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# Opp sticks to guns, Shah calls for SC stays Gyanvapi talks to 'let country know truth'

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday urged Lok Sabha to permit a discussion in the House, emphasising the need for the "country to know the truth". However, the Opposition remained firm in their demand for Prime Minister Narendra Modi to make a statement regarding the ethnic strife in Manipur.

The Lower House was engulfed in chaos as Opposition MPs brandished placards bearing the message "India stands for the people of Manipur" and chanted "Modi-Sarkar down-down", resulting in multiple adjournments.

Amid the turmoil, Leader of the Congress in the House Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury was briefly allowed to speak, and he insisted that the Prime Minister should provide a "suo moto statement in the House".

Speaker Om Birla struggled to maintain order amid the slogan-shouting before adjourning the session until 12 noon, then again till 2 pm, and finally, for the day.

In the afternoon, when the



House resumed its proceedings, Union Home Minister appealed to the Opposition to "allow discussion on the sensitive subject". He stressed the importance of cooperation from all members to discuss the critical issue at hand.

"I am ready for discussion on this in the House. I request the Opposition to let a discussion take place on this issue. It is important that the country gets to know the truth on this sensitive matter," said Shah.

Regarding the Opposition's demand for the Prime Minister's statement, the Speaker assured them that the Home Minister would actively participate in the discussion. 'Galat parampara mat daliye',



People displaced due to ongoing ethnic violence in Manipur, at a relief camp in Phayeng of Imphal West, on Monday

Despite the Opposition's continuous sloganeering, the proceedings were brought to a close by Speaker Birla, adjourning the House for the day. Once again, the Lok Sabha failed to conduct vital business. with over 30 Bills on the agenda for the ongoing Monsoon Session.

Earlier in the day, Birla proceeded with the Question Hour, during which Union Ministers Bhupendra Yadav, Arjun Munda, and Nirmala Sitharaman responded to

queries from members on various issues, amidst the noisy

Addressing the Manipur violence, the Speaker expressed hope in finding a solution through negotiations. Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh urged the Opposition benches to "participate in the debate," assuring that the Government is prepared for discussions on the situation.

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### US condemns Manipur violence

Washington: The United States said on Sunday it was deeply concerned by reports of viral videos showing two women paraded naked in Manipur, a sexual assault case that enraged the country. A US State Department spokesperson called the incident "brutal" and "terrible" and said the US conveyed its sympathies to the

In a significant development, the Supreme Court on Monday stayed the Varanasi district court's order until July 26, directing the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) to conduct a scientific excavation of the Gyanyapi mosque

The purpose of this excavation was to ascertain whether the historic mosque was built over the remains of a pre-existing Hindu temple, adding to the long-standing dispute.

The district court's order, issued last Friday. triggered controversy and raised tensions in the region. The Supreme Court bench, headed by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud, took cognizance of the matter and directed that no invasive work be undertaken by the ASI until the issue is heard in-depth. The court also decided to hear a plea presented by the mosque committee concerning the matter.

During the court proceedings, senior advocate Huzefa Ahmadi represented the mosque committee, stressing the urgency of the case. The court acknowledged the sensitivity of the issue and sought to ensure that all parties involved have an opportunity to present their arguments thoroughly.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, representing the Uttar Pradesh Government, was instructed by the court to inform the ASI team that no excavation or invasive work should be carried out at the Gyanvapi mosque complex until further orders. The bench emphasised that preserving the status quo was vital to avoid any potential damage to the site and to maintain peace in the region.
"We will hear the plea at 2 pm," the bench



Security personnel stand guard outside the Gyanvapi Mosque complex ahead of a survey by Archaeological Survey of India, in Varanasi, on Mondav

stated, underlining the court's commitment to addressing the matter promptly. In response to the court's instructions, Mehta assured the bench that no excavation work was planned for at least Continued on Page 2

## Govt unlikely to give in to PM Opp protests against Sanjay's RS speech demand, parlays on

The Government is unlikely to give in to the Opposition's demand that Prime Minister Narendra Modi should give a statement in Parliament on the Manipur issue, as it held negotiations with the Opposition to break the logjam in Parliament.

The Prime Minister held discussions with party president JP Nadda, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, and Parliamentary Minister Pralhad

The Opposition has insisted on a suo motu statement from Modi, while the Government maintains the issue falls under the purview of the Home Minister.

Sources indicate that the insistence on the rules governing the conduct of the debate might be resolved if the opposition agrees to the Home Minister's response

In an attempt to resolve the standoff, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Pralhad Joshi met with Congress leader Mallikarjun Kharge, who continues to assert that the Prime Minister should make the statement on Manipur in the Parliament and not elsewhere

Both BJP ministers also engaged in discussions with TMC's Sudip Bandyopadhyay and DMK leader T R Balu, conveying that the government is willing to debate the Manipur issue

in both houses. As the stalemate in Parliament continues, the BJP has raised concerns over alleged crimes against women in opposition-ruled states like

Rajasthan, West Bengal, and Chhattisgarh. On Monday, Union Minister Smriti Irani questioned why the Opposition was avoiding a debate and asserted they need to be held accountable for atrocities in their ruled States. She cited incidents of a woman being disrobed in Chhattisgarh.

# suspension, holds overnight stir



Leaders of the INDIA alliance parties stage a protest at Parliament in New Delhi on Monday

Irani further referred to a video of the incident that is circulating in Chhattisgarh, urging the I&B and IT ministries to take corrective action to prevent further victimization of the

Appealing to the opposition to stop using crimes against women as a means to settle political scores, Irani emphasised the importance of addressing the issue responsibly.

While the Opposition pressed the Government on the Manipur situation, BJP Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat criticised the 'lawlessness' and 'rape cases' in Congressruled Rajasthan. He referred to a diary, known as 'Lal Dairy,' allegedly containing incidents of misconduct by Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot. which was displayed in the Rajasthan Assembly by a minister recently dismissed by Gehlot.

**DEEPAK KUMAR JHA** NEW DELHI

Amid the nationwide uproar over the Manipur crisis, the Opposition alliance, INDIA, showcased a united front both inside and outside Parliament and decided to hold overnight protests in Parliament complex.

Staging a dharna in front of Mahatma Gandhi's statue on the Parliament premises, the Opposition parties demanded a statement from Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the situation in Manipur.

The Government appealed to the Opposition to allow discussions on the issue to shed light on the reality, but the Opposition insisted on the Prime Minister's statement. In the midst of this, AAP leader and Rajya Sabha member Sanjay Singh faced suspension for the

after unruly scenes by a few members and yelling by TMC member Derek O'Brien. Chairman Jagdeep Dhankar condemned the behaviour and

warned against challenging the Chair. With placards reading "INDIA for Manipur" and "INDIA demands PM's statement on Manipur", the Opposition parties stood united in their demand for the Prime Minister's response. Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, along with MPs from TMC, AAP, JDU, Shiv Sena and others, joined in th protest and raised slogans against the Government.

In a show of solidarity for Sanjay Singh, the Opposition decided to continue their protest overnight at Parliament. This marks the second time in a year when Opposition members have protested overnight, with the last instance being when six Rajya Sabha members were suspended in the last Monsoon Session.

The protest had been planned during the Opposition's strategy meeting on Friday and again on Monday. The suspension of Singh served as an immediate provocation.

At the same time, members of the ruling party, Rajasthan BJP MPs, also staged a protest in front of Gandhi's statue, highlighting the rising atrocities and crimes against women in the desert State, which is governed by Ashok Gehlot's Congress Government, with elections scheduled for later this year. Diva Kumari, BJP MP from Rajsamand, defended their protest, stating, "We are not indulging in whataboutery. is Rajasthan not as important as Manipur?" Union Ministers, led by Amit Shah, both

inside and outside Parliament, stated that the Prime Minister had already expressed his remarks and sentiments on the issue, so there was no point in stalling the discussion in Continued on Page 2 Parliament.

## matter with compassion, sensitivity: FM to banks

Handle loan repayment

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Monday urged both public and private banks to exercise compassion and sensitivity while

processes. During the Question Hour in the Lok Sabha, she addressed concerns related to the repayment of loans taken by small borrowers and emphasised the need for a considerate approach.

"I have heard complaints about how mercilessly loan repayments have been followed up by some banks. The Government has instructed all banks, both public and private, that harsh steps should not be taken when it comes to the process of loan repayment, and they should approach the matter with humanity and sensitivity in mind," she said

The Madras High Court had previously observed the matter, stating, "If banks have to recover outstanding loan amounts, the same has to be recovered by the procedure established by law. Coercive methods of recovery by private agents, if appointed by banks, are not permissible. The banks certainly cannot use muscles power to recover the loan amount.

It came after a PIL alleging coercive methods used against farmers was disposed of.

To reinforce fair practices, (RBI) issued a circular back in 2008, warning banks of potential consequences, including a ban on engaging recovery agents, if complaints against them were received. The RBI also urged banks to review their recovery mechanisms regularly and provide feedback for improvement in the guide-

The RBI has been proactive in curbing harassment by recovery agents employed by banks and non-banking financial companies through the

issuance of regular circulars. Recently, the RBI fined RBL Bank Ltd ₹2.27 crore for failing to comply with certain directives on loan recovery agents. The central bank detected "deficiencies in regulatory compliance" during its examination of complaints received against the Mumbaibased lender's recovery agents between the financial years 2018-19 and 2021-22.

## **SC** annuls **HC** verdict on Mizoram ST order

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday overturned a Gauhati High Court order that had dismissed a petition seeking to quash a Mizoram Government notification. The controversial notification had arbitrarily sub-classified the Scheduled Tribes of the State, allegedly discriminating against non-Mizo Scheduled Tribes.

The High Court had previously rejected the petition on June 21, citing that a related legal question was pending before a Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court. However, the three-judge Bench led by Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud observed that the High Court's dismissal solely based on the pending ref-

erence was not appropriate. As a result, the apex court ordered the petition to be reinstated in

the files of the High Court. At the heart of the matter was the Mizoram (Selection of Candidates for Higher Courses) Technical (Amendment) Rules, which came into effect in May 2021. Mizoram Chakma Students' Union, represented by senior advocate Aditya Sondhi and advocate Vikram Hegde, argued that the State notification reserved an overwhelming 93% of seats in higher technical education exclusively for permanent residents of Mizoram belonging to Category I, which primarily consisted of the Zo ethnic tribe or the majority Mizos.

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## **Mob attacks Meghalaya CM** office, 5 security staffers hurt

PNS TURA (MEGHALAYA)

Tn a shocking turn of events, La mob attacked the office of Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad Sangma on Monday, leaving five security personnel injured. Sangma himself remained unharmed during the incident. The horrifying attack took place in Tura, where hundreds of agitators besieged the compound, effectively trapping the Chief Minister inside his office.

The unrest comes amid ongoing demands from civil society groups based in Garo Hills, who have been advocating for the establishment of a winter capital in Tura. As a part of their protest, these groups have resorted to a hunger strike to intensify their demand.

The situation quickly escalated this evening when the crowd outside the Chief Minister's office turned violent, throwing stones at the premises. As a result of the attack, five security personnel were injured and immediately rushed inside the office for medical assistance. Disturbing visuals captured the injured security personnel lying on the floor while Sangma tended to their well-

Although the Chief Minister remained safe inside his office, the protesters blocked the access road, preventing him from leaving the premises. Authorities are closely monitoring the situation, but tension remains high in the

During the incident,

Sangma attempted to hold talks with the protesters, but some individuals in the crowd pelted stones, leading to the unfortunate turn of events. The civil society groups pushing for a winter capital in Tura include ACHIK and GHSMC. In response to the growing unrest, Sangma has made a sin-

cere appeal to the protesters to come to the negotiating table and discuss the winter capital demand and job reservation. He has extended an invitation to cabinet ministers and other stakeholders to participate in the dialogue. The Chief Minister has urged the organizations to suspend their protest so that meaningful discussions can take place in the state capital next month.

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## TMC to bring censure motion in Bengal House on Manipur

The Trinamool Congress The Irinamooi Congress plans to bring a censure motion on the Manipur violence in the Bengal Assembly, State minister Sobhandeb Chattopadhyay said on Monday.

Wondering as to why Home Minister Amit Shah who had a habit of speaking out on every trifle issue chose to keep mum on the atrocities against women in the North-Eastern State Chattopdhyay said "it is strange that for two months women of Manipur were subjected to so much of atrocities which is still continspeaking nothing about that."

Chattopadhyay said that the "Trinamool Congress will bring a censure motion very soon in the State Assembly condemning the atrocities on women in Manipur."

He was referring to a viral video that showed two women of a minority community stripped naked and paraded among hundreds of people. They were subsequently gangraped and their kin murdered.

Chattopadhyay made his statements soon after coming out of the all-party meeting convened by Speaker Biman



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general secretary Abhishek Banerjee told media men in

Delhi that the BJP is trying to

equate the situation in

Manipur with other parts of

the country which was a ploy

to divert attention from the

main issue. "They are telling

that there is violence going on in Bengal also ... but they

should know that the Bengal

Earlier TMC national

beyond 2024.

boycotted the meeting. Saying that Prime Minister

Narendra Modi had time to make foreign trips but sparing no time for Manipur, the senior minister said, "Modi ji has time for foreign visits ... he lauds India in foreign land which is very good but he never cares to address the burning issues which are destroying the very social fabric of the country ... it is strange that he took two months to make a speech on the Manipur violence and that too outside Parliament ... and all these months the people of that State, particularly the women continued to suffer at the hands of the criminals."

Another senior Bengal minister Firhad Hakim too attacked Modi saying, "before coming to power the Prime

suspend Internet service in the State ... if they think that the situation in Bengal and Manipur are the same then why don't they restore Internet service in Manipur too," Banerjee said.

SC directs ED to inform it about LOC issued against Abhishek PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

The Supreme Court on Monday directed the Enforcement Directorate (ED) to provide information on whether a Look Out Circular (LOC) has been issued against TMC MP Abhishek Banerjee and his wife Rujira Banerjee in connection with the money laundering cases related to an alleged coal scam in West Bengal. A bench of Justices SK Kaul and Sudhanshu Dhulia asked Additional Solicitor General SV Raju, appearing for the ED, to furnish the information while hearing a plea by the couple seeking permission

## Maha forest officials bust tiger poaching racket, 11 arrested

In a multi-State operation, the Maharashtra Forest Department (MFD) officials bepartment (MFD) officials have arrested eleven people, including five women, and detained five minors allegedly involved in the tiger poaching and smuggling of its skin.

Acting on a tip-off from Assam Wildlife the Assam Wildlife Department and the Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCF), New Delhi, a Special Task Force (STF) set by the state forest department zeroed in on a hide-out on Ambe-Shivni area on the outskirts of the Gadchiroli town in eastern Maharashtra, where it took into custody a gang of 16 -- comprising 6 men, 5 women and 5 minors, early on Sunday.

Of them, the STF placed eleven persons under arrest, while they detained five

minors from the gang.
The STF has seized three tiger claws, seven steel jawtraps, other weapons used to kill tigers, Rs 46,000 in cash, mobiles and other materials from the gang that had been living in the Ambe-Shivni area for more than a year now. All the arrested persons

have been booked under the various provisions of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972, and other laws

The arrests by the STF came after it received a tip-off from the Assam Wildlife officials who had arrested three persons from Haryana on June 28 for illegal possession of a tiger skin originating from Maharashtra. During their interrogation, the three arrested persons had told Haryana forest officials that a nationwide tiger poaching racket was being perpetrated by the 'Bawaria' community of hunters through their gangs.

Having received the alerts from the WCCB, the state forest officials set up an STF, headed by a senior officer Jitendra Ramgaonkar. The team, which eventually brought about the arrests within days of its start of investigations, comprised officials from various tiger sanctuaries in the state.

compensated farmers affected by rain: Cong heavy rains that the state had been experiencing for the last several days, lakhs of hectares

Shinde Govt hasn't

Slamming the Maharashtra government for its failure to extend compensation to the farmers for the losses suffered by them due to unseasonal rains last year, Maharashtra Congress president Nana Patole on Monday rooted for the Eknath Shinde dispensation providing immediate assistance to the distressed farmers across

Participating in a discussion on farmers issues in the Maharashtra Assembly, Patole charged that while the farmers in the state were a distressed lot, no help was reaching them. "The state government only announces help but does not implement it. Compensation for the losses reported by farmers due to unseasonal rains last year has not yet been received, nor has any survey been done,'

"The government does not have ground level staff like talathis and agricultural assistants to do this work.... The state government should get its act together provide immediate assistance to the farmers in distress," he said.

Patole said that owing to

of agriculture had been washed away, while water has entered people's houses, foodgrains have been submerged, people

are starving.
"Suicides by the farmers and the poor have increased in the state. This is not a matter of politics, those who have suffered losses should be given substantial help by the government. The government approves supplementary demands worth crores, but yet the farmer is not getting any help," he said.

The Congress leader said that the farmers, common people had lost faith in this government, and there was a need for the government to regain this faith. "The minister says that instructions have been given to the authorities to hand out compensation to farmers but in reality the farmers are not receiving the compensation," he said.

While asking the state gov-ernment to come clean on the issue, Patole also sought details of crop insurance money given to farmers under its scheme of insurance for farmers paying Rupee one as premium.

## NSA Ajit Doval bats for collective steps to overcome cybersecurity challenges

PTI NEW DELHI

National Security Advisor Ajit Doval on Monday called for collective efforts to deal with challenges emanating from cybersecurity at the Friends of BRICS meeting in Johannesburg.

He highlighted that the gravity of cyber risks will increase exponentially with the advent of disruptive technologies such as artificial intelligence, Big Data and Internet of Things.

He also highlighted the linkages

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between cyber criminals and terrorists, including the use of cyberspace for financing, money laundering, radicalising, lone wolf attacks, recruitment and secured communications, officials said.

Doval noted that younger populations are particularly susceptible to the spread of extremist ideologies through use of social media sites because they are technology savvy and have impression-

In the meeting, the issue of cybersecurity was discussed at length, they

The National Security Advisor

(NSA) also highlighted the need for col-PUBLIC NOTICE deal with the

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Besides Doval, South African Minister in the Presidency responsible for State Security Agency Khumbudzo Ntshavheni, Russia's Nikolai Patrushev, China's Wang Yi were also present.
National Security Advisors of

Belarus, Burundi, Iran, UAE, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Kazakhstan and Cuba were also present at the meeting.

Officials said India will always work closely with the Global South, which needs to overcome limitations of resources.

The NSA also held several bilaterals with his counterparts from BRICS and Friends of BRICS countries.

## CMFRI develops seaweed neutraceutical that helps in post-Covid complications

NEW DELHI

The ICAR-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) has developed a nutraceutical product from select seaweeds that it said can boost innate immunity related to post-Covid complications. Named CadalminTM

Immunalgin extract (CadalminTM IMe), the product has antiviral properties against the delta variant of COVID.

"The product is a synergistic combination of seaweedbased nutraceutical product, which is a 100% natural blend



of highly nutritious bioactive ingredients extracted with ecofriendly green technology", Dr Kajal Chakraborty, Head of the Marine Biotechnology, Fish Nutrition and Health Division of the CMFRI who led the research works to develop the

Dr Chakraborty said the bioactive pharmacophore leads from seaweeds were used to develop the nutraceutical prod-"A promising reduction of

viral infection rate was observed by administering CadalminTM IMe on SARS CoV-2 (delta variant) induced cells. CadalminTM IMe elevates innate immune responses by the regulation of the secretion of pro-inflammatory cytokines and chemokines" he added.

The nutraceutical does not have any side effects as established by detailed preclinical

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**SC** annuls

seats were allocated for 'children of other local permanent Scheduled Tribe (ST) (Non-Zo) residents of the State of Mizoram,' who were placed in Category II.

The students union contended that this notification directly contravened the Supreme Court judgment in the E.V. Chinnaiah case, which had ruled that the sub-classification of Scheduled Tribes was impermissible. However, the High Court rejected their arguments, pointing out that the Chinnaiah judgment had been referred to a seven-judge Bench in 2020.

The Supreme Court, in its decision, upheld the petitioner's submission that the High Court should not have dismissed the case based solely on the pending reference in the E.V. Chinnaiah judgment.

### **Mob attacks** Meghalaya...

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The shocking mob attack has raised serious concerns about the safety of political leaders and public officials in the region. The injured security personnel were swiftly taken to a nearby hospital for treatment and medical atten-

Authorities have taken immediate action to deploy additional law enforcement personnel to maintain order and ensure the safety of the Chief Minister. However, the situation remains tense as the standoff between the protesters and the government continues to unfold.

Bachchan alleged that the

Government didn't want any

discussion on the Manipur

issue in Parliament and

instead is choosing to focus

on what is happening in

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Opposition members. The Speaker reassured the members of adequate time to raise their concerns but only after the completion of the Question Hour. He suggested that the debate could start after 12 noon, respecting the fixed time for the Question Hour from 11 a.m., during which crucial matters are addressed and receive replies from the Government.

"The whole House is ready

for the discussion, and the decide who will reply to the debate," the Speaker asserted.

The House managed to run for approximately 27 minutes before being adjourned until 12 noon, then again till 2 pm, and finally, for the day.

The Manipur violence had a profound impact on the proceedings in both Houses of Parliament during the first two days of the Monsoon session. The Opposition vigorously demanded a statement from Prime Minister Modi and a comprehensive discussion on the alarming situation in the violence-torn northeastern state. Reports of widespread killings, gruesome disrobing, and rape of women, with the videos going viral, have triggered nationwide

### SC stays Gyanvapi survey till... by some Hindu litigants that

was currently focused on non-invasive activities, such as photography and measurements, to gather neces-

The court further expressed its willingness to grant ample time to the mosque management committee to challenge the district court's order before the Allahabad High Court. Until then, the Supreme Court firmly directed that no excavation would take place, awaiting further updates on ASI's activities.

This legal battle revolves around the history and significance of the Gyanyapi mosque, situated adjacent to the revered Kashi Vishwanath temple in Varanasi. The dispute centers on claims made

on the site of an ancient Hindu temple. The court also made it

clear that the "wazookhana" (a small reservoir for Muslim devotees to perform ritual ablutions) within the mosque complex, which contains a structure claimed by Hindu litigants to be a "Shivling," would not be included in the ASI's survey. This decision comes as a result of a prior Supreme Court order protecting the spot from investigation. District Judge

Vishvesh, who issued the initial order, has instructed the ASI to furnish a comprehensive report by August 4. The report is expected to include video clips and photographs of the survey proceedings.

## Opp protests against Sanjay's RS suspension...

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From Page 1 However, the INDIA group of Opposition members insisted that a discussion on the issue could only take place after PM Modi's state-

"I am ready for discussion on this in the House. I request the Opposition to let a discussion take place on this issue. It is important that the country gets to know the truth on this sensitive matter," Shah said in Lok Sabha. In an apparent reference to the Opposition's demand for the Prime Minister's statement in the House, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla clarified that the Home Minister would be participating in the discussion, indicating that it

was not necessary for the PM to be present when the Home Minister was there.

The Congress termed Home Minister Amit Shah's assertion that Government was ready for a discussion on Manipur in Parliament as "a desperate bid to manage headlines." Congress chief spokesman and Rajya Sabha member Jairam Ramesh staid, "In a desperate bid to manage headlines, the Home Minister today said that the Modi Government is ready for a discussion on Manipur in Parliament. He is not doing anybody any special favour. The perfectly democratic and legitimate demand of the parties comprising INDIA is for

a statement by the Prime but I want to appeal that they Minister on the Manipur situation first, followed by a discussion. HM is totally silent on this. What is the hesitation in getting PM to speak inside Parliament first?'

Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh reportedly spoke to three Opposition leaders, including Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, TMC leader Sudip Bandyopadhyay, and DMK's T R Baalu, in an attempt to break the stalemate in Parliament.

Union Minister Smriti Irani criticized the Congress, stating, "Congress is running away from discussion on Manipur as they know they will have to answer on crimes against women in their States,

stop using crime against women as instruments to settle political scores."

Rajya Sabha member and Congress General Secretary KC Venugopal voiced his concerns, saying, "Parliament is dysfunctional because the Prime Minister is scared of directly facing questions. He refuses to enter the House of which he is an elected leader. Manipur is in the middle of a civil war, but the PM is hiding behind his subordinates. The entire nation is seething because he has allowed this crisis to spiral out of control, and his silence is beyond shameful at a time of such death and destruction. Samajwadi Party MP Jaya

The third day of

Parliament's Monsoon Session witnessed chaos, disruptions, sloganeering, and adjourn-ments as both Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha failed to function despite several rounds of resumptions. Several bills were tabled in the Lower House, but no discussion could take place as the Opposition remained firm on its demand for PM Modi's statement on the viral video incident in Manipur.

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## **SC** orders Kejriwal Govt to pay share for RRTS

### Asks Delhi to pay ₹415 cr in 2 months

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

dhe Supreme Court on Monday berated the Delhi Government for "throwing up its hands" over contributing its share towards the two Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) corridors to Alwar and Panipat and directed it to provide Rs 415 crore for the project within two months. Noting that the Delhi Government has spent Rs 1,100 crore on advertisements in the last three years, the top court remarked that the Arvind Kejriwal Government is bound to pay the funds when the other States involved are paying for it.

"Your one-year advertising budget is more than what you are giving for the project....We were constrained to pass the last order only on account of the NCT Government throwing its hands (up) to contribute to the project. We put to the senior counsel that if Rs 1,100 crore budget can be spent on advertising in the last three financial years, then certainly contribution can be made to the infrastructure projects," a Bench of Justices SK Kaul and Sudhanshu Dhulia said.

The Delhi Government had expressed its inability to contribute funds for the RRTS project after which the apex court had directed it to place on



tisements in the last three years. The RRTS project consists of semi-high-speed rail corridors connecting Delhi to Meerut in Uttar Pradesh, Alwar in Rajasthan, and Panipat in Haryana.

Senior advocate Abhishek Singhvi, appearing for the Delhi Government, informed the apex court about the budgetary allo-cation made towards advertisements in the last three years. Singhvi assured the Bench that payment will be made towards the project but requested for the contribution to be allowed in installments spread over a reasonable period of time.

The National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC) is executing the project, a joint venture between the Centre and the States concerned. The Delhi-Meerut project is already under construc-

ment has agreed to pay its share of the costs. However, the Delhi Government has refused to share the financial burden for the remaining two stretches, citing a paucity of funds.

The top court had earlier slammed the Delhi Government for expressing its inability to con-tribute towards the construction of the RRTS project and directed it to furnish the details of money spent on advertisements in the last three financial years within two weeks. The funds were needed for the construction of the RRTS stretch that will connect the national Capital with Rajasthan and Haryana.

The top court had earlier directed the Delhi Government to contribute Rs 500 crore from the Environment Compensation Charge (ECC) to the RRTS corridor being constructed between

AAP to lead nationwide protests today Party to demand PM's immediate intervention to handle deteriorating situation, continuing violence in Manipur

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ NEW DELHI

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has announced that it will lead nationwide protests on Tuesday, demanding the immediate intervention of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the deteriorating situation and continuing violence in Manipur.

AAP national convenor and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has urged the Prime Minister to personally address the issue and take concrete steps to restore peace in Manipur.

Expressing deep concern, AAP Delhi State convenor Gopal Rai stated that Manipur has been ravaged by a devastating wave of violence and inhuman acts for the last three

"Shockingly, people are being attacked, and homes are being set ablaze without any respite. The violence against women has reached horrifying levels. Regrettably, instead of taking action, the BJP-led Government in Manipur seems to be instigating further discord," he said.

Gopal Rai further accused the Central Government of being a passive observer and not taking any meaningful measures to address the situation in Manipur. He pointed out the significant loss of lives, the countless orphans left behind, and the

mass exodus of thousands of people from Manipur to other States due to the ongoing violence. "The barbaric acts against women are occurring with impunity, yet the Governments at both the State and Centre have chosen to remain silent. Such apathy and inaction cannot be tolerated," he said.

"The AAP has resolved to oppose this grave injustice and will hold peaceful protests across the country on Tuesday. The situation in Manipur necessitates urgent intervention from the Central Government, and the Prime Minister's silence on the matter is deeply troubling. The entire nation must unite to save Manipur from its current plight. This issue transcends politics, and the party urges all citizens to join in their peaceful demonstrations. A protest is scheduled to be held at Jantar Mantar in Delhi soon" he said.

Kejriwal, reiterated the urgency of the situation and called upon Modi to address the nation in Parliament. "The Prime Minister cannot remain hidden when Manipur is burning; the people will naturally turn to their leader in times of crisis," he said. He urged Modi to step forward, resolve the issue, and take necessary actions to restore peace in Manipur.

## 6 robbers held after gunfight with Noida cops

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Six suspected criminals who are believed to be behind robberies at several posh homes in Noida and Greater Noida were arrested here after a gunfight with the police, officials said on Monday. Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police (Noida) Shakti Mohan Avasthy said the arrests were made by the officials of the SWAT team and Sector 24 police station, where a high-profile robbery case was lodged last

The victim of the robbery case is linked with a top Central Government officer, according

"The police had set up security checks last night and inter-

cepted the six men who were on two motorcycles on the basis of suspicion. When they were gestured to stop for inquiry, they tried to flee and one of them opened fire on the police team, leading to retaliatory action by police," Avasthy said.

"In the encounter, one of the suspects was hit on his leg. His two partners who were on the same bike were also taken in custody while the trio on the other motorcycle fled but were held during a combing operation later," the officer said

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The injured person was taken to a hospital for treatment, he said. The police said those held have been identified as Aqil, Riyasat Ali, Kamal Yadav, Asgar Ansari and two who are both named Arif. The police said the two

motorcycles used by the criminals were stolen and have been impounded. Six mobile phones, Rs 80,000 cash, two pistols along with some ammunition, and 36 silver-like coins have been seized from their possession.

An FIR has been lodged against the accused and they have been sent to jail, the police

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## Min makes surprise visit to Sanjay Gandhi Hospital

#### **Slams slow** pace of construction of **Trauma Centre**

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ NEW DELHI

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Government in Delhi, led by Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, on Monday announced a transformative plan for healthcare in North West Delhi. Health Minister Saurabh Bhardwaj, who conducted a surprise inspection at the Sanjay Gandhi Memorial Hospital in Mangolpuri also unveiled plans to gift the people of the area a new and state-of-the-art Trauma Centre.

The construction work of the new Trauma Centre building in the hospital is expected to be completed shortly. Bhardwai stated that as per the orders of Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, the construction of this Trauma Centre is already underway. The new facility is set to become India's largest, with a capacity of 662 beds and equipped with all the necessary facilities required during emergencies. It will play a crucial role in providing immediate medical care to accident victims in the vicinity who require urgent attention.

During the inspection, Health Minister Saurabh Bhardwaj thoroughly reviewed various hospital facilities, including emergency services, the OPD department, the medical prescription queue, and the ÎCU. Patients at the hospital expressed satisfaction with the services, and there were no complaints from any patient or

Bhardwaj also ensured that no middlemen were exploiting patients and engaged in conversations with those waiting in the prescription line and the



pital staff to the hospital administration for swift action. He emphasised that under the leadership of Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, the Delhi Government is providing all possible support for the development of the institution, and negligence in pro-viding healthcare facilities to the public will not be tolerated.

During the inspection of the Trauma Centre building at the site in Mangolpuri, MLA Rakhi Birla, who was present, informed Bhardwaj that the construction work was progressing at an extremely slow pace, not adhering to its scheduled time frame. Expressing dissatisfaction over this, Bhardwaj reprimanded the contractor and issued directions to expedite the construction work and complete the building within the specified time. He emphasised that the new Trauma Centre, once built, would benefit millions of people residing in and around this The hospital will offer var-

ious diagnostic facilities, operation theaters, and OPD halls, benefiting the public in North

## Yamuna still 1m above danger level, Old Railway Bridge shut

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ NEW DELHI

The Yamuna River in Delhi L continued to flow over a metre above the danger level of 205.33 metres on Monday, forcing the authorities to suspend the movement of trains on the Old Railway Bridge.

According to the Central Water Commission, the water level at the Old Railway Bridge stood at 206.30 metres at 5 pm. The level was at 206.56 metres between 5 AM and 7 AM, declining marginally to 206.54 metres at 8 AM, and then to commission has forecast that the water level will dip to 206.22 metres by 2 AM on Tuesday.

The river's water level at the Old Railway Bridge has been hovering around the danger mark after reaching an all-time high of 208.66 metres on July 13. It breached the danger mark

again on Sunday following a surge in water discharge from the Hathnikund barrage in Haryana after heavy rain in parts of Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh.

A Railway official said the movement of trains on the bridge has been suspended due to the increase in the water level. "The route between Delhi

and Shahdara will remain sus-

pended and trains will be divert-

ed via New Delhi," the official added. The rise in the river's water



level is expected to impact the ongoing relief-and-reĥabilitation work in the flood-affected low-lying areas of the national capital, officials said. According to Central Water Commission data, the water level rose from 205.02 metres at 10 pm on Saturday to 206.57 metres at 3 am on Monday, before starting to decline again.

As the river's water level rose, cattle were seen stranded near the barricades of the Old Railway Bridge. The cattle were brought to the Old Railway Bridge from a cow shelter in the nearby low-lying area as a precautionary measure after the Yamuna swelled again.

The India Meteorological Department has forecast heavy to very heavy rain in parts of Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand till July 25

According to the water commission data, the flow rate at the Hathnikund barrage in Haryana's Yamunanagar crossed the one lakh cusec-mark at 9 AM on Saturday, oscillating between two lakh and 2.5 lakh cusecs between 10 AM and 5 PM. Irrigation and flood control department officials in Delhi said the heavy rain in the river's upstream areas will impact rehabilitation of the affected families in the inundated low-lying areas of the national Capital and they may have to stay at relief camps for a longer period.

Saurabh Bharadwaj later inspected the treatment plant at Chandrapal.

"Yamuna's water level has started rising again ... In view of this, on the orders of Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, preparations were reviewed at the Chandrawal water treatment plant," he said in a tweet in Hindi

"Delhi Jal Board's preparations are solid, the plant will continue to operate even after the Yamuna's water level crosses 209 metres," he further said.

On Sunday, he visited the water treatment plant at Wazirabad in view of the rising water level. The three water treatment plants at Wazirabad, Chandrawal and Okhla in Delhi were shut down due to flooding but reopened after the level

### Delhi University phase 1, phase 2 **UG** registration

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ NEW DELHI

Applicants for Delhi University undergraduate programmes can now register for phase 1 and phase 2 of the

Similarly, the varsity has also extended the correction window for candidates who have already completed Phase-I and wish to edit and modify certain fields till July 26.

The phase 1 and phase 2 of the registration process were supposed to end on Monday.

tered on the CSAS portal.

# extended till July 26

The process for admission to nearly 71,000 seats in 78 undergraduate programmes for the academic year 2023-24 is being conducted through the Common Seat Allocation System (CSAS) portal. So far, 3,00,360 candidates have regis-

The CSAS portal was launched in June and students who wish to get admission to the university are required to apply at the portal. The phase 2 of the registration began on July

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## Happiness Saptah to celebrate 5 years of Happiness Curriculum in Delhi Govt schools

Delhi's Education Minister, Atishi, inaugurated the Happiness Saptah 2023, commemorating five successful years of the groundbreaking Happiness Curriculum in Delhi Government schools. The event marks a significant milestone in the journey of empowering students to explore their potential, wisdom, and emotional intelligence, shaping them into confident, mindful, and compassionate individuals.

Minister actively participated in various activities with students and interacted with them, expressing that spending moments with schoolchildren amidst day-to-day work and files is her Happiness Class. The journey of the Happiness Curriculum in the last five years has been

During the inauguration, the Education

remarkable, with a significant increase in children's focus on their studies and also in helping them stay stress-free," said Atishi. The daily 30-minute Happiness Class has benefited lakhs of children in Delhi Government schools, teaching them the importance of relationships and how to express their emotions, ultimately leading

them to find happiness. Students have devel-

oped increased self-confidence and respect for family members, a notable success of this

Highlighting the importance of preparing students for real-life challenges, Atishi emphasized that the conventional education system often overlooks essential life skills like emotional intelligence, critical thinking, team management, and relationship skills. She stressed that the Happiness Curriculum addresses these important concerns. "With the current access to information at their fingertips, our students can obtain knowledge on any topic within seconds, which used to take us days to gather from various sources. This calls for a shift in our approach towards education, enabling students to think deeply, analyze, and contribute meaningfully to the development of the nation and society," said the Education Minister.

Introduced in July 2018 across all Delhi government schools from Nursery to Class 8, the Happiness Curriculum has garnered immense success over the years. Approximately 8 lakh students actively participate in daily happiness classes, aimed at enhancing self-awareness, critical thinking, and nurturing better relationships with oneself, family, society, and the envi-

A 2020 evaluation study conducted by the Brookings Institute highlighted the positive impact of Happiness classes on students and teachers alike. Students experienced better relationships with their peers and teachers, increased class participation, and improved focus. Teachers, too, prioritized values over mere academic success, resulting in a changed teaching orientation and increased collaboration with other educators. To further enhance the effectiveness of the Happiness Curriculum, the Delhi government has initiated various new initiatives. These include introducing new magazines for students and expanding the reach of the curriculum at the national and international levels. An English translation of the Happiness Teachers' Handbook is also

being prepared.

The event saw students and parents sharing their experiences with the Happiness Curriculum, with many expressing their appreciation for its transformative impact. The curriculum not only improved academics but also instilled vital life skills and emotional intelligence in the students, making them more compassionate and kind YATHARTH HOSPITAL & TRAUMA CARE SERVICES LIMITED

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## Dhankhar seeks Opp support for smooth running of House

#### Holds meeting with floor leaders of all parties

PNS NEW DELHI

With severe protests continuing on the third day of the Monsoon Session, Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar on Monday convened a meeting of floor leaders of all parties to seek their cooperation in the smooth functioning of proceedings. Leaders including Jairam

Ramesh of Congress, K Keshava Rao of BRS, Sasmit Patra of BJD, Raghav Chadha of AAP, Leader of the House Piyush Goyal Parliamentary AffairsMminister Pralhad Joshi

attended the meeting.

In a tweet, the Vice-President Secretariat said Dhankhar sought their cooperation for smooth conduct of the House. The Upper House faced another washout for the third consecutive day and failed to transact significant business due to adjournment ahead of time as Opposition remained adamant in its demand that Prime Minister Narendra Modi must make a statement in the Parliament on the ethnic strife in Manipur, and over suspension of AAP leader Sanjay Singh. Rajya Sabha was adjourned for the fourth time till 11 am on Tuesday soon after it reassembled at 3 pm. Earlier, it faced three more adjournments-- first till 12 noon, second till 2 pm and third till 3

was due to Opposition's protest in the Upper House seeking



protested over their demands

and also sought revocation of

Sanjay Singh's suspension as

Chairman Dhankhar first

named the MP for interrupting

the proceedings of the House

when it had taken up the

Question Hour amid protests

by the Opposition over its

demand for a statement from

Prime Minister on the Manipur

violence and a detailed discus-

the Chairman's podium over

Dhankhar told him to resume

his seat. As the AAP member kept protesting, the Chairman

named Sanjay Singh, Leader of

the House Piyush Goyal moved

a motion urging the Chair to

suspend the AAP member, saying this kind of behaviour

"is completely against the ethics

suspended from the entire ses-

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statement from Prime Minister Narendra Modi over ethnic violence in Manipur, while other three adjournments occurred as Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) MP Sanjay Singh continued sitting in the House even after his suspension for the entire Monsoon Session.

Dhankar suspended Singh soon after the House reassembled at 12 noon after first adjournment on charges of "repeatedly violating" the Chair's directives.

Even after his suspension from the remainder of the Monsoon Session, Singh didn't leave the House which led the Deputy Chairman Harivansh to announce two other adjournments-- first at 2 pm

and the second at 3 pm.

Deputy Chairman

Harivansh, who was in the
Chair, urged Sanjay Singh both times to move out and let the proceedings of the House function in a proper way.

"I urged Sanjay Singh to leave from the House as he has been suspended but he is still sitting on his designated seat. I again urge the Honorable MP to leave the House," the Deputy Chairman said.

Finally, the Deputy The first adjournment Chairman adjourned the Rajya Sabha till 11 am on Tuesday. Opposition members

Dhankhar had last week cautioned Sanjay Singh, saying that he will be forced to name the AAP member after he repeatedly protested against the proposed bill to replace the Centre's ordinance for control over services in Delhi.

Dhankhar had cautioned Sanjay Singh after urging AAP members to take their seats as he briefed the House about the proceedings of the Business Advisory Committee.

AAP has been among opposition parties demanding statement from Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Parliament on the situation in Manipur and a detailed discussion on the issue.

The House could tansact a few business with tabling of papers at 11 am when it faced first adjournment as the Opposition started raising the issue requesting the Chair to consider their notices on suspension of business of the Upper House to conduct a detailed discussion on the mat-

Dhankhar then said he had received 27 notices under Rule 267. TMC leader Derek O'Brien sought to raise the demands of opposition parties. The Chairman cautioned him and adjourned the House till 12

There was a brief exchange of heated arguments between Ràjya Sabha chairman and Derek O Brien as the latter sought to know as why the Chair avoided calling Opposition parties name while listing the short duration discussion notice as he did named for the ruling parties on similar notices. To this Dhankar reprimanded him, saying, "You are challenging the Chair." Shortly after this, amid ruckus, the Upper House was adjourned.

#### **Veteran RSS** leader passes away after

PNS NEW DELHI

7eteran RSS leader Madan V Das Devi passed away on Monday after a prolonged illness in a hospital in Bengaluru.

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Prime Minister Narendra Dattatreya Hosabale Sahasarakaryavah Mukunda CR, Former Chief Ministers BS Yeddyurappa, Basavaraj Bommai, RSS Akhil Bharatiya Karyakarini Sadasya, VHP National Functionary Sthanumalayan, several others, hundreds of Karyakartas paid their tributes to Madan Das

Devi was admitted to Rashtrotthan Hospital and breathed his last this morning. His last rites will be held in Pune. According to RSS, his mortal remains will be kept at RSS headquarters, Keshava

Kripa Hailing rom Maharashtra. Devi, who had served as the joint secretary of RSS, was instrumental in developing leadership skills among top BJP and RSS leaders. Along with being the RSS joint general secretary, he was also the organisation secretary of the outfit's student wing, Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad.

## Mandaviya introduces two new Health Bills in LS

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI** 

Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya on Monday in Lok Sabha introduced two important Bills --The National Nursing and Midwifery Commission Bill, 2023 and the National Dental to improve quality education in the paramedical and dental sector respectively.

According to official sources, the composition of the dental commission will be similar to that of the National Medical Commission, which had replaced the Medical Council of India (MCI).

The other Bill that seeks to set up a National Nursing and Midwifery Commission aims to replace the Indian Nursing Council Act, 1947. The Bill proposes a common entrance test, mandatory registration and a temporary licence for foreign nationals who are qualified nurses and midwives to practise in India.

Talking about the proposed NDC Bill, Dr OP Kharbanda, former professor and chief of Centre for Dental Education and Research, AIIMS Delhi and Pro Vice-Chancellor Health Ramaiah University, Bangalore termed it a good move. He hoped that it would



"bring the required change in regulating the profession towards Quality of education and need-based research in Indian context."

We hope the national policy on oral health also becomes a reality to optimize the oral health for the masses by making oral hygiene products free from taxes to make them affordable for the reach of the average Indian, he said. Dr Kharbanda also called for creating more jobs for dental surgeons in the public health care system for the common man.

The National Nursing and Midwifery Commission Bill, 2023 bill provides for regulation and maintenance of standards of education and services by nursing and midwifery professionals. It also has provisions for the assessment of institutions, maintenance of a national register, and state register and

access, research and develop ment, and adoption of the latest scientific advancement.

The National Nursing and Midwifery Commission will have three autonomous boards namely the Nursing and Midwifery Undergraduate and Postgraduate Education Board, the Nursing and Midwifery Assessment and Rating Board and the Nursing and Midwifery Ethics and Registration Board to examine various aspects of the sector.

The National Nursing and Midwifery Commission will frame policies and regulate standards for the governance of nursing and midwifery education and training and regulate nursing and midwifery institutions, researchers, professionals and associates. It will provide a uniform mechanism for admission into the nursing and midwifery institutions, as creation of a system to improve per the draft Bill.

## ED searches Noida premises of SP UP secy in Bike Bot case

PNS NEW DELHI

Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Monday said it has conducted searches at the premises in Noida belonging to State Secretary of Samajwadi Party, Uttar Pradesh, Dinesh Kumar Singh alias Dinesh Singh Gujjar on money laundering charges in the Bike Bot scam

"During investigation, incriminating evidence against him has been found and seized from the searched premises in a Bike Bot Scam case," the ED said in a state-

The ED initiated investi-



gation on the basis of UP Police FIRs registered on the basis of complaints made by the investors of Bike Bot fraud committed by Garvit Innovative Promoters Ltd. (GIPL), Sanjay Bhati and other persons

The ED investigation revealed that in 2017, the accused Sanjay Bhati and others floated a lucrative investment scheme in the name of Bikebot. As per the scheme, a customer could invest in one. three, five or seven bike(s) which would be maintained and operated by the company and the investors would be paid monthly rental, EMI and bonus (in case of investment

The ED investigation further revealed that funds collected were rotated in a fashion akin to a Ponzi scheme and were ultimately used in creation of assets in the name of the company

in multiple bikes).

The ED probe also revealed that Dinesh Singh Gujjar used his network to locate beneficiaries of the proceeds of crime generated through Bike Bot Scam and by flouting his relations with the ED officials, cast pressure or enticement on his victims to extract money which directly or indirectly was a part of the proceeds of crime, the agency said.

After search action, the ED arrested Gujjar on Friday and the Special Court granted his custody to the agency for five days till Wednesday Further investigation is under progress, it added.

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No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Property Address of Secured Asset / Asset to be Enforced	Date of Notice Sent/ Outsta- nding as on Date of Notice	D.
1.	Shyni David Stephen, Suresh N, Flat No. 124, Third Floor, DDA Lig, Sarita Vihar, Delhi- 110076. A/c No:- LBDEL00005383701	Dda Lig, Flat No. 124, 3rd Floor, Madanpur Khadar, Sarita Vihar, Delhi- 110076	08-04-2022 Rs. 51,50,213.83/-	09
2.	Priya Bhatia, Nitin Jain, C-8/82, Yamuna Vihar Gurudwar, Delhi- 110053 A/c No:- LBDEL00002374109	Flat No. 2104, 21st Floor, Tower- T8, Plot No. Sc 01/A-2, "Lotus Arena", Situated at Plot Sc-01/A2, Sports City, Sector 79, Noida- 201301	13-05-2023 Rs. 41,48,404.00/-	03
3.	Rakhi Kumari, Achyuta Nand Jha, Teleios CNC India Private Limited, Alok Pankaj- 1402 14th Floor Maia Marvel, Raj Nagar Extension, Ghaziabad- 201017 A/c No:- LBDEL00005455811	Flat No. 1402, 13th Floor, (Without Roof Rights) in Multi Story Building Situated in "Maia Marvel" Noor Nagar, Raj Nagar Extension, NH 58, Pargana Loni, Tehsil and District Ghaziabad - 201001	13-05-2023 Rs. 34,17,046.00/-	25 20
4.	Manpreet Singh, Kiran Rajpal, 28 Navjeevan Vihar, Malviya Nagar, Adchini, Delhi- 110048 A/c No:- LBNOD00001522599	Appt. No. 88 on 8th Floor, Building No. 104, Known as DLF Silver Oak Apartments, DLF City PH-I Around Village Chakkarpur & Sikanderpur Ghosi, Gurgaon, Haryana	13-05-2023 Rs. 38,81,196.88/-	08
5.	Devi Sharan Chauhan, Pummi Chauhan, Flat No. 736, Jai Shri Balaji Traders, Tower No. 09, River Heights, Ghaziabad- 201001 A/c No:- LBGHZ00003511039	Flat No. A-1009, 10th Floor "Platinum 321", Tower A, Khasra No. 897, NH- 58, Raj Nagar Extn., Ghaziabad	13-05-2023 Rs. 28,59,240.54/-	03
6.	Sushil Kumar Arya, Ratna Arya, 186 Laxmi Bai Nagar, Type IV Delhi, New Delhi- 110023 A/c No:- LBDEL00002992431	Flat No. 1505, Tower D, 15th Floor, Misty Heights, Plot No. Gh-01, Sector Adjoining, Techzone IV, Sports City, Greater Noida, Noida- 201307	13-05-2023 Rs. 25,18,151.00/-	03
7.	Sanjeev Kumar, Kiran Devi, Sukhpal Singh, Frontier HQ, BSF Kashmir, Near New Airport, Srinagar Humhama, Budgam, Jammu and Kashmir- 190021 A/c No:- LBDEL00002891967	Flat No. 706, 7th Floor, Tower-C, Bulland Calisto, Plot No-GH-02B-1, Sec-10, Greater Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar- 201301	13-05-2023 Rs. 12,17,960.42/-	03
	Saurabh Gupta, Gaurav Gupta, B-135 2nd Floor, Sector 55, Noida Uttar Pradesh- 201301 A/c No:- LBNOD00002026573	Flat No. 501, 5th Floor, Tower-E3, Unihomes Ph-2, Plot No. GHP- 0001, Sec- 117, Noida- 201305	13-05-2023 Rs. 10,35,548.00/-	08
9.	Neha Singh, Rajan Singh, Lotus Dream Project & Developers Pvt Ltd, Flat No. D/303 Tulip Ivory, Sec- 70 Bad Shahpur, Haryana Gurgaon-122101 A/c No:- LBGUR00004404822	House No 633/4, Khasra No-292 Min, Private Himcity, Kanchanpur, Mathihari Chinhat, Lucknow- 227105	13-05-2023 Rs. 74,99,814.00/-	2
10.	Neha Singh, Ranjan Singh, Flat No. D/303 Tulip Ivory, Sec- 70 Bad Shahpur Haryana Gurgaon- 122101 A/c No:- LBGUR00004221845	Flat No. B21/302, 3rd Floor, Tower B21, Tulip Violet, Sector- 69, Haryana, Gurgaon-122001	13-05-2023 Rs. 22,73,693.13/-	03
11.	Rajiv Arora, Aakriti Arora, H No. B 184 A, New Palam Vihar Ph 1, Near Global Public School Gurgaon Haryana Gurgaon- 122001	Flat No. D- 7103, 2nd Floor, RLF, The Park, Block D, Sector- 54, Bhiwadi.	13-05-2023 Rs. 9,03,683.01/-	27
	A/c No:- LBGUR00005074388  Pankur Tyagi, Abhishek Tyagi, Suman Lata Tyagi, A- 54 A Nand Gram P/O Mariam Nagar, Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh- 201001 A/c No:- LBGHZ00004960883	FLAT No.54 A, LIG, Ground Floor, Block-A, Nandnikunj, Ghaziabad- 201001	06-05-2023 Rs. 15,85,340.33/-	03
13.	Arun Kumar Ram, Saroj Kumari, Flat No. D/703, Plot No. 1 Ganinath Appt, Sec 5 Dwk Delhi- 110075 A/c No:- LBDEL00002044703	Flat No. 137, 2nd Floor, Sector- 4, Springwood Enclave, Wave City, NH- 24 Ghaziabad- 201001	13-05-2023 Rs. 45,02,882.00/-	2
14.	Kamlesh Chandra, Flat No. 506, Hindon Heights Appartments, Sector 4, Vaishali Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh- 201010 A/c No:- LBNOD00001498847	Flat No. 506, Plot No. 21, Hindon Heights, Sector- 4, Vaishali, Ghaziabad.	13-05-2023 Rs. 11,02,048.61/-	08
15.	Alok Mishra, Laxmi Kant Mishra, 32 Gajariya, Pratap Garh 229406, Pratapgarh, Uttar Pradesh 229406 A/c No:- LBNOD00005315336	Flat No. 505, Second Floor, Block-A, Sector Mu II, Greater Noida, Noida- 201310	13-05-2023 Rs. 14,84,365.49/-	03
16.	Anupama Kumari, Amrendra Kumar, H No. D-112, Gali No. 4, Om Enclave Part Ii, Near Shani Mandir, Faridabad Sec-12, Faridabad	Flat No. N/UH-507, 5th Floor, Tower N, Urban Homes, Village Shahpur Bamhetta,	13-05-2023 Rs.	03
17.	Haryana-121003 A/c No:- LBNOD00002195181  Vikash Chandra Mishra, Mansui Trading Pvt Ltd, Shashank Manjari, Hno 7/3 Sec 40, Near Huda Market Gurgaon- 122001	NH- 24, Ghaziabad.  Plot No. 779, Basement and Upper Ground Floor, Sec 40, Urban Estate, Gurdaon- 122001	12,78,535.00/- 13-05-2023 Rs.	07
18.	A/C No:- LBGUR00005076957 Ashwani Kumar, Manish Kumar, H No.4027, Upper Ground Floor,	Plot No. 4002, Block- K, Floor-4, Sec-49,	1,19,37,844.66/- 13-05-2023	27
19.	Sainik Colony, Sector 49, Faridabad- 121001 A/c No:- LBFDB00005151560 Ratnesh Chandra Jha, Neetu Mishra, H No-602, Ganga- 04 Jalalpur	Roof Rights & With All Rights, Sainik Colony, Faridabad- 121001 Flat No. M/UH- 1112, 11th Floor, Tower M,	Rs. 38,73,968.00/- 13-05-2023	25
20.	City, Ram Jai Pai Path Banapur, Patna, Vihar- 801503 A/c No:- LBNOD00002326658 Irfan Khan, Calcutta Haryana Transport Co, Salimuddin, Afsana,	Urban Homes, Village Shahpur Bhameta, NH- 24, Pargana Dasna, Ghaziabad.  Flat No. 2A on The 2nd Floor (Front Side)	Rs. 13,42,762.00/- 13-05-2023	03
21.	6230 IV Floor, Pakki Gali Bara Hindu Road, Delhi- 110006 A/c No:- LBDEL00005030156	K.M.C. Premises No. 15, Broad Street, Police Station, Kareya, Calcutta- 700019	Rs. 61,74,595.00/-	2
	Jhajjar Haryana Bahadurgarh- 124507 A/c No:- LBXBA00005905375	Khewat No. 670/579 Khatoni No. 1234, Khata No. 905, Khasra No. 775, 776 Mouja Bahadurgarh Bhagat Singh Colony Rohtak Haryana	21-06-2023 Rs. 8,70,107/-	03
22.	Mohd Yunus Raza, Mohd Shavez, Flat No. 26A Pkt-a, Lig DDA Flat, New Zafrabad, Shahdara, Delhi- 110032 A/c No:- LBDEL00004984167	Property No. B- 64,(Plot No. B-64, Block- B)third Floor With Roof Rights Block B, DDA Colony, New Jafrabad Illaqa, Shahdara, Delhi	12-06-2023 Rs. 10,84,906.00/-	03
	Mohammed Shahjad, Rashida Malik, House No. 03 Gali No. 1 Gejha Tilpatabad, Near Shiv Mandir, Sector- 93 Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar Shiv Mandir, Uttar Pradesh, Noida, 201304 A/c No:- LBNOD00004964064	Shop No. O-977, on 9th Floor, Wing B, Gaur City Centre, Situated at Gaur City Plot No. Gh-01 in Sector-4 Uttar Pradesh Greater Noida-201307	08/06/2023 Rs. 5,75,991.72/-	31
۷.	Pradeep Chawla, Vikas Bhatnagar, Monika Chawla, Maxamus Pharma Pvt Ltd, H No 23, 3rd Floor, Rajiv Enclave, Pocket li Sector 5, Rohini, New Delhi, Delhi- 110085 A/c No:- LBDEL00002422012	Property No. 37 2nd Floor, Without Roof Rights, Pocket 3, E Block Sector 7 Rohini Delhi-110085	Rs. 46,22,335/-	2
25.	Rumneet Singh Kharbanda, Jatinder Kharbanda, Kwaljeet Kaur, I- 20, Lajpat Nagar- Ist, New Delhi- 110024 A/c No:- LBDEL00000367674	Dda Flats- 489, Ground Floor, SFS- II, Sector- 22, Mig Flat, Pocket- 1, Dwarka, New	10-06-2023 Rs. 39,63,070/-	26
26.	Arti., Mukesh Kumar, H No. 479 FF, Gate No. 5, Sector- 29, Haryana, Faridabad- 121005 A/c No:- LBFDB00004906934	Delhi- 110045  Flat No. A2-706, 7th Floor of The Building Named as Habitat- 78 Situated at Sector-78,	12-06-2023 Rs.	06
27.	Jay Prakash Pandey, Sanju Pandey, A- 520, Sector- 47, Up, Noida- 201301 A/c No:- LBDEL00002017836	Haryana Faridabad- 121001  Flat No. B-909, 9th Floor, Tower-B, Avj Heightss, Situated at Plot No. GH- 12/2, Sector Zeta- I, Gautam Budha Nagar, U.P. Greater Noida- 201307	21,03,199/- 12-06-2023 Rs. 10,38,458/-	112
28.	Neeraj Gupta, Rakhi Bubna, Navcom Technologies, C- 7/ 130, Sector 8, Rohini, Delhi, 110085 A/c No:- LBDEL00002030314	Property Bearing No. 280, Entire Second Floor, Block-C, Without Roof/ Terrace Rights, Prashant Vihar Residential Scheme, Prashant Vihar, (Along With 1/4th Undivided Share of Stilt Parking Floor With Right to Common Amenities, With The Proportionate Free Hold Right of The Land Underneath) Delhi- 110085	12-06-2023 Rs. 21,22,308.98/-	10
29.	Pankaj Shukla, Babli Dwivedi, 13/224, 1st Floor, Vasundhara, Up, Ghaziabad- 201012 A/c No:- LBNOD00002060108	Flat No. F-0608, "Springview Heights", Situated at Crescent Parc Township, Nh-	12-06-2023 Rs.	03
30.	Kamal Kumar, Satendra Singh, Flat- 2050, Mangolia Tower, Gaur Saundaryam, Gh-05 C Sec- Techzone- 4, Delhi- 110016 A/c No:- LBDEL00005195931	24, Uttar Pradesh Ghaziabad- 201001  Flat No. 2608, 25th Floor, Block Tulip, "Gaur Saundaryam", Situated at Plot No. GH-05C, Sector- Techzone- IV, Gautam Budha Nagar, ULB, Graptor Noida, 201307.	18,04,123/- 12-06-2023 Rs. 41,18,618/-	08
31.	Manish Saurav, Soma Raj, B- 2/ 85 1st Floor, Sector- 16 Rohini, New Delhi, Delhi- 121007 A/c:- LBDEL00003195875	U.P., Greater Noida- 201307  Flat No. T- 9/503, 5th Floor, Tower 9, "Sunworld Arista", Situated at GH-01/C, Sector-168, Phase-II, Gautam Budha Nagar, Noida- 201301	12-06-2023 Rs. 67,07,252/-	03
	Nisha Kumari, Manish Kumar, B 94 2nd Floor, Sector 48, G B Nagar, Up, Noida- 201301 A/c No:- LBNOD00002962269	Unit No. G-1608, Tower- G, 16th Floor, "Future Estate" Situated at Plot No.GH-16E, Sector- 1, Gautam Budha Nagar, U.P., Greater Noida- 201307	12-06-2023 Rs. 26,20,646.34/-	2
	Shashi Bhushan Upadhay, Surabhi Upadhay, Laureate Clothing, A 29, Sec 67, Noida, 201301 A/c No:- LBDEL00004928446  Rajesh Kumar Nagar, Seema Nagar, B- 49 Mig Flats, B- 49 Mig Flats, Delhi- 110096 A/c No:- LBGUR00004707923	Flat No. 2003, 20th Floor Tower U, "The Hyde Park", Situated at Gh-003, Sector-78, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Noida- 201301 House No. 413, Block-A, Sector- 03, Distt. Gautam Budh Nagar, Greater	16-06-2023 Rs. 79,10,941.96/- 16-06-2023 Rs.	06
35.	Sanjeev Ranjan Das, Sumita Das, E-112 B, Sec 12, Pratap Vihar, Vijay Nagar, Ghaziabad, 201010 A/c No:- LBDEL00002364358	Noida- 201307  Flat No 1129, 11th Floor, MIG- 1 Siddhi Tower, Mahagun Mantra- II, Situated at Plot No. GH 01, Sector 10, Gautam Buddha	47,98,950.26/- 16-06-2023 Rs. 24,90,318/-	03
36.	Sakshi Saxena, Savita Saxena, 75 Shreshtha Vihar, 3rd Floor, Anand Vihar, East Delhi, Delhi- 110092 A/c No:- LBDEL00005573062	Nagar, Greater Noida West- 201307 Flat No. T6-1702, 17th Floor, Ace Divino, Sector 01, Situated at Plot No. GH-14A, Sector- 1, Greater Noida West- 201301	16-06-2023 Rs. 10,19,095/-	06
37.	2nd Floor, Block B18, Pkt 1 Sec 34, Rohini Barwala, Delhi, 110039	Flat No. 32, 2nd Floor, Pocket-1, Block-B- 18, LIG, Sector-34, Rohini, Delhi-110085	16-06-2023 Rs.	06
38.	A/c No:- LBDEL00002404274  Seema Bhandari, Sanjay Bhandari, DJA Appartments, Plot No. 1A Flat No. 515, Sector- 13 Dawarka, Delhi- 110075	Flat No. J- 603, 6th Floor, Plumeria Garden Estate Greater Noida- 201308	9,22,449/- 16-06-2023 Rs.	03
39.	A/c No:- LBGHZ00001246637 Ite Engineers Pvt Ltd, Ashwani Kumar Arora, Asha Arora, Plot No. 1678, Sector. 9, Haryana, Fandabad- 121002	Plot No. 1678 Sector- 009 Urban Estate Haryana Faridabad- 121001	6,81,583.55/- 19-06-2023 Rs.	06
40.	A/c No:- LBFDB00005164908  Ashish Sharma, Unique Cooling Solutions Pvt Ltd, Anju Kumari, Flat No. C-802, Tulip Sect-89, Gurgaon-122505 A/c No:- LBDEL00004964169	Flat No. B1/1202, 12th Floor Tower No. B1 "Tulip Ace", Situated at The Revenue Village	27,18,943.36/- 24-06-2023 Rs.	06
41.	Deepak Kumar Mishra, Rekha Mehta, Flat No. 204 Second Floor, Arti Apartment, Block -A, Anangpur Dairy Sec- 37, Haryana, Faridabad, 121003 A/c No:- LBGHZ00005174102	of Hayatpur, Sector 89 Gurgaon- 122505  Apartment No. C 207, 2nd Floor Towaer C, Mulberry County, Situated in Village Mujeri, Sector 70, Tehsil Ballabgarh, Haryana	49,88,210.36/- 24-06-2023 Rs. 18,08,469/-	11 2
42. 43.	Kirshan Kumar, Rekha Sharma, H No. 613, 12 Metar Road Sec- 65, Ballabhgarh, Faridabad, 121002 A/c No:- LBFDB00005337380 Kirshan Kumar, Rekha Sharma, Vishnu Dutt Kaushik, H No. 613, 12 Metar Road Sec- 65, Ballabhgarh, Faridabad- 121002	Faridabad- 121001  Plot No. 499, Sector- 65, Urban Estate Huda Faridabad- 121001  Plot No. 499, Sector. 65, Urban Estate Huda Faridabad- 121001	24-06-2023 Rs. 9,73,440/- 24-06-2023 Rs.	12 2 12 2
	A/c No:- LBFDB00002946348 Praveen Pratap Singh, Sheetal, House No. 529, 2nd Floor, Orchid Land,	Apartment No. A, Tower No. EF- 29,	10,34,995/- 26-06-2023 Rs.	08
44.	Sector 51, Gurgaon, 122001 A/C No:- LBDEL00005375230	Ground Floor and First Floor, Tower No-EF, Exclusive Floor, Building Known as Primanti Situated at Sector-72, Gurgaon- 122001	2,74,34,454/-	2
45.	Vikram Singh, Joginder Kaur, A 7/80 81 First Floor, Sector 17, Rohini, Delhi, 110089 A/c No:- LBDEL00004926270	Property Bearing No. 80 & 81, Entire First Floor, Without Roof Rights Block-A	26-06-2023 Rs.	06

payments of outstanding within period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice else further steps will be taken as per the provisions of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002. Date: July 25, 2023 **Authorized Officer** 

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## **UP** has become revenue surplus state, says CM

hief Minister Yogi Adityanath said that Uttar Pradesh has become a revenue surplus state and there is no shortage of money. During his day-long visit to this parliamentary constituency of Prime Minister Narendra Modi here on Monday, Yogi held a meeting with the newly-elected Mayor and corporators at Circuit House.

Addressing the meeting, the CM gave instructions to party representatives to ensure that the problems of the public are resolved on priority. "There is a budget of Rs 837 crore in the current financial year for Varanasi Nagar Nigam and it is for the first time such a huge budget has been given," he said, adding that a new saga of development has been written in the history of Banaras in the last nine years. "The PM represents Kashi, the oldest city in the world," he said, terming the newly-elected corporators as the foundation stones for the development of the city.

Referring to the purpose of the meeting, the CM said that its main objective is the cleanliness of the city and the issuance of municipal bonds. He said that the branding of the Nagar Nigam will be done only through cleanliness. Referring to the revolutionary changes that have taken place in the telecom sector, he said that with reforms the market grows and a new story of development is written. He laid special emphasis on construction of new complexes in place of old dilapidated shops in the city areas and insisted on making changes in the housing sector as well so that the standard of life of the people living in the slums can also be raised.

He laid special emphasis on



CM Yoqi Adityanath holding a meeting with newly-elected Nagar Nigam representatives in Varanasi on Monday.

adopting a holistic approach for the development of all. He asked the Nagar Nigam and Varanasi Development Authority (VDA) to come forward with a new strategy for this. Emphasising on making the city completely plastic free, he said that plastic and its products should be completely banned. In this, along with public awareness, he gave special instructions to ensure enforcement action as per the requirement. He directed the officers of the Nagar Nigam to ensure that during the regular cleaning of roads and streets in the cities, the garbage should be picked up immediately.

"There should be no dumping of garbage in vacant plots. Along with this, cleanliness of the vacant plots should also be ensured," he said, laying emphasis on promoting tree plantation in city parks and on both sides of the city roads the capital expenditure is about

with public participation.

Yogi said that there is no paucity of funds for the development of Kashi, stressing only on working with full commitment. After the month of

Shrawan, he insisted on organising a big rally at the metropolitan level for cleanliness awareness. Giving information about the current status of the Nagar Nigam before the CM through a presentation, Municipal Commissioner Shipu Giri said that earlier there were 90 wards in Varanasi, which have now increased to 100. Earlier the area of Nagar Nigam was 82 square kilometres, which has now increased to 186 square kilometres. The zone has been increased from 5 to 8 and the present budget of the Nagar Nigam is Rs 837 crore and the expenditure is Rs 820 crore and Rs 400 crore.

The meeting was also attended by UP Ministers of State (Independent Charge) Ravindra Jaiswal and Dayashankar Mishra 'Dayalu', Zila Panchayat Chairperson Poonam Maurya, Mayor Ashok Tiwari, former MLC Ashok Dhawan, MLAs Dr Neelkanth Tiwari and Dr Awadhesh Singh and party corporators apart from other senior BJP leaders,

During his stay, the CM offered prayers at Kal Bhairav and Shri Kashi Vishwanath temples and instructed the officials to provide better facilities to the devotees in the Shri Kashi Vishwanath Dham during the month of Shrawan. He met Kanchi Kamakoti Peethadhishwar Jagadguru Shankar Vijayendra Saraswati Ji Maharaj, who is staying for his 'chaturmas' in the city these

## Ram Mandir construction going ahead of schedule: VHP leader

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Secretary General of Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) Milind Parande claimed that the construction works of Ram Mandir in Ayodhya is going ahead of schedule and the devotees within 3-4 years. He was delivering a keynote address on 'the power of temples ecosystem and an overview of the Ayodhya Ram Mandir's transformation' on the last day of three-day International Temples Convention and Expo (ITĈX)-2023 at Rudraksh Conventional Centre (Sigra) here on Monday.

"When the construction of Ram Mandir in Ayodhya was first announced in 2019, many Hindu organisations all over the country expressed their heartfelt joy and gratitude and joined hands to contribute to this historic development. In the following days, massive teams of activists travelled across the length and breadth of the country visiting over five lakh villages and collected approximately Rs 3,200 crore from 12.75 crore families within just 46 days. This was an unprecedented accomplishment for us as a community," said the senior VHP leader.

Talking about the collection of these funds, he further added that the Hindu money must be utilised for Hindu causes. With regards to the construction, he said that during ground-levelling and excavation of the construction site a Shivaling, pillars and broken idols were found, indicating that there existed not one but two temples in the same place at different times in history. "Extensive research and analysis indicated that these temples were reduced to land due to a stream of the Sarayu river flowing under the temple. In order to safeguard the Ram Mandir, we had to build a retaining wall to control the force of water from hindering the temple structure. Further, the land of the construction site mainly constituted sand, so we had to also excavate all that sand and build an artificial land extremely strong and robust enough to house the temple. In this process, IIT Chennai played a very crucial role," said

Apart from the VHP



VHP General Secretary Milind Parande being felicitated on concluding day of ITCX-2023 in Varanasi on Monday.

leader, the last day of ITCX-2023 by Temple Connect continued the knowledge-sharing sessions and interactions on best practices in temple management. Selvam Alaghhappan, Director of Executive Chettinad Heritage and Wellness Resorts spoke about temple tourism and how individual temples could better the experience for its visitors. Prasad Lad, Chairman of ITCX and Member of Maharashtra Legislative Council stressed on the importance of the convention and how it would open doors to improvement while Founder of Expo (ITCX) 2023 and Temples Connect Giresh Kulkarni threw light on the improvement of management, operation and administration

of the temple ecosystem. Speaking on the occasion, Acharya Dev said that he got the inspiration to connect the devotees with devotion through virtual media during the Covid period, when it was not possible for the devotees to reach the temples and along with the devotees, the priests of the temple also needed income at that time. Taking all these important points, he established Vama (Vartul Astrology and Temple App). "So far, 25 lakh devotees have been digitally connected with Vama," he said. Expressing her views on 'cyber surveillance and technology in the temple ecosystems, Sayali Lad, Founder and CEO, Volksara said that we are moving towards development and progress, but cyberwar is the biggest war. 'We are not robots, and

thus human error can occur.

Thus, the addition of analog cameras and AI cameras can

go a long way," she added. Expressing his views on temple tourism, Selvam Alaghhappan, Executive Director, Chettinad Heritage & map for vibrant spiritual and architectural temple tourism to flourish and enhance India's position as the spiritual capital of the world and the global destination for temple

tourism. Expressing his views on temple Infrastructure, Vishram DeoJi, project management specialist, and Ex-Trustee of Chinchwood Deostan said that it is important to provide devotees with adequate infrastructure by managing peak loads, and ensuring safety with fire extinguishers, alarms, and drone facilities that require teamwork and good infrastructure management through training and develop-

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1.	Manoj Kumar Sharma, Kalpana Sharma, C-22-F, Delhi Police Appt., Mayur Vihar Ph-I New Delhi Delhi 110091 A/c No:- LBDEL00001133502	House No. C-22/ F, 1st Floor, Delhi Police Apartment, Plot No. 9, Mayur Vihar Phase. 1, Delhi- 110091	29-05-2023 Rs. 31,52,210.74/-	09-10- 2022
2.	Manoj Kumar Sharma, Kalpana Sharma, C-22-F, Delhi Police Appt., Mayur Vihar Ph-I New Delhi Delhi 110091 A/c No:- LBDEL00001511047	House No. C-22/ F, 1st Floor, Delhi Police Apartment, Plot No. 9, Mayur Vihar Phase. 1, Delhi- 110091	29-05-2023 Rs. 10,79,625.33/-	11-09- 2022
3.	Neeraj Gupta, Malini Gupta, 812, G3, Ground Floor, Hig Flat, Shalimar Garden Delhi Ghaziabad 201002 A/c No:- LBDEL00000376508	Flat No. 812/G-3, Hig, Ground Floor, Shubham Apartment-IV, Situated at Plot No. 812, Shalimar Garden Ext-I, Village Pasonda, Pargana Loni Uttar Pradesh Ghaziabad- 201010	12-06-2023 Rs. 36,20,372.13/-	05-01- 2008
4.	Rakesh Kumar Singhal, Rachna Gupta, D 1/ Ug 4, Aashirvad Appt., Dilshad Colony Delhi 110095 A/c No:- LBNOD00000980619	Flat No. F-2, 1st Floor, Mig, Without Roof Right, Built on Plot No. B-1/99, DLF Dilshad Garden Extn. No. II, in The area of Village Brahmpur Alias Bhopura, Pargana Loni Tehsil & Distt. Uttar Pradesh Ghaziabad- 201010	12-06-2023 Rs. 80,92,458/-	05-08- 2005

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

Date: July 25, 2023 **Authorized Officer** Place: Delhi/ NCR **ICICI Bank Limited** 

## Three houses reduced to ashes

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ PRAYAGRAJ

Three kutcha houses were I reduced to ashes in a fire in the trans-Yamuna area of Karchhana on Monday morning. An electric short circuit is stated to be the reason behind this fire. Household goods and thousands of rupees went up in smoke.

In Pura Tikura village of Hathsara gram panchayat smoke started emanating from the kutcha house of Nanku Ram who was sleeping there with family. Suddenly he saw the flames, ran out and raised an alarm following which villagers gathered there and tried to douse the fire.

had engulfed two houses of neighbours Ram Bhajan Patel and Bachchu Ram.

When the owners entered the house after the fire was doused, they found that all their belongings, clothes, food-grains, and even cash had gone up in smoke.

SELF-ASSESSMENT OF HOUSE TAX: Mayor Ganesh Kesarwani claimed the Prayagraj Nagar Nigam (PNN) has become the first of its kind by implementing self-assessment of house tax by the house owner. Tax evaluation based on Geographic Information System (GIS) survey has been rejected by the Nagar Nigam House. House tax had been The fire brigade was also raised manifold on the recomcalled but by then the flames mendation of the GIS survey

and the house owners besides elected corporators had been opposing the same vehemently. In protest the house owners had refused to pay

Keeping in mind the Mahakumbh-2025, the Nagar Nigam decided to go on the backfoot to collect funds. At the Nagar Nigam House sitting on Sunday a proposal was floated for cancellation of tax evaluation on the basis of GIS survey which was not being accepted by house owners. To generate tax revenue, the house resolved to introduce selfassessment scheme.

Under self-assessment of house tax, the house owner will have to submit an affidavit that information provided by him/her is true. In case information is found to be false, provisions of heavy fine have been added to this resolution. Those who have already paid house tax as per the GIS survey assessment will be given an opportunity to register protest and claim the difference.

House tax of over 93,000 houses had been raised manifold after the GIS survey. Over 10,000 had lodged written protest. Elected corporators were also opposed to GIS survey-based tax assess-

The house adopted this self-assessment scheme w.e.f 2022-23. If implemented properly, this self-assessment scheme will minimise the role

## One killed in road accident

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ PRAYAGRAJ

One person who was riding a bicycle was killed on the spot when a bus carrying religious tourists overturned into a road side khud while trying to save him in Kaushambi. About 30 bus passengers sustained injuries and were rushed to a nearby hospital in an ambulance and auto-rickshaws.

A bus carrying 60 devotees left Barra in Kanpur for Kade Dhaam in Kaushambi. The bus was stopped in Fatehpur where the passengers visited Sankata Devi temple and left for Kade Dhaam.

A cyclist, Rahul of Fatehpur suddenly appeared were arrested by the Bhadohi

on the road near Alipur Jeeta village and in an attempt to save him the bus slipped into a road side khud. The cyclist breathed his last on the spot while the bus passengers were rushed to Kade Dhaam community health centre (CHC)) in an ambulance and auto rickshaws by the police. Some seriously injured

persons have been referred to Prayagraj and Kanpur for better treatment. Those who are serious include Nanaki Devi, Rakesh Nishad, Sohan Lal, Beena, Savita, Sunita and Rajani Sharma. ARRESTED: Two consta-

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police for allegedly demanding money from a dhaba owner and threatening him. The constables were accompanied by two others and one of them was nabbed by the police while the other managed to escape. Four persons reached the

dhaba near Gopiganj Chhatami on a Safari bearing police sticker. Posing as officials from Lucknow they said they had arrived in connection with a survey.

They took snaps and video of the dhaba, noted down name and address of workers in the name of survey and had meals. While leaving the place, they allegedly asked

lakh as bribe otherwise he will be sent behind bars. The dhaba owner got suspicious and asked the workers to overpower them and informed the police. On the arrival of the police, the constables told them that they were from the Police depart-

They also tried to frame charges against the dhaba owner. In the meantime one of them managed to escape in the Safari.

The police department has initiated action against the above constables, while the owner of the Safari is being

## Tight security at KV Temple

security arrangements have been made on third Monday of the auspicious month of Shrawan at one of the dwadasa jyotirlingas Kashi Vishwanath Temple (KVT).The security was tightened further in view of survey of Gyanvapi campus by the team of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) as per the court order. The police personnel led by Additional Police Commissioner (Crime) Santosh Singh conducted a march between Godowlia and Bansphatak to bring confidence among the devotees. Despite this, lakhs of devotees offered prayers at the temple amidst tight security arrangements. To maintain peace, the police march was also attend-Date : July 25, 2023 Place : Delhi ed by several other senior including Commissioner of Police (Kashi Zone) Ram Sevak Gautam and Additional Deputy Commissioner of (Kashi Zone) Chandrakant Meena. Right from the wee hours after the date of receipt of the said notice. Mangla aarti, the devotees started thronging the temple and there were continuous lines of devotees on both sides of the temple including Maidagin and Godowlia as well as Lalita Ghat (Ganga Dwar). As thousands of kanwariyas arrived here carrying the sacred Gangajal from Sangam in Prayagraj walking about 125 kms, the echoes of traditional slogan 'Har Har Mahadev', along with 'Bol

Bom' rented in the air

throughout the day. For the

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VARANASI (PNS): Elaborate ha (sanctum sanctorum) as the devotees were offered jalabhishek through big metal structures not allowed to touch the Shivling and they from outside the garbhagriha

## PHYSICAL POSSESSION NOTICE

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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 belowmentioned 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.		Description of Property/ Date of Physical Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch		
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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.

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PUBLIC NOTICE-TENDER CUM E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET [See proviso to rule 8(6)]
Notice for sale of immovable assets

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest 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 Limited will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis 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	Time of	Date & Time of E-Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Mechshot Engineers- Manoj Kumar, Riya Rani, Rajnish Singh, Avantika Kushwaha A/c No- 629405042934	Commercial Space No . 405 A 4th Floor, Commercial Complex Known as Orbit Plaza Plot No C-2, Crossings Republik Dundahera, NH-24, Ghaziabad. Super Area 487 sq. ft.	Rs. 32,62,649/- as on 2nd July 2023	Rs. 25,65, 000/- Rs. 2,56, 500/-	August 22, 2023 from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM	September 05, 2023 from 12 Noon to 01:00 PM

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 September 04, 2023 before 05:00 PM failing which, this/these secured asset/s will be sold as per schedule.

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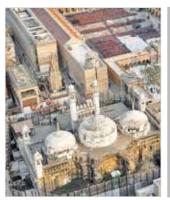
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## **Complex dispute**

A Gyanvapi mosque survey is underway but will it help resolve the issue?

■ n recent times, the Gyanvapi mosque in Varanasi has become the focal point of a contentious and potentially explosive controversy. The mosque, located near the famous Kashi Vishwanath temple, has long been a site of religious and historical significance for both Hindus and Muslims. An Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) survey on the court order of the campus barring prayer places is underway (halted for two days, though). A similar survey was held because a petition was filed by five women who in another plea had earlier sought permission to pray at the "Shringar Gauri Sthal" inside the shrine complex. A structure — claimed to be a "Shivling" by the Hindu side and a "fountain" by the Muslim side — was also found on May 16 last year during a court-mandated survey of the mosque located next to the Kashi Vishwanath temple. On Friday, the Varanasi district court ordered an extensive survey of the Gyanvapi Masjid by the ASI to ascertain whether the mosque was built over a pre-existing Hindu temple, holding that the



scientific investigation is "necessary" for the "true facts" to come out. The court, however, ordered excluding the section which has remained sealed since the Supreme Court order in May 2022. The area under the seal is where Hindus insist a Shivling has been found, while Muslims claim it is part of a fountain. While the Hindu side is excited, the Muslim side is boycotting it. The mosque itself dates back to the 17th century when it was constructed by Mughal Emperor Aurangzeb after he reportedly ordered the destruction of the original Kashi Vishwanath temple. As ASI is a professional agency, its findings should be respected by all though in such matters such scientific findings

have little relevance as we have seen in the case of the Ram temple in Ayodhya.

Beliefs take precedence over facts. And this is true for both sides. So even if the survey result does support either side, it would not be conclusive and certainly not end the controversy. The Gyanvapi mosque controversy has a long and complex history. For decades, Hindu groups have contended that the mosque's construction desecrated a holy site of Hindu worship. They have demanded that the mosque be demolished, and the original temple be rebuilt. Conversely, Muslim side argue that the mosque's existence is based on historical facts and that it should be preserved as a place of religious significance to them. Such disputes have been a source of communal tensions, leading to violence and deepening the divide between Hindu and Muslim communities. Unverified claims and biased narratives can inflame emotions, intensifying the already charged atmosphere. All stakeholders need to approach this issue with sensitivity, understanding and a willingness to find a peaceful resolution that respects the sentiments of both communities. Digging the past only returns skeletons and correcting history is fraught with inherent dangers of widespread unrest and chaos. Whatever the findings of the survey, the govt should make sure that it does not turn into another excuse for violence and arson.



## Is Congress lying low on purpose?



While the Opposition has successfully convened the two meetings, the leadership issue is yet to be taken

hy did the Congress lead-Sonia Gandhi and her Rahul Gandhi consciously keep a low profile at the Opposition unity meeting in Bangalore or earlier in Patna? Insiders say that it was a calculated decision. Congress decided two things after the Party failed to unite the Opposition. One is to play a low profile in the Opposition meetings. The second is to climb down from its high pedestal and concede that all partners are equal. The million dollars question is why the Gandhis have adopted a "we are equals" position in the Bengaluru gathering.

But more importantly, even before the meeting, Congress President Mallikharjun KHarge had clarified that his Party was not in the race to stake for prime ministership this time. So far, Congress has been living in its past glory. The allies also resented the big-brother attitude of the Congress. They anticipated that Congress would push for leadership and claim that Rahul should become the prime minister. This was a calculated decision of the Party (read as the Gandhi family), or Kharge would not have made that statement. It has created a positive atmosphere as most of the partners had been anti-Congress at one time or another other.

The political compulsions make Congress adopt it. Also, the declining Congress finally realized that the Party had lost its primacy in an era where the Regional satraps had a regional stronghold over their fieldoms. With Rahul's future unclear and what the Supreme could say about his disqualification, the Gandhi family is not keen to project anyone. So as a goodwill measure, the Party said it would not seek primacy.

Sonia had initially planned to retire from politics at 70 but could not do so due to political challenges. Over the past two years, she has taken a less active role in olitics due to ner declining health. While she has minimized her participation in election rallies, she attended the Bengaluru meeting to serve as a unifying



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force for various partners. Also, expecting regional leaders to work under Rahul may be too optimistic. Leaders like Mamata Banerjee would not favour it.

Secondly, The Gandhi family is bidding time. It needs the full strength of the Opposition to help them counter the BJP. Suppose the apex court verdict goes in Rahul's favour in the disqualification case, it will be an optimistic scenario. Gandhi's legal team hopes to nullify the ban by overturning the decision or reducing his sentence to under two years. If he wins the court case, Rahul could challenge

Modi in the 2024 polls. He could always campaign for the alliance if the Court upheld the lower Court's decision, and Rahul would get sympa-

Thirdly, the family has always shown a reluctance to accept positions. They prefer to be the power behind the throne. This 'renunciation' went down well with the Public. In 2004, Sonia declined the post of prime minister.

it was the same with Rahu Gandhi. He refused in an AICC meeting in Hyderabad (2005), declaring he was not ready to take on a job when the him a post in the AICC. But later, he became the Congress President, only to resign after the 2019 debacle. But taking on the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in 2024 will be a formidable challenge even for a united opposition.

The Congress is the largest Party in the opposition bloc with 80 M.P.s (49 in Lok Sabha and 31 in Rajya Sabha). The Party is in power in four states -- Karnataka, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh and Himachal Pradesh. It is a member of the ruling coalitions in Bihar, Tamil Nadu, and Jharkhand.

The Opposition meeting looks good on paper and is an improvement from the Patna meeting. The 26 partners in the forum had 242 M.Ps. While nine of them had no representation in Lok Sabha. Similarly, 25 of the 38 parties which attended the NDA meeting on the same day in Delhi have no M.P.s in the current Lok Sabha. While the Opposition has successfully convened the two meetings, the leadership issue is yet to be

So is the Prime Ministerial face, as the partners have decided that that comes after the elections. Whichever Party

wins the highest number would stake a claim.

Despite not holding any official position, Rahul is now a prominent Opposition coalition member along with his mother, Sonia and Party chief Kharge. Suppose Sonia becomes the new coalition's President, Rahul will still make the decisions on behalf of the Party whether he contests or not. The Party is demoralized after losing the 2014 and 2019 Lok Sabha polls. Therefore, winning in 2024 is a must for Congress. After the recent 'Bharat Jodo Yatra,' Rahul's image improved.

Congress must address its internal conflicts as the elections approach, especially in states like Rajasthan, Chattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, and Telangana. Securing victories in Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh is possible, but resolving these disputes will be crucial. The Bangalore meeting was a step forward. Each partner should hold the meeting in rotation. The future is uncertain, but if the Opposition coalition succeeds, it could greatly benefit Congress.

(The writer is a well-known columnist. Views expressed

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(The writer is a senior journalist and literary critic)

### **NO LIP SERVICE, PLEASE**

Sir — 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. The state government in Manipur has failed. And when a state cannot control the situation. why is the Prime Minister silent? He should protect the people of Manipur. If he is concerned about the suffering of the people of Manipur, he must intervene...

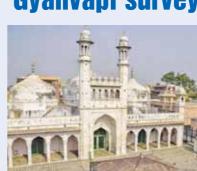
It's inhuman and quite a disturbing

The 'Iron Lady' of Manipur demanded that Chief Minister N Biren Singh admit his failure and apologise to the people. The CM must talk to all 60 MLAs putting aside the differences. He must talk to them oneto-one and consider their opinions and decide how to stop the feeling of hatred between the two communities (Meitei and Kuki). That is the need of the hour," she

Prime Minister Modi, who was accused by the opposition of keeping mum on the Manipur situation for over two months, condemned the incident of parading the two women naked a day after the video surfaced. but it is not enough. He must take firm decisions as early as possible. Sharmila demanded that the culprits should be awarded life imprisonment with rigorous labour and without parole. MT.Farooqi | Hyderabad

**WORSHIPPING OF MAMMON** Sir — An Oxfam study notes that just 62 persons hold half the world's income and in India, the richest one per cent holds 40%. of wealth. In every nation, the coterie of the rich snatch political power to run policy and modern-era economists are turning votaries of cheap capital. This invites monetary profligacy that leads to a fiscal burden disproportionately borne by lesser men by way of heavier general taxation. No surprise that of Rs 15 lac Cr collected as GST in FY 2021, two-thirds is

### **Gyanvapi survey halted for 2 days**



he Supreme Court on Monday halted a "detailed scientific survey" of the ASI to determine if the Gyanvapi mosque located next to the Kashi Vishwanath temple in Varanasi was built upon a temple till 5 pm on July 26 and asked the Allahabad High Court to hear an appeal filed by the mosque committee before the expiry of its order. A Varanasi court directed the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) on Friday to conduct the survey including excavations, wherever necessary to determine if the mosque was built at a place where

a temple existed earlier. A bench headed by Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud took note of the submissions made by senior advocate Huzefa Ahmadi, who appeared in the court on behalf of the mosque committee, stayed the operation of the order till Wednesday evening and asked the committee to file an appeal in the meantime. SC permit the petitioner (mosque committee) to move the high court under Article 227 (writ jurisdiction of high courts), challenging the order of the district judge of Varanasi, having taken regard of the fact that the order was passed at 4:30 pm on July 21 and the ASI survey is being carried out today. The mosque's "wazoo khana" (a small reservoir for Muslim devotees to perform ritual ablutions). where a structure claimed by the Hindu litigants to be a "Shivling" exists, will not be part of the survey, following an earlier Supreme Court order protecting that spot in the complex. District Judge A K Vishvesh has directed the ASI to submit a report to the court by August 4, along with video clips and photographs of the survey proceedings. Bhagwan Thadani | Mumbai

extracted from the bottom half of the econ-

Far back in 300 BC, Kautilya sanely averred that wealth can not be built by a few without the labour of the society at large and that the society has the right to that wealth corpus. Excessive profits of a few endow their disproportionate power and influence over an entire spectrum of politico-economics. Labour unions and their bargaining power having been tamed, big corporations shed thousands of employees at the altar of their miscalculated greed. Amazon which was willing to lose money for years to acquire new customers, sanguinely lays off 18,000 workers in operations, which turned financially unviable.

#### R Narayanan | Mumbai

**SRI LANKA IN A DEBT TRAP** Sir — Concerns regarding the political and economic repercussions of Sri Lanka's debt trap diplomacy with China have been expressed. The nation must now concentrate on creating sustainable economic models that are compatible with its longterm goals and its developmental objec-

Lessons from the past ought to be used to build an impermeable economy with a diversified portfolio of global ties and strategic alliances. Sri Lanka can navigate its intricate geopolitical landscape while creating a better, more prosperous future for its residents by fostering a balanced diplomatic approach, encouraging financial transparency, accountability, and risk assessment, and cooperating with international organisations like the International Monetary Fund as well as the World Bank. Sambhav Jain | Ujjain

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UTTAM GUPTA

PSL is a legacy of the socialist era. It creates distortion in credit flows, keeps bank officials busy with target fulfillment and is prone to blatant misuse



be attempted. In verse #10.41 of the Bhagavad-Geeta, Lord Krishna states, "Whatever is opulent, effulgent or even energetic, all that you should know as produced from a fragment of My splendour." (10.41) What is our position? We require everything material needed by us for maintaining selves from external sources. But God, as unimaginable as He is, He is very generous too. Sanjaya of the Mahabharata fame describes, "Where there is the yogeshwara Shri Krishna and where there is the archer Arjuna, there will be opulence, victory, wealth and morality." (18.78) What then will be Lord Krishna informs that whenever there is a decline in 'dharma' (religion) and there is ascending of immorality, I incarnate Myself in the world. (4.7) And what is our position? We are forced to take different material

bodies helplessly life after life till we develop God's consciousness. Then, God liberates us from the ocean of death-bound existence. (12.7) God is omnipresent as described in the Geeta, "God only is outside and inside of all living entities, in non-moving and moving too; unknown due to being subtle, and situated far away also, and nearby too; it is God only." (13.15) What is our position? We can be in one place at any given time, but God can give us divine vision if pleased by us as He gave to Arjuna. (11.8)

God is all of them. What does He expect from us? He instructs, "In all respects take shelter of God only. By His mercy you shall achieve supreme peace and the eternal abode." (18.62) Yes, both; the greatest boons are available to us. Peace, which is not possible despite gaining great material wealth, power, etc., can only be had from God, who alone is its source. The same is true about God's eternal abode, which is completely different from our miserable earth planet. (8.15)

Additionally, God begins to respond to us. Innumerable devotees of God have experienced God giving them intuitions, instructions through dreams, help using other human beings as mediums, etc. How else are



we going to continue the 'tapasya' path unless we get encouragement from our Master?

I have chosen four types of boons God grants to us if we qualify for them. The first one and the most sought-after is through 'siddha push. They are perfected persons, who have achieved a high degree of physi-

cal as well as spiritual perfection/ enlightenment.

People, who have good 'karmaphalas' waiting to come to fruition, approach such persons. And they get their desires fulfilled or are rewarded handsomely. Such siddha purush are given great respect and their lives are highly fulfilling. The other type of boon is a change of heart. As we cannot choose whom we are related to or have to deal with, God effects change in their hearts momentarily such that they drop their ill feelings towards us, and don't obstruct us in crucial times.

Doctors get the right inspiration when treating devotees of God. There is a famous story about a very special brain surgeon landing on the doorstep of a mother of a child, who needed a difficult brain surgery she had been praying for a long time and the miracle happened; this surgeon agreed to operate on her child. The last one is of no less significance. Many religious bodies survive on sundry collections. On days when funds have run out for maintenance, we hear stories of devotees going out for donations and the day proves more than fruitful. How does it happen? The merciful God inspires people to become generous.

God is involved in our lives much more than we can imagine. He is not a silent bystander. Every soul is individually being watched and helped, who qualifies for such attention. And God can do anything He desires by His willpower, which is unlimited.

(The writer is a spiritual teacher)

enders, especially foreign banks have decided to undertake a comprehensive analysis of "sustainable inance" under the aegis of the Indian Banks' Association (IBA) to make out a case for granting priority-sector lending (PSL) status to such financing for consideration by the Reserve Bank of

Globally, "sustainable finance" is broad-defined as any form of financial product/service that promotes environmental, social and governance purposes while contributing to the achievement of relevant targets adopted by countries under frameworks, including the Paris Agreement on climate and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) set by the United Nations. Green power, green hydrogen, electric vehicles or other sustainability projects are prime candidates for such funding. What is the connection between "sustainable finance" and PSL? Why do banks want such funding to be treated as PSL?

PSL refers to a regulatory framework implemented by the KBI under which a cer tain portion of bank loans are directed towards specific sectors of the economy that are considered to be important for overall development and inclusive growth. Its origin dates back to 1966 when Morarji Desai then Minister of Finance and Deputy Prime Minister in Indira Gandhi's cabinet, recognized the need to increase credit to agriculture and small industries. A formal definition of PSL was established in 1972 based on a report by the RBI.

In 1974, commercial banks were assigned a target of 33.33 per cent of their Adjusted Net Bank Credit (ANBC) or credit equivalent of their Off-balance-sheet exposure (this includes contingent assets or liabilities such as unused commitments, letters of credit, and derivatives etc) whichever is higher to be given for PSL. Post nationalization of fourteen banks (1969), Indira Gandhi, the Prime Minister at the time, found the PSL framework handy to address the demands of influential politi-

Over time, the ambit of PSL was

expanded to encompass other sectors such as micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs), export, education, housing, social infrastructure, renewable energy and others such as self-help groups etc. The RBI has put in place a complex structure that provides for different percentages of PS lending for different categories of banks and further break-down into sub-categories (user-wise) within each.

THE IRONY IS

For the dominant category i.e.
commercial banks (including foreign banks with at least 20 branch-OTHER THAN es in India), the PSL target is 40 per cent of ANBC. Within this overall SMALL/MARGINAL limit, 18 per cent is meant for agri-FARMERS, HAVING culture alone; within this, o per continuous is to be given to small and margin-BORROWED FROM all farmers (those who have a land holding of less than 2 hectares). The BANKS AT LOW target for micro-enterprises is 7.5 RATES, FURTHER per cent while weaker sections of society should get 12 per cent of LEND THIS MONEY

Although the guidelines do not TO THE LATTER AT lay down any preferential rate of interest for PSLs per se, generally RATE, THEREBY accessible." The chargeable rate of interest is a part to BB? interest is as per the RBI's directives MAKING A HUGE and varies from sector to sector.

A short-term crop loan of up to PROFIT ON Rs 3,00,000 (for animal husbandry, ARBITRAGE dairy and fisheries farmers, this limit is Rs 2,00,000) is available at a subsidized interest rate of seven per cent. To make it happen, the Union Government offers banks interest subvention currently at 1.5 per cent per annum. This comes at a huge cost to the exchequer. For three year period, 2022-23 to 2024-25, it has made a budget provision of around Rs 35,000 crore towards interest subvention. Apart from the above, farmers get what is termed a prompt payment incentive (PPI) of three per cent in case they

have to bear this cost as the same is not reimbursed by the government. The PSL scheme is riddled with multiple problems.

First, the very idea of state intervention in the allocation of credit instead of letting the process be demand-driven is flawed. Such imposition from the outside in a top-down approach is bound to lead to serious distortions involving deficient availability of lendable resources in areas where these are required and surplus in others where these may not be required. Second, this has led to flagrant misuse. According to a study by the RBI's internal working group, in several States, the quantum of crop loans was found to be higher than the value of all agricultural inputs (in Andhra Pradesh, during 2015-2017, this was 7.5 times). Considering that crop loans are taken mostly for buying agriculturai inputs when the value of the former exceeds the latter, it points towards the diversion of funds to non-farm uses. This apart, most of the credit flowing to agriculture is cornered by large farmers viz. those with land holding size over 10 hectares. In sheer numbers, they are a minuscule 0.6 per cent of the total. Yet, they got away with 41 per cent of the agri-credit (2016-17). The bulk of the remaining 59 per cent went to farmers having to hold in the 2 - 10 hectares range (they are 13.2 per cent of all farmers). Small and marginal farmers (they are 86.2 per cent) got very little; in fact, neary 41 per cent of them didn't even ave access to banks.

The irony is that farmers other than small/marginal farmers, having borrowed from banks at low rates, further lend this money to the latter at a much higher rate, thereby making a huge profit on arbimake timely payments. The banks trage. This is a case of better-off

farmers and even non-farmers profiteering from the State's largesse.

Third, having reserved 40 per cent of lendable resources for PSL, the availability of funds for lending to other sectors gets constrained. This results in higher pricing of loans to the latter. The cost to other sectors increases further as the banks charge higher interest rates from them to cross-subsidize the concessional rate charged on PSL loans to maintain their viability. Fourth, setting targets, sub-targets and so on gives enormous discretion to the bureaucrats in seeking compliance from banks as well as discretion to officialsFinally, the banks struggle to achieve the 40 per cent target for PSL. This has led them to petition RBI for expanding the PSL umbrella to include sectors to which they are already lending or intend to lend and the latter readily concedes. The result is: what started as a special dispensation for neglected sectors, the list has now

become unwieldy. Thus, we have export, renewable energy and now even start-ups included in PSL. 'Sustainable finance' could be the latest addition if the RBI accedes to the request of banks, especially foreign banks. The key point to note here is that already the latter is into such financing and its inclusion under PSL would help them comply with the 40 per cent threshold without having to make any extra effort.

To conclude, PSL is a legacy of the socialist era. It creates distortion in credit flows, keeps bank officials busy with target fulfilment and compliances and is prone to blatant misuse. It needs to go. Banks should enjoy the freedom to lend. For farmers or MSMEs who need help, the Government may credit interest subsidies directly to their bank

## Can Opposition's 'INDIA' defeat Modi's NDA in 2024?

(The writer is Policy

A MUCH HIGHER

To defeat Modi in 2024 will be an uphill task for the Opposition as they have yet to sort out several issues including their prime ministerial candidate

ontrary to expectations, one of the major hurdles of creating consensus on I.N.D.I.A. (India National Developmental Inclusive Alliance the new name of the joint opposition front besides having two successful rounds of discussions in Patna and Bengaluru,26 parties front will be confronted with some serious challenges of naming as face of stature to face Modi, narrowing down the differences on eat sharing, finalizing common minimum programme etc.

In this backdrop, Congress has taken the lead in giving evidence of its commitment to ensuring the logical end of the new front which is reflected by AICC president, Malika Arjun Kharge that his party is not interested in the PM's post and



it will bring those regional Straps in comfort zone who are opposed to Grand Old Party.
PM FACE OF I.N.D.I.A?

BJP's biggest Unique Selling Point (USP) is the face of Modi and his capability to win the assembly and Lok Sabha for the saffron party which will be put to the test in 2024. It will be the difference in 2024 as Modi will focus the BJP campaign on his appeal to give him a chance to serve for 3rd term and BJP leaders are confident that it will make the difference especially when opposition parties may not have an effective face of high statute to lead them. Experts feel that if Mamata, Stalin, Udhav, Mehbooa, Omar Abdulla and left parties create pressure on Congress to forward the name for PM face gists had made a sitting

then the choice may fall on Kharge who belongs to the Dalit community and it can be acceptable to all regional lead-

Congress could play this trump card and its Pan India character may facilitate the new strategy Congress has proved Rahul Gandhi's stance that it will be ready to make any sacrifice to oust Modi which was witnessed when the party took one backward step and announced its decision to oppose the Delhi ordinance bill in Rajya Sabha. As per indication, it was Rahul Gandhi who overruled the consent of the Kharge Delhi Congress party's objections not to spare Kejriwal on the ordinance

hence he has been tamed. Third, Congress strate-

a way that Mamata Banerjee was in between Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi which was aimed at giving an impression of 'forget and forgive' to achieve a bigger goal. Mamata had always enjoyed a close relationship with Sonia Gandhi but the new gesture may bring her closer to Rahul. CHALLENGES AHEAD Political observers believe

that the predominant factor of convergence of regional straps, several opposition parties and Congress having divergent ideologies and inflated egos pertains to scarce created by the Modi government through investigating agencies like ED, CBI, Income tax department, etc. Owing to this compulsion, west Bengal chief minister, Mamata was the first to exhib-

arrangement in Bengaluru in it flexibility in the Patna conclave when she ignored Delhi CM, Kejriwal's tirade against Congress over its non-committal stand on the ordinance hence he had kept himself away from press briefing also which gave handle to BJP to express doubt about the chances of unit amongst these leaders to come together. But Congress announced its support to Kejriwal in Rajya Sabha to oppose the ordinance which paved the way for the participation of AAP in Bangalore. Mamata played a crucial role in pacifying Kejriwal and used her good offices with Sonia Gandhi also which was responsible for the change of scenario

SEAT SHARING WILL BE THE BIGGEST HURDLE:

of the formation of an elevenmember coordination panel, a new Road Map will be discussed in the Mumbai meeting which assumes a lot of significance and relevance to take the entire exercise to the next level. Being a Pan India party, Congress will be the main player to make the dream of leaders of 26 parties a Reality because it may be required to make more sacrifices after the Delhi imbroglio. Second, regional straps

are dominant in their states including Mamata in West Bengal, Kejriwal in Delhi and Punjab, M.K.Stalin in Tamil Nadu, even Akhilesh Yadav in Uttar Pradesh, Nitish Kumar and Tejeshvi Yadav in Bihar, Pinaravi Vijyan in Kerala, etc. With the announcement hence they will demand lion's

Third, Congress has got capacity and potential to take on BJP one to one in Karnataka, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Himachal which will make it logical to give maximum share to the party.

share of Lok Sabha seats.

Analysts opine that Mamata's aide and Rajya Sabha member of TMC from West Bengal had twitted a message written in green and white colour, "I.N.D.I.A Chak De India.Ebar Lodrani Hobey, Khela Hobey" which sums up the mood prevailing amongst the leaders of 26 opposition parties. One thing is clear Virodhi Partiyon Ke Liye Dilli Abhi Door Hai Aur BJP Ki lye Bhi Dilli Ki Satta Ko Pakad Ke Rakhan Assan Nahin Hai"

(Writer is a political analyst and senior journalist. Views are personal)

## Spain at risk of political gridlock | 15 die after boat sinks

Spain appears headed for political gridlock after Sunday's inconclusive national elections left parties on both the right and left without a clear path toward forging a new government.

The conservative Popular Party won the elections, but it fell short of its hopes of scoring a much bigger victory and forcing the removal of Socialist Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez.

Instead, the party led by candidate Alberto Nunez Feijoo performed below the expectations of most campaign polls. Even though Sanchez's Socialists finished second, they and their allied parties celebrated the outcome as a victory since their combined forces gained slightly more seats than the PP and the far-right. The bloc that could likely support Sanchez totalled 172 seats; the right bloc behind Feijoo, 170. "It was a Pyrrhic victory for the Popular Party, which is unable to form a government," said political analyst Verónica Fumanal, adding the conservatives will now have to reach out to the far-right, and even then it won't be enough. "I see a deadlock scenario in the Parliament."

The closer-than-expected outcome was likely to produce weeks of political jockeying and uncertainty over the country's



future leadership. The next prime minister only would be voted on once lawmakers are installed in the new Congress of Deputies.

But the chances of Sanchez picking up the support of 176 lawmakers — the absolute majority in the Madrid-based Lower House of Parliament needed to form a government are not great either. The divided results have made the hardline Catalan separatist party Junts (Together) emerge as Sanchez's potential kingmaker. If Junts asks for a referendum on independence for northeast Catalonia, that would likely be far too costly a price for Sanchez to pay.

"We won't make Pedro Sanchez PM in exchange for nothing," Míriam Nogueras of Junts said after the results left

her party holding the keys to power.With 98 per cent of votes counted, PP is on track for 136 seats. Even with the 33

seats that the far-right Vox is

poised to get and the one seat

going to an allied party, the PP

would still be seven seats from

the absolute majority.

The Socialists are set to take 122 seats, two more than they had. But Sanchez can likely call on the 31 seats of its junior coalition partner Sumar (Joining Forces) and several smaller forces to at least total more than the sum of the right-wing parties."Spain and all the citizens who have voted have made themselves clear. The backward-looking bloc that wanted to undo all that we have done has failed," Sanchez told a jubilant crowd gathered at Socialists' headquarters in

drumming up fear of having After his party took a beating in regional and local electhe anti-feminist, ultra-nationtions in May, Sanchez could alist Vox in power as a junior have waited until December to member of a possible coalition face a national vote. Instead, he with the PP. A PP-Vox governstunned his rivals by moving ment would have meant anothup the vote in hopes of gaining er EU member has moved a bigger boost from his supfirmly to the right, a trend seen recently in Sweden, Finland porters. Even if this goes to a

new ballot, Sanchez can add

this election night to yet anoth-

er comeback in his career that

has been built around beating would portend for EU immigration and climate policies. the odds. The 51-year-old Sánchez had to mount a Vox, which had hoped to mutiny among rank-and-file force its way into power much Socialists to return to heading as other far-right parties have his party before he won Spain's done in other European counonly no-confidence vote to tries, lost 19 seats from four oust his PP predecessor in years earlier.Vox leader Santiago Abascal said that the 2018.But Feijoo would probably trade spots with his rival if Socialists' results were "bad he could. Feijoo claimed his news for Spaniards". right to form a government as the most voted party in the "Pedro Sanchez, despite

losing the elections, can block election, adding he was "proud" (Feijoo's) investiture and, even worse, Pedro Sanchez could of what his party's first national election victory since 2016. even be invested with the sup-"We have won the elecport of communism, the couptions, it corresponds to us to seeking separatism and terrorform a government like it has ism, all of whom will now have always happened in Spanish more leverage in the blackmail democracy," he said, addressing than in his previous term," he a crowd aflutter with Spanish flags.Feijoo focused the PP's Yet it seems that the specter campaign not on what he

and Italy. Countries such as

Germany and France are con-

cerned about what such a shift

of the far-right taking a seat in government, albeit as a junior member to the PP, for the first time since the 20th-century dictatorship of Francisco Franco had proved to be key to the left's resurgence.

# off Indonesia island

An overloaded passenger Aboat capsized off Indonesia's Sulawesi island, killing 15 people, rescuers said on Monday. Authorities said that the 33 other passengers survived. The vessel was traveling from Lanto village in Buton Central regency in Southeast Sulawesi province to nearby Lagili village when it capsized just after midnight on Monday, local search and rescue agency head Muhammad Arafah said. The wooden boat was designed to carry 20 people.A search and rescue team initially found 15 bodies and rescued six people, and had continued their search for the others. But the operation was later called off when officials determined that all on board had been accounted for.

'There were 27 people who survived, but had not previously been reported, because they went straight home," local search and rescue agency head Muhammad Arafah said in a statement. Three inflatable boats, two fishing boats and six divers were deployed while the search was underway. Thousands of residents had

traveled to their villages to celebrate the regency's ninth

This photo from Indonesia's National Rescue Agency (Basarnas) shows members of a rescue team setting out to conduct rescue operations in Buton Tengah, Sulawesi

anniversary on Sunday, and many people were transported by fishing or passenger boats. Television news showed footage of people on fishing boats retrieving bodies in the overnight darkness, and grieving relatives waiting for information at a port and a local hospital. Indonesia is an archipelago with more than 17,000 islands, and ferries and boats

are a common form of trans-

portation. With lax safety stan-

dards and problems with overcrowding, accidents occur fre-

In 2018, an overcrowded ferry with about 200 people on board sank in a lake in North Sumatra province, killing 167

In one of the country's worst recorded disasters, an overcrowded passenger ship sank in February 1999 with 332 people aboard. Only 20 people

## SHRIRAM

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2.	WS. NEW ZENITH ENTERPRISES, Prop. Nadir Hasan R/o-khasra No. 596,598, Ram Garh, Hoj Kheri Road Saharanpur Uttar Pradesh- 247001	1 Immovable Property I.e. Residential, Property Admeasuring Area Of – 243.66 Sq Yard, Or 203.72sq Meter Constructed On The Land, Admeasuring 243.66 Sq. Yard, Bearing Property Khasra No. 596 & 598 /munispality House No. Rg/134b Being The Portion Of Lan Situated At Mauza Dara Aali Swad Bairoon Dar Aabadi Ekta Colony Pargana Tehsil & Dist. Saharanpur Up – 247001 2. Immovable Property I.e. Residential, Property Admeasuring Area Of – 243.66 Sq Yard, Or 203.72sq Meter Constructed On The Land, Admeasuring 243.66 Sq. Yard, Bearing Property Khasra No. 596 & 598 /munispality House No. Rg/134b Being The Portion Of Lan Situated At Mauza Dara Aali Swad Bairoon Dar Aabadi Ekta Colony Pargana Tehsil & Dist. Saharanpur Up - 247001	Notice Dated 08/06/2023 Rs.58,68,761/- Outstanding As On 08.06.2023	Mrs. Nadir Hasan, S/o Mr. Sayyed Hasan, R/o-mehandi Sarai, Bhate Wali Gali Saharanpur Uttar Pradesh- 247001      Mr. AAAYASA HASAN, W/o- Nadir Hasan, R/o- mehandi Sarai, Bhate Wali Gali Saharanpur Utter Pradesh-247001

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## 9 die in Sudan plane crash

AP CAIRO

Acivilian plane crashed after taking off from an airport in eastern Sudan, killing nine people, including four military personnel who were aboard the aircraft, the military said, as the conflict in the northeastern African country reached the 100-day mark on Monday with no sign of abating.

would do as prime minister, but

rather as an attack on what he

called the last of trustworthi-

ness of Sanchez. The strategy

failed. The Socialists and other

leftist parties seem to have

The military said in a statement that a child survived late Sunday's crash in Port Sudan, a city on the Red Sea that so far has been spared from the devastating war between the military and the powerful paramilitary Rapid Support Forces.

The Antonov plane crashed shortly after taking off from the city's airport, the military said. It blamed a technical failure for the crash. The statement provided no further details. Al-Taher Abdel-Rahman, the secretary of Finance Minister Gebreil

Ibrahim, was among the dead, according to the minister, who took to social media to mourn his employee.

Sudan has plunged into chaos since mid-April when monthslong tensions between the military and the RSF exploded into open fighting in the capital, Khartoum, and elsewhere across the country.

"It's been 100 days of war in Sudan, with a devastating toll on lives and infrastructure, but worse lies ahead," said William Carter, Norwegian Refugee Council's director in Sudan. The fighting has turned Khartoum and other urban areas into battlefields. The sprawling region of Darfur saw some of the worst bouts of violence in the conflict with the fighting turning into ethnic clashes. The clashes have killed more than 3,000 people and wounded more than 6,000 others, Health Minister Haitham Mohammed Ibrahim said in

televised comments last month. The casualty tally is likely much higher, according to doctors and activists. More than 2.6 million peo-

ple fled their homes to safer areas inside Sudan, while more than 757,000 people crossed into neighbouring countries, according to the U.N. migration agency.The conflict derailed Sudanese hopes of restoring the country's fragile transition to democracy, which had begun after a popular uprising forced the military's removal of longtime dictator Omar al-Bashir in April 2019. A coup, led by the military and RSF, disrupted the democratic transition in October 2021.Carter, of the NRC, warned about a "total collapse" in the country as international efforts have so far failed to establish a cease-fire to allow humanitarian support to millions of people impacted by the

## **UN Command in talks** with North Korea over detained US soldier

The deputy commander of the UN Command said Monday it has started conversations with North Korea over an American soldier who ran into the North last week across the Koreas' heavily armed border.Gen. Andrew Harrison said the process has started through communications lines set up at the Joint Security Area between the Koreas under the armistice agreement that stopped the fighting of the 1950-53 Korean War.He said the well-being of Pvt. Travis King remains the command's primary concern, but refused to provide more details, citing the sensitivity of

has remained publicly silent about King, who crossed the border last Tuesday while he was supposed to be heading to Fort Bliss, Texas. US officials have expressed

concern about his well-being and said previously that North Korea was ignoring their requests for information about

Harrison said he "remains optimistic," but said there was no way to know how the conversation with North Korea would proceed.

Civilian tours to the Joint Security Area have been suspended since King's dash across the border.

Aus to buy 20

**C-130 Hercules** 

aircraft from US

Canberra (AP): Australia said

Monday it will buy 20 new C-

130 Hercules from the United

States in a 9.8 billion

Australian dollar (\$6.6 bil-

lion) deal that will increase by

two-thirds the size of the

Australian air force's fleet of its

second-largest heavy trans-

lows the US Congress'

approval last year of a larger

The announcement fol-

port aircraft.

## SL prez calls all-party meeting

PTI ■ COLOMBO

Cri Lankan President Ranil Wickremesinghe will convene an all-party meeting on Wednesday on the National Reconciliation Programme that seeks to address the thorny issue of ethnic reconciliation of minority Tamils in the island nation, an official statement said on Monday, days after his visit to India. "An all-party conference, led by President @RW\_UNP, is set to take place at the Presidential Secretariat on July 26 to inform party leaders representing @ParliamentLK about the National Reconciliation Programme," a statement



released by the President's Media Division said.

"Invitations have been extended to leaders of all political parties and independent groups with representation in parliament," it added. The development closely follows the president's two-day official

visit to India last week, where he met Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Tamils issue figured prominently in the wide-ranging talks between the two leaders. The Indian prime minister highlighted the need for the implementation of the 13th Amendment (13A) to the Sri Lankan Constitution.

India has been pressing Sri Lanka to implement the 13A, brought in after the Indo-Sri Lankan agreement of 1987. The 13A provides for the devolution of power to the Tamil community. It created nine provinces as devolved units with a temporary merger of the Northern and Eastern

provinces.Full implementation of the 13A to Sri Lanka's Constitution will facilitate unity among all the communities in the island nation so that they live as one.Prior to his India visit, at a meeting with the Tamil parties, Wickremesinghe assured that the 13th Amendment would be fully implemented, without police powers, in the provincial councils.Prime Minister Modi, during his talks with Wickremesinghe, expressed hope that the Sri Lankan leader would be committed to implementing the 13A and holding

sale of 24 of the Lockheed Martin-manufactured propellor-driven aircraft. The United the provincial council elec-States and Australia are currently conducting their biennial Talisman Sabre military exercise along the Australian coast that this year involves 13 nations and more thfrn 30,000 personnel as global concerns intensify over an increasingly

assertive China. The first of the new fourengine Hercules is expected to be delivered in 2027 and the new aircraft will eventually replace the fleet of 12 Hercules currently operated by the Royal Australian Air Force from RAAF Base Richmond near Sydney, Defense Industry Minister Pat Conroy said.

The purchase "will almost double the fleet and represents a massive uplift in capability,

in mobility and transport for the Royal Australian Air Force," Conroy told reporters. "Almost doubling the fleet gives us more capacity to deploy them on multiple operations at the same time, and that's the critical driver," Conroy added. The Australian air force also operates eight of the larger Boeing C-17A Globemaster heavy transport jet aircraft. The deal was confirmed

ahead of US Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin and Secretary of State Antony Blinken meeting with their Australian counterparts for annual talks late this week in the Australian city of

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		Unaudited	Audited	Unaudited	Audited	Unaudited	Audited	
1	Total Income from Operations.	5653.55	5539.23	6199.01	23694.82	5653.55	23694.82	
2	Profit before Interest, Depreciation & Taxes (EBITDA)	1044.06	1006.56	812.57	3110.13	1044.01	3109.64	
3	Net Profit for the Period (before Tax and Exceptional Items)	930.77	897.00	720.84	2702.49	930.72	2702.00	
4	Net Profit for the Period before Tax (after Exceptional Items)	930.77	897.00	720.84	2697.26	930.72	2696.77	
5	Net Profit for the period after Tax (after Exceptional Items)	692.82	657.09	533.23	1994.60	692.77	1994.11	
6	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [(Comprising Profit) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]		657.09	533.23	1994.60	692.77	1994.11	
7	Equity Share Capital	1133.00	1133.00	1133.00	1133.00	1133.00	1133.00	
8	Reserves	10548.46	9855.64	8376.49	9855.64	10547.91	9855.15	
9	Earnings Per Share (of ₹10/- each) Basic & Diluted:	6.11	5.80	4.71	17.60	6.11	17.60	

#### Notes:

- The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Financial Results filed with BSE Ltd. under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. Full format of the Quarterly Financial Results are available on the website of BSE Ltd at www.bseindia.com and also on Company's website at www.jaschindustries.com
- 2. The financial results of the Company have been prepared in accordance with Indian Accounting Standards (Ind AS). 3. Figures for the previous periods have been regrouped, wherever necessary, to conform to the current period's classification.

Sonipat, 22nd July 2023

sd/- (J. K. GARG) MANAGING DIRECTOR

## Biden heads to Paris

**AP** WASHINGTON

**T**ill Biden has represented her country at the Olympics in Tokyo, a king's coronation in London and a royal wedding in Jordan. She gets another chance to put her ambassadorial skills to work this week when the United States formally rejoins a United Nations agency devoted to education, science and culture around the globe.

Biden arrived in Paris early

Monday, accompanied by her daughter, Ashley Biden, after flying overnight from Washington to join other VIPs and speak at a ceremony Tuesday at the headquarters of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. The American flag will be raised to mark the US return to UNESCO membership after a five-year absence. UNESCO aims to foster global collaboration in education, science and culture. It also designates World Heritage sites, deeming them worthy of eternal preservation.The agency on Sunday condemned Russia's attack on a cathedral in Odesa and other heritage sites in

Ukraine in recent days and said

it will send a team to the Black

Sea port city to assess damage. In a statement, UNESCO noted that Odesa's historic center was declared a UNESCO World Heritage site earlier this year and said attacks by Russian forces contradict recent promises by Russian authorities to take

precautions to spare such sites

across the country.

Before returning to Washington on Wednesday, Biden will tour a historic venue in France, Mont-Saint-Michel, a 1,000-year-old Benedictine abbey that was listed as a World Heritage site in 1979. It sits on an island in Normandy, in the north of the country.

A daughter and mother of U.S. service members, the first lady will also visit Brittany American Cemetery and Memorial to pay respects to the more than 4,400 US service members buried there, most of whom died in Normandy and Brittany during World War II.

She will also stop at the Elysée Palace in Paris on Tuesday to catch up with Brigitte Macron, a former teacher and the wife of French President Emmanuel Macron. The women have met several times over the past two years, including in Washington

last December when Macron was on a state visit to the US.

Senior Biden administration officials said returning to UNESCO fits President Joe Biden's goal of strengthening global partnerships and recommitting to American leadership at the UN and other international organizations to serve as a counter to nations that do not share US values.

Others said Jill Biden, who teaches English and writing at a Virginia community college, was best suited to represent the United States in Paris on Tuesday.

"The first lady, as a lifelong educator and believer in the power of educational opportunity across the world, is honored to help celebrate this important milestone," said Elizabeth Alexander, a spokesperson. "She looks forward to raising the flag for the United States once again at the UNESCO headquarters. showing our country's commitment to international cooperation in education, science, and

culture."The US pulled out of the Paris-based organization in 2018, under then-President Donald Trump, a Republican who claimed UNESCO was biased

against Israel.

## Russia hosting Africa summit as it wants allies

s Russia seeks more allies Aduring its invasion of Ukraine, longtime US security partner Kenya might not be an obvious choice.

But hours after Russia terminated a deal to keep grain flowing from Ukraine, Moscow's ambassador saw an opening to appeal to one of the African countries that would feel the effects the most. In an opinion piece for two

of Kenya's largest newspapers, Ambassador Dmitry Maksimychev blamed the United States and European Union for the deal's collapse, asserting they had "used every trick" to keep Russian grain and fertiliser from the global markets. "Now, my dear Kenyan friends, you know the whole truth about who is weaponising food," he wrote. It's the kind of brash outreach expected this week at the second Russia-Africa Summit. Grain supplies are in question.

The future of the Wagner military group is, too. It's a notable time for Russia to host nearly 50 African countries that rely heavily on Moscow for

rity. It's not clear how many heads of state will attend.

President Vladimir Putin's government is under new pressure to show its commitment to a continent of 1.3 billion people that is increasingly assertive on the global stage.

Africa's 54 nations make up the largest voting bloc at the United Nations and have been more divided than any other region on General Assembly resolutions criticising Russia's

If they leave the two-day summit on Friday feeling unheeded, they might distance themselves from Russia, said analyst Cameron Hudson with the US-based Centre for Strategic and International Studies. "I think you could see Africans beginning to vote with their feet," he said. "This is a decisive moment for both Africa and Putin in their rela-

Putin has repeatedly said that Russia would offer free grain to low-income African countries now that the grain deal has been terminated.

"The countries in need will definitely receive the nec-

essary assurances regarding their need for agricultural products" during the summit, Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Vershinin said last week.

The Russian military company Wagner, after its brief rebellion against Moscow, will be an urgent issue for countries like Sudan, Mali and others who contract with the mercenary group in exchange for natural resources like gold. Russia's foreign minister has said Wagner's work in Africa will continue. As for a peace proposal for

Ukraine that African leaders have tried to pursue, that "could be discussed" at the summit, Russian ambassador-at-large Oleg Ozerov told the Kommersant newspaper. Putin himself is a question. He has visited sub-Saharan Africa only once in more than two decades in power. Last week, after considerable diplomatic pressure, South Africa announced that Putin had agreed not to attend an economic summit there in August because of an arrest warrant for him by the International Criminal Court



Malians demonstrate against France and in support of Russia on the 60th anniversary of the independence of the Republic of Mali, in Bamako, Mali, on Sept. 22, 2020. Russian President Vladimir Putin is hosting delegations from almost all of Africas 54 countries at the second Russia-Africa Summit

South Africa's debate over whether to arrest him was another sign of the ambivalence toward Moscow by a oncesteady US ally.

But President Cyril Ramaphosa's office on Friday made clear that African leaders

are working "for an end to the destabilizing Ukraine-Russia war," saying it would be in the continent's economic interests.

The US-backed Africa Centre for Strategic Studies has predicted that Russia will try to pull other influential

Congo, Nigeria and Senegal

Africa is "the most welcoming region for Russia of any other region in the world," the center's Joseph Siegle said.

Like China, Russia tries to appeal to African nations' distaste at feeling dictated to by global powers.

A busy tweeter, Russia's ambassador to Kenya drew the praise of that country's foreign minister last week when he objected to a statement by the UŚ and allies expressing concern about live bullets used against Kenyan protests over the rising cost of living. "If it is not interference in internal affairs, what is it? Maksimychev asked.

"Thank you @russembkenya for this principled position," Kenya's foreign minister, Korir Sing'Oei, replied — just day after he called Russia's decision to end the grain deal "stab on the back

Despite its high profile in Africa, Russia invests relatively little in it. At the first Russia-África Summit in 2019, Putin vowed to double Russia's trade with the continent within five around USD 18 billion a year.

Moscow offers less than 1 per cent of what goes to Africa in foreign direct investment, with almost no humanitarian aid. But Russia can connect with African nations in ways that the West cannot, said Tim Kalyegira, a Ugandan analyst and writer.

"Russia is one of the few European countries allied with Africa in views about homosexual relations: We are a traditional Christian country. Every time you have an antigay bill, we're with you," he said. That could play to US allies like Nigeria and Ghana as well, Kalyegira said.

Uganda faced Washington's criticism this year for a new law that prescribed the death penalty for "aggravated homosexu-

President Joe Biden threatened sanctions amid "democratic backsliding" by a longtime Now Ugandan President

Yoweri Museveni is listed as a panelist at the Russia-Africa . Summit for a discussion on "What forms of new colonialism are being imposed on the

global majority by the West

Úganda also has been one of the largest buyers of weapons from Russia, Africa's top arms supplier, along with Algeria, Egypt, Morocco, Ethiopia, Angola and Burkina Faso.

Kalyegira said Russia now could broker grain supply deals with individual African nations, weakening any continental stance on the war.

The US hosted its own

Africa summit last year as part of a growing number of such Africa gatherings by powers including China, France, Turkey, Japan and the UK "It's worth asking why Americans should care about competing in Africa or investing in its stability. The answer is clear: Africa is poised to shape the 21st century as the world's fastestgrowing demographic and economic power," Joseph Sany with the US Institute of Peace told a US House subcommittee

"By 2050, Africans will make up a quarter of the global population," he said.

The delegations heading to Russia are being urged to use

## Moscow, Crimea hit by Ukrainian drones, Russian forces bombard Ukraine's south

 $R^{\mathrm{ussian}}$  authorities accused  $U^{\mathrm{ussian}}$  of launching a drone attack on Moscow early Monday that saw one of the aircraft fall near the Defence Ministry's main headquarters and striking Crimea, while the Russian military unleashed new strikes on port infrastructure in southern Ukraine. Moscow Mayor Sergei

Sobyanin said there were no casualties when the drones struck two nonresidential buildings. The Defence Ministry claimed that the military jammed both attacking drones, forcing them to crash. Russian media reported

that one of the drones fell on the Komsomolsky highway near Moscow's centre, shattering shop windows and damaged the roof of a house just about 200 metres (just over 200 vards) away from the towering riverside Defence Ministry building. The ministry's main headquarters has Pantsyr air defence systems placed on the

It wasn't immediately clear whether the drone targeted the Defense Ministry's headquarters, which is located 2.7 Kremlin, or was heading to some other target in central Moscow. Another drone hit an office building in southern



floors - more visible damage compared to earlier drone strikes on the Russian capital. Emergency workers were inspecting the damage and traffic was halted on sections of highways where the drones fell. Ukrainian authorities didn't immediately claim responsibility for the strike, which was the second drone attack on the Russian capital this month. In the previous attack on July 4, the Russian military said four of the five drones were downed of Moscow and the fifth was jammed by electronic warfare means and forced down. The raid prompted authorities to Moscow, gutting several upper temporarily restrict flights at depot that was hit.

Moscow's Vnukovo airport and divert flights to two other Moscow airports.

Russian authorities said that another Ukrainian drone attack early Monday struck an ammunition depot in northern Crimea and forced a halt in traffic on a major highway and a railway crossing the Black Sea peninsula that was illegally annexed by Moscow in 2014. Railway traffic was restored several hours later.

The Moscow-appointed Aksyonov, said that authorities also ordered the evacuation of several villages within a fivekm (three-mile) radius of the

## Arrest Pak ex-PM: Pak EC tells police

**PTI** ■ ISLAMABAD

The Election Commission of Pakistan on Monday directed the Islamabad police to arrest former prime minister Imran Khan and produce him before it on Tuesday in a case linked to contempt of the top electoral body. Irked by Khan's persistent

absence from the hearings, the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) instructed the Islamabad IG to arrest the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chief for his failure to appear in the contempt case. The ECP initiated con-

tempt proceedings against Khan, 70, and former PTI leaders Asad Umar and Fawad Chaudhry last year for allegedly using "intemperate" language against the chief election commissioner and the electoral watchdog.

A four-member ECP bench headed by member Nisar Durrani issued a nonbailable arrest warrant for Khan and Chaudhry in the last hearing on July 11 while sparing Umar. It rescheduled the hearing for July 25 with orders for all to appear.

ECP stated that Khan was "required in the contempt of the commission's proceedings initiated in terms of Section 10 of the Elections Act, 2017"



but he had failed to appear before the ECP even after he was served notices and bailable warrants for him were issued on January 16 and March 2. Earlier, the ECP had asked

PTI leaders to appear in person or through their counsels to explain their position, but they challenged the notices and contempt proceedings in higher courts. After lengthy proceedings, the Supreme Court in January allowed the ECP to continue proceedings against the three and subsequently, the top electoral body decided to frame charges against them.Khan has been facing scores of cases in various courts which were framed after he was removed from power in April last year. Chaudhry, once a diehard supporter of Khan,

On July 20, former PTI leader Chaudhry tendered an apology to the ECP in the contempt case filed against him by the electoral watchdog.

## **Pak SC bars authorities from** arresting Imran till Aug 9

**PTI** ■ ISLAMABAD

Pakistan's former prime minister Imran Khan appeared before the Supreme Court here on Monday which barred the authorities from arresting him till August 9 in a case linked to the murder of a prominent lawyer in Quetta. A three-member bench led

by Justice Yahya Afridi issued the directives while hearing the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chief's plea seeking to quash the case, the Dawn newspaper reported.

Senior lawyer Abdul Razzaq Shar was killed on June 6 by unidentified people in Quetta, capital of Balochistan province, while on his way to court for an important hearing in the Balochistan High Court. A day later, police registered a case and named Khan in the first information report (FIR) on the complaint of the lawyer's son. Shar had filed a constitutional petition against Khan in the Balochistan High Court, seeking proceedings against the ex-premier under Article 6 that pertained to high treason. The federal government

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60, area measuring 450 sq. mtrs., Situated in Block - B, Sector - 31, Noida, Distt. Gautam Budh

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If any person(s) have any objection(s) or claim(s) with respect to the right, title or interest in the Said Property then contact us within 15 days from the

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For Parcela Real Estate Pvt. Ltd

Sd/- Authorised Signatory Place: Agra Date: 25/07/2023

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and the PTI had traded blame over the incident, with both sides accusing the other of having a role in the killing.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's aide Attaullah Tarar had alleged that Shar was killed at the behest of Khan to allegedly evade accountability in a treason case. On the other hand, PTI spokesperson Raoof Hassan had accused the prime minister and Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah of being behind the murder, the Dawn News reported. An anti-terrorism court (ATC) had subsequently issued Khan's arrest warrant in the case, which was later upheld by the Balochistan High Court. Khan, 70, had moved the Supreme Court against naming him as an accused in the murder case, the Express Tribune newspaper reported.

During its previous hearing of the case on July 20, the apex court ordered the PTI chairman to appear before the bench in person before asking for the annulment of the FIR and warrants of arrest. During Monday's hearing, Khan appeared before the Supreme Court along with his lawyers. PROCESS BEGINS TO DECLARE IMRAN'S KIN **PROCLAIMED OFFENDERS** 

Lahore (PTI): A Pakistani court on Monday initiated the process to declare Imran Khan's two sisters and a nephew proclaimed offenders in a case related to the attack on the historic Corps Commander House here after the former prime minister was arrested in an alleged corruption case in May. The Corps Commander House, also known as Jinnah House, here was vandalised and torched by a mob of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) supporters following the arrest of the party chief Khan from the Islamabad High Court on May 9.

The Anti-Terrorism Court (ATC) Lahore initiated the process to declare former premier Imran Khan's two sisters — Aleema Khan and Dr Uzma and his nephew Hassan

Niazi and 19 other PTI leaders proclaimed offenders after their constant skipping of the court's hearing for their alleged involvement in attacking the Lahore Corps Commander House," a court official told PTI after the hearing.

## British-Pak radical preacher charged with terror offences

PTI ■ LONDON

radical Islamist preacher Awith dual British and Pakistani nationality who had been freed from prison a few years ago appeared in a London court on Monday charged with terrorism-related offences

Anjem Choudary, 56, was charged by the Metropolitan Police on Sunday with membership of a proscribed (banned) organisation, addressing meetings to encourage support for a proscribed organisation, and directing a terrorist organisation under different sections of the UK's Terrorism Act 2000.

A Canadian national, 28year-old Khaled Hussein, was also arrested in a related counter-terrorism inquiry on charges of membership of a proscribed organisation.

Chief Magistrate Paul Goldspring presided over the Westminster Magistrates' Court hearing and remanded both men in custody to appear at the Old Bailey court in London on August 4.

"On Monday, 17 July, Met counter-terrorism detectives investigating alleged membership of a proscribed organisation arrested a 56-year-old man in east London and a 28year-old Canadian national at Heathrow Airport, after he arrived on a flight," the Met Police said in a statement earlier. "They were held under

Section 41 of the Terrorism Act 2000 and detectives were granted warrants of further detention allowing them to detain the men until Monday, 24 July," the statement added. The Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) told the court on Monday that Choudary spoke online to weekly small groups from June 2022 until his arrest, giving lectures on the establishment of an Islamic State in Britain. Co-accused Hussein is said to have effectively worked for Choudary in Canada.

"The charges relate to the proscribed organisation Al Muhajiroun, also known as the Islamic Thinkers Society. Criminal proceedings against Mr Choudary and Mr Hussein are now active and they each have the right to a fair trial," said Nick Price, from the CPS Counter Terrorism Division.

"It is extremely important that there should be no reporting, commentary or sharing of information online which could in any way prejudice these proceedings. The function of the CPS is not to decide whether a person is guilty of a criminal offence, but to make fair, independent and objective assessments about whether it is appropriate to present charges for a criminal court to consider," he said.

UK-born Choudary has been associated with different radical outfits, including the now-banned Islamist group Al



Letter No. 2550 / 613 / 282

E-Tender Notice

**Executive Engineer** 

<u>Name of the work:</u> OHT construction, Rising main, providing & laying jointing of distribution system and appurtenant works for the following drinking water schemes of Ramnagar block of Nainital district under Jal Jeevan Mission Programme with supply of all materials, labour and T&P etc complete including testing, commissioning & handover etc

Block Ramnagar: -1. Dhanpur Gusai (GOV) W/S Scheme, 2. Rajpur W/S Scheme.

1	Date of Calling of tenders	24-07-2023
2	Date of Online publication	25-07-2023 at 17:00 hrs.
3	Document download : Start Date	26-07-2023 at 10:00 hrs.
4	Pre Bid Meeting	29-07-2023 at 13:00 hrs.
5	Bid Submission : Start date	30-07-2023 at 10:00 hrs.
6	Bid Submission : End date	06-08-2023 at 17:00 hrs.
7	Offline submission of documents (Cost of bidding document, Bid Security, Original Affidavits & all the Supporting Documents in support of qualification)	07-08-2023 upto 17:00 hrs.
8	Date of Technical Bid Opening	08-08-2023 at 11:00 hrs.
9	Date of Financial Bid Opening	To be announced later

Note:- For full details of the tender, corrigendum and cancellation etc., please log-in to the website www.uktenders.gov.in Superintending Engineer

Office of the Executive Engineer, Construction Division, Uttarakhand Peyjal Nigam, Ramnagar, (Nainital) (E-mail: eecdujnramnagar@gmail.com, Phone: 05947-251259)

Letter No. 1193 / Vividh-14 / 79 **E-Tender Notice** 

E-tenders are invited through single bid system for the construction work of Source work, CWR and appurtenant works for the following drinking water scheme of Kotabag block of Nainital district under Jal Jeevan Mission Programme with supply of all materials, labour and T&P etc complete including testing commissioning & handover etc. of the following schemes under Jal Jeevan Mission Programme Name of Scheme:- Jalna W/S Scheme, Block- Kotabag, Period of Completion of work-

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Tender Notice

Online global tenders are invited from reputed OEM/Indian suppliers for the supply of Geodetic GNSS Reference System (Reference Receiver and Choke Ring Antenna) with accessories The e-tender may be downloaded from www.nprocure.com or www.isr.gujarat.gov.in. The last date for submitting the tender form with offer is 17-08-2023. Tender will be opened on the same day at on n- procure.

**Director General** 

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For complete details regarding above tender (NIT), please visit our website i.e. www.verka.coop &

e-Tendering portal i.e. eproc.punjab.gov.in.

Corrigendum, if any, will be uploaded on website only

APPENDIX- IV-A

Incharge (Purchase)

Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Property

-Auction Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ead with proviso to Rule 8(6) and Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcen

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 to I**ndiabulls** Housing Finance Ltd. [CIN: L65922DL2005PLC136029] ("Secured Creditor"), the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "as is where is", "as is what is" and "whatever there is" basis on 14.08.2023 from 02.00 P.M. to 04.00 P.M., for recovery o Rs. 11,74,759/- (Rupees Eleven Lakh Seventy Four Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Nine only) pending towards Loan Account No. HHLVAS00483530, by way of outstanding principal, arrears (including accrued late charges) and interest till 20.07.2023 with applicable future interest in terms of the Loan Agreement and other related loan document(s) w.e.f. 21.07.2023 along with legal expenses and other charges due to the Secured Creditor from AVINASH SHRIVASTAV and NOOR

The Reserve Price of the Immovable Property will be Rs. 7,50,000/- (Rupees Sever Lakh Fifty Thousand only) and the Earnest Money Deposit ("EMD") will be Rs. 75,000/- (Rupees Seventy Five Thousand only) i.e. equivalent to 10% of the DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

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For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided on the website of the Secured Creditor i.e. www.indiabullshomeloans.com. For

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## Sensex, Nifty fall for 2nd day

### Massive selling in heavyweight stocks following below-expectation quarterly results

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 $\begin{array}{c} B^{\text{enchmark Sensex declined}} \\ \text{by nearly 300 points while} \\ \text{Nifty closed below the 19,700} \end{array}$ mark on Monday, extending their losses for a second straight session due to massive selling in heavyweight stocks following below-expectation quarterly results.

Foreign fund outflows and surging crude oil prices also weighed on equity markets even as traders were awaiting the US Federal Reserve's monetary policy decision to be announced this week.

The 30-share BSE Sensex fell 299.48 points or 0.45 per cent to settle at 66,384.78. During the day, it touched the intra-day peak of 66,808.56 and hit the lowest level of

The NSE Nifty fell by 72.65 points or 0.37 per cent to end at 19,672.35. The broader index moved between the range of

19,782.75 and 19,658.30. Both the indices had settled



the previous session on Friday, snapping their six-day recordbreaking rally.

Among Sensex stocks, hotels-to-FMCG conglomerate ITC dropped the most by 3.87 per cent after the company announced the demerger of its hotels business into a separate entity ITC Hotels Ltd.

Kotak Bank declined by 3.8 per cent, Tech Mahindra by 2.8 per cent and Reliance Industries by 1.92 per cent. JSW Steel, Tata Steel, HUL and Maruti were also among

the losers. On the other hand, IndusInd Bank, Mahindra & Mahindra, PowerGrid and Bajaj Finserve gained up to 2.01 per cent. In all, 18 of Sensex stocks advanced while 12

According to Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services, the market saw volatility as quarterly numbers announced by major IT and FMCG companies last week were below expectations. "Sectorwise setbacks were experienced in IT and FMCG,

unveiling weak demand and high input costs. Banks are mixed while pharma stocks are withholding the volatility in anticipation of better demand from developed economies, reduction in US pricing issues and expansion in operating "Investors are also watch-

ful of the upcoming FOMC meeting, addressing rate hike and quantitative tightening measures, which could have an implication on FIIs inflows,' Nair said.

Broader market indices resilience and ended almost flat to marginally higher, Ajit Mishra, SVP - Technical Research, Religare Broking Ltd

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BSE Midcap went up by 0.30 per cent to 29,634.85 while BSE Smallcap index inched up 25.37 points or 0.07 per cent to 34,172.03 points.

Among sectoral indices, BSE FMCG fell the most by 1.74 per cent, followed by metal (0.62 per cent), energy

(0.56 per cent). Elsewhere in Asia, equity markets were mixed with Nikkei gaining 1.23 per cent, while Hang Seng and Shanghai Composite declined by 2.13 per cent and 0.11 per cent, respectively.

(0.58 per cent) and oil & gas

Europe markets were also trading mixed. German bench-mark DAX was up 0.08 per cent while London's FTSE 100 gained 0.06 per cent. The CAC 40 of France was off 0.18 per cent. The US markets ended higher on Friday with S&P 500

gaining 0.03 per cent. Global oil benchmark Brent crude was trading 0.73 per cent higher at USD 81.66

Foreign institutional investors (FIIs) were sellers on Friday as they offloaded equities worth Rs 1,998.77 crore, according to exchange data.

## 7.4 cr ITRs filed in FY'23, over 5.16 cr declared zero tax liability: Sitharaman

 $N^{\mathrm{umber}}$  of entities, including individuals, who filed income tax returns increased by 6.18 per cent in 2022-23 to over 7.40 crore, of which about 5.16 crore declared zero tax liability, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said on Monday.

"There has been a 6.18 per cent increase in the number of persons filing Income Tax Returns in F.Y. 2022-23 as compared to persons in F.Y. 2021-22," she said in the Lok Sabha. India's gross direct tax collection grew 20.33 per cent to over Rs 19.68 lakh crore in 2022-23 fiscal.

As per the return filing data shared by Sitharaman, the number of persons who filed income tax returns during the last four years has shown an increase.

Over 7.40 crore ITRs were filed in 2022-23, of which over 5.16 crore had zero tax



liability.

Similarly, for 2021-22 fiscal, over 6.94 crore ITRs were filed, of which over 5.05 crore had zero tax liability.

Over 6.72 crore and 6.47 crore ITRs were filed in 2020-21 and 2019-20 fiscal years.

Of this, over 4.84 crore and 2.90 crore assessees had zero tax liability.

The Government has taken several steps, like expansion of the scope of TDS/TCS, simplification of personal I-T, prefiling of ITRs, updated returns, new form 26AS and non-filers monitoring system, which has helped in adding taxpayers.

#### **Govt ratifies 8.15% interest** rate on EPF for 2022-23

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The government has ratified the rate of interest at 8.15 per cent rate on deposits under the Employees Provident Fund scheme for the financial year 2022-23. Retirement fund body EPFO on March 28, 2023, had marginally raised the interest rate on employees' provident fund (EPF) deposits to 8.15 per cent for 2022-23 for its over six crore subscribers.

As per an official order issued on Monday, the EPFO has asked the filed offices for crediting the interest at 8.15 per cent on EPF for 2022-23 into the accounts of members.

The order came after the finance ministry's concurrence to the EPF rate of interest approved by EPFO trustees earlier in March this

Now the EPFO field offices will start the process of crediting the internet into

Choudhary said.

that "risk aversion in global

markets and rising concerns

over global economic slow-

down may also weigh on the

eign inflows may support rupee at lower levels.

Investors may remain cau-

tious ahead of the FOMC

spot to trade in the range of

81.50 to 82.40 in the near

On the domestic equity market front, the 30-share

BSE Sensex closed 299.48

meeting later this week. We expect the USD/INR

"However, sustained for-

Choudhary further said

## Sebi working on instant settlement of stock market transactions: Buch

Sebi Chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch on Monday said the capital markets regulator is working on instant transaction settlement in the stock markets.

Buch said the day is not far off when stock market transactions will be settled instan-

She said the regulator is working with stakeholders to improve the timelines on transaction settlement towards this

The regulator has been working on upping the pace of new equity issuances, debt issuances, approvals for mutual fund schemes using technology and other interventions with the aim of helping capital formation in the economy, she said.

Such interventions have accrued in monetary benefits of Rs 3,500 crore for the investor community on an annual basis,



The investment bankerturned-regulator said India is in a very good place as an economy which ups the importance of Sebi's role in aiding capital

The GST collection number show that the economy is doing extremely well and the advance tax payments by corporates are also a forward looking statement by corporates on their performances, she said.

Highlighting the growth on both these fronts, Buch said the "growth of the economy is real".

### TRAI releases draft telecom consumers education and protection fund amendment rules for comments

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Telecom regulator TRAI on ■ Monday circulated the draft telecom consumers education and protection fund amendment regulation, for stakehold-



The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) had notified TCEPF regulations on June 15, 2007. According to the regulations, a fund called 'Telecom

Consumers Education and Protection Fund' was created. The income generated by the fund is used for undertaking activities including consumer outreach programmes, workshops, developing educational and awareness material for dissemination of information to consumers. "The authority has observed that for preparation, mainte-

nance and audit of accounts and for the participation of representatives of consumer groups for attending meetings of Committee on Utilisation of TCEF (CUTCEF), expenditure are to be incurred from TCEPF and provisions are required in the regulations," TRAI said in a release.

Therefore, amendments have been proposed in specific regulations of the principal framework.

## Rupee rises 15 paise to close at 81.83 against US dollar

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The rupee gained 15 paise to close at 81.83 (provisional) against the US dollar on Monday, as a sharp jump in India's forex reserves boosted investor sentiments. At the interbank foreign

exchange market, the local unit opened at 82 against the US dollar and moved in a range of 81.82 to 82.04 in day

The rupee closed 15 paise higher at \$1.83 (provisional) against the previous close of 81.98 on Friday.

The Indian rupee gained on softening crude oil prices and a sharp jump in India's forex reserves, said Anuj Choudhary - Research Analyst at Sharekhan by BNP Paribas.

India's forex reserves swelled by USD 12.743 billion to USD 609.022 billion in the week ended July 14, the Reserve Bank of India said on



dropped by USD 2.901 billion to USD 593.198 billion in the previous reporting week.

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

However, a weak tone in the domestic markets and a strong US Dollar capped sharp gains. The US Dollar Friday. gained amid disappointing
The overall reserves had PMI data from Europe and

the UK which showed activity contracting deeper, Choudhary said.

Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, rose 0.19 per cent to 101.26. Brent crude futures, the

global oil benchmark, advanced 0.74 per cent to USD 81.67 per barrel.

"We expect the rupee to trade with a slight negative bias on deteriorating global risk sentiments which may support the safe-haven US Dollar and put pressure on crore, according to exchange

points or 0.45 per cent lower at 66,384.78. The broader NSE Nifty fell 72.65 points or 0.37 per cent to 19,672.35. Foreign institutional investors (FIIs) were net sellers in the capital market on Friday as they offloaded shares worth Rs 1,998.77

## Civil society, trade experts urge India not to ratify WTO's agreement on fisheries subsidies

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

rade experts and some I members of civil society have urged India not to ratify the fisheries subsidies agreement agreed upon by the World Trade Organisation members in Geneva last year and instead commence talks for a comprehensive pact. Members of the Geneva-based

WTO on June 17, 2022, secured a 'Geneva Package' which included agreements on curbing harmful fishing subsidies and temporary patent waivers for the production of COVID-19 vaccines.

The fisheries agreement finalised would prohibit developed countries, engaged in distant water fishing, not to provide subsidies for illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing activities. However, the countries have to negotiate about the other issues of the agreement which include overfishing and overcapacity.

"We urge the government not to ratify this unequal agreement. Instead, the government should begin talks on the comprehensive agreement which is already mandated about disciplines for industrial fishing



nations under Article 5 pertaining to overcapacity and overfishing," according to a letter sent by certain members of civil society, trade unions and NGOs to Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush

Acceptance from twothirds of WTO members is needed to bring the agreement into effect. So far, over 10 countries have ratified. India has not yet ratified the pact. There are 164 members.

"We assert that there is still time for India and other developing countries to unite to ensure that the agreement does not come into effect," the letter said alleging that developed countries have large industrial fishing fleets and have consistently pushed their agenda to subsidies (these are not specif-

increase market access in the developing world.

"A vast majority of the billions of dollars of fisheries subsidies across countries are provided to industrial fishing and only a minority to smallscale fishing. Historically, it is industrial fishing, in particular in Europe and North America, that is responsible for the current crisis such as depleting resources from overfishing," it

The developing countries have been asking for restrictions on large industrial fleets of developed countries but these have continued unabat-"Developing countries such

as India have been asking for

disciplines on non-specific fuel

These are rampantly used

by the developed countries to subsidise their fishing fleets. However, this demand was also rejected in the negotiations," it added. Further it said that if one

compares the figures of total

ic to the fishing sector but gen-

eral fuel subsidies).

subsidies and per fisher subsidies, there is a huge difference between developed and developing countries and the WTO agreement does not acknowledge this fact. It also suggested the gov-

ernment follow a more target-ed approach to support small-scale sustainable categories of fishing activity. The signatories of the let-

ter include the National Fishworkers Forum, National Platform for Small Scale Fish Workers, All India Fishers and Fisheries Workers' Federation, All India Union of Forest Working People, Biswajit Dhar, Distinguished Professor Council for Social Development, Delhi; Bharat Patel, General Secretary, Machimar Adhikar Sangharsh Samiti (MASS), Gujarat; and Kamala Menon from Delhi

### Canara Bank Q1 profit surges 75% to ₹3,535 crore on fall in bad loans, interest income growth

PTI NEW DELHI

State-owned Canara Bank on Monday reported a 75 per cent rise in net profit at Rs 3,535 crore for the June quarter, helped by a decline in bad loans and growth in interest

The Bengaluru-based lender had posted a net profit of Rs 2,022 crore in the yearago period. Total income in the first

quarter of the current fiscal rose to Rs 29,828 crore from Rs 23,352 crore in the same period a year ago, Canara Bank said in a regulatory filing.

Interest earned by the

bank rose to Rs 25,004 crore from Rs 18,177 crore in the year-ago period. Net Interest Income (NII) increased 28 per cent to Rs 8,666 crore in the latest June

quarter compared to the same period a year ago. The Net Interest Margin (NIM) also improved to 3.05 per cent as compared to 2.78 per cent in the year-ago peri-

Canara Bank Managing Director K Satyanarayana Raju said he expects NIM to be above 3 per cent during the

The bank's asset quality showed improvement as gross Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) declined to 5.15 per cent of gross advances at the end of the June quarter. It stood at 6.98 per cent in the year-ago period.

Similarly, net NPAs or bad loans declined to 1.57 per cent as against 2.48 per cent in the year-ago period

As a result, the provision for bad loans came down to Rs 2,418 crore as against Rs 2,673 crore in the same quarter a year

The bank's Capital Adequacy Ratio increased to 16.24 per cent as compared to 14.91 per cent at the end of June 2022.

Pursuant to proposed bipartite agreement in wage revision, which is effective from November 2022, an estimated provision of Rs 344.69 crore has been made for the quarter ended June 30, it said.

About loan growth, Raju said the bank expects a 10.5 per cent credit growth and an 8.5 per cent increase in deposits in the current financial year.

## **IDBI Bank Q1** profit jumps 62% to ₹1,224 crore



**PTI** ■ NEW DELHI

IC-promoted IDBI Bank Lon Monday reported a 62 per cent rise in net profit to Rs 1,224 crore in the June quarter due to a decline in bad loans.

The bank had posted a net profit of Rs 756 crore in the year-ago period.

Total income in the first quarter of the current fiscal rose to Rs 7,712 crore, from Rs 5,774 crore in the same period a year ago, IDBI Bank said in a regulatory filing.

bank improved to Rs 6,860 crore over Rs 4,634 crore in Net interest income (NII)

increased by 61 per cent to Rs

3,998 crore from Rs 2,488 crore

in the same quarter a year ago.

Interest earned by the

per cent for Q1-2024 as compared to 4.02 per cent for Q1-2023, it said. The bank's asset quality showed improvement as gross non-performing assets (NPAs)

declined to 5.05 per cent of

Net Interest Margin (NIM)

improved by 178 bps to 5.80

gross advances at the end of the June quarter, from 19.90 per cent a year ago. Similarly, net NPAs or bad loans declined to 0.44 per cent, as against 1.26 per cent in the

year-ago period. Provision coverage ratio also improved to 98.99 per cent as against 97.78 per cent as on

June 30, 2022, it said. Capital Adequacy Ratio of the bank increased to 20.33 per cent, as compared to 19.57 per cent at the end of June 2022.

### Maruti recalls 87,599 units of S-Presso, **Eeco to replace faulty steering tie rod**

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The country's largest car-I maker Maruti Suzuki India on Monday said it is recalling 87,599 units of S-Presso and Eeco models to check and replace faulty steering tie rod.

manufactured between July 5, 2021, and February 15, 2023, the auto major said in a state-



Affected vehicle owners will be receiving communication from the company-authorised dealer workshops for inspection and replacement of the faulty part, free of cost, Maruti Suzuki stated.

July 24, 2023, 06:30 pm

steerability and handling," it company in recent times.

 $E^{\text{lon Musk-owned Twitter}}_{\text{on Monday launched its}}$ new logo, X, which replaced the blue bird as part of a wider rebranding. The social media network's site and Twitter accounts showed the new

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

background. "Interim X logo goes live later today", the Twitter boss

He also wrote that the site



x.Com points to the Twitter website. Twitter's official account now reads "X", with a black background and the letter X in a white design.

Elon Musk's official

return of previously banned

account also has the logo as his display picture and a small icon next to the blue tick, where the blue bird logo pre-

change that Musk has bought to the social media platform since he bought it for USD 44

billion last year. Under Musk's tumultuous tenure, the company has seen many changes including large-scale sackings, charges for previously free services,

right-wing accounts and changes to content moderation. He has also changed its business name to X Corp, reflecting his vision to create a 'super app' like China's

Last October, he had stated that "buying Twitter is an accelerant to creating X, the everything app".

Musk's rocket company,

now known as PayPal. While x.Com takes the user to the Twitter website, the logo change has also been

called X.Com, an online

financial services company

reflected on Twitter's web application. An update or change in the logo on Twitter's iOS and Android Twitter CEO Linda

Yaccarino confirmed the logo choice, which was described as "minimalist art deco" by

#### The recalled units were a possible defect in a part of steering tie rod, used in such onwards, it said. vehicles, which in a rare case,

may break and affect vehicle "It is suspected that there is

The recall is effective from

It is one of the largest recalls being undertaken by the

logo, a white X on a black

viously was. The new logo is the latest

Exploration Technologies Corp, is commonly known as SpaceX. In 1999, he founded a startup

apps in India is awaited.

## Satwik-Chirag eye another title

Presh from their Korea Open triumph, Satwiksai-raj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty will look to continue their dream run, even as the focus will be on the struggling PV Sindhu and HS Prannov in the Japan Open Super 750 badminton tournament, beginning here on Tuesday.

The 2022 Commonwealth Games-winning Indian doubles pair of Satwik-Chirag on Sunday stunned world No. 1 pair of Fajar Alfian and Muhamad Rian Ardianto in a hard-fought final to extend their winning streak to 10 matches.

They have been in the form of their career, winning the Swiss Open, Asian Championships and Indonesia Open this year as the third-seeded Indians face Leo Rolly Carnando-Daniel Marthin of Indonesia in the opening round.

Exactly a year before the Paris Olympics, the biggest talking point in the Indian badminton circuit has been that of the wobbly form of Sindhu.

The two-time Olympic medallist and former world champion has been a shadow of her past post her injury rehab and has dropped to world No. 17 following her first round exits in six of the 12 BWF World Tour events this year.

The latest was in Korean Open last week where she lost to lower-ranked Pai Yu-Po under the guidance of her high-profile new coach Muhammad Hafiz Hashim, the 2003 All-England



Sindhu has been errorprone and struggling to finish points even against lower-rung players. She will have to work on her fast, attacking game to up the ante against her rivals.

This time, Sindhu's opening round hurdle will be Zhang Yi

Man, against whom the Indian won in the Malaysian Open quarters, en route to her semifinal finish in May this year.

With the latest win, Sindhu has a 2-2 win-loss record against the 20th ranked Chinese, and she would look to make up the lost ground.

But should Sindhu overcome the first round hurdle, she is likely to be up against her nemesis Tai Tzu Ŷing who has beaten the Indian nine times in a row in recent past in her 19-5 win-loss record.

Prannoy, who won his maiden BWF World Tour title at the Malaysia Masters in May. remained India's top-ranked player but dropped two spots to

Prannoy, who lost in the second round at the Korea Open Hobara and Yui Suizu.

pitted against unseeded Li Shi

Kidambi Srikanth is up against Chou Tien Chen of

Chinese Taipei.

If they overcome their respective opening round hurdles, Prannoy and Srikanth will clash in the battle for the quarterfinals where either of the them may face the toughest test, up against top-seeded Viktor Axelsen.

The tournament will also mark the return of ace youngster Lakshya Sen, who took a break and skipped Korea Open after winning the Canada Open earlier this month.

Upcoming youngster Priyanshu Rajawat and Sen are up against each other in an all-Indian opening round clash.

Should Sen get past Rajawat, he may face a tough test in second-seeded Anthony Sinisuka Ginting of Indonesia in the

Malavika Bansod is pitted against local challenger Aya Ohori, while Aakarshi Kashyap will face top-seeded Akene Yamaguchi in the women's sin-

gles opening round.

Among other Indians in the fray, M R Arjun and Dhruv Kapila will square up against fourth seeded Aaron Chia and Soh Wooi Yik of Malaysia in the men's doubles.

In the women's doubles, the Birmingham Commonwealth Games bronze medal winning pair of Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand will take on local favourties Sayaka



## Vingegaard wins second successive Tour de France

**AP** ■ PARIS

Tonas Vingegaard won his second successive Tour de France on Sunday after Jordi Meeus claimed the final stage honours on the Champs-Elysees in Paris.

Denmark's Vingegaard crossed the finish line after the 21-day race 7min 29sec ahead of Slovenia's Tadej Pogacar, the champion in 2020 and 2021.

Pogacar's teammate Adam Yates of Great Britain rounded

out the top three podium. Vingegaard's winning margin was the largest since 2014 when Italian Vincenzo Nibali took the fabled champion's yellow jersey by 7min 39sec.

The world's greatest bike race provided tense drama with spectacular backdrops as Vingegaard and Pogacar remained separated by seconds until the Dane edged ahead with a

sensational individual time trial. The following day on a 28km climb to the ski resort of Courchevel, Pogacar cracked, shouting "I'm gone, I'm dead" before Vingegaard killed off the race with a sensational final

The event had been billed as a showdown between the defending champion Vingegaard and Pogacar, who has won the Tour twice and now come second twice.

## Silva commits to Fulham after reported Saudi offer

Fulham manager Marco Silva on Sunday said he was "fully committed" to the club after turning down a lucrative offer from Saudi Arabian side

Reports in Britain said the Portuguese manager had been offered a two-year deal worth £40 million (\$51 million) as Saudi's Pro League continues its lucrative recruitment drive.

However speaking ahead of Fulham's pre-season friendly with Brentford in Philadelphia on Sunday, Silva confirmed he was staying with the west London Premier League club.

"My commitment to this club has been 100 percent since the first day I signed and it will continue this way," Silva

"It was a decision that I made. I spoke with the people in the club and like I was before last season, and two seasons ago, I'm fully committed to the club and will continue this way.

"Offers are part of the business...it's up to us to think, always respecting the club that you are working for. It's what I have done always in my career and I will keep doing." Silva, 46, joined Fulham in

2021, leading them to promotion to the Premier League from the Championship in his first season before guiding them to 10th in the top-flight

Al-Ahli have signed Riyad Mahrez from Manchester City, Liverpool's Roberto Firmino and Edouard Mendy from Chelsea in recent months.

**AP** ■ ADELAIDE Ary Borges was the star of the show at the Women's World

Cup on Monday, hitting a hattrick for an impressive Brazil, while Germany also won big to begin their campaign. Italy were also victors but

needed an 87th-minute header from substitute Cristiana Girelli to squeeze past Argentina 1-0. Brazil have featured at all eight previous Women's World

Cups — and never won it.
Far tougher challenges lie ahead — they face France next - but their 4-0 thumping of debutants Panama was the perfect start for Swedish coach Pia

Sundhage's side. The stylish victory was all about 23-year-old attacking midfielder Borges. As well as her hat-trick she also set up the other — her back-Hindmarsh Stadium in Adelaide competition so far. Some of the Panama players and fans were in tears during their national anthem, underlining what it means to them to be at the World Cup for the first time. But this was a debut they

move and the best goal of the

will probably want to forget as Brazil put on an exhibition of flowing, attacking football.
As a result Brazil top Group

F after Jamaica surprisingly held France 0-0 on Sunday. Earlier, Alexandra Popp scored twice as Germany thrashed Morocco 6-0 for the biggest

win of the tournament so far. The lower-ranked teams at the first 32-team Women's World Cup have generally held their own, indicating a closing of the gap in women's international football. But two-time champions Germany blew away

a Women's World Cup. The Germans are among



with holders the United States, England, Spain and France, and they showed why with a clinical performance in front of a near sell-out crowd of more than 27,000 in Melbourne. In their 32-year-old skipper Popp they have one of the best

took full advantage of some poor Morocco defending with simple close-range finishes. Klara Buehl made it three

goal-scorers around and she

straight after half-time to end the match as any kind of contest, before two own goals and a late sixth from Lea Schueller.

#### **SUPER SUB**

Argentina had never won a game at the Women's World Cup after appearing at three previous finals — and the wait goes on after going down to Italy in low cards.

Juventus veteran Girelli was Italy's saviour, coming on as a substitute in the 83rd minute and scoring the winner with a superb header just four minutes later in front of nearly 31,000 fans in Auckland.

"I am really happy for me and my teammates because we deserved the victory," said Girelli, who scored a hat-trick

Sweden even if she had no complaints about being an impact substitute. "If all the games are like this then there is

## Al Hilal can talk to Mbappe after 300M-euro bid: PSG

Paris Saint-Germain have received a world record bid of 300-million-euro (\$333 million) for Kylian Mbappe from Saudi club Al Hilal, a source close to the negotiations said on Monday. Real Madrid — the club widely thought to be leading the chase for the most potent forward in world football - are among a number of other clubs to have expressed an interest, the source said.

Al Hilal have made a formal offer by letter, the source said, but such a transfer could

Djokovic withdraws from Toronto ATP Masters

ment of Mbappe who has never expressed an interest in moving to the fast-growing Saudi league. "The club has given permission to Al Hilal to speak with Mbappe. That's the request of the letter and that's been granted," the PSG source said.

Riyadh-based Al Hilal are one of the handful of clubs owned by Saudi Arabia's Public Investment Fund (PIF). They have already signed central defender Kalidou Koulibaly from Chelsea and Ruben Neves from Wolves this summer. Mbappe, 24, has one year



who want him to leave now rather than for nothing next summer. But Mbappe is refusing to sign a new contract and the French champions believe he has already struck a deal to move to Real Madrid next year for nothing.

"In the group so far that have expressed their interest there are Manchester United, Inter Milan, Barcelona, Tottenham and obviously the Saudi club and Real Madrid," the source said. The approach from Real appears to represent a change in tactics by the 13-time Japan and South Korea.

to sign Mbappe last year before he agreed to stay with PSG alongside Neymar and the nowdeparted Lionel Messi. It is widely thought that

Real hoped to pick up Mbappe for free next year, attracting him with a colossal signing fee because they would not have to pay PSG anything for his ser-

The standoff between Mbappe and the French club reached a new peak at the weekend when they dropped him from their squad to tour against Jamaica at the 2019 World Cup. "To win in that way, even though we had to suffer, is important," added the 33-yearold, surely now a contender to start the next match against

## no problem," she said. Qinwen wi<u>ns mai</u>den WTA title

World number two Novak Djokovic has withdrawn from the ATP Toronto Masters due to fatigue, Tennis Canada said on Sunday. The announcement comes

a week after the 23-time Grand Slam champion from Serbia fell to Spain's Carlos Alcaraz in the final at Wimbledon. His withdrawal deprives the

US Open tune-up tournament that starts on August 7 of a fourtime champion. "I have always enjoyed my

time in Canada, but after speak ing with my team, we believe this is the right decision to take, Djokovic said in a statement released by Tennis Canada. "I would like to thank Karl

Hale, the Tournament Director, for understanding this decision. I really hope I can return to Canada and Toronto in the coming years to play in front of great fans there.

Alcaraz denied Djokovic a record-equalling Wimbledon title last week,



handing him his first defeat on the All England Club's Centre Court in 10 years.

The Spaniard's victory also ended 36-year-old Djokovic's

chance of a calendar Grand Slam after his triumphs at the Australian Open and French Open took his tally of major titles to a men's record 23.

Christopher Eubanks will now gain automatic entry into the Toronto main draw.

Wimbledon quarter-finalist The American defeated

fifth-seeded Stefanos Tsitsipas and 12th-seeded Cameron Norrie en route to the last eight at Wimbledon. Hale acknowledged that Djokovic, who won

## China's Zheng Qinwen captured her first WTA title on

Sunday with a three-sets victory over Jasmine Paolini of Italy in the Palermo clay-court final.

The 20-year-old Zheng, ranked at 26 in the world, came through 6-4, 1-6, 6-1 against her 52nd-ranked opponent, registering her 20th match win of the year.

It was Zheng's second career final after finishing runner-up in Tokyo last year. She becomes the 11th

the Canadian title in 2007, 2011,

2012 and 2016, would be missed.

statement. "He's an incredible

player and one we know our fans

were eager to watch at Sobeys

Stadium. "He will be missed but

we still have a long list of sensa-

tional players confirmed for

this year's event, including 41 of

the top 42 players in the world.

"Of course, we're disappointed that Novak won't be playing at the National Bank Open this year," Hale said in a



singles title and second in 2023 after Zhu Lin triumphed at Hua Hin in Thailand in February.

"I won my first WTA match here and also my first WTA title, but you probably don't know that I won my first ITF championship in Italy,' said Zheng, whose three-hour semi-final win over Mayar Sherif of Egypt only ended in the early hours of Sunday.

"This is really special for me. This is my first WTA 250 championship. I will remember

#### MANNARINO ENDS MICHELSEN'S DREAM RUN FOR 3RD ATP TITLE

French veteran Adrian Man-narino ended Alex Michelsen's dream run in Newport on Sunday, beating the 18-year-old American 6-2, 6-4 to capture the third ATP title of his career. Mannarino, ranked 38th in

the world and seeded second in the grass court tournament in Rhode Island, continued his strong season on the surface that included reaching the final in Mallorca and the quarterfinals at Queen's Club in London and 's-Hertogenbosch in the Netherlands.

## RAIN STANDS BETWEEN INDIA & WIN



**PTI** ■ PORT OF SPAIN

**¬**orrential rain delayed the start of the fifth day's play in the second and final Test between India and the West Indies here on Monday.

A rain-marred fourth day saw India pick two wickets to leave West Indies at 76 for two in their second innings, having set an imposing target of 365 runs to win the match and level the two-match series, which is part of the World Test Championship (WTC) cycle.

As and when the match starts, a stronger India will fancy their chances of winning the game and completing a 2-0 whitewash of the hosts.

Jermaine Blackwood (20) and Tagenarine Chanderpaul (24) were out in the middle at the close of fourth day's play.

To make matter worse at the Queen's Park Oval, it rained

On the fourth and penultimate day, India had given themselves the best chance to win the Test with an ultra-aggressive batting approach after lead pacer Mohammed Siraj produced career-best figures of 5/60.
Siraj's five-wicket haul in the morning session allowed India to bowl out the West Indias for

to bowl out the West Indies for 255 in their first innings after the hosts started day four at 229 for

five. In the series opener, India defeated the West Indies by an innings and 141 runs to secure their first win of the WTC

2023-25 cycle. **HARMAN MIGHT GET** TWO-MATCH SUSPENSION

Dubai: Indian women's team captain Harmanpreet Kaur could well miss first two games in the upcoming Hangzhou Asian Games on charges of equipment abuse and public criticism of match officials after the tied third ODI against Bangladesh on Saturday.

Harmanpreet was adjudged leg before off a Nahida Akter delivery while trying to sweep but she claimed that she got a bottom edge and in a fit of rage shattered the stumps before walking back to the pavilion.

Later at the post match presentation ceremony, she termed the level of umpiring as "pathetic" and also sarcastically asked the umpires to be called to join the teams for trophy ceremony. Her boorish behaviour had

prompted Bangladesh skipper Nigar Sultana to walk away with her team and urge her Indian counterpart to learn some "manners"

"There is still some deliberation going on whether she should get three demerit points or four as there are two charges

 match equipment abuse and criticism of match officials.

"In case there are four demerit points in a space of 24 months, you either miss a Test or two limited over games — in this case first two games of Asiad. In case, it is three, then she will only cop financial penalty," a senior BCCI source told PTI on conditions of anonymi-

The charges against Har-manpreet has been pressed by ICC international panel match referee Akter Ahmed, who is also from Bangladesh. Both teams were locked at identical score of 225 and three-match ODI series ended in a 1-1 draw.

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whole Ashes.

It was surreal feeling when Virat bhai hugged me after my maiden Test wicket: Mukesh



PTI ■ PORT OF SPAIN

Having watched Virat Kohli's on-field exploits with awe all these years, it was a surreal feeling for Mukesh Kumar when the former Indian captain rushed to hug him after the Bengal seamer got his maiden Test wicket.

Making his Test debut a few months before his 30th birthday, the man from Bihar's Gopalganj is a late bloomer and has had to come up the ranks proving his mettle right from Bengal U-23 to India A in last

seven years. "When I got the wicket, Virat bhaiya ran up and hugged me. I was in a different world. The man I have watched all these years on TV and looked up to is hugging you. It felt great," a beaming Mukesh told his senior pace bowling partner (younger in age though) Mohammed Siraj in an interaction for BCCI.TV.

Mukesh had an impressive debut on a flat lifeless deck with figures of 18-6-48-2 to show for

"When you (Siraj) and JD (Unadkat) bhai were bowling, Rohit bhai said 'it's not a pitch Rohit bhai said 'it's not a pitch where you can get wickets instantly. You need to work hard'. I had to set up the batter with consistent bowling," said Mukesh, who was picked by former Bengal seamer Ranadeb Bose, during an open trial back in 2013-14 season under the ambitious 'Vision2020' project.

Although he was mentally ready, having gone through the paces in the nets, the moment he was told at the team meeting a day before, it took some time to sink in.

"When I came to know that I will be playing, I was shocked and actually completely zoned out. Whether I play or not, I am always prepared, so I went to attend the team meeting, keeping in mind that I need to follow my process. But there was some gut feel that I might

His mother was emotional and all those associated in this journey were very happy.

"So when it's morning over here, its evening in India. So by evening, when I reached hotel, I spoke to my mom, that's a special feeling that 'Maa main desh ke liye khel raha hoon (Mom, I am playing for the country). All my relatives and all those who supported me from start are happy," he told

Shubhankar achieves best

## ummins eyes series win as Ashes retained

Australia captain Pat Cum-mins insists his side's ambition to win a Test series in England remains undimmed after they retained the Ashes in a rainmarred draw at Old Trafford.

Persistent rain meant Sunday's final day of the fourth Test was washed out without a ball bowled as England were denied the chance of a series-levelling win in a match they had dominated. The result ensured Austra-

lia, as the holders, kept the Ashes at 2-1 up with one match left in the series — regardless of the result of the fifth Test at The Oval starting on Thursday.

Even so, Australia will still

have to avoid defeat in London if they are to secure their first since 2001.

"It is a bit of a strange one," Cummins told reporters. "As a group, proud we have retained



greatest week.

The fast bowler added: "It is pretty similar group to 2019 when we retained (the Ashes in England in a 2-2 draw) and we came away feeling OK, but it felt

came over to achieve. "In some regards whatever happened today, it wouldn't really change how we view next

the Ashes but it has not been our week — we want to win (the

> Cummins said he hadn't "bowled very well at all" during a return of 1-129 in 23 overs the most expensive haul of his Test career.

> thrilling 'Bazball' batting had also made life tough for him tactically as a captain.

'We tried to throw a few

## Anderson in England squad for 5th Test vs Oz

**AP** MANCHESTER

England are set to make a decision over veteran paceman James Anderson's place in the side after naming an unchanged squad for this week's final Ashes Test against Australia at The Oval.

England named an unchanged 14-man squad on Monday, with the spotlight on whether Anderson will still be in their XI come Thursday's opening day at The Oval.

Anderson's 689 Test wickets are the most taken by any

plans at them and on another day they might have worked but, our best this week and they played really well," said Cummins, who added any Australia joy at having retained the Ashes

fast bowler, with only spinners Muttiah Muralitharan (800) and Shane Warne (708) ahead of him in the all-time list. But in the current series Anderson, who turns 41 on Sunday, has taken just four wickets in three Tests at a hugely expensive average of 76.75 apiece.

He took just the one wick-

et at Old Trafford after being rested for England's win in the third Test at Headingley. But with Ollie Robinson fit

following a back spasm and novice international fast bowler Josh Tongue also in the squad,

Meanwhile, England skip-

This was England's first

will be "a team people will

remember" despite their failure

would be "muted".

to win the Ashes.

draw in 17 Tests since Stokes joined forces with coach Brenoversee a revolution in the team's approach to red-ball cricket, with the emphasis firmly on

stiffness near the end of the

fourth Test, have impressed

since being recalled into the side, while Stuart Broad is the

leading wicket-taker in the

made the last appearance of his celebrated Test career, with

England handing out their lat-

est round of central contracts

before the end of this year.

If Anderson is left out at the The Oval, it could mean he has

ever result by an Indian at Open, finishes eighth England do have alternative Mark Wood and Chris Woakes, who struggled with

PTI ■ HOYLAKE

ndia's Shubhankar Sharma produced the best-ever result by an Indian at golf's oldest Major, the Open Champion-ships, as he finished tied-eighth here on Sunday.

Sharma, playing his third Open, was the only player on the final day logging a bogey-free round of 1-under 70 for a total Tied-eighth, earning a recall to the Open in 2024 also.

Sharma's result was also

any Major behind the T-5 by Anirban Lahiri at the 2015 PGÁ Championships. Jeev Milkha Singh was also

T-9 at the 2008 PGA Championships. The previous best by an Indian at an Open was T-27 by Jyoti Randhawa in 2004 at Royal Troon, where the Open returns next year.

The runaway winner was the short left-hander from the United States, Brian Harman, who refused to fall prey to nerves as he had six years ago in the US Open.

He started the wet and soggy final day at Royal Liverpool Golf Club with a five-shot foursome — Tom Kim (67), Sepp Straka (69), Jason Day (69) and Jon Rahm (70), who were all tied at 7-under 277



#### PTI NEW DELHI

Olympic Games silver medallist pistol shooter Vijay Kumar is "shocked" that his name has been ignored for the post of High Performance Coach (HPC) by the Sports Authority of India (SAI) and that they have not deemed it worthy to even communicate the decision to him.

SAI, vide its notification on July 21, appointed five HPCs in athletics, shooting, fencing,

kabaddi and archery. SAI had advertised for the post in February-March and Vijay, the 2012 London Olympics silver medallist in rapid-fire pistol and five-time Commonwealth Games gold medallist, had applied for the

SAI has recommended Manoj Kumar, a rifle coach attached with Indian team cur-

## Olympic medallist Vijay shocked after being ignored for High-Performance Coach's job

rently training at the Paris Olympics shooting range, for the

"I had applied for the post (of HPC). I was waiting for the interview call. There were rumours that interviews (for the post) were being conducted. This morning, someone randomly called up and said that the list is out. When I checked the list (on the SAI website) I was surprised and shocked.

"I perfectly fitted the criteria they (SAI) had set. It was stated that if you are an Olympic medallist you would be directly recruited. As far as I know, no Olympic medallist apart from



the basis of deputation," said Vijay, a DSP with Himachal Pradesh Police.

"Earlier, HPCs were appointed on a contract basis but recently SAI had opened the jobs for experts to come on deputation from other institutions and render their services. So, on that basis, I had applied for the

"I am shocked that despite having achieved so much for the country, my name is not there. I believe the person who has been recommended for the post has some team international medal but no major Asian,

Commonwealth Games medal," said Vijay, winner of a silver and two bronze medals at the Asian

Manoj's profile on the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) website shows that he has competed in four World Cups and Asian Championships — all in 2005 but hasn't won a medal.

"I am the recipient of the Padma Shri, Khel Ratna (the highest sporting honour) and the Arjuna Award," added Vijay.

Asked whether a panel was formed to short-list experts for the top post, Vijay said, that only an "online application had to be submitted".

"I didn't get a reply or receipt to my mail, no confirmation. I suppose no one got a confirmation mail. The application had to be forwarded to one Mr Madhav, in-charge of the SAI

#### Pakistan on top in Srihari fails to qualify for 100m 2nd Test vs Sri Lanka

AP COLOMBO

Pakistan's new aggressive approach paid rich dividends as it bowled out Sri Lanka for 166 before racing to 145 for 2 in reply on Day 1 of the second Test on Monday.

Pakistan, 1-0 up in the twomatch series, is in complete control despite losing the toss and having to field first at the Sinhalese Sports Club. At a stage, the tourists were scoring at 6.5 runs an over, with the 50 coming up in 50 balls and the 100 arriving in 101 deliveries.

Abdullah Shafique needed only 49 deliveries to reach his fifth half-century in Tests, while

enth half-century in just 44 Asitha Fernando claimed

the first Pakistan wicket to fall, removing Imam-ul-Haq for six, before coming back for a second spell and having Masood caught at wide mid-on for 51.

Shafique, who was dropped by Prabath Jayasuriya off his own bowling on 42, reached 74 not out at stumps, with captain Babar Azam unbeaten on eight.

Earlier, leg-spinner Abrar Ahmed took 4 for 69 and fast bowler Naseem Shah claimed 3 for 41 as Sri Lanka was skittled out by a Pakistan side bowling to aggressive fields.

Shan Masood raced to his sev-

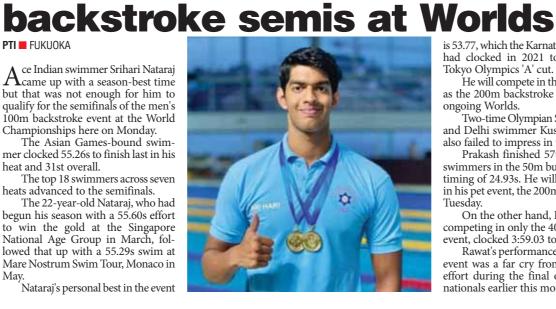
A ce Indian swimmer Srihari Nataraj Came up with a season-best time but that was not enough for him to qualify for the semifinals of the men's 100m backstroke event at the World Championships here on Monday. The Asian Games-bound swim-

mer clocked 55.26s to finish last in his heat and 31st overall.

The top 18 swimmers across seven heats advanced to the semifinals.

The 22-year-old Nataraj, who had begun his season with a 55.60s effort to win the gold at the Singapore National Age Group in March, followed that up with a 55.29s swim at Mare Nostrum Swim Tour, Monaco in

Nataraj's personal best in the event



#### is 53.77, which the Karnataka swimmer had clocked in 2021 to breach the Tokyo Olympics 'A' cut.

He will compete in the 50m as well as the 200m backstroke events at the ongoing Worlds.

Two-time Olympian Sajan Prakash and Delhi swimmer Kushagra Rawat also failed to impress in their events. Prakash finished 57th among 91

swimmers in the 50m butterfly with a timing of 24.93s. He will be in action in his pet event, the 200m butterfly on Tuesday On the other hand, Rawat who is

competing in only the 400m freestyle event, clocked 3:59.03 to finish 35th. Rawat's performance at the World event was a far cry from his 3:55.45

nationals earlier this month.

effort during the final of the senior

#### Indian women's softball team set to debut at Asiad lar participation in the Asian

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

 $S_{(SBAI)} \ on \ Monday \ announ$ ced a 16-member Indian women's team, which is all set to make its debut at the upcoming Asian Games to be held in Hangzhou, China.

With softball making its debut at the continental event, starting on September 23, SBAI announced the squad along with a standby and three reserves, which was selected after trials for the probable's list, followed by a two-week coaching camp-cum-trials held in

Delhi in June-July. Considering the Indian women's softball team's reguchampionships, Softball Asia granted a wild card entry to India's wild card admission

executive committee in February this year, SBAI said in a media release. Reigning national champions Maharashtra contributed the maximum number of

was approved by Softball Asia's

players (5) in the Indian team. Kerala and Punjab contributed three and two girls,

respectively, while there is a player each from Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Himachal Pradesh, Delhi, Telangana and Madhya