeastern city of Suzhou on April 15, 2021 — a time when China had closed its borders and tightly restricted movement of people domestically to control the spread of COVID-19.

U.S. advisory said.

comes after a 78-year-old US citizen was sentenced to life in prison on spying charges in May.It also follows the passage

last week of a sweeping Foreign Relations Law that threatens countermeasures against those seen as harming China inter-

People's Republic of China



8 killed as Israel targets militant stronghold NATO readies military

AP JENIN (WEST BANK)

srael struck targets in a mil-Litant stronghold in the occupied West Bank with drones early on Monday and deployed hundreds of troops in the area, in an incursion that resembled the wide-scale military operations carried out during the second Palestinian uprising two decades ago. Palestinian health officials said at least eight Palestinians were killed and dozens wounded.

Troops remained inside the Jenin refugee camp at midday on Monday, pushing ahead with the largest operation in the area during more than a year of fighting.

It came at a time of growing domestic pressure for a tough response to a series of attacks on Israeli settlers, including a shooting attack last month that killed four Israelis Black smoke rose from the

crowded streets of the camp, exchanges of fire rang out and the buzzing of drones could be heard overhead as the military pressed on.

Residents said electricity was cut off in some parts and military bulldozers plowed through narrow streets, damaging buildings as they cleared the way for Israeli forces. The Palestinians and neighbour-

Sudan army calls

for fight against

rival paramilitary

Cairo (AP): The Sudanese army called on Monday on

young people and anyone else

capable of fighting to enlist at

the nearest military command

for battle against rival para-

chaos after fighting erupted

on April 15 between the mil-

itary, led by Gen. Abdel Fattah

Burhan, and the paramilitary

Rapid Support Forces, com-

manded by Gen. Mohammed

people have been killed, the

country's Health Ministry said, while about 2.5 million

people have been displaced, according to the UN. The true death toll is believed to be much higher. "The comman-

ders of the military divisions and regions have been

instructed to receive and equip the fighters, and they

must go to the nearest military

command or unit," the army

said on Monday morning on

Monday's call to arms

their official Facebook page.

Since then, over 3,000

Sudan descended into

military force.

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Smoke rises during an Israeli military raid of the militant stronghold of Jenin in the occupied West Bank, on Monday AP/PTI

ing Jordan and Egypt and the nation Organisation of Islamic Cooperation condemned the violence.

Israeli Defence Minister Yoav Gallant said the operation was "proceeding as planned", but gave no indication when the incursion would end. Lt. Col. Richard Hecht, an

army spokesman, said a brigade-size force — roughly 2,000 soldiers — was taking

China's defence minister

reaffirmed the country's

military relations with Russia

during a meeting on Monday

with the head of Russia's navy,

the first formal military talks

between the friendly neigh-

bours since a short-lived

mutiny by Russian mercenary

Defense Li Shangfu told Russian Adm. Nikolai Yevmenov that China hoped

for increased exchanges, joint

exercises and other forms of

cooperation that would take

defense ties to "reach a new

level," the Chinese Defense Ministry said after the two

navies have close exchanges

'The Chinese and Russian

Minister of National

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group Wagner.

met in Beijing.

part in the operation, and that military drones had carried out a series of strikes to clear the way for the ground forces.

Although Israel has carried out isolated airstrikes in the West Bank in recent weeks, Hecht said Monday's series of strikes was an escalation unseen since 2006 — the end

and frequent interactions," the

"It is hoped that the two

China operates the world's

The countries' fleets have

ministry quoted Li as saying.

sides will strengthen commu-

nication at all levels, regularly

organise joint training, joint

largest navy by number of

hulls and vastly outstrips

Russia's navy in both size and

held a series of exercises and

joint maneuvers since Russia's

full-on invasion of Ukraine

last year, as have their air

forces. The military coopera-

tion embodies the Chinese

and Russian governments'

informal alliance to oppose the US-led liberal world order.

policies and positions at the

United Nations, where Beijing

They align their foreign

technical ability.

patrols and joint war games."

of the Palestinian uprising. Smoke billowed from within the crowded camp, with mosque minarets nearby Ambulances raced toward a hospital where the wounded were brought in on stretchers.

Lynn Hastings, the UN humanitarian coordinator in the Palestinian areas, said on Twitter that she was "alarmed by scale of Israeli forces operation", noting the airstrikes in a densely populated refugee camp. She said the UN was mobilising humanitarian aid.

While saying it is neutral in

the Ukraine war, China has

stood solidly beside Russia,

accusing the US and NATO of

provoking Moscow and of fuelling the bloodshed by help-

ing arm Ukraine. China has

refused to condemn the inva-

sion or to refer to it as one in

deference to Moscow but also

has said it would not provide

Russia with military assistance

led by Wagner chief Yevgeny

Prigozhin, China has said it

backed Russian efforts to "sta-

bilize the situation in the coun-

try." The march on Moscow

that Prigozhin launched and

then called off last month

posed the greatest challenge to

President Vladimir Putin's two

Since the abortive rebellion

or weapons for the conflict.

According to the official Palestinian news agency Wafa, the military blocked roads within the camp, took over houses and buildings and set up snipers on rooftops. The tactics signalled the operation could drag on for some time.

"There are bulldozers destroying the streets, snipers are inside and on roofs of houses, drones are hitting houses and Palestinians are killed in the streets," said Jamal Huweil, a political activist in the camp, predicting the oper-ation would fail.

"They might not be 11 feet tall, but they are certainly not 2 feet tall," the Chair of the "They can destroy the refugee camp but will fail again because the only solution is the political solution in which a Palestinian state is established and the occupation ends," he said. The Palestinian Health Ministry said at least eight Palestinians were killed and 50 people were wounded - 10 critically.

In a separate incident, a 21ar-old Palestinian was killed by Israeli fire near the West Bank city of Ramallah, the ministry said. "Our Palestinian people will not kneel, will not surrender, will not raise the white flag, and will remain steadfast on their land in the face of this brutal aggression," said Palestinian presidential spokesman Nabil Abu Rudeineh.

plans to defend Russia Int'l centre opens to Russia's armed forces are bruised but by no means help hold Russian beaten in the war in Ukraine, a top NATO military officer

organisation's military plans since the Cold War should Moscow dare to widen the AP THE HAGUE

The Hague (Netherlands), Jul 3 (AP) An international centre opened on Monday in The Hague to support nations already building cases against senior Russian leaders for the crime of aggression resulting from the country's invasion of Ukraine.

The International Centre for the Prosecution of the Crime of Aggression against Ukraine is the latest step in concerted worldwide efforts to hold the Russian leadership criminally responsible for its war against Ukraine last year, triggering Europe's deadliest conflict since World War II.

The centre is based at the headquarters of the European Union's judicial cooperation agency, Eurojust. It will not issue indictments or arrest warrants for suspects. Instead, it will support investigations already underway in Ukraine, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland. Ukrainian Prosecutor General Andriy Kostin said in a statement that the launch was "a clear signal that the world is united and unwavering on the path to holding the Russian regime accountable for all its crimes". He added that there is

around NATO. They are not for 300,000 troops ready to move seeking a conflict with NATO. to its eastern flank within 30 days. The plans divide its ter-I think that is a sign that they ritory into three zones - the are very, very busy," he said. "In high north and Atlantic area, a the land domain, I don't think zone north of the Alps, and they have a lot of forces availanother in southern Europe. able to do anything to anyone Bauer said that NATO's else.

"But we are convinced that the Russians are going to recon-stitute," he said. "We will continue to look at them as a serious threat, in the maritime, and in the air especially, and in space, they are still very, very, capable, let alone of course in nuclear." A revolt by Wagner mercenaries in Russia late last month raised deep security concerns in Estonia, Latvia, "What we see in general is Lithuania and Poland after a

deal was reached for their

der. Belarus border.

Greece's new parl sworn in

AP ATHENS Greece's new lawmakers the Spartans and the ultra- gram.

were swori Monday,

political spectrum, two over its opposition to the newly-appearing parties are COVID-19 vaccination pro-

The third fringe right-

has consistently provided diplomatic cover for Moscow.

have very much made Russia the junior partner in the relationship with China. War-related sanctions have made the Russian economy heavily dependent on energy purchas-

Indian Ocean is an apparent indication Putin still enjoys

some support.

leadership accountable "unfortunately, a gaping hole in accountability for the crime of aggression in the international criminal justice architecture The European Union's executive commission is fund-

ing the initiative and agreed Monday to an initial 8.3 mil-lion euros (USD 9 million) in financial support. The International Criminal Court is investigating crimes in Ukraine and has issued an arrest warrant for Russian President Vladimir Putin accusing him of personal responsibility for the abductions of children from Ukraine. The ICC's chief prosecutor, Karim Khan, welcomed the opening, saying there is no hope for accountability "unless evidence is preserved, unless it is collected, unless it is well understood". The ICC does not have jurisdiction to prosecute aggression in Ukraine because Russia and Ukraine have not ratified the Rome Statute that founded the court. Kostin said Kyiv plans to join the court's 123 member states. "I hope that it will be ratified sooner than later and practically," he said, "our country is ready to do it. The only question is when the parliament will be ready to vote," he said.

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leader, Yevgeny Prigozhin, to be allowed to take refuge in Belarus

Lithuanian President Gitanas Nauseda said that neighbouring countries would face a heightened danger if the Wagner Group deploys its "ser-

ial killers" just over their bor-Vilnius lies around 35 kilometers (22 miles) from the

Lithuania wants to have a permanent NATO presence on its territory. Germany signaled last week that it would be prepared to base soldiers there if requested. For the moment, though, NATO sees no imminent threat coming from Belarus.

Canada's first Sikh cop appointed chair of WorkSafeBC's board of directors PTI TORONTO appointed to chair the community service, the veteran

UN chief urges shipping industry to go carbon

China's defence min, Russia's navy chief Black Sea. About 100 aircraft take to the skies in that terrimeet for first military talks since revolt tory each day, and a total of 27 warships are operating in the Baltic and Mediterranean Seas. decades in power. The recent developments Those numbers are set to rise. NATO aims to have up to

es from China and India.

Putin, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and new planning is based on the strength of the Russian army Chinese leader Xi Jinping are set to meet on Tuesday at a virtual summit that will mark before President Vladimir Putin's first multilateral meeting since the Wagner revolt rattled Russia. The summit of the Shanghai Cooperation ed Russia's army, but not its Organization, a security group-ing founded by Russia and navy or air force. around "94 per cent is now engaged in the war in Ukraine", China to counter Western alliances from East Asia to the

Bauer said. that the Russians are careful

and his NATO counterparts are set to endorse a major shakeup of the alliance's planning ystem at a summit in the Lithuanian capital Vilnius next week

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conflict.

back."

said on Monday, as he laid out

the biggest revamp to the

NATO Military Committee, Admiral Rob Bauer, told

reporters. "So, we should never

underestimate the Russians

and their ability to bounce

US President Joe Biden

NATO, as an organisation, does not provide weapons or ammunition to Ukraine. It's sought to avoid being dragged into a wider war with nucleararmed Russia. At the same time, it is massively reinforcing the security of member countries near Ŕussia, Ukraine and Belarus. Around 40,000 troops are

on standby from Estonia in the

north down to Romania on the

Under its new plans,

Putin launched the war on

Ukraine almost 17 months

ago. He said the war has deplet-

Of Russia's ground forces,

just days after Burhai made a near-identical appeal during a televised speech, asking Sudan's youth and those capable of fighting to support the army, either from "their place of residence or by joining the military movement"

It remained unclear if Monday's call to arms was a forced conscription. In the capital, Khartoum, RSF troops appear to have the upper hand on the city's streets, having commandeered civilian homes across the capital and turned them into bases. Throughout the 10-week conflict, the army has retaliated with airstrikes that have hit residential areas and sometimes hospitals. The province of West Darfur has seen some of the worst violence. In a report issued two weeks ago by the Dar Masalit sultanate, the leader of the African Masalit ethnic community, he accused the RSF and Arab militias of "committing genocide against African civilians".

just over a week after a general election that saw a number of smaller fringe parties from the right and left of the political spectrum enter

Parliament for the first time. The 300 members of parliament were inducted during a religious ceremony after the June 25 elections returned conservative Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis

to power for a second fouryear term in a landslide victory, crushing the left-wing opposition Syriza party and prompting opposition leader Alexis Tsipras to announce his resignation.

Mitsotakis' New Democracy party now holds a comfortable parliamentary majority, with 158 seats compared to Syriza's 48.

Three far-right parties and one representing the far left reached the 3 per cent minimum threshold for parliamentary seats. Only one of them has been in Parliament before. On the right of the

James Stockan said the

engio iniki party

The Spartans, who won 4.7 per cent in the election and hold 12 parliamentary seats, are led by Vassilis Stigas and backed by jailed Ilias Kasidiaris, a former prominent member of the now-outlawed Golden Dawn party that had neo-Nazi origins and connections to multiple violent attacks targeting apies. migrants and left-wing political activists.

Tougher regulations were introduced on election eligibility to block Kasidiaris from running as a candidate from inside prison. A party he had founded from behind bars was disqualified, and he switched his support to the Spartans.

Niki, or Victory, with just under 3.7 per cent of the vote, holds 10 seats and is led by 58-year-old primary school teacher and theologian Dimitrios Natsios. It draws support from the fringes of the powerful Greek Orthodox church and gained a following another 20."

havens.

The

neutral by 2050 wing party is Elliniki Lysi, or

PTI 📕 LONDON Greek Solution, which

returned to Parliament with TN Secretary-General 4.4 per cent of the vote and 12 seats. It is led by Kyriakos Antonio Guterres on Velopoulos, known for his Monday called for a strategy to Greek regional television stareduce the shipping industry's tion broadcasts focused on emissions to net zero by 2050 historical and religious as a key meeting of the International Maritime themes and alternative ther-Organisation started here, aim-

On the left, Plefsi ing for a consensus among the Eleftherias, or Passage to 175-member states to critical-Freedom, sailed into ly reduce the carbon emis-Parliament with just enough sions in the sector. votes to meet the threshold, In a video message at the

3.17 per cent, earning eight start of the Marine Environment seats. It is led by Zoe Protection Committee's 80th session here, Guterres also urged Konstantopoulou, a former for a science-based targets by Svriza member who used to 2030 - both on absolute emis-Known for her fondness sions reductions and the use of clean fuels. "I urge you to leave for marathon parliamentary sessions when she was direct London having agreed a ing the debates, the 46-year Greenhouse Gas Strategy that commits the sector to net zero old lawyer announced on election night that although emissions by 2050 at the latest," her party had won only eight he said. The shipping industry seats, "I am worth 100, and accounts for almost 3 per cent the others are each worth of global emissions. The MEPC's 80th session is hopeful

to reach a consensus among the

in the e-Auction for the disposal of "Fire Environment Affected Building, Plant & Machinery Scrap etc." on "Per Kg" Basis. The subject salvage will be sold on "As is Where is" Whatever there is" and "No Complaint Basis and belongs to M/s. Drona Sonipat, Haryana - 131028 between 04-07-23 to 13-07-23 between 10 AM to 5 PM only. Kindly contact Mr. Ashok at 9026982491 for inspection. E-Auction will be held on 14-07-23

Baltej Singh Dhillon, a veter-an Canadian Sikh police officer who was a part of the team that probed the 1985 Kanishka Air India terror attack has become the first South Asian chair of an agency that promotes safe and healthy workplaces in British Columbia

province. Dhillon, the country's first Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) officer to wear a turban as part of the uniform, was

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eBC's board of aired tors for a three-year term, effec- the first RCMP member to wear tive June 30, the British a turban as part of the uniform," Columbia government has an official release said on Friday announced. Dhillon had a distinguished

WorkSafeBC is a provincial career as a police officer for more agency promoting safe and than three decades, working in healthy workplaces across intelligence, special enforce-British Columbia, a province of ment, protective services, and a member of its board of directors since 2017.

A recipient of Queen Elizabeth II Golden and Diamond Jubilee medals for

Canada, and Dhillon has been critical investigations, including the 1985 Kanishka Air India bombing task force. **Public Notice** It is informed that the applicant Nikhat Khatoon wife Mohammad Ali, residen of Address B-6. Sector- 108. Noida. District Gautam Budh Nagar U.P. The registry of the said plot has been executed on date 31.12.2018 in the

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Some in Orkney Islands mull rejoining Norway

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islands have been failed Sick of being ignored by far-away politiby both the Scottish government, 300 miles (480 cians, officials on kilometers) to the south Scotland's remote in Edinburgh, and the Orkney Islands are UK government in the mulling a drastic solueven more distant London. "On the street tion: rejoining Norway, the Scandinavian counin Orkney, people come try that gave them away up and say to me, When as a roval wedding are we going to pay back dowry more than 550 the dowry, when are we going back to Norway?' years ago. Orkney Islands

There is a huge affinity Council is due to debate and a huge deep culturoptions for "alternative al relationship there," Stockan told the BBC. models of governance" "This is exactly the on Tuesday, including exploring the "Nordic moment to explore what is possible."

connections" of the archipelago, which lies Long an impoverabout 10 miles (16 kiloished area dependent meters) north of the on the unpredictable Scottish mainland. fishing industry, Orkney

Council leader prospered after large reserves of oil were discovered offshore in the pletely 1960s. The islands, with a population of about and rural" areas. 22,000, also have a burgeoning wind-power industry and a growing

tourism sector. But Stockan said Orkney gets less support from the Scottish government than other island communities in Shetland or the Iceland. Hebrides, and is desperately in need of new ferries to keep its many Crown Dependencies islands connected.

"Every time we've been denied. We've been asked to wait, we have been asked to do another study," he said. "We do look with envy at the communities in Norway," he added,

combination of peti-"where there's a comdifferent tions, referenda and legapproach to the remote islation by the Scottish and UK governments.

be the parliament speaker.

Along with the Shetland islands even A report accompanying Stockan's motion suggests Orkney should further to the north, investigate options Orkney was under including a status like Norwegian and Danish the Faroe Islands, a selfcontrol for centuries governing dependency until 1472 when the of Denmark that lies islands were taken by between Scotland and the Scottish crown as part of Margaret of Denmark's wedding Another option is emulating Britain's dowry to King James III of Scotland.

"In a place where such as the Channel we have 5,000-year-old Islands, which are largehouses on the landscape ly self-governing tax that's pretty recent history for us," said Leslie report acknowledges that any Burgher, an architect constitutional change is who serves as Norway's honorary consul in a long way off, and would likely require a Orkney.

member states to set out a carbon-neutral goal by 2050 with interim targets aimed at 2030 and 2040. "This meeting of the Marine Protection Committee is a chance to steer us towards a clean, prosperous future for the industry – and a safer future for humanity," the UN chief added. The Inter-sessional Working

Group on Reduction of Greenhouse gas emissions from ships, which had its deliberations from June 26 to 30, failed to achieve any significant goals, especially measures to drive the shipping industry to align with the Paris Agreement target of 1.5 degrees celsius. Simon Stiell, Executive Secretary of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, speaking at the plenary of the session said that if the parties represented at the IMO choose a low-ambition pathway, the ability to meet the Paris agreements will

be compromised.

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Sensex scales 65K peak for first time, Nifty settles at record high

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quity benchmarks Sensex and Nifty soared to fresh closing record highs for the third successive session on Monday, with the 30-share index crossing the historic 65,000 mark on strong foreign fund flows and a rally in global equities.

Hectic buying in index majors Reliance Industries, ITC and HDFC twins also added to the momentum, traders said.

Rallying for the fourth straight session, the 30-share BSE Sensex jumped 486.49 points or 0.75 per cent to settle at its all-time closing high of 65,205.05. During the day, it rallied 581.79 points or 0.89 per cent to its lifetime intra-day high of 65,300.35.

In a reflection of broader investor bullishness, the 50share Nifty surged to a record high as sectors ranging from energy to financials to FMCG rallied

The Nifty climbed 133.50 points or 0.70 per cent to end at a record high of 19,322.55. In intra-day trade, the benchmark zoomed 156.05 points or 0.81 per cent to hit its all-time intraday peak of 19,345.10.

"The market's record-breaking momentum continued as the robust June GST collections, and the monsoon covering most parts of the country in the last few days brought cheers to investors. The rally has been

mostly due to strong foreign fund inflows and India performing well on most of the economic parameters could further strengthen the fund flows in the near term," Shrikant Chouhan, Head of Research (Retail), Kotak Securities Ltd. said

Market benchmarks settled at record highs for the third straight session on Monday.

Reliance Industries was the top gainer in the Sensex chart, rising 2.53 per cent, followed by ITC, Bajaj Finance, State Bank of India, HDFC, UltraTech Cement, NTPC, HDFC Bank, Mahindra & Mahindra, Tata Steel, Bajaj Finserv and ICICI Bank.

In contrast, Power Grid, Maruti, Larsen & Toubro, Tata Consultancy Services, Tech Mahindra, Nestle and Tata Motors were among the laggards, skidding up to 1.86 per cent.

As many as 1,972 stocks advanced while 1,721 declined and 147 remained unchanged on BSE

In the broader market, the BSE smallcap gauge climbed 0.56 per cent and the midcap index advanced 0.30 per cent.

Among the indices, oil & gas jumped 2.28 per cent, energy rallied 2.08 per cent, metal (1.11 per cent), FMCG (1.09 per cent), financial services (1.02 per cent), realty (0.85 per cent), commodities (0.81 per cent) and bankex (0.78 per cent). Capital goods, auto, IT, teck,

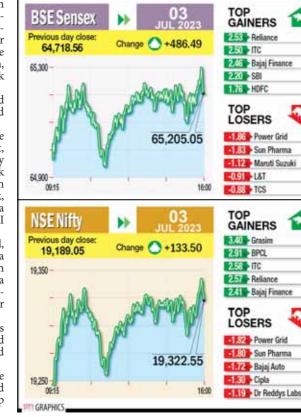
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The commerce ministry on Monday asked exporters to

focus on potential key sectors such as food, electronics and

engineering and 12 major markets to boost exports, an official

These issues among others



power and industrials were among the laggards.

Meanwhile, the rupee appreciated by 15 paise to close at 81.96 (provisional) against the US dollar on Monday. rupee "The Indian advanced along with regional

Exporters told to focus on potential

sectors, key markets to boost exports

Head of Retail Research, HDFC Securities, said. In Asian markets, Seoul,

Tokyo, Shanghai and Hong Kong ended in the green. Equity markets in Europe were trading in positive territo-ry. The US markets ended significantly higher in the overnight

trade on Friday. "Sentiments of investors are reinforced by positive domestic data and optimistic global cues. The global market was supported by resilient economic data, avoiding the possibility of a recession. India's stock market trend was broad-based, owing to the outperformance from energy, financial, metal, and FMCG sectors," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services.

Global oil benchmark Brent crude climbed 0.97 per cent to USD 76.14 a barrel.

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) bought equities worth Rs 6,397.13 crore on Friday, according to exchange data.

GST collections crossed Rs 1.60 lakh crore mark for the fourth time since the roll-out of the indirect tax regime, rising 12 per cent to over Rs 1.61 lakh crore in June, the Finance Ministry said on Saturday.

"The ongoing rally in the market has made valuations very rich. Nifty is trading at above 20 times the estimated FY 24 earnings. This is higher than the historical average. Momen-

tum can take the market high er, but at high valuations risk is high

"Some presently unknown negative developments can trigger a sharp correction. So, even while remaining invested in the market, investors have to be cautious," V K Vijavakumar, Chief Investment Strategist at Geojit Financial Services, said.

Due to robust profit growth potential and increased demand from domestic and global investors, Indian shares remain appealing despite high relative valuations. The premium over the historical average implies increased optimism about medium-term growth, Shantanu Bhargava, Managing Director, Head of Discretionary Investment Services, Waterfield Advisors, said.

"Markets will be impacted in the near term by events such as the Fed's monetary policy stance, corporate earnings, and election results. However, the markets' vulnerability to foreign flows would be much lower, at least in the medium run. If a correction occurred because of foreign outflow - that could be an opportunity to invest in an otherwise extremely good underlying narrative," Bhargava added.

Manufacturing sector activities in India moderated in June from a 31-month high in May, but output remained in the growth territory, as new work orders expanded sharply amid favourable demand conditions.



'India should aim for 10 % 6G patents by 2030; FDI in telecom reaches USD 24 bn in 9 years'

said.

IPRs from India by the time we

reach 2029 or 2030," Vaishnaw

For the first time, India's technology contributions have

made way into 5G development standards and recently UN body

International Telecom Union

has included India's contribution

was a challenge to get foreign

direct investment in the coun-

try's telecom sector. "In last 9

years between 2014 and 2023,

FDI in telecom has reached

ing Prime Minister Narendra

Modi's recent visit, the US in the

joint statement recognised India

as a developer of technology and

both the countries have agreed

to work on joint development of

importer, India has now become

exporter of technologies. Many

countries are now looking to

import telecom equipment from

India," Vaishnaw said

"From being technology

technologies.

The minister said that dur-

USD 24 billion," he said.

Vaishnaw said that earlier it

into the 6G framework.

PTI NEW DELHI

Tndia should aspire for a 10 per L cent share in global 6G patents by 2030, Union minister for IT and telecom Ashwini Vaishnaw said on Monday.

While launching Bharat 6G alliance, Vaishnaw said that the foreign direct investment in the country's telecom sector has reached close to USD 24 billion between 2014 and 2023.

He said that India has now become an exporter of tech-nologies and it already has 200 patents for 6G.

The minister said Bharat 6G Alliance - a forum for development of 6G technology - will provide opportunities for filing more intellectual property rights for 5G advance technologies and as the world moves towards 6G, there will be more and more institutions and companies working together in India to file

more intellectual property rights (IPRs) for 6G. "We should keep a minimum target of 10 per cent of 6G

ED questions Anil Ambani in fresh FEMA case

PTI MUMBAI

It was also suggested to focus on organising fairs and exhibitions at global scale, the government official said. Reliance ADA Group Chair-man Anil Ambani on Mon-day appeared before the Enforcement Directorate (ED) here were discussed during a meetand recorded his statement in ing called by the ministry with connection with an investigation the industry and exporters. linked to the alleged contravention of the foreign exchange law,

The meeting was chaired by commerce and industry minisofficial sources said. Ambani, 64, deposed at the ter Piyush Goyal. The six sectors which hold

Japan and Russia.

chains

both trade and investments.

said.

office of the federal agency in



ing the country's exports. An exporter said that the

Representatives from dif-

port pro

peers after the Fed's preferred

inflation gauge eased last Friday.

Asian shares rose Monday as

positive momentum from gains

on Wall Street and signs of

moderating US inflation extend-

ed this year's rally in global

stocks," Devarsh Vakil, Deputy

Jio launches internet-enabled Jio Bharat phone at ₹999

PTI 📕 NEW DELHI

io on Monday launched internet-enabled Jio Bharat phones at Rs 999, packing-in cheaper monthly plan of Rs 123 for unlim-ited voice calls and 14 GB data.

The new offering aims to accelerate the '2G Mukt Bharat' vision, as India still has 250 million mobile subscribers trapped in the 2G era with feature phones. While India is leading the 5G revolu-

tion on one side with the transformational Jio True 5G network, there is a section of society that is unable to reap the benefits of digital technology in entirety.

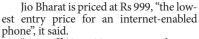
"Jio Bharat is being launched with the objective of empowering every Indian with the power of digital services, especially those who cannot afford a smartphone. This will



truly mark the beginning of digital freedom for the 250 million feature phone users in India and will bridge the digital divide," Jio said in a statement.

Beta trial for first 1 million Jio Bharat hones starts from July 7, 2023. Besides Reliance Retail, other phone

brands (starting with Karbonn) will adopt the 'Jio Bharat platform' to build 'Jio Bharat phones?



It is offering 30 per cent cheaper monthly plan and 7 times more data compared to feature phone offerings of other operators

"Rs 123 per month for unlimited voice calls and 14 GB data, compared to other operators' Rs 179 plan for voice calls and 2GB data," the statement added.

Lately, the digital disempowerment and disparity for feature phone users has become worse, with other telecom operators increasing the minimum price to stay connected, the statement said, adding even basic voice services for a 30-day period, which used to cost Rs 99 previously, now costs Rs 199

at around 10 am.

Ambani's statement was recorded as part of a fresh case filed under various sections of the Foreign Exchange Manage ment Act (FEMA), the sources said without elaborating.

He came out of the ED office at around 6 pm.

The industrialist had appeared before the ED in 2020 in a money laundering case against Yes Bank promoter Rana Kapoor and others.

In August last year, the income-tax department issued a notice to Ambani under the anti-black money law for allegedly evading Rs 420 crore in taxes on undisclosed funds of more than Rs 814 crore held in two Swiss bank accounts

country's exports include food, looking "disappointing" due to textiles, engineering, electricals the global economic uncertainand electronics, medical devices, ties pharma and auto components.

Trade and investments need to be promoted parallelly," the exporter added. The main global destinations where exports could be promoted further include the

Exports declined for the US, UK, Brazil, Germany, Saudi fourth consecutive month by Arabia, Sweden, Taiwan, Korea, 10.3 per cent year-on-year to USD 34.98 billion in May, while the trade deficit widened to a An industry representative, who participated in the meeting, five-month high of USD 22.12 said that emphasis was given on billion, according to the ministry data. Cumulatively, exports dur-Increasing investments will ing April-May this fiscal contracted by 11.41 per cent to USD help in promoting trade through 69.72 billion, while imports declined 10.24 per cent to USD

integration with global value The meeting assumed sig-107 billion. Demand slowdown in

nificance as the country's merchandise exports have been contracting for the last four major markets, high inflation in developed economies and the

cils from sectors such as apparel and medical devices participated in the meeting besides Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) and industry associations.

Last month, commerce secretary Suni Barthwal has stated that the ministry is working on a trade strategy to promote exports.

As part of that, the Department of Commerce, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) Invest India and Indian missions abroad would focus on 40 countries

These countries, including the US and European Union nations, account for 85 per cent of India's total exports

UP RERA asks promoter Ajnara Realtech to complete stuck project near Noida by June 2025

PTI NOIDA

Real estate regulator in Uttar Pradesh has asked realty firm Ajnara Realtech to complete its stalled housing project in Greater Noida, comprising nearly 600 flats, by June 2025.

The project Ajnara Le Garden Phase-3', located in Noida Extension (Greater Noida -West), was launched in 2014 but could not be completed. There are 585 flats in four towers in this project, of which 476 units have been sold to customers.

In a statement, the Uttar

Pradesh Real Estate Regulatory Authority (UP-RERA) on Monday said it has authorised Ajnara Realtech, the existing promoter of the Ajnara Le-Garden Phase-3 project, to complete the remaining construc-

The promoter has been given time till June 2025 to complete the remaining construction work and ensure possession of homes to 476 allottees, it said.

"UP-RERA, with a view to protect the interests of the allottees of a stuck project ... Authorised the existing promoter, Ajnara Realtech, to

As per the site inspection report, carried out in April 2022, the overall physical progress of the project was 35 per cent only.

It is estimated that about Rs 187 crore can be raised from the project, which includes the upfront contribution of Rs 4 crore from the promoter, Rs 112 crore receivables from the existing allottees and Rs 71 crore to be raised by selling unsold units, according to the statement.

On the other hand, the estimated cost to complete the proiect is about Rs 186 crore in various heads, the UP RERA noted

'Housing sales rise 15% in |76% of ₹2,000 notes valued at ₹2.72 Jan-June across 8 cities; lakh crore returned to banks: RBI Delhi-NCR see 26% fall' PTI MUMBAI

PTI NEW DELHI

Housing sales across eight major cities rose 15 per cent in January-June despite slackening demand in Delhi-NCR, Bengaluru and Kolkata, according to real estate brokerage firm PropTiger

Sales of residential proper-ties increased to 1,66,090 units in the first half of the 2023 calendar year from 1,44,950 units

New Delhi: SRM Public School,

Guduvanchery, has tied up with

Space Kidz India as part of an

initiative for its students to

design and develop a satellite

that will be sent into orbit

through one of the launch

vehicles of the ISRO soon, it

said in a statement.

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in the corresponding period of the previous year.

As per the data of a housing brokerage firm, housing sales in Delhi-NCR declined 26 per cent in January-June this year to 7,040 units from 9,530 in the September 30. year-ago period. Bengaluru saw an 11 per cent decline in sales to

14,210 units from 16,020 units, while Kolkata witnessed a dip of 31 per cent to 4,170 units against 6.080 units

STUDENTS TO DESIGN, DEVELOP SATELLITE TO BE SENT INTO ORBIT THROUGH ISRO LAUNCH VEHICLE

on the day of announcement of withdrawal on May 19.

In a statement, RBI said 87 s much as 76 per cent of the As much as 70 per cent of the Rs 2,000 currency notes in per cent of the notes returned circulation have either been have been deposited in bank accounts by public while the deposited or exchanged at banks, the Reserve Bank of remaining 13 per cent were ex-India (RBI) said on Monday and changed by them in other asked the public to turn in the denominations

remaining notes before The central bank, in a surprise move, on May 19 announced withdrawal of Rs In value terms, Rs 2,000 notes in circulation has come 2,000 notes from circulation but gave public time till September 30 to either deposit down to Rs 84,000 crore as on June 30 from Rs 3.56 lakh crore

such notes in accounts or exchange them at banks.

Unlike the November 2016 shock demonetisation when old Rs 500 and Rs 1,000 notes were invalidated overnight, the Rs 2,000 notes will continue to be a legal tender till September 30. The total value of Rs 2,000 banknotes in circulation, which amounted to Rs 3.62 lakh crore

as on March 31, 2023, had declined to Rs 3.56 lakh crore as at the close of business on May 19, 2023.

E-commerce operators face problem in GST drive to check fake registration

PTI NEW DELHI

The pan-India drive against fake GST registration has created problems for e-commerce companies which maintain virtual offices in various states with minimal staff and no books of accounts.

Talking to PTI, MakeMy-

Trip Group Vice President -Taxation Tajinder Singh said that the GST officials should enquire with the head offices with regard to virtual offices before categorising the state registration as

of books of accounts. "We maintain virtual offices in states ... In this fake registra-

tion drive the field offices have mistook these offices as fake registration, however we were only using these offices for tax payment, there was no ITC flow or fraud being committed using those registration. Because of this, lot of registration were blocked for compliance purpose and that created problems.

Govt calls off Pawan Hans strategic sale for third time

undertake the completion of the

remaining construction and

development work of Ajnara Le

Garden Phase-3 project with

consent of more than 50 per cent

of its allottees in a time-bound

manner and complete it in 24

months, by June 2025," an offi-

cial statement said

PTI 📕 NEW DELHI

The government on Monday decided to call off the strategic disinvestment of Pawan Hans due to disqualification of successful bidder, making it the third unsuccessful attempt to privatise the helicopter service provider.

The government owns a 51 per cent stake in Pawan Hans, while public sector oil major ONGC holds 49 per cent. In December 2020, the government had invited EoI (expression of interest) for selling Pawan Hans along with ONGC's stake.

In April 2022, it approved the highest bidder, Star9 Mobility Private Ltd, a consortium of Maharaja Aviation Pvt Ltd, Big Charter Pvt Ltd and Almas Global Opportunity Fund, as the successful bidder for sale of 100 per cent equity shareholding in Pawan Hans.

However, in May the sale process was put on hold after it



came to light that the lead member of the winning bidder

Asset Management (DIPAM) on Monday said the government has examined the adverse orders of NCLT and NCLAT. "After careful considera-

tion of the response of the successful bidder to the show

for strategic disinvestment stands annulled," the DIPAM Alternative Mechanism comprises ministers of Road Transport & Highways, Finance and Civil Aviation. After the consortium bidder was selected in April, it came to light that one of its members had received an adverse order from Kolkatabench of NCLT. AGOF also did not receive a favourable ruling from the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT).

consortium — Almas Global Opportunity Fund (AGOF) SPC — has a case pending against it at the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT). In a statement, the Depart-ment of Investment and Public

Later, the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) also filed a complaint against the concerned consortium member in the special court.





DJOKOVIC, IGA START WIMBLEDON WITH WIN



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ovak Djokovic and Iga Swiatek advanced with straight-set victories Monday despite a rain delay as Wimbledon got started. Venus Williams and Coco

Gauff are among the other big names in action later on Day 1. It is the year's third major

tournament - and Djokovic won the first two: the Australian Open in January and the French Open in June. That puts him halfway to the first calendar-year Grand Slam in men's tennis since 1969. He came close to the

Neeraj's focus

Championship

 $F^{\rm inishing}$ on top of a tough field that included top competitors on his return from an injury

is a big boost to the confidence and Neeraj Chopra,

India's Olympic gold medalist in javelin throw, is

hoping to build on that to excel in the upcoming

World Championship at Budapest in August this

year. And to do that, Chopra is focusing on get-

ting to his peak, physically and mentally, before the

World Championship which will be held from August 19 to 27 at the National Athletics Centre,

in Budapest, Hungary. Chopra has qualified by wild

card for Budapest as the Diamond League winner.

ing for the World Championships in Budapest. At

this moment my approach is to get my best phys-ical condition for the World Championship. My

physio has made an assessment and we all feel that

I can now up the ante and go full throttle in my

preparations for the World Championship," Neeraj

informed the media during an interaction organ-

"My focus for the next few weeks is on prepar-

is on World

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feat in 2021, falling just one vic-tory short when he lost in the

final of the U.S. Open. He seeks a fifth consecutive title at the All England Club and eighth overall, which both would tie records for men.

Djokovic's title at Roland Garros was his 23rd at a Slam event, breaking a tie with Rafael Nadal for the men's mark in that category.

Djokovic, the No. 2 seed, beat Pedro Cachin 6-3, 6-3, 7-6 (4) after a rain relay that lasted more than an hour. Groundskeepers used leaf blowers to dry the grass.

"It was definitely frustrating, of course, for all the crowd. For

us players, we both wanted to play but the conditions were not great, obviously still slippery," Djokovic said of the delay. The 36-year-old Serb used

a towel to help dry some wet spots: "I normally come out with rackets, not with towels." Swiatek, who owns four

major titles but hasn't been past the fourth round at the All England Club, beat Zhu Lin of China 6-1, 6-3 at No. 1 Court, winning the final two games after the roof was closed following a rain delay.

Swiatek said she feels bette prepared for the grass-court major this year following her title at the French Open. "After Roland Garros," she

said on court, "I really took some time to just appreciate what happened.

"Last year, when I won Roland Garros, it was my second Grand Slam so it still felt, like, overwhelming, but this time I really could just focus on celebrating and actually getting back to work with more peace in my head and I try to be open minded for the grass season and I think it's working.

"Hopefully I'm going to be able keep that mindset."

Barbora Strycova, a semifinalist in 2019, became the first winner of this year's tournament by beating Maryna Zanevska 6-1, 7-5. On the men's side, seventh-seeded Andrey Rublev beat Max Purcell 6-3, 7-5, 6-4 on No. 3 Court

Djokovic will be followed in the main stadium by Williams, a 43-year-old participating in the sport's oldest major tournament for the 24th time and taking on Elina Svitolina of Ukraine. Williams - whose younger sister, Serena, retired after last season — won five of her seven Grand Slam singles trophies at Wimbledon.



Djokovic dries Wimbledon court

AFP LONDON

Novak Djokovic helped dry the grass on Wimbledon's Centre Court with his towel before picking up where he had left off to beat Argentina's Pedro Cachin 6-3, 6-3, 7-6 (7/4) in his opening match on Monday. The Serbian second seed was broken in the third game when he double-faulted but hit back immediately to level at 2-2.

Djokovic, chasing a re-cord-equalling eighth Wimble-don men's singles title, broke again in the eighth game before

serving out for the set. The covers were rushed on as soon as the defending cham-pion had wrapped up the set, with rain falling in southwest London. The roof was closed but there was a lengthy delay

featuring multiple inspections by officials and the players. Djokovic, who was clearly unhappy with the slipperi-ness of the surface, at one stage emerged with a towel, which he used to rub the surface of the court to laughter from the crowd. Members of the ground staff then used hand-held machines to try to dry the surface in farcical scenes on the world-famous court.

The match eventually resumed after a delay of almost 90 minutes, with the Centre Court roof re-opened. Djokovic, seeking to match Margaret Court's all-time record of 24 Grand Slam singles titles, was unfazed by the delay, breaking in the first game of the second set to establish an iron grip on the match, repeating the feat to seal the set.



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Wimbledon wrong to ban Russians: Rublev

(LTA) and international tennis

from the war was brought into sharp focus at the French

Open. Ukrainian players such as

Elina Svitolina and Marta

Kostyuk were jeered by the

Paris crowd for refusing to

shake hands with Belarus

world number two Aryna

was also an early Russian win-

ner on Monday, the 12th seed

seeing off veteran Kaia Kanepi

locker room relationships with

her Ukraine rivals remain

Victoria Azarenka of Belarus

praised the Wimbledon crowd,

saying she had enjoyed a warm

Veronika Kudermetova

The 26-year-old admitted

"I say hi to them. Some

Sabalenka.

in straight sets.

tense.

AFP LONDON

bodies. When the decision Andrey Rublev insisted Monday that Wimbledon was made in April, Ukraine's foreign minister Dmytro was wrong to ban him and his Kuleba condemned the move Russian compatriots from the as "immoral". as immoral. "Now we are here, I'm really happy to be back and to compete," added Rublev after defeating Australia's Max Purcell 6-3, 7-5, 6-4. The bitter sporting fallout from the war was brought 2022 tournament, claiming the only loser was the All England Club. Wimbledon banned all

Russian players in response to Moscow's invasion of Ukraine. Competitors from Belarus, a key ally of Russia, were also banished.

Twelve months on, the sanction has been lifted on condition that players from the two countries sign declarations of neutrality.

However, world number seven Rublev quickly reopened the wounds after becoming the first player into the second round of the men's singles.

"We were talking, and I think we could find the solution," he said.

"If we really want to help or do what is better for tennis and for the people, I think obviously there were better options — not just to ban.

people, they reply, some not. I just say 'Here we are, just ten-"Because in the end, there was no difference. They did nis players'." only worse to themselves." Former world number one

The men's ATP tour and women's WTA tour refused to award ranking points to Wimbledon last year in welcome out on Court 15, where she defeated China's response to the player ban. Yuan Yue 6-4, 5-7, 6-4.

Both governing bodies also imposed heavy fines.

The All England Club said the decision to lift the ban was 'Let's go, Vika', and cheering me on was also why I play, to made after talks with the UK play in front of the crowd, to

PTI KOLKATA

Emiliano Martinez, the significant Cother of Argentina's third FIFA World Cup triumph, landed here on Monday as the football-mad city continued its tryst with the stars of the spectator sport.

The city that has hosted the likes of Pele, Maradona, Messi and Cafu will for the first time play host to a reigning World Cup winner whose heroics in the penalty shootout against France last December earned Argentina its first world title in 36 vears

Amid tight security arrangements, the Golden Glove winner of the 2022 World Cup checked into his five-star hotel on EM Bypass. A host of events are lined up for Martinez over the next two days. He was accorded a warm recep-

tion by Mohun Bagan officials at the airport where hundreds of Argentina fans waved the Albiceleste colours.

"I'm feeling great. It's a lovely country. I'm delighted to be here. I'm really excited. I promised I'm gonna I'm here. ne to India s



I always wanted to come to India: Emiliano Martinez

said at the start of his two-day visit. The 30-year-old Martinez will spend the morning in his hotel.

His engagements in the city will begin with a programme titled 'Tahader Katha' in the afternoon where he would interact with about 500 school kids at Biswa Bangla Mela Prangan.

Then, he will head to Mohun

including Bhaskar Ganguly and Hemanta Dora. An exhibition match will be held between Mohun Bagan All Stars and Kolkata Police All Stars in the evening. On Wednesday, the concluding

day of his trip, Martinez will head to Sreebhumi Club in Lake Town where he will be part of the 'Paanch e Paanch' programme.

football clinic for the youngsters at

Santosh Mitra Square. The Aston Villa goalkeeper flew into the City of Joy from Dhaka where he met the Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

Terming it an "extraordinary trip, Martinez wrote on his Instagram: "The people here, with their love, care, and unrivaled hospitality, have truly melted my heart. I eagerly anticipate my return to this beautiful country in the near future."

Martinez presented Hasina with an autographed Albiceleste jersey and he was also seen getting photographed and accepting a bajpakhi (hawk).

"I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to the Prime Minister's Office, the police, the airport author-ity, and countless others whose names I might not know but whose efforts were no less significant. You have all played a part in crafting this special bond that I now share with Bangladesh. "So, until my next visit, I bid you farewell, leaving a piece of my heart here. I am forever charmed Bangladesh baazpakhi," Marti

the Sports Authority of India (SAI) on

I always wanted to come," Martinez felicitate 10 Bengal goalkeepers, programme besides engaging in a said.

ing Lawn Tennis Association great," said the 33-year-old.

"Today to hear people say,

NADA India, SARADO Gerrard joins Saudi strengthening anti-doping efforts

PNS NEW DELHI

In a significant move to enhance anti-doping efforts in the region, NADA of India signed a MoU with SARADO, a consortium of Anti-Doping Organizations from Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Nepal, and Sri Lanka. The MoU was formalized during the NADA India - SARADO Cooperation Meet held in New Delhi, under the distinguished presence of Anurag Singh Thakur, Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports and Sujata Chaturvedi, Secretary (Sports), Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India, along with SARADO Secretariat & Member Country Representatives.

The primary objective of this MoU is to foster greater regional cooperation in antidoping activities across various sports. Speaking at the event, Anurag Singh Thakur emphasized India's growing participation and achievements in international sports, reaffirming the country's commitment to promoting clean sports and contributing to the global anti-doping movement. He highlighted the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who aims to transform India into a sporting powerhouse in the years to come.

"The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports is dedicated to turning this dream into a reality," said Anurag Thakur, "by relentlessly working towards improving the performance of Indian athletes on the national and international stage." He further emphasized India's focus on providing high-quality training, enhancing sporting infrastructure accessibility, cre-

ating more opportunities through competitions and training camps, and promoting gender equality in sports. Anurag Thakur underscored that these efforts exemplify India's ambition to contribute to global sports development.

Notably, India is bridging the gap between the global north and the global south, cre-ating opportunities for eco-nomic and social growth in the Asian region. Thakur highlight-ad Indials increasing contribu ed India's increasing contributions to the World Anti-Doping Agency and UNESCO International Convention Against Doping in Sport, demonstrating India's strong intent and willingness to further the global antidoping movement. He also stressed the importance of regional partnerships for the development of the sports sector and other areas of cooperation

Anurag Thakur invited members from the region to collaborate on other sports development initiatives and elevate regional cooperation in the Asian region to new heights. He urged the member countries of SARADO to take immediate anti-doping measures in the field of sports. The MoU, signed by Ritu Sain, Director General & CEO, NADA India, and Mohamed Mahid Shareef, Director General, SARADO, outlines a comprehensive project plan with specific objectives to be achieved over a three-year period.

These include the development of an anti-doping education and prevention program in South Asia, training and upskilling of sample collection personnel, educators, and other anti-doping education officers,

organizing courses, seminars workshops, research, and exchange tours on anti-doping education and prevention, facilitating the exchange of education officers and specialists, supporting anti-doping educa-tion activities, and producing anti-doping education litera-

ture. The inaugural session was followed by the 1st Project Plan Meeting between NADA India and SARADO, where the two organizations discussed the development of an anti-doping education plan for the South Asian region. NADA India presented an overview of the project plan, areas of cooperation, implementation strategy, monitoring mechanisms, and their existing anti-doping education initiatives and resources. Member Country Representa-tives of Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Nepal, and Sri Lanka also provided insights into the

anti-doping efforts in their respective countries. Sujata Chaturvedi, Secretary (Sports), Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India, Kazuhiro Hayashi, Director, Asia/Oceania Office, World Anti-Doping Agency, Ritu Sain, Director General & CEO, NADA India, and Mohamed Mahid Shareef, Director General, SARADO, also addressed the gathering, emphasizing the significance of this collaboration and the collective effort required to combat doping in sports. With this landmark

MoU, NADA India and SARA-DO have taken a major step forward in strengthening regional cooperation against doping in sports, paving the way for cleaner and fairer sporting competitions in South Asia

influx to take charge of Al-Ettifaq

AFP RIYADH

Former Liverpool captain Steven Gerrard is the latest star name to make the move to Saudi Arabia after signing a deal to become head coach of Al-Ettifaq

The 43-year-old has been out of the game since being sacked by Aston Villa in October.

Gerrard had previously said he had turned down an offer to head to the Gulf state, but has now been lured by the riches on

offer. "Where legends are found. We're thrilled to announce Steven Gerrard is our new head coach," the club said in a post on Twitter.

Al-Ettifaq finished seventh out of 16 clubs in the Saudi Pro League last season.

Backed by the nation's sovereign wealth fund, the Saudi Pro League is luring big names from the major European leagues with the promise of huge salaries. Cristiano Ronaldo's move to

Al Nassr in January started the trend.

His former Real Madrid teammate Karim Benzema and French World Cup winner N'Golo Kante of Chelsea have recently joined Al-Ittihad.

Former Tottenham manager Nuno Espirito Santo and ex-Benfica Jorge Jesus are among the coaches to head to Saudi.

Since retiring from a glittering playing career, Gerrard did have success during his spell in charge of Scottish giants Rangers, where he won the club's only league title in the past 12 years in 2020/21.

PTI BENGALURU Defending champions India would look to preserve a proud record and add a ninth

Championship final here on Tuesday.

India were stretched to a penalty shootout by Lebanon in the semifinals before winning 4-2, while Kuwait had to wait till extra time to eke out a 1-0 victory over Bangladesh.

In fact, this will be the second time India will face Kuwait in the tournament. They had played out a 1-1 draw in an acrimonious Group A match last week

India might just appear to have a slight upper hand in front of a hugely partisan home crowd at the Kanteerava Stadium.

But there is a worrying aspect. Will India be able to give

he did an excellent job in thwarting Lebanese advances.

Head coach Igor Stimac will be absent from the India dug out in this match as well after he was slapped with twomatch ban by the SAFF disciplinary committee.

Stimac had received his second red card of the tournament during the match against Kuwait. Earlier, he was slapped with a red card in India's tournament opener against Pakistan.

However, India, under the talismanic Sunil Chhetri, had shown a streak of determination to rise above obstacles.

After scoring in three successive matches in the group stage, Chhetri was not able to find the back of the net in the semifinals against Lebanon. Of course, he converted a penalty in the shootout, but the striker would like to make a heftier contribution in the summit clash.

India eye ninth SAFF title their best in the final after they

were made to toil for two matches in succession? India assistant coach Mahesh Gawli sought to allay such concerns. title to their shelf when they face a tough Kuwait in the SAFF

"I'd like to say that if you get one week, you can't do anything. But when you get one month or more you work more on fitness,' said Ġawli.

"I think we had almost 50 days. Our strength and condi-tioning coach, Luka Radman, has done a wonderful job. We have seen our players playing without injuries, and there have been no cramps as well." In the final, India will also

be boosted by the return of key defender Sandesh Jhingan. He

had missed the semifinal against

Lebanon owing to two accumu-

lated yellow cards against

Jhingan in the line-up against

Lebanon in the semifinals, and

Anwar Ali had replaced

Pakistan and Kuwait.



Sir Geoffrey Boycott demands public apology from Australia

egendary England opener Sir Geoffrey Boycott has demanded a public apology from the Australian team over the controversial stumping dismissal of Jonny Bairstow during their 43-run win in the second Ashes Test at Lord's.

On day five's play in the second Ashes Test at Lord's, Bairstow was on 10 in the 52nd over when he ducked under a bouncer from Cameron Green and inadvertently walked out of his crease.

On seeing that, Australia wicketkeeper Älex Carey immediately directed an underarm throw after catching the delivery,



Spirit of cricket went out the window: Ian Smith

IANS LONDON

Former New Zealand wick-etkeeper-batter Ian Smith believes Australia's dismissal of Jonny Bairstow in the second Test was probably not in the spirit of cricket, but added that the spirit of cricket element has been absent from the game for a "long, long time". On day five's play in the second Ashes Test at Lord's, Bairstow was on 10 and England were at 193/5 in the 52nd over when he ducked under a bouncer from Cameron Green and inadver-



tently walked out of his crease. On seeing that, Australia wicketkeeper Alex Carey immediately directed an underarm throw after catching the delivery, and jumped in joy after firing an accurate throw towards the stumps. "I don't think he looked,

Jonny Bairstow, I don't think he looked at Alex Carey at any stage there, he didn't turn round to see if he gloved it cleanly. It was just a weird course of events and Australia took advantage of it," said Smith on SENZ Radio.

It led to chaos in the mid-dle as Bairstow believed the ball was dead, with Australia immediately going for an appeal. Onfield umpires Ahsan Raza and Chris Gaffaney sent the decision upstairs, where TV umpire Marais Erasmus confirmed Bairstow's dismissal

going, and I was like, well, this

is your membership here. So I'm

just pointing them out. But it's

pretty disrespectful, to be hon-

est. I just expect a lot better from the members", Khawaja added.

MCC APOLOGISES TO THE

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AUSTRALIAN TEAM

and jumped in joy after firing an accurate throw towards the stumps. On-field umpires Ahsan Raza and Chris Gaffaney sent the decision upstairs, where TV umpire Marais Erasmus confirmed Bairstow's dismissal. The dismissal drew a furious reaction from the fans, who started to chant "same old Aussies, always cheating", and booed the visitors for the rest of the day.

Apart from this, angry exchanges with Australian players by MCC members were also reported in the Long Room during lunch break. Australia captain Pat Cummins defended the dismissal but England skipper Ben Stokes said after the game ended that he would not want to win in 'that manner'.

"Australia need to have think about what they did and make a fulsome public apology.

That way it will redress the sit uation and everyone can then move on. These teams have played brilliant cricket in great spirit and it is a shame when something like that happens to spoil it all.

"Australia have now had time to think about what happened. We all make mistakes in the heat of the moment. People will think better of the Australians if they put their hands up and say 'we got it wrong'. That is the way to go. Let's see over the next few days if they are man enough to do that." 'If you want to win at all

costs then cricket should not be for you. We want people to play hard and fair but surely there are standards to uphold. When batsmen are not trying to take an advantage then you should not follow the letter of the law. Apply some common sense," wrote Boycott in his column for The Telegraph on Monday. Aside from the Bairstow dis-

missal controversy, Australia are now leading the Ashes 2-0, and Boycott has urged England to not become the reason for their own downfall in the series, pointing out how they crumbled like a heap in the first innings at Lord's, giving away a 91-run lead. "Until this series, the England batting has been refreshing, exciting and injected new life into Test cricket. Even when scoring quickly the batsmen have looked in control with mainly proper cricket strokes. Suddenly in these last

two Tests, they have lost their focus and their brains."



MCC issues apology to Australia

PNS NEW DELHI

Australia defeated England and won the second Ashes Test at Lord's by 43 runs on Sunday to take a 2-0 lead in the five-Test series. The Ashes is one of the most iconic series that fans will witness, especially when matches are at Lord's, but recently the venue witnessed ugly scenes when a few MCC members abused two Australia players.

It was alleged by Australian players that a few MCC members abused the players when the team was on the way back to the dressing room after the first session of the final day. Right after the incident, The Aussies called for an investigation, to which MCC responded

An Australian cricket spokesperson confirmed that the players and staff from the Australian team were verbally abused whereas some were physically contacted. He also revealed that Australian man-

agement has requested MCC to investigate the matter.

"Australian management has requested the Marylebone Cricket Club [MCC] investigate several incidents involving spectators in the members area during lunch on day five of the Lord's Test. It is alleged players and staff from the Australian team were verbally abused, with some being physically contacted, as they made their way to lunch through the members area", said a cricket Australia spokesperson.

MCC APOLOGISES TO THE AUSTRALIAN TEAM

After the match ended MCC issued an apologetic statement to the Australian team where they revealed that the three members are suspended till further investigation and that they will not enter the venue till the end of the inquiry.

"They will not be permitted back to Lord's whilst the investigation takes place and wonder were informed of this by MCC cricket."

such a way which goes against the values of the club", he added. The club further apologised to the Australian team for the incident. "MCC condemns the behaviour witnessed and once again we reiterate our apology to Cricket Australia. We are thoroughly disappointed to be talking about poor behaviour when the Long Room as stated by Pat Cummins himself, is

Chief Executive, Guy Lavender,

this evening," the statement

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Khawaja Breaks Silence On | SL creates history, beats Lord's Long Room Incident throwing out some pretty big allegations and I just called them up on it and they kept

PNS NEW DELHI

The red-ball Ashes battle between England and Australia is taking place in England these days where for the first time since 2016-17, the hosts are aiming to reclaim the Ashes. But their bid to get the urn back has suffered a big blow after they suffered close defeats in the opening two Tests which took place at Edgbaston and Lord's respectively.

After getting the better of England by 2 wickets in the first Test, reigning World Test Championship winners Austrat England by 43 in th ond Test which was played at the Lord's on Sunday (July 2) to take a 2-0 lead in five match series. The second Test had fair share of controversies as well and during the final day play a bizarre incident took place at the iconic Lord's when a few MCC members abused two Australia players. Few MCC members abused the players when the team was on the way back to the dressing room after the first session of the final day. Australian star Usman Khwaja who was one of the abused players finally opened up about the incident, was seen getting into a heated discussion



with a MCC member, who had made his nasty remark on Jonny

Bairstow's dismissal MCC issued an apologetic state-He finally opened up about ment to the Australian team the incident and expressed his where they revealed that the disappointment. He said there is three members are suspended but that was not the case today. that they will not enter the "It was really disappointing. venue till the end of the inquiry. Lord's is one of my favourite places to come. There's always back to Lord's whilst the invesrespect shown at Lord's, partictigation takes place and were ularly in the Members Pavilion informed of this by MCC Chief in the Long Room, but there Executive, Guy Lavender, this evening," the statement said. wasn't today. It was very disappointing," Khawaja said. 'We maintain that the "If anyone asked me where behaviour of a small number of the best place is to play I always members was completely unacceptable and whilst there was no say Lord's. The crowd is great, particularly the members are suggestion by Pat Cummins in great, and some of the stuff that the post-match press conference was coming out of the members' that there was any physical mouths is really disappointing altercation, it remains wholly and I wasn't just going stand by and cop it. So I just talked to a unacceptable to behave in such a way which goes against the values of the club", he added. few of them. A few of them

NZ in WODI series

IANS GALLE

Captain Chamari Athapath-thu slammed an unbeaten 140 to lead Sri Lanka to their first-ever ODI series victory over New Zealand. By winning the third ODI by eight wickets via the DLS method at the Galle International Cricket Stadium on Monday, Sri Lanka have

won the series 2-1. In the match, rain arrived yet again, leaving New Zealand's total at 127/2 in 31 overs. Electing to bat first, New Zealand lost Bernadine Bezuidenhout early and Amelia Kerr for

But Chamari Athapaththu,



IANS

England has resisted making sweeping changes by sticking with many of their regulars as they named a 15-man squad for the third Ashes Test in Headingley, starting from July 6, with Rehan Ahmed and Matty Potts dropping out. The fitness of a pair of key

players will be monitored in the lead-up to the third Ashes Test, with top-order batter Ollie Pope set to undergo scans on his troublesome shoulder and experienced spinner Moeen Ali still in some doubt with his finger problem. Ahmed was added to



Bates (63 not off 87 balls) and captain Sophie Devine (38 not out off 48 balls) "They will not be permitted joined forces for rebuilding the

innings The veteran pair added an unbroken 74 for the third wicket partnership, hitting five boundaries between themselves before a long interruption caused by rain brought their innings to an end.

When the rain finally stopped, Sri Lanka were handed a revised target of 196 in 29 overs. The hosts didn't have the best of starts to the chase as Vishmi Gunaratne (0) and Harshitha Samarawickrama (3) fell in quick succession.

venue against the White Ferns last week, launched a stunning counterattack, reaching her eighth ODI century in just 60 deliveries, which is also the fourth fastest hundred in women's ODIs.

Overall, she slammed 13 fours and nine sixes at a strike rate of 175 in her aggressive knock of 140 not out to seal a historic win with eight wickets in hand and 13 balls to spare. Her nine sixes are joint most maximums hit in a women's ODI innings. Interestingly, all women's ODI hundreds from Sri Lanka have been hit by Athapaththu.

land's squad for the Lord's Test as cover for Moeen, but the teenager drops out of the reckoning for the Headingley Test in what appears a good sign for Moeen's fitness.

Pope hurt his right shoulder during England's 43-run loss to Australia in the second Test at Lord's and selectors will be hoping the 25-year-old is fit to take on the tourists in the crucial third Test.

If Pope is ruled out then it is likely Dan Lawrence will earn a place in England's XI, with the right-hander the only spare batter in the squad that selectors named on Sunday.

The dropping of Potts sug-

gests Mark Wood or Chris Woakes will come into the XI at Headingley. England are almost certain to rotate their attack to manage Jimmy Anderson's, Stuart Broad's and Ollie Robinson's workload, who have played in the first two Tests.

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Lyon ruled out of remainder of the series

IANS LONDON

Premier spin bowler Nathan Lyon has been ruled out of the remainder of the Ashes series after suffering a significant calf tear, with Australia confirming two squad changes ahead of the third Test, starting on July 6 at Headingley.

Lyon suffered the injury while fielding on the second day of the Lord's Test. He didn't bowl in the match thereafter but hobbled from the field at Lord's on Thursday evening with what was later diagnosed as a significant calf strain.

The diagnosis was con-firmed On Monday when Australia trimmed their squad from 18 to 16 for the upcoming third Test. This brought to an end his remarkable streak of 100 consecutive Tests. Lord's was his 100th Test in a row and his 122nd overall. He is just the sixth man in Test history to play 100 Tests in a row and the only bowler to do it.

The 35-year-old has also never missed a Test through injury until now. The Headingley Test will be the first one Lyon will miss since Lord's in 2013, when he was omitted for the first two Tests



Reserve batter Matthew Renshaw has also been released from the Australian squad but will remain in England and be available should injury strike the touring party again.

No replacements have been included in the revised 16-player squad.

Lyon's absence opens the door for young spinner Todd Murphy, who won a place in the Ashes squad on the back of an impressive debut Test series in India earlier this year.

Australia coach Andrew McDonald has said Murphy was well placed to come straight into the XI for the third Test beginning on Thursday at Headingley after Lyon backed his young prodigy to hold his own in the Ashes cauldron.

"His stock ball is good enough in international cricket. We have seen that in India in arguably the hardest place to bowl spin," Lyon was quoted by cricket.com.au "It will be a different chal-

lenge with the England batters. If they do come at him, it provides Todd with a decent challenge. But a chance to leave his footmarks here in England. It is a big Ashes series, he is excited by the opportunity," he said.

'I want to compete with Surya & Kohli': ABD talks about his comeback

average of 39.71. The 39-year-old finished

as the leading run-getter for RCB for three

seasons and was a constant name in the top-

three run-scorers for the team ever since

joining in 2011. ABD announced his retire-

ment from international cricket in 2018

whereas he retired from IPL in the year 2021.

In a recent interview with Jio Cinema,



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The legendary South Althout where a first the hest of ¬he legendary South African wicketkeepinternational debut in 2004, is one of the best players in the world. ABD was a part of Royal Challenger Bangalore. In total, he has smashed 5162 runs in 184 matches with an

ABD was asked if he ever sits back and thinks about how few years he has left. To which he replied, that there is a possibility that he could still play but even if he does then he wants to compete with players like Suryakumar Yadav and Virat Kohli.

contests to regain the urn and

become just the second team to

come from 2-0 down to claim an

Test: Ben Stokes (c), Moeen Ali,

James Anderson, Jonny Bairs-

England squad for third

Ashes series victory.

'Definitely. I could still play. But the drive is not there anymore. Robbie, from a young age. It's always just about being the best. I want to be the best if I come back and I'll want to compete with Surya and Kohli and I just felt the last four years of my career not playing international cricket. I definitely didn't play enough cricket towards the back end of my career. I think that was the main thing. With this Impact Player I know a lot of people are celebrating it, it's going to lengthen the careers of players, "ABd said. "To me, I could never do that. I could

never just play two or three months of the year because I want to be the best in the world, and you can't do that if you play for three months of the years. Absolutely no chance. Yes. You can practice for nine months. But nothing, nothing compares with middle practice with being out there and competition. So, with the minute that fire went off being the best in the world, I felt like, what? What am I doing? So, what exactly is going on now? So was tough the last few years in that regard as well. I felt like, you know what, I can still have my super knock here and there, but I don't want to do that. I want to be the best", he added.