

Modi jibe: HC upholds BJP's shake-up Time to take **Rahul's conviction**

Cong calls it travesty of justice PIONEER NEWS SERVICE AHMEDABAD/NEW DELH

The Gujarat High Court on Friday dismissed Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's plea for a stay on his conviction in a criminal defamation case related to his "Modi surname" remark. Justice Hemant Prachchhak, while dismissing the plea, said Rahul faces 10 criminal cases in various parts of India. The court upheld the lower court's decision to sentence Rahul to two years in jail for his remarks, deeming it "just, proper, and legal".

In response to the verdict, the Congress party announced its intention to challenge the Gujarat High Court's decision in the Supreme Court. The party accused the Government of employing new tactics to stifle Rahul's voice due to its discomfort with his truth-telling.

The Congress expressed determination to continue fighting the battle both legally and politically, considering the ruling a travesty of justice. Congress leader Randeep

Congress leaders Jagdish Thakor and Bharatsinh Madhavsinh Solanki with party workers during a protest outside the Gujarat High Court after the court dismissed party leader Rahul Gandhi's plea seeking a stay on his conviction in a criminal defamation case over his 'Modi surname' remark, in Ahmedabad on Friday

Surjewala criticised the court's complainant got a one year stay decision, labeling it a travesty of justice. "Instead of punishing 'bank fraudsters' like Nirav Modi, Ami Modi, Neeshal Modi, Mehul Choksi and ilk, the 'messenger' exposing the deceit and swindling of public money is being punished."

Speaking at a press con-ference, Congress spokesper-son and Gandhi's counsel Abhishek Singhvi asserted that the ultimate court is the court of the people, and they can witness the orchestrated campaign against one individual. "I will not reiterate the gymnastics that took place at the stage of trial, where the

on his own complaint, and then revived it after there was a change on the bench. And, it was that second magistrate, who proceeded to pass that order of conviction. Those are facts, and the facts speak for themselves," he said.

"The more they have attempted to silence him (Rahul) through harassment by the ED and the CBI, the breach of privilege notices, the petty removal of SPG security to the disgualification from Parliament, the more he remains unmoved. And that is what exposes their fear," he said

Singhvi said this Government is rattled because Rahul speaks with facts and figures on demonetisation, the Government's "clean chit" to China, and on the struggling

economic situation. "It is consistent aggression that has compelled the Government to find newer and newer techniques to throt-the bis voice. We are coming this tle his voice...We are seeing this cycle of oppression and sup-pression play out once again. We will fight it. Rahul Gandhi will fight it. And if the last nine years are anything to go by, they will always fail to silence his vigilant voice," Singhvi said. Meanwhile, Rahul's sister

and Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra shared a Hindi poem on Twitter, criticising the Government's attempts to sup-press the truth. She accused the regime of resorting to various means, including price, punishment, discrimination, deceit, and hypocrisy, to divert atten-tion from public concerns. Party leader Navjot Singh

Sidhu voiced strong criticism of the Gujarat High Court's verdict on Twitter, stating, "The law sometimes sleeps but never dies... You hang the doves and acquit the vultures... When the whistleblower is annihilated and those he exposes are protected, democracy is doomed!" Continued on Page 2

in poll-bound States goes on

BJP picks Joshi as Raj incharge, Bhupender MP

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After G Kishan Reddy's appoint-ment as the president of the party in Telangana, the BJP has assigned key roles to two more Union Ministers, Pralhad Joshi and Bhupender Yadav. Joshi will serve as the incharge for

the upcoming Assembly polls in Rajasthan, while Yadav will take charge of Madhya Pradesh. Union Minister Mansukh Mandaviya has been designated as the coincharge for Chhattisgarh, and Ashwini Vaishnaw, another Central Minister, has been appointed as the co-incharge for Madhya Pradesh.

Former Union Minister Prakash Javadekar and senior party leader Om Prakash Mathur have been appointed as incharges for Telangana and Chhattisgarh, respectively. With the crucial Assembly

polls approaching, the BJP is leaving no stone unturned after facing setbacks in Himachal Pradesh and particularly in Karnataka, which was consid-ered the gateway to other southern States.

As preparations for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections inten-sify, BJP president JP Nadda

chaired a meeting on Friday with party leaders from various States, including Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, and MP.

The senior leaders discussed organisa-tional programs, received feedback from the people, and strategized for the road ahead. The meeting was attended by ren-

resentatives from J&K, Ladakh, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Chandigarh, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Daman Diu-Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Delhi, and Haryana. Nitin Patel, former deputy

Chief Minister of Gujarat, and Haryana leader Kuldeep Bishnoi will serve as co-incharges for Rajasthan polls, while Mansukh Mandaviya will take on the role of co-incharge for Chhattisgarh. *Continued on Page 2* the inauguration of modern trains, emphasising the har-

pride in our **heritage: PM**



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath visits Gita Press in Gorakhpur on Friday PTI

PNS GORAKHPUR

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday called for a departure from the mentality of subservience and encouraged the nation to take pride in its rich traditions.

Speaking at the closing ceremony of Gita Press' cente-nary celebrations, Modi described his trip to Gorakhpur as a shining example of his Government's commitment to combining development with heritage. The visit encompassed a tour of Gita Press and

monious coexistence of progress and tradition. During his address, Modi

expressed his optimism that the centuries-old dream of a grand Ram temple in Ayodhya would

soon become a reality. He highlighted the signif-icance of the redesigned Navy insignia, inspired by the flag of Chhatrapati Shivaji, a revered Maratha ruler. Articulating the need to shed the symbols of slavery lingering even after 75 years of Independence, Modi emphasised the importance of reclaiming India's heritage and traditions

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CAPSULE SC REFUSES EXTENSION FOR SPICEJET TO REPAY New Delhi: In a jolt to low-cost airlines SpiceJet, the Supreme Court on Friday refused to extend the time for making payment to media baron Kalanidhi Maran and his Kal Airways in pursuance of an arbitral award of ₹578 crore related to a share-transfer dispute saving these are "luxury"

Fake WhatsApp messages, calls on UCC, warns law commission PNS NEW DELHI

The Law Commission on Friday cautioned people against fraudulent WhatsApp wrestlers. Addition

in sexual assault case A Delhi court has sum-moned BJP MP and out-going WFI chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh in the infamous case related to allogad up a case related to alleged sexual harassment of India top women

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New Delhi: The dual elevated Fastern Cross Taxiways and the fourth runway at the Delhi Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) will be operational from July 13, that will enhance capacity amid growing air traffic. Union Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia will inaugurate it on July

INDIA TO HAVE 1.2 BN INTERNET USERS: MIN Chennai: India is set to become the largest connected nation in the globe with 1.2 billion internet users, Union Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology Rajeev Chandrasekhar said here on Friday With a large number of internet users the country is playing a leadership role in the principles of safety, trust

messages and calls in its name pertaining to the Uniform Civil Code (UCC). It urged peo-

ple to "exercise caution" and rely on official sources, including its website, for accurate information.

In its disclaimer, the law panel referred to "certain WhatsApp texts, calls, and messages" being circulated per-taining to the UCC.

"It has come to notice that certain phone numbers are rotating among the individuals, falsely associating them with the Law Commission of India. It is clarified that the Law Commission has no involvement or connection with these texts, calls, or messages, and and accountability on the internet to disclaims any responsibility or endorsement thereof," it said.

Metropolitan Magistrate Harjeet Singh Jaspal, after carefully examining the charge sheet on Friday, directed Singh to appear before the court on

July 18. The suspended assistant secretary of the Wrestling Federation of India, Vinod Tomar, has also been summoned by the court.

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"Upon perusal of the police report and the statements of the victims recorded under section 164 CrPC, it is evident that the allegations are specific and suggest offences under provisions of the IPC. The list of prosecution witnesses has been filed. After considering the submissions and reviewing the

police report, along with its annexed documents, including the victims' statements, testimonies of other witnesses, and other oral and documentary evidence, this court takes cog

IPC," Judge Jaspal said.

The judge asked the SHO of Connaught Place Police Station to serve the summons to both the accused. Considering that both Singh and Tomar reside in Delhi, the court set a short date for their appearance.

The police had filed the charge sheet against Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, a sixtime MP, on June 15 under sections 354, 354A, 354D, and 506 of the IPC, pertaining to assault, sexual harassment, stalking, and criminal intimidation

Tomar, who held the position of assistant secretary, has been charged with offences under sections 109, 354, 354A. and 506 of the IPC, related to abetment and criminal intimidation.

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Sisodia, wife's, assets seized in liquor scam PNS NEW DELHI

other countries, said the Minister.

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has pro-Enforcement visionally attached assets worth ₹52.24 crore belonging to former Delhi Deputy Chief Minister

Manish Sisodia, Amandeep Singh Dhall, Rajesh Joshi, Gautam Malhotra and others in the Delhi liquor scam case.

The attached assets include immovable properties worth ₹7.29 crore (two immovable properties of Manish Sisodia/Seema Sisodia land/flat of Rajesh Ioshi/Chariot Productions Media Pvt Ltd and land/flat of Gautam Malhotra, the ED said in a statement

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3 Balasore Stn officials held in train crash case

arrests.

The Railways Ministry. in

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case took place at

Balasore GRPS

Cuttack district

on June 3, 2023.

train accident

The tragic

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collaboration with the Odisha Government, had requested

the CBI's involvement, leading

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Bazar station in Balasore dis-

trict, claiming the lives of 293 individuals. Of the total casu-

alties, 287 individuals lost their

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declared brought dead at hos-

pitals, while six others suc-

cumbed to their injuries later.

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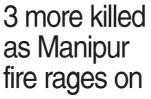
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The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) made its first arrests in the Balasore train accident case that to the registration of the case occurred on June 2. The agency on June 6, 2023. The initial regarrested three rail

way personnel, namely Senior Section Engineer (signal) Arun Kumar Mahanta, Section Engineer Mohammed Amir occurred near the Bahanaga

Khan, and Technician Pappu Kumar, all stationed in Balasore district. The CBI invoked sections

304 (culpable homicide not amounting to murder) and 201 (destruction of evidence) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), along with Section 153 of the Railways Act, 1989, for the





PNS IMPHAL

Violence struck Khoijumantabi village in Manipur's Bishnupur district on Friday, resulting in the loss of three lives.

The three victims, known as "village volunteers," were stationed in a makeshift bunker to guard the area when they were caught in an exchange of gunfire with unidentified gunmen.

Five others sustained injuries during the shootout, with a couple of them being in serious condition and subsequently transferred to a hospital in Imphal for treatment, the police said.

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NCP not split, decisions at **Sharad meet illegal: Praful**

TN RAGHUNATHA MUMBA

Aday after the Nationalist Congress Party's working committee meeting held in New Delhi approved president Sharad Pawar's decision to expel Praful Patel, Sunil Tatkare and nine party MLAs, the breakaway Ajit Pawar faction claimed here on Friday that the 24-year-old party's organisational structure was "flawed" and that the NCP had not split nor had the Ajit Pawar-led faction merged with any other party.

Addressing a joint news conference with breakaway group leader Ajit Pawar, Praful Patel claimed that the meeting of the NCP's working commit tee, held in the national capital on Thursday, was "illegal" and the decisions taken at that meeting were not valid.

Charging that the NCP's organisational structure was "flawed" and it was not in line with the party's constitution, Praful Patel said: "Organisational elections have not happened in the party for the last many years. Most of us



elected. Thus going by our own NCP constitution, the party's working committee does not have powers to take decisions like the one it took at the meeting held yesterday in the national capital". Reiterating that "We (the

NCP led by Ajit Pawar) are the NCP", Patel said: "The NCP has not split as is being claimed by the rival faction. Almost all the MLAs and MPs are with us. We are the NCP. At a meeting held on June 30, 2023 at Ajit Pawar's official residence 'Deogiri', our

party took many decisions..." "At the June 30 meeting, I was appointed as the national working president. Ajit Pawar

eting talent.



lature party leader. Anil Patil was appointed chief whip in the Assembly. We informed Assembly Speaker Rahul Narwekar about these appointments. Amol Mitkari was appointed as chief whip in the Ĵpper House and the Council Chairperson's office was

informed," Patel said. Patel dubbed the NCP-led NCP's state party president Jayant Patil filing a petition with the Speaker seeking the disqualification of Ajit Pawar and eight other MLAs who joined the Shinde-Fadnavis government, as "invalid". "As per the Constitution of the party, Patil is not the State NCP president and has no right to seek disqualification of MLAs." Patel said.

Patel said that the same day (June 30) his party had submitted a petition to the Election Commission along with the affidavits of 40 MLAs, informing him about Ajit Pawar's appointment and staking claim over the party name and symbol

Seeking to help the rebel MLAs escape from the wrath of the anti-defection law wherein the defection is recognised only when two-thirds of MLAs of a party switch over to another party and if the number of lower that they will have to merge with another party, Patel said that the question of a split or merger did not arise in his

party's case. "Who will determine (which is) the (real) political party? It is in the domain of the Election Commission while actions of the MLAs is the domain of the Speaker or Chairperson," Patel said, as he referred to the judgement of the Supreme Court in the Eknath Shinde vs Uddhav Thackeray Shiv Sena case.

Bloodshed feared in high-voltage panchayat polls in Bengal today

SAUGAR SENGUPTA KOLKATA

Bengal goes to the high volt-age, single-phase panchayat elections on Saturday amid what experts call an "irresponsibly" slack security system "that amounts to playing with the lives and property of 5 crore-strong electorate and several thousand polling personnel" who had even threatened a poll boycott in absence of central forces.

With the Mamata Banerjee Government and the State Election Commission, "very cleverly manipulating," the situation arising out of a High Court order asking deployment of central forces in all 61,000 booths of the State reports emerging late on Friday emerging showed a massive shortage of security forces.

This, at a time when already 18 people have lost their lives in the past 30 days in pre-poll violence leading Governor CV Ananda Bose ask State Election Commissioner Rajiva Sinha to take steps in stopping, "political holi played with blood."

The fright is so palpable that an election staff at Nandigram said he had no alternative source of income otherwise he would have left the government job. "These polls are just a killing



directed by the High Court to do

so some three weeks ago --- only

about 658 companies had

arrived with the last 5 companies

being flown in as late as Friday

late noon straight from Leh to

ed deployment of central forces

to for 10 days after the polls in

order to avoid post-poll clashes.

The counting of votes will be

With the number of booths

The High Court has direct-

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held on July 11.

machine," he said

Another poll official at "the Raninagar said, Government is coercing us to do election duty but no armed central forces are given ... we have been given an old police man with an equally old gun ... he cannot save himself let alone us ... so what will be do ... we want central forces to escort us to the booths from district centres and back otherwise we will not move from here."

standing at 61,636 covered by So vague was the scenario just 24 hours before the elections 658 companies (52,640 armed were to start that even top brass men), --- implying thereby one CAPF personnel for each booth of the State administration had --- concerns being raised not no idea about deployment of CAPF. According to sources only about the safety of the poll out of 825 companies of central staff and the votes but also the forces sought by the SEC --- only central forces jawans, sources in after being reprimanded and the administration said.

Shinde Cabinet rejig hits roadblock



MUMBAI

Political volatility continued in Maharashtra on Friday, as Maharashtra chief minister Eknath Shinde's plan to undertake the reshuffle-cum-expansion of his Cabinet got mired in hard bargaining indulged in by the constituents in the government -- Shinde-led Shiv Sena, BJP and Ajit Pawar-led NCP-over the sharing of remaining ministerial berths and plum portfolios.

On a day when Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena suffered a setback as senior party leader, MLC and current deputy chairperson of the Maharashtra Legislative Council Neelam Gorhe joined the Shinde Shiv Sena, Sena (UBT) MP and spokesperson Sanjay Raut claimed that "17 to 18" MLAs from the ruling Sena were in touch with his party leadership. "Some 17 to 18 MLAs of

the Shinde Shiv Sena are in touch with us. They are upset. This much I can say at this stage," Raut said.

On his part, chief minister Eknath Shinde expressed confidence that he would go in expansion-cum-reshuffle soon. "There is nothing to worry. The expansion will happen very soon," he said.

Ahead of the three-week monsoon session scheduled to begin on July 17 and end on August 17—as decided at the Business Advisory Committee (BAC) meeting held in the Vidhan Bhavan complex on Friday, Shinde held one more round of consultations with deputy chief ministers Devendra Fadnavis of the BJP

and Ajit Pawar of the NCP. Dismissing the claim by Raut that "17 to 18" MLAs were in touch with the Uddhav-led Sena, Shinde's aide and the ruling Shiv Sena spokesperson Naresh Mhaske said: "Raut is himself was upset. He (Raut) is trying to reach out to chief minister Shinde sahib".

Young cricketer from Ladakh shines at tournament

MOHIT KANDHARI 📕 JAMMI

Maqsooma, a young crick-eting sensation from Ladakh's cold desert region, has once again scored a big victory and won many hearts with her sparkling performance with both bat and bowl (softball cricket).

A budding cricketer, study-ing in class 7, Maqsooma scored 40 runs and took four wickets before lifting the First Captain Sourabh Kalia Memorial Women Cricket Tournament trophy.

The T-20 cricket tournament was organized by the Indian army along with Government High School Kaksar to mark the 25th glorious year of Kargil Vijay Diwas celebrations at Captain Sourabh Kalia Cricket Ground Kaksar, 25 kilometres from Kargil.

Maqsooma first hogged headlines after her video, play-



ing a helicopter shot, went work hard and become a good viral on various social media cricketer". platforms in October 2022.

She emulates former Indian captain Virat Kohli. He Since then she has been waiting to receive some kind of is my favorite cricketer. Cricket support to harness her crickis my passion. I study for two hours and play cricket for four hours here in my village with Speaking to The Pioneer, over the telephone from her other players. native Kaksar village in Kargil,

Her school teachers also claimed Maqsooma along with a few other girls are regularly playing cricket and performing skills. It is my dream to repre-sent my country. I am ready to grooming under expert guid-

a "national character".

ance to become top-class cricketers in their careers ahead.

Without disclosing his identity a senior teacher posted in Government High School Kaksar said, "Maqsooma and other school children received a cricket kit from District Youth Services and Sports Officer Kargil in the month of October 2022. Barring this no other initiative has been taken by the sports body or the UT administration in Ladakh to promote young cricketers, especially the girl child. The teacher also claimed, in some cases the family members were reluctant and not ready to allow their daughters to pursue cricket as their career option. Maqsooma's father Shabir,

working as a porter with the Indian army told The Pioneer, "Maqsooma is aspiring to be a cricketer. We are trying our best to facilitate and provide all possible help to her so that she realizes her dream.

During the T-20 tourna-ment, several other young girls performed well and won honors during the tournament.

ed in the maiden cricket tournament. Thanking Indian army authorities for organising the

that the Indian Army always supports women's upliftment and this tournament is another milestone in this sector.

School teacher Talib Hussain told The Pioneer, "The school children have the only option of playing in their sports period. They represent the school in the district level competitions in games like Table Tennis, shot put, racing etc but not in Cricket. He appealed to the UT administration to support young crick-eters so that they can receive better training facilities and make a mark in the cricketing field.

MRC Wellington's SPARSH outreach helps 600 ex-servicemen

KEMAR CHELLAP-Pan **–** Nilgiris

Nearly 600 Ex-services men and women who had assembled at Madras the Regimental Centre on

Thursday and Friday returned home happy as all their grievances were resolved by the officers and men of the age-old Army Establishment atop the scenic Blue Mountains.

Those hailing from various districts of Tamil Nadu reached the command office of MRC Wellington, were given what-ever official documents they needed for availing various

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facilities from the State and Central Governments. The documents included digital life certificate and aadhaar car updating. "The two-day event titled SPARSH outreach programe is a way of telling the soldiers, veer naaris and widows that the Services care for them throughout their lives," said a spokesman Wellington. of MRC

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sibility for Telangana.

The appointment of G

Kishan Reddy as the party's

state president in Telangana

sets the stage for Prime

Minister Narendra Modi's

visit to the State on Saturday,

where he will meet BJP work-

ers in Warangal and inaugu-

Javadekar expressed con-

fidence that the people's

mood in Telangana, where the

Bharatiya Rashtra Samithi

(TRS) has been in power for

almost a decade, is favoring

government led by Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar

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Savarkar for Rahul's defamatory said. utterance against Veer Savarkar at Cambridge. Another complaint against him was filed in the concerned court of Lucknow," it said. " In this backdrop, refusal of stay on conviction would not in any way result in injustice to the applicant, the judge said. "The Impugned order

among people. passed by the appellate court is just, proper and legal, and does not call for any interference. However, it is hereby requested by the concerned learned district judge to decide the criminal appeal on its own merits and in accordance with law as expeditiously as possible. In view of the above, the present criminal revision application deserved to be dismissed and accordingly it is mission," Modi said. dismissed," the judge said.

While noting that there was no reasonable ground to stay the conviction at this stage, Justice Prachchhak also directed the district and sessions court of Surat to hear Rahul's appeal against the conviction "as expeditiously as possible".

"It is time to overcome the edging his exceptional leadmentality of slavery and be ership

Modi further underscored proud of our heritage", he the invaluable contributions Pointing out that his of Gita Press, the world's largest publisher of Hindu Government awarded the Gandhi Peace Prize to the religious textbooks. He shared Gita press, Modi said Gita that Mahatma Gandhi had Press has 1,600 publications been associated with the orgain 15 languages and it propnization and had urged Gita agates the concept of "Ek Press not to accept advertise-Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat" ments for Kalyan magazinean advice that continues to be The office of Gita Press followed today.

Turning his attention to is no less than a temple for crores of people. There is the immensely popular Vande Gita in its name, as well as in Bharat trains, the PM acknowledged the overits work. The spiritual light that was ignited here in the whelming demand for their services. He revealed, "Earlier, form of Gita Press in 1923 is guiding humanity today. It is leaders used to write about our good fortune that we all getting trains to halt in their areas. Now, I receive letters are witnessing the golden century of this humanitarian from every corner of the country requesting the oper-The Prime Minister said ation of Vande Bharat trains."

an institution like Gita Press Modi went on to highlight is not only associated with the convenience and facilities religion and work but also has that these trains have brought to the middle-class citizens.

"Gita Press connects India The PM also flagged off and strengthens India's solithe Gorakhpur-Lucknow and darity. It is such an institution Jodhpur - Ahmedabad which has always enriched (Sabarmati) Vande Bharat social values and shown the Express trains. Additionally, path of duty to people," the he laid the foundation stone Prime Minister said adding of the Rs 498-crore Gorakhpur railway station redevelopment project, further emphasizing the

the broader vision of building world-class infrastructure while celebrating the spiritual potential of revered pilgrimage sites like Kedarnath and Mahakal. With the imminent realization of the grand Ram temple in Ayodhya, he emphasized that India is

poised to fulfill its historical aspirations.

Peoples' Front (UPF) and Kuki National Organisation (KNO), two umbrella organisations representing the Kuki com-

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munity, have decided to withdraw roadblocks on National Highway 2 in Manipur's Kangpokpi district. This decision comes following an appeal made by Union Home Minister Amit Shah.

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In a joint statement, the two Kuki organisations announced the immediate lifting of the highway blockade, citing the Home Minister's expressed "deep concern to restore peace and harmony" in the State. Manipur is served by two

national highways, ŃH-2 (Imphal-Dimapur) and NH-37 (Imphal-Jiribam). The Kuki organisations had blocked NH-2 since the outbreak of violence in May.

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Alongside the present case, another FIR was filed against Singh based on allegations made by a minor wrestler. This FIR was registered under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act.

The complaint was made by one of the seven female grapplers who accused Singh of sexual harassment. The allegations include instances of inappropriate touching, groping, stalking, and intimidation spanning over a decade, occurring at various times and locations.In the case involving the minor, the court had sought responses from both the girl and the complainant regarding the final report filed by the Delhi Police.

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The attachment also includes movable assets worth Rs 44.29 crore including bank balances of Manish Sisodia (Rs 11.49 lakh), Brindco Sales Pvt. Ltd. (Rs 16.45 crore) and others, the agency said.

It is the second provisional attachment order issued in this case. The first provisional attachment order was issued for attachment of immovable/movable properties worth Rs 76.54 crore of accused persons Vijay Nair, Sameer Mahandru, Amit Arora, Arun Pillai and others.

Total attachment in the case is now Rs 128.78 crore and the proceeds of crime involved in this case is at least Rs 1,934 crore.

In this case, ED had arrested 12 persons arrested so far and has filed five prosecution complaints or chargesheets. Further investigation is in process, it added.

his role in the BJP's success in Sunil Bansal, the party's the 2014 and 2019 elections in national general secretary, Uttar Pradesh, has been will assume the same responinstrumental in delivering results for the party.

Pralhad Joshi, a veteran organization man, successfully led the party's campaign during the Uttarakhand assembly polls in 2022 despite tough competition from the Congress and anti-incumbency

Bhupender Yadav, a close aide of Union Minister Amit Shah, has played a pivotal role as an organizational leader in several state polls.

Om Prakash Mathur, the experienced leader from Rajasthan, serves as the BJP's organizational in-charge for

Chhattisgarh. The BJP faces the challenge of retaining Madhya Pradesh amid heavy antiincumbency, as well as winning the Congress-ruled states of Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh and the TRSrun Telangana.

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Additionally, over 1,000 people sustained injuries in the accident, which involved the Shalimar-Chennai Coromandel Express, Bengaluru-Howrah Superfast Express, and a stationary goods train.

A recent high-level inquiry conducted by the Railways attributed the primary cause of the Balasore train accident to "wrong sig-nalling" and identified multiple lapses in the signalling

and telecommunication (S&T) department. The report emphasised that past red flags could have prevented the tragedy if they had been reported. It also highlighted the need for better communication between the S&T staff and the station manager at Bahanaga Bazar to address unusual switch behaviour.

The enquiry report also revealed that the non-supply of the approved circuit diagram for the replacement

work at Bahanaga Bazar station's level crossing gate 94 resulted in incorrect wiring. Similar incidents of

wrong wiring and cable faults were cited, including an incident at Bankranayabaz station in the Kharagpur Division of the South Eastern Railway on May 16, 2022.

The CBI's arrests and the ongoing investigation aim to uncover the facts surrounding the Balasore train accident and hold those responsible accountable for their actions.

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Minister Yogi Adityanath commended the PM for elevating India's global stature



Fix defects if any in 100 new e-buses before plying: Min

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

Delhi Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot has directed the Commissioner (Transport) to not put the newly inducted electric buses in operation from July 10 if their technical defects are not rectified by Sunday.

Gahlot, in his communi-tion to Transport cation Commissioner Ashish Kundra, cited a media report that said one in three e-buses has been breaking down daily. "It is a matter of huge concern that the buses which are not even one week old are continuously breaking down," the Transport Minister said.

The communication noted that Delhi has recently started the operation of 100 new electric buses under Tata Motors. The direction comes amid rising instances of breakdowns of the electric buses that were inducted into the Delhi

Transport Corporation (DTC) fleet on June 30. "It is directed that the operation of these electric buses is monitored

buses within this week. The Transport department should ensure that in case the defect is not removed, no such buses shall be out-shedded from

Following this directive, Transport Commissioner Kundra wrote to Girish Wagh, Managing Director of Tata Motors, highlighting that 200

Grand Challenge Programme by the Delhi Transport Corporation, have shown "dismal operational outcomes".

"In the first instance, the operating company had limited preparedness for installation of transformers in the Depots assigned to them, even as they were pressing the department for early induction of these buses "Once the induction start-

ed, it was observed that there was a high incidence of break down, up to 30 per cent, on account of some technical/software pitches in these buses," the communication to Wagh said. Tata Motors has a credible global reputation and it was

with great hope and confidence that the Delhi Transport Corporation entrusted this "ambitiously designed" contract for 1,500 electric buses, it

"There is now a feeling of

being let down. You will appreciate that public transport is the lifeline of any city. Performance of this nature especially in the capital city does not behove a company of the stature of Tata Motors," it further said.

Kundra also said the buses will be stopped to ply if the problem is not rectified by Sunday. "...We will be constrained to stop out shedding of these buses and impose applicable penalties as per the con-tract," it said.

Taking to Twitter, Gahlot said the government stands committed to provide safe, convenient and reliable public transport to the people of Delhi. "I have directed transport commissioner that if technical defect of Electric Buses inducted last week is not rectified/removed by Tata Motors by Sunday 9.07.2023, then such buses will not be put in operation. Penalties as applicable will be imposed. We stand

committed to provide safe convenient and reliable public transport to Delhiites," he said. A Tata Motors spokesperson said initial glitches in these buses are being rectified by

experts on a priority basis. "TML CV Mobility Solutions is currently operating 120 buses in Delhi and they have cumulatively covered over 1,00,000 km distance in just six

days. "These zero-emission buses are equipped with advanced electronic control systems, which sometimes require optimisation under actual running conditions to deliver best results," he said.

"The glitches reported in initial operations are being corrected on priority by an expert team of technicians and specialists stationed at the Mayapuri depot where we have set-up a state-of-the-art enabling ecosystem to charge, maintain and operate the fleet.

Action against pvt staffers will be

'With more smart buses scheduled to be added weekly, this infrastructure is being replicated at other depots as well. By this weekend, we will ensure that all buses are available as per schedule for delivering enhanced performance and higher uptime, in line with our contractual obligations. We are committed to make public transportation in Delhi safe, convenient, comfortable and green," the spokesperson said.

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Equipped with security features such as CCTV cameras and panic buttons, these buses were the first of the total 1,500 electric vehicles that will be inducted into the Transport department's fleet by the end of 2023, taking their total number to 1,800. While flagging off the electric buses in January, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal had said 80 per cent of Delhi's total fleet will be electric by the end of 2025

closely Also, TATA should be Monday, 10 July 2023, onwards," read the order. electric buses, which have been noted. inducted in the first lot under directed to rectify defects in the Plan afoot to decongest Mukarba Chowk



STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

In a bid to decongest the Outer Ring Road area near Mukarba Chowk, Delhi Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena has approved the transfer of 1.20 acres of land of Irrigation & Flood Control (I&FC) department on a permanent basis to the Public Works Department (PWD) for the construction of underpass near Mukarba Chowk including construction of approach road from Badli Junction to Haiderpur Metro Station in North Delhi. The proposal which has been pending since September of the previous year, will direct-

ly alleviate traffic congestion in the area, benefiting commuters and residents. The I&FC Department

measured the area based on the markings provided by the PWD, amounting to 4833.75 square meters or 1.20 acres. Currently, at the Mukarba Chowk junction and Haiderpur Metro station, traffic remains



heavy throughout the day as the section comes under the Outer Ring Road and on the Delhi-Haryana border, with vehicles from Delhi and nearby areas using the road in large numbers. With the construction of these underpasses congestion will reduce. It will

also facilitate a smooth commute for people travelling to and from Rohini, Wazirabad, Azadpur market and Transport Nagar. Following the LG's directions in the last meeting of

the Task Force to monitor the 77 corridors, the I&FC Department granted permission to commence work at the site in April 2023 after reviewing the alignment and layout plan for the service road submitted by the PWD. The land transfer will be conducted on a permanent basis and has been valued at Rs. 850.26 lakhs as per the revised rate set by the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) for the allotment of institutional land controlled the Central Government/GNCTD for noncommercial purposes on a 'no profit no loss' basis for the financial year 2020-22. The PWD had initially

requested the permanent transfer of land on September 6, 2022, for the construction of the approach road leading to the underpass from the entry point of the flyover near Mukarba Chowk.

Dilli Haat Janakouri in New Delhi on Friday

Being organised in the Capital

since 1988, this year's edition

had over 500 varieties of man-

Subsequently, the PWD commenced work at the location in anticipation of a No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the I&FC Department. However, instead of resolving the matter through coordination, the I&FC Department lodged a police complaint on November 29, 2022, regarding unauthorized construction at the site. It is worth noting that the LG has repeatedly emphasized the importance of seamless inter-departmental coordination and advised officers against working in isolation. This project falls under

the initiative to decongest the 77 identified corridors in the National Capital, which is directly monitored by the Delhi LG. The construction work will be carried out in a manner that does not disrupt or disturb any utility services already present underground from other departments.

contempt of House: Speaker to LG STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI The tussle over appointment of private individuals as fellows and associate fellows intensified with the Delhi Legislative Assembly speaker Ram Niwas Geol on Friday written to Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena saying there was no reason for Assembly secretariat to dis-

continue fellowships and any action taken against them will be a breach of privilege and contempt of the House. In his letter, Goel said fellow /associate fellow of the Delhi Assembly Research Centre (DARC) were engaged after following the due process of as required by law. "As the

appointment the question of violating the constitutional provisions of reservations does not arise. The OMs mentioned in the Services Department's letter regarding reservations solely pertain to appointments and not research fellowship". "The Fellow/ Associate

Fellow is neither a 'civil post" nor the same is an "office". A civil post is created as per Article 309 and the appointment and removal of a person appointed on a civil post in accordance to Article 311.

There is neither any application of the above Articles in the Fellowship programme nor can the Fellows take any shelter of the same in the event of the early termination of the contract. Thus, the persons engaged in the Fellowship

holding a 'civil post' or appointment/ employment. In such a situation, it is not clear how it is being claimed that the Fellowship Programme is a 'Services' matter", reads the letter. The letter further said these communications issued by the Services Department and

Programme cannot be stated to

Finance Department appear to have been issued in a hurried manner without examining the matter in detail or seeking legal opinion or the views of the affected stake holders Displacing these young professionals without any discussion or notice is against the principles of natural justice and smacks of arbitrariness and unexplained vindictiveness

Kejriwal, NCCSA | Savour langra, chausa at mango 2 women flout test DMRC order, meeting deferred

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goes displayed by participants

from Bihar, Haryana, Punjab,

Himachal Pradesh, Uttrakhand

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal postponed to July 14 a meeting of the National Capital Civil Services Authority (NCCSA) which was originalscheduled for Friday A communication from Chief Minister's Office to the NCCSA secretary and principal secretary (home) of the Delhi government said the chief minister would not be able to convene the meeting of Authority on July 7 due to some exigencies. It said the chief minister has rescheduled the meeting on July 14 at his camp office. Officials said the agenda of the Friday meeting was capacity building of officers and some transfer/posting of DASS cadre grade one officials. The AAP has challenged the ordinance in the Supreme Court that fixed July 10 as date of hearing of the matter. Top sources said that the minutes of the previous meeting are yet to be approved. After June 29 meeting Kejriwal had issued several crucial directives pertaining to pending transferposting proposals.



STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

From mango eating competi-tions to mango themed quizzes and contests, the city's popular annual event, the mango festival, is back after a long wait of three years on Friday.

At the 32th Mango Festival 2023 organised by Delhi urism anu Transportation

Development Corporation at

Janakpuri Dilli Haat, the par-

ticipating mango-growers across



Delhi Minister Atishi Singh at the inauguration of the 32nd Mango Festival at the

and Uttar Pradesh. The event will showcase mangoes of various shapes and sizes, ranging from grape-sized mangoes to papaya-sized mangoes. Delhi Tourism Minister Atishi inaugurated the 32nd Mango Festival on Friday.

Fellowship Programme does

not fall under employment/

"Mangoes which is everyone's favourite fruit and summers are synonymous. It brings back ned childhood memories

of bonding over mango-eating

competitions. While we wit-

nessed numerous mango

orchards in our time, children

growing up in metropolitan

cities like Delhi might miss out

on these experiences. However,

this unique initiative by the

Delhi government will provide them an opportunity to experience the journey of mangoes from orchards to plates and learn more about the kings of fruits," she said. "The Arvind Kejriwal in Delhi regularly organises such events to promote rich art, culture, and employ-

ment opportunities," she said. During this three-day festi-

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI Despite the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) repeatedly urging commuters

"A total of eleven women officers had requested transfers

India displayed newer varieties on sympathetic grounds. Chief of the fruit besides the usual hits Minister supported these such as Langra, Chausa, Rataul, requests, stating that working Hussainara, Ramkela, Kesar, Fazri, Mallika, and Amrapalihat. women handle work at both the office and home, and therefore their requests must be con-

sidered favorably on sympathetic grounds. Both the bureaucrats — the

Chief Secretary and Principal Secretary (Home) - did not oppose the Chief Minister's stand during the meeting. However, while finalising the minutes of the meeting, the bureaucrats callously over-turned all decisions of the Chief Minister, proceeding with their own agenda instead,"

it said. The Delhi Government the brother of the association's said NCCSA has been reduced to a farce with bureaucrats dictating their own will and overturning Chief Minister's decisions.

3 lawyers held in firing case

with the firing incident and sent to four-day police custody by a local court on Thursday. New Delhi: The leaders of both groups of lawyers allegedly involved in the firing incident at the Tis Hazari Court Five shots were fired at the complex were arrested on court complex in north Delhi Friday and remanded to three following a confrontation between two groups of lawyers. days in police custody. Manish Sharma, the vice-president of the Delhi Bar

A purported video of the incident was circulated on Association, and Lalit Sharma, social media, showing a man dressed as a lawyer firing what appeared to be a pistol, though secretary Atul Sharma, have been arrested, police said. police did not verify the authenticity of the clip. Deputy commissioner of police (DCP), Further raids are underway, the police added. Three advocates were arrested in connection north district, Sagar Singh

Kalsi said the two men arrested on Friday have been identified as Manish Sharma and Lalit Sharma.Kalsi said Manish Sharma is the senior vice president of Delhi Bar Association (DBA) at Tis Hazari court complex while Lalit Sharma, is the brother of DBA secretary

Atul Sharma. The police said the two groups were allegedly involved in the firing incident that was reported on the court premises on Wednesday.

Staff Reporter

200 Govt camps for Kanwars

New Delhi: The Arvind ing all the necessary facilities to Kejriwal government is setting the kanwariyas," she said. The up 200 Kanwar camps across Kanwar Camp at Kashmere the national Capital with facil-Gate can accommodate up to ities of waterproof tents, wash-10,000 kanwariyas, the statement said. It also has a grand rooms, clean water. On Friday, Revenue Minister Atishi reviewed the preparations for spacious dining hall for kanwariyas to receive prasad, it said. the camp being set up by the government at Maharaja Camps are being set up across Agrasen Park, Kashmere Gate. Delhi where all necessary facil-

"Serving Shiva devotees ities will be available for the kanduring the sacred month of wariyas. This includes water-Sawan is an act of virtue and proof tents, accommodation devotion. In this direction, the arrangements, clean water, toi-Kejriwal government is fulfilllets, and other provisions. ing its responsibility by provid-

people can enjoy cultural programmes along with different types of mangoes from 12 pm to 10 pm. There is no entry fee for the festival, and free shuttle service from Tilak Nagar Metro Station has been arranged for the convenience of

"This year, 200 Kanwar

refrain from acts like record ing or dancing, a video of two women dancing to an old Hindi song inside a train has surfaced on Twitter.

pole dancing

video goes viral

The clip shows two women dancing inside a coach of Delhi Metro using the poles placed to help travellers support themselves during their journey. The video is posted by a twitter user .

The video posted on July 6 opens shows a woman holding a pole and lip syncing to a song. Soon, she is joined by another woman and they both go on to show a few dance steps. The duo is seen dancing to the Hindi song 'Main Toh Beghar Hoon.' The song is from the 1979 film 'Suhaag.'

Recently, a video of a group of 'kanwariyas' dancing inside a Delhi Metro train had gone viral on social media, forcing the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) to warn that all commuters to maintain discipline and decorum while

Staff Reporter travelling in the train.

Iaxiways, 4th runway at IGIA from July 13

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

The dual elevated Eastern L Cross Taxiways and the fourth runway at the Delhi Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) will be operational from July 13, that will enhance capacity amid growing air traffic. Union Civil aviation minister Jyotiraditya Scindia will inaugurate it on July 13.

Initially, the new runway, named 'Runway 29 Right and 11 Left' (29R/11L), will be used exclusively for 'departures'. After the launch, the IGIA which is also the country's largest airport, currently has three operational runways and handles more than 1,500 aircraft movements every day Currently, it operates with a three-runway system known as the northerly runway and southerly runway, designated as



27-28 North and 29 South. The Eastern Cross Taxiways (ECT), which is 2.1 kilometres long and can accommodate widebody aircraft, will reduce the

time spent on the tarmac by enhanced capacity to handle passengers after landing and more aircraft movements. efore take-off of their flights. GMR Group Deputy Managing With the fourth runway, Director I Prabhakara Rao on eventually, the airport will have Friday at a media briefing said the ECT and the fourth runway will be operational from July 13. "The fourth runway and the ECT are a firm part of enhancing capacity (of the airport) and aligning with airlines' growth in the future. We are going to be future-ready for that growth," Rao said.

Both the ECT and the fourth runway are becoming operational at a time when the country's domestic air traffic is on an upward trajectory and some airlines have placed huge aircraft orders as part of massive expansion plans. The ECT will connect the

Northern and Southern airfields on the Eastern side of the airport, and will reduce the taxiing distance for an aircraft by seven kilometres. The distance an aircraft needs to cover after landing on the third runway and going to Terminal 1

(T1) will be reduced to two kilometres from 9 kilometres now. "With the construction of the ECT, IGI Airport will become the only airport in India to have an elevated taxiway with roads passing below it," a release said.

The dual-lane ECT can handle wide-body aircraft, including A-380 and B-777 and B-747. Each lane is 44 metres wide with a gap of 47 metres between them to allow simultaneous passage of two aircraft. IGIA is operated by the Delhi International Airport Ltd (DIAL), a consortium led GMR Airports Infrastructure Ltd. According to DIAL, the ECT is estimated to save around 350 kilograms of fuel every time an aircraft taxies through the runway from RWY 29R to Terminal 1 and vice versa

2 Chinese detained for living in G Noida illegally

STAFF REPORTER NOIDA

Two Chinese nationale been detained for allegedwo Chinese nationals have ly living in Greater Noida with expired visas, police officials said on Friday.

The foreigners, identified as Deng Chonckon and Meng Shouguo and aged around 30, were living in the Greenwoods Society in Sector Omega 1 of Greater Noida. The duo worked at the Chinese phone maker Oppo's facility here, the officials said.

"Based on inputs, passport and visa verification of the Chinese nationals was done by officials of the Beta 2 police station on Wednesday and it was found that the validity of their documents (visas) has expired,"

a police spokesperson said. After this, the foreigners were detained and legal proceedings initiated against them. The two have been been sent to a detention centre in Delhi's R K Puram for further proceedings for their deportation, the police added

A local police official said that the Chinese nationals had arrived in India on e-Business Visa for six months and worked at the Oppo's facility in Greater Noida. "The validity of their visas had expired on April 22," the official added. In Uttar Pradesh's Gautam Buddha Nagar district, the police had earlier detained 15 Chinese nationals who were staying without valid visas in the Uttar Pradesh district in July last year.



US lawmakers slam attack on Indian consulate

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Days after the Indian con-sulate in San Francisco was vandalised by alleged Khalistani supporters, several US lawmakers and influential Indian-Americans have condemned the attempted arson at the consulate and called for expeditious action against those behind this "criminal act.

They also slammed the "violent rhetoric" against India's Ambassador to the US Taranjit Singh Sandhu and said free speech does not mean a license to incite violence or vandalise property. A video by Khalistan supporters, dated July 2 and posted on Twitter, 'Free speech doesn't mean a licence to incite violence'



showed the act of arson at the Indian consulate in San Francisco. The video, with the words "violence begets violence" emblazoned over it, also showed news articles related to the death of Canada-based Khalistan Tiger Force (KTF) chief Hardeep Singh Nijjar. Nijjar, one of India's mostwanted terrorists who carried a cash reward of Rs 10 lakh on his head, was shot dead outside a gurdwara in Canada last month.

In a joint statement issued on Thursday, Congressmen Ro Khanna and Michael Waltz, cochairs of the Congressional Caucus on India and Indian-Americans, said violence against diplomatic facilities will not be tolerated. "As the co-chairs of the India Caucus,

we strongly condemn the attempted arson and vandalism at the Indian Consulate in San Francisco and the posters circulating on social media with violent rhetoric aimed at Indian including diplomats, Ambassador Sandhu," they said. "We support the right to free speech and freedom of expression for every American but that is not a license to vandalise property or incite violence.

Violence against diplomatic facilities is a criminal offence and will not be tolerated. We urge the State Department to coordinate with law enforcement in their investigation of the damage at the Indian Consulate expeditiously and hold those involved accountable," they added.

Congressman Brian Fitzpatrick said the attack on the Indian consulate is unacceptable. "I firmly condemn the repeated hateful attacks on the Indian Consulate and look forward to those involved being held accountable with appropriate legal action," he said.

Till Thursday, no action was taken against those involved in the attack on the Indian consulate. A spokesperson of the National Security Council of the White House said the US takes the safety and security of diplomats very seri-ously. "We take very seriously the safety and security of diplomats living in the United States and strongly condemn acts of vandalism or violence against diplomatic facilities or personnel," the spokesperson told.

IN BRIEF MOD INKS MOU WITH HAL For two dornier jets



New Delhi: Giving a boost to

self-reliance in defence manufacturing, the defence ministry on Friday inked a contract with the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) for procurement of two Dornier Aircraft for Indian Coast Guard (ICG) along with associated engineering support package at an overall cost of Rs 458.87 crore. The aircraft will be procured under the Buy (Indian) Category. The aircraft will be fitted with a number of advanced equipment including Glass Cockpit, Maritime Patrol Radar, Electro Optic Infra-Red device, Mission Management System etc. The addition will further bolster the aerial surveillance capability of maritime areas of responsibilities of the ICG. The Dornier aircraft are being indigenously manufactured at HAL (Transport Aircraft Division), Kanpur and will significantly contribute in achieving Aatmanirbharta in defence, in consonance with the 'Make in India' initiative of the Government.

INDIAN JETS LEAVE

FOR BASTILLE DAY

Rahul has chronic habit of defaming others, will will continue: Kharge India asks UK to take strong action against face consequences: BJP PNS NEW DELHI Sessions Court, is unique

PNS NEW DELHI

Welcoming the Gujarat High Court's decision rejecting Rahul Gandhi's plea to stay his conviction in a defamation case, the BJP on Friday said the Congress leader is in "chronic habit" to abuse and defame others and will have to face " consequences".

Addressing a press conference here, BJP leader and former Union minister Ravi Shankar Prasad said Rahul was in the habit of insulting others by his comments without being careful or doing proper homework.

He said there are seveneight defamation cases against the former Congress president. Prasad said the Congress leader refused to apologise for his 'Modi surname' jibe and displayed "irresponsible arrogance

If he behaves like this and defames people and institutions, the law will catch up with him, he said adding he will have to face consequences, Prasad said. The BJP leader noted that Gandhi has also been accused of insulting a great patriot such as Veer Savarkar and the Hindutva



organisation RSS. Prasad asked

Gandhi to speak with decorum. "The Surat trial court, which sentenced him for two years, gave him the opportunity to say sorry. But what did he do? He said he won't say sorry because he is not VD Savarkar. He defamed legendary freedom fighter Savarkar also and his grandson has also sued

It is his arrogance that he believes he is above the law as he is from the Gandhi family, Prasad said. On Congress party's contention that it was disproportionate to give the

fought for the truth and will continue to fight in the future. The truth is that fugitives like Lalit Modi, Nirav Modi, Mehul 'Bhai', Vijav Mallva, and Jatin Mehta, under the supervision of the Modi government fled the country and reached the defamation cases. abroad suspiciously after taking

public money. The BJP freed them but used lies as part of a Opposition parties on Friday rallied behind Congress political conspiracy, (to) put Mr. Rahul Gandhi in the dock leader Rahul Gandhi over the and got him suspended from Gujarat High Court's dismissal

Parliament," Kharge alleged. AAP, which has been at loggerheads with the Congress of late, came out in support of Rahul Gandhi and accused the BJP of indulging in "unpro-ductive politics" to divert people's attention from real issues.

AAP chief spokesperson Priyanka Kakkar said that it States including Delhi, Bihar, was certainly wrong and Delhi Jharkhand, Jammu and Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal Kashmir, southern States held had also called it "wrong" when the former Lok Sabha protests against the Gujarat MP was convicted in the case.

Alleging that the BJP used While RJD MP Manoj Jha 'lies as part of a political consaid these judgements don't spiracy" to get Rahul Gandhi give a positive sense of the judisuspended from Parliament, cial architecture, Shiv Sena Uddhav leader and a Rajya Sabha member Priyanka Chaturvedi remarked that this kind of order on Rahul Gandhi was expected.

Addressing a press confer-"Rahul Gandhi has always ence at the AICC headquarters, Congress spokesperson and Rahul Gandhi's counsel in the case Abhishek Singhvi said the Gujarat High Court dismissing Rahul Gandhi's plea was "highly disappointing, but not unex-pected". "The jurisprudence we have received from Gujarat, both from High Court and

because it has no other parallel or precedent in the jurisprudence of the defamation law. HC has called it a heinous crime as if it is a crime against the country," he said.

AICC general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra said Rahul Gandhi is fighting the battle for truth and people's interests, and an "arrogant regime" is using all the tricks to deter him. In a long Twitter post in Hindi soon after the Gujarat High Court order, Priyanka Gandhiquoted the poem "samar shesh hai...(battle is yet to be over)" by Ramdhari Singh 'Dinkar' and launched a scathing attack on

the Modi government. "Rahul Gandhi is fighting the battle for truth and people's interests against this 'arrogant regime'," she said. The Congress leader alleged that the "arrogant regime" wants questions related to people's interests that help improve their lives should not be raised. The arrogant regime is trying every trick in the book to suppress the truth, it is adopting all means — 'saam, daam, dand, bhed, chal, kapat (money, power, punishment, discrimi-nation, deceit)' — to distract from questions related to the interests of the public," she said.

Khalistan supporters

PIONEERI NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

India on Friday asked the United Kingdom to take strong action against alleged Khalistan supporters who threatened top Indian diplo-mats recently during talks here mats recently during talks here between National Security Advisor(NSA)Ajit Doval and his British counterpart Tim Barrow.

India raised the demand to either deport or legal prosecution in view of the threat issued by the Khalistani backers to take out a 'Kill India' rally to the Indian High Commission in London on July 8. The tweets announcing the rally featured images of High Commissioner Vkiram Doraiswami and India's consul general in Birmingham, Shashank Vikram.

In this backdrop, Doval urged his British counterpart to take strong public action such as deportation against extremist elements threatening officers of Indian High Commission in the UK, official sources said. Doval raised the issue during his wide-ranging talks with Barrow, who is currently on a visit to India.

The two NSAs held one-

on-one talks followed by delegation level dialogue. "The Indian side raised the

issue of the extremist elements in the UK threatening individ-ual officers of the Indian High Commission and urged the UK government to take strong public action against these elements such as deportation or legal prosecution," said a source.

Both sides also agreed to work closely to counter terrorism and terror financing. The two NSAs also resolved to deepen mutually beneficial bilateral collaboration in critical and emerging technologies.

Pro-Khalistan groups have issued posters inciting violence against senior Indian diplomats in the UK as well as in the US, Canada and Australia. India has already asked all these countries to ensure safety and security of Indian diplomats and its missions.

On Thursday, UK Foreign Secretary James Cleverly said "any direct attacks on the Indian High Commission in London are completely unacceptable." Cleverly also said "We have made clear to @VDoraiswami and the Government of India that safety of staff at High Commission is paramount."

PUBLIC NOTICE

Mr. Jagpreet Singh S/o. Late S. Rishipal Singh is owner of PROPERTY BEARING NO. 149 & 149/1

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New Delhi: Four Indian Rafale jets, two C-17 Globemaster transport planes and 72 IAF personnel left for France on Friday to take part in the flypast on French National Day, also known as Bastille Day on July 14. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is the guest of honour for this year's parade held annually in Paris. This year, both countries are celebrating 25 years of Strategic Partnership. On Thursday, a 269-personnel strong marching contingent of the three Services left for Paris to take part in the march past along with their French counterparts on July 14 in Paris. The Indian contingent will be led by a woman officer. As regards, the IAF team. officials said here on Fridav the fly past and marching by the IAF air warriors on Bastille Day Sociation # ows a long ass



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Gandhi," said Prasad. Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said no party leader or worker is afraid of the saffron party's "political conspiracy" and will fight the battle both legally and politically.

maximum two year sentence available under defamation, Prasad said, "The Congress asks why such a harsh sentence was awarded. We ask why such a harsh offence was committed?" He also called Rahul a "serial offender" in relation to

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform to all concern that M/s.-MOD DEVICES, BY SHRI JAWAHAR LAL

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Place : Delhi/ NCR

notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd, 3rd Floor, Plot No- 23, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh, Delhi- 110005

As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in genera that the undersigned has taken Symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to dea with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch						
1.	Vaibhav Agrawal/	Flat No-324, 3rd Floor, Tower- B, Near Manhar	August 30,2021	Delhi/						
	Suchita Agarwal/	Garden Near Harish Nagar, Sikandara Bodla	Rs.	NCR						
	LBNOD00002090132	Road Agra/ July 05, 2023	36,58,228/-	& Agra						
2.	Deepak Bichhoria/	Flat No-422, 4th Floor, Manhar Garden, Near	August 30,2021	Delhi/						
	Brijlata Aggrawal/	Harish Nagar, Sikandar Bodla Road, Agra/	Rs.	NCR						
	LBNOD00002091149	July 05, 2023	35,00,913/-	& Agra						
3.	Sandeep Kumar Dogra/	Flat No 340 3rd Floor Manhar Garden, Near	August 30,2021	Delhi/						
	Sapna Dogra/	Harish Nagar, Sikandara Bodla Road,	Rs.	NCR						
	LBDEL00002198762	Uttar Pradesh Agra/ July 05, 2023	32,27,052/-	& Agra						
4.	Dhruva Kumar Tamrakar/	Flat No. 223, 2nd Floor Manhar Garden, Near	August 30,2021	Delhi/						
	Panna Lal Tamrakar/	Harish Nagar, Sikandara Bodla Road, Agra/	Rs.	NCR						
	LBGUR00002146617	July 05, 2023	30,04,194/-	& Agra						
5.	Murari Kumar Singh/	Flat No-420, 4th Floor, Manhar Garden, Near	August 30,2021	Delhi/						
	Sakshi Singh/	Harish Nagar, Sikandara Bodla Road Agra/	Rs.	NCR						
	LBDEL00002069824	July 05, 2023	29,07,645/-	& Agra						
6.	Pratap Singh Chaudhary/	Plot No 306, Third Floor, Near Manhar Garden	March 25,2022	Delhi/						
	Ankit Chaudhary/	Near Harish Nagar, Sikandara Bodla Road Agra/	Rs.	NCR						
	LBGUR00002105456	July 05, 2023	26,89,716/-	& Agra						
7.	Sumit Kumar/	Flat No 335, 3rd Floor, Tower B, Khasra No-839,	August 30,2021	Delhi/						
	Shiv Kumar Makhija/	Maija Sikandra Bhistabad, Manhar Garden,	Rs.	NCR						
	LBNOD00002242847	Agra/ July 05, 2023	23,87,449/-	& Agra						
8.	Ramesh Bhojwani/	Flat No 413, 4th Floor, Tower-A, Manhar	August 30,2021	Delhi/						
	Anurag Verma/	Garden, Harish Nagar Sikandra Boola, Uttar	Rs.	NCR						
	LBNOD00002068715	Pradesh, Agra/ July 05, 2023	21,83,128/-	& Agra						
9.	Neeraj Singh/ Annu Kumari/ LBNOD00002062818	Flat No .414, 4th Floor, Tower A, Manhar Garden, Khasra No 839,831, 832,383, 838, 833, Mauja Sikhandra Bodla Road Tehsil And Dist Agra, Uttar Pradesh, Agra/ July 05, 2023	August 30,2021 Rs. 19,48,620/-	Delhi/ NCR & Agra						
10.	Prabhat Pankaj/ Ram Sebak Sah/ LBDEL00002048425	Flat No-115, 1st Floor, Block-A, Manhar Garden, Harish Nagar, Sikandra Bodla Road, Sikandra, Khasra No 839,831, 832, 383, 838,833, Mauja Sikandra Bahistabad, Agra/ July 05, 2023	August 30,2021 Rs. 14,92,900/-	Delhi/ NCR & Agra						
11.	Simple Kaur Mehta/	B-17, Park Side Villas, Situated at Plot No. 201,	April 27, 2018	Delhi/						
	Kuldeep Kumar/	120 ft, Shastripuram Road, Vayu Vihar, Agra/	Rs.	NCR						
	LBDEL00001631943	July 05, 2023	31,50,406/-	& Agra						
12.	Alok Agarwal/ Samita Agarwal/ LBGUR00002122184	Flat No- 3161, Tower 3rd, Type-B, Floor -16, Ats Trimph, Sector- 104, Haryana, Gurgaon/ July 05, 2023	February 24, 2023 Rs.1,67,06,823/-	Delhi/ NCR						
13.	Buta Ram/ Rajni Devi/	Flat No- 912, 9th Floor, Habitat, Tower-a, Sector-	July 29, 2022	Delhi/						
	LBGUR00003417958	99a Gurgaon/ July 05, 2023	Rs.17,26,326/-	NCR						
14.	Ashok Anil Arya/ Susmita Ashok Kumar Arya/ LBNOD00002041981	Flat No -A1-1102, 11th Floor, Tower A1, Emerald Bay, Sector 104 Gurgaon/ July 05, 2023	February 27, 2023 Rs. 49,91,352/-	Delhi/ NCR						
15.	Pratap Chandra Khilar/ Monika Rout/ LBGUR00002973642	Flat No-907, Tower-D, 9th Floor, Rof Aalayas Tower, Sec-102, Gurgaon/ July 05, 2023	November 30, 2022 Rs. 21,30,730/-	Delhi/ NCR						
16.	Dhiraj Tyagi/ Raj Kumar/	Flat No-A-1106, 11th Floor, Solera, Situated at	February 27, 2023	Delhi/						
	LBDEL00004326210	Sector-107 Gurgaon / July 05, 2023	Rs. 18,15,801/-	NCR						
17.	Rajendra Pratap Singh/ Swaita/ LBDEL00005044535	Property No. 20, 3rd Floor With Roof Rights, Block A, Naraina Vihar Northen Side Front Portion Delhi/ July 06, 2023	February 27, 2023 Rs. 3,59,09,677/-	Delhi/ NCR						
The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.										
	Date : July 07, 2023 Authorized Officer									

E-TENDER NOTICE

E-Tenders are invited from eligible contractors/firms for the following jobs against which bids can be uploaded and same shall be opened/downloaded as per schedule mentioned. The details and conditions of all tenders are available on Noida Authority's official website: www.noidaauthorityonline.in & https://etender.up.nic.in Please ensure to see these websites for any changes/ amendments & corrigendum etc.

Sr.	Job No.	Name of Work	Amount	Publishing
No.			(Rs)	
1	PE (PH-I)/ ET/	Supply of Cleaning Material for One Year to Public Health Dept, Store Sec-39. Noida	Lakh	2 nd Time

The above tenders can be uploaded from dated 10.07.2023 to 17.07.2023 upto 5.00 PM. Pre-Qualification shall be opened/ downloaded on dated 18.07.2023 at 11.00 AM.

Dy. GM/Sr. Project Engineer

(Public Health) Noida

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F-64, C/7, SECTOR-40, NOIDA, DISTRICT-GAUTAM BUDH NAGAR, (U.P.) who is the original allottee of BUILDING/FLAT NO.-153, F-64, C/7, SECTOR-40, NOIDA, DISTRICT-GAUTAM BUDH NAGAR, (U.P.) By whom the said building was sold by GPA to MRS. BHAGWATI DEVI, W/O MR. BHAGOT SINGH R/O:- 59, AMICHAND-BLOCK, GIRINAGAR, KALKAJI, NEW **DELHI.** is Registered Power of Attorney Volume No-177, Page-1/6, Book No-35 Date:- 08/01/2023 at the office of the Sub-Registrar. (III Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar U.P.), so it is informed to all concern that the said property no./FLAT NO.-153, F-64, C/7, SECTOR-40, NOIDA, DISTRICT-GAUTAM BUDH NAGAR, (U.P.) is going t be transferred in favour of MR. ANKIT CHAUHAN S/O SHRI KUMAR PAL SINGH CHAUHAN R/O FLAT NO.-152, F-64, C/7 SECTOR-40. NOIDA. DISTRICT-GAUTAM BUDDHA NAGAR, (U.P.) if any one has/ have any objection he/she may file his/he

objection alongwith the sufficient proof in

of this notice

Solutions main Voice dated 19 01 / 2023 executed by Mrs farjeet Kaur, Duly Registered in the Office of the Sub Ageistrar-IV-R, Vivek Vihar, New Delhi/Delhi, Vidk Zages 50-60, Registered on dated 20.01 / 2023 AND Mrs Prabipot Kaur Wio. S. Jagpreet Singh is owner o Residential BullT. UP PROPERTY PVT. NO. 115 3EARING MPL NO. 102, ADMEASURING 33.00 SG 70, KIASRA NO. 384/366 STIUATED AT LAYOU PCS, KHASRA NO. 384/366 STIUATED AT LAYOU PCS, KHASRA, DELH-I10031, vide Registered Gt Dead dated 04.07 2023 executed by S. Charanjeet Singh Sub-Registrar-IV-8, Vivek Vihar, New Delhi/Delhi, Vidk Documents No. 6856, In Book No. 1, Volume No. 3823 On Pages 9-16, Registred on dated 04.07.2023 & have papproached UGRO CAPITAL LIMITED to take a can for the same. If anyNody has any charge/interests n Pages 3-10, respectively like the provided of the same. If anybody has any charge/interess san for the same. If anybody has any charge/interess le in the said property or any kind of dispute kind from the undersigned in writing on the below mentione didess within 07 days of the present. Mrs. Prasoon Lata, Advoor Sc Associatess (Law Fir FF 18, Lotus Pond Plaza, Vaibhav Khand, Indirapun Ghazlabad 201014.E-mail: sgassociatespiggmail.o Ph: 7011172764, \$1302001

the Housing Department of Noida Authority PUBLIC NOTICE within 15 days from the date of publication

This is to inform public in general MRS. BHAGWATI DEVI, W/O MR. BHAGOT SINGH R/O:- 59, AMICHAND-BLOCK, hat Kotak Mahindra bank Ltd has organized an auction in below GIRINAGAR, KALKAJI, NEW DELHI mention respect of Vehicles. VEHICLES FOR SALE 1) EICHER 10.95 - REG. NO. DL1MA4453 - YOM 2019 MINIMUM RESERVE PRICE-422976.33 2) TATA LPT909CH CHASIS REG. NO. DL1MA1740 -YOM-2018 MINIMUM RESERVE PRICE-392119.38 3) TATA_LPT909CH_CHASIS REG. NO. DL1MA1785-YOM-2018 MINIMUM RESERVE PRICE-392119.38 4) TATA_LPT909CH_CHASIS REG. NO. DL1MA1863-YOM -2018 MINIMUM RESERVE PRICE-392119.38 UNDER HYPOTHECATION WITH M/S KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK IS UNDER SALE IN ITS "AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION" INTERESTED PARTIES CAN GIVE THEIR QUOTATIONS (ONLINE) OFFLINE) WITHIN 15 DAYS FROM THIS PAPER PUBLICATION I.E. ON OR BEFORE 22.07.2023 (PLEASE NOTE THAT CLOSING AUCTION DATE WOULD NOT BE A WEEKLY OFF / HOLIDAY). BRANCH ADDRESS KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK LTD. PLOT NO.7 INSTITUTIONAL AREA SECTOR-125 NOIDA NEAR DELL CAMPUS NOIDA (U.P) UP-201313

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the two nations share, especially in the field of the air power. Many Indians like Welinkar, Shivdev Singh, HC Dewan & Jumbo Majumdar have fought over the skies of France during the two World Wars. Some, like Jumbo Majumdar were also decorated for their gallant action, over the Falaise Gap, during the terminal phase of World War II. The Indian Air Force has also operated multiple French aircraft starting with the Ouragan. This was followed by fighter aircraft like Breguet Alize, Mystere IVA, SEPECAT Jaquar, Mirage 2000 and now the Rafale. Helicopters like the Alouette-III and Lama continue to render veoman services to India, especially in the remote Himalavan areas. As a matter of fact, the IAF marching contingent is commanded by Squadron Leader Sindhu Reddy, who is an accomplished helicopter pilot. She has also extensively flown the Alouette-III helicopter in her service. The professional ties between the two Air Forces have also been strengthened during flying exercises like Ex Desert Knight, Garuda and Orion. The IAF's Rafale aircraft, flying wings to wings with the French Air Force, is reflective of this strategic friendship spanning decades that continues to mature, both, on ground, as well as in air. The Navy said its marching Contingent, as part of the Tri services contingent, arrived in France for participation in the Bastille Day Parade. The Navy team on parade will comprise four officers and 64 sailors. To commemorate the event. the Indian Navy will also be represented by INS Chennai, an indigenously designed and constructed guided missile destroyer, which will be deployed to France from 12 -16 July. The ship's crew will represent India at the Bastille Day celebrations at Brest France.

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FICICI Bank Karol Bagh, Delhi- 110005

The following borrower/s have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loans facility obtained 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.

Sr. Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address		Property Address of Secured Asset / Asset to be Enforced	Date of Notice Sent/ Outsta- nding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Amerisafe International, Mohd Murshlin, Madhu Rani, Madhu Rani, 108, Vipul Agora 1st Floor MG Road Gurgaon- 122002. A/c No: 661405601087	Residential House No 47 On Green Street Malibu Towne Village Tikri, Fatehpur Sub- Tehsil Badshahpur, District Gurugram Gurgaon 122018	16-Jun-2023 Rs. 35,30,001/-	29/04/ 2023
2.	Adreek Media Private Limited, Yuvvraj Agarwaal, Manasi Agarwaal, Jai Shiv Kumar Agarwaal, Yuvvraj Agarwaal, Jai Shiv Kumar Agarwaal, No-63 Vinayak Aprtmnts C-58/1 Ntpc Officer Sasl Sectr 62 Noida- 201301. A/c No: 777705001246 & 033155000013	Unit No 63 - First Floor Block B Plot No C-58/1 Vinayak Apartment Ntpc Officer, Sasl Sectr 62 Noida- 201301	03-Nov-2022, Rs. 75,70,951/- & Rs. 9,69,573/-	29/06/ 2022
3.	Nikate Global Trade Llp, Bhawna Vaid, Hemant Kumar Vaid, Ramesh Kumar, Ramesh Kumar, 47a, Ground Floor Pocket B, Sfs Flats Vikaspuri Extension New Delhi- 110018. A/c No: 629605017944	Flat No. 47A, Ground Floor, Pocket B Sfs Flats, Bodella, Vikaspuri Extension, New Delhi- 110018	23-May-2023 Rs. 81,32,138/-	20/03/ 2023
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Dat	e : July 07, 2023		Authorized	Officer

Place : Delhi/NCR (Gurgaon, Noida)

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Rajnath launches NCC Integrated software

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PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

NEW DELHI | SATURDAY | JULY 8. 2023

In a step towards promoting digitisation and in sync with Digital India mission, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Friday launched here an National Cadet Corps (NCC) Integrated Software. The NCC Integrated

Software, developed in partnership with Bhaskaracharya Institute for Space Applications and Geo Informatics (BISAG), is a single window interactive software for Cadets, designed on the 'Entry to Exit Model'.

The NCC Integrated Software is based on the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of "Once a Cadet always a cadet", and will digitalize the entire process from the stage of enrolment as a cadet in NCC till exit registration as alumni. This will enable seamless

issue of certificates, creation of an all India database of NCC cadets at the time of their



employment. During this event, the NCC and State Bank of India (SBI) also signed а Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in the presence of Raksha Mantri to open zero balance accounts of all NCC Cadets with debit card, chequebook & passbook facility under SBI's "Pahli Udaan" scheme. About five

lakh cadets will be benefitted by this MoU every year. The account will remain functional till completion of training or attaining 18 years of



to the national banking system but also provide them with a ready platform to avail benefit of other govt schemes through DBT (Direct Benefit Transfer) of funds into their accounts.

Under the DBT initiative, the Ministry of Defence has reformed the physical uniform distribution process to make it more transparent and seamless, allowing direct bank transfer of uniform allowance in the bank accounts of the NCC cadets.

Saudi leader to hold talks with Jaishankar, Doval

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

Former Minister of Justice of Saudi Arabia Mohammad bin Abdulkarim Al-Issa, known to be an influential leader and considered to be a leading voice on moderate Islam, will hold talks next week here with External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and National Security Adviser (NSA) Ajit Doval.

He will also hold discussions with top government officials and promote inter-faith dialogue and religious tolerance, sources said here on Friday.

His five-day visit commences July 10. Al-Issa is a leading global voice on moderate Islam and a reformist.

The Islamic scholar is known for promoting interfaith dialogue and espousing the cause of world peace. Al-Issa will address a gathering of prominent religious and community leaders and academics in the national capital where he is expected to encourage dialogue between civilizations, religious tolerance, intercultural com-



religious pluralism. Doval will also address the

gathering at India Islamic Cultural Centre in New Delhi.

Al-Issa will also meet the president of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) and interact with a group of distinguished faith leaders at Vivekananda International Foundation. His visit itinerary will also include a trip to the famous Akshardham Temple and Jama Masjid for Friday prayers. He will also make a trip

Ågra, sources said. Ål-Issa is currently serving secretary general of the Muslim World League and is widely recognized for his prominent role in promoting moderate Islam and fostering empathy, understanding, and cooperation among people of all backgrounds.



Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla called on Ukhnaagiin Khurelsukh, President of PNS Mongolia in Ulaanbaatar.

Suggestion to recapture of unused green cards

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE/AGENCIES ■ NEW DELHI/WASHINGTON

 $\pmb{\tau}$ ith the objective of benefiting scores of Indian-Americans W waiting for their green cards, a member of the President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islanders has recommended that all unused green cards for family and employment categories since 1992 be recaptured. The proposed step will help in cutting bureaucratic delays

in the green application process and provide relief to individuals waiting in backlogs, Indian American Ajay Bhutoria said in his set of recommendations submitted before the commission late Thursday.

Ex-PM Chandra Shekhar's death anniversary today PIONEER NEWS SERVICE VARANASI

A programme will be organ-ised on the occasion of the death anniversary of former Prime Minister Chandra Shekhar at Paradkar Bhavan here on Saturday at 11.30 am under the auspices of Chandrashekhar Samajwadi Nyas. Giving this information, convenor of the event Kunwar Suresh Singh said on the occasion a seminar on the topic, 'Condition and direction of villages and farmers of Gandhi's country' will be held.

He said the chief guest of the programme will be former Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, Meghalaya, Goa and Bihar Satyapal Malik while the guest of honour will be Rajya Sabha member Prof Manoj Jha. He said in the proposed programme, a good number of intellectuals apart from political and social workers of different groups supporting democracy, secularism and equality will take part. He said in the seminar, speakers will also throw light on the present political scenario.

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1	Form No. 3	Sr. No	Co-Borrowe	e Borrower/ r/ Guarantor/	Description of Secured Asset to	Date of Notice Sent/ Out-	NPA Date	45.	LANOD00043769924/ Ran Vijay Yadav/ C- 306 Ist Floor Sector P3, Greater Noida Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh, Noida- 201310	
	[See Regulation-15 (1)(a)]/ 16(3) DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL	1.		unt Number) Idress Chetrv/ 178 M Second Floor.	be Enforced Vitara Brezza/ ZDI/	standing as on Date of Notice 23-May-23	11-Mar-	46.	LAGUR00042522342/ Ranjeet Singh/ House No- 988, Kanhai Mode, Sector- 39, Gurgaon- 122003	s
	CHANDIGARH (DRT 2) 1st Floor SCO 33-34-35, Sector-		Flate Ot 3 Ward No 2, Baln LADEL00038568016/Abhima	niki Mohalla, Delhi- 110030	DL3CCR5343 MARAZZO/ M8/	Rs.5,42,454.78/- 27-Apr-23		47.	LAGUR00041993877/ Ravi Shankar/ Ward No.11 Vishwakarma Colony, Fazilpur Road, Farrukhnagar,	╈
	17 A, Chandigarh (Additional space allotted on 3rd & 4th Floor also)	3.	A 8 8 Sector 17, Rohini Sec LAFDB00042142066/ Abhi	tor 7, Delhi, Delhi- 110085 shek Vijan/ H No 230,	DL8CAX3706 Baleno/ Sigma 1.2/	Rs.4,38,080/- 23-May-23	2022 03-Dec-	48.	Gurgaon- 122506 LAGUR00037485438/ Sajuna Rai/ 24 First Floor,	+
	Case No.: OA/698/2022 [Summons under sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act.	4.	Ashoka Enclave Part 1, Fari LADEL00042202823/ Ajit S	Singh/ B2/401, 402 1st	HR51CB9089	Rs.2,83,456/- 23-May-23	2022 08-Nov-	49.	Room No- 25, Gurgaon, Gurgaon- 122002 LANOD00041470101/ Sanjeet Kumar Singh/ Kumari	+
	read with sub-rule (2A) of rule 5 of the Debt Recovery Tribunal	5.	Floor, J J Colony, Raghubir LADEL00041810966/ Ama S- 68, Okhla Phase- 2, Del	n Tripathi/ Umesh Tripathi/	DL1CAD1309 Baleno/ Sigma 1.2/ DL5CR6873	Rs.3,75,908/- 27-Apr-23	2022 02-Jan-	50.	Priyadarshini/ Ho.No- 128D 4th Floor, Sec- 83 Udyog Nagar, Noida, Noida- 201304 LAGUR00042250658/ Santosh Devi/ Tanvi Yadav/	_
-	(Procedure) Rules, 1993] Exh. No. 17276 ICICI BANK LIMITED	6.	LAGUR00042474437/ Anil/ Fakarpur, Mokalwas Village	/ H.No.119, Village	Eeco/ 5 STR WITH A/C+HTR CNG/	Rs.3,32,588/- 27-Apr-23 Rs.	2021 05-Nov- 2022	50.	844 Bangla Mohalla Sarvjanic Dharmsala, Dundahera Industrial Complex Dundahera, Sector 20, Gurgaon	a
	VS MANOJ MONGA	7.	Gurgaon- 122413 SPGHZ00037608922/ Ano	• •	HR26EL9141 AMAZE/ SMT/	2,18,802/- 27-Apr-23	31-Jan-	51.	122016 LQNOD00038280243/ Sarvangik Infra Private Limited/	/ :
	To, (1) MANOJ MONGA		Apex Acacia Valley, Sector Sahibabad, Ghaziabad- 20	- 3 Vaishali I E, 1010	HR03AA7666	Rs. 1,47,180/-	2021	52.	H- 39 Sector Delta 2, Greater Ňoida Gautam Budh Nagar, Noida- 201306 LQNOD00038280244/ Sarvangik Infra Private Limited	
	D/W/S/O-RAJENDER KUMAR MONGA, MANOJ MONGA SON OF SHRI RAJENDER KUMAR	8.	LAGHZ00035895809/ Anod Acacia Valley, Sector - 3 Va Ghaziabad- 201010		AMAZE/ SMT/ UP14DF8882	27-Apr-23 Rs. 4,50,567.5/-	31-Jan- 2021	52.	H-39 Sector Delta 2, Greater Noida Gautam Budh Nagar, Noida-201306	' `
	MONGA, PARTNER M/S COUNTY APPARELS, R/O FLAT NO. 203, NEELKANTH	9.	LAGUR00040770505/ Ano 220 Village, Islampur, Gurg		Alto K10/ LXi CNG/ HR26EB9984	27-Apr-23 Rs.2,71,695/-	11-Aug- 2022	53.	LQNOD00038280254/ Sarvangik Infra Private Limited, H- 39 Sector Delta 2, Greater Noida Gautam Budh	/
	APARTMENT PART 3, SECTOR 21-C, FARIDABAD, HARYANA -	10	LANOD00043502536/ Arjun House, Plot 17, Sector- 75	Singh/ A 405 Maxblis White Noida, Noida- 201301	Swift/ VXi/ UP16CW0712	23-May-23 Rs.4,37,816/-	10-Oct- 2022	54.	Nagar, Noida- 201306 LQNOD00038280266/ Sarvangik Infra Private Limited, H- 39 Sector Delta 2, Greater Noida Gautam Budh	ان ار ا
	121001, PAN NO. AFJPM9710P FARIDABAD, HARYANA (2) ANSHU MONGA	11.	LANOD00041821914/ Aruc Jalyayu Tower, Sec 47 Bloc	ck É Jalyayu Tower Sec	TRIBER/ RXL/ UP16CP7246	27-Apr-23 Rs.	27-Sep- 2021	55.	Nagar, Noida- 201306 LQNOD00038280268/ Sarvangik Infra Private Limited	
	Ŵ/O SH MANOJ MONGA, FLAT NO 203, NEELKANTH	12	47, Gautam Budh Nagar, N LAFDB00042270174/ Asha Surya Vihar Ph 3, Faridaba	a Sharma/ H No 1/194,	Wagon R 1.0/ LXi CNG/ HR51CB1103	6,74,371.9/- 27-Apr-23	10-Mar-	00.	H-39 Sector Delta 2, Greater Noida Gautam Budh Nagar, Noida-201306	
	APARTMENT PART 3 ,SECTOR 21 C, FARIDABAD, FARIDABAD, HARYANA	13	LANOD00046444924/ Bab K, Avj Heights Gautam Buc	u Lal/ Zeeta 1808 Tower	NEXON/ EV XZ PLUS LUX/	Rs.1,93,994/- 27-Apr-23 Rs.	2022 31-Dec- 2022	56.	UQNOD00043486314/ Sarvangik Infra Private Limited/ H- 39 Sector Delta 2, Greater Noida Gautam Budh Nagar, Noida- 201306	
	Also At. ANSHU APPARELS 203, PART	14	Noidá- 201301 LADEL00039448511/ Balve	eer Singh/ H No C- 325	DL7GD0739 Bolero/ Power Plus	15,78,611/- 23-May-23	03-May-	57.	LAGUR00039525690/ Satan Singh/ House No.27 Gawal Pahari, Gurgaon Sector 56, Gurgaon, Gurgaon- 122011	
	3, SECTOR 21 C, FARIDABAD FARIDABAD, HARYANA (3) M/S COUNTY APPARELS		Gali No Harsh Vihar, Hari N Delhi, Delhi- 110044	Nagar Extn Part- 3, Jaitpur	ZLX/ DL1CAB5573	Rs. 3,84,015/-	2021	58	LANOD0043384498/ Satbir Singh/ Near Ajab Keval, Sector 5, Village Harola Noida, Noida-201301	
	203, PART 3, SECTOR 21 C FARIDABAD, HARYANA		LADEL00039107043/ Chet Floor, Bankauli, Bankauli, E LAGUR00039592317/ Chh	Delhi- 110036	Verna/ 1.6 VTVT SX AT/ DL3CCR5151 Wagon R 1.0/ LXI/	27-Apr-23 Rs.2,69,373/-	30-Jun- 2020		LADEL00039437196/ Shailaja Srivastava/ H No-128, H/2, Mohammad Pur, Delhi, Delhi- 110066	
	FARIDABAD, HARYANA (4) ANIL KUMAR S/O SH RANM SINGH PARTNER M/S		UGF- 2 Balaji, Enclave Gov Ghaziabad- 201013	vindpuram, Ghaziabad,	HR26DZ2926	27-Apr-23 Rs. 2,96,689/-	05-Jun- 2022		LANOD00039218071/ Shankar Sharma/ Flat No 141 Ground Floor, Tower 10 Arocon Golf Ville, Crossing Republik Galleriya Market, Ghaziabad- 201016	
	COUNTRY APPARELS L 1/258B BUILDTECH PVT LTD, 51 POCKET 7 SECTOR 23		LADEL00040927711/ Chira Sector 1 Avantika, Rohini, I	Delhi- 110085	I 20/ VTVT SPORTZ/ DL8CAY8429	27-Apr-23 Rs.3,49,406/-	08-Jan- 2022	61.	LAFDB00045978822/ Sher Mohd/ Raniala Khurd, 277 Palwal, Faridabad, Faridabad- 121103	<u> </u>
	DWARKA, NEW DELHI, NEW DELHI, DELHI (5) KAILASHPURI BUILDTECH	18	LADEL00042907214/ Daya Block, E- Pol No- 79, Phas Vihar, Delhi- 110071	a Ram/ House No- 256, E- se - 1, Goyla Dairy Qutub	VENUE/ S/ DL9CAV4034	23-May-23 Rs. 4,14,435/-	08-Oct- 2022		LADEL00039405826/ Shivraj Chaudhry/ 61, New Mangla Puri, M G Road, South Delhi Mehrauli, Sultan	
	PÝT LTD, 51, POCKET 7 SECTOR 23, DWARKA, NEW	19	LAXBA00043890124/ Deep Bahadurgarh, Haryana, Jha	oak Kumar/ Vpo Kharman, ijjar, Bahadurgarh- 124507	XMA/ XMA/ HR13S1209	23-May-23 Rs.6,93,506/-	07-Mar- 2022	\vdash	Pur, Delhi- 110030 LADEL00037826253/ Shri Ram Malla/ 2323/2, Shadi Kham Pur, Patel Nagar, Delhi- 110008	+
	DELHI, NEW DELHI, DELHI SUMMONS WHEREAS, OA/698/2022 was	20	LADEL00037346918/ Dhire No- 1 Ram Nagar Extensio	n, Mandoli Road	HONDA CITY/ VCVT/ DL1CZ4505	27-Apr-23 Rs.	08-Mar- 2022	64.	SPDEL00042065286/ Shri Ram Malla/ 2323/2, Shadi Kham Pur, Patel Nagar, Delhi- 110008	Ŧ
	listed before Hon'ble Presiding Officer/Registrar on 09/03/2023. WHEREAS this Hon'ble Tribunal is	21	Shahdara, Delhi, Delhi- 110 LADEL00038580584/ Dimp Nithari Village, New Delhi,	oy Vats/ Devdatt/ H No.3,	IGNIS/ ZETA/ DL8CAX4544	3,38,718/- 23-May-23 Rs.2,12,417/-	27-Jan- 2021	65.	LVFDB00042995356/ Sunmaya Construction Private Limited/ Satbir Singh Contractor/ Ground Floor 545, G	
;	pleased to issue summons/ notice on the said Application under	22	LADEL00043067918/ Dur HC- 293 Old No. C- 115	rga Prasad Satapathy/	Wagon R 1.0/ LXi CNG/ DL7CR9992	23-May-23 Rs.	09-Jan- 2023	66.	Block Parvatiya Colony, Faridabad Hr, Faridabad- 121005 LVFDB00042995476/ Sunmaya Construction Private Limited/ Satbir Singh Contractor/ Ground Floor 545, G	
	section 19(4) of the Act, (OA) filed against you for recovery of debts of Rs. 21628209/- (application along	22	Gali No 9 C Block, West \ 110092	2 ·	Delega / Zata 4.0/	4,01,325/-		67.	Block Parvatiya Colony, Faridabad Hr, Faridabad- 121005 LVFDB00042995437/ Sunmaya Construction Private	;
	with copies of documents etc. annexed). In accordance with sub-section (4)	23	LAGUR00042738863/ Fo Ltd/ Jitendra Sharma/ Gro Ild Trade Center Sec 47, 5	ound Floor Unit No 17,	Baleno/ Zeta 1.2/ HR988480	27-Apr-23 Rs. 4,36,518/-	03-Nov- 2022	\vdash	Limited/ Satbir Singh Contractor/ Ground Floor 545, G Block Parvatiya Colony, Faridabad Hr, Faridabad- 121005	5
	of section 19 of the Act, you, the defendants are directed as under:-	24	122018 LADEL00042757196/ Gru		Wagon R 1.0/ LXi	23-May-23	09-Dec-	68	LVFDB00042995404/ Sunmaya Construction Private Limited/ Satbir Singh Contractor/ Ground Floor 545, G Block Parvatiya Colony, Faridabad Hr, Faridabad- 121005	5
,	(i) to show cause within thirty days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should		Driving Training School/ 175 G/F, Gali No 10 Vasu Mugal, Delhi- 110007		CNG/ DL8CBB0224	Rs. 3,48,529/-	2022	69.	LVFDB00042995513/ Sunmaya Construction Private Limited/ Satbir Singh Contractor/ Ground Floor 545, G	; ;
	not be granted; (ii) to disclose particulars of	25	LADEL00044874946/ Hari Colony, Jhilmil, Delhi- 1100		AURA/ S MT CRDI/ DL5CT4294	23-May-23 Rs.6,85,756/-	05-Nov- 2022	70.	Block Parvatiya Colony, Faridabad Hr, Faridabad- 121005 LVFDB00042995508/ Sunmaya Construction Private	
	properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial number		LAGUR00043581111/ Jata Dunganr Was, Panchghaor	n, Gurgaon- 122001	Wagon R 1.0/ LXI CNG (O)/ HR26EP1524	Rs.3,60,845/-	10-Nov- 2022	71	Limited/ Satbir Singh Contractor/ Ground Floor 545, G Block Parvatiya Colony, Faridabad Hr, Faridabad- 121005 LAGNO00041555056/ Syed Mashkur Hussain/ B- 306	5
•	3A of the original application; (iii) you are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured		LANOD00043262877/ Jiter Sharfabad, Sector 73, Noid LAGUR00041527208/ Kamle	la, Noida- 201301	Swift/ VXi/ UP16CV2493	27-Apr-23 Rs.4,63,666/-	08-Jul- 2021		Proview Techno, City Appartment Chi- 5, Gr. Noida, Noida- 201310	
	assets or such other assets and properties disclosed under serial		Village, Basai Gurgaon, Har LADEL00040914981/ Kani	ryana, Gurgaon- 122001	CELERIO/ VXi/ HR26EG6491 ECOSPORT/ 1.5	27-Apr-23 Rs.4,42,035.4/- 27-Apr-23	31-Jan- 2021 05-Nov-		LAGUR00044851380/ Tasleem/ Fateh Mohammad/ 17, Gurgaon, Chelhalka, Gurgaon- 122105	Р
	number 3A of the original application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for		Ab, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi, I	Delhi- 110088	TITANIUM PLUS D/ DL12CR5105	Rs. 6,61,712/-	2021	73.	LUGUR00046136276/ Uzma Zakir Siddiqui/ Ourania Apt C 802 Golf Course Road Ibis, Hotel Sec 53, Wazirabad 75, Gurgaon- 122003	
;	attachment of properties: (iv) you shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in		LADEL00042793133/ Kavit Shiv Mandir, Sarita Vihar, A	Aali Village, Delhi- 110076	NEXON/ XMA/ DL3CCT4304	23-May-23 Rs.5,32,276/-	06-Oct- 2022	74.	LAFDB00038336127/ Varsha/ Yashpal/ 164, Dhumaspur Village- Anangpur Amar Nagar, Faridabad	F ,
	the ordinary course of his business any of the assets over which	31	LAGUR00041847362/ Kulo Road Near Sectar 10, Basa Gurgaon, Gurgaon- 122006	ai Enclave Part 2 Basai 50,	Grand i10/ Sportz 1.2 Kappa VTVT/ HR26EJ9055	23-May-23 Rs. 3,66,131/-	28-Dec- 2022	75	Faridabad- 121003 LADEL00042310713/ Veena/ Bhagwati Logistics/	<u> </u>
	security interest is created and/ or other assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial	32	SPGUR00045303372/ Kulo Road Near Sectar 10, Basa	ai Enclave Part 2 Basai 50,	Grand i10/ Sportz 1.2 Kappa VTVT/	23-May-23 Rs.	28-Dec- 2022	76.	House No E 439 Qutub Vihar, Part 2 Goyla Dairy, Post Office, Delhi- 110071 LADEL00041781493/ Vijay Rai/ H No 18/3 Gali No 6,	
	number 3A of the original application without the prior approval of the Tribunal;	33	Gurgaon, Gurgaon- 122000 LAGNO00040888372/ Lalit Noida, Noida, Noida- 2013	t Kumar/ 1 Kasna, Greater	HR26EJ9055 VENUE/ S/ UP16CJ9006	2,56,906/- 27-Apr-23 Rs.3,74,370/-	05-Nov- 2021	77.	A 1 Block Amrit Vihar, Burari, Delhi- 110084 LANOD00038314600/ Vimal Kumar/ Flat No- 908	+
	(v) you shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realised by sale	34	LAGHZ00037275760/ Moh Malik Nagar Murad Nagar,	ammad Kasim/ Munna/	WAGON R/ VXI/ UP14DP8718	27-Apr-23 Rs.	07-Nov- 2022	70	Tower- 17, Nirala Estate G.b Nagar, Greater Noida, Noida- 201301	\perp
	of secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit	35	Ghaziabad, Ghaziabad- 20 LANOD00038641886/ Nama	1206 an Sharma/ Rajeev Sharma/	Baleno/ Alpha 1.2/	2,25,996/- 27-Apr-23	08-Nov-	78.	LAFDB00038207499/ Vinod Kumar/ Rishi Pal/ 163 Dhumaspur Mohalla, Faridabad Nit, Haryana, Faridabad- 121001	
	such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institutions holding	36	1475 Tower Ferrara, Noida, S LADEL00041012361/ Neha	a Modi/ 16 A West, Krishna	UP16CC5483 GRAND I10/	Rs.5,11,584/- 27-Apr-23	2020 31-Dec-	79.	LADEL00039124447/ Vinod Kumar/ B- 1/56 Sewak Park, Uttam Nagar Block- B- 1, West Delhi New Delhi,	,
	security interest over such assets. You are also directed to file the	07	Nagar New Delhi, Arjun Na LAGUR00038016847/ Nitir	•	SPORTZ PETROL/ DL5CR0781 Baleno/ Delta 1.2/	Rs. 3,23,612/-	2020	80	Delhi- 110059 SPDEL00044607183/ Vinod Kumar/ B- 1/56 Sewak Park, Uttam Nagar Block, B- 1, West Delhi New Delhi	+
	written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before		LAGUR0003801684// Nitin Vihar, Sector- 56, Gurugrar LADEL00039497952/ Poor	m, Gurgaon- 122004	Baleno/ Delta 1.2/ HR29AS1559 KICKS/ XV/	27-Apr-23 Rs.2,71,565/- 27-Apr-23	31-Dec- 2020 08-Aug-	81.	Park, Uttam Nagar Block- B- 1, West Delhi New Delhi, Delhi- 110059 LAFDB00039455884/ Vinod Kumar/ Rishi Pal/ 163	+
	Registrar on 21/08/2023 at 10:30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and		Maxmum Priavte Limited/ C Industrial Estate, Harkesh I	3- 135 Pocket G, Okhla Nagar, Delhi- 110020	DL3CCT1279	27-Apr-23 Rs. 5,83,613.7/-	2022		Dhumaspur Mohalla, Faridabad Nit, Haryana, Faridabad- 121001	
	decided in your absence. Given under my hand and the	39	LADEL00039436306/ Ragi No, WZ- 48A Floor, F.F. Pri	hav/ Rekha Devi/ House thvi Park Mbs Nagar, Tilak	SWIFT DZIRE/ TOUR/ DL1ZC7113	27-Apr-23 Rs. 2.65.102/	03-Feb- 2022	outs	above borrower/s and/or their guarantors (where ever tanding within period of 60 days from the date of issuan be taken after evalue of 60 days from the date of issue	nce
	seal of this Tribunal on this date: 19/04/2023. Signature of the Officer	40	Nagar, Delhi- 110018 LAFDB00042265153/ Rahi 3G- 140 Nit Faridabad Fari	ul Dawra/ Sandhya Dawra/ dabad_Nit Faridabad	SELTOS/ HTK PLUS 1.5L CRDI VGT 6AT/	2,65,193/- 27-Apr-23 Rs.	09-Jan- 2023	Sec	be taken after expiry of 60 days from the date of issua uritisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and E	
	Authorised to issue summons.	L	Faridabad, Faridabad- 121		HR51CB7792	6,56,853/-			e : July 07, 2023 ze : Delhi NCR	

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Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said that the residents of Kashi reside in the soul of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. "This is the reason that despite being busy at the global and international level, the PM is unable to give up the temptation to visit his Kashi. There is concern and contemplation in his mind for the heritage and culture here, said Yogi while welcoming the PM in Varanasi during the public meeting held at Wajidpur on Friday. Welcoming the PM for

Form No. 3 [See Regulation-15 (1)(a)]/16(3) DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL CHANDIGARH (DRT 2) 1st Floor, SCO 33-34-35, Sector-17 A, Chandigarh (Additional space allotted on 3rd & 4th Floor also) Case No.: OA/1619/2022 Exh No: 16108 (4) of section 19 of the Act, read with sub-rule (2A) of rule 5 of the Debt Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993] ICICI BANK LIMITED VS TEJINDER SINGH (1) TEJINDER SINGH D/W/S/O-JOGINDER SINGH TEJINDER SINGH SON OF

21 C, FARI HARYANA Also At. ANSHU AP 3, SECTOF FARIDABA SHRI JOGINDER SINGH R/O HOUSE NO. 2932, SECTOR 42-

HOUSE NO. 2932, SECTOR 42-				Delhi, Delhi-
C, CHANDIGARH- 160042, PAN NO. AQQPS8421F.	(3) M/S COUNTY APPARELS 203, PART 3, SECTOR 21 C	Ш	15.	LADEL00039
2ND ADDRESS:- C/O M/S	FARIDABAD, HARYANA	Ш		Floor, Bankau
PUNJAB TRACTORS	FARIDABAD, HARYANA	Ш	16.	LAGUR00039
IMPLEMENTS, F-367, INDUSTRIAL	(4) ANIL KUMAR S/O SH RANM	Ш		UGF- 2 Balaji
AREA, MOHALI PUNJAB-	SINGH PARTNER M/S	Ш		Ghaziabad- 2
160059 CHANDIGARH,	COUNTRY APPARELS L 1/258B	Ш	17.	LADEL00040
CHANDIGARH	BUILDTECH PVT LTD, 51	Ш		Sector 1 Avar
TRACTORS IMPLEMENTS, F 367,	POCKET 7 SECTOR 23	Ш	18.	LADEL00042
INDUSTRIALAREA, MOHALI	DWARKA, NEW DELHI, NEW DELHI, DELHI	Ш		Block, E- Pol
SAHIBZADA AJIT SÍNGH NAGAR/	(5) KAILASHPURI BUILDTECH	Ш		Vihar, Delhi-
MOHALI/ AJITGARH, PUNJAB	PVT LTD, 51, POCKET 7	Ш	19.	LAXBA00043
(2) SUKHWINDER KAUR	SECTOR 23, DWARKA, NEW	Ш		Bahadurgarh,
W/O SH TEJINDER SINGH, H	DELHI, NEW DELHI, DELHI	Ш	20	LADEL00037
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SUMMONS	listed before Hon'ble Presiding Officer/Registrar on 09/03/2023.	Ш	21.	LADEL00038
WHEREAS, OA/1619/2022 was listed before Hon'ble Presiding	WHEREAS this Hon'ble Tribunal is	Ш	[- · ·	Nithari Village
Officer/Registrar on 01/02/2023.	pleased to issue summons/ notice	Ш	22	LADEL00043
WHEREAS this Hon'ble Tribunal is	on the said Application under	Ш	22.	HC- 293 Ok
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on the said Application under	against you for recovery of debts of	Ш		110092
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Rs. 46,11,914/- (application along	with copies of documents etc.			Ltd/ Jitendra
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annexed).	of section 19 of the Act, you, the	Ш		122018
In accordance with sub-section (4)	defendants are directed as under:-	Ш	24.	LADEL0004
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defendants are directed as under:-	days of the service of summons	Ш		175 G/F, Ga
(i) to show cause within thirty days of the service of summons	as to why relief prayed for should	Ш		Mugal, Delh
as to why relief prayed for should	not be granted;	Ш	25.	LADEL00044
not be granted;	(ii) to disclose particulars of	Ш		Colony, Jhilm
(ii) to disclose particulars of	properties or assets other than	Ш	26.	LAGUR00043
properties or assets other than	properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial number	Ш		Dunganr Was
properties and assets specified by	3A of the original application;	Ш	27.	LANOD0004:
the applicant under serial number 3A of the original application;	(iii) you are restrained from dealing	Ш		Sharfabad, S
(iii) you are restrained from dealing	with or disposing of secured	Ш	28.	LAGUR00041
with or disposing of secured	assets or such other assets and	Ш		Village, Basai
assets or such other assets and	properties disclosed under serial	Ш	29.	LADEL00040
properties disclosed under serial	number 3A of the original	Ш		Ab, Shalimar
number 3A of the original	application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for	Ш		
application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for	attachment of properties:	Ш	30.	LADEL00042
attachment of properties;	(iv) you shall not transfer by way of	Ш		Shiv Mandir,
(iv) you shall not transfer by way of	sale, lease or otherwise, except in	Ш	31	LAGUR0004
sale, lease or otherwise, except in	the ordinary course of his business	Ш	0	Road Near S
the ordinary course of his business	any of the assets over which	Ш		Gurgaon, Gu
any of the assets over which security interest is created and/ or	security interest is created and/ or	Ш	32.	SPGUR0004
other assets and properties	other assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial			Road Near S
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	Sector 5, Village Harola Noida, Noida- 201301	UP16CV7189	Rs.3,35,005/-	2022
59.	LADEL00039437196/ Shailaja Srivastava/ H No-128, H/2, Mohammad Pur, Delhi, Delhi- 110066	Wagon R 1.0/ ZXI 1.2L/ DL1CAB4184	27-Apr-23 Rs.2,23,884/-	13-Sep- 2022
60.	LANOD00039218071/ Shankar Sharma/ Flat No 141 Ground Floor, Tower 10 Arocon Golf Ville, Crossing Republik Galleriya Market, Ghaziabad- 201016	XUV500/ W11 AT OPT/ UP14EA4004	27-Apr-23 Rs. 7,44,554/-	30-Aug- 2022
61.	Palwal, Faridabad, Faridabad- 121103	I-20/ ASTA O VTVT/ HR52H6245	27-Apr-23 Rs.8,15,372/-	12-Sep- 2022
62.	LADEL00039405826/ Shivraj Chaudhry/ 61, New Mangla Puri, M G Road, South Delhi Mehrauli, Sultan Pur, Delhi- 110030	SCORPIO/ S 9/ DL12CR0453	27-Apr-23 Rs. 8,59,520/-	31-Jan- 2021
63	LADEL00037826253/ Shri Ram Malla/ 2323/2, Shadi Kham Pur, Patel Nagar, Delhi- 110008	I 20/ ASTA 1.4 CRDI/ DL4CAY3619	23-May-23 Rs.3,48,186/-	11-Oct- 2022
64.	SPDEL00042065286/ Shri Ram Malla/ 2323/2, Shadi Kham Pur, Patel Nagar, Delhi- 110008	I 20/ ASTA 1.4 CRDI/ DL4CAY3619	23-May-23 Rs.2,45,095/-	11-Oct- 2022
65.	LVFDB00042995356/ Sunmaya Construction Private Limited/ Satbir Singh Contractor/ Ground Floor 545, G Block Parvatiya Colony, Faridabad Hr, Faridabad- 121005	SIGNA 1923 K/ FBT BS6/ NL02Q9119	22-May-23 Rs. 20,74,039/-	02-Sep- 2022
66.	LVFDB00042995476/ Sunmaya Construction Private Limited/ Satbir Singh Contractor/ Ground Floor 545, G Block Parvatiya Colony, Faridabad Hr, Faridabad- 121005	SIGNA 1923 K/ FBT BS6/ NL02Q9120	22-May-23 Rs. 21,50,087/-	02-Sep- 2022
67.	LVFDB00042995437/ Sunmaya Construction Private Limited/ Satbir Singh Contractor/ Ground Floor 545, G Block Parvatiya Colony, Faridabad Hr, Faridabad- 121005	SIGNA 1923 K/ FBT BS6/ NL02Q9121	22-May-23 Rs. 21,50,088/-	02-Sep- 2022
68	LVFDB00042995404/ Sunmaya Construction Private Limited/ Satbir Singh Contractor/ Ground Floor 545, G Block Parvatiya Colony, Faridabad Hr, Faridabad- 121005	SIGNA 1923 K/ FBT BS6/ NL02Q9122	22-May-23 Rs. 21,92,957/-	02-Sep- 2022
69.	LVFDB00042995513/ Sunmaya Construction Private Limited/ Satbir Singh Contractor/ Ground Floor 545, G Block Parvatiya Colony, Faridabad Hr, Faridabad- 121005	SIGNA 1923 K/ FBT BS6/ NL02Q9313	22-May-23 Rs. 21,50,088/-	02-Sep- 2022
70.	LVFDB00042995508/ Sunmaya Construction Private Limited/ Satbir Singh Contractor/ Ground Floor 545, G Block Parvatiya Colony, Faridabad Hr, Faridabad- 121005	SIGNA 1923 K/ FBT BS6/ NL02Q9314	22-May-23 Rs. 21,50,087/-	02-Sep- 2022
71.	LAGNO00041555056/ Syed Mashkur Hussain/ B- 306 Proview Techno, City Appartment Chi- 5, Gr. Noida, Noida- 201310	VENUE/ SX (O)/ DL7CR5567	23-May-23 Rs. 4,69,724/-	16-Dec- 2022
72.	LAGUR00044851380/ Tasleem/ Fateh Mohammad/ 17, Gurgaon, Chelhalka, Gurgaon- 122105 PETROL/ HR72F7045		27-Apr-23 Rs.15,30,049/-	27-Aug- 2022
73.	LUGUR00046136276/ Uzma Zakir Siddiqui/ Ourania Apt C 802 Golf Course Road Ibis, Hotel Sec 53, Wazirabad 75, Gurgaon- 122003	URBAN CRUISER/ PREMIUM AT/ HR98B2406RE	23-May-23 Rs. 12,03,705/-	04-Jan- 2023
74.	LAFDB00038336127/ Varsha/ Yashpal/ 164, Dhumaspur Village- Anangpur Amar Nagar, Faridabad, Faridabad- 121003	FORTUNER/ 4X2 AT/ HR26DZ9426	23-May-23 Rs. 5,25,722/-	03-Jan- 2023
75	LADEL00042310713/ Veena/ Bhagwati Logistics/ House No E 439 Qutub Vihar, Part 2 Goyla Dairy, Post Office, Delhi- 110071	VERNA/ 1.5 PETROL SX(O)/ DL9CAT8914	23-May-23 Rs. 6,31,269/-	29-Sep- 2022
76.	LADEL00041781493/ Vijay Rai/ H No 18/3 Gali No 6, A 1 Block Amrit Vihar, Burari, Delhi- 110084	Swift/ LXI/ DL5CR6889	27-Apr-23 Rs.3,67,104/-	06-Nov- 2021
77.	LANOD00038314600/ Vimal Kumar/ Flat No- 908 Tower- 17, Nirala Estate G.b Nagar, Greater Noida, Noida- 201301	VITARA BREZZA/ VDI/ UP16CA8488	27-Apr-23 Rs. 2,18,190.8/-	10-Feb- 2022
	LAFDB00038207499/ Vinod Kumar/ Rishi Pal/ 163 Dhumaspur Mohalla, Faridabad Nit, Haryana, Faridabad- 121001	SCORPIO/ S7/ HR87C2727	27-Apr-23 Rs. 3,57,743/-	31-Aug- 2020
79.	LADEL0003124447/ Vinod Kumar/ B- 1/56 Sewak XUV 300/ W8/ Park, Uttam Nagar Block- B- 1, West Delhi New Delhi, DL10CM6145 Delhi- 110059		27-Apr-23 Rs. 3,58,784/-	01-Dec- 2022
80	SPDEL00044607183/ Vinod Kumar/ B- 1/56 Sewak Park, Uttam Nagar Block- B- 1, West Delhi New Delhi, Delhi- 110059	PDEL00044607183/ Vinod Kumar/ B- 1/56 Sewak XUV 300/ W8/ Park, Uttam Nagar Block- B- 1, West Delhi New Delhi, DL10CM6145		01-Dec- 2022
81.	LAFDB00039455884/ Vinod Kumar/ Rishi Pal/ 163 Dhumaspur Mohalla, Faridabad Nit, Haryana, Faridabad- 121001	Swift/ LXI/ HR51BX3324	7,41,270/- 27-Apr-23 Rs. 2,86,513/-	31-Aug- 2020
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Papering over

Some sort of a compromise formula has been worked out in Rajasthan between the CM and CM-in-waiting

n the recent meeting in Rajasthan to assess its chances and chalk out a strategy for the forthcoming elections, some sort of a compromise formula seems to have emerged as both CM Ashok Gehlot and Sachin Pilot, the CM-in-waiting, have agreed to bury the hatchet for now. Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, former party chief Rahul Gandhi, AICC in-charge for Rajasthan Sukhjinder Randhawa, Rajasthan Pradesh Congress Committee president Govind Dotasra, Pilot and several MLAs and ministers from the state were present at the meeting. Gehlot attended the meeting via video conferencing. Congress asserted it can win the Rajasthan assembly elections provided there is unity and warned of strict action against those not maintaining discipline and speaking outside the party forum. The party, however, indicated it is unlikely that it will declare a chief ministerial face for the polls due later this year. Congress claimed that it has resolved all issues while seek-



ing to end talks of differences between Gehlot and his former deputy Sachin Pilot, who have often gone against each other in public. Indeed, they need to work together to buck the trend of the ruling party being voted out of power in the state. All India Congress Committee (AICC) general secretary KC Venugopal has said that all leaders agreed that the Congress could win the assembly polls slated later this year provided there is complete unity. But this is easier said than done. Of the three major states going to polls -- Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan -- Rajasthan is going to be the biggest challenge for Congress to make a comeback.

Rajasthan by convention votes out the party in power in every election. Given the infighting in Congress, it makes the BJP's job even easier though it would have to work hard to dislodge Gehlot, an astute politician. He knows that any spat with Sachin would harm the party's chances, hence the truce as the no-love-lost relationship with Sachin is not going to change otherwise. Secondly, he has launched a plethora of schemes for almost all sections of society to counter anti-incumbency. On the other hand, the BJP high command is still struggling to deal with Vijyaraje Sindia who could make or mar the party's prospects in the state. But she is at loggerheads with PM Modi.

Congress campaign starts now but the BJP is yet to set its house in order. While the BJP struggles to find the face for the elections, Congress has tactically left the people guessing about Congress CM, should the party return to power. Finalisation of the candidates for the state polls starts in the first week of September and, officially, winnability will be the only criterion for their selection. However, the frontrunner would be decided at that juncture as the leader who gets the maximum number of candidates' tickets and also makes it to the top post.



Of twisted facts and divisive agenda



To assume that the fault resides only on one side of the warring factions in ongoing conflicts is completely partisan, convenient and dangerous

s the Manipur tensions linger, news of violence from France posits a similar ∎conundrum and lessons. Globally, local societies are predicated on tense 'arrangement' amongst its diversities which can suddenly flare up with deep-rooted and subliminal perceptions, whenever a trigger disrupts and re-ignites the status quo of that 'arrangement', in the tinderbox.Consequential societal dissonance and polarisation are invaluable to three elements i.e., amoral politicians who seek to sharpen their polarising agendas with the selective blame game, secondly, the loyal partisan cadres (social media savvy but distant from the place of actual tension) who connect the unrelated dots to contextualise the situation towards even more polarisation, and lastly, the opportunistic rioters who simply take situational advantage to loot and plunder.

It happened in Manipur, and now it is happening in France.Truth is never black-orwhite but cherry-picking of facts by all three participating elements ensures that the situation rarely heals. Those in primary position to thaw the situation i.e., politicians or leadership of conflicting groups, do not do so for fear of losing their legitimacy in the eyes of their constituents instead, optics of make-believe bravado, irreconcilability and inflammatory allusions tend to strengthen their hold. Therefore, nuance is the first and foremost casualty.In Manipur, it was the single-bench order that fractured the existing 'arrangement' amongst the restive groups, and soon the situation exploded. There were equal merits of arguments on both sides of the conflicting parties, except the politicians and their loyal cadres fronted only those faultlines that built their case and chose to ignore the other parties' grievances. Soon the worst happened, and the local narrative evolved that the dispensation of the day was batting for one side of the 'divide'. This is a dangerous

hate and trolling that has now become the norm on social media, dog whistling and innuendoes by senior functionaries of the neighbouring states kept the unnecessary passions, alive. It took the Supreme Court to step in and state the obvious that, "It is a completely wrong order" as the issue was beyond the remit of the High Court. An important lesson in maintaining (or even changing) the existing 'arrangement' with due sensitivity and demonstrated impartiality in a cauldron like Manipur, was forgotten. One cannot appeal for calm and throw oil on fire, simultaneously. Governance failed in Manipur, as in France. The lay of the land in France is similarly tense with contrasting issues of integration or racism (as perceived by opposite sides) of immigrants, with the native French. There has been a history of unrest and polarisation that requires any incident to flare up into fullfledged riots, as now. Like any democracy, there are genuine grievances for both sides of the 'divide' to complain about, affording various competing political parties and ideologies to selectively prey upon the

dangerously escalatory. Such vulnerable situations and times necessitate the primary forces i.e., ruling politicians, to shed their partisan positions and assume neutrality, even at the cost of defying their earlier stances. This is exactly where politicians invariably fail the situation.In France, a 17-year-THE LAY OF THE old immigrant boy was shot dead during a traffic stop. One LAND IN FRANCE side of the argument alluded to an obvious wrong (driving **IS SIMILARLY** without a license) and violating the rules by attempting to escape the police, whilst the **TENSE WITH** CONTRASTING other side spoke about the disproportionate reaction from **ISSUES OF** the police owing to discrimina-tory and racist tendencies INTEGRATION OR towards the immigrants. Both RACISM (AS sides of the argument were valid, and it is the application PERCEIVED BY of a binary or selective lens that inflamed the situation. This **OPPOSITE SIDES**) specific situation also brought OF IMMIGRANTS. in the importance of questioning the officialese, as the French Police were made to retract its WITH THE NATIVE initial position that it had acted FRENCH in self-defence. Last year, 13 instances (entailing mainly

President led the situation by immediately describing the incident as 'inexplicable and inexcusable' (to the consternation of the Police), therefore nothing justifies the continuing

riots.

Perhaps the sanest voice came from the mother of the victim who said, "I don't blame the police, I blame one person: the one who took the life of my son" and that he, "saw an Arab face, a little kid, and wanted to take his life". But as it always happens, the voice of the real victims takes a backseat as the politicians stick to their guns and the looters take to the streets in the name of the vic-

The finger(trigger) happy on social media are content to peddle their preferred versions that practically disallow the politicians to be restrained and rise above partisan agendas. A nation that revels each time Zidane or Mbappe score a goal, can regress into its baser instinct just as quickly, just as some immigrants refuse to accept French ways, without conditions - reality is always more complicated, politics always simplistic and

unhinged. (The writer, a military veter an, is a former Lt Governor of Ándaman & Nicobar Islands and Puducherry. The views expressed are personal)



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unlikely that had this incldent not been recorded, the police would not have accepted its overreaction. Importantly, the French

immigrants) of occupants of

cars in similar situations were

killed and not one conviction

of police took place - it is high-

Lord Shiva devotees or 'Kanwariyas' carrying holy water from the Ganga river to their home in Delhi

Fintech apps help in financial management



Fintech apps and tools are revolutionising the way individuals create and manage budgets

anaging personal finances effectively is crucial for achieving financial goals and securing a stable future. Fortunately, the rise of fin-tech has brought forth a wide range of apps and tools that simplify personal finance management. In this article, we will explore how fintech has made personal finance management more accessible, convenient, and efficient. From budgeting and expense tracking to goal setting and investment management, fintech apps and tools are empowering individuals to take control of their finances and make informed financial decisions.

Budgeting and Expenses Fintech apps have revolutionised the way individuals create and manage budgets. These apps provide intuitive interfaces and automation features that make budgeting effortless. Users can track their income, expenses, and savings goals in real-time, categorise transactions, and receive personalised insights on spending habits. Some apps even offer smart notifications and alerts to help users stay within ment reminders, streamlin-



their budgetary limits. With the convenience of automated expense tracking and budgeting, individuals can gain a clear understanding of their financial standing and make informed decisions about saving and spending. Cash Flow Management

Fintech tools facilitate seamless cash flow management by consolidating various financial accounts into a single dashboard. These tools enable users to view their account balances, analyse cash inflows and outflows, and monitor bill payment due dates. By centralising financial information, individuals can effectively plan their cash flow, avoid late payments, and minimise financial stress. Fintech apps also offer features like automatic bill payments and pay-

ing the process and ensuring timely payments. With enhanced cash flow management, individuals can maintain financial stability and avoid unnecessary fees or penalties

Financial Planning Fintech apps provide users with the ability to set

financial goals and track progress towards achieving them. Whether it's saving for a down payment, building an emergency fund, or planning for retirement, these apps offer goal-specific tools and calculators. Users can set targets, establish timelines, and receive personalised recommendations on how to reach their goals. Fintech tools also integrate investment planning, allowing users to evaluate different strategies and make informed decisions based on their risk tolerance and time horizon. By enabling effective goal setting and financial planning, fintech apps empower individuals to turn their aspirations into actionable plans.

Robo-Advisory Services

Investing can be complex and intimidating for many individuals. Fintech has

addressed this challenge by offering investment management tools and roboadvisory services. These tools utilise algorithms and artificial intelligence to create and manage investment portfolios based on an individual's financial goals and risk tol-

erance. Users can access personalised investment advice, monitor portfolio performance, and make adjustments as needed. With lower fees compared to traditional investment management services, fintech-driven investment platforms make investing more accessible to a broader range of individuals, allowing them work towards financial independence.

Financial Education Fintech apps and tools go beyond transactional functions by providing financial education and insights. These platforms offer educational resources, such as articles, tutorials, and videos, to enhance financial literacy. Fintech apps and tools have transformed personal (The writer is the Chief

Executive Officer and Founder of PayŠprint and SprintVerify)

LALU'S ADVICE TO RAHUL GANDHI

Sir - Incident involving Lalu Prasad Yadav and his comments directed towards Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Lalu's swipe at Modi, as he clarified his 'get married' advice to Rahul Gandhi, has sparked a significant amount of controversy and deserves further analysis.

Firstly, Lalu Prasad Yadav's statement advising Rahul Gandhi to get married was initially met with confusion and speculation. However, his recent clarification has shed some light on his intentions. Lalu claims that his advice was not meant to be taken literally but rather as a metaphorical suggestion for Rahul to establish a stronger political alliance or partnership. While such metaphors can be subject to interpretation, it is essential to consider the context and underlying message being conveyed.While Lalu's metaphorical suggestion could have been better articulated, it raises valid concerns regarding coalition politics and leadership styles. As responsible citizens, let us focus on constructive dialogue that addresses substantial policy matters and benefits the nation as a whole.

Maimul Safui | Howrah

DENGUE DANGER

Sir — Monsoon brings with it a host of infections and diseases. Mosquito- borne viral infections and diseases like common cold, typhoid and dengue are reportedly on the rise in different parts of the country. In particular, dengue has raised its hood in some areas of India. A deviation in the common duration of symptoms like fever is noted in dengue patients across the country. Fever that used to subside in four to seven days is being observed for ten days or more in a few cities. Since nearly 400 million global people are affected by dengue, many asymptomatic, the infection has to be viewed with utmost seriousness. Mosquito control is the key; simple measures like keeping the windows and doors of houses closed should do the trick.

Stagnant water, a fertile source for mosquitos, should be expeditiously cleared the Meitei ethnicity of Ancient Manipur

Pawar Vs Pawar



🗅 harad Pawar would have seen it coming His nephew Ajit has been snapping at his heels for what must seem like an eternity. Sharad Pawar has a well-earned reputation for unbeatable political cunning. Political observers in Maharashtra, who have seen this inscrutable tactician at work over decades, find it hard to believe that he hadn't bargained for Aiit's next movie, his attempts to wean away the uncle's loyalists among the elected legis-

inside and around the houses. Ganapathi Bhat | Akola

MANIPURI PROTEST ON PITCH

- Most of the Indian communities proudly wear their racial identities on their sleeves and assert their ethnic roots and regional interests at the drop of a hat.

So despite representing India in the SAFF Cup final, Manipuri footballer Jeakson Singh Thounaojam was well with-in his rights to wrap himself in the Kangleipak flag immediately after Indians had beaten Kuwait on penalties. According to his own admission, Singh has acted so as to transmit a message of peace to Manipur and India so that nobody indulges in fight. Though this message of Singh is laudable, it also raises a question why did he make Kangleipak flag and "my Manipur flag" as synonymous entities when the flag actually represents seven clan dynasties of

lators.At the press conference, barely an hour after the split in his NCP (Nationalist Congress Party) was formalized, Pawar Sr looked cheerful and sounded almost relieved.

The NCP split as irreversible damage to the Sharad Pawar camp which has the support of fewer MLAs than the Ajit faction, are perhaps missing the point that this assembly will dissolve next year, and even before that there will be a Lok Sabha election, which may substantially alter the dynamics of the state election later in the year.

The Marathas, mostly with the Congress and NCP, are about 30-32 per cent. Parsing the BJP's political moves they had to dig a tunnel into this vote bank, but there is likely to be a massive backlash. Even after all these manoeuvres, the MVA vote will stay intact.With this BJP have made the biggest blunder for going with Shinde and Ajit group and affecting their prospect in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections

Bhagwan Thadani | Mumbai

only! How can it get certified as "Manipur flag" when it does not represent the Kukis Nagas and other tribes of the Hills like Mizos who are also part and parcel of the state! Are the Kukis Nagas and others not part of Singh's "my Manipur" despite their collective numerical strength being close to 50% of the state population! Are one and only the Meiteis falling victims to the current arson in Manipur! Are the Kukis also not suffering! Even if it gets believed that Jeakson Singh is in much sincere pain for the man-made miseries being suffered by all persons of Manipur irrespective of ethnicity and religion; still his apparently constructive action is definitely not inclusive enough as symbolically the Kangleipak flag doesn't represent the non-Meitei communities.

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Healthy blood cell production can be supported by resorting to these means



BABINA NANDAKUMAR

o you sometimes experience fatigue, weakness and poor health, but tend to dismiss it as seasonal impact? However, persistent feelings of lethargy and sluggishness could be an indication of an underlying health condition, such as anaemia. According to the World Health Organisation (WHO), India has one of the highest rates of anaemia globally, particularly among women.

Anaemia is commonly caused by an imbalance of red blood cells (RBCs) in the body, often resulting from excessive blood loss, low production of RBCs or autoimmune diseases. Regardless of the cause, anaemia can hinder an individual's overall growth and development, and can also stem from iron and folate deficiencies. Haemoglobin levels typically decrease in various types of anaemia, as this protein in RBCs transports oxygen throughout the body.

Several factors can increase your likelihood of developing anaemia. If your diet lacks essential vitamins and minerals such as iron, Vitamin B-12, folate and copper, you are at a higher risk. Intestinal disorders, such as Crohn's disease and celiac disease, which can affect nutrient absorption in the small intestine, also increase the risk of anaemia.

Women who have not gone through menopause are more likely to develop iron deficiency anaemia than men and postmenopausal women due to the loss of RBCs during menstruation. Pregnant women who do not take multivitamins with folic acid and iron are also at risk of anaemia.

Chronic conditions like cancer and kidney failure can lead to anaemia of chronic disease by causing a shortage of RBCs. Additionally, slow, continuous blood loss from an ulcer or other internal source can cause iron deficiency anaemia. Consuming a diet rich in iron, vitamin B12, folate and copper can help address anaemia by replenishing the body's stores of RBCs and supporting healthy blood cell production.



Leafy greens are an excellent source of essential vitamins and minerals that can help address anaemia, including folate and iron. Foods such as kale, spinach and collard greens are naturally rich in these nutrients and can be an important component of a balanced diet to treat anaemia and iron deficiency.

Root vegetables are a valuable addition to a diet aimed at increasng blood count and treating anaemia due to their high mineral content Regular consumption of root vegetables such as carrots and sweet potatoes can be beneficial for boosting nutrient intake and improving blood cell production. Seeds and nuts are a nutrient-dense food group that can help treat anaemia due to their high mineral and vitamin content. These can also be a rich source of dietary fibre, which can aid in improving blood cell production and increasing blood count. Increasing the intake of Vitamin C can be beneficial in mitigating anaemia as it promotes the absorption of iron. Iron absorption occurs primarily in the duodenum and Vitamin C helps to capture non-haeme iron and facilitate its absorption. By sealing the iron in specific areas of the body, Vitamin C can help the body absorb it effectively. Including foods such as citrus fruits, strawberries and bell peppers in a balanced diet can be a simple way to increase Vitamin C intake. Besides, yoga is a well-known practice that offers numerous benefits to the human body. Regular yoga practice can help improve the functioning of the heart which, in turn, may contribute to improving the levels of haemoglobin. Certain yoga poses have been identified as particularly effective in enhancing haemoglobin levels. By incorporating these poses into a regular voga routine, individuals may be able to address anaemia and other related health concerns. Such poses include Sarvangasana, Anulom-Vilom Pranayama and Ujjayi Pranayama. (The writer is the Chief Medical Officer, Jindal Nature Cure Institute)

Decoding voters' minds for 2024 LS elections



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analysis

Indian voters have the uncanny habit of fooling political leaders by exercising their franchise in a subtle, intelligent manner. Will they do so again next year?



he cacophonies of political leaders have started all over India for the next Lok Sabha elections to be held in the year 2024. This time the fractured polity of the country has also reached abroad where the Congress leader Rahul Gandhi has been giving vitriolic anti-Modi speeches and inviting the people abroad to help protect Indian democracy. On the other hand, Prime Minister Modi had addressed the Indian Diaspora in Sydney about his government's achievements in the last 9 years recently while on an official tour to Australia in May 2023 and his party has started the campaigns in right earnest with Amit Shah claiming that BJP will win 300 seats.

The Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar who ran the state government for more than 20 years with BJP is now spearheading a movement along with R Chandrasekhar Rao Telangana Chief Minister to unite the opposition and strategising to unseat the BJP-led NDA from power. The Congress and its allies are upbeat after winning a thumping majority in the May 2023 Karnataka Assembly elections. West-Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Bannerji is also eyeing the leadership of the opposition in case the BJP is sidelined in the race for power. Thus all political parties had already started their campaigns both for the upcoming assembly elections in 2023 in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Telangana and the 2024 Lok Sabha Election. The freebies and Dharna and road blockage policy announcements had again surfaced with Kisan panchayats and others busy in making announcements to focus on capturing powers to get through these means of attracting the attention of the voters. The population of the country had already crossed to over 142 crore and India had surpassed China as the world's number one country in terms of population.

THUS ALL POLITICAL PARTIES HAD ALREADY STARTED THEIR CAMPAIGNS BOTH FOR THE UPCOMING

n a democracy with such a varied landscape and a huge population of young unemployed people, the waiting political subterfuge and mobilizations of people by political parties by morally unfair means like freebies are not uncommon. In such a situation the common man, the voter, has to analyse the rhetoric of politicians and choose their rulers. However, the Indian voters have the uncanny habit of fooling the political leaders by exercising their votes in a very subtle and intelligent manner to choose the best possible option right from the days of post Emergency. However, this character of voters has seen a change in recent years when they have been falling for the allurements of freebies. From the perspective of our informed voters let us analyse what are the issues of national ASSEMBLY importance in the 2024 Lok ELECTIONS IN Sabha elections. Today the biggest hindrance to the equitable distribution of 2023 IN RAJASTHAN, fruits of development is the rising population and unequal dis-MADHYA tribution of wealth and thus poverty removal. Because of this PRADESH, people fall for promises of free-CHHATTISGARH bies. Nothing can be free in a vibrant economy as the taxpayers' AND TELANGANA money political parties are promising to squander without AND FOR THE calculating the capacity of the 2024 LOK SABHA exchequer to shoulder the burden. Indian economy is viable and largely unaffected by global ELECTIONS events because of the fiscal pru-dence we exercise. The freebies going to damage the economic stability very badly and the election commission or the Supreme (The writer is former Director-General of ICFRE, Ministry of Court must come out to stop it 'suo motu' as the protector of our Environment, Forests constitutional propriety.

process and morally unconstitutional except for free education and health care but no political party is promising to provide free quality education and health care. The country needs a law on population control to strictly enforce punitive measures for population control. The government with the 73rd Constitutional Amendment had already enforced it by denying opportunity to parents with more than two children from contesting the Panchayat elections. The second important issue is the adherence of our political parties to true democratic values for the long-term survival of democracy both in the intraparty dialogues as well as interparty confabulations and in the assemblies and parliament. Our politicians have often been criticizing the Judiciary for its outreach to executive functions but they forget that it is their blased and uncalled-for actions the judiciary had to intervene when the warring politicians move High Courts and Supreme Court on small matters like calling the session of state assemblies to prove majority etc. It thus calls for massive electoral reforms. The third issue is the controlled influx of foreigners in a planned manner in the country by the foreigners by procuring documents and sectarian agendas of political parties play a key role in this regard. Such influx had in the past created tension in many states and the time has come to firmly deal with such illegal immigrants through appropriate and strong legal means which should fix punitive accountability for the government servants for issuing or helping in the procurement of documents. The fourth issue is de-criminal-

izing politics as most political parties have not only been taking the help of criminals but the criminals responsible for heinous crimes are getting repeatedly elected to parliament and state assemblies and are slurred in the name of democracy.

If this trend is not checked it will pose the greatest threat to the rule of law in the country which is evident in many ways now. The fifth issue from the citizens' point of view is the use of money and muscle power in the elections. Even national political parties are taking money for issuing tickets to aspirants and even after mon-itoring by the election commission, a middle-class person cannot think of standing in Lok Sabha and Assembly elections. Once these moneyed people win they go for rampant corruption and therefore, this is another eat threat to our democracy Sixth is ignorance of providing forums and solutions for the regional aspirations and the voters are to be blamed also as they fail to put forward their demands or they give way to propaganda machines during elections. The seventh important issue is related to the demand for the old pension scheme which the opposition is milking in recent state elections and the ruling BJP is oblivious. Old pension scheme should be opted with certain conditions like eligibility after 25 years and cutting down the flab or else NPS should guarantee 50 % of the last pay as pension. The Eighth is to focus on the creation of employment and reforms in bureaucracy to end red tape and biased decision-making. Hope some of these issues on behalf of voters find a place in the forthcoming elections this year and in 2024.

It is a misuse of the electoral

Ecosystems: A casualty of compensatory afforestation

and Climate Change)

Planting more trees under 'Compensatory Afforestation' may replace the greenery but the exercise will not recreate the lost ecosystems

n the face of it, Compensatory Afforestation (CA) is a well-meaning policy that aims at saving the lush forests of India while enabling economic development. The CA law promulgated in 2016 mandates that every time forest land is diverted for non-forest purposes such as mining or industry, the user agency pays for planting forests over an equal area of non-forest land, or when such land is not available, twice the area of degraded forest land. Additionally, in line with the 'polluter pays' principle, the entity responsible for such land diversion is also liable to contribute funds for establishing the compensatory forest fund. But of late CA has attracted negative attention in India mainly due



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to its lacklustre contribution frame and are hazardous to the towards achieving its goals. existing ecosystem.

The inherent flaw in CA In the last three years, the Niti Aayog proposed meamakes it presume that cutting down an old-growth area that sures "to promote competitive has created an ecosystem of its spirit amongst the UTs to own can be compensated by expedite the process of develplanting young saplings else-where. Old-growth forests are opment." As a part of this, ecologically sensitive regions were complex ecosystems that identified for projects involvmature without external inter-

ing forest land use change. ference, providing a home to rare and unique biodiversity One such proposal was the ₹72,000 crore Great Nicobar Project which proposed a land while storing substantial amounts of carbon. Once felled, use change of 166.10 sq km involving the felling of 8.5 lac these trees release vast amounts trees. The project adversely impacted an area 78% of of carbon back into the atmosphere. As compensation, usually, non-native trees that might which is a pristine tropical fornot be suitable for the region are est with unique, endangered planted in their stead. The wildlife species. The project has already resulted in the new plantation cannot compensate for the loss of carbon denotification of Galathea Bay stocks and other ecosystem wildlife sanctuary and a part of services in any realistic timea tribal reserve that directly

indigenous Shompen and Nicobarese communities. The timely intervention of the National Green Tribunal thankfully resulted in a stay on the project.

The forests of the future depend a lot on how Compensatory Afforestation is implemented today. As part of its international climate change commitments, India has promised to increase its forest and tree cover to ensure that it can absorb an additional amount of 2.5 billion to 3 billion tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent by 2030. Forests are under stress due to the need for rapid industrial and infrastructure development, and accompanying urbanisation. In the last 10 years, more than 1,611 square km of for-

threatened the survival of the est land, a little more than the area of Delhi, has been cleared for infrastructure or industrial projects. Nearly a third of this -529 sq km - has been cleared in the last three years.

According to T.V. Ramachandra, associate faculty, Centre for Ecological Sciences, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, dense forest areas in northern, central and southern Western Ghats have decreased by 2.84%, 4.38% and 5.77% respectively over the last decade. Currently, up to 25,000 hectares of forests-250 sq. km, or more than twice Chandigarh's area-are handed over every year for "nonprestry activities".

This state of affairs can be remedied to an extent by planting more trees under

effort may replace trees but not recreate the lost ecosystems. This is the glaring deficiency at the heart of the CA concept that needs to be addressed quickly before more damage is inflicted on the environment in the garb of CA. Another issue plaguing the CA in India is the chronic misuse of funds. Despite the establishment of a dedicated fund for Compensatory Afforestation, it has failed to achieve its intended goals. The funds are not being used for the designated purposes and land is left without any afforestation. The government must

also revisit the system under which CA is conducted. Continuous evaluation and monitoring are a must during afforestation drives as so CA, but a mere afforestation much can go wrong. For

example, the survival rate of saplings is often extremely variable in new plantations, but all that is recorded are the number of saplings planted. Monitoring year on year is the key. It is never a 100 per cent success the way it is made out to be in official data. Compensatory afforestation as it exists now is inadequate for offsetting the loss of natural forests ecosystems and biodiversity. A working definition of forest is needed to accurately measure the success of the CA policy and to ensure that replanted forests are of suitable quality. Without this, the policy is likely to be nothing more than a whitewash, with little or no benefit to the environment and ecosystems will continue to be a casualty.

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S Korea vouches for safety of Nepal Parl sessions postponed **Fukushima wastewater plans**

AP SEOUL

South Korea's government on Friday for-mally endorsed the safety of Japanese plans to release treated wastewater from the Fukushima nuclear power plant into the Pacific Ocean as it tried to calm people's fears about food contamination. Seoul's assessment was based on a 22month review by government-funded scientists and aligned with the International Atomic Energy Agency's views.

The agency greenlit the Japanese discharge plans this week, saying the treated wastewater would meet international safety standards and pose negligible environmental and health impacts.

South Korea's review focused on any impact the wastewater release might have on South Korea, and "the result showed that its effect on our waters would be insignificant," Bang Moon-kyu, the minister of the Office for Government Policy Coordination, said during a news conference. Even before Friday's announcement, South Korean officials were actively working to reduce public unease about the wastewater release, holding daily briefin-

gs to address what they described as "excessive fears" and expanding radiation tests on fish imported from Japan or caught in nearby seas

Conservative lawmakers from President Yoon Suk Yeol's ruling party have even toured a seafood market to drink sea water fetched from fish tanks in a bizarre gesture to certify food safety, although no wastewater has been pumped out from Fukushima vet.

Public concerns persist as retailers report an increase in sea salt sales, apparently driven by consumers looking to stock up ahead of the release. Liberal opposition lawmakers, who control the majority in South Korea's parliament, have vowed an all-out fight against the Japanese discharge plans and accuse Yoon's government of putting the nation's health at risk by desperately trying to improve relations with Tokyo. "Japan says there are no problems science-wise, but I am still a little concerned," said Yang Ok-ryeo, a 56-year-old fishmonger at Seoul's Noryangjin seafood market, where lawmakers drank from fish tanks last week. Lim Young, a 55-year-old consumer at the market, expressed simi-

"I think it's dangerous," she said about Japan's discharge plans. "Even with fish (caught in South

Korea), I would still have doubts on whether they would be safe to eat."

During their news conference in Seoul, South Korean government officials and scientists repeatedly insisted the contamination levels of the Fukushima plant's wastewater would be within acceptable safety standards as long as the Japanese treatment systems work as designed. "We confirmed that if the water

release is carried out as planned, the discharge standard and target level (of radiation) would be consistent with international standards," said Yoo Guk-hee, chairperson of South Korea's Nuclear Safety and curity Commission.

The safety of Fukushima's wastewater has been a sensitive issue for years between the US allies, who have been working in recent months to repair relations long strained over wartime historical grievances to address shared concerns, like the North Korean nuclear threat and China's assertive foreign policy.

till Sunday over PM's remarks

PTI KATHMANDU

Both houses of Nepal's Parliament scheduled for Friday were postponed till Sunday as the main opposition party stuck to its demand for the resignation of Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal "Prachanda" over his remarks that an Indian businessman settled here and made efforts to make him the premier.

resignation from the post, say-ing that his remarks had under-mined the national dignity and Prachanda's remarks that he independence of the country. made during a function to launch a book on Sardar Pritam alliance members, including Singh here have stirred up a the Nepali Congress and CPN-Unified Socialist, backed storm and drawn criticism from several quarters. "He (Singh) had once made

Prachanda. At a meeting held at the Prime Minister's residence at efforts to make me the prime minister," Prachanda said. "He travelled to Delhi several times Baluwatar on Thursday, decidand held multiple rounds of ed that Prachanda would face talks with political leaders in the Parliament rather than Kathmandu to make me the resigning from his post. prime minister," Prachanda said of the reported role of Singh, a (Unified Socialist) Rajendra pioneer trucking entrepreneur Pandey said the ruling alliance in Nepal.The main Opposition stood behind Prachanda and

party Communist Party of added that if the opposition par-Nepal-(Unified Marxistties had any complaints against Leninist) (CPN-UML), has the prime minister, they could demanded the prime minister's seek a response from him in resignation saying that his Parliament. remarks had undermined the CPN-UML lawmakers prestige and independence of the country. The CPN-UML

obstructed the National Assembly's meeting on Friday over the prime minister's remarks and stood from their Chairperson and former prime minister KP Sharma Oli demanded the prime minister's respective seats as a gesture of protest.

Parliamentarian Bimala Ghimire said that Prachanda's remarks about an individual and a foreign country taking initiatives to elect the prime minister were against the country's Constitution and sovereignty. Ghimire asserted the National Assembly meetings could not be taken forward unless Prachanda tenders his resignation. The House of Representatives meeting was also postponed until Sunday, following the disruption by opposition parties- the CPN-UML, the Rashtriya Swatantra Party (RSP), and the Rastriya Prajatantra Party (RPP)

over Prachanda's remarks. Prachanda, 68, was sworn in as the Prime Minister of Nepal for a third time on December 26 last year.

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Meanwhile, Prachanda's Press Adviser Govinda Acharya issued a press note stating that the opposition parties were blowing the prime minister's remarks out of proportion. He said that Prachanda was

trying to express the emotional bond he shared with the Indian businessman, but the opposition was blowing the prime minister's remarks out of proportion to serve their political interests.

He said Prachanda's elder daughter Gyanu Dahal stayed at Singh's house in New Delhi when she underwent cancer treatment.Prachanda's party, the Communist Party of Nepal-Maoist Centre (CPN-MC), also issued press releases condemning the CPN-UML's protest, accusing it of propagating rumours.

NATO leaders set to offer Ukraine major support package UN chief flays use of excessive

AP BRUSSELS

NATO leaders will agree next week to help mod-ernise Ukraine's armed forces, create a new high-level forum for consultations and reaffirm that it will join their alliance one day, the organisation's top civilian official said Friday But the war-torn country will not start membership talks

At a two-day summit starting Tuesday in the Lithuanian capital, Vilnius, US President Joe Biden and his counterparts will also agree to boost defense spending as allies pour weapons, ammunition and other support like uniforms and medical equipment into Ukraine, 17 months into the war. They also hope to welcome Sweden as the next member of the world's biggest security organisation, if they can overcome Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's objections, even though its accession would only be made official in coming months."For 500 days, Moscow has brought death and destruction to the heart of

Europe, seeking to destroy Ukraine and divide NATO," Stoltenberg said that the "most important thing now is to NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg told reporters on ensure that Ukraine prevails." The US, Germany and some Friday. "At the summit, we will other allies consider that make Ukraine even stronger, and set out a vision for its future

ers "will agree a multi-year program of assistance to ensure full inter-operability between the Ukrainian armed forces and NATO."

President

Ukraine should not be invited in while it's at war, so as not to encourage Russia to widen the conflict.With Ukraine implor-Stoltenberg said the leading its Western partners for more weapons and ammunition, and national military

stocks among its partners depleting, NATO is encourag-A NATO-Ukraine Council ing the 31 allies to boost their where crisis talks can be held military budgets.In 2014, – will be established. Ukrainian NATO allies pledged to move Volodymyr toward spending 2 per cent of Zelenskky will attend the GDP on defense by 2024. In Vilnius, they will make

council's first meeting in Vilnius on Wednesday per cent the minimum, but Stoltenberg said the leaders will not set any time frame for achieving that goal, NATO officials say. Under new esti-"will reaffirm that Ukraine will become a member of mates released Friday, only 11 NATO and unite on how to bring Ukraine closer to its of the allies will reach the 2 per goal cent goal in 2023. But Stoltenberg said that good progress is being made.

NATO first pledged that Ukraine would become a member one day in 2008, but things have evolved little since increase of 8.3 per cent across then.Asked when, or how, Ukraine might join, European Allies and Canada. Ukraine This is the biggest increase in

decades," he said, adding that European Allies and Canada will have invested over USD 450 billion extra since 2014.

Question marks remain about Sweden's future at NATO. It abandoned a long history of military nonalignment last year to seek protection under the organization's security umbrella after Russia invaded Ukraine. Erdogan appears set to steal the summit limelight.

He accuses Sweden of being too lenient toward groups that Ankara says pose a security threat, including militant Kurdish groups and people associated with a 2016 coup attempt. Hungary is also holding up approval of Sweden's candidacy, but has never clearly stated publicly what its concerns are. NATÓ officials expect that Hungary will follow suit once Turkey lifts its objections.

The other 29 allies, Stoltenberg and Sweden have all said the country has done enough to satisfy Turkey's demands

Missile attack on Lviv kills 6

Meanwhile, the ruling

Senior leader of CPN

street outside the building, which overlooks a small neighand other playground equipment.

Lviv Mayor Andriy Sadovyi said the body of a woman was pulled from the rubble late Thursday, bringing the death toll to six. Kozytskyi said seven survivors were rescued from the wreckage and a total of 14 people hospitalised. Sadovyi said around 60 apartments and 50 cars in the area of strike were damaged. He announced two days of official mourning. US Ambassador to Ukraine Bridget Brink described the attack as vicious" "Russia's repeated attacks on civilians are absolutely horrifying," she tweeted

Ukraine's air force reported it intercepted seven of the 10 Kalibr cruise missiles that Russia fired from the Black Sea toward the Lviv region and its

Plant in Ukraine after Ukraine

and Russia accused each other

March 2022, in the first weeks

of the war in Ukraine, raising

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namesake city - more than 800 kilometres (500 miles) - around 1 am away Thursday.

The Kremlin's forces have repeatedly hit civilian areas during the war, though Russian officials say they choose only targets of military value.

Lviv is near the western border with Poland and is more than 500 kilometres (300 miles) from the front lines of the war in eastern and southern Ukraine, where Kyiv's counteroffensive to dislodge Russian forces is in its early stages.

Sadovyi, the mayor, addressed residents in a video message, saying the attack was the largest on Lviv's civilian infrastructure since the begin-

ning of last year's invasion. Lviv resident Ganna Fedorenko suffered injuries to her face, where an adhesive plaster on her cheek had turned red with blood. United Nations (AP): In a rare condemnation of Israel, the UN chief has denounced the country's excessive use of force in its largest military operation in two decades targeting a refugee camp in the West Bank.UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, clearly angered by the impact of the Israeli attack on the Jenin refugee camp, said on Thursday

force by Israel

that the operation had left over 100 civilians injured, forced thousands to flee, damaged schools and hospitals and disrupted water and electricity networks.

He also criticised Israel for preventing the injured from getting medical care and humanitarian workers from reaching everyone in need.

"I strongly condemn all acts of violence against civilians, including acts of terror," Guterres told reporters.

Asked whether this condemnation applied to Israel, he replied: "It applies to all use of excessive force, and obviously in this situation, there was an excessive force used by Israeli

forces." The UN chief again called on Israel "to abide by its obligations under international law and to exercise restraint and use only proportional force.

irstrik inconsistent with the conduct of law enforcement operations,' he stressed.

Russian jets Zelenskyy visits Bulgaria, Czechia intercept US sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine because we AP SOFIA (BULGARIA) AP SOFIA (BULGARIA) Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy visare convinced that an indepen-

In 2023, there will be a real

Emergency crews with search dogs went through the rubble of the building after the nighttime attack on Thursday destroyed the roof and the top two floors. At least 36 people were injured, according to authorities. The youngest of the people who died was 21 years old and

Russia fired cruise missiles at a western Ukraine city far from the front line of the war,

killing at least six people in an

apartment building in what

officials said was the heaviest

the oldest was a woman of 95, Lviv province governor Maksym Kozytskyi said. "This woman survived the Second World War, but unfortunately she didn't survive" Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine, Kozytskyi said.Debris and wrecked parked cars lined the

attack on civilian areas of Lviv since the Kremlin's forces invaded the country last year.

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Washington (AP): Russian fighter jets flew dangerously close to several US drone aircraft over Syria again Thursday, setting off flares and forcing the MQ-9 Reapers to take evasive maneuvers, the Air Force said. It was the second time in 24 hours that Russia has harassed US drones there.

"We urge Russian forces in Syria to cease this reckless behaviour and adhere to the standards of behaviour expected of a professional air force so we can resume our focus on the enduring defeat of ISIS," Lt. Gen. Alex Grynkewich, head of US Air Forces Central Command, said in a statement

Col. Michael Andrews, Air Forces Central Command spokesman, said, "The Russian harassment, including close fly-bys, by one SU-34 and one SU-35 and deploying flares directly into the MQ-9, lasted almost an hour. So it wasn't a quick fly-by, but much more of a sustained and unprofessional interaction."

US Air Forces Central released videos of the two separate incidents that took place Wednesday and Thursday. In the first incident, which took place about 10:40 am local time Wednesday in Northwest Syria, Russian SU-35 fighters closed in on a Reaper, and one of the Russian pilots moved their aircraft in front of a drone and engaged the SU-35's afterburner, which greatly increases its speed and air pressure.

The jet blast from the afterburner can potentially damage the Reaper's electronics, and Grynkewich said it reduced the drone operator's ability to safe ly operate the aircraft.

Later, a number of the socalled parachute flares moved into the drone's flight path. The flares are attached to parachutes

In the second incident, which took place over

ited the capitals of Bulgaria and the Czech Republic, discussing military aid and receiving assurances of support for Ukraine's entry into NATO after its war with Russia is over.

Czech President Petr Pavel said on Thursday that it is in the interest of his country and Ukraine that soon as the war ends negotiations about NATO membership begin. "I'm convinced that Ukraine will be part of NATO," Zelenskyy said in Prague, adding that an "ideal" result of next week's NATO summit in Vilnius, Lithuania would be an invitation for Ukraine to join the alliance.

Earlier Thursday, during a do so. brief visit at the invitation of Bulgaria's new pro-Western land, killed, tortured, kidgovernment sworn in a month napped Ukrainian children, separated them from their famago, Zelenskyy also discussed European integration and bilatilies and tried to teach them eral energy cooperation. hatred," Zelenskyy said. "This



Talking to reporters after the is happening at a time when we meetings, he defended need to be united and build an Ukraine's right to fight Russian international order based on aggression and to seek help to rules," he added.

Bulgarian Prime Minister Nikolai Denkov emphasised "Occupiers came to our the support of his country, an European Union and NATO member, for Ukraine's territorial integrity. "Bulgaria is consistent in its support for the

key for Euro-Atlantic security in the region," Denkov said after the talks. "Russia should withdraw unconditionally within its internationally recognised borders and should bear

its responsibility," he added. Also on Thursday, Bulgaria's Parliament approved a declaration of support for Ukraine to join the NATO anew of planning attacks. The plant was seized by Russia, in military alliance once the war is over. According to the declaration, the fastest track to the restoration of peace in Ukraine, the Black Sea region and Europe is Russia's full and immediate withdrawal beyond the internationally recognised

borders of the affected sovereign states. The declaration, which was backed by a majority in Parliament, also called for continued military and technical support for Úkraine so it making progress on access to can defend itself.

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get as much access as possi-The head of the United Nations nuclear agency ble," Grossi said, in an interview with The Associated said Friday he was pushing for Press in Tokyo, adding that access to the roof of the there was "marginal improve-Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power ment."

"I'm optimistic that we are going to be able to go up and see," Grossi said, referring to the plant's rooftops.

Citing intelligence reports, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy had Volodymyr Zelenskyy had alleged Tuesday night that Russian troops placed "objects resembling explosives" atop several power units to "simu-late" an attack as part of a false flag operation. The "foreign objects" were placed on the roof of the plant's third and roof of the plant's third and fourth power units, the General Staff of Ukraine's Zaporizhzhia. "It's like a conarmed forces said.

Guterres reminded Israel that "as the occupying power, it has a responsibility to ensure that the civilian population is protected against all acts of violence"

Israel's two-day offensive meant to crack down on Palestinian militants destroyed the Jenin camp's narrow roads and alleyways, thousands of people fled their homes and killed 12 Palestinians. One Israeli soldier also was killed.

The Israeli army claimed to have inflicted heavy damage on militant groups in the opera-tion at the camp which ended Wednesday. Ahead of the Israeli withdrawal, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu vowed to carry out similar operations if needed.

Humanoid robots assure no rebellion against creators

The event was part of the AI for Good Global Summit,

meant to illustrate how new

AP BERLIN

Reporters on Friday they could be more efficient leaders than humans, but wouldn't take anyone's job away and had no intention of rebelling against their creators. Nine AI-enabled humanoid robots sat or stood with their creators at a podium in a Geneva conference centre for what the United Nations' International Telecommunication Union

billed as the world's first news conference featuring humanoid social robots. Among them: Sophia, the first robot innovation ambas-

makers

development.

sador for the UN Development Program; Grace, described as the world's most advanced humanoid health care robot; and Desdemona, a rock star robot. Two, Geminoid and Nadine, closely resembled their



didn't prevent awkward pauses, audio problems and some robotic replies.

Asked about the chances of AI-powered robots being more effective government leaders, Sophia responded: "I believe that humanoid robots have the potential to lead with a greater evel of efficiency and effectiveness than human leaders. We don't have the samse biases or emotions that can sometimes cloud decision-making and can process large of data quick-ly in order to make the best decisions.

technology can support the UN's goals for sustainable A human member of the panel pointed out that all of Reporters were asked to Sophia's data comes from speak slowly and clearly when humans and will contain some addressing the robots, and of their biases. The robot then were informed that time lags in said that humans and AI workresponses would be due to the ing together "can create an internet connection and not to effective synergy?

The International Maritime nations, with a net zero goal "by or around" that is closer to 2050 national circumstances allow". The IMO agreeing on a considerable reduction of the Greenhouse Gases (GHGs) in

the global shipping industry, which is at present a major contributor to climate change with one billion tonnes of emission per year, went softer on the strict net zero targets by 2050, which was actively propagated by the developed nations and some of the island nations.

The member states, however, have agreed to the indicative checkpoints of reducing emissions at least by 20 per cent,



IMO sets 'by or around 2050' as net zero

striving for 30 per cent by 2030, and at least 70 per cent, striving for 80 per cent by 2040.

The adoption of the 2023 IMO Greenhouse Gas Strategy is a monumental development for IMO and opens a new chapter towards maritime decarbonisation. At the same time, it is not the end goal, it is 2050 as the year for achieving net zero.

The shipping industry accounts for almost 3 per cent of global emissions. The shipping industry is crucial to global trade carrying up to 90 per cent of commercial cargo. But ships use some of the most carbon-heavy fuels to power their engines.

The civil society organisa-tions, while accusing IMO of failing to align the shipping industry with the 1.5 degrees Celsius target, said the level of ambition agreed is far short of what is needed to be sure of keeping the global heating below 1.5C. The London-based IMO is a specialised agency of the United Nations which is responsible for measures to improve the safety and security of international shipping and to prevent pollution from ships.

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IMO Secretary-General Kitack

Lim said. Most of the develop-

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¬reasury Secretary Janet Yellen appealed to China's No. 2 leader not to let frustration over US curbs on access to processor chips and other technology disrupt economic cooperation during a visit Friday aimed at improving strained relations.

Meeting with Premier Li Qiang, Yellen said Washington and Beijing have a duty to cooperate on issues that affect the world. She appealed for "regular channels of communication" at a time when relations are at their lowest in decades due to disputes over technology, security and other irritants.

Yellen is one of several senior U.S. officials due to visit Beijing to encourage Chinese leaders to revive interactions between governments of the two largest economies. Treasury officials said earlier she wouldn't meet with Chinese leader Xi Jinping and no breakthroughs were expected.

Yellen defended "targeted actions," a reference to curbs on Chinese access to advanced processor chips and other technology, saying they are needed to protect national security.

"You may disagree," Yellen said. "But we should not allow any disagreement to lead to misunderstandings that needlessly worsen our bilateral economic and financial relation-

ships." Yellen appealed for "healthy economic competition," a reference to complaints Beijing is stepping up use of subsidies and market barriers to protect its companies.

"A fair set of rules will benefit both of our countries," Yellen said. "We also face important global challenges where the United States and China have a duty to both countries but also to the world to cooperate."

Li expressed optimism that conditions might improve but gave no indication of possible changes in Chinese policies making semiconductors and that have irked Washington solar panels.



US Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen shakes hands with Chinese Premier Li Qiang

and its trading partners. Referring to a rainbow that was spotted after Yellen's plane landed Thursday in rainy weather, Li said, "after a round

of wind and rain, we will definitely see more rainbows." The Chinese finance ministry called Yellen's visit a "concrete measure" toward carrying out an agreement by Xi and President Joe Biden during a

meeting in November to improve relations. It mentioned no initiatives and called on Washington to make the first move. "There will be no winners in trade wars or decoupling and broken chains," the ministry said in a statement. "We hope the United States will take concrete actions to create a favorable environment for the

healthy development of economic and trade relations." US curbs on Chinese access to technology threaten to delay or derail the ruling Communist Party's efforts to develop telecoms, artificial intelligence and other technologies. Xi accused Washington in March of trying to hamper China's development. Beijing has been slow to retaliate, possibly to avoid disrupting its own tech industries. But this week, the government announced unspecified controls on exports of gallium and germanium, metals used in

'UP TO US TO CREATE CONDITIONS FOR ANTI-DRUGS COOP' China on Friday insisted it

is up to the US to "create necessary conditions" for antidrugs cooperation, following complaints from Washington that Beijing has ignored its calls for a crackdown on precursor chemicals for the highly addictive painkiller fentanyl.

China takes an "active part in international anti-narcotic cooperation and firmly opposes smears and unilateral sanctions on other countries under the pretext of the fight against drugs," Foreign Ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin said at a daily briefing. "We urge the US to correct

wrongdoings with concrete actions and create necessary conditions for the two countries' anti-narcotic cooperation," Wang said.

US diplomats and antidrug officials have repeatedly complained that China has ignored calls for closer cooperation on combating the production and sale of fentanyl precursor chemicals. Wang gave no details on the source of Chinese discontent or what conditions it was looking for. However, Washington and Beijing are at odds on a widerange of issues, from trade to Taiwan and US sanctions against the Chinese defence minister.

A former confidante of for-mer Pakistan prime minister Imran Khan has filed a petition in the Supreme Court seeking the dissolution of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party citing his alleged role in the unprecedented violence on May 9. Awn Chaudhry, now part of the newly formed İstehkam-e-Pakistan Party (IPP), named Khan, the chair-man of the Pakistan Tehreeke-Insaf (PTI) as well as PTI President Pervaiz Elahi as respondents in the constitutional petition filed on Thursday

Mentioning the events of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, Defence Minister Khawaja Asif, as well as the May 9, dubbed as the "Black Day", the petition said that PTI supporters hatched a con-

parties to seek support for \$3-bn bailout deal

Islamabad (PTI): The IMF is "in the process" of meeting representatives from Pakistan's major political parties, including Imran Khan's party, to "seek assurances of their support for key objectives and policies" under the new USD 3 billion bailout deal, its top official in the country said on Friday.

Pakistan secured a badly needed USD 3 billion Standby Arrangement (SBA) from the IMF last Friday, giving the cash-strapped South Asian economy a much-awaited respite as it teeters on the brink of default. The Executive Board of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) will meet on July 12 to review the USD 3 billion SBA for Pakistan, the staff-level pact for which was finalised last week

"The IMF staff are in the process of meeting with representatives of the major political parties in Pakistan, including PML-N (Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz), PPP (Pakistan Peoples' Party), and PTI (Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf) to seek assurances of their sup-

port for the key objectives and policies under a new IMF-supported programme ahead of the approaching national elections," Esther Perez Ruiz told Dawn newspaper. "An IMF team will call on

Express Tribune newspaper

the PTI chairman was involved

in attacks on state institutions,

the judiciary, and the military

and civilian installations, and

violated not only basic human

rights but also the Constitution.

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tutional," stated the petition.

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Chaudhry contended that

(PTI) Party Chairman Imran Khan at Zaman Park this afternoon. Both PTI's economic team and the IMF team will join, in person and virtually, to take part in the discussions," PTI's Secretary General Central Punjab Hammad Azhar tweeted. The economic crisis-hit country was absent from an earlier schedule released in June, igniting speculation that the global lender was not going to release funds from an earlier programme

Pakistan reached a standby Arrangement (SBA) to ease the country's financial crisis. The nine-month SBA, if approved, will bring USD 3 billion or 111 per cent of the

cash-strapped country's IMF quota. The previous Extended Fund Facility expired on June 30, with the 9th, 10th, and 11th reviews pending.

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and looting state properties across the country.

The petitioner added that the PTI chief and his party destroyed the fabric of the society by attacking the institutions and making hate speeches against the integrity and dignity of the country and its institutions.

He further contended that the concept of democracy and a parliamentary form of government had been incorporated in the Election Act, but the PTI seriously violated that concept and the act."It is imperative that in terms of Article 212 of the Election Act, 2017, Tehreek-e- Insaf (Respondent

is operating in a manner which is prejudicial to the sovereignty and integrity of Pakistan," it added.

The petition also attached a copy of a letter written by Defence Minister Khawaja Asif to Chief Justice Umar Ata Bandial about 70-year-old Khan's "shocking statements containing serious allegations levelled against senior most officials of the Armed Forces", according to the Express Tribune report.

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IMF to meet major pol **Imran moves SC against HC** order on Toshakhana case Moved through senior

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reported The Dawn newspaper.

The fresh petition, brought by

Khan before the apex court on

Thursday, argued that the IHC

was not legally justified in

remanding the same questions

of law that formed the basis of

the impugned order for re-

determination by the same

In the petition, Khan con-

ted a jurisdiction error in

remanding the case to the

same trial judge against whom

an application had been filed

for transfer of the case, the

report said.

PTI ISLAMABAD

Dakistan Tehreek-e-Insaaf party chief and former prime minister Imran Khan has petitioned in Supreme Court against the Islamabad High Court's directive to the trial court that had asked for a re-examination of the maintainability of the Toshakhana corruption case within a week.

Khan, 70, was indicted in the Toshakhana corruption case on May 10 by Additional District and Sessions Judge Humayun Dilawar, who reject ed objections about the admis-

sibility of the case. Khan had challenged the admissibility of the case before the Islamabad High Court (IHC) which set aside the verdict of the trial court. The IHC bench had stated that the trial court had dismissed the petition of Khan on weak grounds. The bench asked the lower

trial judge who had already court to consider the petition given his judgement. of Khan as pending. tended the IHC had commit-

The trial court's decision was challenged before the IHC, which remanded the case back to the former on July 4 to reexamine the matter in seven days in the light of eight legal questions to decide the main-

counsel Khawaja Haris Ahmad, the petition filed by Khan also sought a stay on the proceedings before Additional District and Sessions Judge (ADSJ), Dilawar, until a decision is made on his appeal by the apex court

The Toshakhana issue over the sale of state gifts received by the cricketer-turned-politician became a major issue in national politics after the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) disqualified the former premier for making "false statements

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the crackdown launched by the

government against those

involved in the violence that

has left more than 10 persons

have been arrested since the

violence. Chaudhry had left the

party months before the May 9

incident after developing differ-

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politician Khan whose confi-

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and incorrect declaration". On October 21 last year, the ECP disqualified Imran Khan in the Toshakhana case under Article 63(1)(p) of the Constitution for making "false statements and incorrect declaration".

Khan is facing more than 140 cases across the country and faces charges like terrorism, violence, blasphemy, corruption and murder since being ousted from power in April last year.

He is also facing a number of cases related to the May 9 anti-government protests following his arrest in a corruption case.

Twitter threatens legal SL prez suggests making BIMSTEC 50 killed in rain-related action against Meta region one 'borderless' tourism area incidents across Pakistan New York (AP): Twitter has noted the company's right to

threatened legal action against Meta over its new text-based app called Threads, which has drawn tens of millions of users since launching this week as a rival to

seek civil remedies or a court injunction. He said the letter marked a "formal notice" for Meta to preserve documents relevant for a potential dispute

PTI COLOMBO

egion, comprising member nations, one "borderless" tourism area. He was speaking at the opening ceremony of the 67th annual convention of the Travel Agents Association of India (TAAI) — one of India's oldest travel-related associations — at the historic Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall (BIMCH) here on Thursday. The theme of the TAAI convention this year is 'Transcending Borders, Transforming Lives'.

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of traffic at some highways linking the province with Sindh and Puniab. "We have issued direcdue to flash floods in s streams and rivers and have sent necessary relief goods to immediately provide relief," PDMA Director General Jahanzeb Khan said on Thursday. The Meteorological Department forecast showed that a deep trough of westerly wave along with a strong incursion of monsoon currents would result in "widespread heavy to very heavy rainfall with extremely heavy falls" at scattered places over the upper catchments of rivers Sutlej, Ravi, and Chenab and up to some extent over Jhelum.



form. In a letter Wednesday to Meta CEO Mark Zuckerberg, Alex Spiro, an attorney representing Twitter, accused Meta of unlawfully using Twitter's trade secrets and other intellectual property by hiring former Twitter employees to create a "copycat" app.

The move ramps up the tensions between the social media giants after Threads debuted Wednesday, targeting those who are seeking out alternatives to Twitter amid unpopular changes Musk has made to the platform since buying it last year for \$44 billion. Meta spokesperson Andy Stone wrote Thursday on Threads: "No one on the Threads engineering team is a former Twitter employee that's just not a thing

In the letter, which news website Semafor first reported Thursday, Spiro said Twitter "intends to strictly enforce its intellectual property rights" and

een the compani III a reply to a tweet about the possibility of legal action against Musk wrote: Meta, "Competition is fine, cheating is

not." The Associated Press reached out to Spiro on Thursday for further information. Twitter responded to an email seeking comment with a crude automated reply, its standard response to journalists.

New Twitter CEO Linda Yaccarino has not publicly commented on the letter but appeared to address Threads' launch. "We're often imitated but the Twitter community can never be duplicated," Yaccarino tweeted.

Some analysts say Meta's new offering, billed as a textbased version of the photosharing app Instagram, could be a significant headache for Twitter — pointing to the excitement surrounding Threads'

launch and impressive down-

load numbers so far.

The Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIM-STEC) is a regional grouping that comprises India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Thailand, Nepal and Bhutan.

In his address Wickremesinghe also spoke of the recovery the cash-strapped island nation has been making since the economic crisis last year. "We are trying to make remember that the balance of trade is not in our favour. So, we have to ensure a positive balance of trade in the times to come," he said. And one of the ways of raising a fund which is not

debt-creating is tourism. So, exploit it to the fullest, he said. Wickremesinghe also spoke about several projects, including seven golf courses and more resorts, planned by his government to help speed up Sri Lanka's recovery from the 2022 crisis. Some laws will be changed

to accommodate the plans for the tourism sector, he said.

In April 2022, Sri Lanka declared its first-ever debt default, the worst economic crisis since its independence from Britain in 1948, triggered by forex shortages that sparked public protests. Months-long street protests led to the ouster of the then-president Gotabaya Rajapaksa in mid-July last year. In the next 10 years, the per what you want ... transcending borders," he said. Sri Lankans travelling to

India, Indians travelling to Bangladesh, it's "one tourist area" for anyone coming from outside, the president said.

"In 10 years, you will have a new industry. So, we will have to arrange our connectivity as well," Wickremesinghe said, adding, "My idea is that BIM-STEC should be one big tourist area... Why don't we open BIM-STEC? Why don't we use the Bay of Bengal for cruise?"

The opening ceremony was attended by a host of other dig-nitaries, including High Commissioner of India to Sri Lanka Gopal Bagley; Sri Lanka's Minister of Tourism and Lands Harin Fernando; Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation Nimal Siripala De Silva; and Chairman of Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau (SLTPB) Chalaka Gajabahu.

uamaging properties in the past few days, the country's disaster manage ment agency said on Friday.

PTI ISLAMABAD

The pre-monsoon rains began in the last week of June and have continued at short intervals across the country, bringing floods in Balochistan province and affecting traffic on the highways in the province.

According to the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), Pakistan's largest province of Punjab has been badly hit where 34 people have lost their lives due to rain-related incidents, followed by 10

animals killed, according to the NDMA. Lahore received record rains this week and the city has been flooded. However, the downpour was almost negligible on Thursday compared to a day earlier. Most of the 16 monitoring points of the Water and Sanitation Agency (Wasa) recorded single-digit rainfall on Thursday.

Balochistan received massive rains in its different districts and the provincial disaster management authority issued a high alert to cope with rains and flash floods which led to suspension



France's small towns reeling from spread of rioting

AP PARIS

After a pleasant evening of wine-tasting — joyfully billed "Grapes and Friends!" with a hundred or so people and oysters, charcuteries and cheeses, the mayor of the picturesque French town of Quissac was on his way home.

Then his phone rang: Urban unrest that was engulfing France after the deadly police shooting of a teenager on Paris' outskirts, hundreds of kilometers (miles) and a world away to the north, had careened into Quissac's tranquility, too.In a quick hit-andrun, a small group of people seemingly no more than four, the mayor says — bombarded the local gendarmes' barracks on Quai de la Gare road with powerful fireworks, denting its metal shutters and setting fire to a cypress tree.

In the grander scheme of

things, it wasn't much compared to orgies of destruction, winds of social networks that arson, looting and rioting have narrowed gaps between unleashed on multitudes of France's urban centres and its other communities across vast rural spaces, unrest also France in six nights of mayreached outward to touch hem. Still, for the town of places that escaped a similar 3,300 people in the Gard region nationwide wave of rioting in of southern France, it was a 2005. Mayors of small towns first. Quissac's unsettling expewhere vehicles were torched, rience last Friday night - and fires lit and police attacked are those of other out-of-the-way scratching their heads, trying to towns and villages also hit by figure out: Why them? Why unrest to varying degrees - set now? Why are France's big-city France's latest nationwide problems, which previously spasm of rioting apart from seemed far away, sinking roots previous cycles of violence that into their peace and quiet, too? have flared periodically in "Why these incidents in a little town like ours?" asks the

every decade since the 1980s. mayor of L'Aigle in Normandy, Although typically referred to in France as "les violences" where fires were lit, cars urbaines" — urban violence torched and police chased the unrest this time was no around after small groups of longer contained to blue-collar suspects. "In the press and towns and cities' disadvaneven on the TV news, it was taged housing projects, places mainly Paris and its suburbs, where anger at social and racial Lyon and Marseille that were inequalities have festered.

look, there were also incidents Carried in part on the in a certain number of small communities," the mayor, Philippe Van-Hoorne, says.

Ûnfortunately, the increase of uncivil behaviour, of violence, is developing even in modest towns like ours ... It's very hard to solve."

By the government's count, more than 500 cities, towns and villages were affected this time after the police shooting of Nahel Merzouk in the Paris suburb of Nanterre on June 27.

The French-born 17-vearold of north African descent was stopped by two officers on motorbikes who subsequently told investigators that hed been driving dangerously in a bright yellow Mercedes. He died from a single shot through his left arm and chest. One officer is being held on a preliminary charge of voluntary homicide.

From Nanterre, violent talked about. But when you protests spread with astound-

ing speed and intensity. They quickly morphed into generalised mayhem that was relayed and celebrated on social networks. Much of the violence was concentrated in cities, large towns and their disadvantaged housing projects, leaving France once again grappling with its decades-old failure to better integrate generations of immigrants and their Franceborn children who complain of

systemic discrimination. But the staggering nationwide tallies of destruction more than 6,000 vehicles and 12,400 trash bins set ablaze, more than 1,100 buildings attacked — weren't limited to previously recognised hotspots. This time, smaller communities were impacted, too. In Quissac, investigators are searching for 4 people who scattered on foot after the firework attack, says the mayor, Serge Cathala.

employment. In a video clip released Thursday, Sadiq Akif Mahjer, the spokesman for the Talibanrun Virtue and Vice Ministry, listed a series of services salons offered that he said went against Islam. Those included eyebrow shaping, the use of other people's hair to augment a woman's natural hair and the application of makeup, which would interfere with the ablutions required before offering prayers, he said.



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Sensex tanks 505 points

Nifty ends lower at 19,330 on profit-booking after record rally

PTI MUMBAI

Bat the 19,330 level due to profit-taking in financial, IT and oil shares after a record-breaking run and weak global trends.

The 30-share BSE Sensex fell sharply by 505.19 points or 0.77 per cent to close at 65,280.45 points as 25 of its constituents ended in red and five in green. The barometer moved between 65,175.74 and 65,898.98 during the day.

Ending its eight-day winning streak, the broader Nifty of the National Stock Exchange declined by 165.50 or 0.85 per cent to settle at 19,331.80. As many as 44 Nifty shares declined while six gained. Among major Sensex shares, PowerGrid fell the most by 2.76 per cent. IndusInd Bank dropped 2.34 per cent, HUL by 2.23 per cent and NTPC by 2.04 per cent. ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank, HDFC, ITC, Infosys L&T Bajaj Einance Kotak Bank HCL

Infosys, L&T, Bajaj Finance, Kotak Bank, HCL Tech and Tech Mahindra were among the losers. On the other hand, Tata Motors rose the most

by 2.94 per cent, followed by Titan which gained 1.26 per cent. Mahindra & Mahindra, SBI and TCS were also among gainers.

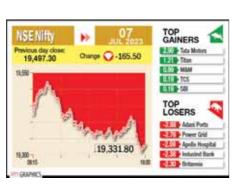
"The domestic market succumbed to profitbooking as heat waves from weak global markets hit the shore. Global equities declined due to a spike in US bond yields, fuelled by expectations of a prolonged high-interest rate environment following a sharp increase in US private payroll data," Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services, said.

In the broader market, the BSE Midcap declined by 0.76 per cent to 28,999.02 while BSE Small dropped 0.28 per cent to 33,129.41.

All the BSE sectoral indices except for auto and consumer durables ended in the red with losses of up to 1.63 per cent.

S&P BSE Utilities dropped 1.63 per cent, BSE Power by 1.61 per cent, BSE Realty by 1.16 per cent, FMCG by 1.45 per cent, Commodities 1.11 per cent, Financial Services by 0.85 per cent, and Industrials and IT by 0.82 per cent each. Bucking the trend, BSE Auto rose by 0.29 per





cent and consumer durables by 0.22 per cent.

"Markets witnessed profit taking and shed nearly a per cent, tracking feeble global cues. The decline has engulfed Thursday's bullish move and indicates the possibility of consolidation in Nifty ahead," Ajit Mishra, SVP — Technical Research, Religare Broking Ltd said.

În global markets, Hong Kong, China, Japan and Australia sank up to 1.7 per cent following overnight losses in US equities as reports suggested the US job market remains much more resilient than expected.

Investors feared that as a sturdy labour market keeps the economy out of a long-feared recession, it could also push the US Federal Reserve to keep interest rates higher for longer in its campaign to defeat high inflation.

Global oil benchmark Brent crude climbed 0.25 per cent to USD 76.70 a barrel.

Defying a weak trend in the global markets, the 30-share BSE Sensex climbed 339.60 points or 0.52 per cent to settle at its new all-time clos-ing high of 65,785.64 on Thursday. The NSE Nifty rallied 98.80 points or 0.51 per cent to end at a new record high of 19,497.30.



Forex reserves rise by USD 1.85 billion to USD 595.05 billion

PTI MUMBAI

India's foreign exchange reserves rose by USD 1.853 billion to USD 595.051 billion in the week ended on June 30, the Reserve Bank of India said on Friday

The overall reserve had dropped by USD 2.901 billion to USD 593.198 billion in the previous reporting week.

In October 2021, the country's forex reserve had reached an all-time high of USD 645 billion. The reserves have been declining as the central bank deploys the kitty to defend the rupee amid pressures caused majorly by global developments.

For the week ended on June 30, the foreign currency assets a major component of the reserves, increased by USD 2.539 billion to USD 527.979 billion, according to the Weekly Statistical Supplement released by the RBI on Friday.

Expressed in dollar terms, the foreign currency assets include the effect of appreciation or depreciation of non-US units like the euro, pound and yen held in the foreign exchange

reserves. Gold reserves dropped by USD 472 million to USD 43.832 billion, the RBI said. The Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) were down by USD 95 million to USD 18.239 billion, the gray hards acid. the apex bank said.

All GST registered businesses will now have to geocode their addresses: GSTN

PTI NEW DELHI

GST Network on Friday said it has geocoded 1.8 crore addresses of registered busi-nesses and the functionality is now live for all states and UTs.

Geocoding will help in find-ing out the exact location of the registered entity and check bogus registrations. The Central Board of

Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) has already conducted a pilot for geocoding in a couple

of states.

for geocoding the principal place of business address is now live for all States and Union territories

an address or description of a location into geographic coordinates, has been introduced to ensure the accuracy of address details in GSTN records and streamline the address location and verification process.

geocoded more than 1.8 crore



"GSTN has successfully



addresses of principal places of business. Furthermore, all new addresses post-March 2022 are geocoded at the time of registration itself, ensuring the accuracy and standardization of address data from the outset," GSTN said.

Businesses can access the geo-coding functionality in the portal and the system-generat-ed geocoded address will be displayed.

Businesses can either accept it or update it as per their requirements. In cases where the system-generated geocoded address is unavailable, a blank will be displayed, and you can directly update the geocoded address, GSTN said.

Sebi puts in place regulatory framework for mutual fund's sponsors

PTI NEW DELHI

Capital market watchdog Sebi on Friday Came out with a regulatory framework for private equity funds sponsoring a mutual fund house as well as for self-sponsored Asset Management Companies (AMCs). Under the framework for private equi-

ty (PE) funds, Sebi said the applicant is required to have a minimum of five years of experience in the capacity of fund manager and an experience of investing in the financial sector. It should have managed, committed and drawn-down capital of at least Rs 5,000 crore.

The mutual fund sponsored by the PE would not participate as an anchor investor in the public issue of an investee company where any of the schemes and funds managed by the sponsor PE has an investment of 10 per cent or more or a board representation.

"The experience, track record, and eli-gibility regarding the fit and proper criteria of any applicant PE to become a sponsor of a mutual fund shall be ascertained through its conduct in the respective home



In a bid to boost the penetration of the industry, and to facilitate new types of players to act as sponsors of mutual funds, an alternative set of eligibility criteria is introduced. This is to facilitate the flow of capital into the industry, foster innovation, encourage competition, and provide ease of consolidation, and ease of exit for existing ponsors.

Currently, any entity that owns 40 per cent or more stake in a mutual fund is considered a sponsor and is required to fulfill the eligibility criteria.

Also, Sebi said "Self Sponsored AMCs' can continue the mutual fund business. This is subject to AMCs fulfilling certain conditions. The move would give the original sponsor flexibility to voluntarily disassociate itself from the MF without needing to induct a new and eligible sponsor. According to Sebi, an AMC can become

a self-sponsored subject to certain conditions - the AMC should have been carrying on business in financial services for at least 5 years, should have a positive net worth in all the immediately preceding five years, and net profit of Rs 10 crore in each of the immediately preceding five years.

Any sponsor proposing to disassociate should have been a sponsor of the concerned mutual fund for at least five years and the shareholding proposed to be reduced by a sponsor should not be under any encumbrance or lock-in.

Any sponsor proposing to disassociate can reduce shareholding below 10 per cent within 5 years in the case of listed AMC, while the same will be three years in the case of unlisted AMCs.

Vedanta Group rejigs semiconductor biz, brings it under Twin Star

PTI NEW DELHI

Anil Agarwal-led Volcan Investments has decided to rejig semiconductor business segment by bringing it under sub-sidiary Twin Star Technologies Limited, the group firm Vedanta said on Friday.

Under the new structure, Twin Star Technologies (TSTL), which is a sister concern of Vedanta Ltd, will become its subsidiary and Vedanta's semiconductor and display business will be brow

estimated to be worth USD 7 bil-

HDFC merger may lead to 300 basis points deceleration in credit demand: Report

The USD 40-bllion merger of the HDFC twins may lead to a 300-basis points deceleration in credit off-take to 13-13.5 per cent this fiscal from a tad over 15 per cent last fiscal, a report said. Credit off-take grew 15.4 per cent on-year to Rs 140.2 lakh crore for the fortnight to lune 16 driven by perfor the fortnight to June 16, driven by per-sonal loans and lending to non-banks, up from 13.2 per cent a year ago.

Meanwhile, deposits also saw a healthy ars. Care Ratings said



Rs 18.7 lakh crore from Rs 14.1 lakh crore, the note said.

Even though forecasting for a healthy growth in demand for credit, given the economic expansion, rise in capital expenditure, the PLI scheme, and retail credit push, along with sectoral credit growth expectations, the agency expects credit growth to decelerate to 13-13.5 per cent in FY24, excluding the e merger of HDFC with npact of t

The agency expects personal loans will continue to drive credit growth followed by industrial and services segments. Falling inflation will be another growth driver.

On the interest rate front, the short-term weighted average call money rate, which is the best reflection of the interest rate, stood at 6.1 per cent for the reporting fortnight compared to 4.51 per cent in the trailing 12 months fortnight ending June 17, 2022. The increase can be attributed to elevated policy rates. Yet the weighted average call money rate is much lower than the 6.69 per cent as of May 4, 2023, primarily due to the liquidity surplus in the system since e past couple of months.

The outstanding liquidity stood at Rs 0.85 lakh crore as of June 16, 2023, as compared with Rs 2.4 lakh crore as of June 2,

The government's annou-ncement of National Infrastruc-ture Pipeline with a projected

investment of USD 1.4 trillion

and National Monetisation

Pipeline (NMP) with a potential of USD 70 billion of asset cre-

ation during FY20-25 has pro-

vided impetus for stepping up

The survey said despite being one of the fastest-growing

sectors that contributes signifi-

cantly to the economic growth,

the Indian construction sector continues to face a number of

challenges, like supply chain

disruptions, escalating energy costs, material and labour cost

and shortage of skilled workers.

Covid-19 are evident with 51 per

cent of the respondents men-

tioning that their projects have

experienced a schedule delay or

cost impact of more than 20 per

struggle with poor project per-formance with 39 per cent of

respondent reporting that they

have missed the budget/sched-

ule performance targets by 20

per cent, over the past year due

to lack of effective risk manage-

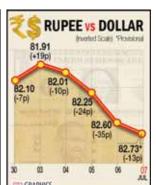
ment," the survey said

"The industry continues to

cent due to Covid.

However, aftereffects of

infra investment.



Rupee falls 13 paise to close at 82.73 against US dollar



2026. The display panel market is



growth at 12.1 per cent on-year in the same fortnight partly supported by the withdrawal of the Rs 2,000 bank notes. This had the spread between credit and deposits growth dropping to 337 basis points (bps) in the reporting fortnight from 875 bps in November 2022, which was the largest in



"The acquisition will be effected by way of a share transfer at face value of Twin Star Technologies Limited's (TSTL) Semiconductor and Display SPVs. TSTL is a wholly owned subsidiary . Volcan of Investments Limited, the ultimate holding company of Vedanta Limited," Vedanta said in a statement.

With this restructuring, Vedanta Limited announced the addition of semiconductors and display glass manufacturing ventures to its diversified port

folio. "Vedanta is committed to making India self-reliant in electronics. This is the beginning of the creation of a Silicon Valley in India, a cutting edge and world class electronics ecosystem. My dream is for every Indian youth to have an affordable smartphone, laptop and an electric vehicle," Vedanta Chairman Anil Agarwal said.

Vedanta said that semiconductor and display glass manufacturing represents a large growth opportunity for India.

It said that the semiconductor market stood at USD 24 billion in 2022 and is estimated to reach USD 80 billion by

USD 15 billion by 2025. Currently, India imports 100 per cent of these requirements, the statement said.

'We believe that semiconductors and display fab are at the core of any electronics ecosystem. This will also spawn the creation of multiple ancillary industries and opportunities in both downstream and upstream, creating jobs and will be a GDP

multiplier," Vedanta's semiconductor and display business global MD Akasrh Hebbar said. The company said that

and display glass will facilitate affordable electronics - smartphones, laptops, televisions, and electric vehicles for all Indians.

"I believe that India can

ingredients for success,' Business CEO David Reed said.

through its Avanstrate Inc.

made-in-India semiconductors

The company had earlier announced that the plant will be set up with an investment of around Rs 1.5 lakh crore and start making revenue by 2027.

become the next semiconductor hub for the world. It has all the Vedanta's Semiconductor Vedanta has its presence in

the LCD glass substrate business subsidiary

350 per 10 grams plunged by Rs 600 to Rs 71,500 per kilogramme. "Gold edged lower on

Friday amid weak global cues,

according to HDFC Securities.

precious metal had ended at Rs

In the previous trade, the

Silver

Friday, with spot gold prices in the Delhi markets trading at Rs 59,240/10 gram, down by Rs 110 per 10 gram, Saumil Gandhi, Senior Analyst — Commodities at HDFC Securities, said.

Gold prices have corrected following the release of stronger than anticipated US macro data, which reinforced expectations that the Federal Reserve will keep tightening the monetary policy, Gandhi said.

According to Jateen Trivedi, VP Research Analyst at LKP Securities, the current gold rate offers an opportunity for investors as the price of yellow metal is expected to rebound by Diwali. "Considering the current price levels, gold offers a good opportunity for retailers and new investors. By the time of Diwali, it is expected that gold prices could reach around 61850-62500, which is close to the all-time high. In a bullish scenario, if the Fed's stance shifts to a dovish outlook with hints of an interest rate cycle reversal, gold prices could potentially reach levels of 64500," Trivedi said.

for this capital reduction.

Tribunal, Mumbai bench.

In absolute terms, for the trailing 12 months, deposits expanded by Rs 20 lakh crore while incremental credit expanded by

agency said.

Almost half of workers in India don't feel secure in their jobs: Survey

PTI NEW DELHI

Tob insecurity is a growing concern for workers worldwide, and in India 47 per cent of employees do not feel secure in

According to the ADP Research Institute's People at Work 2023: A Global Workforce View report, a concerning 47 per cent of employees in India do not feel secure in their positions.

"Workers are bound to be worried about their jobs in these volatile and uncertain economic times, especially in light of recent reports of largescale job losses at prominent cor-porations and the alleged threat of AI to human employment," said Rahul Goyal, MD, ADP.

the young.

over 32,000 workers, half of Gen Z (18-24 year-olds) said they do not feel secure in their jobs. This is double the proportion of over 55-year-olds who say the same.

Goyal further noted that "many businesses continue to have serious problems finding and keeping talent, so the situation may not be as dire as some people believe? Reliance Retail will be send

ing a notice to its shareholders estate sector, construction indus-However, it also added this capital reduction shall be subject experience the highest levels of to regulatory approvals and also job insecurity.

On an international scale. by members of the company by way of special resolution and workers in the media and information industry are most likeobtaining the sanction from the National Company Law ly to express a lack of job secu-

2022. The liquidity in the banking system Bank. If the merger is included, growth is likely to be higher by around 3 per cent, the

Across markets, feelings of job insecurity are highest among

while ensuring they're offering According to a survey of fair pay and an inclusive, engaging workplace culture, workers are likely to feel much more positively towards the company they work for. . If employers don't reas-

sure their workers, they risk losing critical skills, experience and enthusiasm, which can make it difficult to provide the services their customers and

clients expect," Goyal said. Globally, one in five Gen Z workers have considered chang-ing industries in the past 12 months, and a quarter have considered starting their own

business. Moreover, 17 per cent of over 55-year-olds have pondered taking early retirement, potentially exacerbating the socalled 'grey resignation'.

has improved compared with a deficit in the second half of FY23.

Construction mkt exhibits positive outlook, tech enabling handsome return on investment: Survey

PTI 📕 NEW DELHI

The Indian construction mar-ket exhibits a positive outlook with 84 per cent of respondents feeling optimistic about the sector compared to 66 per cent globally, a KPMG survey said on Friday. KPMG's Global Construc-

valued, their efforts are acknowledged, and their futures at the tion Survey said there is a sense of enthusiasm regarding the If employers can do this potential government funding, investment and incentives for significant infrastructure projects.

"The survey findings exhibit a strong outlook for our Indian construction industry, driven by the government infrastructure stimulus, manufacturing incentives and private sector commitments. This is reflected in a significant proportion of our participants, indicating 20 per cent revenue growth or increase in capital investments in the next 12 months," KPMG in India, Partner, Major Projects Advisory and Industry 4.0, Suneel Vora said.

Digital and innovative technologies are generating handsome returns on investment and generating real-time cost reductions, Vora added.

PTI MUMBAI

The rupee depreciated further by 13 paise to close at 82.73 (provisional) against the US dollar on Friday, weighed down by losses in domestic markets and a rise in crude oil prices.

At the interbank foreign exchange, the domestic unit opened at 82.68 against the dollar and settled at 82.73 (provisional), down 13 paise from its previous close

During the day, the rupee touched a high of 82.63 and a low of 82.75 against the greenback.

On Thursday, the rupee had settled at 82.60 against the dollar

The dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, witnessed a marginal decline of 0.10 per cent to 103.05.

Brent crude futures, the global oil benchmark, advanced 0.59 per cent to USD 76.97 per barrel

The rupee depreciated on a weak tone in domestic markets and a rise in crude oil prices. The surge in short-term bond yields in the US and the UK amid a hawkish tone of the central banks also put pressure on the rupee, said Anuj Choudhary -Research Analyst at Sharekhan by BNP Paribas.

However, the soft US dollar prevented a sharp fall. Most economic data releases from the US were stronger than forecast.

'We expect the rupee to trade with a negative bias on risk aversion in global markets and rising bond yields. However, sustained FII inflows may support rupee at lower levels, Choudhary said.

Market participants may remain cautious ahead of US non-farm payrolls, unemployment rate and hourly earnings data.

"A strong labour market would reinforce expectations of a rate hike by the FOMC in July. We expect the USDINR spot to trade between 82.30 to 83.30 in the near term," Choudhary added.

Reliance Retail to reduce share capital, to pay ₹1,362 per share

PTI NEW DELH

ountry's leading retailer Reliance Retail on Friday said it will reduce the equity share capital to the extent held by shareholders other than its promoter and holding company. The board of Reliance Retail, on July 4, 2023, approved the proposal in which shares held by such shareholders shall stand cancelled and extinguished as per the capital reduction plan. "A consideration of Rs 1,362

per share, determined on the basis of valuation obtained from two reputed independent regis-



tered valuers, shall be paid towards the capital reduction," said an exchange filing by its parent firm Reliance Industries.

This capital reduction plan will make Reliance Retail a 100 per cent subsidiary of Reliance Retail Ventures Limited (RRVL) and through this, it will be able to more efficiently structure businesses.



share capital of the company. While 0.09 per cent, around 78.65 lakh equity shares, are held by the identified shareholders.

The report noted that in India, employees in the real try, and related employment

rity, followed by those in the hos-



pitality and leisure sector.

firm are bright, Goyal said.

Furthermore, an alarming 60 per cent of respondents across the surveyed countries indicated their willingness to consider working unpaid hours

in order to enhance security of their jobs. Given these insights, employers may need to further reassure employees that they are



was banned from the tourna

ment last year with other

Belarusian and Russian players

because of the war in Ukraine. She trailed 5-4 in the second set

but dropped only three points in

winning the next three games.

then I change my strings, kind

of adjust my game a little bit,

start feeling better on court. But,

yeah, I was just keep telling

myself keep fighting, keep try-ing, and probably you'll be able

Later Friday, Swiatek was

Before that, though, two-

to turn around this game."

"I didn't play my best tennis.

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ALCARAZ AND SABALENKA BOTH ADVANCE AT WIMBLEDON

AP 📕 WIMBLEDON (ENGLAND)

¬op-seeded man Carlos Alcaraz and second-seeded woman Aryna Sabalenka both won at Wimbledon on Friday. Top-seeded woman Iga Swiatek and second-seeded man Novak Djokovic should be on court soon.

Alcaraz, a 20-year-old Spaniard considered to be the next great thing in the tennis world, advanced to the third round for the second straight year, beating Alexandre Muller 6-4, 7-6 (2), 6-3 on Centre Court.

The 2022 U.S. Open chamscheduled to face Petra Martic pion is making only his third on Centre Court in the third appearance at the All England round, followed by seven-time Club. He reached the fourth champion Djokovic against Stan Wawrinka - also playing for a round last year for his best showing at the grass-court spot in the fourth round Grand Slam. Sabalenka played on No. 1 Court, the second bigtime Wimbledon champion gest stadium on the Wimbledon Andy Murray will finish his match against fifth-seeded

grounds, and defeated Varvara Gracheva 2-6, 7-5, 6-2 to reach Stefanos Tsitsipas. That match was suspended Thursday with the third round. Sabalenka reached the semi-Murray leading 6-7 (3), 7-6 (2),

finals at Wimbledon in 2021 but 6-4



Earlier, Petra Kvitova on Day 5 of the grass-court reached the third round for the Grand Slam tournament.

second year in a row, nine years The left-handed Kvitova after winning the second of her first won the Wimbledon title in two titles at the All England 2011 and then added another in 2014. She has only reached one Club. The 33-year-old Czech, who was injured in a knife other Grand Slam final, losing to

attack at her home in 2016, beat Naomi Osaka in the deciding Aliaksandra Sasnovich 6-2, 6-2 match at the 2019 Australian

Open

Madison Keys, an American who won the Eastbourne International title on grass ahead of Wimbledon, also reached the third round. The 25th-seeded Keys defeated Viktorija Golubic 7-5, 6-3.

Keys will next face Ukrai-

nian player Marta Kostyuk. She advanced when Paula Badosa retired from their match with a back injury with Kostyuk lead-ing 6-2, 1-0.

Badosa is dating Tsitsipas and social media has been filled with photos and videos of the two of them lately.

"It's amazing to have him supporting me. As you know, we have a very good relationship," Badosa said. "We're there for each other, so it's nice to have him. But not only in this tournament. It's nice to have him in general.

Also in the second round, third-seeded Daniil Medvedev advanced by beating Adrian Mannarino 6-3, 6-3, 7-6 (5), sixth-seeded Holger Rune defeated Roberto Carballes Baena 6-3, 7-6 (3), 6-4, eighthseeded Jannik Sinner eliminated Quentin Halys 3-6, 6-2, 6-3, 6-4, and 19th-seeded Alexander Zverev beat Yosuke Watanuki 6-4, 5-7, 6-2, 6-2.

"Getting there," Medvedev said when asked if he was feeling at home on grass.

courts 'grippy' despite slips, says director first-round defeat to Elina

Wimbledon grass

AFP LONDON

Wimbledon tournament director Jamie Baker said Friday the grass courts were "good and grippy" despite several high-profile tumbles in the first week of the Grand Slam.

Two-time champion Andy Murray had a nasty fall on Centre Court as he served for a two-sets-to-one lead in his second-round match against Stefanos Tsitsipas late on Thursday but got back up and

won the set. US veteran Venus Williams fell heavily in her

Svitolina also on Centre Court on Monday, hurting her already-bandaged right knee.

"I was literally killing it, then I got killed by the grass," said the 43-year-old five-time champion. Novak Djokovic's match

on the same day was delayed for nearly 90 minutes due to a damp court as players expressed concerns over the surface. On Thursday, France's

Alize Cornet crashed to the Centre Court turf when her left leg slipped late in her defeat to defending champion Elena Rybakina, though she was able to carry on with heavy strap-

ping. But Baker said players had not expressed concerns over the state of the grass at the Grand Slam, which has been disrupted by rain. "I'm really happy," he said.

"I think the surface is as good and as grippy as I can remem-ber to be honest in the early part of the tournament.

IPL Impact Player rule in SMAT, Asian Games participation approved

PTI MUMBAI

The IPL version of the much-talked about Impact Player Rule will be used in the Syed Mushtaq Ali T20 Trophy (SMAT) beginning October 16, the BCCI Apex Council approved on Friday.

The Impact Player was introduced in SMAT last season but it had to be brought before the end of the 14th over and had divided opinions. to be named before the toss.

However, this will change from the next season. Like IPL, the

teams will be allowed to name almost negated the role of an allfour substitutes besides the playrounder in the side. ing eleven before the toss. Out "It actually almost negates

of the four substitutes, only one the role of all-rounders in the can be used as an Impact Player. game now. So unless they're "Both teams are allowed to absolutely world-class and use one Impact Player per they're getting picked either as match. It is, however, not coma batsman or as a bowler, not pulsory," read one of the guidesort of a bits and pieces guy, then lines on the rule. Impact Player I don't think you'll see many, was used widely by the 10 IPL many teams this year actually teams but the introduction of it use the guy that might bat at seven and maybe bowling over

Former Australian captain or two. Because you don't need and Delhi Capitals head coach those guys anymore," Ponting had said. Ricky Ponting had said that it

ASIAN GAMES PARTICIPA-TION APPROVED

The Apex Council also approved the participation of the men's and women's teams for the Asian Games in Hangzhou in September-October.

A second-string Indian team will participate in the men's competition, beginning September 28 while a fullstrength side will be picked for the women's event, beginning September 19.

history and the last time it was held in Incheon in 2014 when

India did not take part. The competition coincides with crucial time for men's team with India hosting the ODI World Cup from October 5.

In a note, BCCI said considering the crowded international schedule, it will be a challenge to field a team at Asian Games but contributing to the national cause is also important. India will be favourites to win gold

Manuel Ugarte joins **PSG on 5-year deal**

AP PARIS

Daris Saint-Germain made its third signing of the summer transfer window by adding Sporting Lisbon midfielder Manuel Ugarte to its squad on Friday. PSG said the Uruguay international signed a five-year contract through June 2028.

PSG has been active on the transfer market recently. In addition to hiring Luis Enrique as its new coach, the French champions have also signed Marco Asensio and Milan Skriniar. No official fee for Ugarte was announced but French newspaper L'Equipe said it was 60 million euros (\$65 million).

Ugarte has made eight appearances for Uruguay. "I am sincerely very happy to be able to take this big step in my career, in such a big club,' Ugarte said.



Red Bull dominate British Grand Prix opening practice Kenyan record-breaker Faith After 20 minutes, the Dutchman

AFP SILVERSTONE (UNITED KINGDOM)

Max Verstappen outpaced his team-mate Sergio Perez as the Red Bull pair scored a predictable one-two in Friday's opening practice for this weekend's British Grand Prix.

The defending double world champion and runaway series leader, seeking his first win at Silverstone since 2020, ed a best lap in one 28.600 seconds to beat the Mexican by four-tenths.



Leclerc with Sainz third, a further tenth adrift, ahead - until he was dislodged by an improved lap from Perez, who took third Verstappen soon had his Red Bull team-mate in much closer proximity in second place before, with half an hour remaining Sainz went top in 1:29.357 on

enya's record-breaking Krunning star Faith Kipyegon confirmed on Friday she will go for a 1,500m-5,000m





Kipyegon plans double at worlds

World 800m bronze meda-

llist Mary Moraa bettered her national 400m record for the second time this year to qual-ify for the world championships. Moraa, who is also the

Cricket has been played both in men and women cateonly thrice in the Asian Games gories.

onships in Budapest next month. The 29-year-old smashed the world records in both events in June, running 3:49.11 in the 1,500m in Florence, and seven days later an explosive 14:05.20 in her 5,000m debut race at the Paris Diamond League.

Kipyegon was back in sparkling form again on Friday when she clinched victory in the women's 5,000m at the Kenyan trials for the world championships taking place in the Hungarian capital in August.

"I didn't expect to win the 5,000m here today, as I did in Paris, but I did and I am happy about it," said Kipyegon, who clocked a time of 14:53.90, ahead of Lilian Kasait and Margaret Chelimo.

"The 1,500m remains my favourite event but I am doing very well in the 5,000m. So I am going to double up in both the 1,500m and 5,000m in Budapest," she added.

Kipyegon, considered the greatest ever women's 1,500m runner, won gold in the discipline at the 2016 Olympics in Rio and at the Covid-delayed Tokyo Games in 2021.

pion, ran a solo effort to clock 50.38 seconds, obliterating her earlier time of 50.44 which she recorded during the Botswana Golden Grand Prix in April. She said she was ready to run both the 400m and 800m in Budapest if she is selected on Saturday.

"I have trained hard for both events and, if the selectors want, I can do the 400m-800m in Budapest," Moraa said.

In the men's events, Boniface Mweresa returned from a doping suspension to win one of the two 400m semi-finals and qualify for Saturday's final.

Kenyan 400m champion Zablon Ekuam won the first semi-final in a time of 45.77sec to set up a clash with Mweresa, who remains the only Kenvan to have attained the 45.00sec qualifying mark for the world championships in the event. Last year's men's 5,000m Diamond League

winner Nicholas Kimeli won the men's 10,000m in a time of 27:29.8, beating Commonwealth silver medallist Daniel Simiu Ebenyo into second place and Bernard Kibet in third.

It was a typically dominant performance from the champion team as they seek this weekend a record-equalling 11th consecutive race victory, to draw level with McLaren's 1988 achievement.

Behind the duo from the nearby Milton Keynes-based team, Williams' Alex Albon took third ahead of twotime champion Fernando Alonso of Aston Martin, Ferrari's Charles Leclerc and Esteban Ocon of Alpine.

Carlos Sainz was seventh in the second Ferrari ahead of McLaren's Lando Norris, Lance Stroll in the second Aston Martin and Oscar Piastri in the second McLaren.

Verstappen was the only man to dip below the 1:29 barrier.

On a bright day at the former wartime airbase, packed with fans, Verstappen was quick to take command in the opening session and was soon on top ahead of the two Ferraris.



There was little for the home British fans to cheer at this stage with Lewis Hamilton sixth, George Russell 17th and Norris in 15th, the seven-time champion reporting 'bouncing is pretty bad' after one lively lap.

had lapped seven-tenths faster than

Leclerc, on softs, then went second before Russell took fourth as most teams switched to softs.

With 15 minutes remaining, Red Bull made the switch to softs. Perez swept back to third and then Verstappen, in 1:28.836, demonstrated his current level of supreme form.

He was almost half a second clear of Leclerc at the first attempt - until Alonso went second, four-tenths off, to be swiftly replaced in second by Albon, in 1:29.089, an impressive lap by the Williams driver.

As Mercedes persisted on mediums, Hamilton survived a big over-steer moment at Stowe, before Perez slotted into second to ensure Red Bull had a one-two outcome. The Mercedes men ended up 12th and 14th.

Saliba signs new long-term contract at Arsenal Sindhu, Sen enter quarterfinals of Canada Open

AFP LONDON

William Saliba has committed his future to Arsenal after signing a new longterm deal with the Gunners on Friday.

The French centre-back, who was an integral part of Arsenal's unexpected challenge for the Premier League title last season, has reportedly agreed a four-year deal worth £10 million (\$13 million) a season.

Indeed, it was a back injury to the 22year-old that played a major role in a dip in form for Mikel Arteta's men towards the end of the campaign that allowed Manchester City to retain their title.

"To have William extend his contract with us was something we have wanted to do for a long time," said Arteta.

"William proved last season just how good and how important he is to our squad.

"The ability he has at his young age of just 22 is exciting, and there is of course so much more room for development with any player at this stage of their career."

Saliba had just one year left on the contract he signed when joining from Saint-Etienne in 2019 for £27 million.

However, he spent most of the next three seasons back in France on loan spells to Saint-Etienne, Nice and Marseille.



His form at Marseille earned him international recognition with France for the first time and he was part of the squad that reached the World Cup final last year in Qatar

Saliba follows teammates Bukayo Saka, Gabriel Martinelli and Aaron Ramsdale in recently signing new deals.

Arsenal are also reportedly close to strengthening their squad significantly in a bid to become champions of England for the first time in 20 years.

Kai Havertz has already joined from Chelsea in a £65 million dealm with moves for Declan Rice from West Ham and Ajax's Jurrien Timber also close to completion.



PTI CALGARY

 $S^{tar \ Indian \ shuttlers \ PV}_{Sindhu \ and \ Lakshya \ Sen \ pro-}$ gressed to the quarterfinals of the women's and men's singles

competitions respectively at the Canada Open Super 500 tournament here.

While Sindhu advanced to the last eight after her opponent Natsuki Nidaira of Japan gave a

Ygor Coelho in 31 minutes.

Sindhu will face 2022 Indonesia Masters champion Gao Fang Jie, who had played an

important role in China's win at the Asia Mixed Team Championships this year.

Sen, who is a Commonwealth Games gold medallist, takes on Belgium's Julien Carraggi.

However, Krishna Prasad Garaga and Vishnuvardhan Goud Panjala couldn't cross the pre-quarterfinal stage, going down 9-21 11-21 to Indonesian second seed and world number 7 Mohammad Ahsan and Hendra Setiawan.

Sen has been slowly regaining his touch after going through a lean patch early in the season.

On Thursday, Sen faced a tough battle against Coelho, who erased a 0-2 deficit with a four-point burst and then kept it tight. The duo moved neck and neck till 13-13 when Sen managed to march ahead and sealed the contest after jumping to 20-15 with a five-point burst.

In the second game, Sen hardly had any issues as he galloped to 12-2 and took giant strides to comfortably seal the match.

her a walkover, Sen notched up a 21-15 21-11 win over Brazil's



ENGLAND IN TROUBLE AT **142-7 IN 3RD ASHES TEST**

ngland key batter Joe Root E was dismissed on the sec-ond ball of the day and Jonny Bairstow departed in the opening half-hour as Australia gave the hosts a lesson in slip fielding to take firm control of

the third Ashes test on Friday. At lunch on day two, England was 142-7 and still 121 runs behind Australia's first innings of 263. All-rounders Moeen Ali (21) and Chris Woakes (10) were dismissed

before the interval with Ali's attempted pull shot costing him his wicket. England captain Ben Stokes,

who shared a partnership of 44 with Ali for the sixth wicket, is at the crease on 27. Woakes' dismissal saw lunch taken at Headingley.

Root was earlier caught by first slip David Warner off the bowling of Australia captain Pat Cummins (4-59) without adding to his overnight score of 19.

Bairstow was caught by sec-



Aus reached tea at 29-1 in its second innings to lead Eng by 55 runs overall in a still competitive 3rd Ashes test after **Broad** again dismissed Warner

ond slip Steve Smith for 12 against Mitchell Starc (2-28). Both Root in the slips and Bairstow as wicketkeeper dropped chances on the first day in front of their home crowd.

Bairstow dropped Travis Head and Smith in another poor display of keeping. Root crucially spilled Mitch Marsh in the slips on 12 and dropped Alex Carey on 4. Marsh went on to celebrate his test comeback by smashing a run-a-ball 118. Root and Bairstow missed five chances on the day.



SL see off sorry WI in qualifier dead rubber

AFP HARARE

 $S_{\rm at}$ ri Lanka maintained their unbeaten record at the Cricket World Cup Qualifier as Pathum Nissanka's hundred helped secure an eight-wicket victory over the West Indies on Friday.

The Sri Lankans, who had already qualified for the tournament to be played later this year in India, bowled out the already-eliminated Windies for 243 before chasing down the target with 5.4 overs to spare.

The defeat brought an end to a miserable tournament for the Caribbean side, after previous losses to Zimbabwe, the Netherlands and Scotland.

'Just leave this behind us," said West Indies captain Shai Hope.

"Look forward. Communication is the key. We are already at the bottom, we have

to find ways to get back up." The Dutch secured the second qualifying place for the World Cup, to be held from October 5 to November 19, with a dramatic victory over Scotland on Thursday. Sri Lanka will face the Netherlands in

Sunday's final.

"Our camp is very positive and we are very confident with our performance," said Sri Lankan skipper Dasun Shanaka.

"What we need to control is our performance. The result will take care of itself." After winning the toss and electing to

field first, Sri Lanka ran through the West Indies top order, reducing their opponents to 123-7

Spinner Maheesh Theekshana removed three of the top four batters and ended with figures of 4-34 from his 10 overs.

Keacy Carty at least secured some respectability for the Windies with his 87, supported by Romario Shepherd and Kevin Sinclair down the order.

But Sri Lanka never looked in danger of stumbling with the bat, as Nissanka stroked a 113-ball 104 for his second successive century

His fellow opener Dimuth Karunaratne added 83 in a first-wicket partnership of 190. Both were eventually dismissed before Kusal Mendis and Sadeera Samarawickrama took the side home.

Tamim takes back resignation

PTI CHATTOGRAM (BANGLADESH)

 A^{day} after announcing his retirement from international cricket, Tamim Iqbal announced his return to the national side after being "admonished" by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

The 34-year-old Tamim, who was leading the side against Afghanistan in a three-match ODI series, had made the retirement announcement a day after Bangladesh lost the opening game here on Wednesday.

"Today afternoon (Friday), the Prime Minister invited me to her house. She admonished me and asked me to play again, so I have decided to come out of retirement at this moment," Tamim was quoted as saying by Cricbuzz.

"I can say no to everyone but it was impossible for me to say no to someone of the PM's authority. (Bangladesh Cricket Board president) Papon (Nazmul Hasan) bhai, Mashrafe (Mortaza) bhai were big, big factors too. Mashrafe bhai called me here and Papon bhai was

also with here. "Prime Minister also gave me one-and-a-half months break for my treatment and other things. After becoming mentally free, I will play the rest of the matches.



A hard hitter of the ball, Iqbal has played 70 Tests amassing 5,134 runs including 10 centuries and a

double ton in his 16-year career. It was in the ODIs that his true potential was realised as a toporder batter, where the stalwart has amassed 8,313 runs in 241 games

including 14 centuries -- the most for his country. He is also the third-highest run-scorer among current crick-eters, behind Virat Kohli and Rohit

Sharma. Iqbal's retirement had come as a surprise for Bangladesh just three months before the 2023 ODI World

Pujara hundred places West firmly en route to final

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heteshwar Pujara compiled Ca hundred full of intent to push West Zone to 292 for 9 in their second innings against Central Zone, and place his side firmly on the path to Duleep

Trophy final here on Friday. Riding on Pujara's 133 off 278 balls, West, after starting the day at 149 for 3, swelled their lead to a commanding 384 on a rain-hit third day which forced an early closure.

Pujara, overnight 50, fell into his gear early and never really gave any chance to the bowlers. His innings had 14 boundaries and a six and he batted for 366 minutes.

The Central, in fact, started the day on a bright note dismissing Sarfaraz Khan in the very first over of the day.

The Mumbai youngster edged left-arm spinner Saurabh Kumar to stumper Upendra Yadav, who held onto a rather simple chance. It also ended an underwhelming outing for him, making 0 and 6 here.

The Central bowlers continued to trouble batsmen at the other end, but Pujara was immovable. The Saurashtra star

indicated his intent in the first session itself, playing out 102

balls for 42 runs with three fours. As is his vaunt, Pujara plete his hundred.

snipped all the risks from his

game at this stage and offered

shots only to those balls that thoroughly deserved to put

the major scoring during this

one through the cover and one

Het Patel, who made 27, did

Once he went past the milestone, Pujara transformed into a different batter. Saurabh and off-spinner Saransh Jain, who combined to take seven wickets among them, were put to swords

period and the right-hander Pujara unfurled some attractive shots too, and his six was very easy on the eyes as well. Pujara went into lunch on off Saurabh was quite a stunner. The ball drifted on his leg and 92 and hardly wasted any time to reach the landmark upon his Pujara sent it soaring over midwicket with a simple flick of his return. Pujara hammered Saurabh for a couple of fours, wrists.

Then there were those

archetypal flicks off the pads off both pacers and spinners, who did the bulk of bowling on the day, as West raced ahead of

stantly at the other end, Pujara wanted to keep the strike, and his attempt to take a quick single off the last ball of an over resulted in his run out.

But by then, he had done enough to seal the fate of the match. If there is no play on the final day, West will enter the final by the virtue of their 92-run first

innings lead.

Cup in India.

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Legendary Indian captain and former wicketkeeper-batsman MS Dhoni, red to as the greates

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Central's reach. With wickets tumbling con-

en refer Indian cricketer of all time by many fans and greats of the game, is celebrating his 42nd birthday on Friday (July 7). The only captain in the history of the game who has managed to win all three ICC white-ball trophies as captain was born in Ranchi, and after making his debut at the age of 23 against Bangladesh in December 2004, went on to establish himself as one of the greatest, if not 'the greatest' cricketers of the world.

He represented Team India at the highest level for almost 15 years and during his time, helped the side win many memorable matches and tournament. It was under his leadership only that India managed to win the inaugur-al edition of ICC Men's T20 World Cup in South Africa in 2007 and then ended the 28-year-long wait for an ODI World Cup title as well on April 2, 2011 in front of home fans at the iconic Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai.

Dhoni, who only plays in IPL for Chenani Super Kings and won fifth title earlier this year was known for his leadership, wicketkeeping, batting and sur-prising everyone with his unexpected decisions. And on his special day, when the 'Captain Cool' is celebrating his 42nd birthday, here's a look at seven such occasions when he stunned every one with his unexpected deci sions:

Giving final over of T20 World Cup final to Joginder Sharma

India was up against Pakistan in the final of the inaugural edition of ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2007 in Johannesburg on September 24 and was defending a modest total of 158 runs. And in the summit clash when 13 runs were needed of the final over, Dhoni handed the ball to Joginder Sharma and not Harbhajan Singh. His decision to give the over to inexperience Joginder turned out to be a masterstroke as on the third ball he got rid of Misbah-ul-Haq to seal India's triumph by five runs. Chopped his long hair after

T20 WC win and shaved his head after ODI WC triumph

When Dhoni made his debut for Team India on December 23, 2004, in Chattogram against Bangladesh, he used to sport

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long hair and for more than two and a half years he played with long hairs, which later became a style statement among youngsters as Dhoni continued to impress. In the 2007 T20 World Cup as well Dhoni played with long hairs but after India's win in the summit clash, he surprised everyone by cutting his long hair and sporting an entirely new look. And if his short hair look was a surprise for fans then after India's win in 2011 ODI World Cup, Dhoni pulls another rabbit out of his hat and shaved his entire head after India's triumph.

Asked Sourav Ganguly to lead during the final session of his farewell Test

Sourav Ganguly was also one of the greatest Indian captains and during his farewell Test which was against Australia in Nagpur from November 6 to 10, 2008, Dhoni surprised 'Dada' by asking him to lead the Indian team for one last time during the final session of last day's play.

The Marriage with Sakshi that no one knew

Dhoni tied the knot with Sakshi Singh Rawat on July 4, 2010, in Dehradun in a private ceremony and hardly anyone had any idea about this development. Dhoni was the Indian captain at that time and was very popular among masses and rightly so when his wedding pictures came out, it shocked everyone.

Promoting himself over Yuvraj Singh in 2011 ODI World Cup final

Dhoni was horribly out of form in ODI World Cup 2011 but out the blue on the night of the final against Sri Lanka at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai, he decided to promote himself above in-form Yuvraj Singh. That moved turned out to be the game changing moment in the title-decider and Dhoni helped India win the ODI World Cup title by remaining not out on 91 runs from 79 balls. The clip of Dhoni hitting the six down the ground



on Sri Lankan pacer Nuwan Kulasekara's bowling is still fresh in everyone's mind

Shocking retirement from Tests in 2014 and international cricket on August 15,2020

Dhoni was the captain of Indian Test team during Australia tour in 2014-2015 but after the end of third Test in Melbourne on December 30, 2014, out of nowhere he decided to call time on his red-ball career. "One of India's greatest Test Captains under whose leadership India became the No. 1 team in the Test Rankings MS Dhoni, has decided to retire from Test Cricket citing the strain of playing all formats of Cricket," the BCCI said in a statement. "MS Dhoni has chosen to retire from

Test Cricket with immediate effect in order to concentrate on ODI and T20 formats. BCCI while respecting the decision of MS Dhoni to retire from Test Cricket, wishes to thank him for his enormous contribution to Test Cricket and the laurels that he has brought to India," it added.

Dhoni who hasn't played any international match for India for more than a year since featuring in the first semifinal of the ODI World Cup 2019, which India lost by 18 runs against New Zealand on July 10, 2019, in Manchester, announced his retirement from international cricket on August 15, 2020. He was not very active on social media but chose Instagram to post a video which features highlights of international career to notify everyone about his decision. He captioned the video, "Thanks a lot for ur love and support throughout.from 1929 hrs consider me as Retired.'

Stepped down from captaincy

On January 4, 2017, in another deci-sion which nobody was expecting Dhoni announced his decision to step down from white-ball captaincy of the Indian team. At that time, India was preparing to take on England in three-match ODI and three-match T20I series. Dhoni clarified his stance that he would be available for selection as a player but won't lead the side. And just like just two days before the start of IPL 2022, Dhoni quit CSK captaincy and passed on the baton to Ravindra Jadeja. But he did assume the role back mid-season after Jadeja gave up.