

MORE HORROR TALES Gyanvapi masjid survey allowed FROM MANIPUR SURFACE

Tribal groups, MLAs reveal many incidents of rape-murder

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After Manipur Chief Minister Biren Singh made a shocking admission on Thursday that many more cases similar to the parading of a naked woman on the streets of Phainom village in Kangpokpi District took place in the State, reports have surfaced about four more such cases of rape and murder that occurred back-to-back between May 3 and May 6. The disclosure was made

by a group of ten Kuki-Zomi MLAs, seven of them from the BJP, and later by two tribal groups to the National Commission for Women (NCW) on June 12 itself. These MLAs released a statement highlighting four other incidents where women belonging to the community have either been raped or murdered since May 3. Their statement comes in the wake of the recent cruelty to women who were paraded naked on May 4 in the Kangkopi district of Manipur.

The statement also mentioned a few other incidents of



"The murder of a Kuki-Zomi mother and her two daughters in their residence at Uripok, Imphal; the kidnapping of a Kuki-Zomi woman from Checkon and brutally raped twice in Langol and Ngarian Hill; the lynching of two nursing students in Porompat, left to die on the streets but miraculously survived; the merciless killing of a Kuki-Zomi mentally unsound woman in the heart of Imphal city are the most inhumane and barbaric crimes against women and humanity," the statement read.

MLA LM Khaute shared the statement on Twitter also highlighting the brutal case of the beheading of David Thiek, terming these as cases of "barbarism and crimes of utmost

savagery". The Kuki Zomi MLAs strongly condemned these acts of cruelty and savagery perpetrated by the Meitei militias against their fellow helpless, defenceless, and innocent Kuki-Zo people and demand-ed a CBJ probe in such cases.

Another accused house burnt down

Meanwhile, according to CNN-News18, two tribal organisations in Manipur claimed that they wrote to the NCW on June 12 about the horrific brutalisation of Kuki women, a video of which has now gone viral, but received no response. The North American Manipur Tribal Association (NAMTA) and Kuki academics based in India and the USA had sent a letter to the com-mission 37 days before the video of the Kuki women being

video of the Kuki women being paraded naked and gang-raped shook the country. In their letter, they detailed

what happened to the Kuki survivor, stating that on May 4, two women from B Phainom village of Kangpokpi District were disrobed, paraded naked, beaten and the beaten, and then encircled by a marauding Meitei mob and raped in public. The State police commandos remained mere spectators to the lynch-ings and torching of homes. The victims are now housed at a Churachandpur district relief camp

In a press statement, the NCW acknowledged receiving the complaint and said: "Another complaint was received from individuals outside Manipur out of which one was from outside India. In this regard, the D.O letter dated 19/06/2023 from Commission (NCW) was immediately sent to CS for taking necessary action.

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PM must speak, says Opp; Govt retorts you don't want discussion



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massive ruckus ensued in Aboth the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha on the second day of the monsoon session on Friday as the Opposition parties demanded Prime Minister Narendra Modi's statement on the pressing issue surrounding Manipur. Amid the continuous protests and slogans raised by the opposition, both houses were adjourned till Monday.

The outrage was sparked by a disturbing video that went viral, showing two women from a tribal community in Manipur being paraded naked. The Opposition parties have been demanding a discussion on the issue and an elaborate statement from PM Modi.

In the Lok Sabha, members from the Congress, the DMK, and the Left raised slogans demanding the Prime Minister's response on the issue. The Government accused the Opposition parties

of not being "serious" in discussing the matter.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said the Government is ready for a discussion. "Manipur incident is definitely very serious and understanding the situation, the PM himself has said that what hap-pened in Manipur has put the entire nation to shame. The PM has said that the strictest action will be taken over the incident," said Rajnath.

said Rajnath. He added, "We do want a discussion in Parliament over Manipur. I had said this in the all-party meeting, and I reiterate this in Parliament that we want a discussion in the House over Manipur. But I see that there are a few political parties that unnecessarily want to create a situation here so that the discussion on Manipur can't take place. I am clearly leveling allegations that this Opposition is not serious over Manipur as

they should have been.

Varanasi court asks ASI to carry out excavations also if needed

PTI VARANASI

Acourt here on Friday directed the Archaeological Survey of India to conduct a "detailed scientific survey" — including excavations, wherever necessary to determine if the Gyanvapi mosque located next to the Kashi Vishwanath temple is

built upon a temple. The mosque's 'wazukhana', where a structure claimed by Hindu litigants to be a 'shivling' exists, will not be part of the survey — following an earlier Supreme Court order protect ing that spot in the complex. District judge AK Vishvesh

directed the ASI to submit a report to the court by August 4, along with videos and photographs of survey proceedings. "The Director of ASI is also

directed to conduct a detailed scientific investigation by using GPR (Ground Penetrating Radar) survey, excavation, dating method and other modern techniques of the present structure to find out as to whether same has been constructed over a pre-existing structure of Hindu temple," the order said.

It specifically directed the use of GPR technology for survey "just below the three domes of the building in question", and to conduct an excavation there "if required".

Hindu activists, who claim that a temple existed earlier at the site and was demolished in



he said.

the 17th century on the orders of Mughal emperor Aurangzeb, hailed the court order.

A throng of people outside the court received the news with slogans of "Har Har Mahadev".

The court had on July 14 reserved its order after hearing both the Hindu and Muslim sides.

The petition filed by the Hindu group, seeking the right to regular worship of sculptures of Hindu deities on the mosque's outer wall, had sought court directions to the ASI to survey the complex.

Its counsel had said the situation will become clear after examining the three domes of the Gyanvapi complex, the western wall and the entire complex in a modern manner.

The mosque management's counsel Mohammed Tauhid Khan said it will challenge the Varanasi court's order.

"It is not acceptable and we will move to a higher court against it. This survey could cause damage to the mosque,

The order asked the ASI to ensure that there is no damage to the "structure standing on the disputed land". The Varanasi district court had on May 16 agreed to hear a plea for an ASI survey, fol-lowing an Allahabad High Court order.

Apart from the mosque's

domes, the order mentions the

need to survey beneath the

western wall and beneath the

cellars. The ASI should also

conduct an exercise on the

plinth and pillars to deter-

mine the age and nature of the

building, the judge said.

Earlier, the Supreme Court had ordered the protection of the area around the claimed "shivling", found when another court ordered a video survey of the complex.

The mosque management maintained that the structure is part of the water fountain mechanism at the 'wazukhana', the reservoir where devotees perform ablutions before offering namaz



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People set ablaze the house of Manipur sexual assault case accused, in Tuinomkhopi in Manipur on Friday

All 4 accused remanded police said. The arrests were in 11-day police custody made on Thursday, a day after the 26-second video surfaced.

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All the four accused, who were allegedly part of a mob that disrobed and paraded two women in Manipur on May 4, were remanded in 11day police custody on Friday,

Meanwhile, the house of another suspect, who is yet to be arrested, was vandalised and torched by angry locals on Friday afternoon, police said. According to police, the

suspect's house was located at Wangjing in Thoubal district. "The suspect is yet to be arrest-

ed. He fled home after coming to know that police were looking for him," an official said.

The house of the key accused was torched on Thursday, hours after he was arrested by police. According to police, he was seen promi-nently directing the mob at B Phainom village of Kangpokpi district in the video.

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Didi urges Opposition CMs to visit Manipur

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MC chief and Bengal Chief I Minister Mamata Banerjee has called upon the Chief Ministers of Oppostion-ruled States to jointly take a delegation to Manipur to assess the ground situation there.

"I had a talk with Arvind (Kejriwal) and I will request other Chief Ministers too jointly visit Manipur," Mamata said, adding the date of such visit would be made public soon.

Accusing the BJP of blocking Central funds, Mamata's nephew and TMC general secretary Abhishek said that he would personally lead large



crowds of Trinamool support-ers to gherao the national BJP leaders in Delhi.

"I will personally lead thousands of TMC supporters to Delhi on October 2, the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi ... in order to extract our money that they have stopped," the junior Banerjee said.



Water pumps in use to drain out the floodwaters from the Mahatma Gandhi memorial at the Raj Ghat in New Delhi on Friday Ranian Dimri I Pioneer

Modi surname: SC to hear 'INDIA' to meet after Aug 15 **Rahul's plea on August 4**

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The Supreme Court on Friday issued a notice on an appeal filed by Congress leader Rahul Gandhi against a Gujarat High Court order that refused to suspend his conviction and two-year jail term in a criminal defamation case. The court fixed August 4 as the date for hearing his plea to stay the

guilty verdict. "The whole point right now is whether the conviction has to be stayed or not," said a bench of justices BR Gavai and PK Mishra as it sought responses from BJP leader Purnesh Modi, who is the complainant in the case, and the Gujarat Government.

During the brief hearing, the court expressed surprise at the high court's lengthy judgment on the matter. Senior counsel Abhishek Manu Singhvi appeared for Gandhi,



and senior advocate Mahesh Jethmalani represented the complainant.

Justice Gavai, at the beginning of the hearing, disclosed his family's association with the Congress party but clarified that it would not affect his indemont in the judgment in the case. Both lawyers confirmed that they had no issue with Justice Gavai hearing the matter.

Singhvi argued for an early hearing, pointing out that Gandhi has suffered as an MP and missed two Parliamentary sessions due to the conviction. *Continued on Page 2* | ners.

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The next meeting of the Opposition alliance 'INDIA' is likely to be held next month, probably after August 15 in Mumbai The alliance 15, in Mumbai. The alliance leaders have started coordinating for several committees, with campaign management, communication, and overseeing rallies being top on the

agenda. A senior leader from one of the alliance groups said that the Mumbai meeting, coordinated by Shiv Sena's Uddhav Thackeray and NCP's Sharad

Pawar, will be crucial to finalise the nitty-gritty of the alliance and seat sharing. In the meet-

ing the 26-party pact, known as the Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (INDIA), is expected to discuss seat-sharing, poll preparations, and campaign management among its part-

Probable dates for the con-clave were discussed during the Opposition parties' meeting on Parliament Strategy, held at the chamber of Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge on Friday.

During the meeting, Kharge expressed satisfaction with the unity observed within the members who participated in the Patna and Bengaluru meetings. The leaders decided to plan the meeting after August 15 in Mumbai, with representatives of Shiv Sena and NCP volunteering to host it.

Sources mentioned that AAP's representative proposed holding one of the Opposition meetings in Punjab as well.

Previously, the June Patna meeting was hosted by JD (U) leader and Bihar CM Nitish Kumar and his deputy Tejaswi Yadav, while the Bengaluru meeting was hosted by Karnataka Congress.

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with 114 daily flights PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

DGCA OK's Go First op

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has approved Go First's plan to restart operations with 15 air-craft and 114 daily flights, subject to certain conditions. The airline which stopped flying on May 3, is undergoing an insol-

vency resolution process. DGCA said the airline's resumption plan for operating 15 aircraft and 114 daily flights has been reviewed and accepted. "The acceptance is subject to the outcome of the writ peti-

tions/applications pending before the High Court of Delhi and the (National Company Law Tribunal) NCLT, Delhi," it said

This comes after the airline's Resolution Professional Shailendra Ajmera recently invited Expressions of Interest (EoIs) from potential bidders. "The sale of tickets shall be



commenced only after the approval of flight schedule by DGCA", it said.

The airline on Thursday informed on Twitter that due to operational reasons, all its flights have been cancelled at least until July 23, 2023. Go First may resume scheduled flight operations on the availability of interim funding and approval of flights scheduled by DGCA, it said. Further, the DGCA has directed Go First to ensure compliance with all the applicable regulatory requirements and the continued airworthiness of the aircraft engaged in operations.

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Tihar produces Yasin in SC; apex court, CBI, SG shocked

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The Supreme Court, the Solicitor General, and the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)

expressed shock on Friday over a serious security lapse by Tihar jail authorities and security agencies when convicted terrorist Yasin Malik was phys-ically produced in the SC, instead of appearing through virtual mode

Justices Surya Kant and Dipankar Datta expressed their surprise as there was no specific instruction for Malik's physical appearance.

Malik, a Kashmiri separatist leader, arrived in the apex court to defend himself in a case filed by the CBI related to the killing of Air Force officers and the kidnapping of Rubaiya Sayeed. He filed an

present in court for allowing Malik to appear physically and informed the Bench that Section 268 of the Criminal Procedure Code, which empowers the Government to keep convicts of serious offenses in prison, applies to him. Continued on Page 2

order for his virtual

appearance in the pro-

Datta recused ĥimself

from hearing the case involving Malik's physical pro-

Justice Dipankar

ceedings.

duction in a Jammu court to

stand trial in kidnapping and

Mehta strongly objected to

Malik's presence in the

Supreme Court, pointing out

that the procedure requires

approval from the Registrar of

the Court for such appearances.

Mehta rebuked the jail officials

Solicitor General Tushar

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JD(S) to work together with **BJP**: Kumaraswamy

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 $\mathbf{T}D(S)$ leader and former chief minister HD Kumaraswamy on Friday said his party has decided to work together as an opposition with the BJP, in the interest of the state

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Stating that party supre-mo and former Prime Minister H D Deve Gowda has authorised him to take any final decision regarding the party, he said there is still time for Parliament polls to talk about it. Kumaraswamy was responding to a question on the discussions in the JD(S) legislature party meeting on Thursday night, which was attended by Gowda, amid reports about the possibility of JD(S) allying with the NDA ahead of 2024 Lok Sabha

polls. "I have already said both inside and outside the assembly, as both BJP and JD(S) are opposition parties, it has been decided to work together in



the interest of the state. Even today morning, MLAs of our party discussed how to go ahead," he said.

Speaking to reporters here, he said, in the legislature party meeting Gowda has advised that after gathering the opinion all the leaders, a 10-member team has to be formed with representation from all communities, for the party organisation and to raise the voice against the misdeeds of this (Congress)

government in all the 31 districts. "Still there is 11 months for Parliament elections. Let's see when Parliament election comes. It was advised to

organise the party. Also, Deve Gowda has said that he has authorised me to take any final decision regarding the party," he added. In the elections to the 224-member Assembly held in May, the Congress bagged 135 seats, while the BJP secured 66 and the JD(S) 19.

HC to hear plea against proposed demolition of Ayodhya masjid minaret

PTI AYODHYA

s the construction of Ram Atemple in Ayodhya nears completion, a fight is on in the Allahabad High Court over a minaret of an 18th century mosque "encroaching" on the proposed Ram Path, a road leading to the temple.

The matter will be heard by the Lucknow bench of the high court on Monday (July 24). A minaret of Khajoor ki

Masjid in Gudri Bazaar in the heart of Faizabad city is said to be encroaching on the pro-posed Ram Path by three metres.

In a tweet on Thursday, Hyderabad MP and AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi alleged that "illegal attempts" are being made to demolish the minaret of the mosque for the widening of the Ram Path.

"The mosque committee has filed a petition in the high court. Trying to forcibly demolish the minaret is condemnable. UP CM should fol-

low the law and respect this historical mosque of the Shia community," he tweeted.

The mosque committee has prayed before the high court for the protection of the historical mosque via a writ petition on March 1 this year. The high court issued a notice to the Ayodhya district

magistrate the next day. Talking to PTI, Ayodhya District Magistrate Nitish Kumar said, "We have submit-

ted our reply in the court. Thirteen other mosques falling on the way of Ram Path have been removed peacefully. We are going with the alignment of the road finalised by the government. The mosque committee had initially given its consent (for the demolition of minaret) but it later approached the court."

On April 21, the Ayodhya district administration filed its response before the court. The mosque is said to have

been built in 1750 by a Nawab of Awadh

Maha landslide toll rises to 22, many feared buried

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The toll in the Irshalwadi landslide rose to 22 on Friday, even as the various agencies rescued as many as 119 others from under the debris of the landslide that crushed 17 houses at Irshalwadi village in Khalapur taluka of

village in Khalapur taluka of rain-ravaged Raigad district in coastal Konkan region late on Wednesday night. On a day when the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) and fire brigade personnel from the fire brigade personnel from the nearby areas recovered six more bodies from under the landslide debris, a statement made by chief minister Eknath Shinde in the State Assembly gave rise to an apprehension that a large number of people were still feared buried under he debris.

Giving the details of the escue and relief operations being carried out at Irshalwadi, Shinde said: "In landslideaffected village (which had 48



families and a population of 228 people at the time of mishap), as many as 109 people have so far been identified. The search and rescue operation is continuing".

There are conflicting versions about the number of people rescued from under the debris.

On Thursday evening, the NDRF had pegged the number of people rescued at 98, while the official sources said that the authorities had till Friday evening rescued 119 people. Given that some people, including children, were away from their homes at the time of mishap and

their homes immediately after the landslide, it is difficult to account for the number of people who are still still missing.

Earlier in the day, the NDRF, SDRF and other rescue teams, who suspended the search operation on Thursday evening, resumed the operation

in the early hours of Friday. During the search operation that saw them clear mounds and mounds of debris and loose soil from the mishap site, the rescue teams recovered six more bodies from under the bodies, taking the toll in the landslide to 22.

Rajasthan Minimum Guaranteed Income Bill 2023 passed

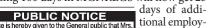
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 $R_{\text{Guaranteed Income Bill-}}^{\text{ajasthan}}$ Minimum 2023 was passed in the state assembly on Thursday. This has been brought in to give guarantee to ensure 125 days employment to all families in rural and urban areas in the state, minimum pension of Rs 1000 every month to elderly people, specially-abled, widows or single women under social security pension schemes in the state and

guarantee of 15% annual increase in these pensions. Rajasthan has become the first state in the country to bring such a bill from the social security point of view.

It is to be mentioned that Chief Minister Shri Ashok Gehlot in the 2023-24 budget announced to implement the Mahatma Gandhi Minimum Guaranteed Income Scheme in the coming year with a view to provide the right of social security to the needy people and families by making a law covering urban and rural employment guarantee along with all pension schemes sponsored by the state government. With the implementation of this law, all

families in the state will get an employment guarantee of 125 days along with elderly people, specially-abled, widows or single women will get a minimum pension of Rs 1000 per month. Besides this, in rural areas, the families on com-pleting 100 days in MGNREGS will now get 25





ment in the Mukhyamantri Grameen Rojgar Guarantee Yojana (Chief Minister Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme). While in urban areas, employment of 125 days per family will be given in the Indira Gandhi Shehari Rojgar Guarantee Yojana (Indira Gandhi Urban Employment Guarantee Scheme).

It is to be mentioned that the Central Government is giving a social security pension of Rs 200 to Rs 300 per month only, whereas all the beneficiaries of social security pension that is elderly people, specially-abled, widows and single women will be given a minimum pension of Rs 1000 per month by the state government. There used to be no increase in the social security pension for the last many years, but Shri Gehlot in 2019 after 6 years increased the pension amount. With this law, the base rate of the social security pension of Rs 1000 will automatically increase by 15% every year. This increase will be 5% in the month of July and 10% in the month of January

'INDIA' to meet...

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The alliance is also working on finalizing an 11-member coordination committee during the Mumbai meeting, as planned in the just-concluded Bengaluru meeting.

The alliance partners face challenges in easing friction between the Congress and the Left in Kerala, the Left and Trinamool Congress in West Bengal, and the AAP and the Congress in Punjab and Delhi. Differences also exist between Samajwadi Party and the Congress in Uttar Pradesh, and between PDP and National Conference in Jammu and Kashmir.

The 26 Opposition parties forming the alliance are the Congress, TMC, DMK, AAP, JD(U), RJD, JMM, NCP (Sharad Pawar), Shiv Sena (UBT), SP, NC, PDP, CPI(M), RLD, CPI. MDMK, Kongunadu Makkal Desia Katchi (KMDK), VCK, RSP, CPI-ML (Liberation), Forward Bloc, IUML, Kerala Congress (Joseph), Kerala Congress (Mani), Apna Dal (Kamerawadi), and the Manithaneya Makkal Katchi

DGCA OK's Go First op with 114 daily...

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The DGCA stated that none of Go First's aircraft will be deployed for operations without undertaking a satisfactory handling flight. Any change in the company that has any bearing on the resumption plan submitted by the RP must be notified to DGCA. The airline's RP submitted the resumption plan to DGCA on June 28, and subsequently, the DGCA conducted a special audit of the carrier's facilities in Mumbai and Delhi.

'RP shall submit the proposed flight schedule, commensurate with the available resources in terms of airworthy aircraft, qualified pilots, cabin crew, AMEs, flight dispatchers, etc., for the consideration of DGCA after making requisite arrangements for the

commencement of scheduled flight operations, including the interim funding required for resumption of operations," it said. The carrier has around 4,200 employees. Its revenue was Rs 4,183 crore from operations in the financial year ended March 2022. Its liabilities are about Rs 11,463 crore.

Earlier this month, Go First invited potential buyers or investors to express their interest through a court-appointed administrator, adhering to the procedural requirements mandated by Indian law. Go First filed for bankruptcy protection in May, blam-ing the grounding of almost half of its fleet of 54 Airbus A320neos to alleged issues with Pratt & Whitney engines. The engine manufacturer responded that the claims made by Go Airlines were unfounded and its misfortunes were of its own making.

Modi surname: SC to hear Rahul's...

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for August 4. Gandhi's appeal was filed on July 15, after the high court ruled that he had "breached modesty" and his offense involved "moral turpitude" He urged the top court to imme-diately suspend his conviction, stating that it would stifle free speech, expression, and thought. In his petition, Gandhi complained that a political speech critical of eco-

Minister Narendra Modi had been unjustly deemed an act of moral turpitude, setting a dangerous precedent for political dialogue. The complainant, BIP leader Purnesh Modi, filed a caveat in the Supreme Court to ensure his side is heard before any orders are passed on Gandhi's appeal.

Gandhi was convicted on March 23 by a Gujarat magisterial court for his remarks on the Modi surname. The conviction disqualified him as an MP from Kerala's Wayanad

People Act. Despite his jail term being suspended, the conviction prevents him from contesting elections unless it is overturned or suspended by a higher court. His legal team aims to

secure at least a stay on the con-War. viction in the next 10 months, allowing him to contest the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. In his appeal, Gandhi argued that the approach of the judgments mischaracterized his one-line statement and led to his exclusion from political office for a copy of which has been seen

Another...

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One of the women seen in the video is the wife of an exarmy man who had served in the Índian Army as a Subedar of the Assam Regiment and even fought in the Kargil

It may be recalled, that the complaint in connection with the viral video was lodged around a month ago – June 21 - at Saikul police station in Kangpokpi district. The FIR filed in this case,

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PM must speak, says Opp; Govt retorts you don't want...

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Minister Prahlad Joshi also maintained that his government was ready for the debate, which will be replied to by the Union home minister.

The Lok Sabha was first adjourned till 12 pm by the Speaker and then for the rest of the day till Monday by Rajendra Aggarwal, presiding over the house, shortly afterward, following the continued uproar over the violence in Manipur.

Earlier, Congress MPs Manickam Tagore and Hibi Eden moved adjournment motions in the Lok Sabha, citing the need for urgent discussions on the ethnic violence in Manipur.

The Rajya Sabha also could not function for the second consecutive day with the Opposition raising a din on the

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Manipur violence issue and the Delhi Ordinance.

The Opposition made its intentions clear as soon as the proceedings began for the day when Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar started reading out the time allocated for government business. He began this by mentioning The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Bill that is to replace an ordinance on services in Delhi.

Even before he could complete it, AAP MPs were up on their feet calling the bill "unconstitutional." Dhankhar asked them to maintain decorum in the House. But MPs from AAP, including Sanjay Singh, continued to object, saying no bill can be brought that is unconstitutional.

"I give time to everyone in accordance with the rules. This

House is the house of elders. Our conduct is being watched by more than 1.3 billion people. We have to be exemplary

in our conduct so that we can be appreciated. It is not a public street. It is not a platform," the Chairman said. Meanwhile, Pramod Tiwari (Congress) drew the attention of the house to the Manipur violence.

Raising the issue of expunging certain remarks, Derek O'Brien (TMC) said, 'Three words were expunged. Yesterday we said the Prime Minister should open his mouth on Manipur. The Prime Minister got expunged. Manipur got expunged. Why?" he asked. While he sought to know if any of the words were not fit for parliamentary proceedings, the Chairman repeatedly asked what his point of

order was. As O'Brien tried to explain, the House plunged into disorder. At this point, Dhankhar adjourned the proceedings till 2:30 pm.

Soon after reassembling at 2:30 pm, Chairman Dhankhar informed the members about the report of the business advisory committee (BAC) after its meeting held on Thursday and said it should be taken into account. This led to an uproar with several opposition members raising objections over the listing of the National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Bill along with the Forest Conservation Bill, saying they had already expressed their views against the proposed legislation during the BAC meeting.

Amid the uproar and with most opposition members on their feet, the Chairman adjourned the house till Monday within minutes of its resumption.

I, revealed the tale of mayhem which occurred before the abduction and shameful behaviour with tribal women, a video of which has now formed the basis of raids and arrests of people connected with the incident.

The FIR claimed that one person was killed by the mob as he tried to protect his sister from being raped on May 4 before the two were paraded naked and molested in front of others.

More than 160 people have lost their lives, and several have been injured since ethnic violence broke out in the state on May 3, when a Tribal Solidarity March' was organised in the hill districts to protest against the Meitei community's demand for Scheduled Tribe (ST) status.

Meiteis account for about 53 per cent of Manipur's population and live mostly in the Imphal Valley, while tribals, which include Nagas and Kukis, constitute 40 per cent and reside mostly in the hill districts.

Kangpokpi district, were raped

and murdered in the Konung

Mamang area of Imphal. Meitei

and shouting slogans such as, 'Sida Kuki Nupi Leibra?" (Is there any Kuki woman here?) and "Kuki Nupi Hatlo" (Kill Kuki women).

On May 4, 22-year-old Agnes Neikhohat and her friend, students at the Nightingale Nurse Institute in Imphal, were harassed and assaulted by a Meitei mob of about 40 people. "Rape her! Torture her! Cut her into pieces!" Meitei women shouted as the attackers pummeled Ms. Haokip, knocking out her front teeth.

On May 5, Themnu and Chongpi, young women in their twenties, hailing from H Khopibung village ing room-to-room searches of

miscreants gagged, dragged, and confined the women in a closed room for 2 hours. Their employer could not protect them, and when the room was finally opened at about 7 pm, it was filled with a mixture of blood and hair, and the victims had succumbed to their injuries from the brutal assaults. The victims' bodies remain in the INIMS (Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Medical Sciences) morgue in Imphal to date, and the victims' parents cannot retrieve the bodies to conduct last rites due to the prevailing volatile situation.

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horror.

However, questions remain about the delay in addressing the issue earlier. On July 20, when the video of the violence went viral, NCW tweeted that it had taken suo moto cognizance of the incident and asked the DGP for answers. "NCW condemns the Manipur incident. Taking suo moto cognizance. The DGP Manipur has been asked to promptly take appropriate action. @sharmarekha @MinistryWCD" the tweet said.

The letter written by the group highlighted several instances of rape and sexual assault, urging the NCW to urgently assess the disproportionate victimization of Kuki-Zomi indigenous tribal women through brutal and inhumane acts of sexual violence, including rape, kidnapping, public lynching, immolation, and murder. They appealed for the Commission to recognize these abhorrent practices as serious abuses of the fundamental human and women's rights of Kuki-Zomi women. The letter also listed five other incidents of alleged sexual violence that

from the NCW.

According to them, on May 3 at about 9 pm, mobs stormed the Manipur University campus in Imphal. They brandished sticks and knives in their systematic attempts to locate students, staff, and faculty from the Kuki-Zomi communities. Female students were forced out of their hostels, verbally harassed, and abused by the mob. Nengneivah, a Kuki-Zo Ph.D research scholar, hid in her hostel bathroom until the Assam Rifles rescued defenceless students at 3.15 am. She could hear the mobs conduct-

required suo moto cognizance

Tihar produces Yasin in SC...

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Mehta stated that the

Central Government would

take necessary steps to ensure

that Malik is not let out of jail

again. He later wrote to Union

Home Secretary Ajay Bhalla,

expressing displeasure and

requesting immediate action to

address this "serious lapse" of

security. Mehta highlighted

that the security of the Supreme

Court was put at risk when

Yasin Malik was brought in

physically, stating that there

were potential risks of him

escaping, being forcibly taken

the decision to allow Malik's

physical presence in court,

stating that it was a sheer vio-

lation of security, and the jail

authorities acted "callously."

CBI officials condemned

away, or even killed.



FOOD DISTRIBUTION AT RELIEF CAMPS







Social worker distribute food to the flood-affected people in the makeshift relief camps in New Delhi on Friday

Yamuna above danger mark again

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

The water level of the Yamuna in Delhi crossed the danger mark of 205.33 metres yet again on Friday, fur-ther delaying rehabilitation efforts in the flood-affected low bring areas low-lying areas.

This has prompted instructions from the Delhi government to ensure the safety of residents of low-lying areas many of whom had just returned home. Meanwhile, rainfall is predicted in the Capital over the coming week. The Central Water Central Commission's (CWC) data showed the water level reached 205.34 metres at 6 pm on Friday and may rise further to

205.45 metres by night. There have been marginal fluctuations in the water level over the last two-three days amid rain in the upper catchment areas, primarily in Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand.

The Delhi Government has directed officials to maintain vigil in vulnerable areas and make arrangements to shift people to safer locations after rise in the water level of



river Yamuna. The Yamuna In case of heavy rains had been receding gradually after reaching an all-time high upstream of Delhi, the increase h the water level could slow of 208.66 metres on July 13. down the pace of rehabilitation Following the forecast, the city government advised the offiof the affected families in the inundated low-lying areas of cials to maintain vigil in their respective areas and take necthe capital and they may have to stay in relief camps for a essary action at vulnerable points. The officials have also longer period. It could also impact the water supply in the city, which became normal been advised to warn people only on Tuesday after being living close to river embankaffected for four to five days ments and make arrangements to shift them to safer places. due to the inundation of a The water level dropped below the danger mark by 8 pm pump house at Wazirabad.

According to Delhi Jal Board (DJB) officials, there is on Tuesday after flowing above the threshold for eight days. It a shortage of 10-12 million gallons of water per day (MGD) due to inundation of some receded to 205.22 metres at 5 am on Wednesday, before it started rising again and tube wells in the river floodplain at Palla breached the danger mark.

'Floodwaters drained out, Rajghat restored'

New Delhi: Mahatma Gandhi's memorial at Rajghat has been freed of waterlogging, a week after waters from the Yamuna river inundated the complex. The river touched an all-time high level of 208.66m this month and flooded low-lying areas

In a tweet, the L-G said, "Sincere and consistent efforts since July 15 by all stakeholder agencies have resulted in restoration of the Rajghat Samadhi area and its approach." "The stagnant flood water has been substantially drained out and restoration of pavements and landscaping is underway," he said.

"Used this opportunity to pay homage to the Father of the Nation this morning. Kudos to the officials & workmen who worked ceaselessly," Saxena added. Officials on Friday said, Delhi Lt Governor VK Saxena who was supervising the oper-ation to drain flood water from the lawns and pathways of the memorial, visited Rajghat and took stock of the situation.



Lieutenant Governor VK Saxena paying tribute to Mahatma Gandhi after restoration of the Rajghat Samadhi area and its approach. The stagnant flood water has been substantially drained out and restoration of pavements and landscaping is PNS underway

Water from the main area of the memorial was completely pumped out and it was dried and cleaned now. Senior officers of the Delhi government, including the chief secretary, were constantly monitoring the work on the L-G's instruc-tions," an official said. Last used, officials added.

week, waters from the Yamuna inundated the Ring Road and the situation worsened with backflow from a drain in the area inundating the memorial area. The operations to drain out flood waters started on Sunday and 10 pumps were Power demand reaches 7,398 MW in Capital

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

With no rain for the third day in a row, the hot and sultry weather in the national capital pushed the peak power demand in the city to 7,398 MW Friday afternoon - the highest this year so far. The State Load Dispatch Centre (SLDC) Delhi's real time data showed that the peak demand was 7,398 MW at around 3.10 pm. The peak power demand measures the power consumption in megawatt at any given time within 24 hours of a day.

The previous highest peak demand in this year was 7,226 MW on June 14. The highest even peak power demand of Delhi was recorded at 7,601 MW in June last year, officials said. Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Twitter said that despite the power demand peaking on Friday, there was 24-hour power sup-ply in the city. "... No power

cuts. I remember that before 2015, there used to be long power cuts when the power demand would reach even 6,000 MW," he said. The power discoms in the city have estimated the peak demand to son. The demand cessfully managed by BSES discoms - BRPL and BYPL- in their respective distribution areas, said a company spokesperson.

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Cooling load caused by extensive use of airconditioners, coolers and fans is the main reason behind Delhi's power load during the summers, they said. In fact, according to estimates, around 50 per cent of Delhi's power demand in summers is because of the cooling load, discom officials said.

A Tata Power Delhi Distribution Ltd (TPDDL) spokesperson said the peak demand was 2,163 MW in the discom's area that was met successfully, without any network constraint and power outage.

The peak power demand crossed the 7,000 MW mark for the first time this year on June 13. It has crossed the 7,000 MW-mark twice in July so far. In 2018, the peak power demand breached the 7,000 MW mark for the first time, reaching a peak of 7,016 MW, in Delhi.

The highest peak power demand in the previous years was 7323 MW in 2021, 6314 MW in 2020, 7409 in 2019 and 100 MW th

Saxena OK's Delhi Private

Security draft rules 2023 against 437 appointed by Govt

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m Service \ Department \ is \ all}^{
m he \ Delhi \ Government's}$ set to initiate action against 437 private persons appointed as advisers, fellows and consultants by the Aam Aadmi Party government following the Supreme Court's ruling dismissing the plea of Delhi government seeking stay on the Service's Department order to this effect.

Top sources said the Supreme Court has not struck down its July 5 order on removal of these fellow/assistants and consultants issued by the Services Department.

The top court has dismissed the plea seeking stay of this order. "Now, action is to be taken as per the letter dated July 05, 2023 immediately for

tions next year.

entries in the Voter Lists and

sought their cooperation in

creating mass awareness

amongst citizens about need to

provide correct information to

visiting BLOs regarding un-

enrolled eligible citizens,

prospective voters (who will be

18 years old on or before 01.10.2024) as well as dead and

permanently shifted electors to

make electoral rolls pure,

healthy, and inclusive in all

aspects. Chief Electoral Officer

of Delhi, Dr. Ranbir Singh held

a meeting with all Recognised

Political Parties. Representatives

Month-long survey to

Fellows / Consultants, etc., failing which Services Department would be required to proceed against the Head of the Departments as per the said letter", sources said.

Appearing for the Lieutenant Governor, counsel Harish Salve submitted that the consultants were terminated because their appointment was arbitrary

Service dept set to take action

Arguing on behalf of the

Delhi government, counsel Abhishek Manu Singhvi argued that the Lieutenant Governor has terminated the contract of 437 consultants working with various departments of the government of NCTD without any consultation with the elected government. Additionally, the letter issued by the Lieutenant Governor on 5 July 2023 ter-

removal of Fellows / Associate minating the engagement of specialists/fellow/consultants

is also sought to be stayed. The controversy erupted afterhe Delhi government Services Department issued an order that 437 private persons appointed as advisers, fellows and consultants whom the Arvind Kejriwal government hired via "back door entry" are "void ab initio" (void from the beginning) and asked the departments concerned to stop their services.

The Lieutenant Governor secretariat has alleged that the AAP-led government employed 437 individuals, most of whom were found to be party workers, to run a "parallel civil service" while flouting "constitutional norms of reservation", "manipulating the selection process" and "rigging the selection criterion".

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Delhi Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena has approved the long pending draft "Delhi Private Security Agencies (Regulation) Rules, 2023 aimed at regulating the functioning of the private security agencies in the national Capital.

The draft rules were framed by the Home Department, Delhi govern-ment on the lines of model rules notified by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India (Vide Notification dated 15.12.2020) and in consultation with the Law Department, Delhi government, under Private Šecurity Agencies (Regulation) Act, 2005.The rules, among other things, providepio for the procedure for verification of character and antecedents of the private security guards and supervisors, the type of training prescribed for the personnel, physical standards and other conditions.

Further, the rules make it clear that all the training agencies shall submit the details of security guards/supervisors, trained batch-wise to the controlling authority within 30 days of completion of each batch along with copy of their training certificates in online/offline mode. The rules also deal with the number of supervisors to be employed and the form in which a photo

identity card has to be issued. The Home Department sought approval of the Lieutenant Governor in the light of 'Enforcement of Private Security Agencies (Regulation) Act, 2005 and FDI policy'

issued by the Union Home Ministry which states that 'Public Órder and Police' are state subjects and 'Internal Security' is the responsibility of the Central Government.

The matter was examined by the LG's Secretariat in terms of judgment dated 25.04.2014 of the Supreme Court, as per which, the Private Security Agency Act is a law made under entry 97 of the Union List. Therefore, it is outside the legislative competence of Delhi Assembly.

The draft rules are proposed to be notified in exercise of powers conferred under section 25 read with clause (1) and (2) of the Private Security Agencies (Regulation) Act, 2005 which provides power of state government to make rules for carrying out the provision of the Act.

DJB officers selling water tankers, alleges Sachdeva

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

The Delhi BJP on Friday claimed Delhi was reeling under a water crisis and the ruling AAP regime was callous towards the needs of the citizens who were also facing the danger of waterborne diseases like typhoid and cholera.

Levelling these charges here, Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva also claimed Delhi Jal Board junior engineers were selling water tankers. He said Delhiites are facing a major water crisis despite restoration of flood hit water treatment plants and Yamuna overflowing.

Areas like Majnu Ka Tila, Burari, Walled City, Karol Bagh, Patel Nagar assembly to Vikaspuri assembly, Kalka ji, Greater Kailash assemblies to Mehrauli Chatarpur assemblies and Bijwasan assembly to Najafgarh assembly are getting sparse or no water.

The water supply situation is very bad in major cluster areas around Naraina, Kirti Nagar, Dwarka, R.K. Puram, Vasant Vihar, Matia Khan, Idgah, Azadpur, Jahangirpuri, Narela where even water tankers supply has been stopped, Sachdeva said.



verify voter list starts STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI mid the threat of a "signif-

New Delhi: Over 13,649 Booth Level Officers will conduct (INC), Bahujan Samaj Party Aam Aadmi Party door-to-door surveys from July (BSP), 21 to August 21 in the nation-(AAP), Bhartiya Janta Party (BJP), National People's Party al Capital to enlist voters and (NPP) and Communist Party of remove errors from the electoral India (CPIM) attended the list ahead of the general elecmeeting. The BLOs will verify all

details of ensuing Special Summary Revision (SSR) of Electoral Rolls (with reference to 01.01.2024 as qualifying date) and month long door to door Survey by BLO from July 21, to August 21. Singh briefed the political parties about roles and responsibilities of their Booth Level Agents (BLAs) who are appointed by them for each polling station to coordinate with concerned BLOs for inclusion of left-out eligible citizens and deletion of dead or permanently shifted electors. SR

from Indian National Congress A mid the uncar of a organization of a second secon

In the meeting, Singh shared with them schedule and

ber of cases of vector-borne diseases in the wake of recent flooding due to Yamuna waters, Delhi Mayor Shelly Oberoi on Friday said the civic body was all prepared to combat any such situation. Oberai said AAP MLAs and councillors will go door-to-door to educate people

about dengue prevention. At a press conference, she

also said that people should cooperate with dengue breeding checking (DBC) staff when they visit households and warned of penal action in case breeding of larvae is found during the inspection of sites. "The PHED (public health and engineering department) and the MCD (Municipal Corporation of Delhi) all prepared to combat vector-borne



diseases. Municipal councillors, MLAs and RWAs all stakeholders will work together in this, and I appeal to people to cooperate with our DBC staff as well," she said.

The mayor said, "We don't want to, but challan will be done if violations are found during the inspection of households, construction sites and other places."

A review meeting was

held by the mayor on Friday on the dengue situation, and it was attended by Municipal Commissioner Gyanesh Bharti and heads of various depart-

ments The Leader of Opposition Ramvir Singh Bidhuri has cautioned the Kejriwal government to be vigilant about the increasing threat of diseases, especially Dengue and Influenza. He highlights the

government's failure in dealing with the challenges posed by monsoons and floods and urges immediate action to address the rising cases of dis-

have been reported in the national capital till mid-July this year, the highest for this period since 2018, according to a municipal report released this week. The report issued by the MCD also said that 54 cases of malaria have been recorded in the same period.

There is a possibility of a rise in dengue and malaria cases in the national capital this year due to flooding in several areas, Oberoi had said on Monday. Directions have been issued to departments concerned to take steps to check mosquito breeding and clear silt and sludge left by the Yamuna waters, she said.

Villages around Mahipalpur to Najafgarh which are at tail end of supply line are getting almost no water supply even after restoration of water treatment plants, he added.

Sachdeva also said situation is so bad that in Water Minister Saurabh Bhardwaj's Greater Kailash constituency there is colony called Sant Nagar where over 250 houses with over 900 families living therein have been getting erratic and dirty water supply for over a month and now the situation has taken a further tide

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Over 160 dengue cases

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India, Lanka review bilateral ties Cong holds mega rally in MP, announces poll sops Meet focusses on cooperation in energy security, economy

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

India and Sri Lanka on Friday reviewed the entire gamut of their bilateral ties here during talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Ranil Wickremesinghe. Both leaders focussed on further strengthening their relationship including economic cooperation, energy security, and other related issues.

The two sides later announced cooperation in the fields of animal husbandry and dairying, energy permit for Sampur solar power project, renewable energy, economic development projects in Trincomalee district of Sri Lanka and network to network agreement between NIPL and Lanka Pay for UPI application acceptance in Sri Lanka.

Ahead of the high-level talks between the two top leaders, Wickremesinghe also met National Security Adviser (NSA) Ajit Doval and is understood to have discussed security cooperation between the two countries. Prime Minister Modi conveyed to Sri Lankan President Wickremesinghe



Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President of Sri Lanka Ranil Wickremesinghe during their joint press statement after a meeting at Hyderabad House, in New Delhi on Friday

India's expectations from Colombo to fulfill the aspirations of the Tamil community in the island nation and ensure a life of respect and dignity for it. The issue figured prominently in the wide-ranging talks between Modi and Wickremesinghe, with the

Prime Minister highlighting the need for the implementation of the 13th Amendment to the Sri Lankan Constitution. In his press statement, Modi said "the past year has been full of challenges for the people of Sri Lanka. As close

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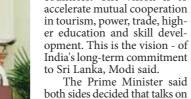
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the Economic and Technological Cooperation Agreement will start soon. This will open new possibilities for trade and economic cooperation for both countries. "We agreed to enhance air connectivity between India and Sri Lanka.

To increase business and the movement of people, it has also been decided to start Passenger Ferry Services between Nagapattinam in Tamil Nadu and KankeSanthurai in Sri Lanka," the Prime Minister said.

He also said both countries decided that the work of connecting the electricity grids between the two countries will be expedited. The feasibility study will be done for the petroleum pipeline between India and Sri Lanka. Apart from this, it was also decided to check the feasibility of a land

countries. The vision is to bridge. Fintech connectivity will also increase with the agreement signed today to launch UPI in Sri Lanka.

Modi said the two leaders also discussed the issues related to the livelihood of fishermen. "We agree that we should proceed with a humane approach in this matter. We also talked about reconstruction and reconciliation in Sri Lanka.

President Wickremesinghe told me about his inclusive approach. We hope that the Government of Sri Lanka will fulfill the aspirations of the Tamils. Will drive the process of rebuilding for equality, justice and peace. Will fulfil its commitment to implement the Thirteenth Amendment and conduct the Provincial Council Elections. And will ensure a life of respect and dignity for the Tamil community of Sri

Lanka. The Prime Minister underlined that ties between the two nations are as ancient and extensive as our civilisations. Sri Lanka has an important place in both, Îndia's 'Neighbourhood First" policy and "SAGAR" vision.

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI/GWALIOR

The Congress organized a massive rally in Gwalior, the home turf of former Congress leader and now Union Minister, Ivotiraditva Scindia, on Friday. Congress General Secretary Priyanka Gandhi addressed the gathering and announced several sops for the forthcoming Assembly elections. Having already held rallies and made poll announcements in the other poll-bound states-Chhattisgarh and Telangana.

The Congress is optimistic about retaining the former and aiming to wrest power from the BJP in the latter. Priyanka Gandhi's political acumen has been credited with securing impressive wins for the party in Himachal Pradesh and Karnataka

Priyanka reiterated the Congress' five guarantees, including the restoration of the Old Pension Scheme (OPS) for government employees, in the event of a victory in yearend Assembly polls. Addressing the 'Jan Aakrosh' rally in Gwalior, she accused the BJPled State government of being involved in multiple scams and



AICC general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra with MP Congress president Kamal Nath and senior leader JP Agarwal during party's 'Jan Aakrosh' rally, in Gwalior, Friday

urged the people to give 'Satyagraha' or "fight for truth" Congress a strong mandate to prevent any attempts to topple its government. She also criticized Prime Minister Narendra Modi for politicizing issue of Manipur, referring to his statement on the situation in the

state. Priyanka Gandhi emphasized the need for maintaining political decency and criticized the current culture of allegations and counter-allegations, which she believes sidelines real issues and concerns of people. Stressing importance of

with 6,670 PACS already car-

rying out transactions. He

believes that the remaining

registered PACS will also begin

transactions in the coming

weeks. This achievement will

generate employment for

around 14,000 rural youth,

who will contribute to

strengthening the rural econ-omy and facilities in villages.

Minister of Communications,

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Technology, also present at the

event, noted that the number of

active CSCs has increased from

83,000 in 2014 to an impressive

objective of making PACS

affordable for all entities at the

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around 300,000 new PACS in

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in India's freedom struggle, she called for leaders who embody decency, simplicity, and easy accessibility, rather than being driven by ego in politics. Focusing on core issues

affecting people, Priyanka Gandhi highlighted impact of price-rise on their lives. She expressed concern about soaring prices of essential commodities, including cooking gas and edible oil, which have made it difficult for ordinary citizens to make ends meet.

BJP seeks answer over violence against women in **Opp-ruled States**

PNS NEW DELHI

n the backdrop of ghastly disrobing and 'rape' of women in the BJP-ruled Manipur, the BJP on Friday sought to highlight 'atrocities' against women in the opposition-ruled state of West Bengal and Rajasthan.

Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat accused Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot of turning a blind eye to the oppression of women and cited a recent incident of burning of four family members in the poll-bound state.

In another press conference BJP MP Locket Chatterjee 'cried' and cited a number of cases of crime against women, including alleged disrobing, during and after the West Bengal panchayat polls. The situation in Manipur also prevails in West Bengal," she told reporters.

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RS is entitled to discuss everything under planet except Article 121: Dhankhar

New Delhi: In an obvious reference to avoid any confrontation between the Legislature and Judiciary, Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar on Friday said the Upper House is entitled to discuss everything under the planet with one restriction provided under Article 121 of the Constitution of India.

friends, like always, we stand

shoulder to shoulder with the

people of Sri Lanka in this hour

of crisis. And I heartily con-

gratulate the people of Sri

Lanka for the courage with

which they faced these chal-

with the President, the Prime

Minister said the two sides have

adopted a vision document

for our Economic Partnership.

This vision is to strengthen the

Maritime, Air, Energy and peo-

ple-to-people connectivity between the people of both

Giving details of his talks

lenging circumstances."

His remarks came soon after he informed the members about business schedule pertaining to the discussion on Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (amendment) Bill 2023 in Rajya Sabha.

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and enacted as a statute with-

this recommendation in its

report to both houses of par-

transform themselves into a

single tri-service unit in vari-

ous domains, officers posted in

joint institutions face issues

related to command, control,

address these challenges by

personnel are currently gov-

erned by separate Service Acts,

leading to complexities in joint

institutions like Andaman and

The proposed bill aims to

and disciplinary action.

any amendments.

The committee presented

out any amendments.

When some members objected over time allocation to the Bill saying the matter is sub-judice and Parliament should not consider it, referring to Article 121 in the constitution, Chairman Rajya Sabha clarified. "This House is entitled to discuss everything under the

planet with one restriction. The only restriction generated in the Parliament is given to us by our founding fathers. No discussion shall take place in Parliament with respect to the conduct of any judge of the Supreme Court or a High Court in the discharge of its duties except upon a motion for presenting an address to the President praying for the removal of the judge as herein provided."

"Therefore, the concept of sub-judice is totally misconceived," Dhankhar emphasized. PNS

17,176 PACS registered as common service centres in two months: Shah

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

Union Cooperation Amit Shah announced on Friday that 17,176 Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) have been registered as Common Service Čentres (CSCs) in less than two months. These CSCs will provide over 300 services to rural citizens, including 130 million farmers in India. The services offered include banking, insurance, and Aadhaar enrollment.

In June, the Ministry of Cooperation signed an MoU with the Ministry of Electronics and IT, NABARD, and CSC egovernance services to enable PACS to work with CSCs effectively. With approximately 95,000 PACS spread across the country, the goal is to onboard all of them for CSC operations.

Apart from essential services like banking and insur-ance, PACS will also offer istered themselves as CSCs,



health services, legal assistance, and various Pradhan Mantri Welfare Schemes to rural citizens.

At the inauguration of the mega national conclave on CSC services through PACS, Minister Amit Shah expressed his appreciation for the efforts of the Ministry of Cooperation and the entire team for the significant achievement of onboarding more than 17,000 PACS within a short span of two months.

Minister Shah emphasized that out of one lakh existing

HARYANA -122005 (3) MR. AZRA JAMAL S/O MR. KHURSHID JAMAL, R/O H. NO. W1C, WELLINGTON ESTATE DI ECITY PHASE. GURGAON-122002, HARYANA Also At. 2ND ADDRESS OF RESPONDENT NO. 1 TO 3:-R/O B-00-0094, ANTHEA FLOORS, WILD FLOOR COUNTRY, GURGAON- 122005 HARYANA SUMMONS

WHEREAS, **OA/637/2020** was listed before Hon'ble Presiding Officer/Registrar on **17/04/2023**. WHEREAS this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons/ notice on the said Application under section 19(4) of the Act, (OA) filed against you for recovery of debts of Rs. 12254195/- (application along with copies of documents etc. annexed).

In accordance with sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, you, the defendants are directed as under:-(i) to show cause within thirty days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted;

(ii) to disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3A of the original application;

(iii) you are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties:

(iv) you shall not transfer by way of sale. lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of his business any of the assets over which security interest is created and/ or other assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application without the prior approval of the Tribunal;

(v) you shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realised by sale of secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such assets. You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before Registrar on 14.09.2023 at 10:30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this date: 29/04/2023.

Signature of the Officer Authorised to issue summons

HOUSE NO. 420, SECTOR 16 PANCHKULA, HARYANA Also At:- HOUSE NO. 3020 SECTOR 20-D, CHANDIGARH, CHANDIGARH (3) JAGMOHAN KUMAR SON OF LATE SH AMARNATH HOUSE NO. 420, SECTOR 16, PANCHKULA, HARYANA (4) PARVESH GUJRAL W/O SH JAGMOHAN KUMAR HOUSE NO. 420, SECTOR 16, PANCHKULA, HARYANA

SUMMONS WHEREAS, **OA/1435/2022** was listed before Hon'ble Presiding Officer/Registrar on **21/03/2023**. WHEREAS this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons/ notice on the said Application under section 19(4) of the Act, (OA) filed against you for recovery of debts of **Rs. 7494431.09**/- (application along with copies of documents of opnoved) etc. annexed).

In accordance with sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, you, the defendants are directed as under:-(i) to show cause within thirty days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted:

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Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this date: 26/06/2023.

Signature of the Officer Authorised to issue summons where personnel from different services serve together.

Inter-Services Organisations Bill should be passed without amendments, says Parl panel PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Under the existing framework, the commander-in-chief or officer-in-command of The Parliament Standing inter-services organizations Committee on Defence has lacks the power to exercise disrecommended that the Interciplinary and administrative authority over personnel from Services Organisations (Command, Control, and other services. Discipline) Bill, 2023, be passed

As a result, officers serving in these organizations need to be reverted to their respective parent service units for disciplinary or administrative actions.

The proposed Interliament on Friday. The bill, Services Organisations (Command, Control & introduced in Lok Sabha on March 15, was referred to the Discipline) Bill, 2023, seeks to Standing Committee on Defence for examination and empower commander-in-chief report by the Speaker on April and officer-in-command of such organizations with all The armed forces are strivdisciplinary and administrative ing for better synergy to fight powers concerning personnel modern-day wars, and as they serving in or attached to them.

IAF to celebrate 91st anniversary in UP on Oct 8

bringing all personnel under New Delhi: Keeping with the one rule and doing away with silos. The parliamentary panel new tradition of hosting the Air appreciated the bill's provi-Force Day celebrations in difsions and unequivocally recferent parts of the country, the ommended its passage without IAF will celebrate its 91st anniversary on October 8 in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh. The committee noted that the Army, Navy, and Air Force

Last year, Air Force Day was held in Chandigarh for the first time. Earlier, the Day used to be hosted in the national capital.

Nicobar Command, Strategic The ceremonial parade this year will be held at Air Force Forces Command, Defence Space Agency, National Station Bamrauli and the Air Defence Academy, and Display will be conducted over National Defence College, the Sangam area, in the vicinity of the Ordnance Depot ort in Prayagraj. **P**NS

FIR in PMO officer impersonation case PNS NEW DELHI

The CBI has filed an FIR against one Pawan Patel for allegedly posing as an officer in the Prime Minister's Office working in technical surveillance agency National Technical Research Research Organisation (NTRO).

The action was initiated on a January 20 reference from PMO where a complaint was received against Patel who was masquerading as a PMO officer seeking money from people for help in getting contracts, officials said. On August 25 last year, a

Shahdara-based resident had complained on a grievance portal of Union Government that Patel was claiming to be posted in "department which looks after security for PMO Intelligence and is forging people by saying that he is working with the NTRO...".

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

The Government & INational Telemedicine Service, The Government's National

eSanjeevani, launched in

November 2019 as a doctor-to-

Bengal, and Karnataka.

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New road signage guidelines to improve road safety: MoRTH

PNS NEW DELHI

The Union Road Transport and Highways Ministry has taken a significant step towards improving road traffic safety and management by introducing new guidelines for road signage on the national highways network and expresswavs. These guidelines, released by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH), aim to enhance road safety and ensure a secure travel experience for drivers across the country.

The guidelines, approved by Union Minister Nitin Gadkari, are designed to incorporate best practices and international standards, providing improved visibility and intuitive guidance to drivers. Road signages play a crucial role in providing vital information

and instructions to drivers, and the new guidelines focus on optimizing their effectiveness. As part of the review process, MoRTH evaluated existing provisions in line with relevant Indian Road Congress (IRC) codes and guidelines, international practices, and functional perspectives. The objective was to streamline traffic regulations and create signages that offer clear and concise guidance, warnings, notices, and regulatory information to drivers, facilitating a seamless and safe journey on the roads.

> One of the primary highlights of the guidelines is the emphasis on enhancing visibility and legibility. The strategic placement of signages at appropriate heights and distances, coupled with the use of large lettering, symbols, and

short legends, aims to ensure that crucial information remains easily visible and comprehensible, even during adverse weather conditions.

To cater to a diverse group of road users, including those with limited literacy, the guidelines propose the use of pictorial depictions along with text. This approach aims to effectively convey essential mes-sages, ensuring better com-prehension and adherence to traffic regulations.

Recognizing the linguistic diversity of India, MoRTH has also advocated a multilingual approach on road signages. By using both English and regional languages, communication with road users from different linguistic backgrounds will be enhanced, promoting better understanding and compliance with traffic rules.

Digi healthcare consultations rise to 13 cr 1282 -

doctor consultation facility, eSanjeevaniOPD, the Centre's has achieved significant success, surpassing 13 crore teleinitiative has gained immense consultations to date. Among popularity for delivering the 10 states leading in utilizahealthcare services through tion are Andhra Pradesh, West digital platforms. As of July 19, 2023, a total of 13,91,61,458 This digital healthcare initeleconsultations have been tiative has also benefited completed, with 1,10,12,570 approximately 5 crore women rendered to senior citizens and and 1 crore senior citizens, pro-5,22,15,224 to women, accordviding them with convenient ing to government data preaccess to medical services. sented to Parliament. The lead-Operating in two modes, ing states in adopting eSanjeevaniAB-HWC and eSanjeevani include Andhra

Pradesh, West Bengal, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Telangana, and Gujarat.

The Union Health Ministry aims to support the effective implementation of digital health initiatives, including telemedicine services, across the country.

It provides financial assistance to all States/UTs under the National Health Mission for strengthening health IT infrastructure and internet connectivity. To ensure safe and secure implementation of telemedicine services, the Union Health Ministry issued Telemedicine Practice guidelines on March 25, 2020. Remarkably, in less

than 3 years, eSanjeevani has become the world's largest government-owned telemedicine platform. It consists of two verticals that cater to patients across all states and UTs, reaching even the remotest regions of the nation.

As of July 14, 2023, a total of 2,08,569 spokes (including Health and Wellness Centres and Primary Health Centres) have been connected to telemedicine services in the Centre for country. Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC), Mohali, is providing comprehensive technical training and support to users, augmenting the platform's capacity to serve up to 1 million patients per day.





'Showcasing Tripura at Varanasi' |15,09,303 saplings to be planted conducted successfully

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PIONEER NEWS SERVICE VARANAS

NEW DELHI | SATURDAY | JULY 22, 2023

ripura is a unique semihilly state in the North East region of India, surrounded on three sides by international borders and home to a diverse mix of tribal cultures, natural resources, and religious groups. In order to promote Tripura as a 'go-to' business destination, the state successfully conducted an event titled, 'Showcasing Tripura at Varanasi' here on Friday. The occasion was used to display its famous GI tagged, organic Tripura Queen Pineapple and a variety of other agri horti products alongside its rich handloom and handicraft industry, tourism, rubber and bamboo produce. The event was supported

by seven departments of Tripura, viz Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Horticulture and Soil Conservation, Tribal Welfare Department, Forest Department, Industry Department, Handloom and Handicraft and Tourism Department. It was executed by North Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation (NERAMAC), a Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) under the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region. Speaking on the occasion, the chief guest Ratan Lal Nath, Minister of Agriculture and

Inaugural function of showcasing Tripura being held at Varanasi on Friday.

Farmers Welfare and Power, Government of Tripura, reiterated the state government's commitment to promote local produce, artisans and the land as such. He talked about the need to GI certify the unique produce and products to preserve and promote tradition. Talking about the focus of the government, he said that it was essential for the rest of India and the world to recognise the potential of the state both in terms of produce/product availability and its geography. The state is promoting innovation, food processing and allied industries and making it tourist friend-ly and accessible.

Uttar Pradesh Minister of State (Independent Charge) Ravindra Jaiswal, Mayor Ashok Tiwari and MLA Saurabh Srivastava were present as guests of honour, Apurva Roy, Secretary (Agriculture), Government of Tripura, UK Chakma, Secretary (Tourism) and PL Agarwal, Additional PCCF and a host of other senior officials from Tripura and Uttar Pradesh governments also graced the event. Commodore Rajiv Ashok (Retd), Managing Director NERAMAC, in his welcome address expressed and shared the idea behind the event. He said that the reason for choosing this location outside

the North East region was the rich heritage that the city portrays, its recognition as a promoter of a vibrant handloom and handicraft industry and naturally being an important cultural centre and an emerging commercial hub in the region. The event also saw a Buyer Seller Meet with over 50 buyers participating. They represented a cross-section of fields ranging from agri-horti sector, tourism, perfume to handloom and handicraft. The interest and intent to do business with Tripura by these buyers was the most important takeaway of the event and is sure to see linkages being established in the coming months.

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE VARANAS

Preparations are going on in full swing for making the ambitious plantation campaign of the state government a grand success in the state. Both the district administration and the Forest department have stepped up their activities to achieve the target given to the district by the state government for the first phase of the drive on Saturday. In this phase, 15,09,303 saplings will be planted in the district out of 30 crore in UP. In the second phase, the plantation target of 3,66,198 saplings in Varanasi out of five crore in the state has been given for August 15. To review the preparations of this massive plantation drive, a meeting was held under the chairmanship of nodal officer of the district and Chairman of Uttar Pradesh Power Corporation Ltd (UPPCL), Lucknow, M Devraj in which the participants discussed the preparations for achieving the first phase of the target. District Forest Officer (DFO)



UPPCL Chairman M Devraj reviewing the progress of plantation drive in Varanasi on Thursday

gave details about the progress, including pit digging, availability of plants in the government nursery, plant transportation, Plantation Monitoring System (PMS), progress of Network Management System (NMS) portal, preparation of special forest, public participation, public awareness programme, medium of publicity etc.

Speaking on the occasion, Chairman of District Tree Plantation Committee and

District Magistrate S Rajalingam, giving details to the nodal officer, said 100 per cent progress of digging pits for plantation has been made for the first phase drive while dividing all areas into sectors and zones. He also informed about the deployment of sector and zonal magistrates and plans of the district level officers visiting different areas to monitor the progress of the campaign. Addressing the meeting, Devraj directed all

officers concerned that all departments should complete 100 per cent tree plantation work as per the target by paying special attention to security, necessary arrangements and proper monitoring work. He said that after the drive on Saturday, the reports of tree plantation should be sent by the chief development officer (CDO) to the control room set up at the district level on time so that the process of uploading the gradual progress of tree plantation through the online control room can be done. "On the date of tree plantation, immediately after tree plantation by the departments concerned, the process of geo-tagging will be com-pleted on 100 per cent priority basis," he said, adding that all these actions are to be monitored at the state level through the departmental portal so information should be uploaded on the departmental portal within the prescribed time period.

Janga level continues to rise

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE VARANASI

he water level of river Ganga continued to rise in this holy city and in comparison to a day ago, the rising speed has increased from 30 mm to 40 mm per hour here on Friday. During the last 24 hours, the water level has increased by 84 cm against 56

cm a day ago from 63.48 metres to 64.32 metres and due to this at several places the connectivity between one ghat to another has been broken. The continuous rise for the last many days due to the incessant rains in the hilly Himalayan regions and floods in many northern states has now posed flood threats in this belt of Purvanchal (eastern

Uttar Pradesh) in the coming days though at present the river level is still far below than the warning level in Varanasi. According to the report of Middle Ganga Division-III of Central Water Commission (CWC), the water level of Ganga was recorded at 64.32 metres at 8 am on Friday against the warning level at 70.262 metres. However, the upstream

trend indicates that the major water is coming from Yamuna through Sangam in Prayagraj as the level of Ganga was recorded steady at Phaphamau in Prayagraj. The Ganga was recorded rising right from Prayagraj to Ghazipur, including Mirzapur and Varanasi. However, the water level in Gomti at Jaunpur is steady.

1,100 open LT line wires of transformers replaced

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE VARANASI

In order to improve the power supply condition in the entire region and check the power theft cases, Purvanchal Vidyut Vitran Nigam Limited (PUVVNL) has been replacing open/ dilapidated low tension (LT) lines with aerial bunched (AB) cables under the Revamped Scheme. The PUVVNL issued a release on

Friday informing that the work of replacing 1,100 open LT line wires of transformers with AB cables has been completed so far

The replacement of these LT lines with AB cables will ensure quality power supply to about 1,99,823 houses. Besides, work is in progress to replace LT lines of 5,373 transformers. Giving the district-wise Kaushambi, 115 in Pratapga progress, the PUVVNL and 384 in Prayagraj so far.

informed that as many as 63 numbers of open LT lines have already been replaced with AB cables in Varanasi while 68 in Chandauli, 52 in Jaunpur, 109

in Azamgarh, 40 in Mau, 56 in Ballia, 57 in Gorakhpur, 57 in Deoria, 13 in Kushinagar, 16 in Maharajganj, 15 in Mirzapur, one in Sonbhadra, six in Bhadohi, 28 in Fatehpur, 20 in Kaushambi, 115 in Pratapgarh

Air Force Day parade to be held in Prayagraj

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE PRAYAGRAJ

The Indian Air Force (IAF) will be celebrating its 91st anniversary on October 8. Keeping with the new tradition of hosting the Air Force Day celebrations in different parts of the country, this year's Air Force Day parade and air display will be held in

Prayagraj. The ceremonial parade will be conducted at Air Force Station (AFS), Bamrauli, and the air display will be con-

will add to the appeal of the stream of aircraft flying by in close formation.

Three railway stations of Pratapgarh to be renamed after famous deities

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE PRAYAGRAJ

Three railway stations of Pratapgarh will be renamed after famous deities stations. The MP had contestassociated with these stations. Pratapgarh Junction will now be Belha Devi Dham, Antu station will be Maa Chandrika Devi Dham and Vishwanathganj station will these stations. Shanidev Dham be Vishwanath. A senior railway official said, "The Union Home Ministry has approved the change of names of these stations. Now, the Railway Board will issue a formal notification, after which the names of these stations will be changed." Earlier, MP from Pratapgarh,

Sangam Lal Gupta, had sent a

proposal to the Railway

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Ministry to change the names the Indian Army through of Pratapgarh Junction and murals depicting famous bat-Antu and Vishwanathganj railtles along with military way stations on the basis of weapons, tanks among others, religious importance of these to inspire the youth of the city.

The stretch lies opposite to ed that since religious faith is Commissioner residence, right also attached to these places, from Mazar crossing, passing besides NCC headquarters and their sentiments should be considered while renaming Gandhi Bhavan, Law and Commerce faculty of Allahabad University. All the NEW PLAN: At a time when Sangam city is being decked up for Mahakumbhstakeholders, including Army, Cantonment board and the 2025 through various projects, district administration have a new plan has been proposed principally agreed on this proby the Smart City project ject. "We plan to depict war themes which played a signifauthorities in which one side of the stretch of Motilal Nehru icant role in the history of the road, will be beautified. The country. Likewise, the Kargil war, Surgical strike and the 800m stretch from Mazar crossing to Bank road crossing 1971 Indo-Pak war, all will find WILL speak of the gallantry of its place in the wall that will run

on one side of the stretch of this road," said SK Sinha, Mission manager, Smart City Limited.

He added the murals of Army warriors with their weapons mounted over a structure will be created, showing the warriors fighting the war. It may also depict the wars which happened years ago. Authorities of Smart City Project have asked the Army officials for more details about the wars and to provide them with obsolete artillery including tanks and guns to be mounted on pedestals as exhibits. The aim of this project is to inspire and motivate the youth, especially students of Allahabad University (AU) and other educational institutions, said Sinha.

Polymer dosing plant inspected tion, the district magistrate the spot. During this, the CP

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE VARANAS

ommissioner of Police (CP) Ashok Mutha Jain, along with District Magistrate (DM) S Rajalingam, on Friday ected the Polymer Dosing Plant, a water purification plant

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directed the officials of the and district magistrate also Jalkal department present on inspected the 132/33 KV GIS

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pipes should be kept tidy," he of the Jalkal department here said, directing the officers to on Friday. During the inspec- remove the mud debris from

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37TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & E-VOTING

The process of sending emails containing link for Annual Report 2023 and notice of 37th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Company scheduled to be held on Friday, 18-08-2023 at 10.00 hours through Video Conference/Other Audio Visual Means ("VC/OAVM") has been completed on 20-07-2023. Members who have not provided their email id or did not receive our email, may download the same from the above website of the Company under the link "Investors/Annual Reports" or that of BSE.

Information as to user id & password and instructions for participating in the AGM through VC/OAVM and remote electronic voting (evoting), are contained in the aforesaid notice and are equally applicable to persons who have become Members of the Company after despatch of notices.

Only those persons, whose names are recorded in the register of members or in the register of beneficial owners maintained by the depository as on cut-off date 05-08-2023, are entitled to remote evoting, which will commence at 10:00 hours on 15-08-2023 and will not be allowed beyond 17:00 hours on 17-08-2023. A member may participate in the AGM even after exercising his right to vote through remote e-voting, but shall not be allowed to vote again in the meeting Result will be declared within the time permitted by law and will be posted at the above website of the Company under the link "Notices". Grievances, if any, relating to non-receipt of the notice of AGM or relating to e-voting may be sent by email to ramap@alankit.com.

	for Jasch Industries Ltd
Sonipat,	Sd/- (S.K. VERMA)
21-07-2023	Vice President & Company Secretary

PHYSICAL POSSESSION NOTICE

PICICI Bank Branch Office: ICICI Bank Limited, Shal Tower, Plot No-23, New Rohtak Road Karol Bagh New Delhi-110005

Whereas

Place : Ghaziabad

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

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

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Physical Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
	Mahalaxmi Agencies/ Mohit Singhal/ Suman Singhal/ 695505600328	Plot No-3F, 1/21, Nehru Nagar Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh/ July 20, 2023	February 23, 2022 Rs. 36,48,654.56/-	

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002. Date : July 21, 2023

Authorized Officer **ICICI Bank Limited**

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Notice U/s. 13(2) of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 is being issued by ICICI Bank Ltd. (on underlying pool assigned to ICICI Bank by Dewan Housing Finance Ltd.) in relation to the enforcement of security in respect of a housing loan facility granted pursuant to a loan agreement entered into between DHFL and the following borrower(s) who have defaulted in repayment of principal and interest of loans facility obtained by them from secured creditor and loans have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). A notice was issued to them on their last known addresses. however, it has returned un-served and hence, they are hereby notified by way of this public notice

Sr. Vo.		Property Address of Secured Asset/ Asset tobe Enforced	Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Mohammad Haroot, Nujhat Praveen, B 37, Third Floor, Old No 248, Gali No.1, Krishna Nagar, East Azad Nagar, Delhi 110051, Loan No.'13100001992, A/c:-QZNOD00005012640	Property No.46/2-A-1, 3rd Floor (With Roof Right), Khasra No-634/2, Gali No-16, East Azad Nagar, Earlier Mohalla Dalhai, Village Chandrawali Alias Shahdara, Illaqa Shahdara, Delhi- 110051	16/05/2023 Rs. 26,59,919/-	09/01/ 2023
2.	Sunil Kumar Mishra, Vijay Laxmi, B544, Gali No.33, Mahavir Enclave Part 2, Delhi 110059, Loan No. '27300000313, A/c:- QZDWA00005038497	Property Bearing No. B-1/169, Second Floo (Back Side), Mahavir Enclave-3, Khasra No-111/10/1, Village Palam, Delhi- 100023	16/05/2023 Rs. 16,55,588/-	08/02/ 2022
3.	Abhishek Kumar, Mahesh, B 50, Kesho Ram Parle, New Delhi 415124, Loan No. 09600001526, A/c:-QZDEL00005016038	Property No.52- B, Second Floor, Khasra No.593, Vill. Bindapur, Block-B, Bindapur Ext., Kesho Ram Park, Uttam Nagar, Delhi- 110059	16/05/2023 Rs. 35,46,199.99/-	31/07/ 2020
4.	Santosh Kumar Singh, Beauty Singh, Rz C 10, First Floor, Vishnu Garden, Delhi 110018, Loan No. '26600001408, A/c:- QZDEL00005022237	Property No. F-159-A, 1 Floor, Block F, Plot No.159, Gali No.2, KH. No.31/19, 22, Village Khyala, Vishnu Garden, Delhi- 110018	31/05/2023 Rs. 24,97,296/-	31/01/ 2020
5.	Rakesh Kumar, Sarita Aggarwal, 80 Block Bfh West, Shalimar Bagh, North West, Delhi 110088, Loan No. UBLJP00005070127, A/c:- QZLJP00004998234	Plot No-B-60, Out of Khasra No- 877 First Floor Back Side, Gali No.11 Village Nawada Sewak Park in Block B Uttam Nagar	06/05/2023 Rs. 3,23,784.66/-	28/02 2023

ation 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.

Date : July 21, 2023	Authorized Officer
Place : Delhi/ NCR	ICICI Bank Limited

	BSES	5	E	BSES Rajd	hani Pov	ver Limited,	New Delhi
	TENDER NOTICE Date: 22.07.2023						
Sealed tenders under two Bid System (Unpriced & Priced) is invited for following job from all bidders.							
	NIT No.	Brief Tender Description	Cost of Tender Document (₹)	Estimated Cost (₹)	Cost of EMD (₹)	Due Date & Time of Submission	Date & Time of Opening
	CMC/BR/23-24/ RB/CR/AG/1151	REPAIRING OF 1 NO. 16/20 MVA, 33/11 KV, SR. NO. 4633/1, BBL MAKE POWER TRANSFORMER LYING AT R.K.PURAM		1.38 Crore	2.76 Lakhs	11.08.2023 15:30 HRS	11.08.2023 15:45 HRS

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	AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR HIRING OF AGENCY FOR PROVIDING TOLL FREE HELPLINE SERVICES IN BRPL.	 2.19 Crore	4.38 Lakhs	11.08.2023 15:00 HRS	11.08.2023 15:30 HRS

For details in respect of Equipment/BOM/Services, Qualifying requirements, Terms & conditions, purchase/submission of tender documents etc. please visit our website www.bsesdelhi.com.

Head (Contracts & Materials)

w Delhi-110019 I Corporate Identification No.: U40109DL2001PLC111527 aod, Off. ; BSES Raidhani Power Limited, BSES Bhawan, Nehru Place, Ne ne No. : +91 11 4910 7235 | Web

CICICI Bank Branch Office: ICICI Bank Limited, 3rd Floor Shal Tower, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh. Delhi-110005

PUBLIC NOTICE - TENDER CUM E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET

[See proviso to rule 8(6)] Notice for sale of immovable assets

This E-auction Sale notice for sale of Immovable assets is being issued by ICICI Bank Ltd. (on underlying pool assigned to ICICI Bank by Dewan Housing Finance Ltd.) in relation to the enforcement of security in respect of a housing loan facility granted pursuant to a loan agreement entered into between DHFL and the following borrower(s) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security nterest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Physical possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Ltd. will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of E-Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Mr. Durga Prasad Tiwari (Borrower) Ms. Shobha Devi (Co-Borrower) QZNOD00005016405	Property No. C-8A, 2nd Floor Rear Side Without Roof Right, Block- C, Khasra No. 333, Village Bindapur, Subhash Park, Uttam Nagar, Delhi- 110059. Area: 360 Sq.Ft.	Rs. 20,67,452/- (As on July 06, 2023)	Rs. 8,00, 000/- Rs. 80,000/-	July 28, 2023, From 04:00 PM to 05:00 PM	August 18, 2023 from 12:00 Noon onwards

The online auction will take place on the website of e-auction agency M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited (URL Link-https://disposalhub.com). The Mortgagors/ noticee are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till August 17, 2023 before 05:00 PM failing which, this secured asset will be sold as per schedule.

The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) to ICICI Bank Limited, 3rd Floor Shal Tower, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh. Delhi-110005 on or before E) to ICICI Bank Limited, 3rd Floor Shal Tower, New Kontak Koad, Karol Bagh. Delhi-110005 on or before August 17, 2023 before 05:00 PM and thereafter they need to submit their offer through the above mentioned website only on or before August 17, 2023 before 05:00 PM along with scan image of Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. Kindly note, in case prospective bidder(s) are unable to submit their offer through the website then signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at ICICI Bank Limited, 3rd Floor Shal Tower, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh. Delhi-110005 on or before August 17, 2023 before 05:00 PM, Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalised/Scheduled Bank in favour of "ICICI Bank Limited" payable at Delhi.

For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the E-auction or submission of tenders, kindly contact ICICI Bank Limited on 8928935040/8584874809

Please note that Marketing agencies 1. M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited., 2. Augeo Assets Management Private Limited, 3. Hecta Proptech Pvt Ltd have also been engaged for facilitating the sale of this property.

The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit **www.icicibank.com/n4p4s**

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Date : Place :	July 21, 2023 Delhi/ NCR			

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-PAPER WITH PASSION-

The Manipur blot

The incident proves the destructive potential of fake news and the Govt's failure to safeguard its citizens

anipur, which has seen unprecedented violence in the last two months, has shocked the nation again. The news of shaming two women is discomfort-IVI snocked the nation again. The news of one internet states and normalcy in ing as it exposes the government's failure to restore peace and normalcy in the state. The northeastern state witnessed a horrific incident that shook the nation's conscience when two women were paraded naked in public following the spread of a malicious fake news story. This deplorable act reflects the grave consequences of misinformation and the inability of the government to protect its citizens. The incident highlights the urgent need for both media literacy and government accountability in addressing the growing menace of fake news in our society. The incident, though it took place two months back, came to light recently as the internet was suspended. A false rumour began circulating on social media platforms and messaging apps in Manipur, claiming that the two Kuki women were involved in the kidnapping of a



Meitei child. The unverified news quickly gained traction, fuelled by the lack of fact-checking and the absence of responsible journalism in the region. As the rumour spread like wildfire, an enraged mob took matters into their own hands, setting off a chain of events that would forever scar the women's lives. On May 3, a frenzied mob confronted the two Kuki women and subjected them to an unimaginable ordeal. Driven by anger and misinformation, the mob stripped the women of their dignity by parading them naked through crowded streets. The incident was not only a grave violation of their human rights but also a stark reminder of the devastating conse-

quences of fake news in an already sensitive and vulnerable region.

The incident also shed light on the government's failure to protect its citizens. Despite the growing menace of misinformation, there was a clear lack of proactive measures taken by the government to combat the spread of fake news in the state. The absence of regulatory frameworks to curb the dissemination of false information has left the population susceptible to manipulation and violence. Furthermore, the failure of law enforcement agencies to intervene promptly and control the mob highlights a deep-rooted issue of inadequacy in ensuring the safety and security of citizens. The lack of immediate action allowed the situation to escalate rapidly, leading to the horrifying public humiliation of the two women. In the aftermath of the Manipur incident, civil society, human rights activists and citizens demanded urgent action from both the government and social media platforms. The government must take tangible steps to strengthen law enforcement and improve emergency response mechanisms to prevent such incidents from occurring in the future. Holding those responsible for the heinous act accountable through a fair and transparent legal process is essential to ensure justice for the victims.



Why accountability is so important



Let us face up to the reality of the losses on our borders and take some firm action rather than spend time concealing facts from the domestic audience

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t is a matter of immense national pride for all of us to have witnessed the successful launch of Chandrayaan- 3 on its epic journey and landing on the moon's South Pole. Though well begun is only half done, one is hopeful that the team of dedicated scientists, engineers and technicians behind this project are rewarded for their wholehearted dedication and untiring efforts towards this mission with complete success.

The very fact that ISRO has achieved so much, with a minuscule budget of around Rs 650 Crores to boot, speaks volumes for its focus. Some movies cost more to make! It is therefore extremely puzzling as to why our engineers dealing with more mundane issues of town and infrastructure planning have made such a hash of things all around the country, as the monsoon plays out.

Of course, unexpected extreme weather may have been responsible for some of the havoc, but why was this not foreseen and catered for? After all a veritable army is employed, and paid for by taxpayers' money, for just this very thing! We have also had an array of civil servants and politicians, including the Prime Minister, travelling the world and attending a host of conferences and symposiums on mitigating the impact of climate change, on taxpayers money of course. These have been nothing more than holiday jaunts for the participants.

Accountability, or to be more specific, the lack of it, is the issue here In Delhi. The unseemly fight between the elected government and a puppet Lieutenant Governor, beholden to the Central Government in more ways than one, has allowed the bureaucracy to do as it pleases and get away with daylight murder. Fortunately, nobody has yet suggested we turn Delhi into another ersatz Venice, in the way MS Mamata Banerjee has attempted to make Kolkata into another imitation of London.



where by all accounts, an intense civil war rages on, with cases of rape and murder being documented almost daily, with no end in sight. Instead, as was to be expected, the Naga community now finds itself being slowly dragged into the quagmire with one of their community recently murdered.

Despite the universal condemnation, whether the Prime Minister speaks up publicly is unimportant. Though, he has now been forced to break his months-old vow of silence following the horrific and shameful video of Meitei crowds parading two naked Kuki women on mainstream media. More importantly, why has his government not substantially intervened as yet? In such circumstances what can one expect from complicit **GOVERNANCE ONE** local politicians and bureaucrats awho are a part of the problem and not the solution?

But this is not an issue restricted to the political establishment or those in government. Mainstream media could not be bothered till now and paid only lip service to the issue. I nose from civil society who never lose an opportunity to focus the spotlight on

have not uttered even a squeak. That certainly is a pointer to the disturbing fact that those who covertly financially incentivise their initiatives have felt it necessary that Manipur should burn. This is not just local politics playing out, but something far more reprehensible and sinister.

In the same vein the BJP much touted nationalistic agenda and supposedly "mus-cular foreign policy" has turned out to be a damp squib, as it has cut no ice with China. The External Affairs Minister needs to clarify if we have any realistic hope of recovering the estimated 3000 square km of territory, that some analysts have alleged, we claim but can no longer patrol, in Eastern Ladakh

In this context, the wishywashy excuse of differing perceptions about the alignment of the LAC or whataboutism with regard to the loss of much of the Aksai Chin in the 1950s cuts no ice. As Mr Shyam Saran, former Foreign Secretary, points out by doing so, our side has implicitly conceded to Chinese perceptions

Chinese clarify their position? They see "salami slicing" actions as legitimate. We, of course, refuse to face up to the reality of the losses and spend more time concealing facts from the domestic audience rather than taking any firm action. Whinging, it seems is the default mode of all our governments.

Without accountability, we're going nowhere and it needs to start with this government holding those responsible for the Ladakh fiasco accountable. Is it worried that by doing so they would have to concede the Prime Minister had deliberately mis-spoken when he famously gave the Chinese a clean chit? Holding to account members of the security and intelligence establishment should not in any way be linked to politics. It was indeed an unhealthy trend set by Mr Vajpayee's government following the Kargil Conflict that needs to be reversed, and quickly, lest we find ourselves even more deeply embarrassed in the future.

(The writer is a military veteran, currently a Visiting Fellow with the Observer Research Foundation and Senior Visiting Fellow with the Peninsula Foundation, Chennai)

Somenow non- accountable ity seems embedded in our DNA. Whichever facet of governance one turns one attention to suffers human rights and alleged viofrom this cancer. Take Manipur, lations by the security forces

and double-speak. The fact is if we are unwilling to categor-ically and publicly state our position on the alignment of the LAC, why would the

A man helps a visually-impaired man wade through a waterlogged road amid monsoon rains, in Mumbai

Unending mysteries of neurological disorders



RAVINDRA SRIVASTAVA

On World Brain Day, let us take resolve to understand and root out neurological disorders which are multiplying rapidly

orld Brain Day is celebrated annually on July 22 to raise awareness about brain health. It was proposed by the World Federation of Neurology, established on this day in 1957, to commemorate their inception, and shine a global spotlight on neurological conditions. Awareness programmes are conducted globally on World Brain Day to help people understand the connection between brain diseases and neurological diseases. Simultaneously, World Brain Day stresses the importance of early detection and timely treatment of neurological disorders. The human brain is the control centre of the body. It works alongside the nervous system, which comprises the spinal cord, nerves, and neurons. This intricate system governs various aspects, such as your senses and muscle control. Damage to the brain can have extensive consequences

What are Neurological **Disorders?**

A neurological disorder is a severe health condition. It one stroke-related death every



affects the entire nervous system--the brain, spinal cord and nerves. These diseases arise from injuries or abnormalities in the nervous system.

However, genetic disorders and unhealthy lifestyle choices may also trigger neurological diseases in humans. The Pan American Health Organization and WHO jointly reported that rising neurological disease-related disabilities and deaths present a global public health chal-

lenge. The report further highlights that neurological conditions were responsible for approximately 533,172 deaths throughout the entire region the year 2019.

in Furthermore, AIIMS reveals a shocking statistic indicating

four minutes in India. Likewise, the International Association of Cancer Registries (IARC) reports over 28,000 brain tumour cases annually in the country, resulting in 24,000 deaths per year. It is noteworthy that stroke, headache disorders, and epilepsy are the primary causes of the neurological disorder burden in India.

Symptoms and Risk Factors

Neurological diseases generally start with symptoms such as memory loss, loss of balance, weakness in limbs vision problems Dizziness or vertigo, Numbness Slurred speech hearing problems convulsions/seizures. It is impor-tant to recognise these symptoms for early diagnosis and treatment of neurological disorders.

Risk Factors

 Neurological disorders can impact individuals across all age groups, but certain conditions like Parkinson's Disease primarily afflict the elderly population.

 Inborn genetic problems and immune disorders can cause neurological diseases in children,

•Vascular disorders, medication side-effects, hor-

monal disorders (thyroid, diabetes, high cholesterol, high blood pressure, family history of degenerative neurologic conditions, lack of Vitamin B12, and prolonged exposure to toxins may also cause neurological disorders. The importance of treatment

Untreated neurological diseases can cause life-threatening conditions such as brain tumours, cerebral palsy, meningitis, multiple sclerosis, stroke, and dementia. Timely diagnosis and treatment are, therefore, crucial for managing and improving patients' quality of life. Govt's Intervention

The Indian Government has implemented several welfare initiatives like Ayushman Bharat—Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojna to address various health conditions, including neurological disorders. Sincere and targeted efforts are essential for the effective implementation of these initiatives, which have the potential to bring about significant positive change on a large scale.

(The writer is Director Neurosurgery, Primus Hospitall

PM BREAKS SILENCE

Sir — Having three months of violence, deaths and displacement the PM broke his long silence after a video depicting the heinous acts perpetrated on the two women. He is yet to comment on the crisis as a whole-has cost Manipur and India greatly. A word of condemnation from the PM and a strict warning against mischief earlier-Manipur has been burning since May -could have made a difference on the ground. It would have also spared India the blushes on the global stage. The European Parliament's censure is a recent example.

Mr Modi's party is in power both at the Centre and the state. The truth is that be it Manipur's prolonged suffering in recent times or the pain inflicted by the pandemic or, even earlier, by demonetisation, Mr Modi's regime has fallen short, quite often, of alleviating the misshort, quite offer ery of the people. **K Mazhar |** *Hyderabad*

OPPOSITION MEETING

Sir — The two-day meeting of oppositions in Bengaluru is over with a coordination committee set to be formed at the next meeting in Mumbai and named the party INDIA. Meanwhile, BJP also addressed NDA in Delhi including 38 parties. The NDA's parallel show of strength made it obvious that the BJP is not taking the Opposition lightly. The allimportant question is: do these parties have the firepower and cohesion to stop the BJP's juggernaut in 2024? The 26 parties account for around 150 seats in the Lok Sabha, less than half the NDA's current strength. The Congress, which is in power in Karnataka, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan and Himachal Pradesh continues to be the premier Opposition party. Much will depend on whether the Congress and its INDIA partners such as AAP and the Trinamool Congress can rise above their differences. Going by the split in the Shiv Sena and the NCP, the BJP will stop at nothing to cripple the Opposition camp.

Guard against monsoon fury

THE EDITOR



he current Monsoon season has claimed at least 60 persons in various rain-related incidents in Maharashtra, including 16 in the Raigad hillside tragedy, even as the coastal Konkan region will get more rainfall this week, the State Disaster Management Department said . The maximum number of fatalities have been reported from Raigad (16, and counting), Mumbai (12), Jalgaon (8), Buldhana (4), Washim, Yavatmal, Chandrapur

HUMANITY DIES IN MANIPUR

Sir — Manipur's violence is unabated. Despite all efforts, no solution has been found. Meanwhile, outrage swept the country as a video of two women being paraded naked surfaced. From Parliament to the street, people were spotted protest-

The incident provoked an immediate response from Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who stated that the misery perpetrated on the two women has embarrassed 140 crore Indians. The Supreme Court has asked the government for a response after taking suo motu cog-nizance of the matter. CJI Justice DY Chandrachud even stated, "We are giving the government some time; it is fine if it takes steps; otherwise, we will take steps ourselves. There is no doubt that the type of occurrence revealed by the video terrible.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah had previously stayed there for three days as part of peace efforts, but this, too, had no meaningful effect. The peace committees MT.Farooqi | Hyderabad constituted on the initiative of the Union

(3 each), Beed, Thane, Bhandara (2 each), and one each in Ratnagiri, Sindhudurg, Sangli, Solapur, Nandurbar, Ahmednagar, Wardha, Amravati, and Gadchiroli. Given the wet conditions expected ahead, the SDRF has been deployed in Nanded and Gadchiroli, and the NDRF are stationed in Palghar, Thane, Raigad, Ratnagiri, Kolhapur and Sangli in full readiness. Major rivers like Jagbudi and Vashishth (Ratnagiri), Kundalika, Savitri and Patalganga (Raigad) have shot above the danger levels owing to the heavy rains. As per the report the coastal Konkan regions were clobbered with heavy rains on Thursday - Raigad (198.0 mm), Thane (145.7 mm), Palghar (134.3 mm), Ratnagiri (129.2 mm), and Mumbai (99.0 mm). With this, the rain in coming days is going to play havoc in Maharashtra so be alert.

Bhagwan Thadani | Mumbai

Home Minister produced no substantial results. Not only are doubts being raised about the participation of the state government there but all information is being withheld owing to factors such as an internet ban. Members of the fact-finding team were also charged with crimes by the police.

When the Monsoon Session of Parliament opened, it was expected that at least a significant debate would occur in the House, showing the common concern and direction of the government's efforts. However, on the first day, as the opposition raised a fuss demanding the Prime Minister's statement, the ruling party shrugged, claiming that the opposition had decided not to allow the Parliament to function. This is quite unfortunate. In such serious matters, both the opposition and the government should rise above their stubbornness and ensure better use of Parliament.

Abhijit Roy | Jamshedpur

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Interpersonal skills are important because they enable individuals to communicate



SAKSHI SETHI

In the words of Beatrice Vincent "The people with whom you work reflect your own attitude. If you are suspicious, unfriendly and condescending, you will find theses unlovely traits echoed everything about you. But if you are on your best behaviour, you will bring out the best in the persons with whom you are going to spend most of your working hours."

nterpersonal skills, the most common word often talked about nowadays, is a specific type of social skill. It's how an individual speaks, listens and acknowledges others and acts accordingly. Interpersonal competencies help an individual interact, communicate and collaborate with others effectively. As part of an individual's development as a human being, we need to communicate with others at some point in time. Throughout each stage of an individual's life, an individual is faced with different and new circumstances in which they meet people and connect with them so that they can grow and develop an understanding and outlook on life.

Interpersonal skills are traits one can rely on when one interacts and communicates with others.

Practising good interpersonal skills help an individual to communicate more effectively with friends and family. Be it workplace or home, individuals at every stage are required to communicate and interact with a wide range of people - be it from suppliers or customers to immediate colleagues, teams, managers or any other co-worker. The individual's ability to do so effectively can make the difference between a successful working life, and one spent wondering what went wrong. There are several obvious jobs and careers such as financial advisors and brokerage, Computer programmers and developers, and Healthcare provision including doctors, nurses and other healthcare professionals where interpersonal skills are vitally important. Being able to listen to; what one is saying and what they are not articulating' enables a person to provide recommendations that match their competencies. Often at times, people are not truly paying attention to a conversation by planning their next point or sentence. Practicing the art of Active listening which is a means to be fully concentrated on



what is being said is one of the most fundamental components of communication. Also, it improves performance, and effectiveness, and helps others achieve their full potential. Along with that attending workshops or online classes, seeking opportunities to build relationships, being thoughtful about ways of interactions, seeking mentorship and setting goals for oneself can provide structure thereby making the learning efficient.

Dharavi: A humancentric transformation



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On his bucket list, former world heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson listed two places in India that he wished to visit: the Taj Mahal and & Dharavi



y first tryst with Dharavi was in the late 1970s. New to Mumbai, I was just another anonymous youngster lured to the big city by opportunity and my optimism that I would sparkle in the diamond trade. Even back then, Dharavi was a melting pot of a diverse array of beliefs, cultures and languages from every part of India. I was mesmerised by the industrious chaos that I saw in Dharavi's alleys, where just about every Indian language seemed to echo with equal urgency. But there was order in that chaos, seemingly provided by the soul of Dharavi. I could never define it but felt it very strongly.

That visit to Dharavi was both humbling and disturbing. The community's struggle for survival, laced with equanimity and happiness, inspired me. However, BEGINNING. IT IS A it also burned a question into my mind:

OUR BID WAS 2.5 TIMES THE NEXT HIGHEST. A NEW CHAPTER OF

1960s, Dharavi is a unique project in a league of its own for three reasons: Firstly, it is one of the world's largest urban resettlement and regeneration projects. Approximately a million people will be rehabilitated and resettled.

Secondly, rehabilitation entails the resettlement of not only the residential units but also of diverse establishments of various sizes and scales dealing with trading, shopping and other business transactions. The entire ecosphere and business fabric of diverse and distinct trades thriving in Dharavi will be rehabilitat-PRIDE AND ed and rehoused.

PURPOSE IS NING, IT IS A housing and rehabilitation needs HISTORIC of both eligible and ineligible res-

self-assured, growing India finding its new place on the global stage as the 21st century belongs to India.

It is also my commitment that the only move the eligible residents of Dharavi will make will be to their new homes. Not only will they see their homes being constructed in front of their eyes but they will also have a say in shaping it. What their homes do not have now, we will provide gas, water, electricity, sanitation and drainage, healthcare and recreational facilities, and open spaces - and they will also have access to a world-class hospital and a school. Gone, like a faded memory, will be the pain of inadequacy. In its place will be a new Dharavi that hums with pride.

history of nearly half a century. This time, some smart changes in the tender design based on earlier learnings ensured bidders' participation and its successful completion. For example, this tender catered to the rehabilitation of ineligible tenants. Further, the inclusion of 45 acres of railway land adjacent to Dharavi facilitates in-situ resettlement and day-zero project commencement. It is important to mention that

this project would not have seen the light of day but for the unflinching support and commitment of the successive state governments and political parties of Maharashtra coupled with the present central government which provided railway land.

My team and I are aware that the design and implementation of the Dharavi project are challenges monumental in both scale and dimensions. We are also aware that the project will test our resilience, our capability and our execution skills to their limits. Over the years, the Adani Group has developed a solution-oriented culture backed by a highly motivated, experienced and energetic team. I am confident that, with the support of all stakehold-ers, we shall create history and make Dharavi, Mumbai and India proud. After we are done, if Mike Tvson does visit Dharavi again, he may not be able to recognise the Dharavi he saw earlier but I am sure that he will still find its soul as spirited and alive as ever. God willing, the likes of Danny Boyle will discover that the new Dharavi The effort to transform is producing millionaires without the slumdog prefix.

Interpersonal skills are not only valuable for a leader, but they are such values that one uses in everyday life. Discovering, practising and mastering these skills will lead to the production of better teams. Interpersonal skills are important to live a happy and successful life. In every footstep of a person's life, the interpersonal skills of an individual are tested and observed, and those who have excellent interpersonal skills are always successful in both professional and personal living. The best step to form good and healthy interpersonal relationships is in the early years since the support and efforts received at that age will affect the ability to socialise and communicate for the rest of life. Remember, interpersonal skills are important because they enable individuals to communicate effectively and build positive relationships with others. When an individual improves their communication, empathy and relationship-building skills, they can enhance their emotional intelligence, increase self-awareness, and develop a better understanding of themselves and others. Be it emotional support or material support, every person must feel that they are being reciprocated. By being assertive, one can express themselves clearly, logically and with common sense. It is henceforth worth spending time developing good interpersonal skills.

(The writer is an educator)

Will their fate ever change? My amazement is no less today. Seeing Dharavi sprawled out like a giant human quilt below the landing approach to Mumbai Airport is not only a reminder of stoic human adaptation and Mumbai's capacity to embrace settlers of contrastive origins but also a grim reminder of a community living in urban squalor, forever waiting for its revival. Against this backdrop, when this opportunity to renew Dharavi came calling, I seized it with both hands. I eagerly wanted to do it as it had a huge personal connect with my first impression of Mumbai. Perhaps, it was because of this overzealousness that our bid was 2.5 times the next highest. A new chapter of pride and purpose is beginning. It is a historic opportunity for us to create a new Dharavi of dignity, safety and inclusiveness.

As we embark on this completely uncharted journey, I am aware of the colossal challenges ahead. Even in comparison with Singapore's trailblazing project to resolve its housing crisis in the

OPPORTUNITY idents. While I have no fixed ideas or preconceived notions about redeveloping Dharavi, what I do FOR US TO have are good intent and an iron CREATE A NEW will for a human-centric transformation with the people of Dharavi at its centre. It will be a bottom-DHARAVI OF up project reflecting their views DIGNITY, SAFETY and sentiments to the maximum AND INCLUSIVENESS

extent possible. We will create an institutionalised mechanism to capture the sentiments of not only the people of Dharavi but also of the finest brains and every caring Mumbaikar, who are equal stakeholders in this journey of transforming Dharavi. The new Dharavi will reflect the quintessential character of Mumbai – the spirit, grit, unity in diversity, colour and determination - without losing the timeless essence of the old Dharavi. We will also create a state-of-the-art world-class

Apart from resettlement, livelihood is a big challenge. I intend to transform Dharavi into a mod-ern city hub by looking at ways and means to support and strengthen existing micro-enter-prises and small industries and by promoting new-age jobs with a special focus on youth and women. This will be achieved using a multi-pronged strategy with the help of sectoral experts and civil society. It could be a combination of training centres focused on upskilling, common facility centres for product-based as well as service-based entrepreneurship models, R&D centres, data centres, MSME help desks, etc. Another important element could be the creation of organised and systemic marketplaces in line with the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC).

city, which will reflect a resurgent, Dharavi is not new but has a long

Unravelling Ayushman Card's impact on healthcare

(The author is

Chairman of the Adani

Group)

By addressing the barriers to healthcare access and affordability, Ayushman Bharat strives to improve health and reduce health inequalities

yushman Bharat, also known as the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY), is a pioneering healthcare scheme launched by the Government of India in September 2018. The program aims to provide health insurance coverage to economically vulnerable individuals and families, offering them financial protection against catastrophic health expenditures. Ayushman Bharat Card (ABC) is a significant step towards achieving universal health coverage in India and improving access to quality healthcare services. This policy of the union government has shown her eagerness to provide health security to the weaker sections of the society following models of successful

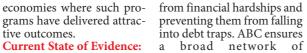


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ABC provides Health

Empaneled Hospitals, both Insurance Coverage to over public and private, across the 500 million individuals from country. As of now, around 29000 hospitals have been empanelled under the low-income households. Beneficiaries receive a health card that enables them to scheme. This network expanaccess a wide range of secsion has been particularly ondary and tertiary healthsignificant in rural and care services at empanelled underserved areas.

public and private hospitals. ABC provides Coverage for Pre-Existing Conditions It strives to provide Financial Protection to vulnerable popincluding chronic diseases. By providing access to affordable ulations from the burden of high healthcare costs. care for conditions like dia-Evidence suggests that catabetes, cardiovascular diseases, strophic health expenditures and cancer, ABC improves can push households into disease management, poverty. ABC significantly enhances health outcomes, reduces out-of-pocket and reduces long-term expenses for hospitalizations healthcare costs. The ABC thereby protecting families program has made significant

progress in Expanding Health Coverage across India. As of now, over 23.40 Crore beneficiaries have been enrolled. This expansion has improved access to healthcare services for millions of individuals who were previously uninsured or lacked the financial means to afford quality care. has leveraged ABC Te ch n ology - Driven Approach to facilitate data collection and analysis, enabling evidence-based decision-making.

Evidence-based comparison It's implied that ABC draws inspiration from countries where similar policies have proven their potential. To better understand the strengths and limitations of ABC, it is valuable to compare it with foreign healthcare ty for low-income individu- outcomes and reduce the

programs.

That gives insights into different approaches to achieving universal healthcare coverage and assesses the potential effectiveness of ABC within a global context. This evidence-based comparison will explore similar programs in various countries, considering factors such as program scope, implementation strategies & funding mechanisms.

Talking of the USA at the very outset, Affordable Care Act (ACA) aims to expand access to healthcare coverage and reduce costs for Americans. It primarily focuses on reducing the number of uninsured individuals and improving the quality of healthcare services. It expanded Medicaid eligibili-

als and provided subsidies to help make insurance more affordable.

In the United Kingdom, National Health Service (NHS) provides comprehensive healthcare services, including hospital care, general practitioner services, and pharmaceuticals, to all residents of the United Kingdom. In Germany, Statutory Health Insurance, GKV, has a dual healthcare system that consists of statutory health insur-ance (GKV) and private health insurance. Future rospects:

Strengthening Primary Healthcare: By focusing on preventive care, early intervention, and primary healthcare infrastructure, the program can improve health need for expensive hospitalizations.

Enhancing Quality of Care: Empanelment of more accredited hospitals, implementing robust quality assurance mechanisms, and monitoring patient satisfaction can help enhance the overall quality of care delivered through ABC.

Addressing Regional Disparities: Future efforts should concentrate on bridging the gaps by targeting underserved regions, incentivizing private sector participation, and improving the reach of healthcare services to marginalized populations.

Ayushman Card has emerged as a game-changer in India by addressing the barriers to healthcare access and affordability



Imran Khan urges judiciary to halt victimisation of his party members

PTI LAHORE

Pakistan's former prime min-ister Imran Khan on Friday appealed to the judiciary to take a stand against the alleged violation of the people's fundamental rights and victimisation of members of the country's largest political party after a senior leader from his party was whisked away from a high-security jail by "unknown men"

men. Taking to Twitter, Khan, also the chief of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party, said, "Removal of Shehryar Afridi (senior PTI leader) from Adiala Jail, the day before yesterday by unknown men (a reference to intelligence agencies) is completely illegal & shows the sheer lawlessness and high-handedness in the coun-

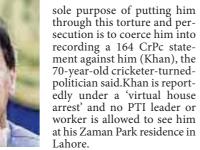
"I urge our judiciary to take a stand and stop this complete violation of our fundamental rights and blatant victimisation of members of Pakistan's largest political



party," Khan tweeted. Afridi,

52, has served as the Minister of State for Interior from August 2018 to April 2019.Khan also sees the resurings in reaction to his arrest gence of the 'cipher controversy' (in which he had accused the US of toppling his governlinked to a corruption case on May 9. ment) as a bid to disqualify him from contesting upcomjungle in the country as his ing general elections.On party leaders are re-arrested in Thursday, Interior Minister phoney cases after securing Rana Sanaullah warned Khan bail from courts.

that he might be arrested if he fails to cooperate with the investigation into the leaking of national secrets in what has widely come to be known as the 'cipher case.' As highlighted by Shehryar's lawyer, the



head Asif Ali Zardari and former army chief General Qamar Javed Bajwa of hatching a conspiracy to remove him from the office of prime minister in April 2022 through a no-confidence motion. "The PMLN-led coalition government and its handlers

have only a one-point agenda Khan also chided the gov- disqualify me and send me ernment over the arrest of over to jail. To execute their plan, they have now brought forward the US cipher issue," he said and 10,000 PTI workers in the wake of the attack on military installations and state build

demanded a detailed inquiry into the US 'cipher conspiracy' as the Federal Investigation He said there is a law of the Agency is not competent enough to conduct the probe."

The nation must know about the real players behind the conspiracy," Khan said.Khan was removed from office through a no-confidence vote, becoming the first premier in Pakistan's history to be sent home after losing the trust of the National Assembly

'Pakistan military court must inform SC before trying civilians in May 9 violence'

PTI ISLAMABAD

Pakistan's top judge on Friday directed that the military Minister Shehbaz Sharif Pakistan Peoples Party de facto court should not begin a trial of those involved in the unprecedented anti-government violence on May 9 without informing the Supreme Court. Chief Justice Umar Ata Bandial gave this direction during the hearing of multiple petitions chal-lenging the military trial of civilians, mostly supporters of former prime minister Imran

Khan. A six-member bench, including Justice Ijazul Ahsan, Justice Munib Akhtar, Justice Yahya Afridi, Justice Sayyed Mazahar Ali Akbar Naqvi and Justice Ayesha A. Malik, is hearing the petitions.

The case is about the military trial of more than 100 suspects involved in attacks on military installations during a protest by supporters of Khan when he was arrested in an alleged corruption case on May 9. On May 9, violent protests erupted after the arrest of 70year-old Khan, chairman of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI)

party, by paramilitary Rangers in Islamabad. His party workers vandalised over 20 military installations and government buildings, including the Lahore Corps Commander House, Mianwali airbase and the ISI building in Faisalabad.

The Army headquarters (GHQ) in Rawalpindi was also attacked by the mob for the first time. Khan was later released on bail

In May, the federal cabinet involved in the events of May approved that those involved in 9, but after exercising caution, the attacks on military instal-lations on May 9, the "Black only 102 people were pinpointed for court martial. Day", following the arrest of already stated that the trial of former prime minister Khan, would be tried under the strinthose involved in the attack on gent Army Act.During the hearing, Chief Justice Bandial the military facilities would be held under military laws, but it countered an argument by advocate Latif Khosa, the counhas come under criticism by human rights bodies. sel for petitioner Aitzaz Ahsan, the Supreme Court after the who equated the existing situation in the country with the petitions were filed against it by reign of former military dictaeminent people like former chief justice of the apex court tor General Ziaul Haq."You can't compare the present era Jawwad S. Khawaja, promiwith the era of Ziaul Haq. nent lawyer Aitzaz Ahsan, a This is not Ziaul Haq's era, nor leading civil society representais martial law imposed in the tive Karamat Ali and former precountry. Even if a martial lawmier Imran Khan.

China agrees to reschedule \$ 2 bn debt of Pakistan

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The Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Cabinet, chaired by Finance Minister Ishaq Dar on Thursday, approved the revised terms of the agreement reached between Islamabad and Beijing, according to senior Pakistani officials, the Express Tribune reported.

Pakistan has built two nuclear power plants in Karachi that have a combined generation capacity of 2,117 megawatts. The total cost of the plants is USD 9.5 billion, including the USD 6.5 billion financing from China. The loan was extended by the Export-Import (Exim) Bank of China.

Of USD 2 billion, over USD 625 million was maturing in this fiscal year that will now be paused. The USD 6.5 billion is a publicly guaranteed debt, and over USD 2 billion repayments were maturing in two years that China has agreed to make a pause on, according to senior officials.

The Ministry of Finance did not officially make a state-ment about the ECC's stamp of endorsement to the revised agreement with China.

China has, time and again, helped Pakistan meet its debt obligations through the provision of new loans and the rollover of the existing debt.

China prematurely refi-nanced its USD 1.3 billion commercial loans in June, which helped Pakistan avoid a default on its international debt obligations during the period when the International Monetary Fund program was stalled.

After the signing of the new IMF programme, Pakistan's gross official foreign exchange reserves have bounced back to USD 8.7 billion – up from the critically low level of USD 4.5 billion before the IMF deal.Earlier, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said that China rolled over more than USD 5 billion in loans.

'\$149 mn approved for | 'Alvi expected to remain head of state post-term PTI ISI AMABAD upcoming elections'

PTI ISLAMABAD

Pakistan's Finance Minister Ishaq Dar on Friday chaired a meeting of the Cabinet's Economic Coordination (ECC) and approved Rs 42.528 billion (around USD 149 million) for the conduct of upcoming elec-

tions in the cash-strapped country, a media report said on Friday. The decision was taken by

the finance minister following a request by the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) demanding funds for the polls in the current financial year, reported the Business Recorder newspaper. The ECP informed the ECC that according to its constitutional responsibility, it is taking all necessary steps to conduct the next general elections and for this purpose, it has already requested the Finance Division for allocation of the funds. The last year.

ECC approved Rs 42.528 billion technical supplementary grant for the ECP for the conduct of general elections in the fiscal year 2023-2024, the report said, adding that Rs 10 billion will be released initial-

The ECP has already declared that it was prepared to hold elections on time once the National Assembly completes its term or if the House is dissolved before the end of

the term. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has said that the

National Assembly would complete its five-year term on August 12 and general elections will be held according to the Constitution. Former prime minister and opposition leader Imran Khan has been demanding early elections ever since he was ousted by the House in April

Dakistan's President Arif Alvi Pis likely to continue as the head of state even after his term ends on September 8 as there will be no electoral college in the country to elect a new president in his place. According to the Constitution, a new president will be voted by the electoral college comprising the Senate, the National Assembly and all the provincial assemblies.

"The silence of the human

rights organisations and our

journalist community is shock-

ing...," Khan tweeted.

Addressing the nation through

YouTube on Thursday night, Khan again accused Prime

While the assemblies of Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa provinces have already been dissolved, the others are set to be dissolved next month ahead of the general election.

Alvi, Pakistan's 13th head of state, will likely continue as there will be no assemblies and no electoral college to elect a new president in his place, the Geo News reported.

Alvi, 73, was sworn in on September 9, 2018. His fiveyear term will end on September 8. Prior to becom-ing the President, he was a

senior member of Imran Khan's

Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI)

According to Pakistan's Constitution: "Election to the

office of President shall be

held not earlier than sixty days

and not later than thirty days

before the expiration of the

term of the President in office:

National Assembly is dissolved, it shall be held within thirty days of the general election to the Assembly."

Therefore, the presiden-tial polls have to be held 30 days prior to September 8. "The electoral college, at

present, is incomplete because Khyber Puniab and Pakhtunkhwa assemblies do not exist; therefore, the presi-dent cannot be elected," Rashid Chaudhry, the deputy director of programmes at the Free and Fair Election Network (FAFEN), told Geo News. Meanwhile, Adviser to

Punjab Chief Minister on Law and Parliamentary Affairs, Kunwar Dilshad, said that the election for the president will take place once the electoral college is complete.

According to the Constitution, the president shall continue to hold office even after his term expires until a new president is elected and assumes office. Pakistan Institute of

Provided that, if the election cannot be held within the peri-od aforesaid because the Legislative Development and Transparency President

Ahmad Bilal Mehboob said that the head of state would continue to perform his duties even after his term has ended unless a forerunner replaces

them. Therefore, according to the Constitution, President Alvi will stay in office until the arrival of the new president.

Pakistan's major ruling coalition partners have reportedly agreed to dissolve the National Assembly on August 8, a few days before the completion of its five-year term, to get extra time for general elections.

The five-year constitutionterm of the incumbent National Assembly expires on August 12 at midnight — four days after the date on which both parties have reportedly agreed to dissolve the legislature.

The Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) and the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) — the two major stakeholders in the federal government - have agreed to dissolve the National Assembly on

Russia aims missiles at Ukraine's farm storage

Emergency service personnel work at the site of a destroyed building after a Russian attack in Odesa, Ukraine on Thursday,

Russia pounded Ukraine's southern cities, including the port city of Odesa, with drones and missiles for a third consecutive

Russian cruise missiles, flying to dodge Ukrainian air defences destroyed farm storage buildings in the Odesa region early Friday, Ukrainian officials said, as the Kremlin's forces expanded their targets following three days of bombardment of the region's Black Sea port infrastructure. Hours later, seven Russian missiles also damaged what officials described as an "important infrastructure facility" southwest of the port city of Odesa, in what appeared to be part of an ongoing Kremlin effort to cripple Ukraine's Black Sea food exports. Officials did not immediately provide details of that attack. During the night, two missiles struck the agricultural storage facility, starting a fire, and while workers fought to put it out another missile hit, destroying farm and firefighting equipment, the southern Odesa region's Gov. Oleh Kiper said.



"The enemy is continuing terror, and it's undoubtedly related to the grain deal," said

August 8, media reports said.

The provincial assembly Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa was dissolved on January 18 after the Governor, Haji Ghulam Ali, accepted the request for disso-lution by Chief Minister Mahmood Khan, who is a leader of former prime mnister Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI).

The move came just days after the assembly in the country's most populous province, Punjab, was dissolved following an order by Khan, the head of PTI.Like Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Punjab too was ruled by Khan's party. The dissolution of the two provincial assemblies was seen as a bid by Khan to push for early national elections. The former prime minister has been demanding immediate polls ever since his ouster in April 2022.Khan was removed from office through a no-confidence vote, becoming the first premier in the country's history to be sent home after losing the trust of the House

intervene," Bandial said.

Chief Justice Badial then

directed that the Supreme

Court should be informed

before military trials of civilians

begin. "The trial of the accused

in military courts should not

begin without informing the

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court that a lot of people were

Attorney General Mansoor

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SC," he said.

PTI ISLAMABAD like situation arises, we will

> China has agreed to resched-ule over USD 2 billion debt of Pakistan for a period of two years, providing a major relief to the cash-starved government, which is in the process of rebuilding foreign exchange reserves through fresh loans.

The attack injured two people and destroyed 100 metric tons of peas and 20 metric tons of barley, according to Kiper. The attack was small-scale in comparison with barrages in recent days that put Odesa in ture after vowing to retaliate for

Russia's crosshairs after Moscow tore up a wartime deal that allowed Ukraine to send grain through the key Black Sea port. Russia targeted Ukrainian critical grain export infrastruc-

night in a wave of strikes that has destroyed some of the country's critical grain export infrastructure

an attack that damaged a crucial bridge between Russia and the Moscow-annexed Crimean Peninsula. Though Friday's strike was more muted, the recent uptick in attacks has kept people in Odesa on edge.

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AP WASHINGTON woman for the Ukrainian military's Operational Command

South.Both Russia and Ukraine have announced that they will treat ships travelling to each other's Black Sea ports as potential military targets.

The Institute for the Study of War, a Washington-based think tank, said the recent barrages in southern Ukraine are part of an overarching strategy."The Russian military's intensifying strikes against Ukrainian port and grain infrastructure and threats of maritime escalation are likely a part of a Kremlin effort to leverage Russia's exit from the Black Sea Grain Initiative and exact extensive concessions from the West," it said in an assessment late Thursday

The Russian Defence Ministry, meanwhile, said the navy conducted drills that simulated action to seal off a section of the Black Sea.

battlefield supplies, revenue The US on Thursday imposed sanctions on roughly 120 firms and people from Russia to the United Arab Emirates to Kyrgyzstan in an effort to choke off Moscow's access to products, money and financial

those imposed on Russia when the US and other Group of Seven nations rolled by the Treasury and State out a wave of global actions departments target dozens of during a Japan summit in

May. "Since Russia launched its full scale invasion of Ukraine, the United States, working with our allies and partners, has taken unprecedented steps to impose costs on Russia and promote accountability for the individuals and entities who support its illegal war," US Secretary of State Antony Blinken said in a statement. "We will con-

tinue to stand with Ukraine for as long as it takes," he said. After the invasion's one-year anniversary in February, US officials said Russia's metals and mining sector would be a focus of future sanctions actions, as well as reducing Russia's energy revenues through the imposition of a price cap on Russian oil. Deputy Secretary of the Treasury Wally Adeyemo said on Thursday's actions represent "another step in our efforts to constrain Russia's military capabilities, its access to battlefield supplies, and its economic bottom line."

"As long as Russia continues to wage its unprovoked and brutal war against Ukraine, we will impose sanctions to deprive Russia of the technology it needs and disrupt the Russian arms industry's ability to resupply," Adevemo said in a statement.

Amid signs of recovery, SL draws up calendar of events in 75th year of Independence

PTI COLOMBO

Sri Lankan tourism authori-ties have created a calendar of events to woo tourists for the next several months leading up to the 76th anniversary of the country's independence next year as the cash-strapped country is showing signs of recoverv from an unprecedented economic crisis it faced last year.

Sri Lanka or Ceylon as it was known during the British era, threw off the colonial voke in 1948 to become a free nation, a year after India gained its independence from the imperial rule.

When the country, dubbed the 'Pearl of the Indian Ocean', marked the 75th anniversary of its independence on February 4 this year, it was reeling under

a devastating economic crisis.While an official ceremony was held in Colombo to mark the occasion, the mood among many Sri Lankans was hardly celebratory despite the significance of the milestone. But, now the debt-ridden

nation, facing its worst economic crisis since independence, due to a shortage of foreign exchange reserves, riding on a resilient spirit and bailout packages from international bodies, is on the road to recovery. "We are moving forward with the IMF (International Monetary Fund) programme, the World Bank programme, the ADB programme...all in the process... Right now, the current government is giving the solution, and moving forward," said Chalaka Gajabahu, chairman of the Sri Lanka Tourism

Promotion Bureau (SLTPB) in Colombo. The fuel crisis and medicine crisis are "no longer there". Still, the economic situation is there, but it has 'improved vastly and the numbers speak for themselves," he said

The island nation is making comprehensive efforts to recover from the crisis and rebuild the economy, the SLTPB said, asserting that it was "ready to conquer any challenge" and "conquer the crisis".In response to a query from PTI on the Sri Lankan government's plan to celebrate the next Independence Day, keeping in mind the debt restructuring the island nation is faced with, the SLTPB chairman said, "We are going to lead up with many, many projects." "We have created an event

calendar for the next nine months, a lot of events going to happen in Sri Lanka, water sports, a lot of Indian stars that we are trying to bring down to Sri Lanka to have concerts, and leading to the Independence Day, a lot of projects going to come out in December itself. It is under discussion," he said.

Sri Lanka's President Ranil Wickremesinghe, Minister of Tourism and Lands Harin Fernando and a lot of other people are involved in it. "It is going to be a smashing year, next year, 2024 is going to be the year, for sure," Gajabahu asserted.Sri Lanka needs to rectify its "errors and failures' and review its strengths and gains as a nation, President Wickremesinghe said on the 75th anniversary of its independence in Colombo

Mother with 3 children dies in possible murder-suicide

Verdigris (US): A woman and her three children were found dead in an Oklahoma home Thursday evening in what may be a murder-suicide following an hourslong standoff, authorities said.

The names of the victims weren't immediately released. The standoff began in the small town of Verdigris, a suburb east of Tulsa, when a police officer driving along the street saw fireworks coming from inside the garage of a house, according to Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation spokesperson Hunter McKee. "It was at that time that officer knew that there was

something wrong, went to investigate, called for backup," McKee said. **AP** McKee said.

Singapore-based regional maritime agency lauds Indian Coast Guard

this year were on ships

anchored or berthed, the report

said."These efforts have

restricted ship robberies in the

Indian waters, and I appreciate

that," said Krishnaswamy Natarajan, Executive Director

of the Singapore-based ReCAAP.In 2019, Natarajan,

the former director-general of

the Indian Coast Guard (ICG),

worked with the local author-

ities and marine police to build

the capability of monitoring

where the items stolen from

ships were sold to onshore

vendors. The vendors were

warned that they, along with

their businesses, would face the

law if caught buying stolen

items, including brass products,

wires, and engine parts, among

other unsecured ship proper-

ties, he elaborated. Natarajan

now leads ReCAAP in working

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invasion of Ukraine.

The sanctions imposed

Russian mining, technology and munitions firms and

commercial banks. In addi-

tion, a group of Kyrgyzstan-

based electronics firms and

its leadership were targeted as

exporters of components and

other technology to Russia.

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of shipments of electronics to

Russia was also sanctioned.

The latest sanctions build on

A UAE-based engineer-

 $E_{\rm Guard\,\,and\,\,Marine\,\,Police\,\,to}^{\rm fforts\,\,by\,\,the\,\,Indian\,\,Coast}$ check onshore vendors, warning them not to buy items stolen from ships, have resulted in a drastic drop in high seas robberies against vessels in the Indian waters, a top official of a regional maritime agency said on Friday.

Only two offshore ship incidents were reported in Indian waters during the first half of this year (January-June 2023), compared to three a year ago and a dramatic drop from 10-12 at its peak, Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia (ReCAAP) Information Sharing Centre said in its halfyearly report released on Friday. The two incidents that

took place in the first half of with relevant authorities in Southeast Asia to stop the sale of items stolen from the ships. "It is a work in progress," he

told PTI. If there is no buyer onshore, the robbers will not get money by selling stolen items from ships, Natarajan pointed out.

Overall, the ReCAAP reported 59 armed robberies against ships in Asia during the January-June 2023 period, an increase from 42 in the first half of last year.

There have been no incidents of piracy in Asia for the third consecutive year since 2000, according to the report by ReCAAP, which describes robbery as an incident happening in the territorial waters of a state while piracy is classified as an incident happening on high seas.



US sanctions target Russia's

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Sunak's Conservatives face heavy losses in two by-polls

PTI LONDON

British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak was dealt a major political blow on Friday as the governing Conservatives suffered a bruising in two key by-elections but averted a complete whitewash as the party held on to his former boss Boris Johnson's seat in London. Thursday's three-way by-

election was widely pitched as a report card on the 43-yearold British Indian leader's handling of the economy and wider prospects as party leader going into a general election, expected in the second half of 2024.

The Tories' narrow victory in the suburban seat of Uxbridge, which they won by 495 votes, spared Sunak the humiliation of being the first PM for 55 years to lose three by-elections in one night.

Conservative Steve Tuckwell just about holding on to Uxbridge and South Ruislip,



Johnson's seat, until he stepped down in the wake of a parliamentary inquiry into party gate inquiry last month, was the only bit of good news for the party.During a visit to Uxbridge soon after the results on Friday morning, Sunak said the victory there showed that the next general election was not "a done deal".

Asked what the defeats meant for his party, Sunak looking at Labour and seeing replied: "The message I take

working people with an ambi-tious, practical plan to deliver," said Labour Leader Keir Starmer.With the big win, his namesake 25-year-old Keir Mather overtook Indian-origin Labour MP Nadia Whittome as the so-called "Baby of the House" to become the youngest member of Parliament. It will be a long wait, though, for him to take his seat in the House of Commons, which is now on its away is that we've got to dousummer recess and resumes ble down, stick to our plan and only in early September.In a deliver for people." The second bruising for the Sunak-Opposition Labour Party overled Conservatives, the Liberal turned a massive Tory major-Democrats swept the Somerset ity of over 20,000 to decisiveand Frome byelections in ly clinch the Selby and Ainsty southwest England. Sarah constituency in northern Dyke, a Somerset councillor England, a by-election trigwith a farming background, secured a dramatic victory by gered by the resignation of close Boris Johnson ally Nigel winning 21,187 votes, with Adams."This is a historic result Conservative Faye Purbrick that shows that people are left far behind in second place with 10,179 votes.

a changed party that is focused entirely on the priorities of

criticise North's weapons plan

Senior officials from Japan, the US and South Korea condemned North Korea over its recent ICBM-class ballistic missile launches and vowed to step up their trilateral cooperation to strengthen deterrence and sanctions against the North, while stressing the need for dialogue with

Pyongyang. Their meeting Thursday in the central Japanese city of Karuizawa comes days after North Korea's solid-fuel ICBM launch last week, which landed in the water off the western coast of Japan's northern main island of Hokkaido and one day after the launch of two missiles on Wednesday.

The US special representative for North Korea, Sung Kim, also said that the United States was "working hard" to gather information about an American soldier who fled to the North earlier this month. The US was seeking to ensure his safety and return him home, Kim said.

Pvt Travis King, 23, had been held in South Korea on assault charges and was released on July 10 after serving his time. He was taken to the airport Monday but did not board his flight home. Instead, he joined a tourist trip to the border and bolted to the North Korean side. Kim said he and his Japanese counterpart, Takehiro



Funakoshi, director general of the Asian and Oceanian Affairs Bureau at the Foreign Ministry, and South Korea's Kim Gunn, special representative for Korean Peninsula peace and security affairs, were to also discuss their leaders' summit planned for next month in the United States. In his opening remarks, Japan's Funakoshi said Tokyo seeks to further strengthen the three-way security cooperation to enhance deterrence and implement sanctions against the North over its missile advancement in violation to the United Naitons' Security Council resolutions. However, he also stressed the need for dialogue with the North.

Japanese, US, S Korean officials

Minister Fumio Kishida was willing to meet with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un "without any preconditions" to resolve the decades-old issue of North Korea's abductions of Japanese nationals.

Sung Kim said the United States had "no hostile intent" and that "we are willing and ready to sit down at the negotiating table to work through our differences.'

South Korea's Kim said the three officials were to affirm their intent for dialogue with North Korea, while discussing ways to strengthen "close communication to bring North Korea back to the path to denuclearization and to encourage China's constructive role."

He reiterated that Japanese Prime

Muslim-majority nations express outrage over Quran desecration

AP BAGHDAD

 $M_{\text{expressed outrage on}}^{\text{uslim-majority nations}}$ Friday at the desecration of a copy of the Quran in Sweden. Some prepared for street demonstrations following midday prayers to show their anger. In Iran, Iraq and Lebanon, protesters planned demonstrations after Swedish police permitted a protest Thursday in which an Îraqi Christian living in Stockholm kicked and stood on a Quran, Islam's holy book,

outside of the Iraqi Embassy. Hours before that, demonstrators in Baghdad broke into the Swedish Embassy and lit a fire to show their anger at his threats to burn the book.

Iraqi Prime Minister Shia al-Sudani has ordered the expulsion of the Swedish ambassador from Iraq and the withdrawal of the Iraqi charge d'affaires from Sweden.

But that may not be enough to calm those angered, and another protest in Baghdad is planned for Friday afternoon. In neighboring Iran,

demonstrators also planned to take to the streets. Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amirabdollahian has written a letter to the Unit retary-general over the Quran desecration and has summoned the Swedish ambassador."We consider the Swedish government responsible for the outcome of provocation reactions from the world's Muslims," Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Nasser Kanaani said. The man in Stockholm also wiped his feet with a picture of Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei during his demonstration and did similar to a photo of Iraqi



Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, while covering the protest and a powerful leader there. released several hours later Lebanon's Shiite militant

without charges. group Hezbollah also called for This is the second Quran a demonstration Friday afterdesecration to involve the Iraqi noon. Khamenei and Iran's Christian in Sweden, identified theocracy serve as Hezbollah's as Salwan Momika. Last main sponsor.In Pakistan, month, a man identified by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif local media and on his social strongly condemned the events media as Momika burned a Quran outside a Stockholm in Sweden.He called on the 57nation Organisation of Islamic mosque during the major Cooperation to play a "historic role in expressing the senti-Muslim holiday of Eid al-Adha, triggering widespread condemments of Muslims and stopping nation in the Islamic world. The right to hold public

this demonisation? Meanwhile, Islamists in his country have been pushing Sharif, who faces an upcoming election, to cut diplomatic ties with Sweden.

On Thursday morning, mission based on whether they protesters in Baghdad occupied believe a public gathering can be held without major disrupthe Swedish Embassy for several hours and set a small fire. tions or safety risks. evacuated a day earlier. After protesters left the embassy, diplomats closed it to visitors without specifying when it would reopen.Prime Minister Sudani said in a statement that Iraqi authorities would prosecute those responsible for starting the fire and referred to an investigation of "negligent security officials."Some demonstrators stayed at the site, ignored by police, after the attack. An Associated Press photographer and two Reuters staff members were arrested

UK police launch inquiry after Sikh holy text damaged

PTI LONDON

The hate crime investigation has been launched by police after a Sikh holy text was found damaged outside a residential address in Leeds, northern England.

West Yorkshire Police said it received the report of the incident from a member of the local Sikh community on Sunday. The incident occurred in the Headingley area of the city on July 12.

It was initially thought the damaged pieces of the holy text had been put in the victim's bin by an unknown suspect after it had been put out for refuse collection on July 11.

But this has been discounted after officers visited the victim this week to demonstrations is protected get a fuller account.

"Any crime such as this which is perceived by the victim or any other person as being motivated by hosby the constitution in Sweden. Blasphemy laws were aban-doned in the 1970s. Police generally give pertility or prejudice to their race or religion is treated as a hate crime, and we treat all incidents of this nature very



to establish the full circumstances of this incident and to identify who is responsible," he said.

Dodds said the police force appreciates that the incident has caused understandable concern in the local Sikh community and beyond.

We are working closely with key community rep-resentatives to reassure them and keep them updated as we progress our investigation.

Officers from our local neighbourhood policing teams and other well-established community engagement officers will supporting our work to reassure the community following this incident," he said.

US military drone crashes in Polish woodland

Warsaw (Poland): A US military drone has crashed in the woods in southwestern Poland after contact was lost during training, Poland's Defence Ministry said Friday. The ministry said that no one was hurt and there was no damage from the incident on Thursday afternoon. Polish media reported that an eyewitness saw an object crashing in the woods near the village of Trzebien and notified the fire brigade. The military were already there when the firefighters arrived, Piotr Pilarczyk spokesman for the national fire command told Polish state news agency PAP. Pilarczyk said there were no explosions when the object, which had a wing span of about 8 meters (26 feet), crashed

In an email, the ministry told The Associated Press that the drone had collected by the US side. Poland's defense is on alert as neighbouring Ukraine is fighting an all-out war against Russia's military aggression. Trainers from several NATO member countries, including the UK, Canada, and Norway have been working with Ukrainian forces in Poland. About 10,500 U.S. troops are stationed at various locations in Poland. Two Polish men died in November when a missile fired by

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eastern Poland.

Judge gives trial date for next May

TRUMP'S CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS CASE

AP WASHINGTON

A federal judge in Florida has scheduled a trial date for next May for former President Donald Trump in a case charging him with illegal-ly retaining hundreds of classified documents.

The May 20, 2024, trial date, set Friday by US District Judge Aileen Cannon, is a compromise between a request from prosecutors to set the trial for this December and a bid by defense lawyers to schedule it after the 2024 presidential election.

If the date holds, it would follow close on the heels of a separate New York trial for Trump on dozens of state charges of falsifying business records in connection with an alleged hush money payment

It also means the trial will not start until deep into the presidential nominating calendar and probably well after the Republican nominee is clear — though before that person is officially nominated at the Republican National

from the December 11 start date that the Justice Department had asked for, Cannon wrote that "the Government's proposed schedule is atypically accelerated and inconsistent with ensuring a fair trial."

She agreed with defense lawyers that the amount of evidence that would need to be sifted through before the trial, including classified information, was "voluminous.

"The Court finds that the interests of justice served by this continuance outweigh the best interest of the public and Defendants in a speedy trial," Cannon wrote.

Trump could yet face additional trials in the coming year. He revealed this week that he had received a letter informing him that he was a target of a separate Justice to a porn actor. Department investigation into efforts to undo the 2020 presidential election, and prosecutors in Georgia plan to announce charging decisions within weeks in an investigation into attempts by Trump In pushing back the trial vote there. AP



Muslims, the burning of the Quran represents a desecration of their religion's holy text. Quran burnings in the past have sparked protests across the Muslim world, some turning violent.In Afghanistan, the Taliban suspended all the activities of Swedish organizations in the country in response to the recent Quran burning.

A similar protest by a farright activist was held outside Turkey's Embassy earlier this year, complicating Sweden's efforts to persuade Turkey to let it join NÂTO.

Chiet eriously sara Superintendent Steve Dodds, Leeds District Commander for West Yorkshire Police.

"It is completely unacceptable for someone to deliberately damage a holy text with the aim of causing offence to the victim as a member of the Sikh community.

We have launched a criminal investigation led by detectives from Leeds District CID who are carrying out extensive enquiries

The police, which is appealing for anyone with information to come forward, said a crime has been recorded for racially or religiously aggravated criminal damage and enquiries are ongoing to establish the full circumstances of the incident, including how the

damaged text came to be left where it was discovered on St. Anne's Road.

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Amazon, Google, Meta agree to AI safeguards set by WH Washington (AP): Amazon,

Google, Meta, Microsoft and other companies that are leading the development of artificial intelligence technology have agreed to meet a set of AI safeguards brokered by President Joe Biden's administration.

The White House said Friday that it has secured voluntary commitments from seven U.S. companies meant to ensure their AI products are safe before they release them. Some of the commitments call for third-party oversight of the workings of commercial AI systems, though they don't detail who will audit the technology or hold the companies accountable. A surge of commercial investment in generative AI tools that can write convincingly human-like text and churn out new images and other media has brought public fascination as well as concern about their ability to trick people and spread disinformation, among other dangers.

The four tech giants, along with ChatGPT-maker OpenAI and startups Anthropic and Inflection, have committed to security testing "carried out in part by independent experts" to guard against major risks, such as to biosecurity and cybersecurity, the White House said in a statement.

The companies have also committed to methods for reporting vulnerabilities to their systems and to using digital watermarking to help distinguish between real and AIgenerated images known as deepfakes.

They will also publicly report flaws and risks in their technology, including effects on fairness and bias, the White House said

The voluntary commitments are meant to be an immediate way of addressing risks ahead of a longer-term push to get Congress to pass laws regulating the technology. Some advocates for AI reg-

ulations said Biden's move is a start but more needs to be done to hold the companies and products their accountable."History would

indicate that many tech companies do not actually walk the walk on a voluntary pledge to act responsibly and support strong regulations," said a statement from James Steyer, founder and CEO of the nonprofit Common Sense Media. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., has said he will introduce legislation to regulate AI.

3 Hindu sisters in Pak's Sindh province forced to marry Muslim men Karachi (PTI): Three daughters of a Hindu

businessman in Pakistan's Sindh province have been married to Muslim men who first kidnapped them and forcibly converted them to Islam, according to a leading minority rights group in the country.

The head of Pakistan Darewar Itehad, Shiva Kachhi, said that the incident took place in Sindh's Dharki area where Chandni, Roshni and Parmesh Kumari, daughters of a Hindu businessman, Leela Ram, were first abducted and then forcibly converted to Islam

"The conversion was performed by one Pir Javed Ahmed Qadri and later they were also married to Muslim men," he said.Kachhi said despite appeals and pleas from his organisation's platform, the problem of forcible conversion of Hindu girls was continuing unabated with the police and author ities not apprehending the culprits.

He said that the three sisters were married to the same men who abducted them. Kachhi also claimed that the attacks on the Hindu community in the riverine areas have spiked since the Seema Haider incident.Seema Haider, a Pakistani woman and a mother of four, sneaked into India to live with a Hindu man, Sachin Meena, whom she befriended through an online game platform. She was ostracised by her family and neighbours for daring to defy the societal norms of a conservative Muslim country. There have been daily threats from dacoits in the riverine areas to retaliate against Hindus because of this incident, Kachhi said.

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8.Pre-bid meeting details (if required) Date & Place : 24-07-2023 (11:00 hrs) Project Manager, Construction Unit, Uttarakhand Pevial Nigam, Haldwani,

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Markets snap record-breaking run on Infosys shocker; down 1%

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enchmark stock indices Bensex and Nifty tumbled over 1 per cent on Friday due to deep losses in IT behe-moth Infosys which slashed its FY24 growth outlook.

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Snapping its six-day recordbreaking rally, the 30-share BSE Sensex tanked 887.64 points or 1.31 per cent to settle at 66,684.26. During the day, it plummeted 1,038.16 points or 1.53 per cent to 66,533.74.

The NSE Nifty fell by 234.15 points or 1.17 per cent to end at 19,745, cutting short its six-day winning run. As many as 36 Nifty shares closed in negative while 14 advanced.

From the Sensex pack, Infosys tanked over 8 per cent after the company reported a lower-than-expected 11 per cent rise in net profit for the June quarter and delivered a shocker as it slashed its FY24 growth outlook to 1-3.5 per cent on delayed decision-making by clients amid global macro uncertainties.

"The weak guidance from Infosys cast a shadow over the outlook of the Indian IT sector. causing a delay in Nifty's pursuit of the 20,000 mark. While the

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heavyweights surrendered to the bears, the small caps demonstrated resilience," Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services said.

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Global markets presented a mixed picture, with the US market struggling due to weak earnings, while UK retail sales exceeded expectations with a 0.7 per cent MoM growth, he added.

A decline in shares of market bluechip firms Reliance Industries and Tata Consultancy Services also added to the bearish trend in equities. Hindustan Unilever, HCL Technologies, Wipro, and Tech Mahindra were

the other major laggards. On the other hand, Larsen & Toubro rose the most by 3.88 per cent after it bagged an order



of worth over Rs 7,000 crore from the bullet train project.

NTPC, State Bank of India, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Tata Motors, ICICI Bank, Sun Pharma, Maruti and Bharti Airtel were also among the gainers. BSE Midcap dropped by 0.26 per cent to 29,547.28 while BSE Smallcap index edged up 0.13 per cent to 34,146.66 points.

Among sectoral indices, BSE IT fell the most by 4.40 per cent, followed by consumer durables which dropped 1.09 per cent.

"The decline was widespread wherein the IT pack faced the maximum heat, followed by FMCG and energy majors. Meanwhile, the broad er indices traded mixed, capping damage to the market breadth,"

Ajit Mishra, SVP - Technical Research, Religare Broking Ltd said. In Asian markets, Tokyo and Shanghai ended lower while Seoul and Hong Kong settled in the positive territory.

Equity markets in Europe were trading mostly in the green. The US markets ended mostly lower on Thursday.

Global oil benchmark Brent crude climbed 1.19 per cent to USD 80.59 a barrel.

The BSE benchmark had jumped 474.46 points or 0.71 per cent to settle at its fresh alltime closing high of 67,571.90 on Thursday, extending its winning momentum to the sixth day. During the day, it rallied 521.73 points or 0.77 per cent to hit its lifetime intra-day peak of 67,619,17.

28% GST to lead to write-off of \$2.5 bn in online gaming: Investors to PM

PTI NEW DELHI

The GST Council's decision to levy a 28 per cent tax on real money online gaming industry will lead to an impairment of USD 2.5 billion of investment made in the segment, a group of 30 Indian and foreign Investors said in a joint letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

In a letter dated July 21, leading Investors Including Peak XV Capital, Tiger Global, DST Global, Bennett, Coleman & Company Limited, Alpha Wave Global, Chrys Capital, Lumikai etc have sought the Prime Minister's intervention in the decision of GST Council which is expected to hit prospective investment to the tune of USD erode investor confidence in the 4 billion in the next 3-4 years. 'The current GST proposal

rise sector in the Índian tech will set up the most onerous tax ecosystem.

Inflation set to overshoot **RBI's target: Nomura**

regime for the gaming sector

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The Reserve Bank of India

Earlier this year, the cen-

tral bank paused its rate hike

cycle to pay attention to

growth, and many analysts

expect a prolonged pause in

policy rates before it starts cut-

Capital markets regulator Sebi on Friday cancelled the registration of Progressive

registration in NSEL case

ting interest rates.

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Investors said the GST

sector," the letter said.

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¬onsumer price inflation is Cexpected to overshoot the Reserve Bank's tolerance mark of 6 per cent again in July and to RBI writing an explanatory August due to the sky high note to the government vegetable prices, a Japanese explaining the reasons for the brokerage said on Friday.

The government, which threshold. banned non-basmati rice exports earlier this week, is (RBI) started its efforts to likely to usher in more supplytame inflation with rate hikes side measures to tame the and upped the repo rate by a price rise going forward, cumulative 2.50 per cent in Nomura said in a note. policy actions from May 2022 to arrest the price rise.

"We expect continued supply-side interventions, with inflation likely to be above 6 per cent levels in July and August, buoyed by sky-high vegetable prices," Nomura economists said.

Last year, inflation had

Hindustan **Unilever shares** fall nearly 4% post Jun qtr

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Comtrade for facilitating its Shares of Hindustan Unilever on Friday clients to trade in illegal 'paired contracts' on the declined nearly 4 per cent, National Spot Exchange Ltd



"This will also adversely impact prospective investments to the tune of at least USD 4 billion in the next 3-4 years and hence the growth of the gaming sector in India," the letter said. Investors said if "full value of

bets" is understood in a manner where GST is levied on every contest played every time with fully taxed winnings, the GST burden will increase by 1,100 per

The Consumer Price Inflation (CPI) rose to 4.81 per

cent in June from 4.31 per cent

in May, driven by a spike in

Nomura said the rice inflation rose to 12 per cent in

June from 9 per cent earlier, and daily data is suggesting a

further rise in the prices in July

imposed a 20 per cent export

tax on non-basmati rice in

September last year, and with

the latest move, 42 per cent of

the rice exports are now

The government had

food prices.

as well.

Sebi cancels Progressive Comtrade

Further, on account of taxation of redeployed player winnings, the same money will get taxed repeatedly resulting in a scenario where over 50-70 per cent of every rupee will go towards GST, thereby making the online real money skill gaming business model unviable the letter said.

Investors said that levying of 28 per cent GST on the Gross Gaming Revenue (GGR) or Platform fees will lead to a 55 per cent increase in GST quantum which would make it feasible for Indian online gaming operators to survive and be a key contributor to the Indian economy.

"However, in light of the decision by the GST Council, we humbly request your kind and urgent attention to this matter," the letter said.

Rupee falls 4p to close at

RUPEE vs DOLLAR

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banned, Nomura said. According to the note, the The rupee depreciated 4 paise late arrival of monsoons and its to close at 81.97 (provisional) against the US dollar on uneven spread is disrupting Friday, weighed down by a paddy sowing which, as of mid-July, is 6 per cent lower rebound in the American currency and firm crude oil prices right now.

in global markets. Besides, a negative trend in domestic equity benchmarks also dented investor sentiment,

forex traders said. At the interbank foreign exchange, the domestic unit opened at 82.03 against the dollar and settled at 81.97 (provisional), down 4 paise from its previous close.

During the day, the rupee touched a high of 81.94 and a low of 82.05 against the greenback. On Thursday, the rupee had settled at 81.93 against the gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, advanced 0.12 per cent to 101.

India's forex kitty Union Bank to sell 8 NAP accounts swells to \$609 bn worth ₹3K cr to NARCL

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worth Řs 3,000 crore to be sold

to the national bad bank

The lender has more than

NARCL this fiscal.

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India's forex reserves have swelled by USD 12.743 billion to USD 609.022 billion in the week ended July 14, making it one of the strongest weekly surges in the kitty in recent times, the Reserve Bank of India said on Friday.

In the previous reporting week, the overall reserves had risen by USD 1.23 billion to USD 596.28 billion.

It can be noted that in October 2021, the country's forex kitty had reached an alltime high of USD 645 billion. The reserves have been declining as the central bank deploys the kitty to defend the rupee amid pressures caused majorly by global developments. In the week ended January 13 this year, the overall kitty had expanded by USD 10.417 billion.

For the week ended July 14, the foreign currency assets, a ajor component of the

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reserves, increased by USD 11.198 billion to USD 540.166 billion, according to the Weekly Statistical Supplement released quality and recoveries. by the RBI on Friday.

Expressed in dollar terms, the foreign currency assets include the effect of appreciation or depreciation of non-US units recovery of 33 per cent. like the euro, pound and yen held in the foreign exchange reserves

Gold reserves were up by USD 1.137 billion to USD 45.197 of Rs 10,000 crore to be sold to the National Asset billion, the RBI said. Reconstruction Company

The Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) were up by USD 250 (NARCL). Of these, we hope to sell at least eight of them to million to USD 18.484 billion, that central government-

Manimekhalai, the chief executive and managing director of Union Bank of India on Friday said it has identithe public sector lender, told reporters at the bank's postfied eight troubled accounts

earnings presser here. Union Bank was one of the first lenders to sell its NPAs to NARCL in the first lot of the bad bank's such transactions.

doubled its net income at Rs The bank had recovered 3,236 crore in the June 2023 quarter on improved asset Rs 20,000 crore from writtenoffs/upgrades or one-time set-The city-based bank had tlements but this year it will be already sold three accounts around a quarter of that only, worth Rs 900 crore last fiscal she said as the overall quanto the national bad bank at a tum of bad assets has fallen drastically. We have sort of identified

Of the Rs 20,000 crore, cash recovery alone was Rs 5,500 crore, which it expects to as many as 42 troubled accounts with an outstanding fall to Rs 4,500 crore this year.

The bank's overall gross bad loan ratio is came down by 288 bps to 7.34 per cent (Rs 60,104 crore) now and net NPAs by 173 bps to 1.58 per

been above the 6 per cent mark -- the upper tolerance level under the flexible inflation targeting set up -- for over three quarters at a go. This led

PFC to lend Rs 2.37 lakh cr DLF Q1 profit to 20 clean energy projects rises 12% to

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m reported\,a\,12\,per\,cent\,rise}$ in consolidated net profit to Rs 527 crore in the first quarter of this fiscal and announced its re-entry into the Mumbai property market to develop a housing project.

The company's net prof-it stood at Rs 469.57 crore in the year-ago period.

Total income rose marginally to Rs 1,521.71 crore in the April-June period of 2023-24 financial year from Rs 1,516.28 crore in the year-ago period, according to a regulatory filing.

The company's sales bookings remained flat at Rs 2,040 crore in the June quarter.

DLF also announced its re-entry into the Mumbai real estate market through a partnership with realty firm Trident Group. In 2012, DLF sold 17

acres of prime land in Mumbai to Lodha Developers (now renamed as Macrotech Developers) for about Rs 2,700 crore. DLF had bought the land from National Textile Corporation for Rs 703 crore in 2005

DLF had also formed a joint venture with Akruti City to develop few projects.

According to a separate regulatory filing, DLF Home Developers Ltd's (DHDL) wholly-owned arm Pegeen Builders & Developers will allot 9,800 equity shares of Rs 10 each at par to Delhi-based realty firm Trident Buildtech.

Power Finance Corporation (PFC) on Friday said it has entered into loan agreements worth more than Rs 2.37 lakh crore with 20 companies.

These firms include Adani Group, Greenco, ReNew Power, Continuum, Avaada, JBM Auto, Rajasthan Renewable Energy and Megha Engineering & Infrastructure, among others.

These agreements -- part of the Maharatna company's plan to position itself as the focal funding agency for energy transition -- were signed with companies in the solar, wind, green

hydrogen, battery storage, and electric vehicles space as well as manufacturers of green energy equipment. PFC is looking to fund pro-

jects like offshore wind, pumped hydro storage, solar modules and cells, among others in the



clean energy space, the company said in a statement issued from Goa at a G20 function.

Recently, the company diversified its loan portfolio into infrastructure projects, such as refineries, ports, roads, metro, biofuels, waste-to-energy projects etc

Earlier this week Parminder Chopra, the officiating chairman and managing director, said the

state-run company is awaiting the Reserve Bank's nod to launch a subsidiary from the International Financial Services Centre in Gandhinagar.

In fiscal 2023, PFC's consolidated revenue stood at Rs 77,568.30 crore, up from Rs 76,261.66 crore a year ago from which the company earned a net income of Rs 21,178.6 crore against Rs 18,768.2 crore in the previous year.

As of March 2023, its loan book stood at Rs 4.32 lakh crore, of which Rs 3.2 lakh crore have been lent to state power companies and Rs 73,000 crore to private power companies.

During the same period, its outstanding borrowings stood at Rs 3.63 lakh crore of which 63 per cent are domestic bonds and USD7.2 billion are in overseas currencies primarily in dollars and euros

from its market valuation after the company's firstquarter earnings failed to cheer investors. The company's stock fell 3.65 per cent to settle at Rs 2,603.80 on the BSE. During

the day, it plunged 4 per cent to Rs 2,592.20. At the NSE, it declined 3.67 per cent to end at Rs 2,604.

The company's market valuation fell by Rs 23,155.22 crore to Rs 6,11,786.57 crore.

Hindustan Unilever on Thursday reported a 6.9 per cent rise in consolidated profit after tax at Rs 2,556 crore for June quarter 2023-24 riding on a gradual recovery in the FMCG industry despite operating in a challenging environment. The company had posted

a consolidated net profit of Rs 2,391 crore in the same quarter last fiscal, Hindustan Unilever said in a regulatory

filing. Total income in the first quarter stood at Rs 15,679 crore as against Rs 14,757 crore in the corresponding period last fiscal year.

"The noticee (Progressive Comtrade) by providing access for taking exposure to 'paired contracts' and did not have regulatory approval and also by undertaking such exposure itself on account of its proprietary trades, thereby raises doubts on the competence of the noticee to act as a registered securities market intermediary.

"The actions of the noticee have been and could be detri-

Director V S Sundaresan said

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as a broker in the securities

market," Sebi's Executive

The regulator has asked the broker to allow its existing clients or transfer their securities or funds held in its custody within 15 days.

In case of failure of any clients to withdraw or transfer their securities or funds within this period, the broker will transfer the funds and securities of such clients to another broker within a period of the next 15 days therefrom, under advice to the clients.

Brent crude futures, the global oil benchmark, advanced 1.11 per cent to USD 80.52 per barrel.

"The greenback has extended a run of gains against major currencies ahead of next week's big three central bank's policy decision," said Dilip Parmar, Research Analyst, HDFC Securities.

360 ONE WAM Q1 PAT climbs 13% to ₹181 crore

360 ONE WAM Ltd on Friday reported a 13.4 per cent growth in profit after tax (PAT) to Rs 181 crore in three months ended June 2023.

In comparison, the company posted a PAT of Rs 160 crore in the year-ago period, 360 ONE WAM, formerly known as IIFL Wealth Management, said in a statement.

The company's total rev-enues increased 17.6 per cent to Rs 434 crore in the quarter under review from Rs 369 crore in the April-June quarter of the preceding fiscal

2022-23. "We strongly believe India's long-term inclusive growth trends will continue to fuel overall wealth creation, and particularly for the HNI and UHNI segments.

Increasing financialisation and client sophistication will drive a disproportionate rise in this segment," Karan Bhagat, founder, MD and CEO, 360 ONE, said.

In addition, the company's board approved a second interim dividend for the financial year 2023-24 of Rs 4 per equity share. Besides, the company has fixed July 28 as a record date for this purpose.

India's coal production grows PFC signs MoU ACME Group secures Rs 4,000-cr loan from worth ₹2.37L cr 8.55% to 223 MT in Apr-Jun REC for Oman green hydrogen project

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India's coal production increased by 8.55 per cent to 223.36 million tonnes in the April-June quarter of 2023-24 compared to the year-ago period, an official statement said on Friday.

Coal production was 205.76 million tonnes (MT) in the same period during FY 2022-23, the Ministry of Coal said.

Coal India Limited (CIL) registered 175.48 MT production between April and June 2023, marking a commendable growth rate of 9.85 per

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MT during the corresponding period of the previous year. The rest came in from other captive mines.

While coal imports increased by 16.76 per cent in April-May 2023 as compared to the same period in the previous year, it is important to note that this rise is primarily attributable to the substantial decline in coal import prices, the ministry said.

Import prices for coal have plummeted by over 60 per cent in the first quarter of FY24, compared to the yearago period

Renewable energy firm said it has tied up a Rs 4,000crore loan from state-owned REC Ltd for its green hydrogen and ammonia project in Oman.

The amount will be used to commence the first phase of the project, to be established at the Special Economic Zone (SEZ) in Duqm, Oman, a company statement said.

Once the first phase is ready, about 100,000 tonnes of green ammonia is expected to be produced per annum initially, which will subsequently go up



to 1.2 million tonnes a year. The project will be powered by a 5.5-GWp solar PV plant and have the capacity to generate 3.5

Mission Innovation meeting in GW electrolyser, the statement

energy company ACME Group announced securing Rs 4,000 crore loan from REC Ltd for its green hydrogen and green ammonia project in Oman," it stated.

The ACME Group also announced the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with REC Ltd for a Rs 21,000-crore loan to set up four major renewable projects in the country.

The MoU was signed during the ongoing 14th Clean Energy Ministerial and 8th

"Securing of debt for the

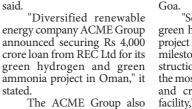
green hydrogen and ammonia project in Oman is an important milestone. We will start construction soon and build one of the most advanced technologies and create a state-of-the-art facility," ACME Group Vice-Chairman Shashi Shekhar said in the statement.

Going forward, we are exploring the establishment of round-the-clock energy solutions, encompassing solar, wind, hydro pump storage, green hydrogen, and ammonia, Shekhar said.



PNS GOA

As part of its plan to posi-tion itself as the focal funding agency for energy transition, the Power Finance Corporation Ltd (PFC), executed various Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) of more than ? 2.37 Lakh Crore with 20 companies both in public and private sector.





Spain crush Costa Rica in Women's WC

oach Jorge Vilda says Spain will try to eke the ✓ best out of Alexia Putellas at the Women's World Cup after she made a cameo off the bench in Friday's ominous 3-0 win over Costa Rica.

The Spaniards showed why they're among the favourites with a classy display in a Group C mismatch in Wellington, fir-ing 46 shots against opponents who spent nearly the entire game defending and were flat tered by the scoreline.

La Roja threatened a rout when all three goals came in the space of six minutes midway through the first half but they couldn't score again.

The European powerhouses received a boost in the 77th minute when reigning two-time Ballon d'Or winner Putellas entered the match, with her fitness under a cloud after cutting short a training session on Monday.

The Barcelona midfielder produced some neat touches over the closing minutes and Vilda said her limited minutes come under advice from medical staff.

The 29-year-old is still to complete a full game since returning in April from a serious knee injury. "We are going to follow

their recommendations and they



Nigeria holds Olympic champions Canada with penalty save

AP MELBOURNE

Christine Sinclair had a penalty saved as Olympic champions Canada were held 0-0 in their opener by Nigeria, who saw Deborah Abiodun pick up the first red card of this Women's World Cup. The 40-year-old skipper Sinclair is hoping to make history in Australia and New Zealand by becoming the first player to score at six World Cups

Cups. But she missed the chance to reach that milestone in Melbourne as her penalty early in the second half was saved by goalkeeper Chiamaka Nnadozie.

With few clear chances otherwise, that allowed the Super Falcons to come away with a morale-boosting draw in Group B, in which cohosts Australia beat Ireland 1-0 on Thursday.

Canada have never gone beyond the semi-finals of the Women's World Cup but are hoping to go deep into this year's tournament on the back of winning gold at the Tokyo Games in 2021.

However, they had a disrupted build-up as

recommended for today that Alexia could play a little bit," Vilda said. "Every single minute from her really counts, she's a really good quality player.

"What we're going to do in the future is our best to help her and get the best out of her.'

Putellas' Barcelona teammate Aitana Bonmati was instead the game's dominant figure, named player of the match after creating numerous chances

and finding the net herself. In a match played in cold and wet conditions, the first goal

arrived in the 21st minute when Costa Rica defender Valeria del Campo sliced a low cross from Esther Gonzalez into her own net.

the team threatened to strike over pay, funding

ly on Sinclair, the all-time top scorer in inter-

They are also missing key players due to injury and perhaps continue to rely too heavi-

and contractual issues.

national football.

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Bonmati doubled the lead before Gonzalez grabbed the third with a close-range volley.

I'll never talk about Brazil, I am the coach of Real Madrid: Ancelotti

AP MADRID

 $R^{eal\ Madrid\ coach\ Carlo}_{Ancelotti\ moved\ on}$ Thursday to tamp down discussion of his possible future move to the Brazilian national team, saying he was focused on the Spanish giants and their upcoming season. "I will never talk about

Brazil, about what is going to happen," the Italian told reporters in Los Angeles, where Real Madrid will play the first of four US friendlies on Sunday against AC Milan at the Rose Bowl

"I am the coach of Real Madrid and I am staying here," Ancelotti insisted, two weeks after Brazilian Confederation president Ednaldo Rodrigues indicated Ancelotti was poised



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Messi set for Miami debut but maybe off the bench

AP MIAMI

T ionel Messi should make his debut for Inter LMiami against Mexican club Cruz Azul on Friday but the seven-times Ballon d'Or winner may be limited to a role off the bench.

The Argentine arrived in South Florida last week to a wave of enthusiasm and was presented to fans at a special stadium event on Sunday. But since the initial hype, when club owner Jorge Mas described him as "America's number 10" and promised the move would 'change the football landscape" in the USA, there has been a noticable change of tone.

Messi only started training in earnest this week after spending time with his family on vacation and the opening game of the new Leagues Cup — which pits MLS and Liga MX teams together in a tournament format -- may come too soon for the World Cup champion to

Co-owner David Beckham said on Tuesday that Messi will play "some part of the game" and coach Gerardo "Tata" Martino, Messi's compatriot and former Barcelona coach, had suggested he might start on the bench.

At the pre-match press conference, moved



to the downtown performing arts center in Fort while." Lauderdale due to the huge media interest, Martino said they would make a decision on how to use Messi after training on Friday.

"It is very difficult for people not to have

expectations," said Martino, "But it may take a

Spanish midfielder Sergio Busquets certainly doesn't feel ready yet for a full game in what will also be his debut.

Alba joins 'Barca reunion' with Messi in Miami

AP MIAMI

The Supreme Court then

The electoral college will

now have 48 members with

voting rights from 24 state

bodies and the nominations for

posts will be filed on August 1.

nations will be conducted on

August 2 and a final list of the

candidates will be published on

August 7. If election is required,

The scrutiny of the nomi-

Former Spain international defender Jordi Alba has signed for Inter Miami, where he'll join up with former Barcelona team-mate Lionel Messi through 2024, the Major League Soccer Club said on Thursday.

The announcement of the deal, which includes a club option for 2025, came two days after Inter owner Jorge Mas said Alba was on the way.

He will join Argentine superstar Messi and Spanish midfielder Sergio Busquets, another former Barcelona player, as Inter, co-owned by former England great David Beckham, seek to reverse their flagging MLS fortunes.

The 34-year-old Alba, who has made 93 appear-ances for Spain, terminated his contract with Barcelona in May.

The left-back won six Spanish league titles with Barca and was part of the team which won the 2015 Champions League. He also played in the Spain team which won the 2012 European Championship.

Perez concedes Red Bull WFI elections on August 12 Asiad trials set to be conducted

e the first foreigner almost 60 years to coach the Selecao after his Real Madrid contract expires. That would put the Italian

at the helm in time for the Copa America in the United States from June 2024, but Ancelotti said for him the subject was closed. "I will never talk about this

matter again," he said, noting that he had a contract with Real Madrid "until June 30, 2024".

Ancelotti also declined to comment on Madrid's chances of signing French star Kylian Mbappe, who is involved in a contract dispute with Paris Saint-Germain.

Mbappe "is a player who is not at Madrid," he noted. "To talk about players who are not here, it doesn't seem right to me.

Ancelotti did discuss his of satisfaction," he said.

ture of Ballon d'Or winner Karim Benzema, who last month inked a three-year deal with Al-Ittihad in Saudi Arabia.

He said he would experiment with a system that exploits the attacking potential of signings such as England's Jude Bellingham and Turkey's Arda Guler

Even though an elite direct replacement for Benzema has yet to arrive, Ancelotti said he was satisfied with how the Real Madrid squad has come together for next season.

"For me, the squad has improved," he said. "We have lost a player who has been fundamental for years in Karim, whom we wish the best and who has been a club legend. But we have a very young group that we are convinced will give us a lot

future is in his own hands AP BUDAPEST

Under-pressure Red Bull dri-ver Sergio Perez admitted on Thursday that his future is in his own hands following Alpha Tauri's abrupt sacking of Dutch rookie Nyck de Vries.

Despite lying second in the drivers' championship after 10 races, although 99 points adrift of runaway defending champion and team-mate Max Verstappen, Perez conceded that his position with Red Bull was not entirely secure.

"You've seen it with other drivers and other teams," he said, referring to the pressure he felt. "They've had difficult peri-

vers

After an extended run of five poor qualifying perfor-mances, in which he has failed to reach the top 10 qualifying shoot-out, the Mexican told reporters ahead of this weekend's Hungarian Grand Prix that he would bounce back to form "It's in my hands, that's why

I am focused on myself – I am the first one. I am a winner. I don't like to have bad weekends. It's not what I am here for.

"I would rather be at home doing something else. I'm here ods, but then they don't have 20 because I know that I can do it. I've done it before and people replacements after a session like they do with the Red Bull drijust on the sofa forget how we have (little breathing space)."

The much-delayed elections of the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) will be conducted on August 12, it was announced on Friday, but the state of Maharashtra will not be part of the poll process as Returning Officer Justice MM process. paved the way for elections on Kumar declared that both rival Tuesday after staying the factions were ineligible for par-Gauhati High Court order. ticipation.

The ad-hoc panel had scheduled the elections for July 6 but it was forced to reschedule the polls to July 11 after disaffiliated state bodies from Maharashtra, Haryana, Telangana, Rajasthan and Himachal Pradesh approached

it for a hearing, claiming that their dismissal was not appropriate.

voting will be conducted on The panel heard the August 12.

aggrieved representatives of the state bodies but the polls behind closed could not go ahead even on July 11 with the Gauhati High Court staying the elections doors after the Assam Wrestling Association (AWA) sought the right to participate in the poll

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The IOA appointed ad-hoc L committee has decided to conduct the Asian Games wrestling trials behind closed doors after parents of some of the wrestlers got into a heated argument with panel members at the IG Stadium on Friday.

Frayed tempers and heated exchanges was the order of the day as angry wrestlers and their family members threatened to boycott the trials in protest of the exemption given to Olympic medallist Bajrang Punia (65 kg) and world medallist Vinesh Phogat (53 kg). The families of wrestlers reached the trial venue and argued with the ad-hoc panel alleging that the decision was "unfair" and "unjust".

Parents of world U20 champion Antim Panghal and another wrestler Vikas Kaliraman's father Subhash Kaliraman got into a heated argument with the ad-hoc panel members.

Sensing trouble, the ad-hoc panel decided that it will be a restricted entry for the trials as no spectators will be allowed inside the wrestling hall. Ad-hoc panel member Gian Singh said the DCP of the region has been asked to have adequate personnel to ensure no one enters the hall. The trials will go ahead as per schedule and on Saturday selection will be done in six Greco-Roman and as many in women's categories. The trials for six men's freestyle divisions will take place on Sunday.

"Trials will take place tomorrow as the Delhi High Court has not given stay orders," Singh said. "Our job is to organise the trials and whosoever comes first we will send his or her name to IOA. The decision on who they (IOA) want to send to the Asian Games after that is their job," he added.

Wolves re-sign Doherty after Atletico Madrid exit

AP MADRID

Wolves re-signed Matt Doherty on a free transfer on Thursday after the Republic of Ireland defender's exit from Atletico Madrid.

Doherty agreed a three-year deal with Wolves, where the right-back made more than 300 appearances during his first spell at the Premier League club.

The 31-year-old left Molineux in 2020 to join Tottenham but, after a disappointing stint in north London, he moved to Atletico Madrid in

January on a six-month deal. After making only two appearances for Atletico, Doherty has got his wish to

BURNLEY SIGN REDMOND

Newly promoted Premier League club Burnley signed Nathan Redmond on a free

transfer on Friday after the former Southampton winger left AP NICE Turkish club Besiktas.

Redmond agreed a twovear contract with Burnley, who have the option of further season's extension to his deal.

agent after leaving Besiktas following a single season in Turkey, where he scored six goals in 28 games

"I always had aspirations to play again in the Premier League. Burnley's project matches with my ambitions," Redmond said.

"The management team feel like they can enhance my game more and see the value I can bring on and off the field. It feels like a perfect match.

return to the English top-flight. Redmond, who has one England cap, has played 264 times in the Premier League after spending six years at Southampton and three seasons at Norwich.

arlos Alcaraz on Friday said he finds it "tough to believe" he is Wimbledon champion as the Spaniard prepares to play the Hopman Cup mixed team tournament in France days after his triumph in London.

Thinking I won Wimbledon is tough believe. I can't believe that I won and beat Novak (Djokovic), probably it will take some days to believe," Alcaraz told journal-

On Sunday, Alcaraz beat Djokovic in five sets to win the second Grand Slam title of his career.

"Since Wimbledon I didn't touch the racquet, today will be the first time," said Alcaraz, who takes on 111th-ranked Belgian David Goffin later on Friday.

'I'm a little bit tired, I'm not going to lie." he said.

"I had some days off to rest a little bit. I'm feeling great right now. I'm here to make people happy watching the match."

The world number one battled past seven-time Wimbledon champion Djokovic after a defeat to the Serb in the French Open semi-finals during which he

suffered cramp.

But the 20-year-old believes that he was "not well prepared mentally" before the Paris claycourt tournament.

"I couldn't deal with the pressure that Novak put on. I relaxed, doing some mental exercise before the match that probably I didn't do in Roland Garros, that helped me a lot.

In Nice, Alcaraz teams up with 72ndranked Rebeka Masarova, against the Belgium pairing of Goffin and Elise Mertens.

"We're not used to playing with women, mixed doubles. I wanted to have this experience," he continued.

"It feels great. I'm really happy and excited to be here.'

After the Hopman Cup, Alcaraz will compete in the Masters 1000 in Toronto from August 7 and Cincinnati from August

"Right now my focus is on Toronto, which is a Masters 1000 and really important, and Cincinatti, but of course the main goal is the US Open," he added of the final Grand Slam of the year which begins on August 21 and where he will defend his title.

Alcaraz finding it 'tough to believe' that he is Wimbledon champion

The 29-year-old was a free



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Kohli hits 29th Test ton as India cruise to 373/6 vs WI

PTI PORT OF SPAIN

The peerless Virat Kohli capped off his 500th international appearance with a 76th hundred as India were comfortably placed at 373 for 6 going into lunch on the second day of the second Test against West Indies here on Friday.

Kohli, who missed out on a hundred in the previous Test, made a polished 121 in 206 balls, his 29th in the longest format while adding 159 runs for the fifth wicket with Ravindra Jadeja (61 off 152 balls).

Both were dismissed in quick succession as Kohli fell short of his crease and West Indies' best bowler Kemar Roach (2/86 in 19 overs) accounted for Jadeja.

break, the At Ravichandran Ashwin (6 batting) had batter-keeper Ishan Kishan (18 batting) for company as India, after a poor post lunch session on the first day, are well on their way to a healthy first innings total.

However, the first session on second day belonged to Kohli, who was hardly troubled by any of the West Indies pacers, having taken 77 runs in singles, doubles and triples apart from the 11 boundaries in all.

Starting the day at 87, Kohli reached his century in the first half an hour while dis-

Hafeez likley to become Pakistan's new chief selector

PTI KARACHI

 $F^{
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m all-rounder}$ Mohammad Hafeez is a front-runner to become the national team's chief selector after the conclusion of the team's ongoing Sri Lanka tour. According to sources,

Hafeez is favoured by the new chairman of the Pakistan Cricket Board's Cricket Management Committee (CMC) Zaka Ashraf, to be appointed as the chief selector - a post that is lying vacant after the pervious CMC was

dissolved in June. "Zaka met Latif and Hafeez and spoke to them about becoming chief selector. Rashid was not keen on the job but Hafeez (has) expressed his availability for the job," the source said. "Rashid was more interest-



patching a Roach delivery wide of point. The wide grin while raising his bat and then taking a bow said it all.

The satisfaction of scoring his first overseas Test hundred in half a decade was palpable, having last scored a ton on foreign soil in Perth in 2018.

The Queens Park Oval track is certainly way better for strokeplay compared to first Test venue of Windsor Park in Dominica. One could hit through the line even though there were deliveries that were gripping off the surface and some that stopped and came onto the bat.

Kohli's greatness lay in his game awareness as the cornerstone of his innings was 45 singles and 13 doubles in energy sapping conditions.

He would be pleased because as many as nine of his 11 boundaries were hit on the off-side with the signature cover drive coming out of his closet time and again. To his relief, the absence of

off-break Rahkeem Cornwall did make things a bit easier as Jomel Warrican, despite his restrictive lines, did not get a

lot of purchase off the surface. Most of the deliveries come in with the angle and it was easier to just tickle it off his hips for singles and doubles.

Kohli got an able ally in Jadeja, who got his 19th halfcentury and reaffirmed his status as a batting all-rounder

in overseas conditions. Former India opener Wasim Jaffer feels incumbent

vice-captain Ajinkya Rahane will have to consistently score runs to remain in the Test reckoning

Rahane, 35, returned to the Indian Test team on the back of an impressive IPL this year and made a strong impression in the World Test Championship final against Australia earlier this year.

However, he has flopped twice with the bat which has raised questions about his consistency once again.

"Rahane will have to show consistency in his game, which has been his problem even though he has played 80-90 Tests (84). Consistency has been an issue, he will have to overcome it because India have a good captaincy option in him after Rohit Sharma is done.

"Rahane will have to make runs, and then everything else will follow," Jaffer told media during an interaction organised by Jio Cinema on Friday. Jaffer said the Indian selectors see a strong captaincy

option in Rahane. "If his form was great from that Australia series after that 36 all-out, the way he led,

scored a hundred in Melbourne... had his form remained the same, he would have been the next Test captain. But he lost his form and

Bumrah to play practice games at NCA, Pant starts batting at nets

PTI BENGALURU

Pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah's selection in the Indian team for the Ireland T20I tour is hinged on his fitness assessment during a couple of practice games, to be organised by the National Cricket Academy, the BCCI informed on Friday.

Bumrah, who has been out of action for more than 10 months, has undergone a surgery for lower back stress fracture and has had a long rehabilitation at the NCA along with fast bowler Prasidh Krishna, who also suffered the same injury.

The BCCI secretary Jay Shah informed in a release that Rishabh Pant has started his skills training (batting and wicketkeeping), while KL Rahul and Shreyas Iyer, who are recovering from hamstring and lower back surgeries respectively, are still some time away from regaining full fitness.

"The two fast bowlers (Bumrah and Krishna) are in the final stages of their rehab and are bowling with full intensity in the nets. The duo will now play some practice games, which the NCA will organise," Shah said in the release.

"The BCCI Medical Team is pleased with their progress and will make a final decision after assessing them following the practice games," the release further stated

The Indian team management and NCA medical team



want Bumrah to first assess his bowling fitness in a 20over match, and then play the Asia Cup to add miles to his legs, in the lead-up to the 50overs World Cup where his presence is a must.

It is not just about bowling four or 10 overs in a different formats but also about being able to stay on the field for 50 overs, and may be do a lot of sprinting in the deep to save boundaries.

For that, Bumrah needs to prove his overall fitness before the selectors can pick him for the Ireland tour.

Both Rahul and Iyer, who were certainties in the 50overs format, are returning from surgeries and have started batting in the nets. If one reads between the lines, it is clear that the duo will be racing against time to be fully fit for the Asia Cup in August-

"They (Rahul and Iyer) have resumed batting in the

before bowling 16 wicketless overs for an expensive 93 runs, as well as dropping

catches and losing control in

third Test at Headingley, kept

the runs coming against an Australia attack without all-

rounder Mitchell Marsh, off

the field with muscle stiffness.

England's advantage beyond

100 runs with two classic

boundaries driven through

the covers off successive deliv-

The rising star extended

recovery has been a long and arduous one, but to everyone's relief, he is returning towards

nets and are currently undergoing strength and fitness drills. The BCCI Medical

Team will increase their inten-

sity in terms of both skills and

strength and conditioning in

means that currently both

are on low-intensity training

and will take time to regain

full strength in their ham-

string and lower back respec-

The most heartening aspect of the BCCI update was

Pant returning to the nets, only about seven months after

a life-threatening, horrific car

knee surgery and the road to

Pant has undergone a

crash last December.

PANT STARTS SKILLS

The statement effectively

the coming days," it said.

got dropped," he said.

cover, but wicketkeeper Alex Carey couldn't gather cleanly and demolished the stumps with his gloves when the allrounder was short of his ground.

England gave Australia another run-out chance when Stokes slammed a drive to Pat Cummins at mid-on.

Both batsmen set off before deciding against a sin-gle and Brook would have been out by a distance at the non-striker's end had Cummins's throw hit the stumps

It was another moment to eries from Starc. forget for Cummins after he was out to Thursday's first ball

when he bowled Stokes, who had completed a 72-ball fifty. It was the end of a stand

of 86, with England 437-5. Brook then went down the Brook, whose 75 had been pitch to loft Cameron Green for key to England's victory in the four en route to an 80-ball fifty. Australia took the new

ball 10 overs after it was available, with England 471-5. Soon afterwards, Brook top-edged a hook off paceman

Hazlewood and Starc held a well-judged catch just inside the long-leg boundary. Chris Woakes and Mark Wood, who had finished off England's run chase at

Cummins eventually took Headingley, both fell cheaply his first wicket of the innings to Hazlewood (4-105).

AP MANCHESTER Harry Brook and Ben Stokes hit fifties as England stepped up their runspree in the must-win fourth Test against Australia at Old

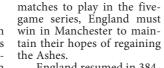
England were 506-8 at lunch on the third day, 189 runs ahead of Australia's first innings 317, after Brook had made 61 and skipper Stokes

51. It was the first time since their 1985 series triumph against Australia that England had made 500 in a home

Trafford on Friday.

midwicket for four.

should have been run out by Ashes innings. substitute fielder Michael At 2-1 down with two Neser's throw from deep



4, already 67 runs ahead, following opener Zak Crawley's stunning 189 on Thursday.

Stokes 24 not out. tions when he thrashed Mitchell Starc's second ball, a good length delivery, through

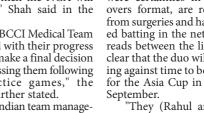


England resumed in 384-

Brook was 14 not out and Stokes signalled his inten-

Nevertheless, Stokes

Brook and Stokes add to Australia's agony in fourth Test



the field.

full fitness at a faster pace than what one had thought.

tively.

A in Emerging Asia Cup final

PTI COLOMBO

ed in working on anti-corruption issues. Hafeez who played 55 Tests, 218 ODIs and 119 T20Is for Pakistan before retiring last year, made it clear that he would like the challenge of working as the chief selector,' the source added.

Haroon Rasheed was a member of the previous CMC headed by Najam Sethi and was named chairperson of the newlook national selection com-mittee, which includes the team director Mickey Arthur and head coach Grant Bradburn. The source added that Ashraf was yet to decide whether to change the entire selection committee, which was formed by Sethi in consultation with Mickey Arthur, or just appoint a new chief selector in place of Rasheed. "It is unlikely the entire

selection committee will be changed because of the heavy schedule of the Pakistan team after the Sri Lanka tour as Afghanistan have also con-

firmed a ODI series."

India A set up a potentially high-voltage Emerging Asia Cup final against Pakistan A after defeating Bangladesh A by 51 runs in the semifinals here on Friday. Bangladesh had India on

the ropes, bundling them out for 211, a total made possible by captain Yash Dhull's impressive 66 off 85 balls.

But, the Indian spinners made use of the slightly tacky pitch to pack Bangladesh off for 160 to celebrate a fine vic-

Sindhu accentuated Bangladesh's fall with a fivewicket haul (5 for 20).

But the real protagonist for India's victory was Dhull. He has been spoken about in the Indian domestic circuit as a player to be preserved in cotton wool, and the day's

innings showed the reason. At 20, Dhull has a far more settled head on his shoulders. The Delhi young-

Left-arm spinner Nishant ster came to the middle when India were 75 for 2 in the 19th Dhull immediately tackled

a set of spot-on Bangladesh bowlers, who exploited a hint of turn to keep the shackles on Indian batters.

Most of them fell in their attempt to step on the gas, and the responsibility of pushing Indian innings fell on the shoulders of Dhull.

He handled the pressure

with aplomb too. Overall, Dhull batted for 30 overs in the match and he was the last man to be dismissed in the 50th over.

added 41 runs for the eight wicket to carry India close to the 200-run mark, which they eventually managed to go past. Earlier, Pakistan A defeated Sri Lanka A by 60 runs in the first semifinal to enter the summit clash.

India A beat B'desh A, to face Pak | India's top order in focus in series decider against B'desh

PTI MIRPUR

Eveing a series-clinching vic-tory, India would expect a better show from its top order when it takes on Bangladesh in the third and final women's ODI here on Saturday.

Following a disastrous start, where the Indian women's team crashed to its first-ever defeat to Bangladesh, the visitors levelled the series with a commanding 108-run win on Wednesday.

Come Saturday, the Indian team would not only aim to secure the three-match series but also address the grey areas and continue learning the nature of pitches, given that next year's World Cup is scheduled in Bangladesh.

In the series opener, India's batting unit left a lot to be form continues to be a cause of concern desired as the visitors were

bundled out for 113. But in the Mandhana's struggle from the second ODI, India put up an T20 leg have continued in the improved batting display with 50-over format. She has manskipper Harmanpreet Kaur and aged to score just 47 runs in the Jemimah Rodrigues notching two ODIs which is much less than the standards the Indian



However, the top order's vice-captain has set for herself. The Indian bowlers, on the other hand, were right on

Star opener Smriti the mark in the second ODI with leggie Devika Vaidya and part-time spinner Jemimah, who had a career best 4/3, sharing seven wickets between them. Bangladesh will also hope

for a better effort from its batters. The hosts lost seven wick-

ets in the space of 14 runs. Fargana Hoque has been Bangladesh's best batter, having scored 74 runs in the two innings while Nigar Sultana is the second best having manages a total of 42 runs across the two games.

Satwik-Chirag pair enters semis of Korea Open KSCA T20: Mayank, Padikkal among

half-centuries.

PTI VEOSU

Star Indian men's doubles pair Sof Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty entered the semifinals of the Korea Open Super 500 tournament with a straight game win over Japan's Takuro Hoki and Yugo Kobayashi here on Friday. The world No.3 Indian

combination, seeded third here, took just 40 minutes to get the better of the fifth seeded Japanese pair 21-14, 21-17.

Satwik and Chirag will take on second seeds Wei Keng Liang and Chang Wang of China,



who are the 2021 world champions in men's doubles.

Satwik and Chirag are now India's flag bearers in the tournament after the premature exits of PV Sindhu, HS Prannoy, Kidambi Srikanth among others.

Playing their first tournament since winning the Indonesia Open Super 1000 last month, it was a neck and neck affair till the first six points before the Indians surged ahead pocketing four straight points. Once ahead, Satwik and

Chirag managed to keep their nose in front to bag the first game easily.

The Indians made a slow start in the second game as they trailed 3-6, but lifted their game just in time to claw back to grab six consecutive points to lead 14-

The Japanese pair, however, were in no mood to give up without a fight. They played aggressively and were also helped by some unforced errors by the Indians to draw level at 16-16.

But Satwik and Chirag stepped up on the accelerator at that point to win the game to assure themselves a place in the last-four stage.

stars to go under hammer in auction

PTI BENGALURU

Prominent Karnataka state Stars such as Mayank Agarwal, Devdutt Padikkal and Manish Pandey are among 700 cricketers who will be up for grabs during the player auction here on Saturday, ahead of the Maharaja Trophy KSCA T20.

This year's tournament will be held at a single venue — the M Chinnaswamy Stadium from August 14 to 30.

Mangaluru Dragons and Shivamogga Lions have been added to the tournament,

expanding the number of participating teams to six.

The existing teams are defending champions Gulbarga Mystics, runners-up Bengaluru

Blasters, Mysuru Warriors and Hubli Tigers. Each of those franchises

will have a purse of Rs 50 lakh and they will have to purchase

Players will be slotted into four categories. While the Category A will feature India and IPL players, the Category B will have all senior players who have played BCCI state tournaments such as the Vijay Hazare Trophy, Ranji Trophy and Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy.



a minimum of 16 players and the squad strength should not exceed 18.

