

Focus on energy, food security, climate; IIT-D to set up campus in Abu Dhabi

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India and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) on Saturday discussed the whole range of their bilateral ties during talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President of UAE Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, in Abu Dhabi. The two leaders also witnessed inking of three agree-ments, including a framework to promote the use of local currencies for cross border transactions and setting up of IIT Delhi campus in Abu Dhabi. The third deal was a mem-orandum of understanding

(MOU) between the Reserve Bank of India and Central Bank of UAE for the bilateral cooperation on interlinking their payment and messaging systems. Giving details of the delegation level and one-onone talks between the two leaders, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said later they held wide ranging discussions



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with UAE President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan during his ceremonial welcome in Abu Dhabi, on Saturday

covering various dimensions of the bilateral partnership The issued included trade and investment, fintech, enereight years. gy, renewables, climate action, higher education and people to people ties. The discussions also covered regional and global issues

The joint statement issued

presidency of the UAE. after the parleys said it was the As regards the talks on

fifth visit of Prime Minister Modi to the UAE in the last Saturday, the statement said the He last visited the UAE in June 2022 when he visited Abu Dhabi to meet Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan to convey his greetings as His Highness assumed the

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levels recede, several roads reopened

## STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

After wreaking havoc on Parts of Delhi close to it, the flood water in Yamuna on Saturday morning followed a downward trend, albeit at a slow pace of a few centimetres per hour. However, it is still flowing over two metres above the danger mark of 205.33

metres. Heavy rain lashed several areas of Delhi, causing waterlogging and traffic congestion in the city. The rain may lead to a rise in the water level in the Yamuna, which has been flow-ing at 206.87 metres by 8 pm. The water released from Hathinikund also reduced to 39,299 cusecs by 8 pm. The situation could worsen if weather predictions of more rain in the Capital and upper catch-

ment areas come true. The India Meteorological Department apredicted moderate rain in the city over the next two days and "heavy to



very heavy" rainfall over Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, and Uttar Pradesh during the next five days, raising concern about a rise in the water level in the river.

However, a blame-game erupted between the ruling AAP and the BJP which held each other responsible for the flood in the national Capital.

The Delhi Fire Service has rescued 33 trainee students of the Indian Statistical Service who were stuck at the Indian Public Institute of Administration (IIPA) at ITO. The Delhi Police has also

rescued more than 10 students who were trapped in the flood-

water of the Yamuna river at a school in north Delhi's Dharma Sangh Vidyalaya Gurukul.

Meanwhile, the Delhi Traffic Police has reopened several roads in the national Capital which were shut for traffic movement as the Yamuna floodwaters receded from the roads,

However, traffic regulations are still in effect on some key road stretches.

The Delhi Metro also lifted the speed restriction for metro trains while crossing the bridges over the Yamuna and said that all trains are running at normal speed now. Continued on Page 2

Assemblies across India have declared criminal cases against themselves. The analysis conducted by ADR and the National Election Watch (NEW) examined the self-sworn affidavits of current MLAs in state assemblies and union territories nationwide AMARNATH PILGRIMS Number crosses 2 l Srinagar: More than 21,000

SHAH LIKELY TO VISIT BENGAL IN AUGUST: BJP

Kolkata: Union Home Minister

Amit Shah is likely to visit West

Bengal in August, a month after the violence affected panchayat

elections in the state. BJP state

'44% MLAS IN INDIA HAVE CRIMINAL CASES

New Delhi: A recent analysis

conducted by the Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) has claimed that an approximate 44 per cent of MLAs in State

president Sukanta Majumdar . said on Saturdav

people paid obeisance at the cave shrine of amarnath in the south Kashmir Himalayas on Saturday, taking the total number of pilgrims past two lakh in the first 15 days of the annual yatra, officials said. "Total count of yatris surpassed the two lakh-mark in the first half of the month of July," said an official

## Nadda invites Chirag to attend NDA's July 18 meeting Modi surname remark: Rahul moves SC against

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Modi will be present.

In a move to strengthen the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) ahead of the upcoming Lok Sabha elections, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) president JP Nadda has extended an invita-tion to Lok Janshakti Party (UP) leader Chirag Paguan to (LJP) leader Chirag Paswan to d the NDA m ting sched

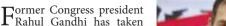
said he will attened the July 18 meeting and formally embrace the NDA.

Chirag , who is son of late Union Minister Ramvilas Paswan, is expected to be inducted into the Modi cabinet to bolster the NDA's presence in Bihar against the RJD-JDU-Congress-Left 'Mahagathbandhan'.

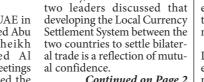
nterview with a news agency. Despite his separation from the NDA, Chirag has main-tained his support for the BJP and has referred to himself as

'Hanuman' to Modi. Union Minister Nityanand Rai, who met with Chirag for the second time in a week, shared Nadda's letter inviting hirag to the NI

as well as smaller parties from Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, and regional parties from northeastern states, are expected to attend the NDA meeting. Jitan Ram Manjhi, former Chief Minister of Bihar and leader of Hindustani Awam Morcha (HAM), which recently joined the NDA, is also expected to be



Gujarat HC's July 7 order



his legal battle to the Supreme Court, challenging the Gujarat High Court's July 7 order that dismissed his plea for a stay on his conviction in a defamation case related to his "Modi surname" remark .

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Senior advocate Prasanna S on Saturday filed the appeal on behalf of the disgualified MP. Rahul was disqualified as a Member of Parliament on March 24, 2023, following his conviction by a Gujarat court, which sentenced him to a twoyear imprisonment for criminal defamation based on his comments about the Modi surname

The Gujarat High Court, on July 7, rejected his petition for a stay on the conviction, emphasising the importance of "purity in politics." A stay on Rahul's conviction could have potentially allowed for his reinstatement as a Lok Sabha MP, but he failed to secure relief from either the sessions court or the Gujarat High Court.

Justice Hemant Prachchhak, in his verdict, emphasised that public repre-sentatives should have "clear antecedents" and that a stay on conviction is not the norm but

an exception granted in rare cases. He found no reasonable grounds to stay the conviction.

In his 125-page judgment, Justice Prachchhak also highlighted that Rahul Gandhi, as a former Congress president. faced 10 criminal cases across various states. He deemed the lower court's decision to impose a two-year jail term for

his remarks as "just, proper, and legal." The judge emphasized that the case was not centered solely on an individual but had implications for a "large section of society.

The court further noted that Rahul Gandhi had mentioned Prime Minister Narendra Modi's name in his speech to create sensation and influence the outcome of the 2019 Lok Sabha elections.

After the Parliamentary

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uled for July 18 in New Delhi, In his letter to Chirag Nadda emphasised the LJP's sta where Prime Minister Narendra tus as a key constituent of the Chirag has said he will dis-NDA and a crucial partner in the Modi-led Government's cuss the matter within the party agenda for the development and take a call on the invite. However, sources close to him and welfare of the underprivi-

leged. Chirag responded to the invitation, stating, "We will take a final decision after consulting

with party leaders. We have sup-

ported the BJP on various issues in the past, but the ultimate

decision to attend the NDA meeting will be made after discussions within our party," in an

July 18. Apart from Chirag, other new BJP allies, including Shiv Sena led by Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) faction led by Ajit Pawar,

Ajit visits aunt after surgery

at Sharad's Silver Oak

Telugu Desam Party and Shiromani Akali Dal, who had previously exited the NDA, are also being considered by the BJP for the NDA's expansion plans ahead of the general elections next year.

## Cong may oppose Ordinance, move to placate AAP to attend Opp meet

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The Congress has finally put an end to its ambivalent stance on the Delhi Ordinance issue, clearing the way for the Aam Aadmi Party's (AAP) participation in the July 17-18 meeting of Opposition parties in Bengaluru.

While not explicitly mentioning the ordinance, the party expressed its commitment to fight against the encroachment of the Modi Government on the constitutional rights and responsibilities of democratically elected State Governments.



Sonia Gandhi, on Saturday evening, Congress general secretary in-charge of communications Jairam Ramesh said they would oppose such attempts both inside and outside Parliament.

The meeting also discussed various issues to be raised during the upcoming Monsoon Session of Parliament

This decision by the Congress comes amid an ongoing disagreement with the Arvind Kejriwal-led Delhi Government, which has demanded a clear stance from the party to attend the Bengaluru meeting and future conclaves of Opposition parties.

The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Ordinance, 2023, which was promulgated by the Centre on May 19, has faced criticism from the AAP Government, alleging that it deceives the Supreme Court's verdict on control of services.

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#### T N RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

Nearly a fortnight after he rebelled against his uncle Sharad Pawar and joined the Eknath Shinde Government along with 40-odd MLAs, NCP's breakaway group leader and Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar lived up the "blood is thicker then watar" adaga as is thicker than water" adage, as he rushed to Sr Pawar's south Mumbai residence "Silver Oak" on Friday night to meet his aunt Pratibha Pawar and enquire about her health after surgery



Hours after Sr Pawar's wife underwent hand surgery, Ajit visited her and enquired about her health.

He spent half an hour with Pratibha and other family members

"After heeding the call of my conscience, I went to meet my aunt to enquire about her health," he said.

Ajit is the son of Sharad Pawar's elder brother Anantrao Pawar, a filmmaker. Ajitlost his father at an early age. Sr Pawar and Pratibha had brought up Jr Pawar as their son.

Talking to media persons at Nashik in north Maharashtra where he was on an official visit, Ajit said, "My kaki (aunt) had undergone surgery earlier in the afternoon. I had to go there to meet her."

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#### India's Moon mission liftoff Iran's only cricket stadium pins hopes on India captured by flier, video viral SWARN KUMAR ANAND Kohli and MS Dhoni. I hope a Pioneer. CHAHBAHAR (IRAN) Raeisi also requested day will come when Iran can

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■ he cabin of an IndiGo flight **L** was filled with anticipation on Friday afternoon as passengers settled into their seats, preparing for their journey from Chennai to Dhaka. However, they were about to witness an extraordinary moment that would capture the attention and imagination of people worldwide.

As the engines roared to life and the aircraft ascended into the sky, the passengers' focus shifted beyond the con-



fines of the airplane's windows. They instinctively reached for their phones, capturing the breathtaking liftoff of Chandrayaan-3, the Indian Space Research Organisation's (ISRO) third lunar mission. The video footage, showcasing the remarkable sight of the heavy-lift LVM3-M4 rocket launching from Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh, quickly spread like wildfire on

Twitter, captivating aviation and astronomy enthusiasts. Renowned for its updates

on flights and celestial events, The Chennai Skies Twitter account shared the viral video, becoming a symbol of the enchanting intersection between aviation and astronomy

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With India having a unique position in the cricketing world in terms of helping it foray into new territories by actively assisting countries in building up cricket stadiums, Iran has sought India's help to build Iran's first cricket stadium, which is being developed in Chahbahar.

"India is the best ambassador of cricket, and in this part of Iran, Indian sporting stars have a huge fan following. We want the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) to help expedite and complete the construction of the



Iran's Under-19 national cricket coach, Asghar Ali Raeisi, talks to The Pioneer's Swarn Kumar Anand

Chahbahar Cricket Stadium. If cultural ties," said Iran's Under-India helps this sporting cause, 19 national cricket coach, it could strengthen Indo-Iran Asghar Ali Raeisi, to The

India's BCCI to invite Afghan boys to undergo training there and organise similar training sessions in Iran.

"The boys here are looking forward to building their careers in cricket, but they don't have facilities like professional turfs. They practise on cemented floors," lamented the national cricket coach.

At this moment, a young cricket aspirant, standing by the national cricket coach, chimes in, "Please convey my request to BCCI to help us Iranian youth earn their names in cricket.

"I am a huge fan of Virat

invite India, Pakistan, and Afghanistan for tournaments. The under-construction stadium is part of the multispeciality facilities at the Chahbahar Free Trade–Industrial Zone (CFZ).

India has signed agreements to jointly develop CFZ for its strategic and commercial value. In the past, India has

helped Afghanistan, Maldives, and Sri Lanka in the construction of cricket stadiums. India assisted Afghanistan in building the Alokozay Kabul International Cricket Ground in Kabul and Kandahar International Cricket stadium.

## **Raut makes sensational** claim about Shinde, BJP

sunday pioneer

#### T N RAGHUNATHA 🗖 MUMBAI

Shiv Sena (UBT) MP and Chief spokesperson Sanjay Raut claimed here on Saturday that the ruling BJP had alleged-ly threatened a reluctant chief minister Eknath Shinde that he might have to quit as his post if he denied the plum Finance and Planning portfolio to the NCP's breakaway group leader and deputy chief minister Ajit

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Pawar. Talking to media persons, Raut made a revelation a day after Ajit Pawar landed the plum Finance and planning portfolio, saying that Shinde came around and allocated the key portfolio to the NCP's breakaway group leader and deputy chief minister only after the BJP leaders told him point blank that he would forego the chief minister's he denied the Finance portfolio to Jr Pawar.

Raut said that after the swearing-in ceremony of July 2 in which Ajit Pawar and eight of his supporting MLAs joined

the government, a Shiv Sena

delegation – owing allegiance to Eknath Shinde – had gone to New Delhi to a top BJP leader and express its reservations about Ajit Pawar being the Finance & Planning portfolio. "The BJP leaders were in

no mood to oblige Shinde. They firmly told Shinde that if he did not want to give the Finance & Planning portfolio to Ajit Pawar, the Shiv Sena would be given this portfolio. Ajit Pawar would instead be made the new CM. The Shinde was shell-shocked. With no alternative, Shinde allocated the Finance portfolio to Ajit



Pawar,"Raut said

Meanwhile, on being about the "revelation" made by Raut Ajit Pawar had a hearty laugh and said: "All these are baseless rumours being spread to create misunderstandings in the government and should not be given credence," he said.

"After all, all of us work for the welfare of the people and development of the state. Hence there is no reason for any differences among us. Whenever Shinde in his capacity as the chief minister, we will all be present. At that time, I will take Shinde and all ministerial colleagues and talk about the issue," Ajit Pawar said.

## Gadgil's book on global waste industry to put India on alert

#### KUMAR CHELLAPPAN KOCHI

Two books which are expect-ed to hit bookshelves across India soon has generated a lot of sensation across South India. While one is likely to delve into the fragile ecology and environment of the country, the other has a lot of things to teach the Indians. It is about the global waste industry, the first of its kind book to be published in

the recent past. "A Walk Up The Hill: Living With People and Nature" is the memoirs of award -winning environmentalist Dr Madhav Gadgil. "The book captures the remarkable experiences and expeditions that led to Gadgil becoming one of India's most celebrated environmentalists and ecology experts. It recounts his experiences living among the fisherfolk along the west coast, collaborating with horticulturists on the Western Ghats, and immersing himself in the vibrant tribal communities of Manipur and Maharashtra.

## Throughout his travels, Gadgil remains an integral part of a dynamic scientific community, sharing his profound insights and expertise," said a release by Peter Modoli, associate vicepresident, Penguin Random House, publishers of the much awaited memoirs.

Dr Gadgil has become a household name in Kerala thanks to his in-depth study about the sensitive Western Ghats which has been literally vandalized and destroyed by the encroachers and the forest mafia. Though Gadgil was appointed by the then UPA Government led by Manmohan Singh Government, the Congress and the CPI-M had no qualm in rejecting his recommendations to suit their political convenience. "The memoirs by Dr Gadgil are sure to generate lot of heat and dust in Kerala politics.

It will also expose the hypocrisy of mainstream political parties that do not hesitate to bend backwards to appease certain sections," said C R Neelakantan.

## Cong may oppose...

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When asked about the ordinance issue and whether the Congress would oppose the related bill in Parliament, Ramesh reaffirmed the party's consistent Opposition to the Modi Government's attacks on the constitutional rights and responsibilities of democratically elected State Governments and local bodies

He specifically mentioned the role of appointees of the Modi Government, such as governors, and emphasised that Congress has always opposed such actions and will continue to do so.

Ramesh also highlighted various assaults on constitutional bodies and agencies, including their weakening and misuse. As an example, he cited the ignored concerns raised by the national commission on scheduled tribes against laws of forest conservation that negatively impact tribal communities.

In response to the Congress party's statement, sources in the AAP indicated their intention to attend the conclave and dinner hosted by Sonia. However, they have

vet to confirm who will represent the AAP due to the ongoing flood situation in the national Capital, which they prioritise addressing. of

The meeting Opposition parties to discuss the Patna agenda is scheduled for Monday and Tuesday. Leaders from 24 non-BJP parties have been invited, indicating a higher level of participation compared to the previous Patna meeting where 15 parties were present. The initial meeting in Patna resulted in a resolution to collectively challenge the BJP in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, although differences emerged later with the AAP expressing difficulty in participating in future gatherings until the Congress publicly supports its

ssue president Congress Mallikarjun Kharge held a meeting with party leaders from six northeastern States to strategise for the 2024 Lok Sabha polls in those regions. During the meeting, concerns were raised about the deteriorating situation in Manipur, which has experienced violent clashes between

position on the ordinance

the Kuki and Meitei communities since early May. Kharge has already met leaders from Mizoram and will soon meet those from Assam.

Following the Strategy Parliamentary Meeting, Jairam Ramesh urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to break his silence on Manipur. He sarcastically referred to the "ABC of Prime Minister's silence," connecting it to issues related to Adani, Brij Bhushan, China, and suggesting that it may also extend to "M" for

Manipur Additionally, Ramesh stated that the party would raise concerns about railway safety in light of the Balasore train tragedy. He criticized the government for neglecting railway safety in its pursuit of launching Vande Bharat trains. The party reiterated its demand for the resignation of the Railway Minister. Rising prices of essential food items, including tomatoes, rice, pulses, and vegetables, were also highlighted.

The party seeks a discussion in Parliament to gain clarity on the government's actions.

lives with her husband and

family elsewhere in Mumbai).

Supriya told me: Ajit dada we

are now heading towards Silver

Oak. If you have finished your

work, you may join us there. I

wanted to meet my aunt.

Politics has nothing to do with

family ties. I have had family

ties with my uncle's family for

years. Family is the priority.

That's the Indian way of life,"

the Deputy Chief Minister said.

breach of drain. At least 66

Numbers of Senior IAS and

DANICS Officer have also

been deployed to assist the

District Administration to

strengthen the relief opera-

tions in different parts of the

said its personnel rescued

1,530 people from the flood-

affected areas of Delhi and

evacuated 6,345 people along

with 912 livestock. The force

has rescued more than 900

The NDRF spokesperson

## India's Moon mission liftoff...

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The footage immortalised the liftoff of Chandrayaan-3, standing as a testament to human ingenuity and the endless possibilities of exploration.

Coincidentally, another passenger aboard the same IndiGo flight happened to capture the liftoff, documenting the historic event as the pilot made a special announcement, urging everyone to witness the awe-inspiring moment outside

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Online bids for the following works are invited from registered contractors and firms of repute fulfilling registration criteria:

Excitement grew as the "When #aviation meets captivating footage circulated online. Dr Р Venkitakrishnan, coincidentally capturing the groundbased liftoff of Chandrayaan-3, shared his unique perspective with the world. His video showcased the grandeur of the launch, further amplifying the awe-inspiring nature of this @ChennaiRains #ISRO," tweetextraordinary event.

"Launch of Chandrayan 3 ed The Chennai Skies on July from flight. Sometime after

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takeoff from Chennai to Dhaka flight, the pilot announced to watch this historical event," tweeted Dr. P V Venkitakrishnan on July 15, 2023.

In yet another twist of fate, an individual recording the liftoff from the ground also happened to capture the same IndiGo flight in their video. As the footage concluded, the aircraft bound for Dhaka passed

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by, creating an unexpected convergence of perspectives. "Coincidentally, the same flight appears in my video. See the flight at the end of the video

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??. This video was shot by me in Chennai, and by the time IndiGo flight took off," tweeted Raj Bala on July 15, 2023.

at the extraordinary footage, ISRO officials shared insights into Chandrayaan-3's future trajectory.

the rocket, the propulsion module would embark on an elliptical cycle, orbiting the Earth approximately 5-6 times. Its closest point would be 170 km away, gradually moving towards the lunar orbit at a farthest distance of 36,500 km. in Kolar, Karnataka

Modi surname... From Page 1 On July 7, BJP MLA Purnesh Modi, the com-While the world marveled



Congress leader challenges the high court's verdict. Purnesh Modi, a former minister in the Gujarat government, had filed the criminal defamation case in 2019 after Rahul Gandhi made the remark during an election rally



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"But I was initially at Mantralaya (State Secretariat) as the portfolio allocation was happening. Later on, I was at Vidhan Bhavan where I had gone to meet State Assembly Speaker Rahul Narvekar ahead of the start of the monsoon session of the Maharashtra Assembly)

"After I finished my work, I called up Supriya Sule ( who

Rain may... Engineering Group of Army have assisted in resolving the

city".

From Page 1 Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal held an emergency Cabinet meeting and deputed Ministers for six flood-affected districts to ensure proper facilities at relief camps. Orders will be issued to officers to report, and coordinate and cooperate with Ministers to ensure proper facilities such as food. water, toilets and electricity at flood relief camps, Minister for Irrigation and Flood Control Saurabh Bharadwaj said

PWD Minister Atishi will animals, including cows, in the North East Delhi district, while Gopal Rai has been deputed for Shahdara, Kailash Gahlot for South East Delhi and Imran Hussain for the Central Delhi district, he said. Bharadwaj will look after the camps in the East Delhi district. Delhi Chief secretary Naresh Kumar also issued an order deploying senior IAS and DANICS officers to supervise and help district magistrates in the relief and rehabilitation work. Kejriwal also appealed to people of the city not to take selfies or swim in flooded areas as it could be fatal and said the threat of floods was not over yet. His appeal came a day after three boys drowned in a ditch while bathing in floodwaters in northwest Delhi's Mukundpur Chowk area Sharing details of relief operations, Divisional Commissioner and Principal Secretary (Revenue) Ashwini Kumar said a total of 25,478 people have been evacuated so far from the flood-affected areas through rescue oper-The Delhi ations. Government reported that 22,803 individuals have been relocated to tents and shelters. Additionally, 16 teams of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) have been deployed to assist with rescue efforts in the flood-affected districts. "The water level in the Yamuna in Delhi is showing a receding trend and heavy rainfall is not expected in the city or the higher reaches anytime soon, Kumar said. 'Total 27 ambulances are deployed with adequate manpower and additional 23 ambulances are on standby. 60 personnel and officers of

Modi, UAE...

From Page 1 Moreover, it underlines the robustness of the economies in both countries and enhances the economic engagement between the UAE and India.

The leaders expressed their interest in strengthening cooperation in the payment systems area by enabling integration between their instant payment systems to process cross-border transactions between the UAE and India more efficiently.

Such cooperation will also include the mutual acceptance nterlinking national card witches. Integration between hese systems will enhance ccess to payment services for he benefit of the citizens and esidents of the two countries. The leaders expressed satsfaction that UAE-India relaions have witnessed tremenous progress on all fronts. ndia-UAE trade rose to USD of projects in this area. 5 billion in 2022, making the JAE India's third-largest tradng partner for the year 2022-3 and India's second-largest xport destination. India is the JAE's second largest trading

opportunities for the UAE in India

The leaders resolved to further enhance bilateral partnership in the energy field, both in oil, gas, and renewable energy. Both sides will take forward their cooperation in Green Hydrogen, solar energy and grid connectivity. Both sides also agreed to increase investment across the energy

spectrum, including in India's Strategic Petroleum Reserve Programme. Recognising the imporurity, the lead ers reiterated their resolve to promote the reliability and resilience of food supply chains and expand food and agriculture trade, including through food corridors projects in India. The UAE side will complete its consultations with various Indian stakeholders swiftly for the early realisation

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12	2023_PWPIU _289458_1	ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN AND DPR CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SURVEY INVESTIGATION AND DPR PREPARATION FOR BUILDING WORK PROJECT IN PWD PIU DISTT GUNA (M.P.) 2ND CALL	GUNA	20.00 LAC	50000/-	5000/-	12 MONTHS
13	2023_PWPIU _289026_1	CONSTRUCTION OF CM RISE SCHOOL BUILDING AT GOVT. H.S. SCHOOL BARKHEDA HAT DISTRICT GUNA M.P. 2ND CALL	GUNA	2626.00 LAC	1313000/-	50000/-	18 MONTHS
14	2023_PWPIU _289027_1	CONSTRUCTION OF PHC BUILDING WITH 1G AND 1H TYPE QTRS AT MADAGANMAFI BLOCK CHACHODA DIST GUNA 2ND CALL	GUNA	236.11 LAC	236110/-	15000/-	15 MONTHS
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17	2023_PWPIU _289028_1	CONSTRUCTION OF COMPOSITE S.D.M. OFFICE BUILDING AT GUNA 2ND CALL	GUNA	666.00 LAC	666000/-	20000/-	18 MONTHS
18	2023_PWPIU _289626_1	ARCHITECURAL, DESIGN AND DPR CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR VARIOUS BUILDING WORK UNDER EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD MORENA 1ST CALL	MORENA	50.00 LAC	50000/-	5000/-	12 MONTHS
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oartner. In February 2022, India ecame the first country with which the UAE signed a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement CEPA). Bilateral trade has ncreased by approximately 15 per cent since the entry into orce of the CEPA on 1 May 022

The leaders noted the sigificant global roles played by oth countries in 2023, with ndia's presidency of the G20 nd the UAE's presidency of COP28.

The leaders reiterated their esolve to further strengthen nvestment ties between the wo countries. In this context, hey appreciated the efforts of he bilateral High-Level Joint ask Force of Investments.

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The leaders noted that people-to-people contacts, which date back centuries, are one of the strongest and most important pillars of the historic India-UAE ties.

The UAE expressed appreciation that the large Indian diaspora continues to play a significant role in the society and economy of the UAE and further reinforces bilateral relations.

They agreed to further strengthen bilateral collaboration to strengthen maritime security and connectivity in the region to promote prosperity in India, the UAE, and the shared neighborhood. They also agreed to enhance defense exchanges, sharing of experiences, training, and capacity building.

Modi and Nahyan reaffirmed their joint commitment to the fight against extremism and terrorism, including crossborder terrorism, in all forms, at both the regional and international levels.

Both leaders emphasised the importance of multilateralism and called for collective action to promote a just, rulesbased global order. The two leaders also expressed satisfaction on the coordination between the two sides on UN Security Council matters, especially in 2022, when both countries served as non-permanent members of the UNSC.

addits bull worth Rs 1 crore, from the flood-affected areas of Delhi and Noida during the last few days. The normal water supply in the city, which was affected due to flooding in WTPs, is likely to be restored on Sunday as the chief minister said that water treatment plants (WTPs) at Wazirabad and Chandrawal

will be started by Sunday. Atishi said the Public Works Department (PWD) has started pumping out water, cleaning roads, and opening them up for traffic movement in view of a fall in Yamuna's water level. The PWD minister also said that the Kashmiri Gate ISBT and Bhairon Marg have been opened for vehicular traffic.

However, Bharadwaj alleged that the flood in the city was caused by a conspiracy by the BJP-led Centre and the Harvana Government. Addressing a Press conference here, he said it has not rained in Delhi in the last three-four days, yet still the water level in Yamuna reached 208.66 meters.

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## **'Baseless charges that officials** didn't respond to phone calls'

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## Unfortunate, says Principal Secy (Revenue)

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xpressing disappointment Ever elected representatives targeting officers who have been working "tirelessly" to bring the flood situation in the city under Divisional control, Commissioner and Principal Secretary (Revenue) Ashwini Kumar on Saturday said baseless allegations should not be levelled against the officers. "This is unfortunate.

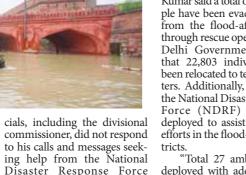
All our field officers have lit erally been working day and night to confront the situation. Levelling allegations in the middle of such a situation is unfortunate. These distract the officers," he said.

His comments came after Delhi PWD minister Atishi and



Water Minister Saurabh Bharadwaj alleged that the Divisional Commissioner did not respond to their phone calls. In a note to Chief Secretary Naresh Kumar, Atishi alleged that she tried to contact the Divisional Commissioner since morning, but her calls and messages to him went unanswered. Kumar, however, said he had been attending Atishi's calls. Terming her behaviour "unfortunate", he suggested that her actions were politically moti-

vated. Earlier, Bharadwaj had claimed that senior Delhi offi-



to his calls and messages seeking help from the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) to fix a broken flow regulator at drain no. 12, which resulted in flooding in central parts of the capital on Friday, including the Supreme Court, Rajghat and ITO. In response to Bharadwaj's allegation, Kumar said the NDRF specialises in rescue and rehabilitation work and it had recommended involving the resources of the Irrigation

and Flood Control Department to fix the regulator. "We should what, else how can we get the work done," he said. Sharing details of relief operations, Kumar said a total of 25,478 people have been evacuated so far from the flood-affected areas through rescue operations. The Delhi Government reported that 22,803 individuals have been relocated to tents and shelters. Additionally, 16 teams of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) have been deployed to assist with rescue efforts in the flood-affected dis-

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"Total 27 ambulances are deployed with adequate manpower and additional 23 ambulances are on standby. 60 personnel and officers of Engineering Group of Army have assisted in resolving the breach of drain.

At least 66 Numbers of Senior IAS and DANICS Officer have also been deployed to assist the District Administration to strengthen the relief operations in different parts of the city".

## Saurabh seeks action against 3 officers for ignoring Mins' orders, writes to LG these IAS officers (Chief

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

Delhi Flood and Control Minister Saurabh Bharadwaj on Saturday wrote to Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena, seeking action against Chief Secretary Naresh Divisional Kumar. Commissioner Ashwini Kumar and Flood and Irrigation Secretary Ashish Kundra, accusing them of deliberately ignoring the instructions of three Ministers for calling the National Disaster Relief Force (NDRF) and Army Engineers Regiment to repair the WHO

building regulator. Bharadwaj stated the named officers allegedly ignored the directions of the Ministers which led to the flooding of VIP areas of Lutyens' Delhi including the Supreme Court.

Bharadwaj shared a series of messages reportedly exchanged with the group on that night in his letter. "Officers ignored the directions causing flood situations in VIP areas of Delhi, including the Supreme

Court of India.

Flooding could have been avoided if the directions of ministers had been followed and Army/NDRF was called on the preceding night. This was conspiracy against Supreme Court," Saurabh Bhardwaj writes in his letter.

In the letter, the minister told LG that there is a WhatsApp group called 'Delhi Flood Control 2023' and the members include him, minister Atishi and the three officers.

Bharadwaj claimed he sent a message to divisional commissioner Ashwani Kumar on the night of July 13 on the group explaining the need to call NDRF. His cabinet col-

league Atishi is also said to have suggested for calling the Engineering Wing of the NDRF or Engineering Regiment of Army. <sup>o</sup>I felt so sad because this situation could have been avoided had the officers like Chief Secretary Naresh Kumar, Principal Secretary (I&FC) Ashish Kundra followed the directions of two ministers to call Engineers' Regiment of Army and NDRF at appropriate time of preceding night only", Bharadwaj wrote.

Calling the two officers' conduct 'beyond the definition of insubordination and deriliction of duty, the Aam Aadmi Party leader said,"These acts are not the acts of negligence; these acts appear to be deliberate acts to allow the flooding of sensitive VIP areas of Lutyens' Delhi.

This was a conspiracy to embarrass the top court of the country

"With the help of limited resources at hand, I supervised the efforts whole night without availability of any of

Secretary, Divisional Commissioner, Secretary I8sFC) and water reached the Supreme Court's main road thus leading to flood in the entire area of ITO, Delhi Secretariat and adjoining areas. "These acts of CS, Div. Commissioner, I&F Secretary

go much beyond the definition of insubordination, dereliction of duty. These are clearly acts of criminal conspiracy against the people of Delhi. These acts are not the acts of negligence; these acts appear to be deliberate acts to allow the flooding of sensitive VIP areas of Lutyen's Delhi. This was the conspiracy to embarrass the top Court of the Country i.e. the Supreme Court of India," Bharadwaj said.

Delhi Revenue Minister Atishi wrote to Chief Secretary Naresh Kumar and raised concern over the absence of basic facilities such as drinking water and toilets in relief camps. In her letter, she also alleged that the divisional commissioner did not respond to her calls.

## Apologise to people for failing to handle flood woes: BJP to CM

## STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

The flood water in river Yamuna has triggered a political slugfest between the AAP and the BJP accusing each other for Delhi flood. The BJP on Saturday alleged that inaction and corruption of the AAP Government was responsible for the flood in Delhi and asked Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal to apologise to the people for "failing" to handle the situation.

Addressing a press conference, BJP spokesperson Gaurav Bhatia and party MP Parvesh Sahib Singh Verma alleged that the flood was caused by lack of desilting of the Yamuna in the last eight years of the

Kejriwal government. Verma claimed that in a meeting on May 23 this year, it was decided how much water will be released into the Yamuna during monsoon, and the AAP Government in Delhi knew it.



"In 2013 and 2019, 8 lakh cusecs water was released from Hathinikund barrage into the Yamuna

This year, only 3.5 lakh cusecs discharge caused flood-ing in Delhi. This because Kejriwal's priority is not work but to make excuses.

The AAP and Kejriwal are big on making excuses, corruption and inaction. Just like they blamed the Centre and other states during the COVID-19 pandemic and for pollution, they were now accus-ing Haryana for flood in Delhi," Bhatia charged. Delhi Cabinet



Saturday alleged that flood in the city were caused by the the BJP-led Centre and Haryana government wilfully releasing water towards the national capital.

Addressing a press conference, Bharadwaj said it has not rained in Delhi in the last 3-4 days, yet still the water level in Yamuna reached 208.66 metres. 'The water from Hathnikund Barrage is released from three canals - Western Canal, Eastern Canal and Yamuna. As part of a conspiracy, between July 9 and 13, water was

released from Yamuna canal only towards Delhi. There was no water released through the Western and Eastern Canal," he claimed.

Similar charges were made by him and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Friday, even as the city government butted heads with Lieutenant Governor V K Saxena over a broken regulator that allegedly caused inundation on the Vikas Marg. Bhatia said while the Centre, army, NDRF, Delhi LG and other agencies were working hard to provide relief to the people, the AAP leader and ministers of the Kejriwal government were alleging there was a "conspiracy" to flood the city.

Bhatia asked the Kejriwal government how much it spent on desilting of Yamuna from Rs 6,800 crore that was given to it for cleaning of the river.

He also alleged that the AAP government failed to put in place a proper drainage sys-

tem and ensure timely desilting of drains in Delhi that led to widespread flooding and waterlogging in the city. He said Kejriwal should apolo-gise to the people for the situation in Delhi.

Verma alleged that the Kejriwal government and leaders of the AAP were indulging in politics and blaming the Centre and Haryana for their failures.

"They do not answer why Yamuna desilting was not done last year. Delhi faced floods after 45 years because the Kejriwal government did nothing to assess the situation and make necessary preparations." When the chief minister should have been busy with preparations for the monsoon, Kejriwal was meeting opposition leaders across the country "to defeat

Narendra Modi", he said. Harvana home minister Anil Vij on Saturday hit back at the AAP government over the flood situation in Delhi.

## Roads reopened, traffic advisory issued

## STAFF REPORTER NEW DELH

The Delhi Traffic Police on Saturday reopened some roads that had been closed to traffic due to the increase in the Yamuna water level over the past few days. The traffic police said Boulevard Road to slip road, below Yudhisthir setu to Mahatma Gandhi Marg to Wazirabad flyover have been opened for traffic.

However, traffic regulations are still in effect on some key road stretches. According to an advisory issued by the traffic police on Saturday, Yamuna's water level dropped to 207.67 metres at 8 am on Saturday, reducing the water level on roads. As of 11 am, restrictions for traffic movement were relaxed on some roads, while a few roads remained shut, it said.

"Boulevard Road - slip road - service road - left turn under Yudhishthira Setu - Ring Road, Chandgi Ram Akhara to Mukarba Chowk Carriageway and Chandgi Ram Akhara to IP College both Carriageways the traf e been ope. fic movement," the advisory stated. Bhairon Marg from Mathura Road to Ring Road carriageway, Vikas Marg from ITO to Laxmi Nagar both carriageways, Nishad Raj Marg from Shanti Van to Geeta



Colony both carriageways have also been opened, the advisory added.

The road stretches that still remain shut for movement, include Ring Road - Majnu Ka Tilla – ISBT - Shanti Van - IP flyover to IP Depot both carriageways, Ring Road - IP Depot to IP flyover to ISBT carriageway, Salim Garh bypass, old iron bridge Pusta to Shamshan Ghat, Outer Ring Road - Mukarba Chowk to Wazirabad carriageway and

Border and Bhopura Border. However, there are no restrictions on vehicles carry-

Border, Loni Border, Apsara

ing essential commodities or services and relief materials. Commuters are advised to postpone travel plans to lowlying areas in view of a high alert issued by the administration and the roads which are closed should be avoided in case of any unavoidable jour-

ney, the advisory added.



## 6 flood-hit districts



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hief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Saturday held a Cabinet meeting and deputed ministers at six flood-affected districts to ensure proper facilities at relief camps set up by the Delhi government.

Orders would be issued to officers to report, and coordinate and cooperate with ministers to ensure proper facilities such as food, water, toilets and electricity at flood relief camps, Minister for Irrigation and Flood Control Saurabh Bharadwaj said.

Under the new arrangement, the chief minister gave the charge of South-East district to Home Minister Kailash Gahlot, East district to Bharadwaj, North-East district to Revenue Minister Atishi and North district to Social Welfare Minister Raaj Kumar Anand, according to a statement from the Chief Minister's Office.

Civil Supplies Minister Imran Hussain will look after camps in the Central district, while Environment Minister Gopal Rai has been given the charge of Shahdara district, it said. "Each minister will be accountable and responsible for ensuring essential services, including food, water, electricity, medical aid, and other necessary facilities in the relief camps within their respective districts," the statement said. Earlier in the day, Chief

Secretary Naresh Kumar had issued an order deputing senior IAS and DANICS officers to strengthen rescue, relief and

rehabilitation work by monitoring and assisting district magistrates and sub divisional magistrates. The senior officers associ-

ated with rescue and relief work include Additional Chief Secretary PK Gupta, Finance Secretary AC Verma and Services Śecretary AK Singh. Bhardwaj said that the district level officers will report to minister and take instructions from them.

The ministers, who have been assigned districts, will work "diligently" to ensure that the affected people receive the necessary support and assistance during this challenging time, he said.

During the meeting with his Cabinet colleagues, Kejriwal took reports from different departments regarding the situation caused by flooding and discussed these extensively.

Earlier, Kejriwal said the water level of the Yamuna in the national capital is receding slowly and the situation will normalise soon if there is no more heavy rainfall. With several parts of city still inundated, the chief minister also urged people to avoid waterlogged areas and appealed to people of city not to take selfies or swim in flooded areas as it could be fatal and said threat of floods was not over yet.

Aadmi (AAP) has set up a 'Flood Relief Kitchen' at the party headquarters to supply meals to the people displaced by floods. The announcement was made by AAP Delhi State Convenor Gopal Rai at a press conference here. The BJP has hit back at the AAP saying Rai's press conference exposed the inaction of the Arvind Kejriwal government and Aam Aadmi Party in flood relief work.

Éarlier, Rai has said there were currently more than 40 relief camps set up by the Arvind Kejriwal government to rescue the stranded from lowlying areas near the Yamuna River.

The minister said that all his cabinet peers and MLAs and councillors from the party have been instructed to visit their areas and help people affected by the floods. Rai said the Delhi government has appointed coordinators for all 40 camps to assess the food needs of the inmates so that they don't fall short.

Taking a dig at the AAP



government, BJP Spokesperson Praveen Shankar Kapoor has said that today's press conference of Rai has exposed the inaction of the Arvind Kejriwal government in flood relief work

"Rai in a statement said that from today we will start food kitchens and deliver food to 40 government camps, is an acceptance that the AAP government has not done relief work for the flood victims in the last 5 days.

Kapoor said that it is regrettable that for the last five days, be it Delhi Ministers or AAP leaders, they were only making political statements

The NDRF spokesperson

said its personnel rescued 1,530

people from the flood-affected

areas of Delhi and evacuated

but did not provide relief to flood affected people. BJP MP Ramesh Bidhuri visited the relief camps of Jaitpur and Vishwakarma Colony & directed the officials to increase the number of defecation vehicles. East Delhi MP Gautam Gambhir provided food to the flood victims through one of

his Asha Jan Rasoi. Leader of the Opposition in the Vidhansabha Ramveer Singh Bidhuri got food distributed both times to the flood-affected people in Vishwakarma Colony and Jaitpur, organized a medical camp and distributed clothes for flood victims. Rajghat and towards ISBT.

The Kashmere Gate ISBT remains closed, the police said. The entry of heavy goods vehicles has been banned from Singhu Border, Tikri Border, Rajokari Border, Badarpur

that the traffic movement at Pragati Maidan Tunnel is normal. In another tweet, it stated that the road from Shantivan to Geeta Colony both carriageways has been opened only for cars, autos and light vehicles.

## **Delhi Fire Services rescues 30 IIPA trainees from ITO**

#### STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

The Delhi Fire Services (DFS) rescued more than 30 trainees from the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) in Delhi's ITO area. Besides, Delhi police rescued more than 10 students who were trapped in the floodwater of the Yamuna river at a school in north Delhi.

According to the director of DFS, Atul Garg, the fire department received an emergency call at 11.20 a.m. about

the situation at IIPA. "Without delay, the DFS personnel rushed to the scene to assess the situation and initiate the rescue operation.

The primary concern was the safety and the well-being of the 33 trainees from the Indian Statistical Service who found themselves trapped at the institute due to rising water levels," said Garg.

Delhi police has also rescued more than 10 students who were trapped in the floodwater of the Yamuna river at a school in north Delhi. Deputy

Singh Kalsi said that on Saturday, at about 1 p.m., an information was received at Kashmere Gate police station that around 10-12 students were stuck inside a school, Dharma Sangh Vidyalaya Gurukul. "On receiving the information, the Station House Officer along with a police team reached the spot and, in cooperation with the National Disaster Response Force, rescued all 12 students who are now safe and sound," the DCP added.

Commissioner of Police Sagar

## 900 animals worth ₹1 crore rescued

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The National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) has rescued more than 900 animals, including cows, dogs, goats, rabbits and a bull worth Rs 1 crore, from the floodaffected areas of Delhi and Noida during the last few days.

A NDRF spokesperson said its rescuers undertook a "significant" and "challenging evacuation" in Hindrise Cattle Ashram of Sector-135 of Noida, neighbouring Delhi, from where it rescued 221 livestock such as cows, calves and goats, dogs and rabbits and "India's number one bull, named Pritam".

The bull is worth Rs 1 crore, the force said in a Twitter post. The operation is still



going on. The NDRF has deployed livestock.

> NDRF operations undertaken over the last two-three days in Delhi-NCR, where the swollen Yamuna river has led to severe flooding in certain areas.

'Till now in Delhi area

NDRF teams have rescued total 1530 people from difficult areas and evacuated 6345 people along with 912 livestock to safer places. Besides, NDRF teams are conducting regular rescue/ evacuation operations in flood-prone areas in other States also. During the current monsoon season, NDRF has rescued more than 2286 precious lives and evacuated 17,492 people and 1407 livestock to safer places," the NDRF

On Friday, the force rescued 30 animals, including cows and buffaloes, from the Usmanpur area of Delhi following a 12-hour operation, he said. The NDRF also provided basic medical care to these distressed animals through its cadre of veterinary doctors.

## DMRC removes speed restrictions for metro trains crossing bridges over Yamuna

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In a relief for commuters, the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) announced the removal of speed restrictions for metro trains crossing the bridges over the Yamuna. DMRC took to Twitter to inform the public that all trains are now running at normal speed.

Metro trains had been crossing the four Yamuna bridges at a restricted speed of 30 kmph as a precautionary measure due to the level of the river. "Speed restriction imposed while crossing Metro bridges over Yamuna has been removed. All trains are

running at normal speed now," the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) said in a tweet. The four metro bridges are at Yamuna Bank (698.8 metres on Blue Line), Nizamuddin (602.8 metres on Pink Line), Kalindi Kunj (574 metres on Magenta Line), and Shastri Park (553 metres on Red Line).

Work on the construction of a new 560-metre-long bridge, the first-ever metro bridge over the Yamuna to be built using the cantilever construction technique, has been halted due to the rising water level of the river, a senior official said on Friday.

said.

6,345 people along with 912 16 teams in Delhi, apart from These figures pertain to a few others in the Delhi and the National Capital Region.

# **Rahul's tweet on Manipur sparks** war of words between Cong, BJP

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PM silent as EU discussed Manipur: Rahul; 'frustrated dynasť, says BJP

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## PNS 📕 NEW DELHI

Rahul Gandhi's tweet about the European Parliament discussing the ethnic violence in Manipur has ignited a fierce political battle between the BJP and the Congress. The BJP has labeled him a "frustrated dynast" in response.

Rahul Gandhi accused the Prime Minister of remaining silent on the Manipur issue despite the EU Parliament's deliberations

His tweet stated, "Manipur burns. EU Parliament discusses India's internal matter. PM hasn't said a word on either! Meanwhile, Rafale gets him a ticket to the Bastille Day Parade. Rahul Gandhi

(@RahulGandhi) July 15, 2023." The European Parliament's

The BJP on Saturday appointed Union Minister

Narendra Singh Tomar the

convenor of its Election

Management Committee for

the forthcoming Madhya

Pradesh is to go to polls later

this year facing stiff challenge

from the Congress. A sea-

soned organisation leader,

Tomar has held various posi-

tions in the party, including

that of its Madhya Pradesh

The BJP-ruled Madhya

Pradesh Assembly



adoption of a motion cond у n https://t.co/OcpTPd7gdy demning the nationalistic rhetoric of prominent BJP Smriti Z Irani (@smritiirani) members regarding the July 15, 2023. Manipur violence prompted In response, head of the

the Indian government to assert Congress communication wing, that the matter is solely an Jairam Ramesh, lashed out at internal affair. the government's handling of In retaliation, Union the Manipur situation, drawing Minister Smriti Irani criticized parallels to an influential essay Rahul, saying, "A man who called "The Moon and the seeks international interven-Ghetto. tion in India's internal matters, He highlighted the dispara frustrated dynast who sullies

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Gandhi of relying on foreign Rejected by people, he powers to settle domestic politseethes as defense contracts no longer land at the doorstep of ical scores and collaborating

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with global syndicates under mining India's interests. BJP spokesperson Gaurav Bhatia reminded Rahul of his past misattributions to the Supreme Court and urged him to refrain from casting doubt on constitutional institutions

Amit Malviya, who heads the BJP's IT department, linked the EU's comments on Manipur to Rahul's visit to the state, insinuating that the former Congress president was politicizing the conflict. He questioned the timing of the EU Parliament's proposal for a debate. "It can't be a mere coinci-

dence that EU Parliament proposed to debate the conflict in Manipur, which it has no business venturing into, soon after Rahul Gandhi visits the state. Let's look at the sequence of events. Rahul Gandhi goes to London and seeks foreign intervention in...

https://t.co/IeuViSGmRx pic.twitter.com/CCwdL7JvWz Amit Malviya (@amitmalviya) July 15, 2023.

## Cheetahs to remain in Kuno, says Bhupender

## PTI BHOPAL

Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Bhupender Yadav on Saturday said the cheetahs will continue to remain in the Kuno national park in Madhya Pradesh and asserted that the project will be successful.

"We are in touch with experts, including international experts. Our team will visit there. They will not be relocated and will remain in Kuno only," the minister said. Yadav's comments came amid concern expressed by some experts on the cheetah project.

While a South African expert suggested that septicemia caused by radio collars could be a possible reason behind the death of two male cheetahs in MP this week, another expert said only the post-mortem report will determine the exact cause. Male cheetah Suraj, translocated from South Africa, died at the

Kuno National Park (KNP) in Sheopur on Friday, while another translocated male cheetah Tejas died on Tuesday.

Vincent van der Merwe, a South African cheetah metapopulation expert, said extreme wet conditions are causing the radio collars to create infection and possibly that was the reason behind the death of these cheetahs.

The death of two cheetahs has pushed the fatality count to eight, including three cubs, in less than four months.

Asked about the fate of the cheetah project in India, Merwe sounded optimistic."We still have 75 per cent of the founder population alive and well in India.

So all is still on track with observed mortality well within normal parameters for wild cheetah reintroduction," he added. KNP director Uttam Sharma said they have sent the post-mortem reports of the two cheetahs to the senior authorities in Bhopal.

BJP using UCC as political tool to sharpen communal polarisation, says Yechury

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The Uniform Civil Code The Uniform  $C_{VII}$  could (UCC) is a political tool being used by the BJP to sharpen communal polarisation, CPI(M) General Secretary Sitaram Yechury said on Saturday.

Uniformity does not mean equality, he stressed, while addressing a massive gathering attending a national seminar to discuss the UCC organised by the Left party here. Yechury said laws that are discriminatory have to be corrected in consultation with the entire community and not by imposing UCC from the top. "Uniformity does not mean equality.

The CPI(M) stands for equality like the Constitution of India stands for equality. And it's that equality that we need to fight for ... That everyone of us is first a human being and then everything else follows," Yechury said. The CPI(M) leader pointed out that the 21st Law Commission, appointed



by the Modi government, had made it clear that the UCC was "neither necessary nor desirable at this stage". Yechury said any effort to impose uniformity will tear our social fabric.

"UCC is a slogan that is meant to sharpen communal polarisation and not to actualy achieve any uniformity at all...But to be used as a political tool by the BJP for sharpening communal polarisation," Yechury added. The seminar is being held at the Calicut Trade Centre near Sarovaram Biopark.

Non-codified Muslim personal law has posed significant challenges for women: NCW

## PTI NEW DELHI

The non-codified nature of Muslim personal law has led to misinterpretation and posed significant chal-lenges for Muslim women, the National Commission for

Women said turne o eration on Saturday. The National Commission for Women (NCW) held the deliberation to discuss the rights of Muslim women, with a spe-

cific focus on reviewing Muslim Personal Law. The consultation took place in the backdrop of the Law Commission's recent call to seek responses from various organisations and public regarding implementation of

a Uniform Civil Code.

## 'DYRK1A gene causes early ageing in people with Down's' couple, Dr Yuppal said, Dr Uppal called for a need for

## PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

Researchers have discovered that an overactive gene called DYRK1A on chromo-some 21 causes cells of people with Down's Syndrome (DS) to age prematurely.

This gene disturbs the DNA-damage-repair mecha-



BJP appoints Tomar as convenor

leader Tomar enjoys the confidence of various regional leaders in the Hindi heartland state. The Union Minister also comes from the Gwalior-Chambal region where the BJP president. A low-key profile is working hard to improve its

## of poll management body for MP show after being outsmarted by the Congress in the 2018 assembly polls. Union minister Bhupender Yadav was earlier also made the BJP's poll incharge for Madhya Pradesh. Before the expected changes in the Modi cabinet

many central ministers have already been allocated organizational responsibilities. Union minister G Kishan Reddy was last week appointed BJP president of Telangana which is also to elect new state assembly later this year along with MP, Rajasthan, Chattisgarh, and Mizoram

In its bid to check the spread-ing footprint of the banned terror group Islamic State Khorasan Province (ISKP) in the Indian hinterland, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) has taken over the investigation into a secret module of the outfit in Gujarat.

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The agency has registered an FIR against three youths from Jammu and Kashmir and a woman from Porbandar in Gujarat linked to the ISKP. The four accused were identified as Ubaid Nasir Mir, Hanan Hayat Shawal, Mohd. Hazim Shah from Jammu and Kashmir and a Gujarati woman Sumera Ban.



They were arrested by the Gujarat Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) on June 9. However, the NIA took over the case earlier this month following a directive from the Union Home Ministry. According to the FIR, the arrested accused were active members of ISKP and had planned to go to Afghanistan along with their co-conspirator Zubair Ahamd

NIA takes over ISKP case probe in Guj illegally from Porbandar to carry out a terror attack in that country. The FIR also recorded the recovery of electronic devices such as mobile phones, tablets, and sharp-edged weapons like knives besides personal identity documents by

> "And whereas, the Central government is of the opinion that a Scheduled Offence under the National Investigation Agency Act, 2008, has been committed and having regard to the grave security ramifications and its national & international linkages, it is required to be investigated by the NIA," the Union Home Ministry said in its order directing the

Central probe agency to take over the investigation into the case. The ISKP is a proscribed outfit under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act in India and a United Nationsdesignated terrorist organisation with operational ties with local groups, according to the European Union Agency for Asylum (EUAA). It is said to have a strong presence in east-

ern Afghanistan and is an arm of the Islamic State terror groups The ISKP has been tasked by the Islamic State to handle its radicalization, recruitment and operational aspects in

Afghanistan, Pakistan, India,

and Bangladesh, officials said.

NMC: Med colleges with pending recognition can admit fresh batch

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confirmatory tests during preg-The National Medical nancy. " Before the birth of a granted permission to medical colleges/institutes with pending NMC recognition to admit a fresh batch of MBBS students with the same intake as in the academic year 2022-2023. The Apex medical education regulatory body decision followed the schedule of the counselling of the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test Undergraduate (NEET-UG) 2023 examination. Issuing a public notice in this regard, the President of the Undergraduate Medical Education Board (UGMEB) of NMC stated, "Considering the schedule for counseling of NEET-UG 2023, Medical Colleges/Institutions that were due for Recognition/CoR due upto the year 2023 and have not been communicated for specific dental or stoppage of admission for the academic year 2023-24 by MARB/NMC, are hereby granted Recognition for a period of ONE YEAR ONLY(ie. AY 2022-23), for all the admitted MBBS batches



the DNA-damage-repair mech- Queen Mary University of lls to devel rurune having this non-heritable genetic disorder were biologically older than their chronologically-aged counterparts by 19.1 years, on average, and the premature ageing process starts very early in childhood, this study published in the Lancet Discovery journal eBioMedicine found. "We have uncovered that trisomic overdose of this gene (DYRK1A) is one of the main contributors to premature biological ageing in Down's Syndrome.

"Further research is needed to understand how much this contributes to brain development and function, and also in finding ways of precisely gene back to physiological levels," said lead researcher Dean Nizetic, professor of cell and molecular biology. The research also showed that limiting this gene's activity could potentially correct the cellular ageing defects, opening up possibilities for early thera-

peutic interventions for people having Down's Syndrome.

Talking about the status of Down's Syndrome in India, Dr Komal Uppal, senior gynecologist from Delhi-Government run LNJP Hospital said that it is one of the most prevalent inherited birth diseases, affect-

ing around 1 in every 830 live births. ndia has the highest num

the Ahmadabad ATS.

insins, leading aging, according to their research published in the Lancet Discovery journal eBioMedicine. Down's Syndrome affects around 7 million people worldwide. "An overactivity of the gene on enzymes that quicken chemical reactions in the body disturbed

op more DNA damage and become more fragile, thereby accelerating the aging process such as reduced tissue regeneration capacity, delayed wound healing, osteoporosis, senescence of the brain and immune cells, among others.," explained the researchers from

ber of people with Down's Syndrome in the world. It is due to lack of knowledge, acceptance, awareness, Information dissemination among people as well as many primary physicians who provide outdated and inaccurate information to the expected

whether he/she is at risk or is having Down's Syndrome or not."Any couple planning pregnancy should consult their primary physician or clinical geneticist and undergo screening tests regarding this, irrespective of the maternal age, she added.

medical support, training cen-ters and trained doctors, edu-

cational programmes and spe-

cial trained teachers and finan-

She also stressed on per-

forming various screening or

cial support.

only

19.The NMC allowed these medical colleges to admit new students in the MBBS course and further mentioned in the notice that, "these medical colleges/institutions are allowed to admit fresh batch of MBBS students with the same intake as in the academic year 2022-23."

The NMC relief comes after the Commission recently provided major relief to numerous MBBS graduates, who have been facing troubles in obtaining permanent regis-tration in the absence of recognition for their respective batches.

Meanwhile, the counselling for NEET UG 2023 admission is going to begin soon from July 20 to be continued up to July 25. There are a total of 4 rounds of the counseling process. i.e. round 1, round 2, round 3, and stray vacancy round.

PUBLIC NOTICE

GICICI Bank | Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd, 3rd Floor, Plot No- 23, New Rohtak Road, 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. No.	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
		As Described in The Loan Document/ Property Document Covering All That Parts and Parcels of The Property With Building in Sy No. 2012 A, Varapetty Village, Pothanikkad Taluk, Ernakulam Dist. (Admeasuring an area of 02. 83 ares North: Balance Property South: Property of Immanueal East: Kavu West: Private Road and Property of Thilakan	20-05-2023 Rs. 3,32,818.00/-	01-03- 2023

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

Date : July 15, 2023 Place : Delhi/NCR

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Sr. No.	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.	Pawan Kumar / Parveen Yadav- LBBWD00004662969- House No. E- 11A, Dharam Colony,palam Vihar Ext, Cartarpuri Alias Daulatpur, Nasirabad 63, Gurgaon, Haryana- 122017	Unit No. 4003, 2nd Floor, Block C, RLF "The Park", Khasra No. 200, 201,202, 519/189,191,181, 518/193, 523/193 and 192, Village Shahpur, Tijara, Alwer, Rajasthan- 301411	June 02, 2023 Rs. 22,06,255/-	06-03- 2023		
2.	Devendra Kumar Saxena/ Adarsh Saxena/ Satya Priya Saxena/ Suman Saxena - LBKOT00003397937/ LBKOT00003397944/ LBKOT00003399314- 43, Ston Eriya, Subhash Nagar, Panchwati, Kota, Rajasthan- 324008	Plot No. 42, Panchsheel Colony, at Subhash Nagar, Khasra No. 390, Thermal Road and Nanta Road, Village Kunhari, Tehsil Ladpura, Kota, Rajasthan- 324008 Plot No. 43, Panchsheel Colony, at Subhash Nagar, Khasra No. 390, Thermal Road and Nanta Road, Village Kunhari, Tehsil Ladpura, Kota, Rajasthan- 324008	June 07, 2023 Rs. 83,68,805/-	10-03- 2022		
The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above borrower/s and/or their guarantors (as applicable) are advised to make the payments of outstanding within period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice else further steps will be taken as per the provisions of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security InterestAct. 2002.						

July 15, 2022 Authorized Office

Place : Gurgaon & Delhi	ICICI Bank Limited
Date : July 15, 2025	Authorized Officer

## BJP seeks judicial probe into Bihar police action

**BJP-panel** members visiting Bihar meet injured party activists

## PTI PATNA

**ICICI Bank Limited** 

The BJP on Saturday assert-L ed that the "state-spon-sored and brutal" police action on its procession in the Bihar capital earlier this week warranted a judicial inquiry and intervention of the National Human Rights Commission.

A four-member fact-finding team constituted by BJP national president J P Nadda stated this here, as it met several party activists, who sustained injuries in the police action on June 13 and are undergoing treatment at hospitals.

The team members also include former Jharkhand chief minister Raghubar Das and Members of Parliament Manoj Tiwari, Sunita Duggal and Vishnu Dayal Ram. Duggal alleged that women BJP workers were "hit with lathis on their chests and heads by male police

## personnel" on Thursday when the party was staging a "Vidhan Sabha march" in protest against the Nitish Kumar government's teacher recruitment policy. Tiwari, who is a Lok Sabha MP from Delhi, but has his roots in Bihar, claimed "771 BIP workers" were injured in the incident and "some of them were chased all the way to hospitals and thrashed inside the premises".

The team members alleged that the incident reminded them of "Jallianwala Bagh massacre" and wondered whether "hired goons were donning police uniforms".

Mandaviya urges States to cover everyone under Ayushman Bharat scheme

Dehradun: The Government plans to begin a mega enrolment drive under the Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY and has urged states and union territories to achieve 100 per cent coverage under the scheme.

In an address on the first day of the two-day Swasthya Chintan Shivir — the 15th Conference of the Central Council of Health and Family Welfare — being held here, Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya on Friday urged the states and the union territories to strive for universal coverage by roping in healthcare workers at the grass-

roots level.Mandaviya also urged the states to carry out regular review and monitoring of the programme. He said India cannot adopt health models of other countries because its diversity compels us to employ tailor-made solu-

tions. The deliberations at the conclave focused on the implementation of Avushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri-Jan Arogya Yojana and the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission, and gaps in their coverage, owing to diverse local conditions and digital health literacy in the PTI country

## I consider rockets like a baby, says ISRO chairman after Chandrayaan-3 launch

upto the academic year 2018-

Hyderabad: Expressing his deep love and association with rockets, ISRO chairman S Somanath on Saturday said he considers the launch vehicles as babies. Somanath said he enjoyed the launch of Phase-I of Chandrayaan-3 on Friday, while adding that he had gone through the entire data and marvelled at "how beautiful the rocket was".

ISRO on Friday successfully launched its third moon mission, this time a far more complicated 41-day voyage to reach the lunar south pole where no other country has gone before. The space agency said the technically challenging soft landing on lunar surface,

which Chandrayaan-2 could not achieve, has been planned for 5.47 pm on August 23.

Delivering his address at the 12th Convocation of IIT Hyderabad in neighbouring Sangareddy district, Somanath said "As an engineer and scientist, I have a love for rockets. I consider the rocket like a baby, seeing its birth, its growth, its problems of growth, its emotions and developing a deep understanding of its mechanics and dynamics and its life as such."

Referring to the previous Chandrayaan-2 launch, he said it had almost 2,000 measurements that were coordinated which were in the form of

graphs and curves. He further said ISRO converts thousands of measurements into curves and study models and explains how it performs.

"For example, the last Chandrayaan rocket, we had almost 2,000 measurements and finally they came to us as graphs, curves. Like a doctor looking at the ECG, we look at these graphs.

We have created an attachment to those curves and graphs and we can understand by looking at ups and downs what exactly is its speed...How its going. This is something very interesting to understand a machine and yield a sense of it," he said.

## **South Korean President's surprise** visit shows support for Ukraine

sunday pioneer

South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol made a surprise visit to Ukraine on Saturday, offering support for the invaded country in its war with Russia while demonstrating his own nation's cooperation with NATO.

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Yoon's office said he travelled to Ukraine with his wife, Kim Keon Hee, following trips to Lithuania for a NATO summit and to Poland. It's his first visit since Russia invaded Ukraine in February 2022.

Yoon toured Bucha and Irpin, two small cities near Kyiv where bodies of civilians were found in the streets and mass graves after Russian troops retreated from the capital region last year. He laid flowers at a monument to the country's war dead, before he sat down for a summit with Ukrainian President

Volodymyr Zelenskyy. South Korea, a key US ally in Asia, joined international sanctions against Russia and has provided Ukraine with



South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in Kyiv on Saturday

humanitarian and financial support to Ukraine. But the Asian nation, a growing arms exporter, hasn't provided weapons to Ukraine in line with its long-standing policy of not supplying arms to countries actively engaged in conflict. During a joint news con-

ference with Zelenskyy later on Saturday, Yoon announced plans to expand support shiptouch upon weapons supplies.



Yoon began his statement with a mention of the UN forces' support of South Korea during the 1950-53 Korean War that helped repel a North Korean invasion. "The current situation facing Ukraine reminds us of the past situation of the Republic of Korea," Yo said. Zelenskyy thank

for its "firm sup Ukraine's sovereignty ments to Ukraine but didn't ritorial integrity" and nificant political, secu nomic and humanitarian aid' it has supplied since the start of Russia's invasion.

Yoon said that South Korea will increase the shipments of nonlethal military items such as body armor and helmets this year. He said that South Korea will also provide humanitarian aid worth USD 150 million this year, up from USD 100 million last year. He said that South Korea has also sent the de-min ing equipment and other aid items that had been requested by Ukraine.

Yoon said that he and Zelenskyy agreed on cooperating on post-war reconstruction efforts in Ukraine. Yoon said South Korea will also launch a scholarship fund named after him and Zelenskyy to expand support for Ukrainian students in South Korea.

South Korea isn't a NATO member, but like Japan, Pakistan and a handful of other

rea, Yoon Pakistan and a handful of other ked Seoul countries, it's considered a port of global partner of the military y and ter- alliance. Japanese Prime	I. Income Interest earned Other income
l the "sig- Minister Fumio Kishida visit- urity, eco- ed Ukraine in March.	Total
	II. Expenditure Interest expended Operating expenses Provisions and contingencies
BRIEFS I	Total
IEN JAILED FOR UK KIDNAPPING	III. Profit/Loss Net profit/loss(-) for the year Profit/loss(-) brought forward
n-origin brothers and an accomplice have of over 45 years for kidnapping a business-	Total
on city centre in the West Midlands region ghral, 33, and his brother David Baghral, ar-old Shanu Shanu, were found guilty of	IV. Appropriations Transfer to statutory reser Transfer to other reserves Transfer to Government/pr
eir victim as he walked to his car after work	Balance carried over to ba

having ambushed thei in November last year. They bundled him into a van and drove him bound and blindfolded to a shop where they threatened him with violence and held a gun against his head. The trio were found guilty after a trial at Wolverhampton Crown Court last month and sentenced this week with the Baghral brothers handed 16year prison sentences each and their accomplice sentenced to 13 years and four months.

## 22 KILLED IN SOUTH KOREA LANDSLIDES

SEOUL: Days of heavy rain in South Korea have left at least 22 people dead and 14 others missing in landslides, floods and other incidents, the government said on Saturday. The 22 fatalities were reported on Friday and Saturday, all in the central and southeastern regions, the Ministry of the Interior and Safety said in a report. An earlier ministry report on Saturday morning said five people died after landslides caused by torrential downpours buried their houses. Two others also died in landslide-related incidents. But the latest ministry report didn't explain the cause of deaths for the additional fatalities. The report said torrential rains have also left 14 people missing since Tuesday, and 13 others injured since Thursday. South Korea has been pounded by heavy rains since July 9. The ministry report said the rainfall had forced about 4,760 people to evacuate and left thousands of households without electricity in the past seven days. It said more than 2,000 people remained in temporary shelters as of Saturday afternoon. Also Saturday, 20 flights were cancelled, and the country's reg ular train service and some of its bullet trains were suspended, the ministry said. It said about 140 roads remained closed.

## MAN DIES AFTER COP SHOCKS HIM WITH TASER **Min: Militants attacking Pak**

ST. LOUIS: A man who was shocked at least twice with a taser by a St. Louis police officer died within hours, police said. The man died after police were called on Thursday night to a report being violent toward emergency



## National Urban Co-operative Bank Ltd.

C-3/84, New Kondli, Mayur Vihar, Phase-III, Delhi-110096

SCHEDULE 18

#### **BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31ST MARCH 2023**

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			(Amount in INR)	L
	SCHEDULE	AS ON 31.03.2023 (CURRENT YEAR)	AS ON 31.03.2022 (PREVIOUS YEAR)	l
Capital and Liabilities				L
Capital Reserves and Surplus Deposits Borrowings Other fiabilities and provisions	1 2 3 4 5	13,711,300 26,548,631 279,512,610 3,647,203	13,353,300 25,774,969 278,351,813 - 4,808,573	
Total		323,419,744	322,288,655	l
Assets Cash and balances with Reserve Bank of India Balance with banks and money at call and short notice Investments Advances Friend Assets Other Assets	6 7 8 9 10 11	1,465,649 39,927,196 220,131,088 53,918,566 129,785 7,847,460	1,742,743 45,385,672 222,657,088 43,823,135 226,902 8,453,115	
Total		323,419,744	322,288,655	l
Contingent liabilities Bills for collection	12	5,153,598 93,378	5,085,672 106,358	

Significant accounting policies and Notes to Accounts are integral & forming part of Financial Statements-Note no. 18

As per Our Report of Even Date annexed For AVA & ASSOCIATES CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS Firm Regn No. 004017N

	CA. VIVEK ARORA (Partner) M.No. 099704 Place: New Delhi Date: 12.06.2023	ALCONTRACTOR	Sd/- Vani Arora Chairperson	Sd/- Neelam Director

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED ON 31ST MARCH 2023

Kamle (CEO)

	SCHEDULE	YEAR ENDED ON 31.03.2023 (CURRENT YEAR)	YEAR ENDED ON 31.03.2022 (PREVIOUS YEAR)
I. Income Interest earned Other income	13 14	19,426,242 1,420,030	18,622,845 1,213,024
Total		20,846,272	19,835,869
II. Expenditure Interest expended Operating expenses Provisions and contingencies	15 16 17	10,266,080 10,926,546 2,847,784	11,829,701 11,277,826 1,447,934
Total		24,040,410	24,555,461
III. Profit/Loss Net profit/loss(·) for the year Profit/loss(·) brought forward		-3,194,138 -2,383,377	-4,719,592 2,336,215
Total		-5,577,515	-2,383,377
IV. Appropriations Transfer to statutory reserves Transfer to other reserves Transfer to Government/proposed dividend		-5,577,515	-2,383,377 - - -
Balance carried over to balance sheet		-5,577,515	-2,383,377
Earning Per Share		-23.76	-35.49
Significant accounting policies and Notes to Accound As per Our Report of Even Date annexed For ANA & ASSOCIATES CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS Firm Regn No. 004017N CA. VIVEK ARORA (Partner) M.No. 099704 Place: Nev Delhi Date: 12.05.2023		Co-operative Bank Ltd Sd/- Neelam Vats	ments-Note no. 18 Sdj- Kamlesh Kumar Sharma (CEO)
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ndependent Auditor's Report 'o, he Members, Jational Urhan Co-operative Bank Ltd			

Ulrhan Co.or Report on the Financial Statement

e have audited the accompanying Financial Statements of National Urban Co-operative Bank Ltd (the "Bank") as at 31 March 2023 which comprise the Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2023, and the Profit and Loss Account, for the year then ended, and a summary o gnificant accounting policies and other explanatory information. We have audited the accompanying Fina

In our opinion, and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the aforesaid financial statements gi the information required by the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, the Delhi Cooperative Societies Act, 2003 and the Rules ma theremoter, and the guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India (RB) and the generally accepted accounting principles and, it manners or required and give a true and fair view in conformity with the accounting principles generally accepted in India of the stat of affairs of the Bank as at March 31, 2023 and its Isso for the financial year ended on that date. Basis for Opinior ed our audit in accorda ce with the Standards on Auditing (SAs) iss

(ICAI). Our resp under those Standards are further described in the 'Auditor's Res ties for the Audit of the Fin Inc.n.; course sponsame to unser transfer unser transfer and the set of the Bank in accordance with hepotaments in our relation to the insertance of the set of the Bank in accordance with the Code of Ethics is sued by the ICAI and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code of Ethics. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide abaits for our audit province to provide abaits for audit and the set of the set.

Information Other than the Financial Statements and Auditor's Report Thereon The Bank's Board of Directors is responsible for the preparation of the other information. The other information include the finiformation included in the Report of Board of Directors including other explanatory information but does not include the fin statements and our auditor's report thereon. The report of the Board of Directors is expected to be made available to us after the other multime's the auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial sta

tion with our audit of the financial statements, our respo nsibility is to read the other info ther information is materially inconsistent with the standalone financial statements or our knn vise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this re

## Profit and Loss Account for the year ended March 31, 2023.

1. Background : The NATIONAL URBAN CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD was incorporated in 1999 and provides a complete suite of corp and retail banking products

forming part of the Balance Sheet as at March 31, 2023 a

- 2. Basis of preparation
- The financial statements have been prepared and presented under the historical cost conv accounting, unless otherwise stated, and comply with generally accepted accounting principles, statutory requirements prescribed under the Delhi Co-operative Societies Act, 1972 and Banking Regulation Act, 1949, circulars and guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India (\*RBI) from time to time, the Accounting Standards (\*S\*) issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India ('ICAI') and current practices prevailing within the banking industry in India
- 3. Use of estimates

The preparation of the financial statements, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, requir ment to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, reve memory memory of memory and the second secon

## II) Significant Accounting Policies:

- 1) Accounting Convention : The financial statements are drawn up in accordance with the historical cost conv tion and on "GOING CONCERN BAS and in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and practices prevailing in the cooperative banks in Inc except otherwise stated
- 2) Investments
- i) Categorization of investmen
- In accordance with guidelines issued by RBI, the Bank classifies its investment portfolio into the following three categories and the second s Held till Maturity' - Securities acquired by the Bank with the intention to hold till maturity. Held for Trading' - Securities acquired by the Bank with the intention to trade.
- (iii) Available for Sale' Securities which do not fall within the above two categories are classified as available for sale Classification of Investments : For the purpose of disclosure in the Balance Sheet, Inves under four groups as required under RBI guidelines - Government Securities, Other Approved Securities, Shares i Co-operative institutions, Debenture & Bonds or other investments.
- Valuation of Investments:
   (i) 'Held till Maturity' These investments are carried at their acquisition cost. Any premium on acqui over the balance period to maturity, with a debit to Profit & Loss Account. (ii) 'Held for Trading' (as mentioned in Para 2.ii above) - Each security in this category is valued at the market price an account. Net app ation in each classification is recognised in profit and loss
- ignored. (iii) 'Available for Sale' (as mentioned in Para 2.iii above) Each security in this category is valued at the the net resultant depreciation in each classification is recognised in profit and loss account. Net appreciation, if any, is ignored. In case of shares & bonds & other investments, the scrip wise appreciation is ignored. Market value of government securities (excluding treasury bills) is determined on the basis of the price list published by RBI or the price

## periodically declared by PDAI jointly with FIMMDA for the valuation at the year – end. In case of unquoted go securities, market price or fair value is determined as per the rates published by FIMMDA. Market value of other approved securities is determined based on the vield curve and spreads provided by FIMMDA

## Investment has not been ear-marked against specific fund or reserve shown under reserve & surplus and same have be

in collective basi (iv) Broken period interest on debt instruments is treated as a revenue item. Brokerage

- nts paid at the time of acquisition is charged to re
- (v) Profit in respect of investments sold from "AFS" category is included in profit on sale of Invest
- i) The classification of advances into Standard Sub-standard Doubtful and loss assets as well as provision on performing advances has been arrived at in accordance with the guidelines issued by RBI from time to time. ii)Provision on Advances categorized under Sub-standard, Doubtful and loss assets is made in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India. In addition, a general provision has been made on all standard assets as per RBI guidelines.
- 4) Fixed Assets and Depreciation : i) The Bank has accounted for and made disclosure of gross and net block of fixed assets and depreciation in acc with Accounting Standard, AS-10 (Property, Plant & Equipment) issued by ICAI. eciation is calculated on straight line basis on fixed a
  - iii) Fixed assets are depreciated at the rates considered app priate by the r Furniture & Fixture 05% Electronic& Electrical installation 33.33%
  - Computer with software 33.33% eciation on fixed assets purchased during the year is charged on the basis of n her of days the asset is nut
  - use. No depreciation is charged on fixed assets sold during the year
- Deposits for Services ices like Telephone, Telex, Electricity, etc. ke

## ue Recognition (AS 9):

inter incognition proof. Interest on advances classified as Sub-Standard, Doubtful or Loss Assets is recognized on realization. The unre interest in these cases is accounted in Interest suspense on other NPA. Income is recognized as per in recognition norms of Reserve Bank of India.

- Interest on fixed income securities, as per recognition norms of Reserve Bank of India iii) Commission, Exchange and locker rent are recognized as income on receipt basis.
- 7) Employee Benefits (AS 15):
- The fability towards gratuity is assessed on the basis of actuarial valuation as at the balance sheet date and considered a a defined benefit scheme. The actuarial valuation is carried out as per projected unit credit method. Liability toward gratuity is funded through LIC Group Gratuity Scheme.
- Segment Reporting (AS 17): The bank has three business se ess segment, i.e. Retail banking, Corporate banking and
- ated Parties (AS 18):
- The Bank is a Co-operative society under the Delhi Co-operative Societies Act, 1972 and there are no related part requiring a disclosure under Accounting Standard 18 (AS 18) issued by The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India other than Key Managerial personnel.
- 10) Operating Leases (AS 19): ct of assets taken and Loss Accounts on straight-line basis over the lease term. Initial direct costs are charged to Profit and Loss acc
- 11) Earnings per Share (AS 20) Basic earnings per share is calculated by dividing the net profit for the period by the weighted average of outstanding during the year. The weighted average number of shares is calculated
- 12) Income-tax (AS 22):
- Provision for current tax is made on the basis of estimated taxable income for the year Deferred tax is recognised, subject to consideration of prudence, on timing difference between taxable income an accounting income that originated in one period and is canable of reversal in one or more subsequent periods. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using tax rates and tax laws that have been enacted or substantially e
  - erred tax assets are calculated on the basis of timing difference of dep gratuity.
- 13) Impairment of Assets (AS 28): Since the bank has ascertained that there is no material impairment of any of its assets, no provision on account impairment of assets is required to be made.

14) Provisions, contingent liabilities and contin

PTI SAN FRANCISCO

Scores of Indian Americans held a peace rally in front of the Indian Consulate here to express solidarity with India following a recent attempted arson at the diplomatic facility by Khalistan supporters.

A video by Khalistan supporters, dated July 2 posted on Twitter, showed the act of arson at the Indian Consulate in San Francisco. It was the second such act of violence within months.

A large number of Indian Americans from in and around San Francisco came out in support of India on Friday as they held a peaceful rally in front of the Indian Consulate in San Francisco against the recent act of violence.

The protesters described it as an act of terrorism act and demanded that those responsible for violence be brought to justice. India's Ambassador to the US, Taranjit Singh Sandhu

## of England. Baljit Ba 28, along with 22-year mission. India has asked its

partner countries such as Canada, the UK and the US not to give space to "extremist Khalistani ideology" as it is "not good" for bilateral relations.

The "radical, extremist Khalistani ideology" is not good for India or its partner countries such as the US, Canada, the UK and Australia, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said in New Delhi

On March 19, a group of pro-Khalistan protesters attacked and damaged the Indian Consulate in San Francisco. Raising pro-Khalistan slogans, the protesters broke open the makeshift security barriers raised by the city police and installed two socalled Khalistani flags inside the Consulate premises. Two consulate personnel soon removed those flags.

#### Indian-Americans rally WORLD to show support at San **3 INDIAN-ORIGIN M** London: Two Indian Francisco consulate been jailed for a total man in Wolverhampt

early this month.

## visited the Consulate here on Thursday and met Indian diplomats and officials at the

## given refuge in Afghanistan

Islamabad (PTI): Pakistan's Defence Minister Khwaja Asif on Saturday claimed that terrorists involved in bloodshed in his country were getting refuge in neighbouring Afghanistan and that Pakistan would no longer tolerate this. Afghanistan is not fulfilling the right to be a neighbour and brother country and is not abiding by the Doha agreement. 50/60 lakh Afghans have 40/50 years of asylum in Pakistan with all rights," Asif said.

"On the contrary, the terrorists who shed the blood of Pakistanis can find refuge on Afghan soil. This situation cannot continue any longer. Pakistan will use all its resources to protect its land and citizens," the minister said. The statement comes a day after the Pakistan Army warned Kabul to stop militants from using its soil for attacks in Pakistan. Tempers are running high in Pakistan after 12 soldiers were killed in two separate terrorist incidents in Balochistan on July 13, the highest single-day toll of troops in the province. A group of Pakistani Taliban militants accepted responsibility for the attack. Pakistan accused the Taliban government in Kabul of tolerating the presence of the banned Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan militants in the country. TTP militants, who are fighting for the law of Sharia across Pakistan, often conduct attacks in the country. Defence minister Asif in another tweet said that individuals who attended the assembly during the Pakistan Tehreek-Insaf (PTI) government and provided briefings to the members, emphasising the advantages of bringing the TTP from Afghanistan to Pakistan, should also communicate with the families of those killed daily.

## Singapore's Indian-origin minister arrested, released

## PTI SINGAPORE

Cingapore's Indian-origin **O**Transport Minister S Iswaran was arrested on Tuesday and released on bail while his passport was impounded, the Corrupt Practices Investigation Bureau has said

A CPIB spokesperson on Friday said Iswaran was arrested on the same day as Ong Beng Seng, founder and managing director of Hotel Properties Limited, reported The Straits Times.

Ong was also released on bail

"As part of bail conditions, subjects' passports are impounded. Subjects on bail can, however, make requests to travel overseas. CPIB will assess such requests on a case-by-case basis," the Singapore daily quoted the CPIB spokesperson as saying. "CPIB assessed and acced-

Police said arriving officers found the man naked and disoriented behind a home. When officers ordered the man to come toward them, he tripped and fell into a fence, police said. Two of the five officers who were there picked him up and tried to handcuff him, but he slipped away and fell again, according to police. Police said an officer then used a taser to subdue the man. Other officers tried to handcuff him, but he continued to struggle, police said. The same officer then applied what's known as a "drive stun," which involves placing the taser directly on the skin, police said. The man became unresponsive. He died early on Friday at a hospital. His name has not been released.

## **ITALY STRIKE CANCELS HUNDREDS OF FLIGHTS**



Passengers wait for the check-in of their flights during a nationwide strike of airports ground staff, and check-in services at Rome's Fiumicino International airport in Fumicino, Italy on Saturday

ROME: Hundreds of flights across Italy were cancelled on Saturday, forcing travellers at the peak of tourist season to make alternate plans, after air transport unions went ahead with a planned work stoppage two days following a train strike that paralysed rail service. Summertime in Italy is often the peak season for transport strikes, stranding commuters and tourists alike as unions press demands for better work contracts and conditions. This year, the strikes are taking their toll amid a tourism boom following two years of pandemic losses. National carrier ITA said it cancelled 133 flights, most of them domestic but a few to European destinations such as Madrid, Amsterdam and Barcelona. Low-cost airlines Ryanair and Vueling cancelled dozens of other flights due to the strike from 10 am to 6 pm Striking workers included pilots, flight attendants, baggage handlers and airport personnel.

#### INDIAN-ORIGIN CONVICTED FOR EX-GIRLFRIEND ATTACK

LONDON: A 23-year-old Indian-origin man has been handed a suspended prison sentence and rehabilitation orders after being found guilty of attacking his teenage ex-girlfriend in the West Midlands region of England. Dylan Singh appeared at Wolverhampton Crown Court charged with assault occasioning actual bodily harm and criminal damage to the victim's phone. According to a court report in 'Birmingham Live' this week District Judge Adrian Lower said there was an "element of control" when Singh followed his victim on and off a bus in December 2021 as he handed a two-year sentence for the "prolonged assault", which will be suspended for two years conditional on Singh's behaviour. He is also subject to 30-day rehabilitation, 200-hour unpaid work and restraining orders.

When we read the Annual Report, if we conclude that there is a material misstatement therein, we are required to c natter to those Charged with Governance.

Responsibility of Management for the financial statements The Bank's Board of Directors is responsible for preparation of these financial statements that give a true and fair view of th financial patient and the financial performance of the Bank in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in India including the Accounting Standards issued by ICAI, provisions of Banking Regulation Act, 1949 and the Rules made therewise of Diphi Cooperative Societies Act, 2003 and the Rules are thereunde and circulars and guidelines issued by RBI for provisions of Diphi Cooperative Societies Act, 2003 and the Rules made thereunde and circulars and guidelines issued by RBI for provisions or uselli Cooperative Societies Act, 2003 and the Rules made thereunder and circulars and guidelines issued by RB time to time. This responsibility also includes maintenance of adequate accounting records in accordance with the provisions aforementioned Acts for safeguarding the assets of the Bank and for preventing and detecting frauds and other irregula selection and agolication of appropriate accounting procedulingments and estimates that are reasonable and pruden design, implementations and maintenance of adequate internal financial controls, that were operating effectively for ensurin accuracy and completeness of the accounting records, relevant to the preparation and presentation of the financial statement give a true and flat view and are free from material mis statement, where due to fraud or error. ons of th

give a creation can view and are tree from indentianing statement, whether oue of hadour error. In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Bank's ability to co disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting intends to liquidate the Bank or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Board of Directors is also responsible for overseeing Bank's Financial Reporting proces

The Board of Directors is also responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Statements Auditor's responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Statements Dur objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinon. Reasonable assurance is a hig level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in a cordance with SAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material fi, individually or in the aggregate, they cou reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial sta

As part of an audit in accordance with SAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional ske audit. We also:

- ut, we auso: [dentify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, de perform audii procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audii evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting fra as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are ap circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Bank's internal control
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and rela disclosures made by management.
- discissures made by management. Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidem obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Bank ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in o auditor's report to the related discourse in the financial statements or, is such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opioni Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events are of disclosure and the financial statements or the such available of the such as the such of the such available of the such av conditions may cause the Bank to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the dis financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair pr

Interactal statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves har presentation. We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the a significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit. We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have compiled with relevant ethical requirements re independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear independence. Scheme the Begulatory Requirements.

For AVA & Associates Chartered Accountants Firm Registration Number 004017N

- The Balance Sheet and the Profit and Loss Account have been drawn up in accordance with the provisions of Section 29 of th Banking Regulation Act, 1949 and The Delhi State Co-operative Societies Act, 2003 and the rules made there-under. xed hereto, are:
- so anneard hereto, are: Audit Objection/ suggestions pointed out by the previous year's auditors and action taken by the mar Specific responses to the directions issued by the Registrar of Cooperative Societies as Part B; Objections raised/ suggestions adduced for the year ending 31.03.2023 as Part C.
- As required by rule 80(6) of Delhi Cooperative Societies Rules, 2007, we report that:
- We have obtained all the information and explanations, which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for th purpose of our audit and have found to be satisfactory; In our option, proper books of account as required by law have been kept by the Bank so far as it appears from o examination of those books and proper returns adequate for the purposes of our audit have been received from th eventhesinfermed.
- Charanchesioffices; The transactions of the Bank which came to our notice have been within the powers of the Bank The Balance Sheet and the Profit and Loss Account dealt with by this report, are in agreement The accounting standards adopted by the Bank are consistent with those laid down by accounting principles generally
- ac secreted in finds so far as applicable to Banks; In our opinion and according to information and explanations given to us, we have not noticed any material impropriety or irregularity in the expenditure or in the realization of money due to the bank. The members have been enrolled as per the provisions of the Act and the rules made thereunder.

- (a) International international actions of the portant of the portant of the tooks of account and other record, we report as under on certain matters specified in sub-rule (7) of rule 80 of the Delhi Co-operative Societies Rules, 2007:
- a. We have not come across any transactions which appear to be contrary to the provisions of the Delhi Cooperative Societies Act, 2003, the rules or the bye-laws of the Bank.
   b. We have not come across any material or significant transactions which appear to be contrary to the guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India.

	the money belonging to the Bank which appears to be bad or doubtful or recovery are detailed below:					
	Category	Principal outstanding as on March 31, 2023 (Rs. In Lakhs)				
	Doubtful Advances	32.57				
	Non-Performing Investments	Nil				
	Other Assets	Nil				
d.	<ol> <li>The Bank has not given any loans to the members of the Board of Directors.</li> </ol>					
f.	. The Registrar of Cooperative Societies in this regard has not specified any matters to the Bank.					
п.	the returns. in our opinion, proper books of acco of those books.	d Loss Account dealt with by this report, are in agreement with the books of a unt as required by law have been kept by the Bank so far as appears from our e branches audited by us / branch auditors have been dealt with in preparing o yus.				
	e. f. fur I. II.	the money belonging to the Bank wi Category Doubtful Advances Non-Performing Investments Other Assets d. The Bank has not given any loans to e. We have not observed any violation f. The Registrar of Cooperative Socie further report that: I. the Balance Sheet and the Profit at the returns. IL in our opinion, proper books of acco of those books. III. the reports on the accounts of the				

CA. Vivek A Partner M. No. 09970 Date: 12.06.2023 A processing a coordinate in the maximum of protective displaying in a second of the protective transport of the protective of the protect remote, no provision or disclosure is made. Contingent assets are not recognized in the financial statements. However, contingent assets are assessed continually and

if it is virtually certain that an inflow of economic benefits will arise, the asset and related income are recognized in the period in which the change occu

#### tes to Accounts

- The share capital comprises 1,37,113 shares of Rs. 100/- each There are no items of material significance in the prior pariod or

- There are no items of material significance in the prior period account requiring disclosure. Previous year's figures are regrouped or rearranged, wherever necessary. In the opinion of management, the amount outstanding in provision for bad and doubtful assets, standard assets & investments as determined in accordance with the guidelines issued by RRI is considered. investments as det 5. The Figures has here in accordance wi ed off nearest to

#### AS-15 RETIREMENT BENEFITS

e details as remuired by Accounting Standard 15 (AS-15) (Revised) - issued by ICAI per

e detail	details as required by Accounting Standard 15 (AS-15) (Revised) - issued by ICAI pertaining to Gratuity is as under:				
SR. No.	PARTICULARS	GRATUITY (FUNDED) 31.03.2023	GRATUITY (FUNDED) 31.03.2022		
1	Discount rate	7.25%	7%		
2	Salary escalation rate	6%	6%		
3	Reconciliation of opening & closing balance of the present value of the defined benefit obligation: i) PV of obligation as on 01.04.2022	15.78.728	16,26,612		
	ii) Interest cost	NIL	10,20,012 NIL		
	iii) Current service cost	NIL	NIL		
	iv) Liability transfer in	NIL	NIL		
	v) Benefits paid	NIL	1,66,269		
	vi) Actuarial gains/(loss) on obligations	1,16,194	1,18,384		
	vii) PV of obligation as on 31.03.2023	16,94,922	15,78,728		
4	Reconciliation of opening & closing balance of fair value of plan assets: i) Fair value of plan assets as on 01.04.2022	15,78,728	16,26,612		
	ii) Expected return on plan assets	NIL	NIL		
	iii) Contributions (including interest) during the period	1,16,194	1,18,384		
	iv) transfer from other entities	NIL	NIL		
	v) Benefits paid	NIL	1,66,269		
	vi) Actuarial gains/(loss) on obligations	NIL	NIL		
	vii) Fair value of plan assets as on 31.03.2023	16,94,922	15,78,728		
5	Amount recognised in balance sheet				
	<li>i) PV of obligation as on 31.03.2023</li>	16,94,922	15,78,728		
	ii) Fair value of plan assets as on 31.03.2023 iii) Assets/ liability as at 31.03.2023	16,94,922	15,78,728		
6	Expenses recognised in profit & loss account				
	i) Current service cost	NIL	NIL		
	ii) Interest cost	NIL	NIL		
	iii) Return on plan assets	NIL	NIL		
	iv) Net actuarial gain/ (loss)	NIL	NIL		
7	Expenses recognised in profit & loss account Premium paid	NIL 8745	NIL 8004		

#### AS-19 LEASES

cellable operating leases in respect of office premises and a go vn, hence during the year Rs. 25. lakhs charged towards lease rental to the Statement of Profit & Loss (Previous year Rs. 24.80 Lakhs)

AS-20 EARNING PER SHARE

	Particulars	31.03.2023	31.03.2022				
	A. Amount used as numerator Profit after tax / (Loss)	(31,94,138)	(47, 19, 592)				
	B. Nominal value of share (Rs. Per share)	100	100				
	C. No. of shares used as a denominator	1,34,447	1,32,989				
	D. EPS - DILUTED (RS.)	(23.76)	(35.49)				

#### AS-22 ACCOUNTING FOR TAXES ON INCOME

taxable profits as at 31" March, 2023 are as follo

Particulars	As on 31.03.2023	As on 31.03.2022
DTL on Account of (a) Depreciation	Nil	Nil
DTA on Account of (b) Depreciation (c) Gratuity NET 10TA(u)= (b)  DTA	1,29,958 Nil 1,29,958	1,21,767 Nil 1,21,767
	1,20,000	1,21,707

the Reserve Bank of India.	AS-29 PROVISIONS, CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND CONTINGENT ASSETS:		
matters to the Bank.	Particulars	31.03.2023	31.03.2022
rt, are in agreement with the books of account and	Bills for Collection Depositor Education and Awareness Fund scheme	93,378 51,53,598	1,06,358 50,65,672
y the Bank so far as appears from our examination	As per Our Report of Even Date attached	For M/s AV	A & ASSOCIATES
rs have been dealt with in preparing our report in Arora UDIN: 23099704BGRVF18510 Place: New Delhi 1704 Date: 12.06.2023	For National Urban Co-operative Bank Ltd Sd/- Sd/- Sd/- Vani Arora Neelam Vats Kannlesh Kumar Sharma Chairperson Director (CEO) Place: New Delhi Date: 12.06.2023	CHARTERE	ARORA

was also increased to SGD100,000. Upon his return, Ong is required to report to CPIB and surrender his passport to the bureau."

ed to Ong's request to travel

overseas. Ong's bail quantum

The spokesperson declined

Iswaran (61), is a senior

to provide further details, cit-

member of the ruling People's

Action Party and has been on

a leave of absence from his offi-

cial duties, was assisting the

CPIB with an investigation

into a case it had uncovered.

he was first elected in 1997 as

a Member of Parliament for

the Cabinet in 2006, he was on

several government parliamen-

tary committees and was the

deputy speaker of Parliament

from September 2004 to June

West Coast GRC.

2006

Iswaran's political career spans more than 26 years since

Before he was appointed to

ing ongoing investigations.

## **RBI, CBUAE** sign pacts to promote use of rupee, **UAE dirham for cross-border transactions**

#### PTI MUMBA

eserve Bank of India (RBI) Rand Central Bank of UAE (CBUAE) on Saturday signed two agreements in Abu Dhabi to establish a framework for cross-border transactions in local currencies and interlinking of payment and messaging systems.

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The agreements were exchanged between the two governors, in the presence of the Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi and Sheikh Mohamed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE, the Reserve Bank said in a statement

The memorandum of agreements (MoUs) are for establishing a framework to promote the use of local currencies viz. The Indian rupee (INR) and the UAE dirham (AED) for cross-border transactions' and

their payment and messaging India has been promoting

sunday pioneer

cross-border transactions in local currencies to reduce dependence on the US dollar. The two MoUs are aimed at facilitating seamless cross-border transactions and payments

'cooperation for interlinking and foster greater economic cooperation between the two countries," the RBI said.

The MoU on establishing a framework for the use of local currencies for transactions between India and UAE aims to put in place a Local Currency Settlement System (LCSS) to promote the use of INR and



## would also promote investments and remittances between the two countries," it added. Use of local currencies

would optimise transaction costs and settlement time for transactions, including for remittances from Indians residing in UAE. Regarding the undertaking on 'Payments and

AED bilaterally

Messaging Systems', the RBI said the two central banks agreed to cooperate on linking their Fast Payment

Systems (FPSs) - Unified The central bank said the Payments Interface (UPI) of India with Instant Payment Platform (IPP) of UAÉ; and linking the respective Card Switches (RuPay switch and UAESWITCH); and explor-"Creation of the LCSS ing the linking of payments messaging Structured systems

Financial Messaging System (SFMS) of India with the messaging system in the UAE. "The UPI-IPP linkage will

enable the users in either country to make fast, convenient, safe, and cost-effective cross-border funds transfers," the RBI said. Further, the linking of Card Switches will facilitate mutual acceptance of domestic cards and processing of card transac-

The linkage of messaging systems is aimed to facilitate bilateral financial messaging between the two countries.

## Modi urges French industry leaders to look at investment opportunities in India Safran; and Paul

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has urged French industry leaders to look at investment opportunities in infrastructure and other segments of the economy and become part of the Indian growth story.

Addressing the India-France CEO

forum along with French President Emmanuel Macron on Friday, Modi highlighted the ongoing economic reforms and the initiatives taken by his government in renewables, startups, pharma, IT, digital payments and infrastructure to foster busi-

The Forum consisted of 16 CEOs from the French side and 24 from the Indian side from diverse sectors, including avia-



tion, manufacturing, defence, technology, and energy, among others.

"Prime Minister encouraged the CEOs to utilise the investment opportunities in India and be a part of India's growth story", India's Ministry of External Affairs said in a release.

Guillaume Faury, Airbus; Henri Poupart Lafarge, Alstom; Peter Herweck, Schneider Electric; Namita Shah, Total Energies; Philippe Errera, acknowledged the role played by these industry leaders in strengthening bilateral relations and promoting economic cooperation between India and France He highlighted India's

ness leaders on the Indian side.

The prime minister

Hermelin, Capgemini

were among the prominent French

business leaders who

Jubilant Life Sciences

Limited; Lakshmi

Mittal, Arcelor Mittal;

Tarun Mehta, Ather

Energy; and Amit B

Kalyani, Bharat Forge

were among the busi-

Hari S Bhartia,

attended the forum.

progress in renewables, startups, pharma, IT, digital payments and infrastructure and the various initiatives undertaken to foster business, the release said.

Rallis India

Q1 profit

₹63 crore

Agri input firm Rallis India ALtd on Saturday reported

a marginal fall in net profit at

Rs 63 crore in the June 2023

crore in the year-ago period.

crore in the April-June quar-

ter of this financial year from

Rs 867 crore in the corre-

sponding period of the previ-

ous year, Rallis India said in a

of Tata Chemicals and a part

of the USD 128-billion Tata

Director & CEO, Rallis India,

said, "Crop care business has

been affected by high market

inventories, steep price drops

and delayed onset of mon-

Rallis India is a subsidiary

Sanjiv Lal, Managing

regulatory filing.

Group.

Total income fell to Rs 765

quarter on lower income. Its net profit stood at Rs 67

dips to

PTI 📕 NEW DELHI

## Marico expects food business to reach ₹850 crore in FY24 "Volume growth was

## PTI 📕 NEW DELHI

Home-grown fast moving consumer goods (FMCG) firm Marico expects its food business to scale up to Rs 850 crore in FY24 in the domestic market, according to the company's latest annual report.

Saffola, the master brand under which Marico offers healthier foods, has expanded the total addressable market to over Rs 10,000 crore, through a portfolio of healthy value-added offerings, it said.

"The company aims to ramp up its revenue from the foods portfolio to Rs 850 crores by fiscal 2024, after closing near the Rs 600 crore-mark in fiscal 2023," said Marico, which also owns popular brands such as

Courses under NEET PG-2023.

Parachute and Hair & Care.

In the last two-three years, Marico has expanded its play in the food segment with multiple products, including oats, honey, noodles, peanut butter, mayonnaise and ready-to-eat healthy snacking category under the aegis of Saffola Munchie.

The company maintains a 'steadfast focus' on market development, brand building, supplychain excellence, distribution expansion and sustained innovation to scale its foods business.

In the domestic business, its newer portfolios of foods, premium personal care and digitalfirst segment have led to a shift in their share of domestic revenues from 8 per cent in FY20 to 15 per cent in FY23. 'We expect the share of

SCIENCES, FARIDKOT

Admission Notice

for admission to Post Graduate Medical/Dental including DNB courses in all th

Medical/Dental colleges including Private Universities/District Hospitals in the

State of Punjab will be done by BFUHS, Faridkot. Online Registration Applications are invited through university website (www.bfuhs.ac.in) from eligible candidates as per Punjab Govt. Notifications/prospectus on the basis o

NEET-PG-2023 from 17.07.2023 to 23.07.2023. For Prospectus/Schedule

Fee/details & updates visit us at www.bfuhs.ac.in. Note: Any notice, amendment by Govt. of Punjab/ Govt. of India/MCI/DCI/MCC regarding PG

these portfolios to move to 20 per cent of domestic revenues in FY24," it said.

In premium personal care, 400 crore in FY24," it said. it will focus on growing the portfolio at a CAGR (Compound Annual Growth Rate) of over 20 per cent, aided by innovation, market insights and strong brand equity. "The current portfolio of higher than the last year.

modest at 1 per cent, owing to persistent retail inflation weakening consumption trends, especially in the rural sector," it said, adding the operating margin of the India business was at 19.8 per cent, higher than the previous "The improved profitability

was a result of moderation in the prices of key commodities such digital-first brands continues to as copra and vegetable oils as scale up healthily and is poised to reach an exit run-rate of Rs well as a more favourable portfolio mix," it added.

For the financial year ended Marico's coconut oil, under on March 31, 2023, Marico's its Parachute brand, contributed consolidated turnover was Rs 37 per cent of its domestic busi-9,764 crore. In this, its domesness. The Saffola franchise, comtic business registered a turnover prising super premium refined of Rs 7,351 crore, marginally edible oils, contributed 23 per

## Young professionals embracing Al upskilling for job market relevance

#### PTI 📕 MUMBAI

A significant percentage of young professionals are keen to embrace artificial intelligence (AI) upskilling, recognising its crucial role in staying relevant in the job market, according to a report released on Saturday.

acquiring skills in the digital marketing space. The growing prominence

of digital marketing as a sought-after domain highlights its importance in today's job market and respondents recognised its value in driving business

growth and reaching target

Will be non-executive board member, strategic shareholder in Kotak Mahindra Bank: Uday Kotak PTI MUMBAI



owns 26 per cent of the bank and a disproportionate family assets are in one stock.

A few years ago, the RBI capped the maximum time which an individual can spend at the helm of a bank at 15 years, due to which Kotak will have to step down from his responsibilities. The RBI also allowed promoters to hold 26 per cent in lenders, a departure from earlier insistence to get it down to 15 per

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soon. Margins were largely maintained through better product mix and dynamic pricing actions, he said.

Free online AI training programme

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Around respondents believed that acquiring AI skills can give them a competitive advantage and will open doors to exciting job opportunities, according to the report by jobs and professional networking platform apna.Co.

The report is based on an online survey by apna.Co with more than 5,000 young professionals between 18-35 years and was conducted in June

The report further revealed that a significant (65 per cent) of young professionals showed interest in professional growth.

in this era, the report added.

"The report mirrors the efforts of the Indian youth, who are increasingly recognising the importance of upskilling themselves with the emerging technologies in the transformed work ecosystem," apna.Co founder and CEO Nirmit Parikh noted.

The report revealed that 7 out of 10 respondents have taken proactive steps by enrolling in upskilling initiatives, demonstrating their commitment to personal and

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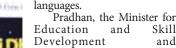
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'Going forward, I see my

On the occasion of World Youth Skills Day, Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan on Saturday launched AI for India 2.0, a free online Artificial Intelligence skill training course in Indian languages.

A joint initiative of Skill India and GUVI, this NCVET and IIT Madras accredited online programme will equip youth with frontier skills. GUVI, enables tech learning in vernacan IIT Madras incubated startular languages. This programme up, is a tech platform that has been curated in 9 Indian



Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, said technology should not be a prisoner of language, and called for tech courses in Indian languages.

He added that this is a good beginning towards dismantling language barrier in technology education and future-proofing our Yuva Shakti, particularly those in rural areas, an official statement said.

## D-Mart's Q1 net profit rises 2.5% Adani Group chairman to ₹659 crore, sales up 18%

### PTI NEW DELHI

Retail chain D-Mart operator Avenue Supermarts Ltd on Saturday reported a 2.46 per cent rise in its consolidated net profit at Rs 658.71 crore in April-June 2023 quarter, as lower sales of apparel and general merchandise impacted

The company had posted a net profit of Rs 642.89 crore in the corresponding quarter a year ago, said Avenue Supermarts in a BSE filing.

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was up 18.20 per cent to Rs 11,865.44 crore during the quarter under review as against Rs 10,038.07 crore in the same quarter last fiscal.

expenses were at Rs 11,006.92 crore, up 19.74 per cent in first quarter of FY24.

Its revenue from operations Noronha said: "Overall gross margins are lower compared to the same period in the previous year, primarily due to lower sales contribution of apparel and general mer-

> "However, general merchandise contribution is recovering and trending towards pre-pandemic levels," he added.

During the June quarter, D-Mart opened three new stores, taking the total count to 327 with a retail business area of 13.5 million square feet.

## Gautam Adani calls on Bangladesh PM in Dhaka

## PTI NEW DELHI

🔥 dani Group Chairman AGautam Adani on Saturday called on Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in Dhaka.

His visit follows commencement of power supply to the neighbouring nation from the Group's ultra super critical thermal power plant (USCTPP) in Godda, Jharkhand, Adani Group said in a statement on Saturday.

Adani Power Ltd (APL) started exporting power to Bangladesh from its 1,600 MW power project on April 10, 2023.

In a statement issued here. Adani Group said its "Chairman Gautam Adani called on Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in Dhaka on Saturday following the full load commencement of power supply to Bangladesh from the Group's Ultra Super-Critical Thermal Power Plant in Godda, India". The Godda USCTPP marks the Adani Group's entry into transnational power projects. It is India's first commissioned transnational power project where 100 per cent of the generated power is supplied to another nation, it said.

"Honoured to have met Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina on full load commencement and handover of the 1600 MW Ultra Super-Critical Godda Power Plant. I salute the dedicated teams from India and Bangladesh who braved COVID to commission the plant in a record time of three-and-a-half years," Adani tweeted after

meeting the Bangladesh PM. The electricity supplied from Godda will replace costly power generated in Bangladesh using liquid fuel. The power will be supplied continuously at a competitive tariff, the statement said. The Godda plant will supply 1,496 MW under the power purchase agreement (PPA) signed with the Bangladesh Power Development Board for a period of 25 years via a 400 kV dedicated transmission system connected to the Bangladesh grid

Corp. Office : Parexl Workspaces , B-4, 1st Floor, B Block, Sector 63, Noida, Uttar Pradesh 201301 Tel No.: 0120-4983851, E-mail : cs@ksolves.com, Website : www.ksolves.com Extract of the Unaudited Consolidated Financial Results for the Quarter ended on June 30, 2023 (Amount Rs. in Lakhs Year to Year to date Quarter Quarter Quarter Year to figures for ended ended ended date figure: date figure margins. on on on for year for year the previou year ended 31/03/2023 as on as on 30/06/2023 31/03/2023 30/06/2022 30/06/2023 30/06/2022 d Audited Unaudited Unaudited 2378.82 2274.47 1651.23 2378.82 1651.23 7.831.16 1012.73 958.36 709.01 3293.56 709.01 1012.73 529.22 758.96 733.64 758.96 529.22 2472.04 757.19 Total comprehensive income for the period 757.19 725.59 521.72 521.72 2444.98 1185.60 1185.60 1185.60 Paid up equity share capital (Face value: Rs. 10 per share) 1185.60 1185.60 1185.60 1809.94 1052.75 1003.74 1809.94 1003.74 1052.75 Total reserves (including non-controlling interests) Earnings per equity share Basic and diluted 6.40 6.19 4.46 6.40 4.46 20.85 day bookings for new Seltos Extract of the Unaudited Standalone Financial Results for the Quarter ended on June 30, 2023 ount Rs. in Lakhs

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Profit after tax	754.95	718.26	558.24	754.95	558.24	2487.03
Total comprehensive income for the period	753.18	710.21	550.74	753.18	550.74	2459.97

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Managing Director	

Seltos owners special access to ✓ia India on Saturday said it

Khas received record 13,424 bookings for the updated version of Seltos on the first day of commencing the bookings. 14.

Out of these, 1,973 bookings were done using the K-Code which was a special programme to expand the Seltos community by giving existing

unlock high-priority delivery for the new potential buyers, the automaker said in a statement.

The bookings for the new Kia Seltos commenced on July

"We are confident that the new Seltos will reinvent and grow the mid-SUV segment further. Whether its design language, segment-first, and

segment-best features, Seltos continues to set newer benchmarks for the industry," Kia India Managing Director and CEO Tae-Jin Park said.

Building upon the tremendous success of the K-Code initiative, the automaker is actively exploring the possibility of extending this programme to future launches as well, he added.

Avenue Supermarts CEO & Managing Director Neville Kia gets record 13,424 1st

The total income of Avenue Supermarts in the June quarter was at Rs 11,904.18 crore, up 18.24 per cent.

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## **QUEEN OF ENGLAND** MARKETA VONDROUSOVA IS WIMBLEDON'S FIRST UNSEEDED FEMALE CHAMPION AFTER BEATING ONS JABEUR

## AP WIMBLEDON

arketa Vondrousova came to the All England Club a year ago unable to play tennis at all. She had a cast on her surgically repaired left wrist, so her visit was limited to sightseeing around London with her sister and cheering for a friend who was competing at Wimbledon.

This trip was a lot more memorable: She is leaving as a Grand Slam champion

Vondrousova became the first unseeded woman to win Wimbledon on Saturday, coming back in each set for a 6-4, 6-4 victory over 2022 runner-up Ons Jabeur in the final

"I don't really know what's happening now. It's an amazing feeling, Vondrousova, a 24-year-old lefthander from the Czech Republic, said during the trophy ceremony. "After everything I've been through - I had a cast last year (at) this time - it's just amazing that I can stand here and hold this. Tennis is crazy.

After being sidelined from April to October, she finished last season ranked just 99th. She arrived at Wimbledon 42nd and was the first unseeded woman to even reach the final at the All England Club in 60 years - the last, 1963 runner-up Billie Jean King, was seated in the front row of the Royal Box on Saturday alongside Kate, the Princess of Wales.

Following the match, King greet-ed Vondrousova with a hug and told her: "First unseeded ever. I love it."

Centre Court's retractable roof was closed for the final, shielding everyone from the wind that topped 20 mph (30 kph) outside, and that perhaps allowed Vondrousova's smooth lefty strokes to repeatedly find the intended mark. Her shots betrayed none of the sort of tension that Jabeur's shots did.

Vondrousova lost in the final of the 2019 French Open as a teenager. On this afternoon, she trailed in each set but collected the last four games of the first, then the last three games of the second.

How did she plan to celebrate?

"I'm going to have some beer, maybe," Vondrouova said, drawing chuckles from the fans. "It was really an exhausting two weeks. And I just tried to get myself together for the few last days. I was just so nervous before the game, and I'm just really grateful.'

Jabeur dropped to 0-3 in major finals. The 28-year-old from Tunisia is the only Arab woman and only North African woman to make it that far in singles at any Grand Slam tour-



nament

But she lost to Elena Rybakina at the All England Club 12 months ago and to No. 1 Iga Swiatek at the U.S.

and to No. 1 Iga Swiatek at the U.S. Open last September. "I think this is the most painful loss of my career," Jabeur said, paus-ing to wipe away tears. "It's going to be a tough day for me today, but I'm not going to give up," she said. "I'm going to come back stronger and win a Grand Slam one day." day.

Vondrousova's surge to her Slam title was hard to envision at the start of this fortnight.

She was 1-4 in previous appear-ances at Wimbledon, only once making it as far as the second round on its grass courts, before going 7-0 on a run that included wins against five seeded foes.

Against No. 6 Jabeur, Vondrousova kept falling slightly behind. In the first set, she was down 2-0, then 4-2, before reeling off 16 of the last 18 points. In the second set, the deficits were 3-1 and 4-3.

But Jabeur's mistakes kept coming: She would finish with 31 unforced errors, while Vondrousova

During the break between sets, Jabeur headed to the locker room. When she came back out, she immediately made another error, and the spectators made a ton of noise to spectators induce a ton of noise to show their support. Another miscue gave Vondrousova a break point, and Jabeur gifted that with yet another shot into the net. The match was 45 minutes old, and Vondrousova led by a set and a break.

That, then, is when Jabeur began something of a turnaround. She took three games in a row to go ahead 3-1, showing signs of perhaps the sort of comebacks she created after ceding the opening sets before beating Rybakina, No. 2 Aryna Sabalenka and 2019 U.S. Open champion Bianca Andreescu.

The crowd was pulling for the popular Jabeur, nicknamed the Minister of Happiness for her demeanor on and off the court, the level of the support they were provid-ing rising right along with her level of play.

It didn't last.

Vondrousova overcame that blip and, with her husband on hand for the first time during the tournament, she surged to the finish. Their first wedding anniversary is Sunday.

When Vondrousova ended the match by reaching to put away a volley, she tumbled to the grass, then laid on her back and put her hands over her visor and face, the happiest she's ever been on the surface.



## 'My most painful loss': Jabeur vows to end Grand Slam misery

AFP LONDON

Tearful Wimbledon run-ner-up Ons Jabeur on Saturday described her third defeat in a Grand Slam final as the "most painful" of her career but vowed to bounce back and break her jinx at the majors.

World number six Jabeur was beaten 6-4, 6-4 by unseeded Marketa Vondrousova of the Czech Republic, one year after she lost the Wimbledon final to Elena Rybakina.

More pain followed at the US Open later in the year where she was runner-up again, this time to Iga Swiatek. The 28-year-old is the

eighth woman to lose her first three Grand Slam finals although she can take comfort from knowing that Chris Evert and Kim Clijsters suffered the same fate before going on to capture multiple titles.

"It will be tough to speak. I am going to look ugly in the photos so that's not going to help," Jabeur told the Centre Court crowd.

"I think this is the most painful loss of my career." She added defiantly: "I

promise I will come back one day and win this tournament." Jabeur led 2-0 and 4-2 in

the first set on Saturday before the 24-year-old Vondrousova

hit back. The Tunisian's 15 unforced errors in the first set were key as the Czech left-han-

der committed a miserly six. Jabeur was 3-1 ahead in the second set but still couldn't convert the advantage as Vondrousova, who missed last year's Wimbledon due to wrist surgery, mounted another

comeback. 'Congratulations to Marketa. You're an amazing player. I know you have had a lot of injuries so I am very happy for you," said Jabeur after her third defeat this year to the Czech.

"It's going to be a tough day for me today. I'm not going to give up. I'm going to come back stronger and win a Grand Slam one day."

## 'World watching' as Djokovic, Alcaraz clash for Wimbledon title the first of his 23 majors at the Manuel Santana in 1966 and

 $N^{\rm ovak}_{\rm "world}$  of sport" will be watching when he faces Carlos Alcaraz in a Wimbledon final where history and a generational shift are at stake.

Djokovic is attempting to equal Roger Federer's record of eight titles at the All England Club and match Margaret Court's all-time mark of 24 Grand Slam crowns.

Having already pocketed the Australian Open and French Open in 2023, victory on Sunday will put the 36-year-old just one major away from completing the first men's calendar Grand Slam since 1969.

"It's the ultimate showdown," said Djokovic, who will be playing in a record 35th Grand Slam final.

"Everything comes down to one match. All eyes of the tennis and sports world will be directed on this Sunday's Wimbledon final. It's probably the most watched tennis match globally." At 20, Alcaraz is Djokovic's junior by 16 years.

When Djokovic captured

2008 Australian Open, the Spaniard was still three months shy of his fifth birthday.

Djokovic can become Wimbledon's oldest champion while Alcaraz is bidding to be its third youngest after Boris Becker

and Bjorn Borg. "I obviously have more experience. It can help a little bit in some important moments, beginning the match, managing the nerves, managing the occasion, circumstances," said Djokovic.

"But it's not going to be the deciding factor really. Whoever, on a given day, is in a better state, mentally and physically, will be the winner.

Djokovic won the mind games when the pair clashed in the French Open semi-finals in June. Alcaraz suffered body cramping, a physical ailment brought on, he freely admitted, just by the sight of Djokovic on

the other side of the net. "If you think how big he is, you struggle," admitted Italy's

Jannik Sinner who was blown off court by Djokovic in Friday's semi-final



The memory of his Paris collapse is still raw for Alcaraz who plans a series of mental exercises to counter the tension on Sunday.

"I'll try to forget that I'm going to play a final against Novak," he said.

#### BEST MOMENT OF MY LIFE

Sunday will be Alcaraz's first Wimbledon final in just his fourth grass-court event.

Djokovic is in his ninth championship match at the All England Club. The Serb has won 34 succes-

sive matches at the tournament and has not been beaten on Centre Court since losing the 2013 final to Andy Murray.

"He's in great shape, Djokovic said of Alcaraz. "He's very motivated. He's young. He's hungry. I'm hungry, too, so let's have a feast.'

Their progress to the final has been similar.

Both have only lost two sets. They have spent virtually the same amount of time on court.

"This is going to be the best moment of my life," said Alcaraz who aims to become the third Spanish men's champion after

and elected to bowl.

He hit the first ball he faced

for four to signal his intent and

kept the scoreboard ticking over,

him brief support with a run-a-

ith the occasional boundary.

Najibullah Zadran provided

petitive score.

Rafael Nadal, who won the title in 2008 and 2010.

'Playing a final here in Wimbledon is something that I dream about when I start playing tennis.

"It's even better playing against Novak. It's going to be a really emotional moment for me. For Novak is one more day, one more moment," added Alcaraz who described Djokovic as a "legend" of tennis.

Alcaraz will likely enjoy most of the crowd support as All England Club fans, in common with most around the world, remain stoically ambivalent of Djokovic despite his status in the gai There were wild cheers

when Alcaraz told a courtside TV interviewer after his semifinal demolition of Daniil Medvedev that he believed he could beat Djokovic and that it

was "no time to be afraid". Just hours earlier, Djokovic had feigned mock tears and cupped his ear in response to his

pro-Sinner supporters. "All love. Ît's all love. All love and acceptance," he told reporters.



## **Rice completes British** record transfer to Arsenal

## AFP LONDON

Declan Rice became Britain's most expensive player on Saturday as Arsenal signed the England midfielder from West Ham for a reported £105 million pounds (\$137.5 million).

Rice's blockbuster move surpassed the previous record £100 million fee paid by Manchester City for Jack Grealish in 2021 as Arsenal continue their spending spree in a bid to challenge for the Premier League title next season.

The 24-year-old said in a letter to West Ham supporters that his desire to play at the "very highest level" lay behind his decision to join Arsenal.

Rice's switch to the Emirates Stadium on a long-term contract comes just months after he lifted West Ham's first major trophy since 1980 in the Europa Conference League final against Fiorentina.

Having moved across London, Rice will now be competing for the Champions League rather than Europe's third tier trophy.

"In football, amazing opportunities arise. Big clubs, like Arsenal, have come for me and it's really hard to turn down, Rice told Arsenal's website.

"You only ever get one career and I really believe in

what Mikel (Arteta) is building best years at this great club. here and the squad he's building. "I know he (Arteta) is going to get the best out of me. I know I'm really looking forward to the future with Arsenal." I've got more levels to go up in my game and I feel like he's the

Fuelled by their agonising failure to hold off champions Manchester City in the Premier League title race last term, Arsenal have already spent around £200 million since the end of last season in a bid to improve on their second place finish.

Arsenal haven't won the title since Arsene Wenger's 'Invincibles' in 2004, but they made huge strides under Arteta last season. They led the Premier League table for much of the season before collapsing in the final weeks to allow City to knock them out of first place.

Rice is confident the future is bright for a young Arsenal team featuring emerging stars like Bukayo Saka, William Saliba and Gabriel Martinelli.

#### 'REALLY HUNGRY'

"With Mikel and how he works, the squad, how young everyone is, the energy around the club and also the challenge of getting Arsenal back to where they belong, that means a lot to me," Rice said.

"I know the fans really want that. For me as a player, I've come here really hungry to have more success and to spend my

al talent who has the potential to be very successful here. 'The responsibility and role he has taken on has been very impressive and we are really excited that he is joining us.

manager to take me to those

next levels. I am really excited to

from Borussia Dortmund to

Real Madrid could eventually

beat Rice's record, depending on

add-on clauses in the deal that

antic fee to justify after he joined

Germany forward Kai Havertz

and Netherlands defender

Jurrien Timber as the new

recruits in Mikel Arteta's squad.

Granit Xhaka having left to

join Bayer Leverkusen, Rice's

arrival will bolster Areta's mid-

Declan is joining us. He is a play-er with tremendous ability, who

has been performing at a high level in the Premier League and

for England for a number of sea-

sons now," Arteta said. "Declan

is bringing undoubted quality to

the club and he is an exception-

field options.

With Swiss international

'We're really happy that

may take it to £115 million. But for now Rice has a gig-

Jude Bellingham's transfer

be working with him."

## Bangladesh beat Afghan despite Janat hat-trick

## AFP SYLHET (BANGLADESH)

fghanistan's Karim Janat Agrabbed a hat-trick in the final over but Bangladesh held their nerve to sneak a two-wicket win with just a ball to spare in the first T20 international in

Sylhet on Friday. The hosts seemed to be cruising towards victory in the first encounter of the two-match series after Towhid Hridoy and Shamim Hossain put on 73 runs for the fifth wicket in reply to Afghanistan's 154-7.

Then drama erupted at the

Sylhet International Stadium. Rashid Khan removed Shamim for 33 to break the partnership, but Bangladesh were still favourites needing only six runs from the final over.

Instead Janat dismissed Mehidy Hasan Miraz, Taskin Ahmed and Nasum Ahmed with the second, third and fourth balls of the over, leaving the hosts still two runs away. Shoriful Islam came in at number 10 to strike a powerful shot that raced to boundary, earning Bangladesh a dramatic win. said

Hridoy remained unbeaten on 47 at the non-striker's end as Janat finished with 3-15.

"We had the belief, all our tail-enders can bat. It was Shoriful's turn today but Miraz could have finished it," said Bangladesh skipper Shakib Al Hasan. Rashid, the Afghanistan captain, lamented his side's inability to defend their total.

"With the bowling unit we have, that total was enough but in T20 one innings can take away the game from you," he

The visitors struggled at the start of their innings, losing their first four wickets for 52 runs after Shakib won the toss

But Mohammad Nabi scored an unbeaten 54 from 40 balls to give Afghanistan a com-

Farooqi, Mujeeb Ur Rahman Hridoy and Shamim mounted match of the series will be held at the same ground on Sunday.

four sixes to score 33 off 18 deliveries, ensuring Afghanistan never lost their way completely. Shakib was the hosts' most

## successful bowler with 2-27. Similarly Bangladesh were reduced to 64-4 as Fazalhaq

Omarzai and Fareed Ahmed each claimed a wicket before the comeback. The second

ball 23 before falling to Mehidy, while Azmatullah Omarzai hit

# Ashwin, Jaiswal help India win by innings against WI

#### PTI ROSEAU (DOMINICA)

he world's top-ranked bowler R Ashwin was too good for an ill-equipped West Indies batting line-up as his second five-wicket haul of the game set up India's innings and 141-run victory in the opening Test here on Friday.

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After India declared their first innings at 421 for five mid-way into the afternoon session, an improved batting show was expected from the Caribbean batters but they were simply not up to the task and collapsed to 130 all out in 50 overs to ensure a three-day finish. Ashwin followed his 33rd

five-wicket haul in the first innings with envious figures of seven for 71 in 21.3 overs, his best in an overseas Test.

The result was a foregone conclusion after the West Indies were bundled out for 150 on the opening day.

India's big win was also set up by Yashasvi Jaiswal who made a sublime 171 on debut. Virat Kohli contributed with 76 off 182 but it was not among his fluent knocks as he had to work extremely hard for his runs and was even dropped twice along the way.

The second and final Test starts in Port of Spain, Trinidad, from July 20. India, who have not lost a Test to West Indies since 2002, will be expected to complete a clean sweep and pick up crucial points in the World Test Championship.

The writing was on the wall when the West Indies were two in 19 overs at tea with reduced to 32 for four in their Ashwin and Jadeja removing



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Kraigg Brathwaite (7) and Tagenarine Chanderpaul (7) With the conditions resembling the slow and dry tracks of respectively. India, Rohit Sharma introduced

Jadeja trapped Chanderpaul in front with the one that turned from middle stump and DRS showed it was clipping the top of his leg-stump.

Brathwaite had little clue on what the skilful Ashwin was up to as he edged a straighter one to Ajinkya Rahane at first slip.

The only West Indies batter who looked assured in the middle was debutant Alick Athanaze (28 off 44), who was not afraid

to sweep Ashwin before unlea shing a square cut and a pull off Mohammed Siraj.

The talented southpaw was eventually caught at short leg by Jaiswal off Ashwin in the 37th over.

India declared an hour after lunch and it seemed they were waiting for debutant Ishan Kishan to get his first run which took 20 balls

The visitors batted for as many as 152.2 overs in their first innings, scoring at a run rate of 2.76 for a massive 271-run lead.

Kohli was the lone India batter to be dismissed after lunch. After being dropped in the first over post the break, Kohli did not last long as he fell into the trap laid by offie Rahkeem Cornwall.

The burly spinner got one to bounce from middle stump and Kohli ended up flicking to the waiting leg slip fielder.

In the morning, Jaiswal became only the third Indian to score 150 on debut while Kohli had to toil for a half-century as the visitors reached 400 for four at lunch.

Resuming the day at 312 for two, India managed 88 runs in 29 overs in the morning session for the loss of Jaiswal (171) and Ajinkya Rahane (3).

The Indian batters had to work for their runs on a slow pitch offering a lot of turn and a heavy outfield. Kohli celebrating after hitting a rare boundary was proof of that.

Left-arm spinner Jomel Warrican opened the bowling alongside Holder and instantly created issues for Kohli

Kohli Surpasses Dhoni In Unique List

## PNS NEW DELHI

ndia thrashed West Indies by an innings and 141 runs on the back of Ravichandran Ashwin's 12-wicket haul and young star Yashasvi Jaiswal's 171 as the Rohit Sharma-led side started the new WTC cycle on the right note with a big win. Virat Kohli has surpassed MS Dhoni for a special record with this win.

Virat Kohli has now represented India in 296 winning matches. He surpassed MS Dhoni in the list who has played 295 winning matches for India. Now only Sachin Tendulkar is above Virat Kohli with 307 matches in winning cause.

The star batter missed his century as he got out for 76 runs but his knock was crucial too in India's dominant victory over the hosts in the first Test.

India Beat Windies In Dominant Fashion An outstanding overall display in the first Test has earned India crucial points in the new World Test Championship cycle.

Captain Rohit Sharma showed confidence in the spin bowling abilities of Ashwin and Ravindra Jadeja, entrusting them to lead the Indian bowling attack on a pitch that provided ample assistance to spinners. Both off-spinners lived up to expectations, picking up 17 of the 20 West Indies wickets in the match

In the first innings, the 21-year-old Jaiswal formed a formidable 229-run partnership with

The former India skipper to reach 150 on debut with a singot a life when he was dropped gle, matching the feats of Shikhar on 40 by West Indies captain Dhawan (187) and Rohit Brathwaite. Kohli went for a drive off Warrican and Sharma (177). Brathwaite ended up grassing an easy chance at cover.

At the other end, Jaiswal stepped out to Warrican and dispatched him for a straight six. He became the third Indian



captain Sharma, with both batters notching up enturies. Jaiswal went on to score a remarkable 171, while the experienced Virat Kohli accompanied him with an excellent knock of 76.

Ashwin showed the world why he is the No.1 ranked Test bowler, further solidifying his reputation by claiming his 34th five-wicket haul tied for fifth most by any bowler in Test histo-

As the second Test approaches in Port of Spain, India will be eager to maintain their momentum, while the hosts will be aiming for an improved performance in order to level the series

> a big impact, attempted a drive on the up on a slow pitch off Kemar Roach and ended up offering a simple catch at cover.

A double hundred was in the offing for Jaiswal but it wasn't to be as he edged one that angled away from Alzarri Joseph.

Soon after Rahane, who had a good opportunity to make





It's just the start: Jaiswal

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m Jaiswal\,said\,the\,journey\,so}$ far has been long and arduous for him and the "Player of the Match" award in his debut Test was "just the start" of many more

future success stories. Jaiswal showed in the first his room and thanked everyone nst the West that he belongs to the highest level, with the southpaw scoring 171 runs on debut and sharing a 229-run partnership with skipper Rohit Sharma. Jaiswal became only the third Indian to score 150 on debut and his big break came after sensational performances in IPL and domestic cricket.

## Aim is to win gold and hear national anthem on podium: Gaikwad

## PTI ROSEAU (DOMINICA)

Ruturaj Gaikwad is stoked about captaining India at the Asian Games and said the aim would be to win the gold medal and ensure India's national anthem is played at the podium.

With Asian Games coinciding with the ODI World Cup, the BCCI has named a second-string Indian team for the continental event in Hangzhou.

The men's cricket event will be held from September 28-October 8. The format will be T20.

"The dream will be to win a gold medal, stand on the podium and listen to the National anthem for the country," Gaikwad, who was named captain of the side on Friday night, said in a video posted by the BCCI. The 26-year-old, who is currently part

of the Test squad in the West Indies tour, has The young cricketer then placed the trophy on a table in



been part of India's white ball set up and played one ODI and nine T20Is.

With India in a transition phase, it will be a big opportunity for the Maharashtra 'run-machine' to show his mettle.

"I think this opportunity is something special and we will play a brand of cricket that would make everyone back home proud," he said.

"It wil be really exciting to be part of to represent the country in the Asian Games and win the medal for the country.

"It's something that we always grew up watching on TV, seeing athletes win it for the country. To get he opportunity, go out there and win the medal will be really, real ly special."

'Playing for India itself is really a proud feeling, and leading the side in such a big event, will be a great opportunity for me personally, and also all the team members who are alongside me."

Cricket is being played at the Asian Games for the first time since 2014 when India did not take part. This time, India will be fielding both men's and women's teams.



## Harmanpreet hoping for better wickets in ODI PTI MIRPUR

India captain Harmanpreet Kaur is hoping that they will

actually won the series had they not self-destructed in their chase of 95 in the second T20. They will be in good spirits after the win on Thursday and the India skipper is expecting a tough nt from the

Barring Harmanpreet, India

do not have any six hitter in the

squad and that hurt them in

T20s. The likes of Smriti Mand-

hana and Jemimah Rodrigues

will get more time to construct

their innings in the 50-over for-

mat. Opener Shafali Verma's

form has been under the scan-

ics. Of late, India have found a

ularly but in the prevailing con-



India defeated the West Indies by an innings and 141 runs here to take a 1-0 lead in the two-Test series on Friday.

The BCCI posted a short video on social media on Saturday, which showed 21vear-old Jaiswal walking back to his hotel room after collecting his 'Player of the Match" award.

"It felt very nice getting the Player-of-the-Match award on debut. It's been a long journey, feeling very happy and good about it," said Jaiswal as he climbed the stairs on way to his hotel room

"Thank you so much in the end. This will be a memorable moment for me. Thank you God, thank you guys for your love and support," he added.

spin as early as the fifth over.

West Indies slipped to 27 for

Earlier, Jaiswal while receiving the trophy, had said that playing a Test for the country was an "emotional moment for him" and thanked chief coach

"Let's see what the future

holds for me, this is just the start

(of my international career).

Pray to God that I continue play-

ing like this, keep making (such)

efforts and keep contributing for

the team," he added.

Rahul Dravid for his advice. "We prepared pretty well. Spoke a lot to Rahul Dravid sir and learned from him. Would like to thank all the selectors and Rohit (Sharma) sir for having

been working on this. "Playing Test cricket for India is very special and emotional. This is just the start, I

working on my cricket. Lots of people helped me through my journey and I want to thank each and every one of them," he said

faith in me. It's really nice, I have

need to keep my focus and keep

## SL eyeing another shot at WTC final in Pakistan tests

cricket.

## AP GALLE

ri Lanka was in contention Jfor the World Test Championship final until March. That prospect has whetted its appetite to get there in the new cycle. The campaign starts on Sunday, when Sri Lanka plays Pakistan in Galle in the first of two tests.

"We had a pretty good cam-paign in the last World Test Championship and at one point we had a chance to make it to the finals," Sri Lanka skipper Dimuth Karunaratne said. "We would have liked to finish things off better but our last series in New Zealand didn't go the way we want. But this is a new

finalise the schedule for the

Asia Cup. The hybrid model

proposed by Najam Sethi, the chairman of the dissolved crick-

et management committee of

opportunity and we are looking forward for the challenge." Left-arm quick Shaheen

Afridi returns for Pakistan after a year out of the test side due to a knee injury, and the visitors are pinning their hopes on him.

When these teams met at the same ground last year, Afridi claimed four wickets in the first innings but suffered a serious right knee ligament injury while fielding in the second innings. He aggravated the injury months later at the T20 World Cup. Pakistan still won that first test but lost the second. They are mirroring the same series this

"Very pleased with the re-

turn of Shaheen Afridi," Pakistan skipper Babar Azam said. "Besides his wicket-taking abilities, his presence always motivates

and lifts the side. I know Shaheen has badly missed red-ball cricket and is hungry for test

Shaheen is on 99 test wickets and set to become the fourth fastest Pakistani quick to 100. Sri Lanka will miss the ser-

vices of seam bowler Asitha Fernando, who is recovering from dengue fever.

Kasun Rajitha and Vishwa Fernando are expected to share the new ball although they have in the squad uncapped left-arm quick Dilshan Madushanka,

who was highly impressive during the Asia Cup last year when s wickets included Virat Kohli.

Sri Lanka's key weapon will be left-arm spinner Prabath Jayasuriya, who has an enviable record in Galle of 46 wickets from five tests including six fivewicket hauls.

Both teams have settled sides with Pakistan carrying 13 players in the squad who were in Śri Lanka 12 months ago. The tourists will also be hoping for an uptick in fortune during the series. Since the beginning of 2022, Pakistan has won only one of 10 tests. Even so, it is sixth in preet on the eve of the first ODI. the world ranking, one place higher than Sri Lanka.

beginning here on Sunday. India managed to win the T20 series 2-1 but their batters had a tough time on the slow surface at the Shere Bangla National Stadium. The visitors struggled to 95 and 102 in the second and third game while Bangladesh had posted 114 in the series opener.

get better pitches to bat on in the

three-match ODI series against

Harmanpreet said ODIs are ner for a while now and she would look to silence her crita different ball game to T20s and her batters would need to show way to post 270 plus totals regthe patience to put up competitive totals in challenging conditions. "Wherever we go we want ditions, Harmanpreet feels that to play on good tracks, fair tracks but how much I know we are going to play on the same track tomorrow. Hopefully we will get a better wicket for the last two games. "In Asian conditions, tracks can be slow. As a batting unit we have to work hard for the runs and we are ready for that," said Harman-

Bangladesh could have

would be a far cry. "Wicket is guite slow and we are not expecting too many runs. Rather than thinking about those big totals, getting (enough) runs for the teams is

most important," she said. Bangladesh have recalled Shamin Akhter for the series. Shorna Akter, Marufa Akter and Salma Khatun have also been included.

## PCB wants to host more than four Asia Cup games in Pak

#### PTI KARACHI

The PCB will try to get more I matches of the Asia Cup to be staged in Pakistan when the Asian Cricket Council (ACC) board meets in Dubai on Sunday. Following the acceptance of the hybrid model by all stakeholders including the PCB and BCCI, the ACC announced last month that four matches will be held in Pakistan and nine in Sri Lanka with the event to held from August 31 to September 17.

Hybrid model was proposed as BCCI had clearly conveved that it won't send its team to Pakistan due to the tense relations between the two countries. However, new PCB cricket committee chief Zaka Ashraf, who was not in charge when the Asia Cup dates were announced, has made his intentions clear to the ACC member board officials who were present in Durban for



the ICC meetings earlier this week.

Though the full match schedule of the tournament is yet to be made public, Pakistan getting more games is unlikely.

the PCB, and was accepted by 'Pakistan will take the stance at the ACC meeting that with a the ACC members including rainy weather forecast for venues India. Indications are that the in Sri Lanka which is to host two India-Pakistan matches in nine games of the Asia Cup, the tournament would be held Pakistan should be allowed to in Dambulla. The source said host more than four games at that instead of just Lahore, Zaka home," said a PCB source. Ashraf wants more matches so

that they can use other venues as well including Multan.

"The authorities in charge have expressed their desire to commence the event with a match between Pakistan and Nepal in Multan where they expect a bigger crowd compared to Lahore," he added.

They hold the belief that selecting Multan Stadium, which is smaller in size compared to Lahore's Gaddafi Stadium, will create a more packed atmos-

phere for the opening match. Pakistani officials are hopeful that they will get the oppor-tunity to host more matches.

India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Afghanistan, and Nepal will take part in the continental event. The 2023 edition will feature two groups, with two teams from each group qualifying for the Super Four stage. The top two sides from the Super Four stage will then face off in the final.

## IF PAKISTAN DOESN'T GO FOR WC IT WILL **BE GREAT INJUSTICE TO FANS: MISBAH**

#### PTI KARACHI

Former Pakistan cricket captain Misbah-ul-Haq has advocated for his country's team be allowed to compete in the ODI World Cup in India and added that not sending the side for the mega-event would be "depriving people" of the opportunity to see the arch-rivals clash on the biggest stage.

"When there can be contacts between the two countries in other sports, why not in cricket. Why link cricket with political relations? It is unfair to deprive people of a chance to see their teams play against each other," said Misbah, the 49-year-old former Pakistan captain and coach at a function here on Friday.

"It is great injustice to the fans who follow Pakistan and Indian cricket a lot," added the batter, who has more than 11,000 international runs.



The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) recently conveyed to the ICC and the BCCI that the national team's participation in the World Cup in October-November this year is subject to government clearance due to the tense relations between the two countries

India has refused to play its Asia Cup matches in Pakistan owing to geopolitical

tensions, and after months of speculation around the continental tournament, the Asian Cricket Council (ACC) announced that the event will be staged in a hybrid model with four games in Pakistan and nine in Sri Lanka (neutral venue) from August 31 to September 17.

PCB acting chairman Zaka Ashraf is also pushing for Pakistan's World Cup matches against India to be played at neutral venues.

Misbah felt it was time Pakistan should go to India and the Indian team should also me to Pakistan to play matches.

"Certainly Pakistan should be playing in the World Cup even in India," he added. "The many times I have played in India, we have enjoyed the pressure and crowds there. Because it gives you motivation and conditions in India suit us. Our team has the capability to do well in Indian conditions."

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"You have to take care of yourself, your body, your mind, take care of your soul-be your own keeper"



ndia achieved a momentous feat on July 14, 2023, with the successful launch of its third lunar mission, Chandrayaan-3. This mission is a significant milestone for India's space program, as it aims to land a rover on the lunar surface in late August, advancing the nation's pursuit of scientific discovery and technological progress. Chandrayaan-3 follows in the

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footsteps of its predecessor, Chandrayaan-2, launched in 2019. However, this time the primary objective is to softly land a rover on the moon's South Pole region. Equipped with advanced scientific instruments, the rover will explore the lunar surface, delving into its composition, mineralogy, and geological history. This achievement positions India

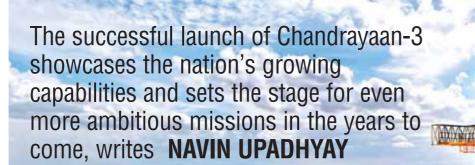
as the fourth country to successfully land a rover on the moon, joining the ranks of the United States, the Soviet Union, and China. Not only does it strengthen India's standing in space exploration, but it also enriches the nation's expertise and experience in lunar missions, laying the foundation for future endeavors.

At the core of Chandrayaan-3's scientific prowess lies a meticulously designed suite of state-of-the-art instruments and payloads. Each instrument plays a vital role in capturing precise data and providing valuable insights into the lunar surface.

The Terrain Mapping Camera (TMC) aboard Chandrayaan-3 is a crucial instrument that captures highresolution images of the moon's landscape. These detailed maps not only enable scientists to create accurate topographical models but also assist in identifying potential landing sites for future missions, a key step toward establishing a sustained human presence on the Moon.

The Alpha Particle X-ray Spectrometer (APXS), another integral component, analyzes the elemental composition of lunar rocks and soil. By studying the chemical makeup of these materials, scientists can unravel the moon's geological history, including volcanic activities and the impact of meteorite bombardments. Chandrayaan-3 also carries the

Laser-Induced Breakdown Spectroscope (LIBS), a cutting-edge instrument that employs laser pulses to analyze the lunar surface's composition. By studying the emitted light, scientists gain insights into the presence and distribution of various elements, unraveling the mysteries





Tndia's moon missions have played a significant role in the country's space exploration endeavors. Here is a chronological overview of India's

Moon Mineralogy Mapper (M3) that detected water molecules on the moon's surface. CHANDRAYAAN-2 (2019): Building CHANDRAYAAN-3 (2023): In a remarkable achievement, India successfully launched Chandrayaan-3 on July 14, 2023. This mission is a follow-up to Chandrayaan-2 and aims to achieve a soft landing of a rover on the moon's surface. Equipped with advanced scientific instruments, Chandrayaan-3 will explore the moon's composition, mineralogy, and geological history in greater detail. It represents a significant milestone in India's space program, strengthening the country's position in lunar exploration and paving the way for future missions.

## **SOFT LANDING ATTEMPT:**

Chandrayaan-3 aims to achieve a soft landing on the lunar surface. While several countries have successfully orbited the moon or crash-landed spacecraft, only a few have accomplished a controlled and gentle touchdown. Chandrayaan-3's objective is to execute a precise landing, deploying a rover to explore the moon's surface.

**SOUTH POLE REGION** FOCUS: The mission specifically targets the moon's South Pole region for the landing. This region is of immense scientific interest as it is believed to have water ice deposits in permanently shadowed craters. Investigating this area will provide crucial insights into the moon's history, potential resources, and the possibility of future human habitation.

## TECHNOLOGY AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS:

Chandrayaan-3 utilizes advanced technology and scientific instruments to enhance its exploration capabilities. The spacecraft is equipped with a suite of instruments, including cameras, spectrometers, and drills, designed to study the lunar surface's composition, mineralogy, and geological history in greater detail. These instruments will provide valuable data and contribute to our understanding of the moon. ■INDIAN SPACE PROGRAM: Chandrayaan-3 is part of India's ambitious space program, led by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO). It reflects India's commitment to pushing the boundaries of scientific exploration and showcasing its capabilities in space technology. The mission not only demonstrates India's scientific prowess but also fosters international collaboration and cooperation in lunar exploration. **FUTURE MISSIONS AND LUNAR EXPLORATION:** 

Chandrayaan-3 sets the stage for future lunar missions and human exploration. It serves as a stepping stone for upcoming endeavors, such as the planned Gaganyaan mission, which aims to send Indian astronauts to space. The experience gained from Chandrayaan-3 will contribute to India's future lunar exploration initiatives, including potential commercial ventures and human colonization of the moon.

hidden within the Moon's rocky facade.

To study the properties and behavior of lunar dust particles, the Lunar Dust Analyzer (LDA) is a critical payload on Chandrayaan-3. These tiny granules pose unique challenges to lunar exploration, as they can affect equipment, interfere with scientific instruments, and even pose health risks to future astronauts. By comprehensively studying lunar dust, scientists can develop strategies to mitigate its impact and ensure the success of future lunar surface operations.

In addition, Chandrayaan-3 incorporates a specialized instrument called the Langmuir Probe. This instrument measures the density, temperature, and electrical properties of the lunar exosphere, offering valuable insights into the dynamics and characteristics of this fascinating lunar atmosphere.

The Chandrayaan-3 mission involves three spacecraft: an orbiter, a lander, and a rover. While the orbiter remains in lunar orbit for approximately one year, gathering vital data about the moon's surface and atmosphere, the lander gently touches down in the moon's South Pole region, enabling the rover to deploy and explore its surroundings.

As the largest spacecraft in the mission, the orbiter carries an array of scientific instruments that aid in studying the moon's surface, atmosphere, and gravity field. Additionally, the orbiter is equipped with a high-resolution camera, capturing detailed images of the lunar surface that contribute to our understanding of its topography.

Complementing the orbiter, the lander houses scientific instruments focused on studying the moon's composition, mineralogy, and geological history. It also facilitates effective communication with the orbiter and rover through a communications system, enabling seamless data transmission and analysis.

The rover itself represents the most complex component of Chandrayaan-3. Packed with advanced scientific instruments, it conducts in-

LOOKING AHEAD INDIA'S SPACE PROGRAM HAS A **BRIGHT FUTURE IN** LUNAR EXPLORATION. THE SUCCESS OF CHANDRAYAAN-3 WILL PAVE THE WAY FOR UPCOMING MISSIONS. INCLUDING THE HIGHLY ANTICIPATED GAGANYAAN **MISSION. WHICH** AIMS TO SEND INDIAN ASTRONAUTS TO THE MOON. THE KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE GAINED FROM CHANDRAYAAN-3 WILL PROVE **INVALUABLE IN** PREPARING FOR **FUTURE HUMAN** MISSIONS AND ESTABLISHING A SUSTAINED HUMAN PRESENCE ON THE M00

#### moon missions: CHANDRAYAAN-1 (2008):

Chandrayaan-1 was India's first lunar mission and marked a major milestone for the country's space program. Launched on October 22, 2008, it successfully reached the moon's orbit on November 8, 2008. The mission aimed to study the moon's surface and its mineral composition. Chandrayaan-1 carried several scientific instruments, including an impact probe and a

depth investigations of the lunar surface, studying its composition, mineralogy, and geological history. Moreover, the rover features a drill capable of collecting samples of lunar soil, offering invaluable insights into the moon's subsurface.

Scientifically, Chandrayaan-3 aims to achieve several objectives. Firstly, it seeks to analyze the composition and mineralogy of the lunar surface, unveiling the moon's geological history and shedding light on past volcanic activities and meteorite impacts. Secondly, the mission aims to investigate the presence of water ice on the moon, a crucial resource for future human missions and potential lunar habitation. Additionally, Chandrayaan-3 will explore the moon's exosphere, studying its composition and dynamics, including interactions with the solar wind and the formation of lunar dust

The launch of Chandrayaan-3 presents a significant opportunity for India's space program to expand its horizons. The mission not only enhances India's scientific and technological capabilities but also serves as a platform for international collaboration. By partnering with various international organizations, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) fosters cooperation and knowledge exchange, contributing to future lunar missions.

Looking ahead, India's space program has a bright future in lunar exploration. The success of Chandrayaan-3 will pave the way for upcoming missions, including the highly anticipated Gaganyaan mission, which aims to send Indian astronauts

on the success of Chandrayaan-1, India launched its second lunar mission, Chandrayaan-2, on July 22, 2019. This mission consisted of an orbiter, a lander named Vikram, and a rover called Pragyan. However, the lander's soft landing attempt on the moon's surface did not go as planned, and contact with the lander was lost. Despite the setback, the orbiter continued to operate successfully and provided valuable data about the moon's surface and atmosphere.

to the moon. The knowledge and experience gained from Chandrayaan-3 will prove invaluable in preparing for future human missions and establishing a sustained human presence on the moon.

In addition to the scientific and technological advancements, the successful launch of Chandrayaan-3 holds immense significance in inspiring future generations. The mission exemplifies the power of determination and perseverance, encouraging young people to pursue careers in science and engineering. It showcases the boundless possibilities within the realm of space exploration and ignites the imagination of budding scientists and explorers worldwide.

The impact of Chandrayaan-3 extends beyond India's borders, contributing to the global space community. It reinforces India's reputation as a leading spacefaring nation, fostering international cooperation in space exploration and creating new opportunities for collaboration and knowledge-sharing.

The significance of the Chandrayaan-3 mission cannot be overstated. Its success represents a leap forward in India's space program and reaffirms the country's commitment to pushing the boundaries of scientific exploration. With each mission, India's expertise and capabilities in space technology continue to grow, positioning it as a formidable player in the global space race.

Beyond the scientific achievements, Chandrayaan-3 holds great promise for the future of lunar exploration. The mission's objectives, such as studying the moon's composition, searching for water ice, and analyzing its geological history, provide crucial insights that will shape future missions and deepen our understanding of celestial bodies beyond Earth. The data and knowledge gained from Chandrayaan-3 will not only benefit the scientific community but also contribute to potential commercial developments and pave the way for human colonization of the moon.

India's ambition in space exploration goes beyond the moon. The successful launch of Chandrayaan-3 showcases the nation's growing capabilities and sets the stage for even more ambitious missions in the years to come. The planned Gaganyaan mission, aiming to send Indian astronauts to space, demonstrates India's determination to explore new frontiers and establish a sustained human presence beyond Earth.

The Chandrayaan-3 mission is not without its challenges. Landing a rover on the moon's rugged South Pole region presents technical hurdles, demanding precise engineering and navigation. The moon's low gravity adds an extra layer of complexity, requiring meticulous planning to ensure the stability and maneuverability of the rover.

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), India's space agency, has consistently demonstrated its ability to overcome challenges and achieve remarkable milestones. With a track record of successful missions, including the Mangalyaan mission to Mars and the Chandrayaan-2 mission, ISRO has proven its competence and dedication to pushing the boundaries of space exploration.

India's venture into space exploration extends beyond national efforts. The country actively seeks international collaboration and partnerships, recognizing the importance of shared knowledge and resources in advancing space exploration. By collaborating with other space agencies and participating in global initiatives, India aims to foster a spirit of cooperation and contribute to the collective understanding of the universe.

As the world looks to the future of space exploration, the Chandrayaan-3 mission signals India's emergence as a key player in the global space community. With its innovative spirit, scientific prowess, and commitment to exploration, India is poised to make significant contributions to our understanding of the cosmos and shape the course of space exploration for years to come.

As India celebrates the successful launch and the upcoming soft landing of Chandrayaan-3, it solidifies its position in the annals of space exploration. This remarkable mission will deepen our understanding of the moon, unravel its mysteries, and propel us further into the vast expanse of space. The legacy of Chandrayaan-3 will endure, inspiring future generations to continue pushing the boundaries of human knowledge and embarking on awe-inspiring journeys of discovery.

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# NBS: A GIFT TO LIFE

There's an old adage that "an ounce of prevention is worth more than a pound of cure." Same holds true in the case of newborn screening (NBS): Early identification of diseases leads to early treatment and better outcomes for the child. However, while the government is yet to make the life-saving NBS mandatory, a few State Government hospitals and private labs are joining hands to offer free of cost tests, thus doing their bit to save babies from lifethreatening ailments/disorders. **ARCHANA JYOTI** reports one of such important initiatives launched last week





very day, the Post Graduate Institute of Child Health (PGICH), a pediatric superspeciality hospital at Noida's Sector-30 in Uttar Pradesh admits at least two sick newborns in its state of the art neonatal intensive care unit (NICU). Some of them are preterm

(born before 37 weeks of pregnancy), have low birth weight (less than 2500gm), or have a health condition that needs special care like sepsis or birth asphyxia.

In other words, the Medical Genetics department is receiving around 60-70 such newborns every month whose life is hanging between life and death.

Doctors say that for a newborn, the first month is considered the most crucial as it lays the foundation for the baby's healthy development. It is the period where any metabolic disorders/diseases if inherited genetically may present with severe symptoms. The problem is serious.

lence of 7.7 per cent in different tribal groups, according to gramme. the doctors.

Congenital hypothy-roidism (CH) is one of the most common preventable causes of mental retardation. Recent pilot studies confirm that the CH incidence rates range from 1 in 500 to 1 in 3,400 live births. However, many are asymptomatic and clinically present with signifi-

cant morbidity or mortality even later. "This is where the New Born Screening (NBS) proga-ramme is needed if we want

our little angels to be saved and enjoy the bliss of life as healthy adults," pointed out Dr Mayank Nilay(Assistant Professor, Medical Genetics) at the Superspeciality hospital. NBS blood test is a genet-

ic test conducted on a newborn baby a few days after birth to screen for the above-mentioned congenital disabilities. The test is also known as the heel prick test or Guthrie test. It is a simple and quick procedure that involves taking a ngenital adı Galactosemia, Biotinidase defiheel of the baby's foot. Implementing newborn ciency, G6PD and cystic fibroscreening (NBS) in more than sis. The newborn babies will be 52 countries enabled early tested at 48hrs of life by dried detection and to initiate treatblood spot testing (heel prick). ment of neonates with CH. Professor Dr DK Singh Even though an estimated

disorders, India is yet to imple-

ment a national NBS pro-Various reasons are given.

Lack of public funding, policy level implementation, proper sample collection and quality testing being some of the major hurdles.

However, Delhi, Chandigarh, Goa and Kerala and a few health institutions in the country have made an exception by launching NBS that looks for congenital hypothyroidism, CAH, hypothyroidism, CAH, Glucose 6 phosphate dehydrogenase deficiency and Galactosemia in newborns.

Now, offering a ray of hope to such kids and their families, the PGICH hospital and Neuberg Diagnostics (Ahmedabad) have joined hands to reachout to each baby at the NICU so that they are saved from the life-threatening

diseases if any. The hospital recently inked a pact with the Neuberg Diagnostics to start free of cost NBS at the institute for basic treatable disorders like Congenital hypothyroidism,

which when diagnosed and treated at an early age show encouraging results and some like Hypothyroidism have a very less treatment cost and early treatment prevents a number of cases of intellectual disability.

The Institute is known for its dedicated pediatric gastromedicine and pediatric endocrinology departments as well which are actively involved in management of kids with Congenital hypothyroidism, Congenital adrenal hyperplasia, Galactosemia and cystic fibrosis.

Dr Nilay said that cystic fibrosis is a crippling disorder affecting the lungs and digestive system. The carrier status for cystic fibrosis as high as 4.5% have been reported in hospital cohorts from India. With test being taken care

of, the doctors hope to ensure better and early treatment to the little patients admitted in the NICU.

Talking about the need for such an initiative, Dr Vigyan Mishra, Chief of Lab (North India), Neuberg Diagnostics "thic effort to fill the gap. It is sad that life-saving NBS is out of the reach of many babies. It is high time that NBS become a mandatory provision in the maternal health system. "We hope that this move will sensitize the authorities. Most of these babies are from poor families who can't afford

these vital tests in the private sector," Dr Mishra added.

Professor Dr Ruchi Rai (Head of Department, Neonatology) agreed as she shared that congenital hypothyroidism is one of the commonest cause of mental retardation and affects 1/1000 newborns in India. If not detected early, this has a huge socio-economic burden on the family but if diagnosed early, it is 100% manageable and the child will have a healthy life ahead.

In biotinidase deficiency, biotin (vitamin B7) is not produced and results in severe neurological disorders, and in galactosemia the body is not able to digest galactose (the sugar found in all milk products) which may result in life threatening complications like liver failure, poor growth and

abnormal bleeding. Dr Nilay further informed that in G6PD deficiency, the body doesn't have enough glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase enzyme which is needed for normal functioning of red

as well as blood pressure changes (early diagnosis can help in early initiation of treatment with steroids like Fludrocortisone).

Professor Dr Arun Kumar Singh (Director, PGICH) added that initially 30 newborns per month will benefit from this free of cost NBS program and gradually more infants will be enrolled.

The doctors opine that the social initiative is likely to benefit more than 800 newborns of poor families every year.

"A newborn screening with early diagnosis will help to prevent irreversible damage to the growing babies and they can be an asset for the family and the nation," concluded Dr AK Singh.

alimentary canal like cholera, vomiting, diar-rhea, dysentry, abdomi-In fact, way back in 2015, similar prevention programs nal spasm, jaundice, hepatitis etc; diseases of spanning five years were undertaken at SGPGIMS, the respiratory system like cold, cough, sore throat Lucknow with the help of the and skin diseases like ring-National Health Mission for 5 genetic disorders. Indicating worm, itching, skin rashes, boils, eruptions, pimthe importance of such NBS, of 65000 newborn babies screened, at least 257 were this season. diagnosed with congenital ongenita adrenal hyperplasia, galactosemia, biotinidase deficiency or G6PD deficiency. These infants were given timely treatment and most of them are now leading a normal life. All because of the NBS and of course dedicated and passionate teams of



## **Eat cautiously** to enjoy the monsoon

Showers of rain bring respite after the long spell of scorching heat, but rain also brings diseases with it simultaneously. Due to the high temperature and humidity before starting the monsoon, body becomes weak and the digestive fire present in the body also slows down. In such a situation, it is necessary to be careful in selecting food items to prevent diseases. According to Ayurveda, there is an accumulation of pitta dosha and an aggravation of vata dosha in the

rainy season.

For pacification of Vata, food containing four

of the total six tastes mentioned in Ayurveda name-

ly sour, salt, astringent and

sweet should be used dur-

ing monsoon, in which

ghee and oil should be used

in moderate quantity.

Eating new & fresh grains

can cause many diseases, so

the use of old wheat, rice

and barley is beneficial in

this season. Vasti therapy

of Panchakarma is used in

monsoon to detoxify the

conditions like tempera-

ture, humidity etc. are

most favourable for the

growth of microbes caus-

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ples, etc. usually occur in

Gastrointestinal infec-

In the rainy season,

body.

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ground vegetables like radish, carrot, beetle root, etc. in salad. Do not use leafy vegetables like spinach, cabbage, etc. without boiling them

properly. It is advised to chew parsley, cumin and fennel seeds regularly in this season after meals. Use coriander, ginger, asafoetida, nutmeg, mace, cardamom etc. in vegetables. All these spices have an important role in the treatment of intestinal infections.

To prevent cough, cold, fever, sore throat and respiratory infections, do not use chilled water, refrigerated drinks, ice cream etc. Don't use market ice at all because nobody knows about the quality of water used in making the ice. To treat throat and chest infections, gargling with saline water and using decoction, tea or milk made of ginger, basil, clove, black pepper and Piper longum.

To prevent skin infection, take a bath at least twice a day because accumulation of sweat and poor hygiene are the main causes of skin infections. After staying out in the rain, one must change into sible. After bathing, wear clothes only after drying the body properly because bacteria and fungi grow easily in moisture. To treat skin infections, dry the body after bath and apply coconut oil mixed with camphor on the affected parts.

The prevalence of inborn

errors of metabolism in India is 1 in 2,497 newborns (which may a tip of iceberg as most suffer mortality without a proper diagnosis due to inadequate access to tests and expertise); The prevalence of G6PD varies from 2.3 to 27.0 per cent with an overall preva-

(Dean & HOD, Pediatrics 5-15% of sick newborns suffer Medicine) added that under from genetic and metabolic the programme six common disorders are screened and hemolysis (an early diagnosis helps in proper surveillance of these individuals and certain medications/foods are to be avoided). Congenital adrenal hyper-

plasia (ČAH) is a disorder of the adrenal glands and the patient may have problems in metabolic and immune system doctors!

Studying Abroad? Take Care of Your Mental Health

Studying in a foreign country offers unparalleled opportunities for personal growth, but it

preparing thoroughly, prioritising self-care, embracing cultural adjustments, and building

can also present unique mental health challenges. DR JYOTI KAPOOR says that by

contaminated food and water. Due to rains, the dirty water gets mixed with drinking water and also makes its way to the fields contaminating the crops. It is advisable to drink boiled water in this season and consume salad carefully. Avoid under-



Dr Ramesh Bhat M, Professor of Dermatology and Vice Dean of Father Muller Medical College, Mangaluru has been honored with a medal for having served the prestigious International League of Dermatological Societies ( ILDS) from 2019-2023. He was honored during the World Congress of Dermatology( WCD) Singapore held recently. ILDS is involved in global skin health related to policies, WHO, research, patient care and medical education

## YASHODA SUPER SPECIALITY HOSPITAL, HAYSTACKANALYTICS INK PACT

## YASHODA SUPER SPECIALITY HOSPITAL, Kaushambi in Ghaziabad

joined hands with HaystackAnalytics to bring the latest in technology genomic solutions right to the comfort of the homes of consumers in Delhi NCR.

Dr PN Arora, CMD, Yashoda Super Specialty Hospital, Kaushambi said, "We are excited to partner

with HaystackAnalytics to bring preventative genomics directly to our patients."

CEO of HaystackAnalytics, added: "These collaborations allow us to showcase the growing acceptance and preference of genomics for primary and preventative healthcare. Together, we can unlock the immense poten-

Dr. Anirvan Chatterjee,

tial of genomics for the benefit of patients.". informed Additionally, consider the following:

Studying abroad is an exciting and enriching experience that offers numerous opportunities for personal and academic growth. However, it can also pre-

sent unique challenges to one's mental health. Being away from familiar support systems, adjusting to a new culture, and academic pressures can contribute to stress, anxiety, and homesickness. To ensure a successful and fulfilling study abroad jour-

ney, it is essential to prioritize mental well-being. Here, we will explore

practical strategies and tips on how to deal with mental health issues while studying abroad:

#### PREPARING FOR THE JOURNEY

A solid foundation is crucial for maintaining mental wellbeing while studying abroad. Start by conducting thorough research on the host country's culture, lifestyle, and potential challenges you may face.

This will help you to set a realistic expectations and make decisions.

Build a support network: Establish connections with local students, international student organizations, and study abroad advisors. They can offer support, guidance, and a sense of belonging. Create and maintain

resilience, one can effectively navigate these challenges

communication: Stay in touch with family and friends back home. Regular communication can provide emotional support during challenging times and help combat homesickness. Learn coping skills: Familiarize yourself with stress management techniques such as meditation, deep breathing exercises, or journaling. These strategies can be invaluable during overwhelming moments.

## PRIORITIZING SELF-CARE

Maintaining a healthy lifestyle and self-care routine are essential for mental well-being. While studying abroad, prioritize the following aspects of self-care:

 Physical well-being: Engage in regular exercise, maintain



a balanced diet, and get enough sleep. Physical activity not only boosts mood but also helps manage stress and anxiety.

- Time management: Establish a structured routine that allows for a healthy balance between academics. socializing, and personal time. Effective time management can reduce feelings of overwhelm and prevent burnout.
- Seek support when needed: Don't hesitate to reach out for help if you find yourself struggling. Many universities have counseling services available to support international students. Utilize these resources to

address any mental health concerns.

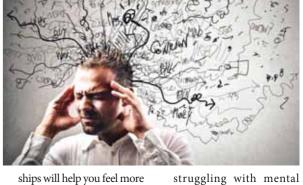
## EMBRACING CULTURAL ADIUSTMENT

One of the most significant challenges while studying abroad is adapting to a new culture. The following strategies can help ease the transition and promote mental well-being:

Open-mindedness: Approach the host country's culture with an open mind and a willingness to learn. Embrace differences and celebrate the unique experiences this new environment offers.

Establish routines and find familiar activities: Incorporate elements of your home culture into your daily routine. Engage in hobbies, sports, or join clubs that align with your interests. These activities can provide a sense of familiarity and comfort.

Foster social connections: Engage with local students and other international students. Participate in cultural events, join language exchange programs, or volunteer. Building relation-



ships will help you feel more integrated and supported.

#### **BUILDING RESILIENCE** AND COPING STRATEGIES

Studying abroad may present unexpected challenges. Strengthening your resilience and developing effective coping strategies can help you navigate these hurdles:

Embrace uncertainty: Accept that not everything will go as planned. Cultivating adaptability and resilience will help you overcome obstacles and manage stress

Seek professional help if needed: If you find yourself

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port. Universities often offer

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Practice self-compassion: Be

kind to yourself and acknowledge that it is nor-

mal to experience ups and

downs while studying abroad. Treat yourself with

compassion, practice posi-

tive self-talk, and give your-

self permission to make

mistakes and learn from

tance.

them.



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The Sino-US

# Sino-US rivalry: A battle for global power

The Sino-US conflict is intensifying, and bilateral relations are at their worst. Trade, Taiwan, Tibet, Hong Kong, the South China Sea (SCS), Xinjiang, and finally tech — these are all Achilles heels between Washington and Beijing.

These two superpowers are bracing for tough times. Some experts say that what we are witnessing today is nothing but China's growing pain. The same has also been witnessed and experienced by the US, the UK, and all other expansionist regimes in their early stages of influence. The battle has now moved from traditional warfare of land, air, and sea to outer space and, most dangerously, to cyberspace. Their relations are at odds, amplified by the changing global situations. The post-Covid era has worsened the situation.

The latest visit of the US Treasury Secretary, Janet Yellen, to Beijing shows how deeply Washington is prioritising Beijing's concerns in a deeply divided world. She said she had "direct, substantive, and productive" talks with China's new economic leadership, including Premier Li Qiang and Pan Gongsheng, the newly appointed Communist Party Chief of the country's Central Bank. She clearly stated that "no one visit will solve our challenges overnight." This is emblematic of Sino-US relations for decades since the beginning of formal ties between the two giants in the 1970s.

Again, the high-profile visit of the US Secretary of State, Antony Blinken, in the middle of June this year highlighted how the US is trying to repair a fast-deteriorating bilateral relationship. He called it 'one of the most consequential ones in the world.' It seems the US engagement with the Chinese leadership is productive. It was a good beginning because, since 2018, no Foreign Secretary of the US had ever visited China. It's good that Blinken had taken the first step to iron out many issues of bilateral importance and of critical global importance as well.

Way back in 1971, the US veteran Henry Kissinger was nearly certain that China's interest in forging relations with the US was purely political. China knows its interest better. It makes calculated moves. China is a global power the current Sino-US power China to rise. After all, an tionship is their interference in Germany's Kaiser Wilhelm and



now. It easily dictates what is to be done in global governance institutions, once what used to be a regular practice for top global powers like the US and the UK

Former Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd and a close China watcher described the country's explosion as "the English Industrial Revolution and the global information revolution combusting simultaneously and compressed into not 300 years, but 30". So, we all know how China is advanc-

need to be blamed because both nations are equally greedy, and they want an equal or complete share of global power. The Sino-US economies are fully interdependent. However, rising tensions between the

rivalry? No one. Both of them

two countries are simply driving away investors from one another. The most consequential aspect of Sino-US decoupling is probably in the arena of technology.

Why is Xi always portrayed as the villain? Why not

Asian power ascending to great each other's spheres of influheights and controlling the ence. It's all about finding the levers of geopolitics is unac-

right balance between compeceptable to the liberal world. China will certainly have its tition and cooperation. Yellen way, and Xi will lead China to has rightly mentioned that the the next stage of power, posiworld is big enough for both the US and China to thrive. It would be wiser for Xi to However, both need to rememexercise restraint regarding ber that aspiring and dominant China's expansionist moves. powers find it difficult to adjust Otherwise, China may soon with each other because the former continuously wants to face regional challenges from various power centers such as forge ahead, and the latter India and Australia. The issue tries to hold the existing today is that both superpowers ground while maintaining its superior status. War, many world leaders like

his chancellor Bethmann Hollweg, Tsar Nicholas of Russia, Austro-Hungarian Emperor Franz Joseph, Britain's King George, and his foreign secretary Edward Grey had no inkling of what lay ahead. In fact, Barbara W Tuchman, who wrote "The Guns of August" in the year 1962, argued that none of the above leaders could comprehend the danger they were all inviting into their backyard. Sadly, none wanted the devastating war they witnessed for the first time in

leaders were well aware of what was in store for them but prevented the Axis Powers from bringing havoc to the world.

Since the end of the last catastrophic war in 1945-46 and the birth of the UN, the world has experienced a unique Cold War until the breakdown of the USSR and the fall of communism in Eastern Europe. However, after the 1990s, the international community has witnessed a new reality, transitioning from a bipolar to a unipolar moment under the supreme leadership of the US. Gradually, emerging powers like the People's Republic of China (PRC) and India have changed the geopolitical calculus of power and position. Under the legendary statesman Deng Xiaoping, China rose quietly to the status of a world power. From Jiang Zemin through Hu Jintao to Xi Jinping, China has emerged as a great center of power. With Xi, China has started reclaiming its lost status in world politics and international relations.

Thus, the global power equation has changed forever. The power levers are neither fully under the control of erstwhile imperial giants nor the US. It's partially manipulated by China for now. Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton once suggested that the concept of the balance of power is obsolete in the 21st century. But then the founder leader of Singapore, Lee Kuan Yew, disagreed with her. He regards the balance of power as a foundation for understanding relations between nations. He rightly said, "In the old concept, the balance of power meant largely military power. In today's terms, it is a combination of economic and military, and I think the economic outweighs the military."

He was absolutely right. Thus, geoeconomics, as it is known today, defines relations between nations. It helps in building and redefining geopolitical goals.

Finally, the rivalry between China and the US will continue and probably intensify in the days to come. But it remains to be seen whether they get into the Thucydides Trap or not.

conflict has escalated, with trade, Taiwan, Tibet, Hong Kong, the South China Sea, Xinjiang, and technology being key points of contention. **Both nations bear** responsibility for the rivalry, driven by their desire for global power. The shift from traditional warfare to outer space and cyberspace further complicates their relations. The rivalry between China and the US may continue and potentially intensify, raising concerns about the Thucydides Trap



ing and making its way to the Biden? It is the great game global stage. Who is to be blamed for in the West who never want concerning aspect of their rela-

are vying for influence beyond played by vested interest groups their own borders. The most

tion, and prestige.

Europe in particular and in Just before the First World other parts of the world. Furthermore, leading into the

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## **PERSPECTIVE**

# Just Stop Oil movement has miles to go

The 'Just Stop Oil' is a UK-based environmental group urging the government to end fossil fuel reliance, challenging plans for new oil and gas projects. They emphasise climate change threats, face industry opposition



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 $T^{he\ ``Just\ Stop\ Oil"\ (JSO)\ is}_{an\ environmental\ group} \ \ \ enment\ to\ stop\ such actions and think about a future with$ based in the UK. The main out the use of fossil fuels.

objective of the JSO is to put an In fact, the latest assessend to Britain's reliance on fosment of the Intergovernmental sil fuels completely. The group Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) of the UN says that wants its government to stop giving licenses for the explohumans and nature are being ration of oil and other fossil pushed beyond their abilities to fuels in Britain. According to it, adapt. This study in 2022 statthe scientific evidence is ed that over 40 percent of the unequivocal: climate change is world's population is highly a threat to human well-being vulnerable to climate change. and the health of the planet. Prof. Debra Roberts, the Co-Any further delay in concert-Chair of the IPCC, says, "Our ed global action will miss a report clearly indicates that brief and rapidly closing winplaces where people live and dow to secure a livable future. work may cease to exist, and Its warning to the UK ecosystems and species that we Government is posing a new have all grown up with, and threat to a large section of that are central to our cultures extractive industries that are and inform our languages, may polluting the environment. disappear." It's a fact that the climate is changing rapidly, and Our future is at stake. World leaders need to voice we will all suffer from these their concerns seriously, not damages

just talk. It's time to bring an Meanwhile, the climate immediate solution. The JSO advisers of the UK Government say that the best movement highlights that by the year 2025, the UK way to reduce high energy Government is planning to prices for consumers is to cease issue 100 new oil and gas prousing fossil fuels. The governject licenses in the country. The ment should not pursue further proponents of the organisation drilling of oil and gas. However, say that this is not compatible some Tory MPs argue that with protecting the citizens of expanding the production of shale and North Sea gas may the country. It is also against the interests of the people of the help lower energy bills. Climate global south. It urges the govexperts differ on this issue



and suggest that UK-produced gas would be sold globally and price. Additionally, may not lower consumer prices

in the domestic market. They propose that wind and solar power, along with home insulation, could be a much better approach to controlling energy bills across the UK. The Russia-Ukraine war

has now surpassed 500 days, and there seems to be no end in sight. This conflict is severely impacting gas and oil supplies to both the EU and the UK, as well as other parts of the world. It has also become a sig-nificant challenge for the UK Government to ensure a smooth network of oil and gas

to its people at an affordable

the Committee on Climate Change (CCC) has released a report on the same issue. The CCC, an independent statutory body established under the Climate Change Act 2008, has warned that some of the new fossil fuel projects in the North Sea may not deliver gas until the year 2050. Interestingly, this is the year when the UK is expected to completely eliminate gas usage according to climate laws. It appears to be an uphill task for public authorities to ensure affordable energy and

meet global climate targets

simultaneously. Therefore, the CCC advocates for tighter controls on drilling in the North Sea region.

On the other hand, the country's oil and gas industry believes it has a strong case, citing its record of lower-thanaverage emissions in the past. Some environmentalists are upset that the CCC has not adhered to the guidelines of the International Energy Agency (IEA). The IEA warns that enough damage has already been done and further exploration should be limited.

Keeping in mind the current energy crisis in the UK, the JSO initiative is truly signifi-

cant. Its campaign background states, "Allowing the extraction of new oil and gas resources in the UK is an obscene and genocidal policy that will kill our children and condemn humanity to oblivion. It just has to stop. If we continue down our current path, it will destroy families and communities. We will face the starvation and slaughter of billions of the poor and the utter betrayal of our children and their future." It is enough. Extractive industries like oil, gas, coal, diamond, etc., will one day rob us of our future.

The JSO is just a start. More and more environmental groups will emerge in the days to come. The aim here is to secure our future and save planet Earth. While doing so, the present and past of humanity should not be destroyed. Nowhere should there be a lawand-order situation while campaigning to save humanity. Sincerely, the main purpose of the JSO would be lost and diluted.

It is urgent. The JSO is a timely movement. Its major goals are aligned with Goal Number 13, 'Climate Action,' of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) launched by the UN in 2015. However, many critics say that its tactics are not legal. The JSO uses non-violent civil resistance in public places to make their point and pressure the government to stop oil production. So far, the JSO has engaged in rare public blockades in the latest Wimbledon, M-25 motorway, second Ashes Test Match at Lord's Ground, thrown soup at Vincent van Gogh's Sunflowers at the National Gallery, interrupted play at the World Snooker Championship, and attempted to disrupt the British Grand Prix, among other actions. These actions are causing anger and disrupting public life across the country.

Therefore, the JSO must be careful while pursuing their novel agenda. Meanwhile, the government is arming its police to prosecute anyone who interferes with the operation or use of national infrastructure in England and Wales, whether on the roads, railways, or air. It also wants the police to stop a protest before it causes disruption. Hence, the road ahead for the JSO is going to be tough. Let's see how it takes the movement forward.

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GREAT MEN ARE THEY WHO SEE THAT SPIRITUAL IS STRONGER THAN ANY MATERIAL FORCE - THAT THOUGHTS RULE THE WORLD - RALPH WALDO EMERSON



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## ARIES March 21-April 19

This week, you will be in a cheerful mood and experience a sense of completion, integration, and fulfilment. A quick win is likely, like winning a jackpot or participating in a competition, interview etc. Your preparation, dedication, and effort will all pay off in the end. Both prosperity and spiritual success will be experienced. A new sense of freedom and calm will emerge as previous limitations and boundaries fade. By mid-week, you are likely to unwind. When you retreat from a situation, you could give up on some actions. There will be a chance to settle disputes or negotiate crucial matters in the upcoming weeks. By the end of the week, you could feel a bit better about your potential inheritance from life.

Lucky number 9 | Lucky colour Red Lucky day Thuesday



## TAURUS April 20-May 20

Your heart rules you, making you sensitive and passionate. You are conscious of your emotions and allow them to be expressed to others. Existing relationships may be strengthened. Couples will communicate intimately and clearly. This week, it may be feasible to pass on wisdom, intellect, or authority through well-established lineages or schools of empowerment. You now require counselling and appropriate direction for your new path in life. As your life is in your hands, your attention and choices will be extremely important. Your ability to communicate effectively makes an impression on people. You experience mild productivity. This week will provide name recognition and renown to those in prominent positions

Lucky number 5 | Lucky colour Pink Lucky day Fridav



## **GEMINI** May 21-June 20

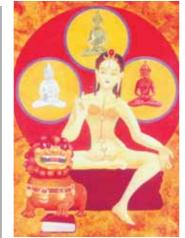
This week, emotions have the upper hand and govern your life. You could feel quite stressed out about minor family concerns and cut off from the outside world. You can get preoccupied with thoughts of separation, divorce, or solitude and neglect your obligations. However, this stage is temporary. You will start to see the results of your hard work around midweek. Any investment you made in the past few days will fetch you handsome dividends. Your performance will increase if you can get out of the state of perplexity and bewilderment. You must step back from your typical manner of thinking, perceiving, and acting to explore different ideas and points of view. You must seek guidance and develop balance.

Lucky number 6 | Lucky colour Green Lucky day Wednesdav



## **CANCER** June 21-July 22

You will notice a significant change in your behaviour this week, going from a melancholy, sombre, passionate person to a caring and affectionate one. If you are the leader of a major company or organisation, your good intentions may only go so far before you start to lose part of your compassion to empower others. People who approach you but never mess with you will find vou to be steadfast and loval. You have a vivid imagination and thrive in the illusionist world in the middle of the week. You take pleasure in how vour personality is changing. You will feel satisfied and content in both the worldly and spiritual realms



## LEO July 23-Aug 22

You were occupied on several fronts because of the events of the previous week. Both your career and domestic responsibilities needed your attention and time. Additionally, you were steadfast and well-motivated to complete all jobs in a methodical manner, allowing your upbeat attitude to maintain the quality of the work. Everything was taken for granted; therefore, it is time to kick back and enjoy the rewards of your labour. God will reward your efforts and bestow his blessings. There is conflict in relationships as well as in health, prosperity, and material satisfaction. People cooperate with you and understand you. Your personality will be enhanced by the established strengths you have in both work and relationships. Many people look up to you as a role model. You will come back with flying colours to make your family proud.

Lucky number 1 | Lucky colour Golden Lucky day Sunday

## VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

You are in a situation where making a decision must be done quickly. Doctors and judges are in a favourable position and will build their reputations in their respective fields. Additionally, a strict regime is required to control the circumstances. You may experience health problems. It is possible that you will have to deal with frustration. Count your blessings. Midway through the week, you could experience a mild breakthrough in your life. With the equilibrium in your life restored, you might sense newfound vigour and optimism. There is a sense of contentment and enjoyment that benefits you. Your success is dependent on the help of another individual. There will be significant profits. You should receive what is legally or legitimately yours.

Lucky number 5 | Lucky colour Blue Lucky day Wednesday

## LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22



Libra is a sign of harmony, grace, and indulgence in life. But all these things flee away from life. You are anxious. or. more accurately, you are afraid. You suffer from nightmares, little sleep, regret, sadness, and mental torment. But keep in mind that all is not lost; there is a glimmer of hope, a justification to emerge from the gloom, and a path out in the form of something new and novel. A message of love, a marriage proposal, or some other fresh possibility will arrive in the middle of the week. Your current relationship will get better, and you will gain both mental and physical strength. The secret is to be patient: everything will work out

Lucky number 6 | Lucky colour Light Blue Lucky day Friday

## SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

Along with the progression of your role in a scenario, travel or a change of location are indicated. You are prepared to take chances to complete your task. You are eager, impatient, and ready for action. There is a

## SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 21

Whatever justice you are looking for, it is promised this week. The route will not be simple; there will be fights and confrontations, and you will feel physically and emotionally confined. You are frustrated and demoralised. People are resisting as things are out of control. You must balance your health routines, make judgements about what is best for yourself, and accept accountability for your deeds and interpersonal interactions, weighing the benefits and drawbacks. There is, nevertheless, opportunity for success here. After enduring a difficult change, you are now more equipped to handle future challenges. A trip might possibly happen towards the end of the week. You will avoid issues with partnerships, relationships, or personal property. Things will go well for you.

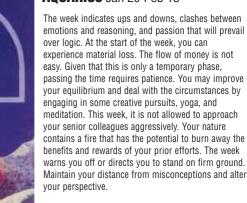
Lucky number 3 | Lucky colour Orange Lucky day Thursday

## **CAPRICORN** Dec 22-Jan 19

Enjoy the courage and tranquilly you discover at this moment. Following an illness or injury, some of you may also need to heal your bodies and minds. You could possibly be placed in a scenario where a solution or the truth will become clear. Such breakdowns are difficult to overcome and might result in a long period of uncertainty and stagnation. The week will, however, conclude on a very promising note. You think about a fresh endeavour that demands creativity and courage. The moment will come for you to act and attain the results you want. You have the capacity to embark on an adventure and see it through to completion. You take pleasure in this energy with new vigour and imagination. Seize the chance and make the most of the energy for your own gain.

Lucky number 8 | Lucky colour Purple Lucky day Saturday

## AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18



Lucky number 7 | Lucky colour White Lucky day Wednesday



PISCES Feb 19-March 20

You feel lighter within as some difficult experiences are coming to an end. The environment will not be ideal, and you will be more focused on your family than normal. You





Lucky number 2 | Lucky colour Grey Lucky day Monday



possibility that passionate or imaginative love may enter your life. Pleasure, happiness, presents, friendship, and success are predicted for midweek You could experience nostalgia and reflect on the past, and it is also possible to run across old acquaintances and family. A pleasant atmosphere will surround you and give you newfound energy. A contented, healthy family life is suggested. Family gatherings or new house construction are also possible. Spending time with your loved ones may be productive

Lucky number 4 | Lucky colour Brown Lucky day Tuesday

may have been holding on to something that was ultimately not in your best interest for a while, or you may have been dealing with a difficult decision, and now you must learn to let go. Actions taken during this significant karmic moment will serve as seeds for tomorrow. If you are experiencing difficulties, you probably have a long-standing grudge or mistrust against someone. You have the chance to settle this conflict once and for all this week. Love overcomes all obstacles, including karma. There is a chance that you will make progress by the end of the week. There will be courage, a will to succeed, and an enthusiasm for life

ucky number 3 | Lucky colour Yellow Lucky day Thursday

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n disagreement with her love life, parents of a young lady engaged an occultist to end her relationship. The occultist hypnotised the lady and made her break the relationship. But it proved emotionally traumatic on the lady. She got into acute depression and had to take psychotropic drug even to induce sleep for ten long years. One fine morning it dawned upon her that she needs to fight back and regain her normal self. She sought spiritual guidance and sincerely followed the advisory. She put in her emotions into the iconic figure she meditated upon to acquire the virtues the imagery stood for. She also submitted to a physical exercise regime to become physically fit. Her persistent efforts aided by firm resolve helped come out of her longdrawn depression within two months. She is now successfully pursing her career.

Humans are a thinking being. Ordinarily, the way we feel, or think, is how we act, react, or respond to a situation. Now, how reasoned, or emotionally surcharged is our response to a situation, is dependent on how our mind is predisposed. There may, however, be occasion when some unforeseen circumstances may stir up intense emotions that may prove too taxing. To sum up, balancing one's emotional framework is called for, but for which, individual and societal peace and harmony would always be at stake.

Another important aspect of our emotional outplay is anger, which needs special attention. In a fit of anger, the sense of reason takes a back seat. One then becomes vulnerable to unmindfully get into self-undoing acts. So much of energy get lost and mind space clogged, that one is not left with the space needed to process his thoughts objectively. Not to say anything on how much one's priority preferences get compromised. Of late, people are becoming more and more impatient, intolerant, and impulsive. On trivial issues, they get over exercised, often leading to violence. Anger management seems to have of late caught attention of our social scientists, and lot of ideas are in circulation on how to contain it. But I am afraid such cosmetic surgery won't provide a sustainable answer. What is needed is to hit upon the root cause, which rests

# Ignorant parents unmindfully unsettle children



with the preconditioning of our mind. Persistent negative feeling often brings in a sense of insecurity. That in

turn, breeds in identity crisis, which often makes one crazy about proving oneself on any and every count.

Caught up in this bind, often one goes overboard. As they can't take kindly to any contrarian view, often overreact impulsively. It may not be out of place to mention that memories picked up during early childhood make deep imprint at our subconscious level, which then becomes a part of one's psyche. At that age, the child is not matured enough to understand the happening in right perspective. But the impressions gathered continue to influence our thought process on 'as is where is' basis, till late in life, unless otherwise identified and consciously resolved. The irony is that the person concerned would not know why s/he would be conducting so unintelligently. Often it is found that ignorant parents, in their bid to discipline their child, induce fear element in them. With time, such children unknowingly develop inferiority complex, which in turn, brings in identity crisis.

Once, a young aspiring man came seeking answer to why he was not able to get along well with his elders and benefactors. When analysed, it came out that he suffered from a deep sense of identity crisis. The reason: he was

harshly treated by his parents in his early childhood, which made a dent on his mind and psyche. Consequently, he was habitually suspicious of his elder's and superior's intent. He contested every advisory they offered, no matter how sensible they were, without applying proper forethought. So, he is not able to get along well with his elders, and at times offends even his benefactors in business. He has become so crazy about proving himself always right, that when confronted with a contrarian view, his ego overtakes his mind's drive. He then loses his sense of civility also while putting forth his counter offensive. Now that he is in his early fifties, he can't seek solace in what his elders did to him during his early childhood. Given his age, he himself is accountable for all his self-undoing conduct. The gen-tleman agreed with the analysis, but when it comes to getting over this inherent trait, it is proving difficult, as habits die hard.

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