

Cong moves no-trust motion against Govt

Speaker to set date for No Confidence motion debate after consultations

PNS NEW DELHI

As the confrontation Detween the BJP and the Opposition escalated over the Manipur issue, the Congress on Wednesday moved a no-confidence motion against the Government in the Lok Sabha with Speaker Om Birla accept-

ing. The Speaker said he will set the day for it after consulta-tions. As Lok Sabha proceedings began, Opposition benches raised slogans denouncing the Government and carried placards supporting the "peo-ple of Manipur". The House was adjourned till 12 but not before the Government introduced three Bills amid complete bedlam, including the one on Jammu & Kashmir

reservations (Amendment) Bill,

As soon as the House resumed after the first adjournment, Speaker allowed the Congress to place a no-confidence motion against the Government.

Deputy Leader of Congress Gaurav Gogoi filed the notice for the no-trust motion saying "ye sadan mantri parishad main



vishwas ka abhav Prakat karta hain".

The Speaker asked Opposition MPs to stand up while moving the motion. As per the rules of the Lok

Sabha, a minimum of 50 MPs have to accept the motion and accordingly, the Speaker will announce a date for discussion, which has to happen within 10 days.

The Lok Sabha, before being adjourned for the day, passed the Forest (Conservation) Amendment Bill, 2023, which seeks to the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The Bill seeks to exempt land within 100 km of the country's borders from the

The move marks the first

such motion in 20 years, with the previous instance being in

purview of forest conservation laws and permit the setting up of zoos, safaris, and ecotourism facilities in forest areas. The Upper House, on the other hand.

Parliament has been com-pletely derailed since the beginning of the Monsoon session on July 20 over the Manipur violence issue.



Family members of soldiers, who were martyred in the Kargil war, pay tribute to them on Kargil Vijay Diwas, in Jalandhar on Wednesday

to show in hearing

survey will be done

The Allahabad High Court on Wednesday extended

the stay on a survey of the

Gyanvapi mosque premises by the Archaeological Survey of India till Thursday.

a plea against a Varanasi district

The high court was hearing

at 4.30 pm how

PTI PRAYAGRAJ

Birth certificate single docu for services! Bill tabled in LS PTI NEW DELHI

A Bill was introduced in the Lok Sabha on Wednesday with an aim to allow use of birth certificate as single doc-ument for admission to an educational institution, issuance of driving licence, preparation of voter list, Aadhaar, registration of mar-riage or Government job.

Admar, registration of mar-riage or Government job. The Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendment) Bill, 2023 will also help create a national and State-level data-base of registered births and deaths which eventually would ensure efficient and transparensure efficient and transparent delivery of public services and social benefits and digital registration.

court order directing the ASI to Introducing the Bill on behalf of Union Home Minister conduct a survey to determine if the Gyanvapi mosque was Amit Shah Minister of State for built upon a tem



which manages the mosque, Chief Justice Pritinker Diwaker

posted the matter for further hearing on Thursday. The court

ordered that the stay on the ASI

survey will continue till then.

The hearing of the case will resume at 3:30 pm on

During the hearing in the

session

order, Alok Tripathi, Additional Director of ASI, was present in the court. He filed an affidavit before the court regarding the survey process.

The counsel for mosque committee, SFA Naqvi, sub-mitted that while passing the order on July 21, the Varanasi district court had come to conclusions that in absence of a survey report, the issue cannot be decided but the court did not discuss the materials before it to come to such a con-

clusion. Naqvi also raised an objection that the ASI was not made party to the suit and still it was directed to conduct the survey and give its opinion in the matter.

On this, counsel for the Hindu Vichnu Shankai

Jain argued that there is no

such law that an expert has to

be made party in a case where

their opinion is sought, giving

an example of handwriting

experts who are never made

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party in a case.

Bharat Jodo Yatra 2.0 in poll-bound States

2023.

Extend ED chief term till FATF review, Govt requests apex court

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

Days after the Supreme Court held as "illegal" the repeated extensions granted to ED Director Sanjay Kumar Mishra, the Centre on Wednesday moved the apex ourt seeking his contin till October 15, claiming his absence during the ongoing FATF review will adversely impact national interests. The Centre also empha-





DEEPAK KUMAR JHA NEW DELH

The success of the 3500-km long Kanniyakumari to Kashmir Bharat Jodo Yatra padyatra, led by party leader Rahul Gandhi, is all set to be replicated in all the poll-bound States. However, the plan is to kickstart it in the Hindi heartland of Uttar Pradesh during the second fortnight of August, maybe August 15, keeping in mind the Lok Sabha polls in 2024, as the State is crucial for any party to catapult into power at the Centre.

The UP leg will be part of Bharat Jodo Yatra II, which will cover the stretch from Saurashtra in Gujarat to Itanagar in the northeast

Meanwhile, another major Opposition partner, the Samajwadi Party (SP), is also working on a similar state-centric exercise. They are planning a cycle yatra, led by former Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav, which will cross Uttar Pradesh. The SP cycle yatra is like-

lv to start from Prayagraj on August 8 and will be joined by RLD chief Jayant Choudhary, who is also one of the constituents of the INDIA alliance.

While Akhilesh will cycle through all the districts of UP, Jayant is likely to use a tractor and, on occasion, a bullock cart, focusing on its stronghold region of Western UP, which accounts for 24 Lok Sabha seats out of the total 80 in UP. Continued on Page 2

sised that Mishra has been engaged in the preparation of documents and fulfilling other requirements for mutual evaluation since the beginning of the year 2020 and, accordingly, his continuation in this arduous and delicate process at this "critical stage" is essential. The Financial Action Task Force (FATF) is a global body that leads action to tackle money laundering and terror

financing. Solicitor General Tushar Mehta told a bench of Justices BR Gavai, Hima Kohli, and Prashant Kumar Mishra that the Government has moved an plea seeking a modification of the apex court's July 11 verdict.

There is some urgency with regard to that matter. We request urgent listing of the miscellaneous application,

Mehta told the bench. Justice Gavai said the July 11 verdict was pronounced by a threebench, also comprising Justice Vikram Nath and Sanjay Karol, and currently, they are sitting in different combinations.

"Let the registry request the Chief Justice of India for constituting a bench," Justice Gavai told Mehta.

The SG requested the bench to list the matter urgently, saying this application needs to be heard by July 28. The bench then agreed to hear the matter on Thursday at 3.30 pm. Prashant

Advocate Bhushan, who has appeared for NGO 'Common Cause' challenging extensions granted to Mishra tweeted, "Wow! Just Wow! After all his 3 extensions have been held to be illegal, & he was still given almost another month to wind up, the govt files another application seeking an extension of ED Director! Absurd!"

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Home Nityanand Rai said the Registration of Births and Deaths Act, 1969 (18 of 1969) (the Act) was enacted to provide for the regulation of registration of births and deaths

and for linked matters.

linked matters. After hearing the plea by Continued on Page 2 Anjuman Intezamia Masjid,

Vednes Chief In stice During the hearing, a Diwaker asked the additional senior ASI official was present solicitor general of India to call in the court. The official told any expert member of ASI from Varanasi to demonstrate the court that the ASI team was not going to "destroy the structo the court how survey will be conducted, and fixed 4:30 pm ture (mosque)" in any way. for further hearing.

Thursday.

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In pursuance to the court

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Kharge miffed as his mic turned off in RS

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president ongress Mallikarjun Kharge expressed strong discontent on Wednesday after his microphone was turned off while he was speaking during the Rajya Sabha proceedings.

The incident occurred amid an uproar in the House, with Opposition members demanding a statement from Prime Minister Narendra Modi concerning the three-month-

long ethnic clashes in Manipur. In response, members of the ruling BJP-led alliance began chanting "Modi, Modi", leading to chaos in the House.

The proceedings were adjourned until noon, and



Leader of the Opposition in the upper house, considered the interruption to be a breach of his privilege and an insult to his self-respect. He expressed his

concerns about the functioning of the House, questioning whether it is still operating as

Bishnoi's Man

Friday Brar held

on India arrival

a democracy if it is dictated by the government's instructions. The incident took place

when Kharge was in the midst of his speech, leading to an immediate uproar from Opposition members. Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar urged them to take their seats. Kharge responded with a rhetorical question, asking if those who refuse to stand behind him would stand behind Modi.

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Bill exempts areas within 100 km of border from conservation laws' ambit

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELH

The Lok Sabha on Wednesday passed The Forest (Conservation) Amendment Bill-2023, which aims to exempt land within 100 km of the country's borders from the purview of conservation laws and allow the establishment of zoos, safaris, and eco-tourism facilities in forest areas. The legislation was passed after a brief debate.

Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav responded to the discussion.

permission

Under the provisions of the Bill, clearing forests on five hectares of land for the construction of defense or public utility projects in a Left Wing



Extremism (LWE)-affected minerals, by industries and area will not require any prior local communities.

Despite Opposition slo-The Bill seeks to amend the gans and placards demanding Forest Conservation Act of a statement from Prime 1980, which regulates the Minister Narendra Modi in extraction of forest resources, Parliament on the Manipur including timber and other issue, the Lok Sabha proceed-

ed with the consideration and passing of the bill.

Replying to the debate on the bill, Yadav said, "We have encouraged social forestry, but still, people have not taken it up, fearing that they will not be able to cut trees grown on pri-vate land. India's agro-forestry imports are very large, partic-ularly teak and other woods. We have provisions in the Bill to promote agro-forestry."

The Bill exempts certain types of land from the provisions of the Act, including forest land along a rail line or a public road maintained by the government, providing access to a habitation or to a rail, and roadside amenity up to a maximum size of 0.10 hectares.

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US grieves Manipur tragedies, backs Govt for succour bids

PNS/AGENCIES NEW DELHI/WASHINGTON

Extending sympathies to vic-tims of violence in Manipur, the US has said it is "shocked and horrified" by the video of an extreme attack on two women in the state and supports the Indian Government's

This reaction by a US administration official came in the backdrop of a video showing two women being paraded naked and molested by a group of men on May 4 in Kangpokpi district. The video surfaced on July 19, attracting condemnation countrywide.

"We were shocked and horrified by the video of this extreme attack on two women in Manipur. We convey our profound sympathies to the



survivors of this act of genderbased violence and support the Indian Government's efforts to seek justice for them, Vedant Patel, Deputy Spokesperson of the State Department, told reporters in Washington at his daily news conference late Tuesday. Patel was responding to a question asked by a Pakistani reporter on the violence in Manipur.

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NIA

of innocent people/ businessmen, he was involved in cases of smuggling of weapons and extortion in India with the help of dreaded gangsters -Lawrence Bishnoi, Goldy Brar and others," the NIA said in a

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efforts to seek justice for them.

n a major catch in the terror-Lgangster-smuggler nexus case, the National Investigation

PNS NEW DELHI

Agency (NIA) arrested Vikramjeet Singh alias Vikram Brar, a key aide of notorious jailed gangster Lawrence Bishnoi, immediately after his deportation from UAE to India.

A team from NIA had gone to the UAE to facilitate this deportation and bring him back to India. "Brar, involved in the sen-

sational killing of famous Punjabi Singer Shubhdeep Singh alias Sidhu Moosewala, statement was taken into custody by the

Besides targeted killings



TMC, BJP slugfest on Manipur, Malda rages

SAUGAR SENGUPTA KOLKATA

The Trinamool Congress L continued its relentless attack on the BJP with the party's women's wing taking out on Wednesday a massive rally in Kolkata condemning atrocities on women and hailing Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee for taking on the BJP Government through the "grand INDIA initiative."

Leading the grand women's rally Bengal Minister Chandrima Bhattacharya said, "Mamata Didi has taken the right initiative against the BJP led Centre ... we are taking out this rally in protest against the BJP's attitude towards the women ... we want the people to know how brutally they are dealing with the women of Manipur."

And when the people led by the opposition parties were protesting against the "BJP's atrocities on women ... Prime Narendra Modi is comparing them with terrorist organizations ... this is a clear mark of a dictator," TMC minister said.

Taking a dig at Modi for comparing Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (INDIA) with East India Company and Indian Mujahideen the Chief Minister had earlier said that by his remarks it seemed that "he is impressed with (the new Alliance) INDIA," and won-

dered whether when the Indian team takes the field and start playing the game, do we shout Mujahideen to cheer them? The more slanderous remarks they (BJP) make against INDIA, the more it would



appear that they liked the that he is going to last on his throne for a few months only name.. after which not a fly will take Another senior minister

Firhad Hakim too came down heavily on the Prime Minister afraid that those on whom he saying his remarks proved that perpetrated so much of atroche was scared by the unity and ities will not spare him ... this solidarity in the Opposition is the reason he is giving such ranks. "Modi knows that his nervous speeches," Hakim said. time has come ... he knows

statements came at a time when the Trinamool Congress has decided to bring a censure motion in the State Assembly against the Manipur incident. A two month old video of two women being paraded naked and chased by a large crowd in the North-eastern went viral recently sending strong ripples of protest throughout the country. The censure motion will be

brought in the Assembly on Monday, a senior minister said.

The BJP on the other hand staged a walkout from the State Assembly after the Speaker cognizance of him ... he is also denied an adjournment motion to discuss an incident in Malda district where two tribal women were stripped naked and beaten up by a crowd on alleged charges of theft. "You will discuss Manipur

but you will not discuss Malda ... the BJP strongly condemns this double standards," Bengal BJP MLA Agnimitra Paul said.

Meanwhile, there were fresh rounds of controversies after the National Human Rights Commission --- taking cognizance of the Malda incident --- directed the Malda district Superintendent of Police to submit an action taken report on the matter.

Reacting strongly to the NHRC steps Firhad Hakim said, "the same Commission fails to act when hand-cuffed persons in police custody are shot dead in Uttar Pradesh ... the NHRC fails to act in Manipur but it becomes proactive in Malda ... this only proves that the BJP is running it from behind."

NSA slams China for protecting Pak on terror issue at BRICS meet

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE/AGENCIES NEW DELHI/JOHANNESBURG

National Security Advisor(NSA)Ajit Doval has taken a jab at China for protecting Pakistan on the issue of terrorism by saying the fight against this scourge should be free from "politics and double standards."

Making this assertion, he also said the Brazil, India, Russia, China and South Africa(BRICS)combine could work together on listing terrorists and their proxies under the United Nations(UN)counter-terrorism

- II within the party circles are

August 15, sometime in

with the leaders of poll-bound

states in recent months, where

Rahul was also present, the

party decided to launch its Lok

Sabha poll campaign by assign-

ing the responsibility of each

parliamentary constituency to its

senior leaders, who will take out

a padyatra in November or

The preparedness of elec-tions in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh,

Telangana, and Mizoram has

been reviewed, during which

December.

After a series of meetings

September, or October 2.

sised that the process should be free from "politics and double standards," while refraining from naming China. Doval made the remarks

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during the meeting of the National Security Advisers of BRICS nations late Tuesday in Johannesburg where China was represented by Wang Yi, who was reappointed the coun-try's Foreign Minister after his predecessor Qin Gang was sacked. Wang, who was Foreign Minister from 2013 to 2022, now serves as the director of the foreign affairs department of the ruling Communist Party of China, a position which makes him China's top diplo-

sanctions regime. He emphamat.

Rajnath visits Kargil **Bishnoi's Man Friday...** From Page 1 Absconding since 2020,

War memorial on Kargil Vijay Diwas



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE JAMMU

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Wednesday said that nobody has the courage to raise their eyes towards India as brave soldiers are protecting the border and if the need arises they will not hesitate to cross the Line of Control, which is already conveyed to the armed forces.

Singh along with Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan and tri-service chiefs visited the Kargil War Memorial at Dras in Ladakh, laid a wreath and paid homage to the valiant soldiers who displayed unparalleled bravery during 'Operation Vijay'. Addressing a gathering of

war heroes, Veer Naris and the families of the fallen heroes after paying rich tributes to the brave soldiers of the 1999 Kargil War on the 24th anniversary of India's historic victory, which is celebrated as



values and is committed towards international laws, but to safeguard our interests, we will not hesitate in crossing the

"At the time of the Kargil War, if we did not cross the LoC, it did not mean we could not. We can cross the LoC and will cross the LoC in the future if need be", he added. Earlier, the nation and the

Armed Forces lacked political will, which has now been provided by our Government, led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. We stand firm with our forces. The people and Parliament have full faith in our soldiers," he said.

Rajnath Singh called upon the people to be ready to par-ticipate in wars not only indirectly but directly as well if ever the need arises. "People should be mentally prepared so that whenever the nation needs them, they should be ready to help the Armed Forces. Just as soldier is an Indian encourage authorities to the same way, every Indian respond to the humanitarian should be ready to play the role of a soldier," he said. needs and protect the lives and property of all groups," Singh also interacted with the families of war heroes and Patel added. extended heartfelt gratitude while recalling all those who made the supreme sacrifice in the service of the nation. He assured them that the sacrifices of these brave hearts will never be forgotten.

effect has been lodged in the Police Station, Crime Branch Delhi (LR No. 697686/2023 dated 26.07.2023). Any

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ed on March 24, 2022 in the NIA case under sections 120B Brar was wanted in at least 11 (criminal conspiracy) and 384 cases of murder, attempt to (extortion) of IPC besides relmurder and extortion under evant provisions of the various sections of the Indian Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, along with Penal Code (IPC) as well as the Arms Act. As many as 11 other 13 co-accused.

Banerjee and Hakim's

Look Out Notices had been In 2020-2022, according to NIA investigations, Brar had issued against him by compeactively helped Goldy Brar in tent authority on request by executing the killing of Moosewala. Lawrence Bishnoi various State Police, including Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan had also extorted money many and Delhi, the agency said. Brar was operating as a times to Brar through hawala 'communications control room' (CCR) for the Lawrence channels. Brar had demanded extortion money from a doctor in Kurukshetra (Haryana) Bishnoi terror gang from the UAE. This CCR was also faciland also threatened him, the itating calls of Lawrence agency alleged. Before becom-Bishnoi and Goldy Brar (based ing a close associate of Bishnoi, in Canada) and further upon Vikram Brar was associated their directions, he used to with Students Organisation make extortion calls to various of Punjab University (SOPU). people. Brar's CCR also Along with other associates, he enabled calls of main gang actively participated in various leaders with the operatives/ crimes like murder, attempt to murder and extortion among The NIA said an openothers. He had been assistdated Non Bailable Warrant of ing/facilitating the Lawrence Arrest (NBWA) had been Bishnoi gang in targeted issued by the NIA Special killings/extortions Court, Delhi. A Look Out Rajasthan, Haryana, and Circular (LOC) was also Punjab. He was also providing issued in the name of the logistic support to the gang

members.

NIA has so far arrested 16 persons in the terror-gangster conspiracy case. Further investigations into the conspiracy are continuing as part of NIA's efforts to destroy the growing nexus between terrorists, gangsters, and drug smugglers, and to dismantle their infrastructure, including funding channels.

In recent months, the NIA has been successful at getting five 'wanted' absconders, either deported or extradited to India, due to the close coordination with central intelligence agencies and persistent follow-up with the concerned authorities in the foreign countries, the NIA said.

kind from a Western country. Prior to this, the only other extradition since the settingin up of the NIA was that of Ŵuthikorn Naruenartwanich alias Willy in December 2015 from Thailand.

Bharat Jodo Yatra 2.0 in ...

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The Bharat Jodo Yatra part II by Rahul Gandhi will also see the participation of INDIA alliance partners SP, and RLD mainly in western Uttar Pradesh, according to sources from Congress.

Party General Secretary Priyanka Gandhi is also set to be part of the UP Yatra and is working extensively to regain its stronghold in Amethi as well as restore confidence in Rae Bareli, which has been represented by the Gandhis for decades. It is indicated that Priyanka could begin her electoral foray from Rae Bareli, the home turf of the Gandhis.

Rahul extensively spoke about The probable dates being the benefits Congress has drawn discussed for Bharat Jodo Yatra from the Bharat Jodo Yatra.

Kharge miffed as his...

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Despite the Chairman's efforts to restore order, the heated exchanges continued.

Dhankhar later clarified that the microphone was not turned off intentionally. He explained that Kharge was given the floor to speak when the House was discussing a legislative matter. Any disruption during such discussions is not allowed, and the Deputy Chairperson intervened accordingly.

US grieves Manipur tragedies, backs Govt for succour...

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi himself noted that such violence against women is shameful in any civilised society, Patel said.

accused, who was chargesheet-

"And as we have previously stated, we encourage a peaceful and inclusive resolution to

members, it said.

In his first public comments on the situation in Manipur, Prime Minister Modi last week expressed pain and anger over the incident, saying it has shamed 140 crore Indians and asserted that the guilty will not be spared, even as the Congress Party termed his

the president's rule, which it said is important to restore law and order in Manipur.

"I am so tired of talking about this issue. I am so Digital exhausted talking about this issue... What can we do? Why are we as a world, as people allowing this to happen? There India itself, which is the president's rule. The government, for reasons of their own, have decided not to do or say anything about this," Florence

told PTI in an interview. Adjunct Professor of Production Management at the University of Texas at Dallas, Florence is

bring the hill-tribe people from her state together under the Lowe, president of the North Manipur Tribal Association banner of one platform to protest against the violence in the state of their origin.

"They're letting the fires burn. At least in the US, what the daughter of a former Indian we are trying to do is to raise Police Service official of Uttar awareness with our Congress ople and with world organisations like the World Bank, the UN, the UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees)

Birth certificate single docu for services...

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He said the Act has not been amended so far since its inception and in order to keep pace with the societal change and technological advancements during the period of its operation and to make it more citizen friendly, there is a need to amend the Act.

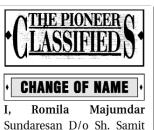
"Based on the consultations held with the state governments, general public and other stakeholders, it is proposed to amend certain provisions of the Act in form of a Bill, namely the Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendment) Bill, 2023," Rai said in the statement of objects and reasons.

The bill will facilitate insertion of provisions for digital registration and electronic delivery of certificate of births and deaths for the benefit of public at large, to create a national and state-level database of registered births and deaths which would help in updating other databases resulting in efficient and trans-

parent delivery of public ser-vices and social benefits. The legislation will provide for use of the birth certificate as a single document to prove the date and place of birth of a person born on or after the date of commencement of the Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendment) Act, 2023, for admission to an educational institution, issuance of a driving licence, preparation of a voter list, registration of a marriage, appointment to a ost in centra ernment or a local body or public sector undertaking or in any statutory or autonomous body under the central or state government.

Bikramjit Singh alias Bikkar Panjwar, the mastermind of the Tarn Taran bomb blasts, was successfully extradited from Austria in December 2022. This was the first extradition case of its

argil Vijay Diwas 26th July every year, the Defence Minister assured all that the Government is fully committed to safeguarding national interests, no matter the challenge. "No compromise will be made in protecting the sovereignty, unity and integrity of the country. We have given a free hand to the Armed Forces to eliminate the nation's enemies. India is a peace-loving nation which



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Meanwhile, the small Manipuri diaspora in the United States has sought an immediate end to violence in the state and the imposition of

Born in Manipur, Lowe pent most of her childhood in Úttar Pradesh. In May, she formed the North American Manipur Tribal Association to and so on," Lowe said.

HC stays ASI's...

opinion.

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before the court that plaintiffs have no evidence in their plaint and they wanted to produce evidence only with the

On this, the high court survey will be further subject to examination and proof, the Hindu side counsel said. for the mosque committee had expressed his apprehen-

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कार्यपालन अभियंत

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Naqvi said that this is not the proper stage in the

trial before Varanasi district the structure. court for ASI survey/expert

Naqvi also said that even in Ram Janmabhoomi case, However, Jain submitted order of a survey was passed that a survey by the ASI is not after collection of oral evigoing to cause any harm to dence

the structure. Report of the On Tuesday, the mosque committee had moved the high court, a day after the Supreme Court halted the ASI survey till 5 pm Wednesday, allowing time for On Tuesday, the counsel the committee to appeal sion that the survey and excaagainst the lower court's vation would cause damage to order.

> central government, not exceeding five hectares in a Left Wing Extremism-affected area.

Yadav clarified that there was no contradiction between the Forest (Conservation) Act and the Forest Rights Act as the two legislations supplement each other.

The bill also empowers the central government to specify, by order, the terms and conditions subject to which any survey, such as reconnaissance, prospecting, investigation, or exploration, including a seismic survey, shall not be treated as a non-forest purpose. Yadav mentioned that the

bill, introduced in the Lok Sabha in March, was referred to Joint Committee of а Parliament, which accepted the legislation without any significant changes.

Extend ED chief term till FATF...

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The top court had on July 11 held as "illegal" two successive extensions of one year each granted to Mishra and said the Centre's orders were in "breach" of its mandamus in the 2021 verdict that the IRS officer should not be given a further term. It had also curtailed Mishra's extended tenure to July 31 from November. A bench of Justices BR Gavai, Vikram Nath, and Sanjay Karol had said in view of the peer review being conducted by the FATF this year and to enable a smooth transition, Mishra's tenure will be till

July 31. The 1984-batch IRS officer was otherwise to remain in office till November 18, 2023, according to the notification issued by the government. "By way of the present application, the applicant-Union is seeking an extension of the date up to which Respondent No. 2 (Sanjay Kumar Mishra) has been permitted to continue to be in office, from July 31, 2023, to October 15, 2023," the Government said in its prayer.

It said the Union of India is compelled to approach the apex court seeking an extension, "in view of the ongoing FATF Review, which is at a critical stage where submissions on effectiveness have been made on July 21, 2023, and an on-site visit is scheduled to be conducted in November 2023."

tions in letter and spirit." The Explaining the need for Centre further said the onus of

Mishra's continuance, the Government said, "At such a critical juncture, it is essential to have an individual who is wellacquainted with the overall status of money laundering investigations and proceedings across the country and also the intricacies of the procedures, operations, and activities of the investigating agency, at the helm of affairs at the Directorate of Enforcement." It said this is necessary to ensure that the assessment team can be promptly and ably assisted with neces-

sary reports, information, sta-

Enforcement at this stage would

significantly impair the ability of

the agency to provide necessary

assistance to and cooperation

with the assessment team and

thereby adversely impact India's

national interests," it said. The

Centre said it is expected that

after the submissions on effec-

tiveness have been made, the

assessment team will have a large

number of questions about the

existing system in the country,

on technical compliance, and

further queries on effectiveness.

expected to promptly reply to

these questions to ensure that

the assessment team gets a prop-

er picture of the risk and context

of India and of the implemen-

tation of FATF recommenda-

"Indian authorities are

"Any transition in leadership

the Directorate of

tistics, etc.

establishing technical compliance and effectiveness of the system lies with the assessed country and any lapse in doing so can adversely impact the outcome of the mutual evaluation. For the above reasons, the continuation of the incumbent Director during this period would be neces-

sary," it added. "It is under the aforesaid peculiar circumstances that the Union of India has approached this Court by way of the present application seeking an extension of the date up to October 15, 2023, for which the Respondent No. 2 (Sanjay Kumar Mishra) may be permitted to continue to be in office," the application said. The bench had given the verdict on a batch of petitions, including those filed by Congress leaders Randeep Singh Surjewala and Jaya Thakur, and TMC leaders Mahua Moitra and Saket Gokhale challenging the extensions granted to Mishra.

Mishra was first appointed the ED director for two years on November 19, 2018. Later, by an order dated November 13, 2020, the Central Government modified the appointment letter retrospectively, and his two-year term was changed to three years. The government also promulgated an ordinance last vear under which the tenure of the ED and CBI chiefs could be extended by up to three years after the mandated term of two years.

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areas within 100 km of ...

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The bill further exempts

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'India will become world's DJB taking steps to meet rising third-largest economy'

Modi opens revamped **IECC** complex

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday laid bare his blueprint for a third term of his Government, saying India will become the third largest economy in the world with a faster growth rate than

Modi government will complete 10 years in office next May and he is seeking a third term on development plank. "We have to achieve the target of making India a developed nation in the next 25 years," he said after unveiling a worldclass convention centre in the heart of the national capital.

India can definitely eradicate poverty, he said citing a NITI Aayog report that talked of 13.5 crore poor being lifted out of poverty. Reeling out statistics of development from



कन्वेंशन सेंटर

Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the inauguration of the redeveloped IECC complex at Pragati Maidan, in New Delhi on Wednesday

the number of airports to railway line electrification to expansion of city gas during his nine-year tenure, the Prime Minister said India was the 10th largest economy when the BJP government took office in 2014.

The country is now ranked fifth in the world behind the US, China, Germany and Japan. "We will make India a developed nation working on the principle of nation first, citizen first," he said inaugurating the International Exhibition-



He said that Bharat Mandapam, which will host the G20 summit in September under India's presidency, will PTI promote conference tourism. World will witness rising stature of India when newly built Bharat Mandapam will host G20 summit," Modi said. He slammed people with negative thinking for trying to stall

in May 2024.

development projects, including the convention centre. Just like privately accepting the grandeur of Kartvya Path, a 'toli' of negative thinkers will one day acknowledge Bharat Mandapam also, he added. The IECC complex is India's largest MICE (Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, and Exhibitions) destination.

demand, conserve groundwater

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In a bid to address the surg-ing water demand in Delhi and safeguard groundwater resources, the Delhi Jal Board (DJB) is implementing a series of strategic initiatives. The DJB is relentlessly working towards bridging the gap between the supply and demand of clean drinking water in the national Capital while concurrently promoting the reuse of treated water to conserve potable

resources. The Jal board is also actively exploring various avenues to augment groundwater levels and ensure long-term water security.A significant highlevel meeting was recently convened at the Delhi Jal Board Headquarters, presided over by Vice Chairman Somnath Bharti

The meeting witnessed the participation of senior officials from DJB, Central Ground Water Board (CGWB), and the Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC). During this crucial gathering, several pivotal decisions were made to reinforce water conservation



efforts and protect groundwater resources. Vice Chairman Bharti expressed deep concern over the prevailing groundwater level situation in Delhi and emphasized the criticality of groundwater conservation. With a renewed focus on the vision of Chief Minister Shri Arvind Kejriwal, the DJB is now giving paramount importance to the reuse of treated water for non-potable purposes in Delhi.

The board will replace the current practice of extracting fresh water through tube-wells with the utilization of treated water from sewer treatment plants for activities such as agricultural irrigation, road washing, industries, construction

work, and public parks. To further safeguard groundwater resources, it was decided during the meeting that the installation of tube wells will not be permitted in areas already served adequately by DJB water pipelines. This proactive measure aims to arrest the decline in Delhi's groundwater levels and minimize the consumption of clean drinking water for non-potable applications.

Highlighting the jurisdictional aspect, Bharti clarified that DJB is not authorized to take action against illegal tube wells. Instead, the responsibility to address such issues lies with the respective District Revenue Commissioners and SDMs

Delhi Jal Board has taken noteworthy strides in water conservation, with the construction of 35 Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) across the city. These STPs collectively produce more than 567-MGD of treated water daily, with a quality standard of 10/10, which adheres to international benchmarks. This treated water is ideal for various nonpotable applications.

BJP stalling House to escape Manipur onus, accuses Chadha

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Senior Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader and Rajya Sabha MP Raghav Chadha on Sabha MF Ragnay Chaum on Wednesday, launched a scathing attack on the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)., accusing it of deliberately obstructing the functioning of the Parliament.

Chadha asserted that the Opposition alliance, INDIA, wants a functional and active Parliament and was forced to bring a no-confidence motion against the Central Government because of the way it has ignored the burning issues before the nation.

Through his Twitter handle, Raghav Chadha wrote, "Manipur is burning, and there are growing concerns that the instability could potentially spread to other States in the Northeast region. In response to the situation, INDIA is bringing a no-confidence motion against the ruling BJPled Central Government in the Lok Sabha." He expressed



state of affairs in Manipur and the Northeast region. He stated that the ruling BJP seems to be obstructing the functioning of Parliament and evading accountability, which led them to bring a no-confidence motion against the BJP-led central government in the Lok Sabha.

He clarified that although the INDIA alliance lacks numbers in the Lok Sabha, their objectives are to hold the government accountable and initiate a discussion on the situation in Manipur. He believes that a no-confidence motion will force Prime Minister to address issues raised and highlight urgency of situation.

Principals bring changes in schools and in students' lives, says Atishi

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Education Minister Atishi On Wednesday interacted with the principals of Delhi Government schools to determine the goals and strategies for the current academic session. The interaction was organised at the Sarvodaya Co-Ed Vidyalaya, Kalkaji, with more than 250 school principals from Delhi Government schools in attendance.

During the conversation, Atishi acknowledged that being a principal is a highly challenging task, but their efforts and hard work positively impact the lives of thousands of children. She emphasized that the most significant changes in any school can be brought about by the school's principals, as they set the direction and leadership that shape the school environment

"Principals are responsible for implementing changes at the ground level in schools and students' lives, while the gov-



ernment and education department work as support staff. The government formulates policies, provides resources, and sets the vision, but it is the principals who bring those changes into reality," said the Education Minister. She expressed pride in the fact that the hard work of Delhi government school principals is being recognized nationally and internationally.

During the interaction, the principals shared how they adopted unique methods to improve attendance, bring about personal changes in students, enhance academic results, guide teachers, and create a conducive learning

environment in their schools The Education Minister praised the steps taken by the principals to create a conducive learning environment at their schools "Principals are not just

administrators, they are also academic leaders. As leaders, they should take suggestions from teachers and students to create a conducive learning environment in their schools Atishi said

She directed the school principals to set a minimum benchmark for their schools regarding infrastructure, cleanliness, classroom aesthetics, and the level of education. She mentioned that the government has done a lot of work on schools in the past 8 years, providing a fantastic model for education.

However, now it is the responsibility of school principals to set a minimum bench mark for their schools and ensure that no child's learning level falls below that line.

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DU ready to help violence-hit Manipur students, says V-C

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Delhi University Vice-Chancellor Yogesh Singh on Wednesday said the university is ready to extend all possible help to its students from Manipur affected by the ethnic strife in the State.

Asked about Delhi University's plan for its students from violence-hit areas in Manipur, he said a student in distress can contact the university administration which will try to make some provi-

sions separately if such a need arises. "The whole country understands the problems of Manipur. The University of Delhi is ready to provide all possible help to all such aggrieved students," Singh said. "If any student has any problem, then he can contact

the DU administration. We are ready to help in any way. If there is a need to make some provisions separately, the university will try to make them," he added. More than 160 people have died since ethnic vio-

lence broke out in Manipur on May 3. At a press conference here on Thursday over three years of National Education Policy, the vice-chancellor enumerated the achievements of Delhi University regarding NEP 2020.

"The National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020) was launched by the government on July 29, 2020, to improve the education system. Delhi University took the initiative of being the first one in the coun-try to implement it," he said.

Four dry days

during July-Sept

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Displaced Manipur students hail Delhi Govt for easing school admission process

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 $S_{\mathrm{were}}^{\mathrm{tudents\,from\,Manipur\,who}}$ violence and moved to the national Capital in the last two months have welcomed the Delhi Government's decision to ease the admission process at schools here. Students from the strife-riven northeast state can now take admission in Delhi schools as the Department of Education has announced special measures.

The measures were announced after a meeting on Monday by Additional Director Nandini Maharaj. One of the members of Kuki Students' Organisation in Delhi said the students and their parents are relieved with the government's decision to relax the admission criteria for afflicted. "For the past two

months, Manipur students have been struggling to get into government schools here. It is $202\bar{3}$

already mid year and the fees will be relatively lower and it will help the students. I am one of the many volunteers coordinating with nodal officers for the admission process. Parents are relieved as well," the student group member told PTI. She, however, said since

most of these students are not well versed with Hindi, they are under apprehension they may face difficulty if they get into schools which have adopt-

ed bilingual teaching. "Even though DDE tried to make sure that our students are allotted English medium sections, the teachings are bilingual and students have been facing bit of an issue," she said. As per DoE, all students up to Class 9 will be admitted provisionally.

The Delhi Government has declared four dry days for the period of July-September

announced

Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal approved a related proposal from the Excise Department on Wednesday. There will be a ban on the sale of liquor on Muharram, Independence Day, Janmashtami, and Milad-un-Nabi/Eid-e-Milad.

The Excise Department of the Delhi Government has issued a list of dry days for the period of July 1, 2023, to September 30, 2023, which includes Muharram that falls on July 29, Independence Day on August 15, Janamasthmi that falls on September 07, and Milad-un-Nabi/Eid-e-Milad that falls on September 28, as dry days.

The Delhi Government issues a list of dry days every three months.



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Sonia backs protesting MPs Darda, son get 4 years' jail term in coal scam

Speaks to AAP suspended MP Sanjay Singh

PNS NEW DELHI

 $F^{\mathrm{ormer}\ \mathrm{Congress}\ \mathrm{president}}_{\mathrm{Sonia}\ \mathrm{Gandhi}\ \mathrm{showed}\ \mathrm{her}}$ support for the Opposition's protest in the Parliament premises on Wednesday, joining in on the issue of the suspension of Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) MP Sanjay Singh. Sonia Gandhi briefly participated in the protest and conveyed her party's full support to the members, including the AAP leader.

Sonia's gesture shows that both Congress and AAP, which were once bitter rivals, are now on one page to confront the BJP government.

Before entering Parliament, Sonia Gandhi met with Singh and other leaders who were protesting the AAP leader's suspension from the Rajya Sabha for the Monsoon Session. During the meeting, she had a brief chat with them, as well as with members from



Congress MP Sonia Gandhi arrives at Parliament House complex during Monsoon session, in New Delhi on Wednesday PTI

RJD, Left, and her own party. You have our support," said Sonia Gandhi, who also serves as the Congress Parliamentary Party chairperson, expressing her solidarity with the protesting MPs. Opposition MPs from National the Indian Developmental Inclusive

Alliance (INDIA) also joined Singh in the protest during both day and night sessions. The united Opposition MPs are demanding a comprehensive discussion on the Manipur violence issue in both Houses of Parliament and are seeking a statement from Prime

Minister Narendra Modi regarding the matter. In addition to the Manipur issue, Congress, AAP, and Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) MPs from Punjab staged a separate protest outside Parliament, calling for a special package of Rs 20,000 crore for the flood-hit state.

NDA till a couple of years ago, has been lending support to the Opposition but has maintained equidistance from both the BJP and Congress in recent months. Later in the day, the Congress issued a 'three-line' whip to its MPs, urging them to be present in the Rajya Sabha on Thursday. The party emphasized that important issues would be taken up for discussion in the House and it discussion in the House, and it requested all members to be present and support the party stand.

A similar whip was issued by the Aam Aadmi Party for its Rajya Sabha MPs to be present in the House on July 27 and 28. In another show of solidarity, all opposition MPs walked out from a Parliamentary Standing Committee meeting on Information Technology (IT) and Communications held in Parliament Annexure on Tuesday evening.

The walkout was in response to insistence by BJP's Nishikant Dubey and Anil Agarwal that the Opposition members adopt the new Personal Data Protection bill without providing them with a chance to examine the final and latest bill.

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NFW DFI HI Delhi court on Wednesday A Delhi court on vecanesary sentenced ex-Rajya Sabha MP and media baron Vijay Darda, his son Devender Darda, and businessman

Manoj Kumar Jayaswal to four years in jail in a case related to irregularities in the allocation of a coal block in Chhattisgarh, saying the convicts obtained the block by cheating the Government of India. All three convicts were taken into custody immediately after the court order.

Special Judge Sanjay Bansal also awarded three-year jail terms to ex-coal secretary HC Gupta and two former senior public servants KS Kropha and KC Samria in the case. The three convicts were, however, granted bail by the court to enable them to challenge their conviction and punishment before the High Court.

The court also imposed a fine of Rs 50 lakh on the company, JLD Yavatmal Energy Pvt Ltd, which was convicted in the case. The court imposed a fine of Rs 15 lakh each on the

Dardas and Jayaswal. The other Sinha, a 1974 batch IPS officer of Bihar cadre, died from three convicts were directed to pay a fine of Rs 20,000 each. Covid-related complications The convicts had obtained the said coal block by committing

cheating with the Govt. of

saying that the loss to the nation was huge," the judge

the coal scam, the massive scandal which rocked the erst-

while Manmohan Singh gov-

ernment, the court had on

July 13 held the seven accused

guilty under sections 120-B

criminal conspiracy) and 420

(cheating) of the IPC, and rel-

evant provisions of the

Prevention of Corruption Act.

the quantum of sentence, the

CBI had sought the maximum

punishment of seven years for

the convicts, claiming that

Darda and his son had met the

then CBI director Ranjit Sinha

at his residence to scuttle the

constituted an SIT to investi-

gate the allegations against Sinha of trying to influence the

probe in the coal scam cases.

The Supreme Court had

investigation.

During the argument on

In the 13th conviction in

said

in 2021. CBI's senior public prosecutor AP Singh had claimed a witness in the case stated he was threatened by Jayaswal, India. Prosecution is justified in who tried to influence him to not depose against him.

The court had on November 20, 2014 refused to accept a closure report sub-mitted by the CBI in the case and directed the federal probe agency to investigate it afresh, stating that the former MP had "misrepresented" facts in letters written to the then prime minister, Manmohan Šingh, who held the coal portfolio.

The court said Vijay Darda, the chairperson of the Lokmat media group, had done so to secure the Fatehpur (East) coal block in Chhattisgarh for JLD Yavatmal Energy Pvt Ltd. The Lokmat Group is a multi platform media company based in Maharashtra.

The court said the offence of cheating was committed by private parties in furtherance of a conspiracy hatched between them and public servants.

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 $\mathbf{S}_{\mathrm{amend}}^{\mathrm{ix}\,\mathrm{Bills},\,\mathrm{including}\,\mathrm{the}\,\mathrm{one}\,\mathrm{to}}$ Kashmir Reorganisation Act, were introduced in the Lok Sabha on Wednesday amid protests by Opposition members over the violence in Manipur. Soon after laying of papers, Speaker Om Birla asked Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai to introduce the Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendment) Bill, 2023. Manish Tewari of the Congress opposed the introduction of the bill, claiming the House lacked "legislative competence" to do so.

He said the measure transgresses on the right to privacy and separation of power and suffers from the malady of excessive delegation. The bill was later introduced by a voice vote. The House then took up the moving of a no-confidence

motion against the Narendra Modi Government. After that, five other bills were introduced amid slogan-shouting by opposition members over the Manipur issue. Minister Rai then moved to introduce the Jammu and Kashmir Reservation (Amendment) Bill, 2023. The bill was introduced by a voice vote with no opposition member opposing its

introduction. The Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation (Amendment) Bill, 2023, was also introduced by Rai following a voice vote. Hasnain Masoodi of the National Conference opposed the introduction of the measure claiming that the Reorganisation Act is a "constitutionally suspect law". He said the matter is sub judice as the Supreme Court is examining the matter. "It is against constitutional propriety to

amend an Act which is under

judicial scrutiny," he said.

Union Ministers Virendra Kumar and Arjun Munda then introduced the Constitution (Jammu and Kashmir) Scheduled Castes Order (Amendment) Bill, 2023, and the Constitution (Jammu and Kashmir) Scheduled Tribes Order (Amendment) Bill, 2023, respectively.

Union Minister Pralhad besides reviewing their rela-Joshi introduced the Mines tionship in defence sector. and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment here, defence ministry officials Bill, 2023. Opposing its introsaid on Wednesday the Defence duction, N K Premachandran policy talks were co-chaired by of the RSP said it is against the Special Secretary in Ministry of Defence Nivedita Shukla Verma, principle of federalism.

He said it will adversely and Acting Deputy Secretary in Department of Defence, affect public sector undertakings as well as the safety and Australia Steven Moore. During security of the nation. He said the Defence Policy talks, both multi-national corporations sides reviewed the bilateral defence cooperation between will benefit from the amendthe two countries and explored ment bill. Joshi said no objection can be raised on legislative new initiatives to further strengthen and deepen bilatercompetence of Parliament with al defence engagements. The the regard to amending the mines and minerals law. discussions also focused on

forge stronger Def ties identifying ways to strengthen New Delhi: In an effort to further enhance their Defence and partnership in co-development and co-production of defence strategic ties, India and Australia held the 8th Defence Policy equipment. Both sides reaffirmed their Talks (DPT) in Canberra on July 24-25. The two sides commitment to fully impleexplored ways to forge joint ventures in defence production

Giving details of the talks

ment the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership based on mutual trust and understanding, common interests and shared values of democracy and rule of

The Indian side highlighted the potential of the Indian defence industry with capacity and capability to cooperate with Australian Ármed forces in its shipbuilding and maintenance plans, officials said. India and Australia share a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership since June 2020 and defence is a key pillar of this partnership. India and Australia's partnership is based on a shared vision of a free, open, inclusive and prosperous Indo-Pacific region.

Court summons

Shah to launch 'Mera | CBI seizes ₹1cr from Gaon Meri Dharohar' | fake Canadian official

	LBFDB00000107397	Tehsil Badkhal Distt. Faridabad-121002	16,95,503/-	
2.	Radhey Shyam Park Extension, Nr Muthoot Finance, Delhi 110051, A/c:-LBDEL00005822772, LBDEL00005906675	LIG Plot No.122, Sector E, Shastripuram Yojna, Lohamandi ward, Agra	13/05/2023/ Rs. 21,07,374/-, Rs. 32,151/-	05-02 2023
3.	Kapil Dang, Kanta Devi, 53 55 1st Floor Pocket E 16 Sec 08, Rohini Delhi 110085, A/c:- LBDEL00004807343, LBDEL00004808769	Joda Prop No-53-55, 1st Floor, Block E-16, Sector-08, Rohini, Delhi 110085	13/05/2023/ Rs. 15,74,432.68/- Rs.10,03,221.28/-	03-02 2023
4.	ITE Engineers Pvt Ltd, Ashwani Kumar Arora, Sunii Kumar Arora, Asha Rani Arora, Plot No.20 Sec 59 HSIDC Haryana Faridabad 121001, A/c:- LBFDB00003397830, LBFDB00005318106, LBFDB00003398878, LBFDB00005164172	Plot No. 1678 Sector 009 Urban Estate Haryana Faridabad 121001	19/06/2023/ Rs. 58,12,869.36/-, Rs. 8,44,426.36/-, Rs. 38,52,950.13/-, Rs.82,278.67/-	06-04 2023
5.	Sanjay Kumar Garg, Ved Prakash Garg, Manju Rani Garg, 480 Sainik Vihar, Pitam Pura, Delhi 110034, A/c:- LBDEL00005259349, LBDEL00005356436	Property Bearing No 480, situated in the layout plan of the Delhi Sainik Co-Operative. House Building Society, Ltd., Known as Sainik Vihar, Pitampura, Delhi 110034	24/06/2023, Rs. 3,63,29,750.87/- Rs. 43,96,666/-	03-04 2023
6.	Deepak Khandelwal, Deepti., Ho No E 8 Partly Ward No 14, Dayal Bagh Vill- lafarpur, Faridabad-121004 A/c:- LBFDB00002993646, LBGUR00005336276	Unit/Commercial Space No 21, Lower Ground Floor, Charmwood Plaza, Eros Garden Colony, Situated at Village Lakkarpur, Suraj Kund Road, Haryana Faridabad 121004	24/06/2023/ Rs. 17,07,786.18/-, Rs. 4,22,001.57/-	31-05 2022
7.	Arjun Sharma, Kusum Sharma, Toy Adda, House No 23 Transist Hostel, Thana Sihani Gate Ghaziabad 201001, A/c:- LBNOD00005308499, LBNOD00005319044	Flat No-B5/402 4th Floor,Panchsheel Prime-390 Situated at Main Hapur Road Village Harsaoon Ghaziabad 201001	24/06/2023/ Rs, 38,24,584.99/-, Rs.6,72,213/-	03-09 2022
8.	Paramjit Singh, Rajinder Kaur Banga, H.No-626, Sector-21A, Haryana Faridabad 121001, A/c:- LBNOD00005144083, LBDEL00005143800, LBDEL00001530424, LBNOD00005240483	Plot Bearing No-626, Sec-21-A, Urban Estate, Haryana Faridabad 121001	24/06/2023/ Rs.42,78,585/-, Rs.2,50,645/-, Rs.27,24,995/-, Rs.9,88,907/-	11-04 2023
9.	Dhaneshwar Thakur, Manju Thakur, H- 5/32 Sector-16, Rohini, H- Block Pkt-5, Delhi 110089, A/c:-LBDEL00002429403, LBDEL00005335850	Flat No 32, 1st Floor, Lig, Block H, Pocket 5, Sector 16, Situated At Rohini Residential Scheme, Rohini Delhi 110089	24/06/2023/ Rs. 14,35,347.24, Rs.2,38,378.37/-	05-04 2023
10.	Dev Singh, Madan Kumar, Flat No-A- 175 Gali No-10, Chander Vihar Mandawali Fazalpur Delhi 110092 A/c:- LBNOD00004913739, LBNOD00004952971	Apartment No. 2151,20th Floor, Block-F, Gaurs Siddhartham Situated At Plot No. BS-01, Sector 8, Siddharth Vihar, Near Indirapuram Ghaziabad 201001	24/06/2023/ Rs. 35,99,579.61, Rs. 1,56,582.61	31-10 2022
11.	Sakal Oberoi, Sunil Kumar Oberoi, 1497, Park View Apartments Sec-29, Noida 201301 A/c:- LBNOD00001902563, LBNOD00001904820	Pent House No. Ksi0052501 Wishtown Noida, Kasa Isles, Situated At Sector 129 Noida 201301	24/06/2023/ Rs. 43,26,809/-, Rs.57,752/-	08-09 2022
12.	Floor, Block-BH, Shalimar Bagh, East Delhi 110088, Ac:-LBDEL00004493010, LBDEL00004581605	Property Bearing No-31 (East), Block- bh, Entire Second Floor (without Roof/ Terrace Rights) Along With 1/4th Ownership Rights In Stilt Parking, Shalimar Bagh Residential Scheme Known As Shalimar Bagh Delhi 110088	26/06/2023/ Rs. 1,64,19,070.42/- Rs. 58,74,217.17/-	11-04 2023
	Manish Kapoor, Preeti Kapoor, 93 4 Gulmohar Estate, Sector Pt 1, Kasna Greater Noida 201310 A/c:- LBNOD00005462665/ LBNOD00005918659	Flat No 104, Ground Floor, Block No-35, Sector-Omicron 1 Distt Gautam Budh Nagar, UP Noida 201307	30/06/2023/ Rs. 32,92,650/-, Rs. 5,94,487/-	08-04 2023
14.	Umesh Kumar Singh, Reena Singh, G 6 Ashok Vihar Phase 3, Palam Vihar Road Haryana Gurgaon 122001, A/c:- LBGUR00001828313, LBGUR00002013804	Unit No-NGH-051 Tower-H, New Town Height, Sector-90, Manesar Gurgaon 122001	30/06/2023/ Rs. 14,47,141.06/-, Rs. 51,667/-	08-09 2022

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 27, 2023 Authorized Officer Place : Delhi/NCR **ICICI Bank Limited**

PNS NEW DELHI

Union Home Minister Amit Shah will launch a comprehensive virtual platform, part of the unique initiative of Mera Gaon Meri Dharohar under the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', on Thursday at Qutub Minar here, the Union Ministry of Culture said here.

The ministry has initiated 'Mera Gaon Meri Dharohar' (MGMD), a pan-India project under the National Mission on Cultural Mapping in coordi-nation with the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA).

The main objective of the project is to culturally map India's 6.5 lakh villages, spanning 29 states and seven Union territories, on a comprehensive virtual platform, the ministry said in a statement on Wednesday. Shah will officially

launch the virtual platform during a grand projection

mapping show at the Qutub Minar slate at 7 pm on Thursday. The platform will connect people with villages of India, it said.

Through MGMD, people will get an opportunity to immerse themselves in the diverse and vibrant cultural heritage of India. The core support consultation. idea behind this project is to encourage appreciation for India's culture and traditions,

paving way for economic growth, social harmony and artistic development in rural communities, officials said. "There will be a launch

event from 11 am to 10 pm at Qutub Minar in New Delhi tomorrow. The launch event promises to offer visitors the opportunity to explore and virtually travel through India's villages," the ministry said.

utilising this facade to execute

their fraudulent activities. Their

modus operandi involved pro-

viding fake technical support

consultation to unsuspecting

victims and then coercing them

into transferring cryptocur-

tocurrency assets were subse-quently routed through multi-

ple crypto wallets (Bitcoins),

ultimately ending up in the per-

accounts," the agency further

Mamata Banerjee over the vio-

lence during the Panchayat elections in West Bengal.

probe all criminal cases during

the Panchayat polls and the NIA should be investigating

cases of bombing of homes of Opposition candidates.

had formed a committee on the

violence in West Bengal during

Panchayat polls with Prasad at

its head to look into the inci-

dents of violence in the state.

The committee had visited the

violence-affected areas from

July 12 to July 14 and submit-

ted the report to Nadda on

Wednesday. Prasd said " we all

are elected in a democratic

BJP President J P Nadda

Prasad demanded that CBI

These ill-gotten cryp-

rency funds.

said.

New Delhi: The CBI on accused in an ongoing investi-Wednesday seized about Rs 1 gation of a case related to Crypto frauds. During searchcrore in cash during its searches at the premises of an alleged es, a cash of Rs 1 crore (approxfraudster Sahil Pal impersonimately) was recovered from the premises of an accused," the ating a Canadian Government official who along with an CBI said in a statement. The agency further said, "It associate coerced his foreign victims into transferring their was alleged that the accused were impersonating governassets to cryptocurrency on the pretext of providing technical ment officials in Canada and

The CBI received inputs about the alleged fraud from the Canadian authorities, following which it registered a case on May 11, officials said. The CBI worked on local intelligence and conducted sur-

veillance on the basis of inputs, and a search operation was initiated on Tuesday at the premises of the two accused -Sahil Pal and Ashish Bhambhani, they said. "CBI conducted searches at different places at the premises of the anti-Sikh riots case on Aug 5 PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

Tytler in 1984

The Delhi court has sum-I moned former union minister and Congress leader Jagdish Tytler in the longstanding case related to the 1984 anti-Sikh riots. The court has set the date for his appearance as August 5.

Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Vidhi Gupta Anand considered the charge sheet against Tytler and said there is "sufficient material" available on record to proceed against him in the case.

The prosecution relied on the statements of evewitnesses, who provided crucial information during further investipetrators' own crypto gation, confirming Tytler's presence at the site where the PNS violent incident occurred.

'Need for inclusive mental health care' ('CBI should probe crimes in

New Delhi: With one out of 10 persons in the country suffering from some kind of mental disorder, Union Minister of Health Pravin Bharati Pawar on Wednesday underlined the need for a new mental healthcare paradigm that transcends the limitations of institutions and focuses on communitybased support.

She urged the dignitaries to deliberate on the pressing issues of mental health challenges in India and work towards a future where mental healthcare is accessible, affordable, inclusive, and compassionate.

The Minister said this after inaugurating a national con-ference on "Moving Mental Health Beyond Institutions, here on Wednesday. She informed that mental health has been included in the flagship Ayushman Bharat scheme of the Union Govt. She also stated that "since the launch of the National Tele-Mental

Health service, 42 Tele-Manas health issues. He stated, "We cells have been established that have already recorded over 2 lakh calls".

NHRC Chairperson and Justice Arun Mishra called for, "addressing mental health requires a comprehensive approach encompassing healthcare, education, public policy and social support systems.

He stressed the need for empathy, not sympathy towards mental illness, and made a strong case for mental health to be given the same importance as physical health. "We need integration of mental health, substance abuse, general medical care, and hospital and community care, which are poorly coordinated", he stated.

Justice Mishra further said, Without mental health, there is no health". He underscored the need to mobilize efforts to raise awareness of mental

must integrate mental health education into our schools, colleges and workplaces. Setting up healthy boundaries with social media is also necessitated." Highlighting the chal-Mishra noted the need for allocating more funds and resources to update mental health services and research.

lenges to addressing mental health issues in India, Justice

He also flagged the need for proper infrastructure like recreational facilities in mental health institutions and stressed on increasing the number of educational institutions and seats for professional mental health courses

The NHRC Chairperson also drew attention of gathering that more than 2,000 cured patients are still housed in mental hospitals in country when they should not stay there even for an extra day. **PNS**

WB during panchayat polls' New Delhi : Former Law Minister and senior BJP leader Ravi Shankar Prasad on Wednesday made a stinging attack on Chief Minister



process but we saw a very perverted form of democracy under Mamata Banerjee dur-ing our visit .."." We witnessed a sickening symbol of democracy", he said and condemned the violence during Panchayat elections which he said is " the first tier of democracy and the elections to which is provided for in the Constituion itself".

Prasad listed from the report "five main points" that distorted the election process in Panchayat elections under the TMC-ruled state which included threats coercion and open violence against the opposition candidates. PNS



Remarkable changes in BHU, IIT Groundwater dept places 2 since NEP-2020 implementation

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE VARANASI

The new initiatives under L taken after the implementation of National Education Policy (NEP)-2020, the Banaras Hindu University (BHU) and Indian Institute of Technology (BHU) have seen remarkable changes in their overall academic scenario. On the completion of three years of NEP-2020, BHU Rector Prof VK Shukla, IIT (BHU) Director Prof PK Jain and others highlighted the vast changes seen during the period while talking to the media here on Wednesday.

"Conceptualised and realised by the visionary educationist, freedom fighter, and social reformer Bharat Ratna Mahamana Pt Madan Mohan Malaviya, the BHU has in its core the values and objectives with which the NEP-2020 today aims to revolutionise and transform India's education sector. Such was the vision of Mahamana, who could foresee the needs of upcoming generations and founded an institution like BHU with a futuristic approach and perception," said Prof Shukla, adding that the BHU was swift in constituting an implementation committee in this regard as a committee was reconstituted in 2023 by Vice-Chancellor Prof Sudhir Kumar Jain to ensure a smooth and expeditious process of implementation.

Registrar Prof Arun Kumar Singh said that the varsity has regulated the Academic Bank of Credit as envisaged by the NEP. "We have been successful in ensuring an encouraging number of students getting



BHU Rector Prof VK Shukla, IIT (BHU) Director Prof PK Jain and others talking about NEP success in Varanasi on Wednesday.

registered on ABC portal. The Degree programmes. total registration on ABC Transitioning from a three

Portal for Session 2021-22 is year degree format into a four 14,900 and 15,722 for 2022-23", year system, requires marathon said Prof Singh. exercises, especially in an insti-The newly admitted stutution like BHU, which offers dents are mandatorily advised a diverse range of disciplines. to mention ABC at the time of Multiple committees at various

filling of online enrolment form/ examination's the university's portal, added the Registrar. Prof Mukul Raj Mehta,

Department of Philosophy, and the senior most member of the NEP implementation committee. listed the steps taken by the and the Multi-level entry and university in this regard. He said BHU has chalked out a some of the vocational programmes well-planned strategy to put in place various reformative mea-

sures as part of NEP. He informed that the university is at the verge of completing all the structural modalities guidelines for open electives required to implement the Four Year UG or Integrated formulated to make the learn-

ing of open elective courses more meaningful. Further, a provision for "Minor Discipline" courses was also given for providing students an opportunity to learn another academic area for the students doing very well in their major academic programme.

levels, be it institute, faculty or department, have looked into "It is expected to supplement learning in the major disthe challenges, needs and changes," said Prof Mehta, cipline and help in developing expressing hope that we would interdisciplinary knowledge for problem solving in cutting edge areas of Engineering, be ready to implement the four year programme from the Technology and Science. Integrated Dual Degree stunext academic session 2024-25 dents will be allowed to change their discipline after 4 Year for exit is already implemented in BTech in the original discipline IIT (BHU) Director Prof and MTech in the new discipline," he said, adding that the IIT (BHU) is also PK Jain said that in line with recommendations of NEP-2020 for multidisciplinary learning, promoting internalisation of education through several from another discipline are MoUs with international universities

blocks in critical category

Shivgrah

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE PRAYAGRAJ

The Groundwater upper-The Groundwater departof Prayagraj – Chaka and Sahson - under critical categorv. The urban localities, including posh colonies of Sangam city, are already categorised as over-exploited.

Moreover, nine more blocks of Prayagraj, including Baharia, Bahadurpur, Dhanupur, Holagarh, Mauaima, Phulpur, Pratappur, Saidabad and Shringverpur safe category Dham are placed under semicritical category while 12 blocks, including Handia, Jasra, Karchana, Kaudhiyara, Kaurihar, Koraon, Manda, Meja, Phulpur, Shankargarh, Kaushambi, Soraon and Bhagwatpur are in safe zones

Similarly, four blocks of in safe zone. neigbouring Pratapgarh, including Mandata, Sadar, is being placed under over-

exploitation while five other and Sandwa blocks including Airaya, Chandika have been categorised under critical, nine Amauli, Khajuha, Malawan other blocks, including Aspur and Telyani have been placed under semi-critical category. Besides, seven other blocks of -Devsara, Baba Belkhar Nath, Gaura, Kunda, Lakshamanpur, Lalganj, Mangaraura, Patti and Fatehpur district are in safe Rampur-Sangramgarh have zone. also been placed under semi -

Archana Singh, hydrologist critical category. However, only of Groundwater department four blocks of Pratapgarh, including Babaganj, Bihar, says, "There is an urgent need to check the over-exploitation Kalanker, and Sangaipur are in of groundwater, otherwise situation will be more grim. In Kaushambi, two of the Soaring temperatures, rising blocks, including Chail and population and the ever Muratganj, are in over-exploitexpanding city limits are ed category while four blocks, prime factors that have been including Kara Dham, taking a toll on the ground Manjhanpur, Newada and water levels. This has resulted Sirathu are in semi-critical catin a sharp decline of the level egory. Two more blcoks of of ground water across the including region in past few years," she Kaushambi and Sarsawan are added.

Today, majority of urban population of the region, espe-cially in the newly-added areas,

depend solely on groundwater. She, however, advocated that rooftop rainwater harvesting system is the only solution in urban pockets to check the menace.

Singh claimed that recharge pits, recharge trench, recharge well, dry wells and ponds to collect rainy water are only the solution to deal with the crisis otherwise situation may become difficult in coming days.

Various departments are now putting more focus on water conservation claiming that its individual's accountability to restore water resources and stress is also being laid on spreading awareness. Officials of the Groundwater department are appealing to people to instal rainwater harvesting system as it's a competent tool to restore the groundwater level

Case against 5 fishermen for catching, feasting on dolphin

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE PRAYAGRAJ

The Kaushambi police have lodged a case against five fishermen and arrested one of them for allegedly catching a dolphin from the Yamuna river and later feasting on it.

The Gangetic dolphin is considered an endangered species and its killing is completely banned by the government under Wildlife Protection Act, 1972. The case pertains to Nasirpur village under Pipri police station of Kaushambi and is supposed to have taken place on July 21. Later, when the video showing these youths carrying the endangered dolphin went viral on the social media platform the Forest department and police swung into action and an FIR was

"On the complaint lodged by the forest department officials, an FIR was lodged against five youths — Sanjay Nishad, Ranjeet Nishad, Gende Lal, Diwang and Baba Ji. Police have arrested Ranjeet while the search is on to arrest the other four," said SHO, Pipri police station, Shravan Kumar Singh. According to reports, the dolphin, weighing around 100 kg got trapped in the net

cast by five youths for fishing vouths in Yamuna.

In Fatehpur, Bhitaura block

These youths, one of whom have been arrested by the police, brought this huge catch to their village and had the same in dinner. While they were carrying the fish on their shoulders, someone made the video. When the photo and video went viral on social media, Forest department's section in-charge Ravindra Kumar and inspector Ramprakash Rawat reached Nasirpur and questioned the villagers who identified the accused. This is not the first time when the endangered species was caught in the region.

A similar case was reported from Pratapgrah in January this year when some youths caught an eight feet dolphin from one of the subsidiary canals of Sharda canal under Sangipur police station. Later, the villagers left the dolphin back in the water and a team of experts from Lucknow rescued it and released it in Ganga near Kalakankar of Kunda tehsil. Likewise, on December 31, 2021, a Gangetic dolphin was beaten to death by locals caught from Sharda canal in Pratapgarh. The Pratapgarh police later arrested three

so that they can sell that land at a higher price.

Dharam Singh and Irshad

FIR AGAINST EIGHT: An FIR has been registered Hussain were made witnesses against eight people, including the deputy registrar, clerk of in the fake agreement cancel-Phulpur tehsil. The matter has lation document. The contract been handed over to the assiscancellation document was tant commissioner of police, registered on June 19 by putting Phulpur.

Mahendra Kumar Bhartiya of Fatuhan village in Sarai Inayat of Ganganagar, had given an application to the police commissioner. It was told that on August 31, 2021, he had signed an agreement of land with Radheshyam of Birwan village of Jhunsi police station area and Mishrilal of Tendui village in front of the deputy registrar in Phulpur tehsil by giving Rs 7 lakh in advance.

On June 21 Mahendra was asked by Parvez Mansuri of his village whether he had cancelled the agreement for the land deal.

Parvez said that Pradeep Kumar of Tendui village, is talking about selling the same land. Mahendra reached Phulpur tehsil and came to know that the land owner Radheshyam and Mishri Lal, along with Pradeep Singh, had allegedly fraudulently prepared cancellation of the agreement

Mahendra's photo, fake signature, thumb impression and making another person stand in his place. It is alleged that it was done in connivance of deputy registrar of Phulpur tehsil and a clerk. On Mahendra's complaint, case has been registered against deputy registrar Dr Prabha Mishra, clerk Manoj Kumar Pandey, Pradeep Kumar Singh, Mishrilal, Dharam Singh, Radheshyam, Irshad Hussain, Deepanshu alias Sheru at Phulpur police station under sections of cheating, forgery, criminal conspiracy,

abusing, threatening and SC/ST Act. Phulpur ACP Manoj Kumar Singh said action will be taken after gathering evidence. Deputy Registrar Phulpur tehsil Dr Prabha Mishra says that "I am not aware of this episode. The allegation of casteist slurs and abusing is baseless. I will fully cooperate with the police investigation".

Kargil Vijay Diwas celebrated

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE VARANASI

The 24th Kargil Vijay Diwas was celebrated under the joint auspices of Namami Gange and Bharat Vikas Parishad 'Aastha' and on the occasion, Ganga aarti was performed apart from honouring the soldiers by hoisting tri-colour flags at Rajendra Prasad Ghat here on Wednesday. When a group of soldiers reached there, they were given a grand welcome by showering flowers.

Tribute was paid to the bravery and valour of the heroes of the Kargil War by remembering the soldiers who oisted the t the inaccessible peaks on July 26 in 1999, overcoming all odds and driving out Pakistani counterparts from Kargil. The members of Namami Gange and BVP expressed respect and gratitude towards the brave soldiers by giving bouquets and angavastram to the personnel of 137 CETF Battalion (Territorial Army) 39-Gorkha Rifle Ganga Task Force present under the leadership of Subedar Phoolchand Khedar. The soldiers appealed to the people to respect the Maa Ganga and national flag and offered shramdaan by making the ghats of the river clean amidst the slogans of Bharat Mata Ki Jai, Vande Mataram, Jai Hind etc. Regional convenor of Namami Gange Rajesh Shukla said that Kargil Vijay Diwas is a symbol of pride and glory and salute all the brave sons of the country who gave



their extreme sacrifice and attained the height of valour in the defence of the motherland. State general secretary of BVP 'Aastha' Ravi Prakash Jaiswal said that the world has seen the might of India on Kargil Victory Day when the bravehearts of the country had made the enemies breathless. Sarika Gupta, Bina Gupta, Pooja Maurya, Ramesh Vishwakarma, Sarita Vishwakarma, Vijay Srivastava, Dinesh Yadav, Vikas Sinha, Amit Srivastava, RK Srivastava, Mukul Jha, Subodh Sinha, PNL Srivastava, Pankaj Agrahari and many others were also present.

Kargil Vijay Diwas being celebrated in Varanasi on Wednesday

TRIBUTES PAID TO MARTYRS: To mark the Kargil Vijay Diwas, the Hindi department of Vasanta College for Women, Rajghat on Wednesday held a programme to pay tribute to the martyrs who gave their great sacrifice in Kargil war. The students narrated the history of Kargil victory. Deepanjali Singh remembered the bravery of Capt Yogendra Singh Yadav through 'The Hero of Tiger Hill' and Sakshi Singh said that Kargil has now become a pilgrimage where the people visit to salute to their brave soldiers.

The Head of Hindi department Prof Vandana Jha while arising the emotion of nationality through the poem 'Himadri tung shring se prabuddh shuddh bharati' of Jaishankar Prasad exhorted the students to take inspiration from the martyrs. We should also always be ready to protect our nation like the soldiers, Prof Jha added.

Remembering Manoj Kumar Pandey who gave his great sacrifice in Kargil war, Prof Meenu Awasthi shared her emotional experience, while Dr Rajesh Chaudhary discussed the role of soldiers in making the country strong. Dr Seema Pandey conducted the programme.

Kasturba schools: Subject experts to take online classes

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE PRAYAGRAJ

here is good news for the girls studying in 20 Kasturba Gandhi Residential Girls Schools (KGRGS) of the district. Now students of these schools will not have to face shortage of teachers as subject experts from different parts of the country will take online classes.

For this radio frequency towers have been installed in all the 20 KGRGS of the district. Broadband connections too have been provided along with 10 computer systems in each school through which internet connection with unlimited data

will be available round the clock. BSA Praveen Kumar Tiwari said till now the benefits of these classes were not effectively available to the girl students due to the problem of internet connectivity in far flung areas. Now with the installation

of radio frequency towers, reg-ular computer training will also be given to girl students in all these schools. From time to time there will be monitoring and communication with the children from the control room at the headquarters.

The students will be taught maths and science through a special module prepared by IIT

Gandhinagar under the Jigyasa provided for girl students in all programme. The institution chools, says the BSA. has developed 100 modules on "Now the training for science education. Through sewing, embroidery, beautione such programme, the girls cian etc. too has started and in will learn to make DC motors the coming days, special classes will also be conducted with the help of a simple battery, coil and magnet and understand more of Faraday's regarding mobile, computer, robot etc", he added. Last theory of electromagnetism. month the state government decided to upgrade all 746 Likewise, through interesting toys, activities, stories etc, the students will be understanding KGBVS of the state in a phased manner. In the first phase, 150

of these schools will be upgrad-ed from 2023-24 session science in an experiential way using assignments. Similarly, efforts are being including five from Prayagrajmade to make girl students of Soraon, Meja, Shankargarh, Kasturba Vidyalayas proficient Kaudihar and Bahairiyain the field of technology. Vocational training will also be where the girls will stay in the hostel and study till class XII.

Hindalco gets CSR Impact Award

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE VARANASI

Hindalco, a leading alu-minum company located at Renukoot in Sonbhadra district, has received the prestigious CSR Impact Award from ISW Council. The Rural Development department of Hindalco under the guidance of unit chief N Nagesh and head (Human Resources) Jasbir Singh is successfully running many welfare programmes of social uplift with the aim of improving the standard of liv-

ing of the residents of Renukoot and surrounding rural areas. It is also helping the people increase their income apart from giving education to them and providing proper medical facilities to the deprived and poorest of the society. In this sequence, the company is providing irrigation facilities to the farmers by constructing check dams, while it



New Delhi recently, the counis also running programmes on a large scale for water consertry's first lady IPS officer and vation and availability of pure former Governor Pondicherry Dr Kiran Bedi drinking water.For these works being done by the Rural was the chief guest. The head of the CSR department Development department of the Hindalco, the country's well-known organisation 'ISW (Hindalco) Avijit and Prashant Kushwaha were honoured with Council' awarded the CSR the trophy and citation at the Impact Award to Hindalco for function. For this prestigious its water harvesting project. At award, the top 600 well-known the award function held in companies like NTPC,

Vedanta, Dabur, Sunflame, HPCL etc were in the race.

For receiving the presti-gious award, the head of of Hindalco N Nagesh, along with Jasbir Singh, heads of different departments and senior officers congratulated the team of Rural Development department and motivated the team to implement similar social works with more promptness in the future.

Legal awareness camp organised

CORRESPONDENT MIRZAPUR

A legal literacy/ awareness camp was held at the community centre in Kotwaan Pandey village under Patehra block under the aegis of the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) on Tuesday. The camp started with the plantation by secretary DLSA, ADJ and chief guest Lal Babu Yadav. Addressing it he said as per law women and men are equal and there is no discrimination at all. He appealed to women, ASHAs, SHG members, local people's representatives and others that any family is incomplete without any female member. He said it is the need of the hour that women contribute to the nation by availing the facilities provided by the government and strengthening its economy. He said several welfare schemes

were introduced for women.

working in the field to make victims aware of laws that providing protection from domestic violence, molestation, discrimination in wages etc. Literature about laws made in the interest of women was distributed to the participants of the camp. Director Gyananda Law College Dr Sheela Singh, Suresh Kumari Tripathi, SO Mahila Thana Reeta Yadav and others also took an active part

He said it is the duty of women

in the camp. INAUGURATED: While addressing a gathering after inaugurating the sanitary pad production centre under NRLM scheme run by Jai Matadi Aajeevika Swayam Sahayata Samooh in Bisaura village under Narainpur block on Tuesday District Magistrate Divya Mittal appealed to women to use sanitary pads to avoid any infectious disease and to earn more by increasing the production and selling them in the market. She extended her best wishes to the SHG for setting up a production centre at a cost of about Rs 11 lakh. Earlier the DM performed the rituals amidst the chanting of Vedic shlokas. During the inaugural function she was accompanied by PD DRDA Anay Mishra, DDO Shrawan Kumar Rai, BDO Om pesticides etc. Prakash Yadav and other officials concerned.

RAIDED: A team led by Assistant Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration, Sandeep Kumar Gupta raided a medical store in Baraundha area under Lalganj police sta-tion and found medicines worth around Rs 2 lakh were stocked but it had no proper documents. Inspector of the department took the medicines into possession and took the sample of some medicines for further examination.

SEMINAR: Chairman Cooperative Bank Dr Jagdish Singh Patel while addressing a seminar organised by the Cooperative department on Tuesday directed the officials to monitor the availability of fertilisers regularly and ensure that no farmer has to run from pillar to post for fertiliser as well as other items like seeds, He asked the officials to

make all arrangements in advance in view of sowing season for paddy and other crops. Additional Commissioner and Additional Registrar Additional Registrar Cooperative AK Singh advised the farmers to use nano urea and nano DAP which are very useful to maintain fertility of soil and producing more crop. Agriculture scientist Dr RS

Singh also spoke on the occasion. Other experts too addressed the seminar.

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PRAFULL GORADIA

The Centre's ineptitude is worsening the Manipur situation; it is now spilling over to adjacent states

he Manipur crisis is now spilling over and affecting the neighbouring states. Fearing a backlash, the Meitei population is feeling insecure in neighbouring Mizoram. Days after a video showing harrowing abuse faced by two Kuki women at the hands of a group of Meiteis in Manipur came to light, Mizoram's Meitei population has been trying to flee the state. The panic began after the Peace Accord MNF Returnees' Association (PAMRA) — an association of former underground Mizo National Front Militants — issued a statement on July 21, asking Meiteis in Mizoram to leave "for their own safety". The Manipur government is planning chartered flights to evacuate Meitei people from Mizoram. Mizoram government, however, has assured the Meiteis that they are not in any danger. Mizoram's native Mizo community is ethnically linked to Manipur's Kuki-Zomis. 12,584 Kuki-Zomi people from Manipur have been housed in Mizoram since ethnic violence began on May 3. Mizoram's Meitei



population is no more than 2,000; most of them in Aizawl. Thus Manipur issue is no longer confined to that state; its ripples can be felt in other states. Meanwhile, violence continues unabated in Manipur, exposing the woeful incompetence of the governments. The state, renowned for its rich cultural heritage and breathtaking landscape, is overshadowed by a dark cloud of uncertainty and fear. Mass migration of its citizens cannot be ruled out as Kukis have been at the receiving end and are likely to cross over to save themselves.

It serves as a damning testament to the government's inability to protect its own people. The peo-

ple of Manipur have borne the brunt of violence for far too long. When people lose faith in authorities, they are left with no option but to seek safety and security elsewhere. The government's empty promises and half-hearted attempts at resolving the conflict have only added to the frustration and disillusionment of people. Instead of addressing the root causes of violence and working towards reconciliation, political leaders have often resorted to divisive rhetoric, thus exacerbating the tensions. But the Prime Minister has maintained a stoic silence, speaking only once on the issue in 30-odd seconds. Manipur chief minister N Biren Singh must be removed and Central rule enforced there. Indeed, there must be a concerted effort to engage in dialogue with all stakeholders, including armed group. A comprehensive strategy to rehabilitate and reintegrate those indulging in violence is essential for lasting peace. The exodus of Manipuris from Mizoram should serve as a wake-up call for the nation. It highlights the urgent need for the government to address the grievances and aspirations of all citizens, regardless of their geographical location or affiliations. The future of Manipur, and indeed the entire northeast, lies in unity, compassion and a collective determination to overcome the challenges at hand.



Rape demands much harsher punishment

A rapist should be punished by surgical castration so that the guilty man realises for the rest of his life the loss of potency, which he was so proud of

either Manipur nor India has been able to prevent rape, leave alone control it. Rape is not beastly, though it certainly is barbarian; it is an indefensible crime. Beasts do not rape, the male responds to the female is on heat. Barbarians have no place in a civilized society. There cannot be so many policemen watching every possible contact of a male or a female. The courts must move much faster when cases are filed. Even that acceleration will not help to abolish the incidence of rape.

Many punishments have been suggested, including the death sentence. But a convict executed is forgotten. All that is achieved is that the same man cannot repeat a rape. In my view, the most effective deterrence should be to punish a rapist by castration, a punishment suggested by many. It has several virtues. The state does not take the life of the guilty. The biggest motivation of the man to rape is to prove that he is virile, that he can bring a woman to instant submission and feel a perverse sense of triumph. The imaginary sexual sat-isfaction could be better had through sex workers, but a young criminal might not know. An older criminal is unquestionably a perverse maniac plus a coward.

In India, as a society, citizens feel embarrassed but not adequately ashamed. Only a few years ago in Uttar Pradesh, a father-in-law raped his daughterin-law and the supposed justice to the woman was to marry the old man. For this, her young husband had to divorce her, which rendered her children somewhat orphaned. According to their community's laws, rape is punishable only if the victim can produce four witnesses to the crime before the dar-ul-Gaza. How practical this is remains a question mark

Over the centuries, India has faced many a conquering invasion. It was the invaders' practice and their soldiers, to convert and enslave the defeated enemies,



but not abominal or inhuman. But we must realize that it is an unforgivable black mark on our civilization.

The sentence for rape in China is death in most cases. In North Korea, rapists are sentenced to death by firing squads. In Afghanistan, convicted rapists are shot in the head or hanged within four days. In Egypt, rapists are hanged; Iran occasionally stones rapists to death. It is to be hoped that our conscience will be aroused enough to force drastic action. This means not only drastic punishment to the guilty but also an enduring deterrence for others to keep away from this heinous

My conclusion is that a rapist should be punished by surgical castration so that the guilty man realizes for the rest of his life, his loss of potency, which he was so proud of, and was the most likely motivation for rape. The death penalty ends with the hanging. The guilty do not survive to regret. Others hardly remember the crime, the guilty or the victim. Capital punishment has very

crime.

one. Imagine the difference between a proud bull and the ox that drags a cart. He would be a walking advertisement for society to see what happens to a rapist. Chemical castration is not recommended for our country, because it would leave open the door for mistakes or corruption. **CASTRATION AS**

Indonesia in 2016 autho-PUNISHMENT rized chemical castration following many cases of child HAS BEEN sexual abuse in the country. INTRODUCED AS A The first man sentenced to chemical castration in 2019 LAW EVEN IN THE said he would prefer an increase in prison time or US. ALABAMA HAS even the death penalty. The Czech Republic practices sur-ENACTED A LAW gical castration for sex offend-THAT WOULD ers. The law was introduced in 1966; 85 people underwent REQUIRE, AS A surgical castration in the country between 2000 and 2011, CONDITION OF though this practice has drawn PAROLE, THAT strong criticism from human

rights groups. CONVICTED CHILD Ukraine in July 2019 SEX OFFENDERS approved chemical castration of rapists. Some time ago, UNDERGO Nigerian lawmakers approved surgical castration as punish-CHEMICAL ment for those convicted of raping children under the age CASTRATION of 14, which nowever, needs to be signed by the country's rulers for it to become the law. The Nigerian move followed public outrage over a wave of

rapes, prompting the nation's state governors to declare a state of emergency.

Castration as punishment has been introduced as a law even in the USA. In June 2019, the American state of Alabama enacted a law that would require, as a condition of parole, that convicted child sex offenders undergo chemical castration. An American newspaper The Atlantic had written: "The new law will mean that those who abused children under the age of 13 will be injected with hormone-blocking drugs before leaving prison. The state of Oklahoma too, mulled over passing a similar legislation but

met strong opposition. The Atlantic had added: 'Unlike castrating a bull, chemical castration does not involve removing a person's testicles though the Alabama bill initially advocated the surgical approach. Instead, the procedure uses various drugs to render the testicles irrelevant. In most cases, medication triggers the pituitary gland to reduce testosterone to prepubescent levels.

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People at Marine Drive during monsoon rains, in Mumba

Bridging the digital divide: Quality education for all



TARUN ARORA

By leveraging technology, learners can be provided with the tools and resources needed to thrive in the digital era

Access to quality education is no longer a luxury but a fundamental right in today's rapidly advancing digital age. Education has the power to transform lives, break the cycle of poverty, and empower individuals to reach their full potential. However, a significant barrier exists in the form of the digital divide, where millions of people around the world lack access to the necessary tools and resources to engage in effective online learning.

The digital divide refers to the gap between those who have access to digital technologies and the internet and those who do not.

A study by UNICEF found that 1.3 billion children and adolescents do not have access to the internet at home. The COVID-19 pandemic further highlighted the urgency of addressing the digital divide. Students without access have struggled to keep up with their peers, leading to learning loss and long-term consequences for their future.

A digital knowledge

academic levels. Universal

importance of equitable access to information and strives to eliminate barriers by providing a comprehensive knowledge ecosystem. It empowers learners, regardless of their background or location, with the tools and resources they need to succeed.

Extensive digital knowledge ecosystem: The digital knowledge ecosystem offers a vast collection of educational resources, including ebooks, e-journals, research articles, and multimedia content. They cover a wide range of subjects and disciplines, catering to students, teachers, researchers, and

lifelong learners. Customized Learning Experiences: Recognizing that each learner has unique ecosystem recognises the needs, a digital knowledge extend our reach and

platform also provides personalized learning experiences. They use advanced algorithms and machine learning to recommend relevant content based on users' interests, preferences, and

Search: Recent findings by Mckinsey reveal that a sig-nificant portion of our daily activities, approximately 7.5%, is spent searching for specific information. These remote learning tools play a pivotal role in providing equitable access to educa-

tion by enabling individuals to perform comprehensive searches across various resources. With the ability to access libraries anytime, from anywhere, and on any device, universal search promotes inclusivity and contributes to the delivery of high-quality education to learners from diverse backgrounds.

Partnerships and Collaborations: Most of these digital knowledge ecosystems also collaborate with educational institutions, governments, and non-profit organizations to

impact. These collaborative efforts are instrumental in developing sustainable solutions that address the unique needs of underserved populations. Through such partnerships, inclusive educational initiatives are imple-

mented, effectively breaking down barriers and promoting equal access to quality education for individuals from all walks of life. By pooling resources and expertise, these collective endeavours pave the way for a more equitable educational landscape.

Single integrated platform: A single, integrated platform provides a seamless user experience, allowing users to access all the information and resources they need in one place. The single sign-on eliminates the need to switch between different systems and platforms, reducing the risk of confusion and time inefficiency. An integrated platform allows for centralized management of all data, making it easier to ensure the accuracy and consistency of information.

(The writer is CEO Knimbus)

ape their womenfolk and turn little utility as a deterrent to them into their harems. Historically, this happened often enough to make society reconcile to rape being seen as disgraceful, a eunuch and also look like

LETTERS **I** () THE EDITOR

NO-CONFIDENCE MOTION

Sir – Prime Minister Narendra Modi remained adamant on not attending Parliament over the Manipur horror. Naturally, there is no other option to call Modi to respond to Opposition charges on issues that he seems to be avoiding, especially the ongoing violence in Manipur. Hence, to force PM to speak on the strife, the Opposition parties of the INDIA (Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance) bloc decided to move a no-confidence motion against the government, with focus on the northeastern state.

Moreover, this is also an important exercise to strengthen the unity of the newly formed INDIA and present it as a cohesive coalition. Though the result of the no-confidence motion is a foregone conclusion, the Opposition can try for certain positive outcomes from it. For example, the Opposition could use the opportunity to bring up the sexual harassment allegations against BJP MP Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, made by female wrestlers. Whatsoever, the move will get Modi to speak on the situation in Manipur.

Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee | Faridabad

BRING SUCCOUR TO MANIPUR

Sir —As per reports, there is no sign of the promised pre-fabricated houses for the homeless and the displaced in Manipur yet. Chief Minister N Biren Singh had announced that by mid-August, 300-400 such houses would be ready. But with barely a fortnight left to the deadline, nobody seems to know where or whether these houses are being built. In Churachandpur, construction is yet to start. Almost three months after ethnic clashes began, there are even now 300 relief camps operating in the state, 105 of them in Churachandpur alone. Many of the victims are dissatisfied with the proposed location of these houses, which they believe to be unsafe.

Although Union home minister Amit Shah had announced a relief package of Rs 102 crore from the Centre, two months later, there is no clarity on how and "Ignited Minds," which continue to

Remembering Kargil heroes



ne Kargil war was a conflict between India and Pakistan that took place in the Kargil district of Kashmir and along the Line of Control (LOC) in 1999. The war was triggered by the infiltration of Pakistani soldiers and militants into Indian territory, who occupied strategic heights and launched attacks on Indian forces. India launched a massive military operation, codenamed Operation Vijay, to evict the intruders and regain control of the area. The war lasted more than two months and resulted in the death of more than 500 Indian soldiers and more than 700 Pakistani soldiers. The war is also remembered for the bravery and sacrifice of many Indian soldiers who fought valiantly against the enemy in harsh ter-

much of the relief amount was received and how it was spent. Huddled in schools and community centres, people living in the relief camps in the hill districts are in dire need of basic facilities. There are just two toilets for 100 people in a camp. It is a tough time for the elderly and those with serious health issues.

Bhagwan Thadani | Mumbai

A KINDLY, GUIDING LIGHT

Sir - Dr APJ Abdul Kalam, India's former President, remains an inspirational figure as we approach July 27, his death anniversary. Dr Kalam's journey from a science administrator to becoming the President of India is a testament to his exceptional leadership and strong dedication to serve the nation, earning him the well-deserved title of the "Missile Man of India". Beyond his pivotal role in India's nuclear weapon test in 1998, he was a prolific writer, with notable literary works like "Wings of Fire'

rain and weather conditions. Captain Vikram Batra (Param Vir Chakra, Posthumous) was the hero who captured the crucial Peak 5140 and Peak 4875 from the enemy. He was martyred while rescuing a fellow officer during the final assault on Peak 4875.

Lieutenant Balwan Singh (Mahavir Chakra) led the Ghatak platoon of 18 Grenadiers in the daring capture of Tiger Hill, one of the most important objectives of the war. He climbed a steep and treacherous path to surprise the enemy and engaged in close combat, killing four enemy soldiers despite being seriously injured. Grenadier Yogendra Singh Yadav (Param Vir Chakra) was the youngest recipient of the Param Vir Chakra at the age of 19. He volunteered to lead a team of seven men to fix ropes for his platoon to climb up a cliff face on Tiger Hill. He faced heavy fire from the enemy and was hit by multiple bullets, but he continued to fight till the end. We salute all heroes on this Kargil Vijav Diwas. Jai Hind! Amarjeet Kumar | Hazaribagh

motivate people from all walks of life. He served as a President who was strongly connected with the public, making education and public service a top priority throughout his tenure.

Dr Kalam's contributions to India's technological advancements were diverse and far-reaching, spanning from aeronautics to healthcare. Furthermore, He constantly emphasised the importance of empowering the youth, encouraging them to pursue their ambitions and unlock their limitless potential. Even after his passing, his vision of a progressive and innovative India continues to shape the nation's technological landscape. As we commemorate the legacy of the "Missile Man of India," let us find inspiration from his extraordinary life journey and his steadfast faith in the potential of the youth.

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FIRSTCOLUMN TAME YOUR MIND TO LIVE A BLISSFUL LIFE

The mind acts like a chameleon and it can be our greatest friend or enemy



RAVI VALLURI

To be happy in life and calm the obdurate and recalcitrant mind, human beings should be aware of certain intrinsic laws of nature. These are the Law of Attraction and the Law of Acceptance. Further, we need to train our minds to keep reminding ourselves that we are blessed, we are grateful and have abundance in our lives. Life is full of valleys and peaks. It can never be a rising curve or a straight line indefinitely. There are constant life changes and we have to simply observe them. As Buddha says, "The only permanent aspect in life is its impermanent nature."

The law of Attraction simply states that if a person is joyful the individual would attract such people and thoughts. Such a person is positive and begets positivity. The reverse is also true. If the mind focuses on lack it would only attract lack. Therefore, we need to constantly remind ourselves that we are blessed, be grateful for whatever we have and feel we have abundance. In such a situation we attract only positive energy or prana from the universe. In fact, to such people, the universe conspires to provide more. The Bible says that if we are grateful for what we have, we will be given more and if we are not grateful and happy, all that was given would be taken away from us.

The human mind vacillates between the past and the future. In the past, the mind is regretful and when it is in the future, it becomes anxious. In either case, the mind is not at peace or in the present moment and thus remains unhappy. Eckhart Tolle puts it, "Nothing ever happened in the past; it happened in the Now. Nothing will ever happen in the future; it will happen in the Now".

As we sweep our house, we need to declutter our minds. Sweep our minds of negative thoughts. Virendra Sehwag comes to my mind as a cricketer whose mind was not filled with cobwebs. With absolute panache, he could score runs. Yes, he could score a triple-century and also get out on zero. But it did not affect his mind. Unlike Marcus Trescothik, who could not survive mentally on foreign tours, plagued by multiple phobias.



This leads us to various types of personalities. Personality is derived from the Latin word "persona", the mask used by actors in Roman theatre for changing their makeup. Personality refers to our characteristic ways of responding to individuals and situations. The human mind is temperamental in nature and action. It has several attributes, different dispositions, moods and reacts and responds in a variegated manner. The mind can be our greatest friend or enemy and like a chameleon acquiring various shades and patterns.

Punjab's industry woes to be handled carefully



analysis

Many investment opportunities have potential to be nurtured with a supportive environment that could transform the industrial sector to make a 'Vibrant Punjab'



o give impetus to the industrial growth in Punjab, CM Bhagwant Mann recently released WhatsApp numbers and e-mail IDs to solicit feedback from stakeholders, which is an appreciable initiative. It is a formal platform upon which industrialists can voice their grievances and suggestions, which could be forwarded to the concerned officials and accountability could be brought with the delivery of services, schemes and policies. At the same time, this mechanism may help the Chief Minister Office(CMO)and the downstream team to better understand the issues of the industry and can be resolved promptly.

PUNJAB ALREADY HAS CERTAIN DISADVANTAGES

EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE SETUP NEEDED

The stakeholders better know the strengths and weaknesses of their ecosystem and can explore the upcoming opportunities and prompt the desirable Punjab landscape as a global manufactur-ing and export destination. Therefore, government officials can exhort valuable suggestions from the stakeholders. The data and the details of the feedback could be analysed with Artificial Intelligence(AI) not even to help to identify duplicate, dubious or AND DESPITE bogus grievances such that the

recognized as an 'Achiever' among the landlocked states. Still, its key manufacturing industries like auto parts, farm equipment and tractors, bicycles, yarntextiles engineering goods etc. have strong potential to foster growth.

Along with bringing new industrial investments into the state, the state government has to provide a hassle-free atmosphere to the existing industrial units so that they can expand their operations within the state. The erosion of industry is one of the major crises facing Punjab. At a time when the Central government is attempting to project India as a manufacturing destination, why are Punjab leading industrial clusters -going stagnant rather than growing? Punjab has registered a 3.6 per cent CAGR (Compound Annual Growth Rate) in the industrial sector for the last five fiscal years (2017-18 to 2022-23) while neighbouring state Haryana registered 5.9 per cent, and the national average growth rate was 5.63 per cent. The Punjab industry needs only a conducive and supportive environment. Still, the industry department and other officials adopted a lackadaisical approach towards the industry. There are a couple of issues like complex rider for exporters to avail 2.5 % SGST refund, In this context disadvantages and despite that three years back a circular was industrial sector as a job engine

ground is nil. Even though this is one of the major grievances, there may be a lot of grievances of the stakeholders in recent times shared on the CM's WhatsApp number and email IDs. The officials dealing with the grievances and feedback coming on these platforms should be more attentive and focused if they want the CM dream to come true.

THE WAY FORWARD

To create a conducive atmosphere, CM Bhagwant Mann intends to use Information

Eminent psychologists, Paula Costa and Robert McCrae have developed a five-factor model to elaborate various psychological traits of human personality

- Open to experience- Those who score high on this factor are imaginative and open to new ideas.
- Extraversion- People who are socially active, assertive, and fun-loving as compared to those who are shy and introverted.
- Agreeableness- Essentially cooperative, caring and friendly people as opposed to hostile and self-centred individuals.
- Neuroticism- These are emotionally unstable people, irritable and hypersensitive. Those opposite to this trait is centred and well-adjusted.
- Conscientiousness- Those who score high on this attribute are dependable, responsible, hardworking and achievement-oriented.

So, in which quadrant would we like to place our minds and personalities to keep them happy?

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To match the objective of this initiative and to provide an accessible, transparent, robust, effective, accountable and time-bound grievance redressal system for industries in Punjab, there is a need to formulate a comprehensive "Industry's Grievance Redressal Policy" to connect a sustainable solution.

In 2013, the previous government had also adopted the 'PBGrams' portal but the grievances were not handled promptly, with transparency and accountability. Now the chief minister's intent is very clear to bolster the industrial growth of Punjab. To carry forward the state on the high trajectory of growth and prosperity, it is hoped that the bureaucratic setup of the industry department and others have to back CM's intent. The officials have to make sure that the industry's issues are not to be filed and dumped before any logical conclusion. The complainant should also be informed of the redressal via the same interface taken for the registration of the grievance.

THAT A PUNJABI'S effort towards genuine concerns ENTREPRENEURIAL

RECOGNISED AS AN 'ACHIEVER'

> AMONG THE LANDLOCKED STATES

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Government can spend time and of the stakeholders. The comprehensive data

SPIRIT IS analysis of the collected feedback and grievances prepares a data visual based on geography, the nature of grievances and sector-wise industry indicators. This aggregate data, represented through different variables, will better inform the state government to make crucial policy deci-sions related to the industry. It will be very helpful while framing new policies or upgrading the existing ones. It would be a milestone to put Punjab on a high trajectory of governance reform. Finally, we must adhere to appropriate standards, best practices and effective governance needed

to spur the industry's growth. Punjab already has certain Punjabi's entrepreneurial spirit is notified but execution on the to make a 'Vibrant Punjab'.

Technology (11) as an important tool to make the industry's grievance redressal ecosystem equitable, de-centralised, transparent, accountable, inclusive, and accessible. Finally, the 'Industry's Grievance Redressal Policy' back is needed to provide a dedicated standardized single platform. With the help of this Policy, states will be able to create a multi-stakeholder ecosystem of efficient, accountable and transparent governance.

Face-to-face meetings should also be held to with all stakeholders to evaluate the impact, effectiveness, efficiency, accessibility and transparency of the grievance resolution process. Overall, many investment opportunities have great potential to be nurtured with a supportive environment that could further transform the

It's a pain for women in labour to reach a hospital

The pregnant women of Salani village and elsewhere in Uttarakhand await 'Khushiyon Ki Sawari' amidst a maternal healthcare crisis

nushma (name changed), Sa 17-year-old girl from Jakhera, Uttarakhand, died after six days after delivering a baby girl. Her sisterin-law Anjali (name changed) shares about this tragic incident from 2021, "There were no gynaecologists in the government hospital of Baijnath where Sushma delivered her child. The nurses assisted her delivery. After six days of giving childbirth, she started bleeding profusely. She was brought to the road with the help of her family members, from where they could hire a taxi. They managed to get a vehicle to take her to the nearest government hospital in Baijnath, which is 22 kms. away. However, she lost her life during the struggle to reach the hospital and died on



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HEMA DANU

The journey of childbirth is often gruelling, and some-times fatal (like Sushma), for many women in rural India. This is especially true for remote regions like Salani

village in Uttrakhand, where access to medical services is scarce. This mountainous village which is situated in Bageshwar district in Uttarakhand has around 800 people across classes. There is no maternity home or hospital in the village. The nearest hospital is in Baijnath, at a distance of 25 kilometres. Women have to commute this distance to access basic medical care during pregnancy and labour pain. For this, they are dependent on either private or public transport.

village is less than 2500 per month. Almost 60 per cent of the families earn less than 5000 per month. This income is also seasonal and irregular, owing to primary dependence on agriculture and construction labour for livelihood. Given this context, these families lack resources to commute via private transport, which costs Rupees 1700-2000 for a round trip from Salani to Baijnath.

Surprisingly, access to maternal healthcare was not always in such a disturbed state, credited to the 'Khushiyon Ki Sawari' scheme under the National Health Mission. On September 19, 2011, the State Government of Uttarakhand The family income of launched 'Khushiyon Ki

more than one-third of the Sawari' to provide free of cost ambulance services to pregnant women after safe delivery in the hospital. In cases of emergency, these ambulances also assisted in bringing pregnant women to the hospital during labour pain. Over time, the execution

of the scheme deteriorated. The vehicles started to break down due to a lack of regular maintenance. Additionally, the workers working under the scheme were not remunerated on time, leading them to call a strike in 2019. Given this situation, the health department gave up on the operation of the scheme. The scheme almost reached a standstill two years ago, with vehicles malfunctioning due to being inoperative during od from April 2022 to June trimester and the maternal

the COVID-19 pandemic. 2022. Although, the experi-The impact of this scheme can be gauged from the fact that even after the massive failure of the scheme, the villagers still appreciate the initiative.

At present, the situation of healthcare in the village has returned to where it started in 2011, with no availability of free ambulances for pregnant women. Even after the announcement of restarting the scheme, 'Khushiyon Ki Sawari' is nowhere to be seen. According to the State Government, a total of 402 vehicles have actively facilitated women with pick-up services during labour pain, while 633 vehicles have ensured their safe return after the delivery, during the periences of people living across the region express a contrasting reality.

Even during its operational years, there were gaps in the design and implementation of the scheme. Many villages like Salani lack proper network connectivity, due to which it was often difficult to connect a call for an ambulance under 'Khushiyon Ki Sawari.' Even when the call was connected, people had to wait for three to four hours till the ambulance arrived.

If one examines the data of the entire state, it is already at an alarming level. In Uttarakhand, as per the NFHS-5, only 66 per cent of rural women access antenatal check-ups in the first mortality is at 30.6 per thousand births. Moreover, more than 50 per cent of women rely on public health facilities for institutional births.

While Salani suffers from

a lack of access to maternal healthcare, at the national level, the budgetary allocation for health, even after a hike of 12 per cent from last year, remains as low as 2.06 per cent of the total Union Budget. Further, state intervention in healthcare deteriorates with a backdrop of heightened dependency on modern medicine. As high-lighted by Bachuli Devi, an elderly woman of the village, "At this age I am unable to walk. At such a time, the absence of any such facility for us increases the problem even more."



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Trudeau leads a stable

minority government that is

backed by the opposition left-

ist New Democrat party.

Together, the two parties have

enough seats in Parliament to

prime minister to shuffle his Cabinet about halfway through

a term. What is unusual is the

scope of the shuffle," said

Nelson Wiseman, a political science professor at the University of Toronto. "The

Trudeau Ĺiberals have been on

the defensive for some time.

They will continue to be so

despite the changing face of

Cabinet and the new titles for

an election anytime soon.

Wiseman doesn't expect

"Ten years has been about

the average shelf life of prime

ministers for the past 75 years.

"It is not unusual for a

pass legislation.

ministers."

Cambodian leader Hun Sen's Several ministers out as Trudeau shakes up Canada's Cabinet eldest son to assume power ed in 2015.

AP PHNOM PENH

ongtime Cambodian leader Hun Sen Longtime Cambodian leader from occ. Lsaid Wednesday he will step down in three weeks as prime minister and hand the position to his oldest son, who won his first seat in Parliament in Sunday's election. The announcement came after their Cambodian People's Party won a landslide victory in weekend elections that Western countries and rights organizations criticized as neither free nor fair, and in which the country's main opposition was suppressed.

Hun Sen has been Cambodia's autocratic leader for 38 years but said ahead of the elections he would hand off the position to his oldest son, Hun Manet, sometime during the next five-year term.

Hun Manet, 45, is currently the chief of the country's army. In a televised address, Hun Sen, who

is Asia's longest-serving leader, said he had informed King Norodom Sihamoni of his decision and that the king had agreed in a formality.

Hun Sen said his son would be named prime minister after the National Election Commission reports the final results of Sunday's election, in which the CPP won 120 of 125 seats. He has also said that a new



generation would take over many of the top ministerial positions in the new government, which he said would be formed Aug. 22.

Even though he is stepping down from the premiership, Hun Sen is widely expected to remain closely involved in running Cambodia, and is also to become president of the country's Senate.

After a challenge from the opposition Cambodian National Rescue Party in 2013 that the CPP barely overcame at the polls, Hun Sen responded by going after leaders of the opposition, and eventually the country's sympathetic courts dis-

solved the party. Ahead of Sunday's election, the unofficial successor to the CNRP, known as the Candlelight Party, was barred on a technicality from running in the election by the National Election Committee.

Following the election, the European Union criticized the vote as having been "conducted in a restricted political and civic space where the opposition, civil soci-ety and the media were unable to function effectively without hindrance?

The United States went a step further saying that it had taken steps to impose visa restrictions "on individuals who undermined democracy and implemented a pause of foreign assistance programs" after determining the elections were "neither free nor fair."

Hun Sen had been a middle-ranking commander in the radical communist Khmer Rouge responsible for genocide in the 1970s before defecting to Vietnam. When Vietnam ousted the Khmer Rouge from power in 1979, he quickly became a senior member of the new Cambodian government installed by Hanoi.

A wily and sometimes ruthless politician, Hun Sen has maintained power as an autocrat in a nominally democratic frame-

AP 📕 TORONTO

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced a major Cabinet shake-up on Wednesday as he readies his team for the next federal election.Trudeau removed seven ministers and changed two-

ministers and changes that thirds of the portfolios. Defence, justice, public safety, health, heritage, fisheries and procurement are among the departments with new ministers. Only seven ministers are keeping their portfolio.

Several ministers are out after saying they wouldn't run in the next election, which must take place by October 2025, but it could be called well before then. Polls indicate Trudeau's Liberal Party is trailing the rival Conservatives.

Trudeau channelled the star power of his father, the Liberal icon and late Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, when he first won in 2015, but scandals and economic inflation have taken a toll after eight years in power. Trudeau's lega-

cy includes embracing immi-



gration at a time when the US and other countries closed their doors. He also legalised cannabis nationwide, brought in a carbon tax to fight climate change and brought in affordable child care. And he preserved a free trade deal with the US and Mexico amid threats by former US President Donald

Trump to scrap the agreement. Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland will remain in both

Anita Anand, who has led Canada's response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine, is leaving

the defence portfolio to become president of the Treasury Board, while former Toronto Police Chief Bill Blair is replac-

Minister

Minister of Intergovernmental Affair Dominic LeBlanc is adding public safety to his portfolio, former immigration minister Sean Fraser becomes housing minister and Marc Miller is taking on immigration.

Cabinet newcomer Arif Virani is taking on justice, replacing outgoing minister David Lametti. Mark Holland, who was the government House leader, becomes health minister.

Marco Mendicino, the outgoing public safety minister, thanked the prime minister and said he would run in the next election despite being bumped from the Cabinet. Mendicino recently faced criticism for his office's handling of the recent prison transfer of a notorious serial killer.

The Cabinet is gender-balanced, a trend that Trudeau has kept up since he was first elect-

Trudeau is approaching that mark. After failing to win majorities two elections in a row, it is highly unlikely he will be able to secure a majority in any future election," he said. Typhoon Doksuri leaves at least 6

dead, displaces

Crane collapses in New York, multiple injured New York (AP): A towering con-

struction crane caught fire high above the West Side of Manhattan on Wednesday morning, causing its long arm to snap off, smash against a nearby building and plummet to the street as people ran for their lives on the sidewalk below.Four people suffered minor injuries in the collapse, but no one died, New York City Mayor Eric Adams said.

"As you can see from the debris on the street, this could have been much worse," the Democrat said at a news conference, noting that the street at that hour of the morning is often filled with pedestrians, cars and buses.

The crane was operating 45 stories up when its engine compartment caught fire at around 7:25 a.m., authorities said. Photos and videos on social media show flames bursting from the crane hundreds of feet above 10th Avenue at 41st Street. The crane's arm, which was carrying a 16-ton load of concrete, dangled before breaking off.

"That weight of 16 tons is attached by a cable," said Joseph Pfeifer, first deputy commissioner for the Fire Department "As the fire heat the cable, the cable weakens to a point where it loses its strength, and that's where the collapse occurred."

'Some presidential guard members trying to move against me'

AP NIAMEY

Niger's president said on Wednesday that elements of the presidential guard tried to move against him and that the army will attack if they don't back down. President Mohamed Bazoum's official account tweeted that some in the presidential guard engaged in an "anti-Republican demonstration" and tried in vain to obtain the support of the other security forces.

The president and his family were doing well, but the army and the national guard were ready to attack if those involved didn't change their minds

Associated Press that the pres-It's unclear what ignited the idential guard surrounded his tensions, but on Wednesday house with him and his wife inside and that negotiations streets surrounding the presiwere underway between the parties, she said. dential palace in the capital, Niamey, were blocked off as

Thailand's divisive ex-PM readies return during political turmoil

AP BANGKOK

As Thailand grapples with the unexpectedly difficult task of naming a new prime minister, the most controversial former holder of the job, billionaire populist Thaksin Shinawatra, plans to return home next month from years of self-imposed exile, his daughter announced Wednesday.

Thaksin's planned Aug 10 return, confirmed in a Facebook posting by his daughter Paetongtarn on the occasion of his 74th birthday, comes at a politically sensitive time, as the Pheu Thai party, regarded as the main vehicle for speak to the media told The his political interests, is seeking to win enough support in Parliament to have one of its leaders become Thailand's 30th prime minister.

Earlier this month, opposition from the conservative



appointed Senate, which together with the elected House of Representatives votes to select the prime minister, blocked the nominee from the progressive Move Forward Party, the top finisher in May's election, from winning the job. Thaksin, by promoting unprecedented populist poli-

cies and using the fortune he made in the telecommunica-

tions sector to build his own Thai Rak Thai party, was elect-ed prime minister in 2001 and easily reelected in 2005, but was ousted by a military coup in 2006. He was accused of corruption and abuse of power and of disrespecting the country's monarchy.

He fled Thailand in 2008 to escape a prison term in several criminal cases, which he decried as politically motivated, and still could be jailed for more than a decade on his return. A government led by his sister, Yingluck Shinawatra, was also ousted by a military coup in 2014. She also faced criminal charges and fled into exile.His daughter Paetongtarn is one of Pheu Thai's three candidates who can be nominated to become prime minister.

In May, Thaksin tweeted that he would like to come home before his birthday, but

Paetongtarn said earlier this month that he decided on a delay in consideration of the post-election uncertainty, as his return could become a political issue.

"We're both happy and worried, but we always respect your decision," Paetongtarn wrote in Wednesday's Facebook post. Thai news outlets reported that during a celebration of Thaksin's birthday by Pheu Thai party supporters in the northeastern province of Ubon Ratchathani, the former prime minister spoke briefly in a video call to thank them and say he would return to Thailand "in the coming days".

Thaksin has not returned earlier because of the belief that he would not be treated fairly by the government, backed by the military, which has never reconciled with him since ousting him in 2006.

thousands Manila (AP): Typhoon Doksuri blew ashore in a cluster of islands and lashed northern Philippine provinces with ferocious wind and rain on Wednesday, leaving at least six-people dead and displacing thousands of others as it blew roofs off rural houses, flooded low-lying villages and toppled trees, officials said. The typhoon slammed into Fuga Island before dawn and later hit another island in Cagayan province, where nearly 16,000 people were evacuated from high-risk coastal villages and schools and workplaces were shut down as a precaution as Doksuri approached. They were among tens of thousands of people affected by f typhoon, which has a 700-kiĺometer-wide (435-mile-wide) band of wind and rain, disaster-

Rival Koreas mark armistice anniv in different ways

AP SEOUL

armistice has left the Korean arrival of a Russian delegation Peninsula in a technical state led by Defense Minister Sergei

Al Jazeera flays Egypt's journalist blacklist



The person operating the crane tried to put out the fire as it spread but had to flee to safety, Pfeifer said.

A worker at a nearby construction site said everyone stopped and watched as flames engulfed the top of the crane and a column of black smoke rose above buildings. Within a few minutes, firefighters were shooting water down at the blaze from a balcony of an adjacent build ing."I never seen anything like that," said Charles Pescatore, 18, a college helper on a construction site a few blocks away. "It could have killed a bunch of people." The cause of the fire is being investigated. Authorities said they also planned to investigate the structural integrity of the residential tower, which is under construction .

e truce that stopped the L bloodshed in the Korean War turns 70 years old on Thursday and the two Koreas are marking the anniversary

in starkly different ways, underscoring their deepening nuclear tensions. North Korea has invited delegations from China and Russia as it prepares to stage huge celebrations with thousands of citizens who have rehearsed for months to commemorate the armistice it sees as a victory in "Grand Fatherland the Liberation War." The festivities are likely to

be capped by a giant military parade in the capital, Pyongyang, where leader Kim Jong Un could showcase his most powerful, nuclear-capable missiles designed to target neighboring rivals and the US mainland. The mood is more somber in South Korea, where President Yoon Suk Yeol has invited dozens of foreign war veterans to honour the fallen soldiers of the 1950-53 conflict, which killed and injured millions and set the stage for decades of animosity among the Koreas and the United States.

Yoon, a conservative condemned by Pyongyang as a "traitor," will likely use this week's events to highlight the North's growing threat and double down on his goals of strengthening the South's defense and its alliance with the US.Tensions between the

were some of the ministries.

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ident who wasn't authorized to

rivals are at their highest point in years, as the pace of North Korean missile tests and US-South Korean joint military exercises has intensified in a tit-for-tat cycle.

The dueling military activities have been punctuated by verbal threats, including North Korean talk of preemptive nuclear strikes and U.S. vows to "end" Kim's regime in the event of such an attack.

The frictions provide a renewed reminder that the

1 nrough then years of diplomatic ups and downs, the Koreas have consistently seen each other as existential threats, which is essentially why the armistice was never replaced by a peace treaty as originally intended.

Managing tensions is now more complicated than ever as Kim continues to reject dialogue with the US while aggressively expanding a nuclear arsenal he sees as his strongest guarantee of survival.

Kim is also pushing for deeper cooperation with authoritarian allies China and Russia, which are locked in their own confrontations with Washington over regional influence and the war in Ukraine, as he aims to counter US efforts to tighten trilateral security cooperation with Seoul and Tokyo.North Korean state media on Wednesday highlighted the

noigu, who was g Pyongyang's airport by senior North Korean officials includ ing Defense Minister Kang Sun Nam. China's ruling Communist Party is also sending a mid-level official, Li Hongzhong, in hopes of further facilitating bilateral exchanges. For Kim, bringing Shoigu and Li to his balcony at Pyongyang's main square to watch a massive parade featur-

ing goose-stepping soldiers, tanks and missiles would be the biggest accomplishment he could show to his domestic audience for the anniversary, said Park Won Gon, a professor at Seoul's Ewha University.Kim already displayed his most powerful missiles during a previous parade in February and there might not be meaningful new hard ware to show after the North failed in its first attempt to launch a military spy satellite into orbit in May.

Dubai (AP): The pan-Arab news network Al Jazeera has condemned a recent decision by Egyptian authorities to brand some of its journalists as terrorists

The media outlet, which is owned by the Gulf state of Qatar, said that "a number" of its Egyptian journalists and presenters had been added to a list of alleged terrorists published in an official newspaper earlier this month following a ruling by the Cairo Criminal Court.

"Al Jazeera Media Network strongly denounces the recent move by the Egyptian authorities to reinstate a number of its journalists onto a newly crafted terrorism list," the network said in a statement on Tuesday. It also called for the release

of two reporters — Bahaa Al-Din Ibrahim, who was arrested in February 2020, and Rabee Al-Sheikh, who was arrested in August 2021. Both had travelled back to Egypt from Qatar to visit family, the network said.

response officials said.

Egypt launched a crackdown on Al Jazeera after the 2013 military overthrow of an elected but divisive government dominated by the Muslim Brotherhood group. Egypt considers the Brotherhood a terrorist group and accused both Qatar and Al Jazeera of supporting it.

Egypt revoked Al Jazeera's media credentials, raided its offices and arrested several reporters.

The arrest and trial of three Al Jazeera English journalists – Australian Peter Greste, Egyptian-Canadian Mohamed Fahmy and Egyptian producer Baher Mohamed — sparked an international outcry.

The three received 10-year prison sentences, but were later released in 2015.

Biden's son faces new challenges Israel battles upheaval after passage of controversial bill

AP WASHINGTON

President Joe Biden's son, Hunter Biden, faced new challenges on the eve of a scheduled court appearance Wednesday in which he's set to plead guilty in a deal with prosecutors on tax and gun charges.On Capitol Hill, where Republicans are ramping up their investigations of the president and his son, the GOP chairman of the House Wavs and Means Committee took the unusual step of filing court documents urging the judge in Hunter Biden's case to consider testimony from IRS whistleblowers. The whistleblowers alleged the Justice Department interfered with investigations into Biden, a charge that has been denied by the lead prosecutor in the case, who was appointed by former President Donald Trump. US District

Judge Maryellen Noreika, who was also appointed by Trump, will consider whether to accept the plea agreement. Judges

ed hours after the lawmakers

filed their motion. A court

clerk received a call requesting

that "sensitive grand jury, tax-

payer and social security infor-

mation" it contained be kept

under seal, according to an oral

order from Noreika.

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team, a clerk wrote in an email to Theodore Kittila, an attorney representing Smith. rarely throw out plea bargains, When Noreika learned of

but the effort to intervene by the situation, she demanded the Ways and Means Chairman defense show why she should Jason Smith of Missouri not consider sanctioning them amounted to a high-profile for "misrepresentations to the court."Defense attorneys push to raise questions about the deal, which is expected to answered that their lawyer had spare the president's son from represented herself truthfully from the start, and called from The dynamics of the case a phone number that typically became even more complicat-

displays the firm's name, Latham & amp; Watkins, on the caller ID. Jessica Bengels said in court documents that she did speak to two different clerk's office employees, which could have contributed to the misunderstanding. The second employee emailed Kittila.

The lawyer gave her name Biden's attorneys are still seekand said she worked with an ing to keep information attorney from the Ways and deemed private out of the pub-Means Committee but was in lic court record.

PTI JERUSALEM fact a lawyer with the defense

Angry protests following the passage of a controversial bill by Israel's Parliament this week on a controversial bill that could limit the Supreme Court's powers has given way to a quiet upheaval in the country with threats of mass emigration, resignations in critical positions, army desertions, strikes and flight of capital.

Israeli Parliament approved the contentious law that prevents judicial checks on political power and forms a key part of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's plan to reshape the country's justice system, after weeks of unprecedented protests that have crippled the Jewish state.

The bill passed on Monday with 64 votes in favour and zero against it,



with the opposition boycotting the final vote on the bill in protest.

It was the first major bill to pass in the government's much-criticised judicial overhaul plans.

Multiple last-minute attempts within the Knesset (Israel's Parliament) to amend the bill or to come to a broadprocedural compromise with the opposition failed.

Credit rating agency Moody's Investors Service on Tuesday warned about "negative consequences" and "signif-icant risk" for Israel's economy and security situation following the passage of the first bill. Moody's had in April low-

ered Israel's credit outlook from "positive" to "stable," citing a "deterioration of Israel's governance" and upheaval over the government's bid to materialise

dramatically overhaul the judiciary."More specifically, we believe the wide-ranging nature of the government's proposals could materially weaken the judiciary's independence and disrupt effective checks and balances between the various branches of government, which are important aspects of strong institutions," Moody's noted.

"Israel has no written constitution and its institutional set-up relies to an important extent on judicial oversight and review," it said adding, "The executive and legislative institutions have become less predictable and more willing to create significant risks to economic and social stability". Moody's also pointed out

that some of its earlier concerns regarding the proposed reforms' impact on Israel's economy are also starting to

Moody's still expects the country's economy to grow at a rate of 3 per cent both this year and in 2024, but cautioned that the projection does not "incorporate a negative effect from a prolonged period of social and political tensions". Unfazed by the critical report by the global credit rating agency, the government put out a statement rebuffing it as a "momentary response" adding that when the "dust settles it will become clear that Israel's economy is very strong"." The Israeli economy is based on strong fundamentals and will continue to grow under experienced leadership that is enacting a responsible economic policy," read the joint statement by Prime Minister Netanyahu and Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich

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TOSHAKHANA CASE

Imran's plea

PTI ISLAMABAD

n a jolt to Imran Khan, In a joit to minan know, Pakistan's Supreme Court on Wednesday rejected the ousted prime minister's plea to stay the criminal proceedings against him in the Toshakhana corruption case.

The case pertains to the allegations that the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party chief had "deliberately concealed" details of the gifts he retained from the Toshakhana - a repository where presents handed to government officials from foreign officials are kept - during his time as the prime minister and proceeds from their reported sales.

Khan is accused of misusing his 2018 to 2022 premiership to buy and sell gifts in state possession that were received during visits abroad and worth more than Rs 140 million (USD 635,000).

Khan, 70, had approached the apex court after being denied relief in the case by the Islamabad High Court (IHC), the Geo News channel reported.

The Election Commission of Pakistan on October 21 last year, disqualified the former prime minister in the Toshakhana case for making "false statements and incorrect declaration".

In May, a trial court rejected Khan's petition challenging the maintainability of the case and indicted the PTI chief, who denied all the allegations of

misdeclaration of gifts. Subsequently, Khan challenged the trial court's decision before the IHC, which sent the case back to the trial court for re-examination. On July 8, the trial court concluded that the ECP's petition is maintainable and proceeded further against the former premier who then approached the apex court for relief.

During Wednesday's hearing, Justice Yahya Afridi of the two-member bench remarked

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that the apex court will not

interfere in the trial court's matters in the Toshakhana corruption case.

However, it urged the IHC to decide three of Khan's pend-ing petitions challenging the court's decision to return the matter to the trial court after his lawyer Khawaja Haris informed the bench that there are multiple petitions - related to the jurisdiction of the trial court and transfer of the Toshakhana case — pending in the high court, the Express

Tribune newspaper reported. Khan is facing more than 140 cases across the country and faces charges like terror

ism, violence, blasphemy, corruption and murder since he was ousted from power in April last year after losing a noconfidence vote in his leadership, which he alleged was part of a US-led conspiracy targeting him because of his independent foreign policy deci-sions on Russia, China and

Afghanistan.

AP MOLODOVA/ MOSCOW

Cross-party support needed for Kevin Spacey cleared of **Pak SC rejects** 13A implementation: SL prez

PTI COLOMBO

 $\underset{Wickremesinghe}{\text{Swickremesinghe}} \text{Ranil} \\$ Wednesday said all political parties must join talks to reach a consensus on the thorny issue of ethnic reconciliation of minority Tamils in the island nation as the full implementation of 13A was crucial for the entire country

Wickremesinghe was addressing an all-party meeting to discuss the issue, days after his visit to India and talks with Prime Minister Narendra Modi.Before his visit to New Delhi, Wickremesinghe at a meeting with the Tamil parties represented in the north and east provinces had agreed to the full implementation of the 13th Amendment (13A) to the Sri Lankan Constitution with allparty consensus without the

police powers being granted to



The main Tamil party TNA and the main opposition Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) along with most other opposition parties took part in the talks. Some parties had dubbed the meeting as a political gimmick of Wickremesinghe.

As the full implementation of 13A was crucial for the entire country, all political parties must join talks, President

Wickremesinghe said. He emphasised that talks on the 13A must not be confined only to Tamil parties.

The meeting was called by the President to brief political parties on the national reconciliation programme and the plan to develop the former conflictbattered north and east regions. "Seven of the nine provinces are in the Sinhala majority areas. Action must be taken to address any shortcomings in the provin-cial council system," he said, adding that provincial councils must be granted powers currently vested in the central government such as agriculture and tourism to conduct affairs at the grassroots level. The central gov-

ernment must formulate policies while provincial councils are facilitated to carry out structured development Wickremesinghe said.

He said on the contentious

issue of police powers to provinces, the parties must discuss and reach a consensus.

It was the task of Parliament to formulate new laws to make the provincial council system work as he, like the seven executive presidents before him, was powerless and it was only the Parliament which could do so.The 13A was India's pioneering move in 1987 to try and bring a settlement to the issue of political autonomy to the Tamils in Sri Lanka. It created nine provinces as devolved units with a temporary merger of the north and eastern provinces.Prime Minister Modi during his talks with Wickremesinghe in New Delhi had expressed hope that the Sri Lankan leader would be committed to implementing the 13A and holding the provincial council elections. He urged to ensure a life of respect and dignity for the Tamils.

sexual assault charges

PTI LONDON

Hollywood star Kevin Spacey was on Wednesday cleared of all charges in his sexual assault trial in London, where the jury returned not guilty verdicts for nine sexual offence charges relating to four men between 2001 and 2013. The actor, who turned 64 on Wednesday, had denied the allegations against him and was in tears as the verdicts were read out. Outside Southwark Crown Court, he made a brief statement thanking the jury for the notguilty verdicts. "I imagine that many of you

can understand that there is a lot for me to process after what has just happened today," Spacey told reporters. "But I would like to say that I am enormously grateful to the jury for having taken the time to examine all of the evidence and all of the facts carefully before they reached

Pakistan amends election laws

their decision, and I am humbled by the outcome today," he said. Thanking his legal team and courthouse staff, the Hollywood star walked away a free man after a four-weeklong trial.

The jury rejected the prosecution's claims that Spacey had 'aggressively" grabbed three men by the crotch and had performed a sex act on another man while he was asleep in his flat.

The UK's Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) issued a statement saying: "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."

The court heard from multiple witnesses, including singer Elton John and his partner David Furnish who spoke in favour of Spacey.

Pakistan Cabinet approves National Adaptation Plan

PTI ISLAMABAD

Dakistan's Cabinet on P Wednesday approved the National Adaptation Plan for building resilience to climate change, which Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif described as a national security issue after the last year's catastrophic floods.

National Adaptation Plans are widely seen as one of the most important mechanisms for adapting to climate change.

They aim to reduce vulnerabilities to climate impacts by creating comprehensive medium and long-term plans, including the integration of adaptation measures into national policy.

"Climate change is redefining every human experience on the planet, especially in Pakistan. In the long journey to build resilience, our government is proud to pass our country's National Adaptation Plan, which will give Pakistan

Moldova cuts Russian embassy

staff over 'unfriendly actions'

the essential tools to adapt to the risks of climate stress," Sharif tweeted.

"As the last year's devastating floods showed, climate change is a development, eco-nomic, human and national security issue critical to the future of our people," he said.

The last year's floods triggered by unprecedented monsoon rains killed at least 1,739 people and affected over 33 million in Pakistan while leaving many at the mercy of international donors.

At one time, one-third of Pakistan's territory was under water. The floods caused the country a loss of about USD 30 billion."All the more reason to invest in climate adaptation to build our core capacities to fully cope with the challenge. appreciate Minister for Climate Change Sherry Rehman, her team & other stakeholders for excellent work," Sharif said.Thank you to all cabinet colleagues and Prime Minister

@CMShehbaz for approving Pakistan's National Adaptation Plan 2023 today in the federal cabinet. Great service to Pakistan as it faces adaptation and resilience challenges," Minister of Climate Change Sherry Rehman tweeted. Pakistan began the process of creating a National Adaptation Plan for building

resilience to climate change in 2021, the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) said in a

The project is supported by the UNEP and funded by the Green Climate Fund with USD 2.7 million, it had said.Pakistan is highly vulnerable to climate change impacts, stemming from its dependency on climate-sensitive sectors, such as agriculture, water, and natural resources.Meanwhile, at least 15 persons have been killed and 14 others injured in rain-related incidents in Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province during the last four days.

Islamabad (PTI): Cash-strapped Pakistan's parliament on Wednesday amended the election laws to empower the caretaker government to take important economic decisions and also incorporate steps in the election process to ensure free, fair and transparent polls.

The Elections (Amendment) Bill, 2023, was presented by Parliamentary Affairs Minister Murtaza Javed Abbasi in the joint session of the Senate and the National Assembly. The joint session was held as the current term of the National Assembly will end next month

in the coming months. The amendments give the caretaker government powers to take actions or decisions regarding existing bilateral or multilateral agreements and projects, a step taken to let the interim government take measures to implement the USD 3 billion International Monetary Fund bailout that helped the country to avert default. The intervening period of elections is

and general elections are expected to be held

important for the success of the nine-month agreement, which is expected to lead to another agreement with the donor.

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Moldova's foreign ministry Wednesday following the report, and Moscow has until positions embas Chisinau will be cut due to "unfriendly actions" against Moldova, as relations between the two countries deteriorate further amid Russia's war in neighbouring Ukraine. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs said that the decision was based on "numerous unfriendly actions" towards Moldova, "which are not related to the diplomatic mandate, as well as attempts to destabilise" the country, which borders both Ukraine and Romania. The move to reduce the number of diplomats and techsaid nical or administrative staff comes davs after two local media outlets. Insider and Jurnal TV, published a joint investigation alleging that dozens of satellite dishes and antennas installed on Russia's

Russia's ambassador to Since Russia invaded Moldova was summoned on Ukraine in February 2022 Moldova's leaders have repeatedly accused Moscow of conhas informed Russia that 45 of Aug 15 to comply with the ducting campaigns to try to destabilise the was a Soviet republic until 1991, and became a European Union candidate last year.

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MANAGING DIRECTOR

The Hague (AP): A fire on freight ship carrying nearly 3,000 cars was burning out of control Wednesday in the North Sea, and the Dutch coast guard said one crew member had died, others were hurt and it was working to save the vessel from sinking close to an important habitat for migratory birds. Boats and helicopters were used to get the 23 crew members off the ship after they tried unsuccessfully to put out the blaze, the coast guard said in a statement.

Some of the crew members jumped off the ship's deck into the sea and were picked up by a lifeboat, the lifeboat's captain told Dutch broadcaster NOS. Some of the crew suffered broken bones, burns and breathing problems and were taken to hospitals in the northern Netherlands, emergency services said.

"Currently there are a lot of vessels on scene to monitor the situation and to see how to get the fire under control," coast guard spokesperson Lea Versteeg said by telephone.

"But it's all depending on weather and the damage to the vessel. So we're currently working out to see how we can make sure that...the least bad situation is going to happen."

Asked if it was possible the ship would sink, Versteeg said, "It's a scenario we're taking into account and we're preparing for all scenarios."The Coast Guard gave an update shortly before midday, saying the situation was unchanged. The Fremantle Highway was sailing from the German port of Bremerhaven to Port Said in Egypt when it caught fire about 27 km (17 miles) north of the Dutch island of Ameland.Its location is close to a chain of Dutch and German islands popular with tourists in the shallow Wadden Sea, a World Heritage-listed area described by UNESCO as "the largest unbroken system of intertidal sand and mud flats in the world" and "one of the most important areas for migratory birds in the world"

embassy rooftop could be used for spying.

ion, the ministry said. In all, 22 diplomats and 23 administrative staff will be affected.

Moldova's government spokesperson, Daniel Voda, said on Wednesday in a press briefing that limiting the number of accredited Russian diplomats in Moldova creates "a situation in which fewer individuals have the chance to destabilise our country". "In circumstances where employees are not involved in promoting bilateral relations, it becomes obvious that their diplomatic and administrative-technical

representation is excessive," he

a press briefing In Wednesday, Russia's Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova called the move "another step in the destruction of bilateral relations," and said the "unjustified and unfriendly actions...will not go unan-

MAN GETS 22 YEARS IN PRISON FOR RLY ATTACK

A military court in Moscow sentenced a dual Russian-Ukrainian citizen to 22 years in a "strict regime" penal colony on Wednesday for blowing up a railroad track last summer allegedly at the behest of Ukraine.

The court also handed Sergei Belavin a fine of 800,000 rubles (USD 8,875).

The July attack in the Bryansk region, which borders northern Ukraine, damaged a freight train travelling from Belarus and the railway track.

Belavin was convicted of charges of terrorism and the illegal acquisition, manufacture, transportation and storage

Wednesday it gave new details to the United Nations about two sites near Tehran that inspectors say bore traces of manmade uranium, part of a wider probe as tensions remain high over the Islamic Republic's advancing program.

The comments Mohammad Eslami, the head of Iran's civilian nuclear program, come as Iran's 2015 nuclear deal with world powers remains in tatters and as Tehran enriches uranium closer than ever to weapons-grade levels.

Resolving questions from the International Atomic Energy Agency could see Iran avoid further censure as an October deadline approaches that would lift international restrictions on its ballistic missile program as well. Speaking after a Cabinet

meeting, Eslami said Iran had sent "detailed answers" to the International Atomic Energy Agency

"If those answers are not accepted and there are any ambiguities or doubts, as we have always said, we will clarify and revise the documents," Eslami said in comments carried by state television. "We are now in that phase now, and we have given the IAEA more evidence and documents and will give more so that it can move past this issue."The Vienna-based IAEA did not immediately respond to a request for comment from The Associated Press. However, Eslami's comments mark a change in tone as Iran has limited inspections, held surveillance footage and taken years to respond to the IAEA after then-President Donald Trump unilaterally withdrew the United States from the nuclear deal in 2018. Eslami did not name the sites. though the IAEA has identified them as Turguzabad and Varamin just outside of Tehran. At Varamin, the IAEA in a March report said that inspectors believe Iran used the site from 1999 until 2003 as a pilot project to process uranium ore and convert it into a gas form.

Apartments, Kalkaji Extension, New Delhi-110019 on 19/07/2023 on an Auto on my way from Pocket A-4, Kalkaji Extension to Nilgiri Apartments, Alaknanda. That a FIR/Lost Report to this effect has been lodged with Police Station vide LR no. 694317/2023 dated 25/07/2023.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR INVITING BIDS FOR ACCOUNTING WORK OF MILKFED BRANCH SALES OFFICES & VERKA SALE DEPOTS

The Punjab State Cooperative Milk Producers Federation Ltd invites tenders Accountance Firm/company for carrying out the Accounting of Milkfed Branch Sales Offices & as per the terms and conditions, mentioned in Request for Proposal for the period 01/10/2023 to 31/03/2025 further extendable as per RFP. The interested firm shall submit the Technical and Financial proposal duly bound and containing the index/table of content with all pages numbered. The proposals may be submitted at e-tendering portal i.e www.eproc.punjab.gov.in from 01.08.2023 at 11:00 AM to 16.08.2023 at 12:00 Noon.

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INDIAN RAILWAYS

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA (BHARAT SARKAR) MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (RAIL MANTRALAYA)

(RAILWAY BOARD)

No. 2022/RS(WTA)-149/TENDER/532 New Delhi, dated 25/07/2023

CORRIGENDUM NO.10 to the Tender No. WTA-532

Sub :- E-Tender No.WTA-532 due on 31.07.2023 for "Manufacturing cun Maintenance of 100 nos. of New Generation Energy Efficient Vande Bhara Trainsets with Concentrated Power System including upgradation of the Government Manufacturing Units & Trainset Depots."

The due date of the subject tender is postponed from 31.07.2023 to 15.09.2023 (Friday). The prospective Bidders are requested to visit website-https://ireps.gov.in or more details



TENDER NOTICE

Sealed Tenders are invited from manufacturers or their authorized-business partner/marketing agents/service agents/dealers for Procurement of 'Battery Testing and Characterization Unit' (100V-200V/300A/2-CH/Thermocouples) under the Project Name: FIST Engineering Sciences Level B C or D- Project (Sanction Order Number: SR/FST/ET-I/2021/821 (C)) funded by Department of Science and Technology, Govt. of India, to Electrical and Electronics Engineering Department, UPES, Dehradun. Tender details will be available on the Institute website www.research.upes.ac.in from 22/07/2023 to 17/08/2023. Bidders may submit their best quotation latest by 4.30 pm on or before 17/08/2023 along with the technical specifications and warranty (for each component) with previous selling/Installation history. Tender will be opened at 10:00 a.m. on 18/08/2023. Vendors will send their proposal to Mr. Vineet Verma, Dy. Director, Procurement, UPES & get in touch with Dr. Piyush Kuchhal (pkuchhal@ddn.upes.ac.in (+91-9997422104) for any kind of technical queries. REGISTRAR Advt. No. 01/2023

UK docs escalate pay dispute

AP LONDON

ens of thousands of doctors **I** in Britain's state-funded health service will go on strike for a further four days in August as their pay dispute with the government shows few, if any, signs of resolution, their union said Wednesday.

Fresh from a five-day walkout that was described as the longest in the history of the National Health Service, doctors at the early stages of their careers will stage a walkout in England between Aug 11 and Aug 15.

"It should never have got to the point where we needed to announce a fifth round of strike action," said Dr Robert Laurenson and Dr Vivek Trivedi, co-chairs of the British Medical Association's junior doctors' committee.

"Our message today remains the same: act like a responsible government, come



to the table to negotiate with us in good faith, and with a credible offer these strikes need not go ahead at all," they added.

The approximately 75,000 so-called junior doctors are asking for a 35% pay bump to get pay back to 2008 levels once inflation is taken into account. But the government is only offering them 6% with an additional consolidated increase, and Prime Minister Rishi

Sunak has insisted there will be no more discussions.Like other

nations in Europe, the United Kingdom has faced disruptive strikes as workers, from teachers to train drivers and nurses, have pressed for pay that keeps pace with a sharp increase in consumer prices. The latest strike by junior

doctors, who do much of the routine work in hospitals and who work very long hours, will inevitably add to the backlog at the embattled health service, as operations and procedures are postponed or cancelled.

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Sensex snaps 3-day losing run

Nifty closes above 17,500 as RIL, L&T gain

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Benchmark Sensex boun-ced back 351 points while Nifty closed above the 19,750 level on Wednesday following buying in capital goods, banking and oil shares amid fresh foreign fund inflows.

Snapping its three-session losing run, the 30-share BSE Sensex climbed 351.49 points or 0.53 per cent to settle at 66,707.20. During the day, it jumped 541.56 points or 0.81 per cent to 66,897.27

The broader NSE Nifty advanced 97.70 points or 0.50 per cent to end at 19,778.30. As many as 31 Nifty shares closed in the green, 18



declined and one closed flat. manufacturing portfolio. It From the Sensex pack, Larsen & Toubro jumped over also announced a share buy-back worth up to Rs 10,000 per cent. ITĆ, Reliance crore. Bajaj Finance, Bajaj Fin-Industries, Sun Pharma, Kotak serv, Mahindra & Mahindra, Tech Mahindra, Asian Paints Mahindra Bank, Axis Bank,

Infosys and State Bank of India were the other major and Titan were among the major laggards. gainers. Infrastructure major

Optimism inched back after three trading days of Larsen and Toubro (L&T) on Tuesday posted a 36 per cent consolidation ahead of the rise in net profit to Rs 3,116.12 US Federal Open Market crore for the June quarter, Committee meeting, Vinod Nair, Head of Research at mainly aided by the execution of a healthy order book in its Geojit Financial Services, said.

projects and "As the market's ambiguity against the monetary policy is likely to reverse henceforth, going forward we are unlikely to see another Fed rate hike in 2023. This is because inflation has rapidly come down and is forecast to settle down further," he said.

Buying in select heavyweights from auto, energy, FMCG and capital goods space contributed maximum and helped in maintaining a positive tone despite mixed global cues, Ajit Mishra, SVP Technical Research, Religare

Broking Ltd, said

In the broader market, the BSE midcap gauge climbed 0.34 per cent and smallcap index advanced 0.22 per cent. Among the indices, telecommunication jumped

2.31 per cent, capital goods rallied 1.59 per cent, realty climbed 1.17 per cent, FMCG (1.03 per cent) and industrials (0.98 per cent). Auto and services indices

fell. A total of 1,906 stocks advanced while 1,630 declined and 160 remained unchanged. In Asian markets, Seoul,

Tokyo, Shanghai and Hong Kong ended lower. Equity markets in Europe were trad-ing in the red. The US markets ended in positive territory on Tuesdav. Meanwhile, global oil

benchmark Brent crude was trading 0.72 per cent lower at USD 83 a barrel.

Foreign institutional However, the surge in domestic markets and a soft US dollar investors (FIIs) were buyers on Tuesday as they bought equities worth Rs 1,088.76 crore, exchange, the domestic unit according to exchange data.

Rupee falls 13 paise to close at 82.01 against US dollar PTI MUMBAI

RUPEE vs DOLLAR The rupee fell 13 paise to set-tle at 82.01 (provisional) 81.81 (+17p) against the US dollar on Wednesday due to an elevated 81.93 (+15p) crude prices in international markets and month-end dollar Positive cues from the domestic equity market and 82.01 inflow of foreign funds provided support to the rupee, even as investors traded cautiously 25 ahead of US Federal Reserve's

opened at 81.89 against the dol-lar and finally ended the day at Sharekhan by BNP Pariba, the rupee declined "as traders 82.01 (provisional), registering a fall of 13 paise from its previous close.

During the session, the local unit touched a peak of 81.87 and hit the lowest level of 82.03. On Tuesday, the rupee had settled at 81.88 against the dollar.

Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, fell 0.22 per cent to 101.13.

Brent crude futures, the global oil benchmark, declined by 0.82 per cent to USD 82.95 per barrel

On the domestic equity market front, the 30-share BSE Sensex closed 351.49 points or 0.53 per cent higher at 66,707.20. The broader NSE Nifty climbed 97.70 points or 0.50 per cent to close at 19,778.30.

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) were net buyers in the capital markets on Tuesday as they bought shares worth Rs 1,088.76 crore, according to exchange data.

"We expect the rupee to trade with a slight negative bias on risk aversion in global markets on expectations of a rate hike by the US Federal Reserve.

"Élevated crude oil prices and month-end dollar demand from importers may also weigh on the rupee. However, FII inflows may support the rupee at lower levels. We expect the

USD/INR spot to trade in the range of 81.60 to 82.50 in the near term," Choudhary added.

On concerns that AI may

have adverse effects and risks, Kant said, "yes it can have

adverse impact and then...

Instead of regulating, we should

clearly define user cases and say

India's digital public infra centred around public interest, 'marvellous model' for others: Meta's Clegg ments and merchant payments and provide benefits to citizens.

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India's digital public infra-structure plays on key aspects of scale and technology being centred around public interest. and is a "marvellous model" for what others can do as citizenship becomes a digitalised phenom-enon globally, Nick Clegg, President Global Affairs of Meta,

said on Wednesday. Clegg spoke of how Meta and its apps like WhatsApp have leveraged various layers of India's digital public utilities including health (during COVID vaccination certificate COVID vaccination certificate downloads) and payments, and added. "We are at the moment working with commerce layer ONDC to see what more we can do and to make sure card pay-

are facilitated".

He said that when it comes to DPI (digital public infrastructure) construct, it is India's scale and public interest philosophy of the country "that has been so novel", he said. "...I think what is so clever

about construction of DPI is tech itself...It is the scale and this very important philosophy highlighted of not having government run it but making sure it has an open, interoperable layer. I very much like the way you have explained it driven by public interest than interest of the state," he said.

Big private sector players like Meta have been able to work with the ethos of DPI and focus and objectives. Clegg was speak-



ing at an event, 'Digital Transformation, an India story',

innovation, given its overemphasis on regulation. Clegg said. Speaking at the lot of innovation in last few decades, Europe has not seen much of innovation because it

event, Kant said technology will enable huge pole-vaulting for societies, as it goes open source. "And that is important for

demand from importers.

interest rate decision, forex traders said. According to Anuj

Choudhary, Research Analyst at

adjusted their positions ahead of the FOMC decision tonight and

month-end dollar demand from

also weighed on the rupee.

capped sharp gains," Choudhary

said. At the interbank foreign

'Reports of RBI intervention

importers"

large tech companies to do...To open source," he said. AI (Artificial Intelligence)

will be hugely transformational for education, health, nutrition and for solving many challenges of emerging markets. Describing AI has a "key driver of change", Kant cautioned against regulat-ing it too much. "Regulators are always far, far behind in innovation, so don't try and start reg-ulating too much like Europe is doing now, it has already got in AI Act," Kant observed. Europe has lagged the US in

"While Ămerica has done a

ulation," he said.

these are user cases where we will lay down regulatory norms," Kant said. But regulation must always be pro-innovation, Kant said, emphasising that "without a pro innovation perspective regula-tion will kill AI". It is in the inter-

est of developing and emerging markets that AI is able to use large data sets to make a difference to lives of citizens.

has brought in too much of reg-The leaders of G20 will have to discuss that what is the Kant asserted that technolroad that they want to take furogy should be allowed to grow ther on this," he said.



vostro accounts from 22 nations for trade in rupee PTI 📕 NEW DELHI Fiji, Germany, Guyana and Israel.

RBI permits banks to open

The Reserve Bank has per-mitted 20 banks operating in the country to open 92 Special Rupee Vostro Accounts (SRVAs) of partner banks from 22 countries as part of efforts to promote bilateral trade in local currencies, the government said on

Wednesday. In a written reply to Lok Sabha, Minister of State for Commerce and Industry Som Parkash also informed that an MoU has been signed between



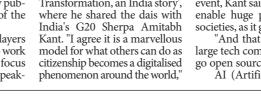
Other countries are Kazakhstan, Kenya, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritius, Myanmar, New Zealand, Oman, Russia, Seychelles, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Uganda, and United Kingdom.

Meanwhile, Minister of State for Commerce and Industry Anupriya Patel said India's exports rose by 36.6 per cent during the last five years from USD 330.07 billion in 2018-19 to USD 450.95 billion

Jalan-Kalrock Consortium appoints Jatinderpal as accountable manager for Jet Airways

PTI MUMBAI

alan-Kalrock Consortium, the Jatan-Karlock Consortuum, une winning bidder for bankrupt Jet Airways, on Wednesday announced the appointment of latin demail. Sinch. Dhillton Jatinderpal Singh Dhillon as the airline's accountable man-



employees to revive Jet Airways, it added. With a career spanning over five decades, Dhillon was earlier associated with both domestic and international airlines, including Jet Airways, SpiceJet and Oman Air.

In October 2020, the airommittee of (CoC) approved the revival plan submitted by the consortium of Dubai-based Murari Lal Jalan and the UK's Kalrock Capital. In June 2021, JKC's bid was approved under the insolvency resolution process. However, the implementation of the plan is getting delayed. The consortium had appointed Sanjiv Kapoor as its interim-CEO in April 2022, who quit the carrier in April this year.

and the Central Bank of UAE on July 15.

This would enable exporters and importers to invoice and pay in their respective domestic currencies enabling the development of a bilateral foreign exchange market.

As on July 23, 20 banks in India have been permitted to open SRVAs of partner banks from 22 countries, including Bangladesh, Belarus, Botswana,

India's imports rose by 38.8 per cent during the last five years from USD 514.07 billion in 2018-19 to USD 714.04 billion in 2022-23

She also informed that most of the goods imported from China are capital goods, intermediate goods and raw materials and are used for meeting the demand of fast expanding sectors like electronics, telecom and power in India.

The appointment of Dhillon, a seasoned pilot who has also served in the Indian Navy, is effective from July, JKC said in a statement.

Jet Airways, which has not flown since April 17, 2019 due to financial crunch, went through lengthy insolvency proceedings and the Jalan-Kalrock Consortium (JKC) emerged as the winning bidder.

However, the transfer of



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ownership to JKC is yet to happen amid persisting differences statement. with the airline's lenders.

"The Jalan-Kalrock Consortium announces the appointment of Jatinderpal Singh Dhillon as the Accountable Manager for Jet Airways.

"The consortium is confident that Dhillon would play a crucial role in the operational preparedness of Jet Airways along with JKC," it said in a Further, the statement said

the step reinforces JKC's cohesive commitment to revive Jet Airways and that it is "committed to implementing a comprehensive strategy to ensure the airline's success

JKC will continue to work closely with all relevant authorities, industry partners, and Renault, Nissan formalise pact for high-value projects in India, Latin America, Europe

PTI NEW DELHI

Renault Group and Nissan Motor on Wednesday announced inking of definitive agreements to formalise the framework deal executed in February this year, to create Europe. high-value operational projects

Ås part of the initiative, the partners are considering new projects in India, Latin America and Europe that aim to deliver win-win, large-scale and actionable benefits, the companies said

Among these, Renault Group and Nissan have already announced their renewed commitment to Indian operations through new investments and vehicles.

In February this year, the two companies announced an investment of USD 600 million (Rs 4,920 crore) in India to bring six new products, including two small electric cars, and an upgrade of their Chennai plant.

The new vehicles will also include four SUVs with conventional engines, the first of which will hit the market by 2025. Of the six new vehicles, Nissan and Renault will have three each.

In the second area of enhanced cooperation, the partners have agreed to explore their existing strategies in electrification and low-emission technologies by investing and collaborating in respective member-company projects that could provide incremental value to each individual business. As part of this cooperation,

Nissan has confirmed its intention to become a strategic investor in Ampere, Renault Group's new electric vehicle (EV) and software entity in

Accordingly, Nissan has committed to invest in Ampere up to Euro 600 million. The definitive agreements also formalise the rebalancing of the Renault Group-Nissan crossshareholdings and the rein-forcement of the governance of the alliance.

Renault Group and Nissan have entered a new arrangement that will replace the current agreements.

The agreements signed today allow us to step into the next chapter of the alliance. They strengthen our long-stand-ing partnership and will maximise value creation for each alliance member. This also lays the foundations for a new balanced, fair, and effective governance," Chairman of the alliance Jean-Dominique Senard said.

Nissan Motors President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Makoto Uchida said the finalisation of the definitive agreements will create addi-

tional value for the partners. Renault Group CEO Luca de Meo said the agreements provide the alliance with a solid base to reactivate business operations worldwide in key markets, with the potential to generate hundreds of millions in value for Renault, Nissan, Mitsubishi and stakeholders.

BUSINESS BRIEF

SWIGGY. HDFC BANK LAUNCH CREDIT CARD

NEW DELHI: On-demand convenience platform, Swiggy and HDFC Bank on Wednesday launched a co-branded credit card offering cardholders rewards and benefits across various online platforms. including Swiggy. The Swiggy-HDFC Bank credit card users will be able to unlock a wide range of benefits, including a 10 per cent cashback on Swiggy spends across food delivery, guick commerce grocery delivery, dining out and more, the companies said in a joint statement

LML EMOTION PICKS VINAY TO ADVISORY BOARD

NEW DELHI: Electric mobility player LML Emotion Pvt Ltd on Wednesday said it has appointed automotive industry veteran Vinay Piparsania to its Advisory Board. He brings over three decades of global experience with leading auto OEMs and brands, including Ford Motor Company, Ford India, Al Jenaibi International Automobiles (BMW Group, Oman), TVS Automobile Solutions, Hero Corporate Service and Bharat Shell, the company said in a statement. Piparsania will be instrumental in driving the strategic vision of the company, which is well-positioned to capitalise on the growing demand for electric vehicles in India. it said adding his expertise will be an asset as they continue to expand their business

SOLAR PLANT FOR PHCS IN GURUGRAM VILLAGES

GURUGRAM: Volvo Cars India, in collaboration with ASSOCHAM on Wednesday set up two 10 KWp solar power units at the Public Health Centres in Daultabad and Wazirabad in Gurugram. Both these health centres, with a bed capacity of six each, cater to the requirements of more than 15 villages. "The installation of solar power at these PHC ensure that the health centre receives power from renewable sources thus effectively reducing its electricity consumption costs," said Jyoti Malhotra, Managing Director, Volvo Cars India.

PIONEERING BRAILLE LEARNING SOLUTION

NEW DELHI: Thinkerbell Labs has celebrated a milestone with Annie Smart Class, a pioneering braille learning solution for visually impaired students, deployed in 10 Govt schools impacting 400+ students in Chennai. It is supported by Power Grid Corporation and Tamil Nadu Government, Annie enables interactive and gamified braille education, featured on Shark Tank India, and has expanded to 85 locations in India



₹60,350/10 gm; silver jumps ₹300

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¬old prices climbed Rs 150 to GRs 60,350 per 10 grams in the national capital on Wednesday amid strong global cues, according to HDFC Securities. The precious metal had settled at Rs 60,200 per 10 grams in the previous trade.

Silver also jumped Rs 300 to

Rs 77,000 per kilogramme. The dollar index was trading at the 100.75 level, down by 0.19 per cent against the previ-ous close which helped boost gold prices, as traders trimmed positions ahead of the FOMC policy meeting outcome, Saumil Gandhi, Senior Analyst Commodities at HDFC Securities, said. In the global market, both gold and silver were trading up at USD 1,970 per ounce and USD 24.70 per ounce, respectively.

Today's major event is the FOMC monetary policy decision. The US central bank is widely expected to hike the rate by 25 basis points, which most of the market participants think could be the last hike of the ongoing rate tightening cycle.

Boeing loses \$149 mn in Q2 as plane maker pushing ahead with production increases

AP SAN FRANCISCO

 $B^{\text{oeing flipped to a USD 149}}_{\text{million loss in the second}}$ quarter despite higher revenue, as the plane maker strug-gled with higher costs in both its airline and defense business. Boeing said it is beginning to increase production of its two most popular airline planes.

The company plans to raise production of the 737 Max from 31 to 38 planes a month to take advantage of demand for newer, more fuel-efficient planes. Boeing is also boosting output of the larger, two-aisle

the company has "more work ahead" but is "making progress in our recovery," including improving stability in its factories and among suppliers. Boeing, headquartered in



that continued during the second quarter, including a temporary delay in 737 deliveries because of fittings on the Max and regulators' questions about Dreamliner inspections.

The company recorded charges of USD 257 million related to a delay in launches of its Starliner reusable space vehicle, USD 189 million for higher than expected production costs for a military training jet, and USD 68 million for drone

PNB shares jump over 4% on encouraging June quarter earnings

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Shares of Punjab National Bank (PNB) on Wednesday jumped over 4 per cent after the company posted a four-fold surge in standalone net profit to Rs 1,255 crore in the April-June quarter. The stock rallied 4.17 per

cent to end at Rs 63.21 on the BSE. During the day, it surged

5.12 per cent to Rs 63.79. At the NSE, it jumped 4.11 per cent to settle at Rs 63.20.

In terms of volume, 83.33 lakh shares of the company



were traded at the BSE and over 16.60 crore shares on the NSE during the day. State-owned Punjab National Bank on Wednesday posted a four-fold surge in standalone net profit at Rs 1,255 crore in the April-June

quarter, mainly due to a decline in bad loans and improvement

The country's secondlargest lender had posted a net profit of Rs 308 crore in the year-

Total income in the first quarter of the current fiscal rose to Rs 28,579 crore as against regulatory filing

also increased to Rs 25,145 crore from Rs 18,757 crore in the same quarter a year ago.

in interest income.

ago period.

Rs 21,294 crore, PNB said in a

The lender's interest income

delays in a defense refueling

787 Dreamliner from four to five per month by year end. CEO David Calhoun said

in India, Latin America and Europe.





Nidhi, Ritika among 4 females to enter BCCI umpiring panel

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he Indore-based Buley sisters, Nidhi and Ritika, L are among the four retired female cricketers who have made their way into the BCCI umpires' panel with a distinction

Nidhi played a Test and ODI for India back in 2006 while her younger sister Ritika represent-ed Madhya Pradesh in 31 First-Class games

The BCCI conducted the exam for retired cricketers from June 10-13 and the result was declared on Wednesday.

Candidates needed to score more than 120 marks out of 150 to make the cut and both Nidhi and Ritika cleared the exam with flying colours, amassing 133.5

and 133 marks respectively. V Kritika from Tamil Nadu and Ankita Guha of Vidarbha were the other females who were elevated to the BCCI panel, taking the overall number of BCCI-empanelled women

umpires to seven. Nikhil Patil of Mumbai Cricket Association topped the exam with 147 marks.

Born into a sporting fami-ly, both Nidhi and Ritika want to represent India in the umpiring world for different reasons.

The elder sister did not have a long career for India and missed out on playing at the hal-lowed Lord's while Ritika, who could not reach the highest

level as a player, wanted to enter



Nidhi feels the sport has under-

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retired cricketers are entering the

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them equally.

the big club as a match official.

Their inspiration is another Indore-based cricketer turned umpire, Nitin Menon, who is the only Indian in the ICC elite

panel. "As a player, I could not play at Lord's. We had a game there on the England tour in 2006 but I was not in the playing eleven. If I can umpire at Lord's that will be a dream come true for me," said the 36-year-old left-arm

spinner, who played her only Test in Leicester under the cap-taincy of Mithali Raj.

In Nidhi's growing up days, women's cricket did not have enough money and players had to fund their own travel.

Having seen the massive change herself as an MPCA

umpire at the grassroot level, becoming the first-ever women umpires to officiate in the presgone a huge transformation. "The BCCI has supported tigious Ranji Trophy. The 31-year-old Ritika also

wants to umpire in both men and women games and climb to the highest level.

wants to promote female umpires and bring them at par with men. It wants to treat "As a player, I could not represent India, umpiring is the only way I can realise my dream," Ritika, who was a wick-etkeeper batter, told PTI.

"In my playing days, even getting to practice with the male players was a big deal. I hope I Playing the game is hard but the journey of an umpire is no get to officiate in men's matchwalk in the park either.

"I used to stand behind the stumps and wonder how the umpires go about their job and said Nidhi, who admired New Zealand left-arm spinner Daniel count six balls. I understood that Earlier this year, the trio of when I became an umpire Vrinda Rathi, \dot{N} Janani and V myself. As players we don't Gayathari made history by know much about the laws of

the game. It is only when you study you realise you did not know so much about the game.

"The curiosity kept on increasing and I left the game in 2020 after clearing the MPCA

umpiring exam," she said. Umpiring has now become a financially secure profession but Ritika was never in it for the

"Money was never a factor for me. I just want to be involved in the game after spending the majority of my life playing the sport.

"There were no job oppor-tunities for players back then. We were depending on match fees which was not enough and I had to ask my parents and that was not a great feeling," she recalled the support from her parents who were into government jobs. Úmpiring remains a male

dominated territory and Ritika hopes for a change in the foreseeable future.

"It is a big challenge (work-ing in a male dominated pro-fession). Even at the state level, all umpires were men. There was just one female umpire who too was very challenging but I got a lot of support from MPCA," Ritika added.

Nidhi, on the other hand, had moved to Jharkhand from MP in her playing days and represented the former while appearing for the umpiring



Easwaran's hundred headlines East's 8-wicket victory

Lepcha

(2.526). East Zone have a NRR of 1.107.

fours, off Lepcha. However, he

can draw some consolation from the two wickets he grabbed

in the match - Utkarsh Singh

Once Abhimanyu and his

PTI PUDUCHERRY

¬entury-maker Abhimanyu CEaswaran and Riyan Parag combined their powers to give East Zone a facile eight-wicket win over North East Zone in the Deodhar Trophy here on Wednesday.

East Zone decided to bat first and the bowlers, led by Parag, vindicated the call, bundling out North East for 169. The total was not strong enough to even stretch East and

and Parag. opening partner Utkarsh made 93 runs in 19.3 overs, the course Abhimanyu powered his way to an unbeaten 100 (102 balls, 13x4) as they chased the target of the match was decided. in just 31.3 overs.

It was Abhimanyu's eighth List A hundred. This was East's second win in as many matches. They are now second on the points table with 8 points.

South Zone also have 8 points but they top the chart owing to a better net run rate

Earlier, Parag, whose niche area is hard-hitting, took four wickets with his leg spin.

Bengal opener Abhimanyu scored on all parts of the field Parag's four for 30 ensured that North East never really and was particularly severe on Sikkim off-spinner Lee Yong gained any momentum in their nnings Abhimanyu plundered 21 runs off 11 balls, including three

The lone point of steadiness for North East was a 55-run partnership between Rex Rajkumar Singh (65, 74 balls, 10x4) and Lepcha for the eighth wicket wicket

It lifted North East from a lowly 82 for 7 to a more respectable total, but a vastly insufficient one. BRIEF SCORES:

North East Zone: 169 all

100 not out, Utkarsh Singh 29;

Lee Yong Lepcha 2/34) by 8

wickets.

Parag was dismissed cheaply for 13 in the 22nd over, but out in 48 overs (Rex Rajkumar that only boosted East's desire to Singh 65 not out; Riyan Parag step on the pedal and boost their 4/30, Mukhtar Hussain 2/20) lost to East Zone: 170/2 in 31.3 net run rate. Abhimanyu and Virat Singh overs (Abhimanyu Easwaran

amassed 61 runs for the unbeaten third wicket in just over nine overs



Anderson keeps place as England unchanged for final Ashes test against Oz

AP LONDON

England announced an un-Echanged team on Wednesday to play Australia in the fifth and final Ashes test at the Oval.

esnite a dis-

Girls' under-13 at Pine Needles: Asara Sawhney; Girls' under-14 at Pinehurst 6: Mahreen Bhatia; Girls under-15-18 at Pinehurst 5: Lavanya The group for the World Championships for boys' and girls' between aged between 6-12 will include Ojaswini Saraswat, who finished second in girls' under-9 last year and will compete in girls' under-10 this year

Mollie O'Callaghan sets world record at swimming world championships, wins gold medal AP FUKUOKA (JAPAN) added the men's 200 butterfly

ustralian swimmer Mollie Ao'Callaghan set a world record in the women's 200meter freestyle on Wednesday, zinning the gold medal at the

gold to the one he won in the 400 medley on the opening day of the World's when he broke Michael Phelps' long-standing world mark. The 21-year-old Frenchman assumed the lead at 80 meters and powered home the rest of the way, winning in 1:52.43. Krzysztof Chmielewski of Poland captured the silver in 1:53.62, while Tomoru Honda gave host Japan its second bronze medal of the World's in 1:53.66. Kristof Milak of Hungary, the current world-record holder in the 200 butterfly and gold medalist at the Tokyo Olympics, is not competing at this year's championships Qin Haiyang of China won his second gold in the Worlds in the men's 50-meter breaststroke to go with the one he earned in the 100 breaststroke on Monday. Oin led from wire-to-wire to prevail in 26.29 seconds. Nic Fink of the United States took silver in 26.59, with Sun Jiajun of China getting bronze in 26.79. China was also victorious in the 4x100 mixed medley relay practice. behind a strong leg from Qin taking the gold in 3:38.57 Australia got silver in 3:39.03, with the United States rounded out the podium with bronze in

Young Indian golfers set for US **Kids Teen World Championships**

PTI PINEHURST (USA)

fter an impressive show in Europe, After an impressive show in Europe, Indian junior golfers are set to com-pete in the US Kids Golf World Teen Championships, followed by the US Kids Golf World Championships for play-ers between the age of 6-12.

Ten Indians will feature in the US Kids Golf World Teen Championships and another 12 will tee up at the US Kids Worlds for boys and girls aged 6-12.

Most of these young golfers have qualified through the Indian Local Tour or the European Championships in May and June this year. The boys' under-13 group features Kartik Singh, Arshvant Srivastava and Vihaan Jain, while the boys' under-14 will have Ranveer Mitroo, Tejas Mishra and Udai Aditva Middha. Ranveer Singh Dhupia will be in boys under-15-1

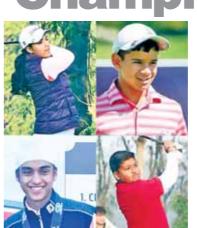
ing the top players from each age group at Pinehurst No 2.

Leading the Indian challenge in boys' under-13 - considered to be the toughest section - is Kartik, the recent-ly crowned champion at the FCG Ćallaway World Junior 2023 in boys' under-13-14 at Rancho Mirage.

He shot a 15-under 201 to earn a two-shot victory and also played in the US Junior Amateurs but missed the cut.

Srivastava, who is playing the US Kids Worlds for the fifth time, finished on the podium in Europe and he has been in top-10 twice before at Worlds and in top-15 each time. Kartik was third in 2019 and eighth in 2017. They progressed from boys' under-7 into teens over the last six years. The boys' under-13 also includes Vihaan Jain.

At the US Kids European ampionships Hariai Mill son of Indian legend Jeev Milkha Singh, won the boys' under-13 but has skipped the Worlds due to his schooling. Gurgaon's Mahreen finished second in girls' under-13 and will make a bid for the World Championships



Bengaluru's Adit Veeramachaneni was fourth in boys' under-9, while Vihaan was tied-5th in boys' under-13 section. Ananyaa Sood was fifth in girls' under-12 and Naina Kapoor was tied-8th in girls' under-11. Overall, India had one win, two seconds, three other top-5 finishers and two more in top-10. Of the 16 Indians who teed up, eight

finished in top-8 or better. Chandigarh's Nihal Cheema finished second in boys

under-7 and will play next week. The US Kids Golf World Teen Championship is recognised as a ranked event for the Junior Golf Scoreboard and the American Junior Golf Association, besides allowing the players to gain World

Amateur Golf Ranking points. Indian entrants for World Championships (boys' and girls' under-13 to 18): Boys' under-13 at Longleaf: Kartik Singh, Arshvant Srivastava and Vihaan Jain; Boys under-14 at Pinehurst & Banyeer Mitrog Trice Michae en UNI 8: Ranveer Mitroo, Tejas Mishra and Udai Aditya Middha; Boys under-15-18 at Pinehurst 4: Ranveer Singh Dhupia.

England record wicket-taker James Anderson, who turns 41 on the fourth day, retains his ice in the side appointing series so far while pacer Mark Wood and allrounder Chris Woakes have both been passed fit. The fifth test starts Thursday. Australia takes a 2-1 lead

world championships. The 19year-old O'Callaghan beat teammate Ariarne Titmus, overtaking the race favourite in the final 20 meters

O'Callaghan's winning time was 1 minute, 52.85 seconds. She bettered the previous mark set in 2009 by Federica Pellegrini of Italy. Titmus, who won the 400 free in world-record time on Sunday, settled for silver in 1:53.01 after leading for most of the race. Summer McIntosh of Canada earned bronze in 1:53.65 after coming in fourth in the 400. In the men's 800 freestyle, Ahmed Hafnaoui of Tunisia

won gold. Lukas Martens of Germany held the early lead before Hafnaoui went in front at 350 meters. Hafnaoui and Sam Short of Australia then battled back and forth the rest of the way with the Tunisian pulling away in the final 25 meters. Hafnaoui's winning time was 7:37:00, with Short taking silver in 7:37.76. Bobby Finke of the United States of America, the Olympic champion and last year's world titlist, took bronze in 7:38.67

Leon Marchand of France

3:40.19 The top three finishers in the relay automatically qualified for next year's Paris Olympics.

The three girls to compete this week are: Asara Sawhney (girls' under-13) Mahreen Bhatia (girls' under-13) and Lavanya Gupta (girls' under-15-18).

The three-day championship will be followed by the Van Horn Cup, featur-

into the match and has already retained the urn but England is Australia's injury toll grows as Fowler, Luik looking to level the series after the final-day washout at Old Trafford in the drawn fourth test. "Jimmy Anderson is the greatest fast bowler to play the join Kerr on sidelines at Women's World Cup game," England captain Ben

AP BRISBANE (AUSTRALIA) a big strain on Australia's attack-

ing stocks. With two players concussed in separate accidents two davs before Australia's second Women's World Cup game, Matildas head coach Tony Gustavsson can forgive fans for questioning what's going on at

Manchester City striker Mary Fowler and veteran defender Aivi Luik sustained mild concussions and joined star striker Sam Kerr on the injury list, team officials revealed Wednesday on the eve of

Australia's Group B game against Nigeria. It's going to put

"I totally understand if you didn't see the training and if I were you sitting out there I would go like what the heck is happening in training?' Gustavsson said during a pregame news conference Wednesday. "But it was a com-

pletely normal training." Tuesday's session was part of the usual preparation schedule for the Matildas.

"Two days out you always have a high-intensity, mediumsize game. We play eight-veight, high intensity," Gustavsson said. "Everything was good.



Unfortunately two head knocks But pure unlucky.'

"It's a bit to be unreal to be honest," added Gustavsson, a Swede with two decades of coaching experience - including two stints as an assistant with the world champion U.S. Women's team - before taking over as

Matildas head coach in 2020. 'I've never experienced anything like it.'

Caitlin Foord is the only recognized striker available to play against Ireland, with Kerr and Fowler injured and Kyah Simon on a careful, gradual return from a long-term injury.

"Sometimes you're unlucky and you need to deal with the cards you're handed," Gustavsson said, "and we're ready to play those cards." Australian captain Kerr missed the Matildas' opening game last week because of a calf muscle injury that was publicly revealed just an hour before kick off, silencing a record

crowd of almost 76,000 at the match. Gustavsson said there was no reason to keep the latest injuries confidential for so long.

The Matildas said Fowler who replaced Kerr in the 1-0 win London with an insurmountable over Ireland, and Luik have lead as holder of the Ashes, but recovered but have to go a similar scenario in 2019 saw through Football Australia's the team come unstuck in the graduated return to play protofinal test and forced to settle for a drawn series. Australia captain cols Pat Cummins has said his team

Having the World Cup on home soil has given Australia's team the confidence it can contend for the title even without some their biggest stars on the field. They're treating it as a chance to test the depth of their squad.

series of unforced errors, how-

ever, allowed Rajawat to keep

things tight before his backhand

he lagged behind. A wide shot

from Rajawat gave six game

points to Sen, who converted in the second attempt. After the

change of ends, it was Rajawat

who dominated the game of

The Madhya Pradesh shut-

one-upmanship, leading 7-4.

tler played some good-looking shots and covered the court well

as Sen looked error-prone and

it was his wide backhand return

which gave a seven-point cush-

is determined to win the series outright. The tourists have not won an Ashes series in England since 2001 so there is plenty on the line despite the disappointment of last weekend's wet weather.

Stokes said. "He's not had the

impact and the wickets he'd have

liked to in this series, he's come under a bit of flak, but he's a

Australia arrived in south

quality performer."

Sindhu makes another first-round exit; Sen, Satwik-Chirag in second round of Japan Open

PTI TOKYO

Double Olympic medallist PV Sindhu made yet another first-round exit but Lakshya sen staved off a spirited challenge from fellow Indian Priyanshu Rajawat to progress to the second round of the Japan Open Super 750 badminton tournament here on Wednesday. Newly-crowned Korea

Open champion Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and and Chirag Shetty also made a positive start to their campaign, extending their unbeaten run to 11 matches, following the wins in Yeosu and Indonesia

Enduring a tough phase of her career, Sindhu lost 12-21 13-21 to Zhang Yi Man of China in her opener that lasted 32 minutes. It was her seventh first round exit in 13 BWF World Tour events this year.

Canada Open champion Sen, returning to action after skipping the Korea event, too showed better mental fortitude to survive a scare against compatriot Rajawat, prevailing 21-15 12-21 24-22 in a 65-minute battle. Sen will face Kanta Tsuneyama of Japan in the second round.

Sindhu, the 2019 world champion, has looked a pale shadow of her past self after her injury rehabilitation and has dropped to world No. 17 after a series of first round exits. She has been error-prone and struggling to finish points even against lower-ranked players.

under the guidance of new coach Muhammad Hafiz Hashim, the 2003 All-England champion, and is hoping to change her fortunes for the bet-

> Sindhu had beaten world number 18 Zhang in the Malaysian Open quarterfinals in May this year but the Chinese avenged that defeat and also made the lifetime win-loss record to 3-2 against the Indian.

While Sindhu has been struggling, the in-form doubles pair of Satwik and Chirag had no such issues as the two beat the Indonesian duo of Leo Rolly Carnando and Daniel Marthin 21-16 11-21 21-13to move into the second round.

Seeded third in the tourna-Recently, Sindhu has come ment, Satwik and Chirag, who



won the Korean Open title on Sunday, will face Denmark's Jeppe Bay and Lasse Molhede in the second round.

But in another men's singles first round match, Mithun

Manjunath lost to Weng Hong Yang of China 21-13 22-24 18-21 in a hard-fought duel that could have gone either way. The match lasted one hour and 25 minutes

Malvika Bansod too fell by the way side, losing 14-21 17-21 to Japan's Aya Ohori to bow out.

Men doubles pair of MR Arjun and Dhruv Kapila once again retired midway while lagging 5-15 in the first game against fourth seeds Aaron Chia and Soh Wooi Yik due to an injury

well due to a back spasm.

year-old Indians, it was Sen who showed better nerves to prevail in a thrilling match that saw some exciting fast-paced ral lies and thundering smashes.

cise returns deep in the forehand of his opponent saw him open up a 8-4 lead at one stage. A ion to Rajawat.

Rajawat continued to keep things under control, moving to 19-10 in a jiffy and soon roared back into the contest after converting eight game points.

In the decider, Rajawat managed to lead 4-1 early on but few shots going long and wide meant Sen had turned the tables leading 8-5. A couple of superb jump smashes helped Rajawat to make it 9-9 as he grabbed a two-point lead at the break.

He extended it to 13-9 before spraying the shuttle at the net twice. Sen, however, kept snapping at his heels till 17-19.

The script turned thereafter as Rajawat smashed at the net and Sen unleashed a couple of thunderbolts to grab a match point.

went to the net as it was 11-7 advantage for Sen. Sen struggled with his length and lost too many points sending the shuttle wide and long but Rajawat too wasn't polished enough in his finishing as

Arjun had pulled out in the first round of Korea Open as

In a clash between two 21-

Sen's ability to produce pre-

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"We have full confidence in China's opening up"

Over a period of 72 days this year, Chairman Yang Nan of Jinmao Foreign Trade Co Ltd based in east China's Jiangsu Province has flown for 236 hours and visited eight countries and regions on business.

"We have fewer orders this year than last year. We're trying hard to find new customers and exploring new markets so as to lay a foundation for next year," said Yang in a telephone interview. In late 2022, Yang led his team to visit 12 countries in 60 days and secured orders worth nearly 300 million US dollars for 2023, which accounted for about 75 percent of the company's annual orders so far this year.

This year, China has taken a package of steps to ensure stable performance in foreign trade. As these steps take effect, they have instilled great confidence in foreign trade companies and practitioners.

"The first 27 boxes of 2.1 percent year-on-year, of dried wild anchovies imwhich general imports and ported from Kenya have exports with higher valuebeen warehoused at our added increased to 65.5 production base, and about percent. China's imports 60 tons of dried fish will and exports to countries be shipped from Kenya in along the Belt and Road the near future," said Liu Teyuan, executive deputy route grew by 9.8 percent, and its total imports and general manager of Jinzai exports to ASEAN nations, Latin America, and Africa Food Group Co Ltd. The company's leisure food has grew by 5.4 percent, 7 been exported to about 30 percent and 10.5 percent, countries such as the US, respectively. France, the UK, Japan, and Lee Heng Guie, South Korea. In the first half of this year, the com-

of more than 30 percent.

executive director of the Socio-Economic Research pany's imports and exports Centre of the Malaysiaare steadily rising, register-China Chamber of Commerce, said that in the ing a year-on-year growth face of unfavorable factors In the first six months such as the global economic of 2023, according to slowdown, growing trade China's half-year report protectionism, climate on foreign trade, 540,000 change, and food crisis, China's perseverance in Chinese foreign trade companies delivered advancing international certain performance in economic and trade imports and exports, an cooperation and opening increase of 6.9 percent. up to the outside world The country's total volume at a higher level will help of trade in goods grew by boost the world's economic

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development. "China is a staunch supporter of opening up. We have confidence in its open economy," Lee said.

As of late June, China directly invested 431.61 billion yuan (US\$ 60.04 billion) in non-financial sectors in foreign countries, up 22.7 percent year-onyear. Information released at the recent certificate awarding ceremony for the 37th batch of regional headquarters and research and development centers of multinational companies in Shanghai and the signing ceremony of foreign-backed projects in the same city showed that from January to May this year, Shanghai newly set up 2,096 foreignfunded companies and utilized US\$11.171 billion of overseas investment, up 78.7 percent and 17.3

percent year-on-year.

respectively.

"We remain bullish on China's economic outlook. China has achieved remarkable economic development over the past years. China has been building a stable, fair, and transparent business environment. The world has fully felt China's determination to constantly expand opening up. As a Saudi Arabian company,

Group in Saudi Arabia.

In the first half of this year, according to China's semiannual report on foreign trade, the country's imports and exports improved quality while ensuring stability, up 2.1 percent year-on-year and exceeding 20 trillion yuan (USS 2.78 trillion) for the first time over the same period in history. China registered total foreign trade of 9.76 trillion yuan (US\$ 1.36 trillion) in the first quarter and 10.34 trillion yuan (USS 1.44 trillion) in the second quarter, achieving positive growth year-on-year in both quarters. The country's imports and exports grew by 6 percent sequentially in the second quarter, up 1.2 percent month-on-month in both May and June.

we always believe that the fundamentals of the Chinese economy have stayed unchanged and will remain sound in the long run," said Mohammed Abdulaziz Al Ajlan. chairman of the Saudi-Chinese Business Council and deputy chairman of Ajlan and Bros Holding (Staff correspondents)

COUNTY TOWN

Village soccer tournament attracts global attention

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Photo from Xinhua

20 teams from Rongjiang

County competed in the

tournament every Friday,

Saturday, and Sunday. All the

teams were divided into two

groups for round-robin and

elimination matches, and the

The players in this rural

tournament are from various

backgrounds. They include

excavator operators, barbers, shop

owners, farmers, factory workers,

and police officers. They range

According to the statistics

from the Rongjiang County

Government, the "Village

Super League" has attracted

more than 420,000 tourists

in a month, including

303,900 local tourists and 116,100 from other parts

of the country. (Staff

from 15 to 50 in age.

correspondents)

final is scheduled for July 29.

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Since the "Village Super League", a rural soccer tournament held in Rongjiang County, Guizhou Province, kicked off on May 13 this year, every of its matches has attracted 50,000 to 70,000 spectators. Video clips of the matches went viral on internet and helped the rural soccer tournament gain nationwide popularity.

This phenomenal sports event has soon swept across the Internet. It has not only won praises from ordinary Chinese people but also received attention from the press, social networks, and even international celebrities. For example, former England soccer star Michael Owen has posted a video clip on the Internet to show his support. From May to July this year,

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Azerbaijani expert: Chinese modernization provides important inspiration

By striving to safeguard world peace and development as it pursue its own development, and making greater contributions to world peace and development through its own development, China has found a new path of modernization.

for advancing human civilization. China has put forward the Belt and Road Initiative, the Global Development Initiative. and the Global Security Initiative. It is committed to promoting global peace and development.

Instead of simply copying he experiences of other countries, China has made great achievements in its development in light of its actual conditions. It has blazed a development path of its own based on its outstanding historical and cultural traditions. This has provided important inspiration for other developing countries to avoid defining their modernization by Western standards and explore a path of modernization that conforms to their own national conditions. Representing a new form

of human advancement,

Chinese modernization

has opened up broad space

China's successful

ractice shows that different

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The team photo. (Photo by Liling)

"It features beautiful mountains and rivers and pleasant climate here!"

tural heritage experience

halls. The scenic spot has

helped villagers increase

their income by creating

jobs, renting old houses

and horses, purchasing

their farm and pasture

products, and providing

financial aid for them to

set up farms. In Bala Vil-

lage, each household now

earns about 100,000 yuan

(US\$ 13,900) per year, as

compared to 2,000 to 3,000

yuan (US\$ 278.2 to 417.3)

livia are of a high altitude.

Here I always feel at home.

I'll definitely come back,"

"Both Yunnan and Bo-

in the past.

7th CSA Expo to take place in Kunming from Aug. 16 to 20

China is ready to The 7th China-South work with South Asian Asia Exposition (CSA countries to take the CSA Expo) will be held in central Yunnan's Kunming Expo as a platform to build common grounds city from August 16 to 20, according to a on pursuing common press conference in development in solidarity Beijing on Tuesday. and coordination, to With the theme foster new growth drivers of "solidarity and for cooperation, to cooperation for common promote the high-quality development", this year's development of Belt and expo is jointly hosted Road cooperation, so as by the Chinese Ministry to help implement the Global Development of Commerce and the

up at the 7th CSA Expo, including 3 pavilions for South Asia, Southeast Asia and other overseas areas, as well as nine special pavilions for port economy, industrial parks, digital economy, advanced manufacturing expo opening, regional cooperation, cultural tourism, and modern agriculture.

The exhibition areas d up to 150 000 souare

"This is my first time in Shangri-La, and I'm amazed at how close to nature these locals are. In the Potatso National Park, the unique vegetation, grazing cattle and sheep, and flying birds are so impressive," said Chen Meiying, a girl from Thailand. Chen has grown up in Phuket, Thailand, where the natural conditions are quite different from those in Shangri-La of southwest China's Yunnan Province.

Recently, a group of young people from eleven countries including China, Thailand, Laos, and Myanmar experienced the colorful traditional Tibetan culture and visited the majestic natural landscapes in Shangri-La.

Walking on the cliffside glass walkway in the Shangri-La grand canyon, Irina from Russia said, "I've never seen such mysterious scenery before or had an opportunity to learn from locals the ethnic culture and the stories behind it. Here in Balagezong, I understand that Sina Dingzhu, a local businessman, has built a road not for himself and his own family but for the whole village. He has undergone great difficulties so that his fellow villagers can achieve common prosperity. This road has also made it possible for tourists from all over the world to visit this beautiful place.

Today, tourism facilities in the Balagezong scenic spot include the glass walkway, cableway, rafting course, and intangible culPeople's Government of Yunnan Province.

> As friendly neighbors and development partners, China and South Asian countries are a community with a shared future through thick and thin. In recent years, the two sides have deepened pragmatic cooperation in various fields, and maintained the sound momentum of economic and trade exchanges, with outcomes benefiting the people of China and all South Asian countries.

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said Chris from Bolivia. Maisy from Cape Verde loves traveling. She has been to Beijing, Tianjin, and Guangzhou during the more than one year when she studied in China. She was very excited at this visit to Yunnan. "It's green everywhere in Shangri-La. Featuring beautiful mountains and rivers and pleasant climate, this place is quite different from modern cities. The Tibetan dwellings scattered on the alpine meadows are evidence of harmonious coexistence between human beings and nature," she said

Sildan from Laos has been in Shangri-La before, but she still enjoyed every minute of her stay this time. She said, "I come from Vientiane. Today, many Laotian tourists choose to take the China-Laos Railway to travel to Yunnan. In the future, I hope to explore more plac-

es in Yunnan by railway to experience a different lifestyle." (Li Ling, a staff correspondent)

Initiative, and jointly embrace an even more prosperous and brighter

> future The first CSA Expo was held in 2013. Over the past decade, the expo has grown to be a comprehensive platform for multilateral diplomacy, economic cooperation and people-to-people exchanges between China and south-southeast Asia, and even between China and other countries in the world

15 pavilions will be set

meters this year. As of now, 60 countries and regions have signed up for the expo, including all south-southeast Asian countries and RCEP member countries. Almost 1,000 global businesses have confirmed their participation into the expo, of which some 50 belong to the world's top

> 500 enterprises 14 events will be staged at the expo, including the 4th China-South Asia Cooperation Forum, the 2023 GMS Economic

and Investment and the Fourth New Era-Border Opening Forum.

Corridor Governors Forum, the 16th China-

South Asia Business

Forum, the 4th Forum

on China-South Asia

Technology Transfer and

Collaborative Innovation,

the 9th China-South and

Southeast Asian Think-

tank Forum, the 5th China-

Southeast Asia Business

Forum, the Second

International Cooperation

Forum on RCEP Trade

Amid its openingup drive over the years, Yunnan has established 11 multibilateral cooperation mechanisms with southsoutheast Asian countries, and among the Chinese provinces, Yunnan has its flights reaching the most destinations in these Asian countries. The province and its cities also forged sister-city ties with 106 peers in 37 countries.

(Yunnan Daily)

civilizations can achieve their own wonderfulness on the road to modernization. The international community should overcome cultural misunderstanding, clash, and supremacy through exchanges, mutual learning, and coexistence. The world should work together to create a mighty force for building a community of shared future for mankind and sustaining development and progress of the human society. (An excerpt from an article by Schemur Mammadov, director of the Azerbaijan "Eurasian Observation" Center for International Studies)

CULTURE

The life of a black pottery master

Black pottery, a Tibetan cultural symbol, is widely used in Tibetan-inhabited areas. More than 2,000 years on, Tibetan pottery makers in Tangdui Village, Nixi Township, Shangri-La City, Diqing Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture, Yunnan Province have passed on the black pottery firing techniques from generation to generation.

Sunnuo Qilin, a national intangible cultural heritage successor of Tibetan black pottery firing techniques, set up his workshop in the mountain-surrounded village of Tangdui a long time ago. Below the workshop eaves, a plaque with a red frame and a blue background is particularly conspicuous. Sunnuo Qilin's family has been firing black pottery for generations. Almost all black pottery makers in the village have learned

black pottery firing techniques from Sunnuo Qilin's family, so the villagers have specially put the plaque there.

Sunnuo Qilin began to learn to make pottery at the age of 11. Over the past 50 years, he has developed more than 70 types of black pottery products that are both ornamental and practical. Moreover, he has taught black pottery firing techniques to more than 80 students

Today, Nixi black pottery products are so popular on the market that demand often exceeds supply. Nixi sells over 20,000 pieces of black pottery products every year. Apart from Tibetan-inhabited areas in Yunnan, Tibet, and Sichuan, these products are also popular in other parts of China, and some of them are even sold abroad. (Staff correspondents)



ernization" in Hewan Village, Gengjiaving Township, Yiliang County, Yunnan Province are attracting numerous tourists. In 2017, in order to transform traditional agriculture and creatively develop rural tourism, Hewan introduced the colorful rice gardening art. (Yunnan Daily)