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# 20 Opp MPs to visit Manipur today, to offer Govt advice

PIONEER NEW SERVICE

Adelegation of at least 20 Members of Parliament (MPs) representing 16 political parties from the Opposition camp will visit Manipur on Saturday and Sunday under the banner of the newly formed INDIA coalition. The purpose of the visit is to assess the situation in the violence-hit northeastern State.

Following their visit, the delegates will present a report on Monday during a meeting of the INDIA alliance, to be held at the Parliament chamber of the Congress president and Leader of the Opposition in Rajya Sabha, Mallikarjun

Kharge.
Additionally, during the meeting, the schedule for the third meeting of the alliance, Comprising around 26 Opposition parties, will be finalised. This meeting is set to take place on August 25-26 in Mumbai.

The delegation to Manipur includes Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, Gaurav Gogoi, and Phulo Devi Netam from Congress, Sushmita Dev from Trinamool Congress, Kanimozhi Karunanidhi from Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam,



Members of the Kuki-Zo Women's Forum protest at Jantar Mantar demanding a separate administration for the triba population of Manipur living in its hill districts, in New Delhi, on Friday

Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD), Sushil Gupta from Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), Javed Ali Khan from Samajwadi Party, Arvind Sawant from Shiv Sena (UBT), among others.

The strategy of the delegation is to assess the ground situation firsthand and then make recommendations to the Government and Parliament to find a solution to the problems in the violence-affected state.

Ahead of the visit, Gaurav Gogoi, Deputy Leader of the Congress in the Lok Sabha, called for an enquiry led by a retired Supreme Court judge into the violence in Manipur. He said that the delegation wants to highlight that the

and hopes to find a solution. The MPs will fly to Manipur on Saturday morning

government has failed to

address the ongoing violence

and visit both the hill areas and the valley, which have been affected by the violence.

Congress MP Dr Naseer Hussain said that the delegation has also sought time from the Manipur Governor and will meet her on Sunday morning. If the discussion on their find ings is not allowed inside Parliament, they will address a press conference.

The Opposition bloc had

been demanding permission for a delegation visit to Manipur, but until now, they were denied due to the situation there. They have also been demanding a statement from the Prime Minister in Parliament on the situation in Manipur, followed by a full-

fledged discussion.

In a related development, ahead of the third meeting of the INDIA coalition, the Opposition parties are likely to finalise an 11-member coordination committee. This committee will act as the nerve center for the alliance, with one member drawn from each of the following parties: Congress, Trinamool Congress, DMK, AAP, JD(U), RJD, Shiv Sena (UBT), NCP, JMM, Samajwadi Party, and the CPI(M).

The INDIA coalition is also expected to announce the composition of other committees for communication, campaign for the 2024 general election, and coordination of joint protests and rallies leading up to the election.

The coalition had earlier expressed its intention to establish a joint secretariat for better synchronization, but no announcement has been made so far. The Opposition parties had held meetings in Patna in June and Bengaluru in July.

## SC grants bail to 2 in Bhima Koregaon case

Apex court takes into account duo's 5-yr custody, bars them from leaving Maharashtra

PNS NEW DELHI

 $T^{ ext{he Supreme Court granted}}$  bail to activists Vernon Gonsalves and Arun Ferreira in the Elgar Parishad-Maoist links case on Friday, considering their five-year custody period.

Justices Aniruddha Bose and Sudhanshu Dhulia presided over the Bench and laid out specific conditions for their bail. As part of the conditions, Gonsalves and Ferreira are restricted from leaving Maharashtra and must surrender their passports to the

Additionally, they are permitted to use one mobile device each and are required to inform the National Investigation Agency about their addresses.

The activists had approached the top court after their bail pleas were rejected by the Bombay High Court. The case is related to the Elgar Parishad conclave held in Pune on December 31, 2017, which the Pune police claimed was funded by Maoists. The inflammatory speeches during the event led to violent clashes



Right-wingers at the Koregaon-Bhima war memorial in Pune the following day.

Supreme Court acknowledged the seriousness of the allegations but emphasised that it does not preclude bail. The court also highlighted that appropriate conditions would be imposed during their bail period. If any conditions are violated or if there are attempts to threaten witnesses, the prosecution can seek cancellation of bail, the court stated. The Supreme Court had reserved its order in this case in March earlier this year.

Last year, the accused, including Gonsalves and Ferreira, had filed pleas before the top court against the Bombay High Court's December 2021 judgment denying them default bail. The High Court had refused bail to

eight accused on December 1 2021, while Sudha Bharadwai was granted bail. Justice Dipankar Datta, who previously served as the Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court, had recused himself from hearing the bail applications.

During the arguments, the NIA, represented by Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta, Additional Solicitors- General SV Raju and KM Nataraj, and advocate Kanu Agrawal, stressed the seriousness of the charges and emphasised that it cannot be compared to previous bail decisions.

However, the senior advocates representing the accused, R Basant and Rebecca John, pointed out the accused had been in custody for over five years without charges framed or the trial commencing. They argued there was insufficient material implicating Gonsalves

## Non-admission of Opp notices on Manipur debate leads to spat in RS

VP adjourns RS after heated exchange with TMC's O'Brien

PNS NEW DELHI

The proceedings of the Rajya Sabha were abruptly adjourned on Friday following a heated exchange between Chairman Jagdeep Dhankar and Trinamool Congress (TMC) leader Derek O'Brien.

The tension escalated when Derek O'Brien interrupted Dhankhar over the issue of non-admission of notices given by Opposition members under Rule 267 to discuss the situation in Manipur. A total of 47 MPs from the Congress, TMC, DMK, AAP, Left, and others had given notices under this rule, seeking suspension of the listed business to address the

pressing issue. Dhankhar, in response, said he had already agreed to a short-duration discussion on the matter and urged members to participate in the discussion under the said rule. He also expressed concern over the conduct of MPs in the Upper



TMC MP Derek O'Brien protests in the Rajya Sabha during the Monsoon session of Parliament in New Delhi on Friday

by the outside world.

Derek O'Brien stood up to press for the motion that Opposition parties have been king to move since the start of the Monsoon Session of Parliament last week. His act of thumping the desk during his speech was deemed as "theatrics" by Dhankhar, who requested members to show

respect to the Chair. As the tension continued to mount, the Chairman adjourned the proceedings for

House and how it is perceived the day, barely 15 minutes after its resumption at 11 AM. The Rajya Sabha will now recon-

vene on Monday, July 31. Meanwhile, Opposition Rajya Sabha MPs Manoj Jha of RJĎ and Ranjeet Ranjan of the Congress moved Suspension of Business Notices under Rule 267, urging the Chairman to suspend all other business for the day, including the Zero Hour and Question Hour, to discuss the situation in the vio-

lence-hit State of Manipur. Continued on Page 2

## Spurned lover held for India, UK to ink killing 23-year-old girl

Student brutally murdered by her cousin for rejecting marriage proposal

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ NEW DELHI

man was arrested in con-Anection with the murder of a 23-year-old college student in Delhi's Malviya Nagar on Friday. The horrifying incident unfolded after the woman refused his marriage proposal.

According to sources, the arrested man, Irfan, 28, had allegedly proposed marriage to Nargis, but she firmly declined. The rejection seemed to have fueled a deadly rage within him, resulting in the heinous act of violence

Victim's family said Irfan used to live with the family around five-six years ago but was asked to leave after he allegedly started harassing Nargis. The victim and accused were first cousins, with their mothers as sisters

Her father Suljat, who works as a motor mechanic, said she was her only daughter. He has two sons. "I want jus-



tice for her," he said. "The accused should get strict punishment. We will not forgive him for what he has done

The police responded to the distressing incident after receiving a call at 12:08 PM, about a man assaulting a woman at Vijay Mandal Park in Shivalik A Block of Malviya Nagar. However, by the time they arrived, the perpetrator had already fled the scene.

Deputy Commissioner of Police South, Chandan Chowdhary, issued a statement saying, "We received information that the body of a 25-yearold woman was found near Aurbindo College in South Delhi's Malviya Nagar. An iron rod was found near her body.

According to a preliminary investigation, the woman was attacked with a rod. Further investigation is in progress."

The murder took place inside the serene confines of the Vijay Mandal Park, where the college student had gone with a friend. The victim bore severe injuries to her head, indicating the brutal nature of the attack

The police quickly apprehended Irfan and are current ly interrogating him to piece together the events leading up to the tragic incident. They are working to uncover the full extent of the circumstances surrounding the crime and to bring justice to the victim and

Lady Luck smiles on 11 Kerala women

# FTA by year end

**▼**ndia and Britain are on track to sign a free trade agreement (FTA) this year as both countries have reached a consensus on the main aspects of the proeconomic growth and job opportunities, according to a top trade ministry official quoted by Reuters.

Commerce Secretary Sunil Barthwal expressed eagerness to finalise the deal at the earliest during a press briefing on Friday. He said negotiations on nearly all contentious issues have been completed, and the FTA could be signed "much before" the end of the year.

The FTA is seen as crucial for India's ambition to expand its exports, while Britain seeks to gain wider access for its whisky, premium cars, and legal services. It would mark India's first FTA with a developed country since signing an interim trade pact with Australia last year.

For Britain, this agreement holds significance in its quest to establish diversified global trade relationships following its exit from the EU in 2020.

The development comes at a crucial juncture for Prime

Minister Narendra Modi, who aims to solidify New Delhi's business-friendly image ahead of national elections sched-

uled for early next year. The 11th round of talks concluded recently in London Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal. Out of the total 26 chapters in the FTA, discussions on 19 have been closed, including issues related to the sensitive auto-

mobile sector, according to the Commerce Secretary. However, certain issues, such as intellectual property rights, rules of origin, and an investment treaty, still require resolution, as indicated by sep-

arate trade ministry sources. Although an agreement in principle has been reached on the issue of rules of investment, customs authorities of both countries are currently working on the modalities, Barthwal said, adding, "Nothing is final

till everything is final? Barthwal noted that details are subject to the final outcome of negotiations, and the next round of talks will be held shortly. India is pushing for "zero tariffs" for textiles, leather,

## and other labour-intensive manufacturing sectors

## SC orders withdrawal of LOC against TMC MP Abhishek, wife

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

🗗 he Supreme Court 🖡 1 on Friday ordered the withdrawal of the Look Out Circular (LOC) issued against TMC MP Abhishek Banerjee and his wife Rujira in connection with the money laundering cases against them linked to an alleged coal smug-

gling scam in Bengal.

The Enforcement
Directorate (ED), which the SC
had reprimanded during the last hearing for issuing the LOC against the high-profile couple, informed a bench of Justices SK Kaul and Sudhanshu Dhulia that necessarv orders would be issued to facilitate their travel abroad if they inform the agency a week in advance.

On July 24, the SC had asked the ED to apprise it about whether a LOC had been issued against the couple, who had traveled abroad with the court's

permission in the past.
Additional Solicitor General SV Raju, appearing for the ED, said as far as Abhishek, the nephew of West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, is concerned, the ED has already relaxed the LOC and allowed him to travel from

July 26 to August 20. Continued on Page 2

#### IndiGo fined ₹30 lakh for 4 tail strikes

PTI MUMBAI

 $D_{\text{Aviation (DGCA) has}}^{\text{irectorate General of Civil}}$ imposed a ₹30 lakh fine on IndiGo for certain systemic deficiencies with respect to documentation pertaining to operations, training and engineering procedures.

IndiGo witnessed four tail strike incidents on A321 aircraft within a span of six months this year, following which DGCA carried out a special audit of the airline.

In a release, the regulator said that during the audit, it reviewed the airline's documentation and procedure on operations, training, engineering and FDM programme.

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Civic workers pooled in to buy ₹250 lottery ticket and won ₹10 cr

PNS KOZHIKODE

In an extraordinary tale of luck and friendship, 11 women civic workers in Kerala's Malappuram district hit the jackpot by winning a staggering ₹10 crore in a lottery. These hardworking women, employed at a plastic waste segregation unit, decided to try their luck by pooling in small amounts from their meager incomes and investing in a lottery ticket worth ₹250.

The joyous news of their triumph came with the decla-



segregating plastic waste, the group of friends, all part of the Haritha Karma Sena, received Department, crowning them winners of the monsoon jackpot. Each woman's contribution the life-changing news. Radha, of less than ₹25 towards the ₹250 ticket turned out to be the magical combination. Amid their daily tasks of money would alleviate the sig-

one of the lucky winners, expressed immense relief and acknowledged that the prize

shared by the group. Haritha Karma Sena,

known for its efforts in nonbiodegradable waste collection and recycling, compensates these dedicated women with salaries ranging from ₹7,500 to fall comes as a godsend to these breadwinners, who strive to manage debts, marriage expenses, and medical bills of their families. Interestingly, this was not

₹14,000 per month. The wind-

the first instance of the women trying their luck together. Last year, the same group pooled money for an Onam bumper ticket, which rewarded them with ₹7,500. Encouraged by their previous success, they courageously took another chance, leading them to this astounding ₹10 crore jackpot.

News of their good fortune spread like wildfire, prompting numerous well-wishers to flock to meet the winners. Captured in pictures wearing faded green overcoats and rubber gloves, these 11 women now stand as a testament to the strength of hope and camaraderie.

# **Arrest Bhide for insult to** Gandhiji's lineage: Chavan

Maharashtra's former chief minister Prithviraj Chavan on Friday rooted for the arrest of controversal Hindu activist Sambhaji Bhide for questioning the lineage of Mahatma Gandhi.

A day after Bhide known for his "foot-in-mouth" disease - claimed that Karamchand Gandhi was not Mahatma Gandhi's father and that the father of Gandhiji was a Muslim landlord, Chavan charged that the Hindu activist had made a "shameless" statement against the Father of the Nation which would spark hatred in the society.

Raising the issue in the State Assembly, Chavan said: "Yesterday, a person named Sambhaji Bhide made a shameless and a derogatory statement against Mahatma Gandhi. Bhide is a repeat offender. For

indulging in acts that would cause hatred and disharmony in the society. He should be booked and arrested under section 153 A of Indian Penal Code for his statement for his remark against the Father of the

Speaking at a function held at Jaibharat Manglam auditorium at Amravati, Bhide had alleged: "Mohandas was the son of the fourth wife of his father Karamchand. Karamchand used to work with a Muslim landlord.

After a threat of a huge sum belonging to the Muslim landlord, Karamchand had run away. An agitated Muslim landlord forcibly brought Karmchand's fourth wife to his own. He lived with Karmachand's fourth wife like his own wife. It was during that time Mohandas was born" "Hence, Karamchand was not

was the son of Muslim landlord. I have evidence that shows that it was the Muslim landlord who brought Mohandas up and took care of his educational needs," Bhide had claimed.

Following an uproar over Chavan's demand for the arrest of the controversial right-wing activist, State Assembly Speaker Rahul Narvekar directed the Maharashtra government to take necessary action against

Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, who was present in the House at that time, assured the chair that the state government would look into Sambhaji Bhide's purported remarks against Mahatma Gandhi and initiate necessary action against the latter. Bhide is a Hindu activist from Sangli district in western Maharashtra. After having been a full-time workorganisation, the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh. Bhide set up his own Hindu organisation 'Shiv Pratishthan Hindustan", in the late 1980s. He is known across the state for his rabid communal statements over the

In a related development, it has come to light that in another function held at Pimpri-Chinchwad near Pune on Sunday last, Bhide had claimed that August 15 was not the country's Independence Day and that "Jan Gana Mana" cannot be the national anthem. "August 15 should be mourned and not celebrated and not celebrated. People should undertake fast on that day.... Rabindranath Tagore wrote 'Jan Gana Mana' in 1898 to welcome the British King. Hence August 15 is not correct Independence Day.''

sedition case be registered against Bhide for allegedly insulting Independence Day and National Anthem.

In a statement issued here on Friday, MPCC chief spokesperson Atul Londe said: "Manohar alias Sambhaji Bhide has insulted all Indians by making a shameless statement that the independence that India got on 15th August is not true. Sambhaji Bhide's statement is also insulting to lakhs of freedom fighters who sacrificed everything for the freedom of the country"

"A sedition case must be filed against Bhide, who insulted the country's freedom and the national anthem by making false statements. If the government doesn't register the case against Bhide, the Congress will explore how it can file a case against the

## Suvendu alleges ₹152 crore scam in dept handled by Didi

s financial scandals con-Atinued to explode in Bengal government's face in regular intervals, State Opposition Leader Suvendu Adhikari on Friday dropped yet another 'scam bomb' this time worth Rs 152 crores involving a department handled by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee her-

The scam relates to Chief Minister Grievance Cell so fervently created ahead of the 2021 Assembly elections to bypass the procedural paraphernalia — of reaching the administrative bosses to get the

people's works done —and protect the electorate from the infamous "cut money raj," Adhikari said.

In order to smarten up the Grievance Cell which piloted the famous Didi ke Bolo (tell it to Didi) ahead of the 2021 Assembly elections a tender was called from interested companies to carry out the necessary infrastructure works.

"Initially the project was transparent and a Delhi-based company won the bid ... however in an apparent move to provide the work to IPAC which also had been managing the Trinamool Congress' political affairs from campaigns to booth loot to selection of candidates — the first

tender was cancelled and the work was later given to a company which is indirectly controlled by the IPAC ... the company has already started its work recruiting about 350 people ... and everything was

done via the Home Department which functions under the Chief Minister herself," Adhikari said adding while the Delhi-based company had bid about Rs 130 crore in the new tender the project cost was inflated to Rs 152 crore.

These people who are working in the name of building up the infrastructure of the Grievance Cell are actually working as TMC operatives to further the ruling party's electoral interests i.e. selection of candidates, campaigning, strategy formation, gathering feed-backs etc, the Opposition Leader said adding he would write a letter both to the Enforcement Directorate and Governor CV Ananda Bose to

take appropriate measures. "The Governor can always act by seeking the necessary files from the Chief Secretary which he is bound to furnish ... this is important because the scam, if any, has taken place in

department" he said."I will also write a letter to the Director of the ED to take suo motu cognizance and start investigation as they do not require any State Government or the judiciary's clearance to act.

This is an important

instance of how political power gets mingled with corporate ... the IPAC has literally been running Bengal and even influencing the elections in various ways ... they are planning selection of candidates, campaigns, government programmes and even booth capture etc ... in lieu of this they are getting benefited through various ways ... one has to know whether this is one of such ways or not," the BJP leader who was the most powerful Trinamool Congress minister after Mamata Banerjee till January 2021 when he j́oined the BJÝ said.

"We will not allow this investigation to die down like that of Sharada and other chit fund cases where the investigating Agencies failed to play the role that was required of them," the leader said.

While most TMC leaders remained tight-lipped about Adhikari's charges saying the "high command is competent to talk on such issues," a TMC leader and minister said that "instead of making wild allegations in the media he should go to the Court with the evidences he has and get an order of investigation passed.

## Maha enhances aid for rain-hit people

Amid reports of heavy downpour-triggered floods received from across the State, the Maharashtra Government on Friday announced revision of the natural calamity compensation norms, enhancing the aid being handed out to the rainaffected victims for the losses suffered by them because of damage caused to homes, shops, personal belongings and small businesses during the ongoing monsoon season.

Chief Minister Eknath Shinde made an announcement to this effect while speaking in the State Assembly on the extensive damage caused to life and property in many districts, towns and villages, where homes, shops, businesses and other properties of citizens have been damaged or destroyed in the unabated wet spell being witnessed across the state. Shinde said that against the current compensa-

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tion of Rs 2,500 per family for loss of clothes and a similar amount for other household items because of submergence or washing away of of their homes, the compensation amount would be enhanced to Rs 10,000 per family by relaxing the conditions of the State Disaster Response Fund

Similarly, if the shops get submerged underwater or completely damaged or washed away, the shopkeepers will be extended financial assistance up to 75 percent of the losses or a maximum amount of Rs 50,000. "Under the SDRF, there is currently no provision to provide help to shopkeepers suffering losses during floods or other natural calamities," he

The Chief Minister said that the state government would extend compensation to small businesses, tapris ( wayside stalls) run by many individuals or families in small

"Since the tapris are currently not covered under any schemes in such calamities THE PIONEER O the state will provide them a up to 75 percent of the actual losses or a maximum Rs 10,000, as per panchnamas carried out by the revenue I, Meena K Thomas (Aadhar. officials, "Only those who no. 58607506376 & W/0 Mr. are officially registered, Thomas Panicker R/0 C-319, licenced tapri holders, local Sector-19 Noida, Distt. Gutam residents with their names Buddha nagar U.P-201301 on electoral rolls and ration that Meena K Thomas and cards, shall be eligible for Meena Thomas Both are same | special aid:" Chief Minister

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Appearance by Publication O.A. No. 1122/2022 Dated -: 05.07.2023 [Summons to defendant under section 19(3) of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financia Institutions Act, 1993 read with Rules 12 and 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules, 1993]

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In the above noted application, you are required to file in Paper Book form in two sets along with documents and affidavits (if any) personally or through your duly the authorized agent or lega practitioner in this Tribunal, after serving copy of the same on the applicant or his counsel/duly authorized agent after publication of the summons, and thereafter to appear before the Tribunal on 11/01/2023. at 10.30 A.M. failing heard and decide in your absence.

> Registrar **Debts Recovery Tribunal**

## Army chief visits Ladakh to review security situation

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Chief of Army Staff General Manoj Pande Friday visited forward areas of Ladakh to review the prevailing security situation & operational preparedness. General Pande was briefed by the senior army officers on the operational preparedness of the troops deployed in the eastern Ladakh

General Pande also interacted with the troops and complimented them for their unwavering commitment and exhorted them to continue working with utmost professionalism and positive spirit. "General Manoj Pande,

COAS visited forward areas of Ladakh and was briefed on operational preparedness. Interacting with troops, COAS complimented the soldiers for their unwavering commitment and exhorted them to continue working with the utmost



professionalism and positive spirit", Army said in a tweet.

On Thursday Gen Pande visited the frozen battlefield of Siachen Glacier to review the operational preparedness there too. "General Manoj Pande COAS visited the frozen frontiers of Siachen Glacier and reviewed the operational preparedness. COAS also laid a wreath at Siachen War Memorial to honour the Bravehearts who have made the supreme sacrifice at the World's Highest Battlefield. While interacting with the brave soldiers, COAS lauded them for their tenacity & perseverance under most challenging conditions and also exhorted them to continue working with same zeal & motivation", the Twitter

## handle of Indian army stated. SC orders withdrawal of OC against TMC MP...

From Page 1 Raju added that Banerjee's

wife Kujira has also been allowed to travel abroad several times. "The problem is this.. When somebody goes abroad, you say we have not issued the LOC, and we have given the permission," Justice Kaul observed, adding, "The pendency of the LOC creates a scenario where somebody, somewhere is stopped. It is not acceptable. Your time is wasted, and my time is wasted."

"There is a LOC. You recall the LOC, that is all. They will seek permission whenever they have to go. They will intimate you in advance," the bench told Raju. When the ASG argued that serious allegations have been made against the couple in the alleged coal smuggling scam, the bench observed that

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in a criminal matter, it is the prosecution's burden to prove its case beyond all reasonable

"The ASG, in usual fairness, states that if the petitioners inform one week in advance before traveling abroad, necessary orders will be issued. In any case, the LOC shall stand withdrawn," the bench said while disposing of the application filed by Abhishek Banerjee and his wife.

Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for the duo, had argued that the TMC MP was scheduled to go abroad on July 26 for medical reasons. Sibal had stated that Abhishek Baneriee and his wife had traveled abroad earlier and returned without causing obstruction in the ongoing probe against them. The top

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court had earlier allowed the ED to interrogate the couple in connection with the alleged scam at its Kolkata office after giving them at least 24-hour advance notice. Rujira was allegedly stopped from boarding a UAE-bound flight on June 5, citing a lookout notice issued by the ED that asked her to appear before the agency.

The ED has lodged a case against the couple under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002, based on a November 2020 FIR registered by the CBI that alleged a multi-crore rupees coal pilferage scam at the Eastern Coalfields Limited mines in the state's Kunustoria and Kajora areas in and around Asansol. The alleged scam involves the illegal mining of coal and its transportation.

## Akhilesh's PDA facing a tough challenge Rajbhar was in alliance with the

The grand electoral strategy ■ announced by Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav of creating the formidable alliance PDA - (Pichhade (backward), Dalit and Alpsankhyak (minority) - is facing a tough challenge on the ground. The SP, for its political turnaround, is attempting to tap into the three groups of voters together classified as PDA.
The SP, in the last one

decade since 2014, has lost four consecutive elections in UP two Lok Sabha elections and two UP assembly polls. The comprehensive victory of the Bharatiya Janata Party in these ruling party has made significant inroads among the Dalit and backward communities.

The SP is however confident that the new PDA formula can transform the party's fortunes, but political analysts are skeptical. They say "it may be good political arithmetic but lacks political chemistry".

The SP considers PDA a formidable combination to take on the BJP-led National

Political analysts believe that UP has 40-45 per cent Other Backward Classes, 20 per cent Dalits and 19 per cent Muslim voters accounting for around 78 per cent of all voters in the state. Akhilesh's target is to wean away a large chunk of this group into his fold. The SP faces the biggest challenge of winning back the non-Yadav OBC castes.

crucial general election in 2024.

The PDA formula suffered a significant blow when Om Prakash Rajbhar, the president of Suheldev Bhartiya Samaj Party, announced his decision to join the NDA. Rajbhar attacked the SP and said turn OBCs into mere loaders instead of leaders, while the BJP is actively promoting leaders from OBC communities".

The Rajbhars, said to account for 4 per cent of the state's population, are largely spread across eastern UP and play a major role in the electoral politics of the state.

They are largely represented by the SBSP. In the 2017 UP assembly election, Om Prakash

NĎA and also became a minister in the Yogi Adityanath government. However, after the May

2019 Lok Sabha election, he was dismissed from the Yogi cabinet. Ahead of the 2022 UP assembly election he forged an alliance with the SP.

Om Prakash Rajbhar's political significance and clout can be gauged from the fact that Prime Minister Narendra Modi sent him a congratulatory message on the wedding of his son in June last. The message came in handy for Rajbhar to claim his clout over the ruling dispensation.

However, the SP has dis-Rajbhar. "Om Prakash Rajbhar leaving the SP alliance will not have a substantial impact. Om Prakash Rajbhar's absence will not harm us. We have influential Rajbhar leaders within our own ranks, such as Ram Achal Rajbhar and Sukhdeo Rajbhar's son," said senior SP leader

Rajpal Kashyap. About the 'D' of the PDA, Uttar Pradesh has 22 per cent Dalit voters.

#### Delhi faces vector-borne diseases challenge

New Delhi: This year, Delhi is at a higher risk of experiencing a surge in vector-borne diseases. Despite the receding floodwaters, certain areas may still retain stagnant water, creating ideal breeding sites for

mosquitoes.

The Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) has released a report indicating 190 reported cases of infection in the national capital as of July 22. Ensure your children wear long sleeves

and pants when they are outdoors and keep their environment clean and free of contaminated water, advised Dr Anamika Dubey of Madhukar Rainbow Children's Hospital,

## Non-admission of Upp

In a strategy meeting earlier in the morning, Opposition members decided to push for a demand that the Lok Sabha Speaker set a date for voting on the no-confidence motion against the Centre, which had been filed earlier.

The Opposition also accused the Government of "subverting" Parliamentary traditions by passing Bills despite the acceptance of the motion of no-confidence in the Lok Sabha.

Amidst the political turmoil, AAP leader and Rajya Sabha member Sanjay Singh faced suspension by Chairman Jagdeep Dhankar for the remaining period of the Monsoon session due to his alleged repeated violations of the chair's instructions. Sanjay Singh has been receiving support from leaders within the Opposition's Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (INDIA), with AAP leader Jaya Bachchan and former Congress president Sonia Gandhi expressing solidarity with him.

Since his suspension, various leaders have been visiting the protest site near the Gandhi statue to show support for the

#### **IndiGo fined ₹30 lakh for 4 tail strikes**

From Page 1 FDM refers to Flight Data Monitoring.During the special audit, certain systemic taining to operations/training

procedures and engineering procedures.A show cause notice was issued to the airline and DGCA said the carrier's

has imposed a financial penalty of Rs 30 lakh on IndiGo Áirlines and also directed them to amend their documents and procedures in line with DGCA requirements and OEM guide-

Visit us: www.mphousing.in (N.K. Gupta.) deficiencies were observed in reply "was reviewed at various E-mail: eednhbujn@mp.gov.in EE, Division Ujjain, Mob.: 98262-14393 IndiGo's documentation perlevels and was not found satis-M.P. Madhyam/111122/2023 Ph.: 0734-2511286 lines," the release said. factory". "Subsequently, DGCA

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## NCCSA meet deferred again

Indefinite postponement of NCCSA meeting has raised concerns about the potential impact on GNCTD's administration

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ NEW DELHI

The National Capital Civil Service Authority (NCCSA) meeting, which was scheduled for on Friday, has been postponed indefinitely, raising eyebrows and concerns over the delay in crucial administrative matters.

Member secretary (NCCSA) Ashwini Kumar has cited communication from the Office of Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal that the meeting, which was rescheduled for the fifth time, has been postponed indefinitely. The postponement came after the Chief

Minister/Chairperson of National Capital Territory of (NCCSA) considered the Delhi (GNCTD) Act, inserted Union Cabinet's decision to replace an Ordinance with a Bill during their meeting on 25th

The Bill is anticipated to be presented in Parliament on Monday, 31st July 2023. The prolonged postponements have raised concerns about the smooth functioning of NCCSA and its crucial role in deploying officers and filling vacant posi-

Officers from outside states and union territories, awaiting postings in the National Capital Territory of Delhi (NCTD), are facing idleness, leading to financial loss and demotivation.

The delay has also impacted critical administrative matters, such as the transfer of officers from sensitive departments and the disciplinary actions against certain officers, which require immediate attention. Section 45F of the Government

through the GNCTD (Amendment) Ordinance, 2023, grants the Member Secretary (NCCSA) the authority to decide the meeting's time and place with the Chairperson's approval (CM).

The Act also specifies a quorum of two members for the meeting. Given the city's ongoing challenges, including the all-time high water level in Yamuna causing floods and the forthcoming G-20 Summit and related events, the indefinite postponement has raised concerns about the potential impact on the city's adminis-

In an effort to address the situation, Member secretary (NCCSA) Ashwani Kumar has suggested that the NCCSA meeting proceed as planned if the quorum of members is met. În this regard, the remaining members are urged to con-

today in Conference Room No II at level 2 of the Delhi Secretariat. Officials have been advised to seek directions or opinions from the Hon'ble Chief Minister to ensure the NCCSA meeting moves forward and resolves pressing administrative matters.

Meanwhile, sources in the Delhi Government said that the language of a letter written by the Home Secretary to the Chief Minister about the postponement of the NCCSA meeting is discourteous and amounts to open rebellion. "Can one imagine any offi-

cer writing such a letter to CM of any full state? Can the home secretary write a similar letter to LG? This is not an isolated incident. There are numerous inci-

dents happening everyday in Delhi government wherein officers are openly defying minis-

## BJP leaders demand Assembly session to discuss Delhi floods

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ NEW DELHI

¬he Delhi BJP Friday The Deini Dir IIIaa, demanded that the AAP Government convene an Assembly session to discuss issues related to the flooding in Yamuna and claimed the compensation announced by the Government for the affected people was "too little".

Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva also asked Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal how many flood-affected people were provided with the financial aid of Rs 10,000 as announced by his Government.

"This compensation is too little for the affected people who have lost all their belongings and the means of livelihood. One cannot even meet their monthly expenses with a sum of Rs 10,000," Sachdeva



said in a press conference. Leader of Opposition in Delhi Assembly Ramvir Singh Bidhuri demanded the government immediately convene the Monsoon session of the Assembly and discuss the floods in the national capital.

The Yamuna river in Delhi flowed above the danger mark of 205.33 metres on Thursday, though it started receding slowly in the evening, according to

Commission. At 208.66 metres on July 13, the Yamuna surpassed its previous record of 207.49 metres set in September 1978, breaching embankments and penetrating deeper into the city. Owing to the floods, more than 27,000 people were evacuated from their homes.

The losses incurred in terms of property, businesses and earnings have run into crores of rupees. Sachdeva said the compensation of Rs 10,000 was announced by the Chief Minister in a haste through a tweet on July 16.

"Had Kejriwal held a meeting and assessed the problems and losses of the flood victims after the floods, he would have realised how meagre the Rs 10,000 compensation announced by him was,"

slums in in Yamuna Khadar but concrete structures in Majnu Ka Tila, Jaitpur, Sabhapur or Garhi Mandu have been damaged due to floods, he claimed.

Sachdeva also said the government did not pay any compensation to the families of the three children who drowned in a pit filled with rainwater in north east Delhi, and a woman who died after being forced to live in the open due to the flood in the Yamuna Khadar area.

Bidhuri claimed that crops of the farmers in nearly 50 villages in Delhi were damaged due to the rain and demanded a compensation at the rate of Rs 50,000 per acre.

He also demanded the compensation announced for the flood victims should be raised to Rs one lakh.

## Kejriwal reviews measures to check dengue spread

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ NEW DELHI

Thief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Friday held a high-level meeting on Friday to review the preparation in preventing the escalating spread of vector-borne diseases in Delhi. Health Minister Saurabh Bhardwaj and MCD Mayor Shelly Oberoi were also present in the meeting. The meeting aimed to

devise effective preventive measures to combat the rising dengue cases. To ensure sufficient healthcare facilities for dengue patients, Kejriwal directed all hospitals to reserve beds and maintain adequate stocks of essential medicines. A dedicated helpline num-

ber (1031) has been issued for vector-borne diseases, enabling direct communication between patients and doctors for reliable



guidance. Additionally, stringent fines of ₹1,000 for residences and ₹5,000 for commercial establishments will be imposed on those found responsible for mosquito breeding at their premises.

Health Minister Bhardwaj highlighted the importance of public awareness in preventing dengue. Citizens are urged to protect themselves from mosquito bites and prevent the spread of the disease. The

Health Department conducted genome sequencing of the dengue virus, identifying a predominant strain of type 2

dengue.
While efforts are in place to control the severity of the disease, caution remains essential, especially for school-going children who may be more sus-ceptible. The Education Department has been directed to enforce a strict dress code in schools, ensuring students wear full sleeves shirts and pants.

The Education Department has also been tasked with a dengue awareness homework assignment for students. All students across government, MCD, and private schools in Delhi will prepare a report on their homes' dengue preparedness. This exercise aims to instill a sense of responsibility and awareness among

the younger population. To control mosquito breeding, hospitals have been declared no-tolerance zones, and daily updates on reported dengue cases will be disseminated through various media chan-nels. The Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) will conduct door-to-door inspections for breeding grounds, imposing fines on non-compliant homes and

The Delhi Government is taking a proactive approach to engage the community in the dengue prevention campaign. The helpline number 1031 will serve both COVID-19 and dengue-related queries, connecting callers to professionals for reliable information. A 24x7 control room will be established soon, and paracetamol will be made readily

establishments.

available. The Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) and Delhi Police will actively participate in spreading awareness about dengue prevention through public announcements in markets and other places. Government agencies and departments have been instructed to ensure no mosquito breeding occurs in their

Health Minister Saurabh Bhardwaj urged the media to actively participate in spreading awareness about dengue prevention. The Delhi Government remains committed to implementing robust measures and preventive actions to protect its citizens from the threat of dengue and other vector-borne diseases. For any assistance, the public is encouraged to contact the



Vehicles wade through waterlogged Delhi-Gurugram Expressway service road after heavy rains, in Gurugram on Friday

## Noida Police dissolves women safety unit in dists

autam Buddh Nagar Police Commissionerate has dissolved its women safety wing at citing "laxity" and "delay in disposal of cases," according to an official statement.

The order was passed by Gautam Buddh Nagar Police Commissioner Laxmi Singh on the basis of a report submitted to her by the Deputy Commissioner of Police (Greater Noida), read the statement issued late Thursday night.
"It is directed that the

police force deputed in the Women's Security Unit shall forthwith report to the Deputy Commissioner of Police of their respective zones. The supervision and administrative control of all the deliberations referred will be of the Deputy Commissioner of Police of the zone concerned," it added.

The abolished wing referred to a small group of dedicated staff deployed at each police station of the district for probing and disposing of cases related to women. This staff worked under the supervision of the Deputy



(women and child safety) at the commissionerate office in Sector 108, Noida, a police offi-The supervision of this

staff has now been handed over to the DCPs concerned of the area and they will be reporting to assistant commissioners of police (ACPs) and the in-charge of local police stations, the official said.

The Gautam Buddh Nagar Commissionerate has three police zones - Noida, Central Noida, and Greater Noida with 21 police stations in all, in addition to a dedicated Mahila Thana in the 1,442 sq km-wide district that borders Delhi, Haryana, Ghaziabad, Hapur, and Bulandshahr.

# camps at Old Yamuna Bridge

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ NEW DELHI

The Minister In-charge of Central District, Imran Hussain, conducted an inspection of flood relief camps at Old Yamuna Bridge & Golden Jubilee Park on Friday to quate basic facilities to the lood-affected individuals.

The Minister inquired about the ongoing rescue, relief, and rehabilitation operations in the Central Revenue District, with a primary focus on the availability of essential services such as food, water, electricity, medical aid, and other necessary facilities.

During his visit, Hussain interacted with the affected people, who shared that their dwellings are still inundated

The Minister promptly

instructed the concerned departments to continue providing essential amenities, including food, drinking water, toilets, and medical facilities, until the situation returns to

Emphasizing the Kejriwal Government's commitment to providing comprehensive assistance, the Minister observed that sufficient arrangements have been made for electricity through power generators.

Additionally, an ample number of fans have been installed in the flood relief camps, considering the prevailing hot weather conditions. Officials at the camps informed the Minister that the number of people seeking shelter increas-

es in the evening, and arrangements for food and lodging have been accordingly augmented.

At the Golden Jubilee Park flood relief camp, Hussain interacted with the affected individuals and directed conprovision of adequate drinking water at least three times a day The Minister emphasized that food items should be changed at certain intervals to address the nutritional needs of the

The minister also encouraged the flood-affected children to attend classes in nearby schools, where the Kejriwal government has organized special classes and provided books and stationery items for the children's benefit.

## Minister inspects flood relief | More rain expected in Delhi today, says IMD

Parts of Delhi received light to moderate rainfall on Friday, with the maximum temperature in the city settling at 34.3 degrees Celsius, one notch below normal, the India (IMD) said.

The minimum temperature was recorded at 26.6 degrees Celsius. The national capital is likely to receive light to moderate rainfall on Saturday as well, the IMD said.

On Friday, Civil Lines, Laxmi Nagar and Lajpat Nagar received rainfall and parts of the city, including Jasola and Okhla, saw overcast skies. The humidity level oscillated between 90 and 72 per cent. The weather office has predicted a generally



Ranjan Dimri I Pioneer Delhi on Friday

Delhi Theatre Festival at

cloudy sky and moderate rain in city on Saturday. The maximum and minimum temperatures for Saturday are expected to settle around 34 and 26 degrees

Celsius, respectively. An IMD official said there would be a generally cloudy sky with possibility of moderate rain and thundershowers in city.

## Ashwini Attri's photo exhibition opens at India Int'l Centre

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shwini Attri's photogra-Ashwin Autro Prices

Phy exhibition, "Third

Eye," opened at the India International Centre annexe art gallery On Friday, receiving high praise from renowned Kathak dancer

Padma Shree Shovana Narayan. The exhibition showcases 32 selected exhibits, each capturing ordinary objects in an extraordinary way, revealing the artist's unique perception and creativity. During the inauguration, Shovana Narayan expressed her admiration for Attri's ability to see beyond the ordinary and capture the beauty of the world in his photographs. Shovana praised Attri's keen eye for detail, capturing shades and lights that often go unnoticed by ordinary observers like ourselves. She commended his ability to bring the beauty of

creation to life through color, composition, and presentation in his photography. The "Third Eye" exhibition offers a journey through the digital era of photography, focusing on the interplay of light in nature and human creativity.

Attri's photographs beautifully balance the glare of light and the depth of shadows in the objects and scenes he captures. He emphasized that his work does not involve manipulating light; rather, he strives to capture the essence of each subject as it naturally appears. Speaking about the significance of the exhibition, Attri expressed immense sat-

isfaction in achieving results that closely resemble the actual light and shade effects in his photographs. The "Third Eye" exhibition will be open for public viewing at the India International Centre annexe art gallery from July 29 to August 4 3, between 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM.

## **Kuki-Zo Women's Forum on dharna in city**



NEW DELHI

¬he Kuki-Zo Women's I Forum organised a protest at Jantar Mantar here on Friday and demanded a separate administration for the tribal population of Manipur living in its hill districts.

The protesters also demanded the imposition of President's Rule in the northeastern state engulfed in ethnic violence.

Scores of people attended the protest. Some of the protesters were seen wearing Tshirts with "separate administration is the only solution" written on them. Many of the protesters donned their traditional attire. They demanded an end to attacks on tribal vil-

lages and capital punishment for those accused of raping women of the community. Lalhmingmawii Gangte, an assistant professor of Jamia Millia Islamia and one of the organisers of the demonstration, said, "It is a matter of survival (for the tribal community)...We are trying to fight with nonviolence.

We may be trampled but our spirit will not be trampled at all. There is no point in appealing to the state govern-ment now because we know it will not do anything about it.'

Another organiser alleged that Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh has snatched away fundamental rights of the trib-

state government are the main

ommunity. "Manipur Police and the

culprits behind this violence... We demand our right to practise our religion," Chochong Haokip told the gathering. The northeastern state of Manipur has been engulfed in ethnic violence since May 3, in which more than 160 people have lost their lives. The violence erupted on

May 3 after a 'Tribal Solidarity March' was organised in the hill districts to protest against the Meitei community's demand for Scheduled Tribe (ST) status.

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

## Siri Fort from August 4

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ NEWDELHI

7eteran theatre and film V actors Naseeruddin Shah, Shabana Azmi, Pankaj Kapur, and Ratna Pathak Shah will highlight the 4th edition of Delhi Theatre Festival from August 4.

Returning after a hiatus of three years, the theatre extravaganza, organised by Alchemist Live, will see some of the most eminent luminaries of the stage performing at Siri Fort Auditorium, Kamani Auditorium and OP Jindal Auditorium in New Delhi and the Orana Conventions in Gurugram. Over the course of three days, theatre aficionados

will get to attend a line-up of

seven homegrown plays performed by theatre legends such as Lillete Dubey, Shekhar Suman, Piyush Mishra, Vinay Pathak, Suchitra Krishnamoorthi and Kanwaljit Singh.

"We are very proud to have established a platform where theatre will thrive and envision annual 'Delhi Theatre Festival' to be breeding ground for theatre in India. As we embark on a brand-new season, we plan to enthral our audience with iconic acts. Their presence is certain to elevate theatrical offerings to unprecedented heights, ensuring an unforgettable experience for all attendees," saidPrabhu Tony, coo and co-founder, Alchemist Live, in a statement.

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# for 30 yrs, says Law Min

Over 71,000 cases are pending in various High Courts for more than 30 years, Lok Sabha was informed on Friday. The House was also told that over 1.01 lakh cases that are more than 30 years old are

pending in lower courts.

In a written reply to a question, Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal said that as on July 24 this year, 71,204 cases were pending in high courts for more than 30 years. Similarly, 1,01,837 cases were pending for over 30 years in district and subordinate courts.

On July 20, he had told the Upper House of Parliament that cases pending in various courts in the country have crossed the five-crore mark. Meghwal had said over 5.02 crore cases were pending in various courts -- the Supreme Court, 25 high courts, and subordinate courts.

"As per data retrieved from the Integrated Case Management System (ICMIS)



by the Supreme Court of India, as on July 1, there are 69,766 cases pending in the Supreme

"Total number of cases pending in the High Courts and the district and subordinate courts as on July 14 are 60,62,953 and 4,41,35,357 respectively, as per information made available on National Judicial Data Grid (NJDG)," he

The Minister told Lok Sabha on Friday that the vacancy of judges is not the sole reason for the increased pendency of cases in courts. The pendency of cases in courts can be attributed to several factors which include the availability of physical infrastructure and supporting court staff, the complexity of facts involved, nature of evidence, cooperation of stakeholders, including the Bar, investigation agencies, witnesses and litigants, and proper application of rules and

## 71K cases pending in HC Despite chaos, LS passes 3 Bills

Lok Sabha witnessed yet another day of chaos on Friday amidst heavy slogan-shouting over the Manipur issue even as the Government passed three Bills with a voice vote without any discussion.

The Bills are The Mines and Minerals (Development and Minerals (Development and Regulation) and Amendment Bill, 2023, and the National Nursing and Midwifery Commission Bill, 2023, and National Dental Commission Bill 2023.

In a repeat of previous days, the Opposition members shouted slogans and demanded the Prime Minister's statement on the Manipur issue in the House.

The Opposition also objected to the Government clearing Bills dealing with policy changes at a time when the Lok Sabha was in the process of taking up a no-confidence motion against the Union government.

The Opposition brought the no-trust on Wednesday. A date and time for the discussion on the motion is to be decided by the Speaker.

In the morning, when the House met for the day,

Speaker Om Birla tried to run the Question Hour. However, Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury urged upon the Speaker to give his ruling on the No Confidence motion moved by his party.

Countering him the Parliamentary Affairs minister Pralhad Joshi said, as per the provision, such a motion can be taken up within ten days of its acceptance.

He said the government is ready to face the motion. The Speaker urged the members to allow the House to take up the Question Hour.

vailed, he adjourned the House till 12 noon. when the House met after the first adjournment at 12 Noon, opposition members from Congress, TMC, DMK, JD(U)

Manipur issue. They shouted "Modi-Sarkar hai hai", "Manipur per jawab do" and carried placards "INDIA for Manipur" and "Manipur is burning PM speak".

and others trooped into the

well, raising slogans over the

MP Rajendra Agrawal who was in the chair

rushed the proceedings and amidst the din, the House passed three legislations.

They are the Mines and the Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill 2023, the National Nursing and Midwifery Commission Bill 2023, and the National Dental Commission Bill 2023.

Besides, the Indian Institutes of Management (Amendment) Bill 2023 was introduced in the House by union HRD minister DharmendraPradhan.

Piloting the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Bill, 2023, the union minister Pralhad Joshi said the bill could be a "game

Amidst the pandemoni-um, he said, unlike the Congress which operated the coal policy through corruption and nepotism, the BJP government has a clear and transparent vision. " soon we will not be importing coal" he said pointing to a 'many-fold rise in the country's coal production'. Joshi said Congrees MP is facing charges in coal mining and is "about to be jailed"

The Minister said he may

have spoken at length but since the chair has asked him to finish early he would conclude his speech.

The passing of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2023, the National Nursing and Midwifery Commission Bill, 2023', the National Dental Commission Bill, and the introduction of The Indian Institute of Management Amendment Bill, 2023 was completed within 40 minutes after which Agrawal adjourned the House till Monday.Outside the house, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi dared the opposition to defeat the government bills on the floor of the house if they believe they had the numbers in the Lok Sabha.

Joshi's sharp response came after the opposition objected to the government taking up legislative business at a time when the no-confidence motion was pending before the Lok Sabha.

They have suddenly brought the no-confidence motion, does that mean no government business should take place," the minister told reporters outside Parliament.

## India, Malaysia review ties at 10th Sub-Committee meet on Def cooperation

PNS NEW DELHI

India and Malaysia reviewed the entire spectrum of their defence ties here during the 10th meeting of Sub 10th meeting of Committee on Military Cooperation between the two countries, defence ministry said here on Friday.

Giving details of the meet held on Thursday, officials said the Indian delegation was led by Joint Secretary (International Cooperation) Ministry of Defence Amitabh Prasad, while the Malaysian side was headed by Assistant Chief of Staff, Defence Operations and Training Division Maj Gen Dato Khairul Anuar bin Abd Aziz.

During the meeting, the

existing defence cooperation between the two countries was reviewed and wide-ranging discussions were held on issues of mutual interest. Both sides explored effective and practical initiatives to fur-



ther expand the bilateral engagements. Malaysia has evinced interest in the indigenously designed and manufactured Tejas light combat aircraft(LCA).

The Indian side highlighted the potential of the Indian defence industry with capacity and capability to cooperate with the Malaysian Armed Forces in its shipbuilding and maintenance plans. Both the co-chairs also deliberated on the possible outcomes for the 12th Malaysia-India Defence Cooperation Committee (MIDCOM) meeting which will be held at the level of Defence Secretary in India in September this year.

## Bill to replace Delhi Services Ordinance to be taken up in LS next week: Meghwal

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Union Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal on Friday said a bill to replace the ordinance promulgated for the creation of an authority for transfers and postings of Group-A offi-cers in Delhi will be taken up by Lok Sabha next week. The law and justice min-

ister was informing the House about the business listed for the coming week A number of notices sub-

mitted by opposition leaders to move a statutory resolution opposing the controversial ordinance will also be taken up when the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Bill is tabled in the House. The Lok Sabha Secretariat

has admitted notices submitted by several opposition leaders including Congress' Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, TMC's Saugata Roy and DMK's A Raia, N K Premchandran and Dean Kuriakose.

The Union Cabinet on Tuesday gave its nod to the



Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Bill, which will replace the ordinance promulgated by the Centre on The controversial ordi-

nance was promulgated a week after the Supreme Court handed over the control of services in Delhi, excluding police, public order and land, to the elected government headed by Chief Minister Arvind Keiriwal.

It facilitated the setting up of a National Capital Civil Service Authority (NCCSA) for the transfer of and disci-

plinary proceedings against Group-A officers from the DANÎCS cadre. Transfer and postings of all officers of the Delhi gov-

utive control of the lieutenant governor before the May 11 top court verdict. Kejriwal's AAP, which is also a part of the opposition coalition INDIA, has reacted

ernment were under the exec-

strongly against the ordinance, saying the Centre had "deceived" the people of Delhi. The Congress and other

opposition parties have also come out against the ordi-

## '139 births, 319 pregnant women given antenatal care in Manipur'

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■

As many as 319 pregnant women, including 19 in the high-risk category, have received crucial antenatal care in strife-torn Manipur, while 139 pregnant women have given birth to babies since the onset of the current crisis in the State till July 24, the government informed Parliament on The mental healthcare of

the victims in the State is also being ensured under the National Mental Health Programme, said Minister of State for Health Bharati Pravin Pawar in a written reply to a question in the Lok Sabha. She said medical teams

have been formed in each of the affected districts in the northeastern state to provide overall healthcare services to the victims at the designated relief camps.

The Union health min-

istry deputed six teams comprising four doctors each in the state in May and another team



of four doctors in July, Pawar

Regular health check-ups are conducted at all the designated relief camps across the state and those who are seriously ill are promptly transferred to the nearest hospitals by ambulance services, she

Healthcare services for women and children, including lactating mothers and feeding infants, are provided under the maternal health and child health programmes. Altogether, 319 pregnant women, including 19 in the provided regular ANC checkups at the camps, Pawar said. The mental healthcare of

the victims is being ensured under the National Mental Health Programme, the minister said. Violence broke out in

Manipur after a "Tribal Solidarity March" was organised in the hill districts on May 3 to protest against the Meitei community's demand for Scheduled Tribe (ST) status. Hundreds of people have lost their lives and many have been injured in the violence.

#### Japan exemplary moderniser for India, says EAM at forum

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Underlining the robust relations between the two countries, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said here on Friday Japan has had a huge impact on India and in many ways, it is an "exemplary modernizer' for India.

Making this assertion at

the India-Japan Forum in the presence of Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan Yoshimasa Hayashi, Jaishankar said India is an indispensable partner to ensure a free and open Indo-Pacific and Tokyo would like to further expand cooperation in the region with New Delhi.



"What really does Japan means to India? Japan is in many ways the exemplary moderniser... It is an example of relevance. It's also a country for which there is a lot of goodwill in history. Today under Prime Minister Modi, we also had great modernisation. A self-reliant India,"

"Japan is a natural partnership in this modernising India. Japan has truly unleashed the revolution in India. The Suzuki revolution! The second revolution was the metro revolution. The third revolution is the highspeed rail in making. The fourth revolution is in critical and emerging technologies and semiconductors," he added.

"The second revolution was the metro revolution. I think it's had a very profound impact on the urban infra-structure of India. The third revolution is in the making, which is the high-speed rail," the external affairs minister

## AiMeD slams FICCI for backing Govt on import of pre-owned medical devices

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

The Association of Indian Medical Device Industry (AiMeD) representing domestic medical device manufacturers has accused business chamber FICCI's Medical Devices Division -for taking up the cause of the MNCs by backing the Government's official memorandum (OM) permitting the import of preowned medical devices.

The AIMED has been urging the Government to withdraw the OM citing it anti-MSMEs and against the 'Make in India' drive of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. "Nothing could have been

Medical Devices Division is doing at the behest of MNCs lobby. Much to our dismay and disappointment, it is working against the interest of domestic medical devices manufacturers. Its 'Un-make in India' campaign amounts to bulldozing the Make in India dream of the Prime Minister," said Rajiv Nath, Forum Coordinator He said the decision to per-

mit the import of pre-owned medical devices is in contravention to India's recently launched National Medical Device Policy-2023 that seeks to make our country not only Atma Nirbhar in medical devices but also the global

worse than what FICCI leader. "The OM is a regressive step that has confused the investors who have been putting up manufacturing capacity in the last few years in response to PM Narendra Modi's call for self-reliance."

Expressing dismay at the FICCI Medical Devices Division stand in the issue, he said that the business chamber is encouraging MNCs to break the spine of domestic players.

'MSMEs are working day in and day out to make medical devices and equipment in India, thereby not only to strengthen the clarion call of Make in India given by Prime Minister Narendra Modi but to make healthcare affordable for all," he asserted

## ED attaches ₹500 crore assets of Indore co-op housing societies

PNS NEW DELHI

Enforcement ■ Directorate (ED) on Friday said it has provisionally attached immovable properties presently worth about Rs 500 crore of housing cooperative societies located at Indore in Madhya Pradesh on money laundering charges.

The attached properties

were worth about Rs 22 crore at the time of the offence of illegal sale and alienation of land of these housing cooperative societies.
"The ED initiated inves-

tigation under the provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act based on various FIRs lodged in Indore, Madhya Pradesh in case of illegal sale and alienation of the lands of Housing Co-operative Societies by Dilip Sisodiya alias Deepak Jain Madda in connivance with others," the ED said in a

ED investigation revealed that the accused persons in connivance with each other illegally sold and alienated prime land belonging to Cooperative Societies in Indore.

statement.

## Cancer treatment related child mortality 45% in LMICs: Report

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

 $F^{\rm uture\ of\ children\ suffering}_{\rm with\ childhood\ cancer}$ seems to be bleak in low- and middle-income countries, or LMICs with a study pointing out that roughly one in 15 minor patients receiving cancer treatment die from treatment-related complications itself.

The research published in The Lancet Oncology said that treatment-related mortality in LMICs has been reported in up to 45 per cent of children having cancer, while the figure is between 3 and 5 per cent in high-income countries. The researchers conducted the meta-analytical study of 501 articles describing treatmentrelated mortality in paediatric patients, aged 0 to 21 years,

with cancer in LMICs. The study said that although treatment-related



tries over time, it remains unchanged in LMICs, stressing an urgent need for targeted supportive care interventions to reduce global disparities in childhood cancer survival.

The study estimated the treatment-related mortality at 6.82 per cent, accounting for 30.9 per cent of overall mortality. Further, mortality from treatment complications was found to be 14.19 per cent in status country-wise, as per the low-income countries, 9.21 per government data, approxi-

cent in lower-middle-income

tries, expressing its inverse relation with country income. Around 90 per cent of

children with cancer live in LMICs, where 5-year survival is lower than 20 per cent. The 501 articles identified

and chosen for meta-analysis were published between Jan 1, 2010, and June 22, 2021. Though the study does not specifically mention treatment

mately 70,000 new cases of

childhood cancers are diagnosed in India annually. "We have a high survival

rate of 75-80%," said doctors from the AIIMS pediatric oncology division in Delhi which last month celebrated Childhood Cancer Survivor Day. "Approximately 250 patients complete their treatment at our centre every year and are registered at the survivor clinic," said Dr Rachna Seth, professor in the department of paediatrics at AIIMS. She explained that if other

problems such as cardiac dysfunction, neurocognitive deficit, metabolic syndrome, or fertility-related issues arise after cancer treatment, they are addressed through consultations with the respective spe-

cialists. Dr Sima Das, Director - Oculoplastic and Ocular Oncology, Dr Shroff's Charity

Eye Hospital talked about the

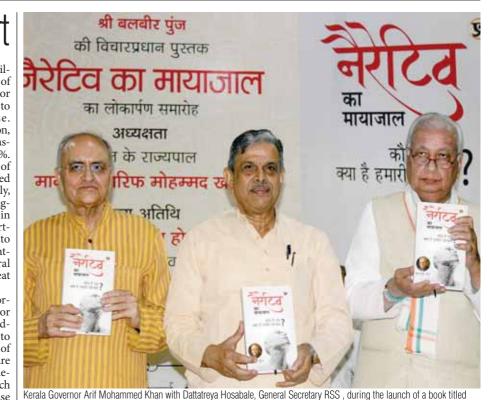
survival rate in Retinoblastoma,

a type of eye cancer that afflicts

an estimated 1,500-2,000 children annually. Almost 50% of them have an advanced tumor on presentation and tend to succumb to the disease. However, if diagnosed early on, the survival rate for retinoblastoma can be as high as 90-95%. She said that nearly 50% of

patients present with advanced retinoblastoma. Additionally, nearly 50% of all children diagnosed die of retinoblastoma in India." The hospital has started the Canvas of Hope to address the need for integrated care and strong referral systems to successfully treat patients.

Dr Sima attributed mortalities to lack of treatment or abandoning treatment midway. This is mainly due to financial constraints, lack of access to quality healthcare facilities and refusing enucleation (removal of the eye which is necessary when the disease is advanced)."



'Narrative ka Mayajaal' by former Rajya Sabha member Balbir Punj, in New Delhi on Friday Ranjan Dimri I Pioneer

## Shahi: Yogi Govt's priority is to benefit all eligible farmers

UP Minister for Agriculture, Agricultural Education and Agricultural Research Department Surya Pratap Shahi said that the priority of Yogi government is to give benefits to all eligible farmers under the Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana (KSNY). He was inaugurating the online training programme of master trainers of 'The Million Farmers' School' (Kisan Pathshala) here on Friday. Emphasising the need of such a school, he said that this concept of the UP Government has been appreciated by the United Nations and the World Bank. He said that this type of workshop proves to be very important in benefiting the farmers at the grass roots level. More than two crore farmers are associated with the Agriculture department, who will benefit from this school. He expressed concern over the effects of climate change. Talking about the effects of the environment on agriculture and farming, he asked to promote afforestation further and insisted on



UP Agriculture Minister SP Shahi addressing a programme in Varanasi on Friday.

participating more actively in the government's target of 35 crore mega afforestation campaign. "The month of July has been the hottest so far in 1.20 lakh years," he said, praising the the employees of Agriculture and Revenue departments for making continuous efforts to increase the number of farmers under Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana. "The UP government has a target of covering 96.5 lakh hectares with Kharif, against which about 73 lakh hectares have been covered with crops so far. To cover the

remaining land, departmental engineers have been directed to run the canals at full strength,' he said. He laid special emphasis on making all government tubewells and private tubewells functional in order to ensure adequate availability of water. He said "in view of the change in the weather, we will also have to promote the alternative use of jowar, bajra, urad, moong, because the MSP given by the government is more than the MSP of paddy." He said that due to the efforts of the Prime Minister, the whole

International Year of Millets, considering its importance, the state government is running a special programme to promote Shri Ann Yojana for four years, under which farmers have been given 4.5 lakh mini kits. Later, talking to reporters, Shahi said, "we are directly seeing the effect of global warming for water, land and air conservation that rainfall is becoming uncontrollable." "Heavy rains in some areas and drought-like conditions are arising in some areas. That's why it is the responsibility of all of us to preserve the environment together, he said, adding that the chief minister has taken an important step with a resolution to plant 35 crore trees and to preserve the environment. In this sequence, 30 crore trees have been planted on July 22 and on August 15, five crore trees will be planted which will contribute to balancing the environment. In the programme, Chief Development Officer (CDO) Himanshu Nagpal welcomed the minister by giving him a Tulsi plant. District Magistrate S Rajalingam, senior officers of Agriculture depart-

## Cong Panchkoshi Yatra starts

Famous cricketer-turned-politician Navjot Singh Sidhu reached mythological pond Manikarnika Kund where he along with provincial president of Congress (Prayagraj Zone) Ajay Rai took 'Sankalp' (pledge) as a group of Congress workers led by Ajay Rai started their five-day long Panchkoshi Parikarma Yatra here on Friday. Though Sidhu himself was not participating in this religious pil-grimage, he praised the culture of this holy city.

Prior to this, he also offered prayers at Kashi Vishwanath Temple. "It is my personal pilgrimage and it is not related to politics," said Sidhu. Like the previous years, under the leadership of former UP Minister Ajay Rai, the Congress workers are also taking out this holy journey covering all the five famous Shiva temples falling on the route and at every halt the group will take a halt and after offering rituals, they will move ahead on its onward journey.

"The main objective of my Panchkoshi Yatra is to wish happiness and prosperity to the ing Kashi," said Ajay Rai. According to him, the greatness of the Panchkoshi Yatra can be derived from the fact that Kashi Naresh late Vibhuti Narayan Singh himself used to



cricketer-turned-politician Navjot Singh Sidhu

participate in this holy yatra. "Kashi has always been giving direction to the country. Only the pure spirituality of Kashi will destroy the tragedies of the present times. This is not a political journey but a spiritual one," he said, adding through this yatra, they will pray to the Almighty to bestow everyone with wisdom and terrible incidents like Manipur should not happen again in this country. Kund, Ajay Rai and Congress workers offered prayers at Shri Bada Ganesh (Lohatia), Baba Shri Kaal Bhairav, Baba Shri Kashi Vishwanathji and Sankatha Mata. They wor-

shiped at Manikarnika Kund amidst the chanting the mantras and 'dhun' of Damru and Shankh (conch). The group after taking pledge for completing Panchkoshi Yatra at Manikarnika Kund again offered prayers at Kashi Vishwanath Temple and then they reached Assi Ghat by steamer to start their holy journey passing through crossing near the statue of Mohan Malaviya at Lanka. They then reached the first parao (halt) of the yatra at Shri Karmadeshwar Mahadev located at Khandwa where the Congress workers stayed

at an inter college premises after Rudrabhishek on Saturday morning they would walk towards the second halt at Bhim Chandi.

At the start of the journey prominent leaders present were state Congress general secretary Devendra Pratap Singh, Raghavendra Choubey, Prajnath Sharma, Vijay Shankar Mehta, Sarita Patel, Kamlesh Prakash Singh, Vipin Singh, Shamshad Alam, Satnam Singh Om Prakash Ojha, Manish Morolia, Rajesh Tripathi, Rishabh Pandey and spokesman Dr Nripendra Narayan Singh.

## Hepatitis awareness rally taken out

ike previous years, an Lawareness rally was organised on the occasion of World Hepatitis Day on Friday under Department Gastroenterology, Institute of Medical Sciences (IMS), Banaras Hindu University (BHU). The rally started from the Super Specialty Building and passed through the old emergency ward to the cross-

ing of Mahila Mahavidyalaya (MMV). It continued passing in front of IMS BHU and returned to the Super Specialty Building of Sir Sunderlal Hospital (SSH) where it culminated. Head of the department Prof VK Dixit said that the Viral Hepatitis Control Programme operated under Department of Gastroenterology is being operated from September 14, 2020,

under which free check-up

and viral load test and free

medicines are being distributed to the patients and so far about 4,900 patients have been registered. The main objective of this programme run by the Government of India is to make India hepatitis free by 2030, he said, adding that under this, 3,626 positive patients of Hepatitis B while 1,096 positive patients of Hepatitis C have been regis-

tered and so far, eight patients

of Hepatitis B and 649 patients of Hepatitis C have become negative due to the efforts of the doctors.

In this awareness rally Prof Shampa Anupurva of Department of Microbiology, Dr SK Shukla, Dr DP Yadav, Dr Anurag Tiwari, Dr Vinod Kumar, Dr Brajesh Pandey, Medical Officer and senior residents of Gastroenterology department and staff participated

## Pledge to protect environment

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE VARANASI

The activists of Namami **▲** Gange and personnel of 137 CETF Battalion (Territorial Army) 39 Gorkha Rifle Ganga Task Force took a pledge to protect environment, plant trees, save electricity and water and not to use single-use plastic at a programme organised on the occasion of World Nature Conservation Day at Namo Ghat here on Friday. They also appealed to the people to save nature and environment. By giving the mantra of Mission Life (lifestyle for the environment), the saplings of mango, guava, amla, lemon grass etc were distributed among the people for environmental protection. The participants resolved to maintain the cleanliness of the banks of the Ganga. Regional convenor of Namami Gange (Kashi Region) Rajesh Shukla said the women of the country have been sensitive to nature for thousands of years as their



Namani Gange activists and others taking a pledge in Varanasi on Friday

respect for it was expressed in the worship of trees and mountains. "The present generation will also have consciousness for environmental protection, if we do not make meaningful efforts in this direction, then we will not be able to leave the

earth livable for the coming generations," he said. Subedar Shivendra Singh of Ganga Task Force said, "by changing habits, we can serve the earth. Highlighting the importance of the day, he said that we should be aware of the environment. "By planting and saving trees, we can take a step towards a healthy India," he added. Gaurav Singh, Rajkumar, Suman Singh, Surbhi Gupta, Sudhakar Pandey and others were present

## NDRF fully ready for relief operations: DIG

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE VARANASI

Deputy Inspector General (DIG) of 11-National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) Manoj Kumar Sharma said the NDRF is fully ready for relief operations during the flood. Addressing a press conference at 11 NDRF headquarters, Maqbool Alam Road here on Friday, he gave all the details about pre-flood pre-paredness and deployment of NDRF teams. "As the monsoon has arrived in UP and Madhya Pradesh, the NDRF are in constant touch with agencies like IMD, CWC, Irrigation Department, Nepal Hydrology and Meteorology etc and are continuously monitoring the monsoon activities. Along with this, the team has been prepo-



UP, MP governments, SDMA, Relief Commissioner, SDRF, he said. According to him, one team each has already been deployed for flood relief in Bahraich, Gorakhpur, Lakhimpur Kheri, Lucknow, Bhopal and Jabalpur apart from one each at Dashashwamedh Ghat and Rajghat Ghat in the

to keep a watch on bathing and other activities in Ganga river during ongoing auspicious Shravan month. "The NDRF teams with water ambulances are deployed at Ganga ghats in Varanasi so that people's lives can be saved in case of emergency. Trained and experienced paramedics with modern equipment are stationed in the water ambulance, who play a very important role in emergency by providing immediate treatment and taking the injured person to the nearest hospitals through the river," he said, adding that four such teams for Varanasi district and surrounding areas are present at NDRF headquarters here in readiness with all resources and along with this remaining teams have also been kept on sitioned in coordination with city for flood relief as well as standby at Regional Response

Gorakhpur and Bhopal. Sharma informed that if required in extreme situations, NDRF teams from other parts of the country can also be airlifted to the affected areas of UP and MP.

"The NDRF have been playing an important role in environmental protection along with relief operations and in cooperation with the state government, fruit and shady trees have been planted on a large scale under the tree plantation campaign," the NDRF DIG said, adding that even at present, plantation drive is going on continuously in Varanasi, Chandauli, Gorakhpur, Lucknow, Bhopal and other districts where they are deployed by the rescue per-

## **Multifunctional park for tourists** to be developed in Sarnath

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE VARANASI

Amultifunctional park for tourists will be developed in Sarnath, the holy Buddhist place where Gautam Buddha gave his 'First Sermon'. Sarnath attracts lakhs of tourists every year from India and abroad but due to lack of any organised and convenient park the tourists have to face difficulties in eating, drinking and resting. In view of this, the state government is going to develop a multi-functional park in Sarnath for tourists. The park, proposed to be developed near

Dhamek Stupa, will have facilities for food and drink, social activities, exhibition pavilions for special products etc.

The Yogi government is going to construct this multifunctional open park for tourists in an 18,250 square metres area. Vice-Chairman of Varanasi Development Authority (VDA) Abhishek Goyal said the park will have landscaping based on Lord Buddha, sculptural court, exhibition pavilion, fountain pond, vendor zone, food court for handicraft, including 'One District One

Product' (ODOP) and necessary action will be taken Geographical Identification for the construction, Goyal (GI) products, stone benches for sitting etc. There will also be a large open space, stage for social functions, Swiss cottages and green room for special occasions. Heritage lights will be installed for path-way and lighting. The cost of construction of this multi-functional area or park will be

around ₹179.90 lakh. A pro-

posal has been sent to the Tourism department for this

multifunctional area and after

the proposal is approved,

Everyday thousands of tourists coming from India and abroad used to face problems due to not being allowed to eat, drink and rest at the place of historical and religious heritage in Sarnath. "This problem will end with the construction of this park. Development work is already going on in Sarnath under Pro-Poor Project, which is being done with the aim of providing employment to the local people along with convenience of

## Workshop on drug-resistant TB held

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Aone-day workshop on Drug-Resistant TB (DRTB) and Continuing Medical Education (CME) for private practitioners was organised late on Thursday evening at a hotel in Maldahiya under the National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme (NTEP). The Patient Provider Support Agency (PPSA) programme of the HLFPPT (Hindustan Latex Family Planning Promotion Trust) organisation had important support in the workshop. Its objective was to increase the knowledge and skills of doctors through CME regarding NTEP so that better services can be general public.

State TB Officer Shailendra Bhatnagar said Prime Minister's vision of a TB-free India can be fulfilled only if no TB patient's notification is missed. Along with this, the TB patients should not stop taking medicines even for a single day. For the complete treatment of TB, it is very important to complete its course, he added. "Many TB patients leave the treatment in the middle or alternate treatment, due to which their condition worsens and sometimes the disease reaches a very serious condition. In such a situation, emphasis should be laid on treating patients with medicines prescribed by the government. Along with this, HIV and diabetes patients should be regularly tested for TB," he said, appealing to the private doctors of Varanasi and other districts to make the NTEP a success and cooperate fully in the treatment

of TB patients. Dr Sanjeev Nair, Chairman of NTEP Zonal Task Force and Thrissur Medical College, Kerala, said it is very important to take medicines daily for the complete treatment of TB.

"All medicines are completely safe and extremely beneficial. Many medicines are very expensive but are being given free of cost by the government, which should be taken advantage of by TB patients," he said.

The keynote speaker Dr Nair discussed in detail the TB bacteria, DRTB multi drug therapy, importance of resistant drugs etc.

Divisional Additional Director (Health) Dr Manjula Singh said in view of the Digital Health Mission, there is a need to do more and more notifications and other reporting on the Nikshay Portal App. Chief Medical Officer

(CMO) Dr Sandeep Chaudhary said all the private doctors of the district need to play an important role in the NTEP. "The department is making all possible efforts for the treatment, investigation and medicine of



State TB Officer S Bhatnagar

TB patients. TB patients are being given an amount of ₹500 District Tuberculosis Officer (DTO) of Varanasi expressed per month during treatment under Nikshay Poshan Yojana," he said. Chest specialist Dr SK Pathak also presented his views. Prof Amitabh Das Shukla of Pulmonary Medicine, Prayagraj Medical College, conducted the entire workshop and also discussed in detail about the prob-

thanks to all the participants. Apart from DTO and DTC staff of Ghazipur, Chandauli, Bhadohi, Mirzapur, Sonbhadra including Varanasi, Rahul Mishra, Brijesh Pandey and Ravindra Singh of HLFPPT PPSA, representatives of organisations like WHO, CHRI, Vitris, experts and private doctors were present in the workshop.

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## **Hottest July**

Earth has not simmered this much in 120,000 years; climate change is a reality

t is ironic that when the whole of India is reeling under heavy rains, this July has been the hottest in 1,20,000 years on Earth. It is also a grim reminder that climate change is not fake news but a reality that we are not taking note of. In a dire warning for the planet's climate, scientists at Germany's Leipzig University have recently revealed alarming findings. According to their analysis, Earth is experiencing unprecedented levels of heat, reaching temperatures not seen in over 120,000 years. The data, released on Thursday, paints a concerning picture of the current state of our planet's climate and serves as a stark reminder of the urgent need to address the ongoing climate crisis. The study's key revelation is that July 2023 is set to obliterate heat records globally. The mean global temperature for this month is projected to soar approximately 1.5 degrees Celsius above the pre-industrial mean. This drastic increase has raised numerous concerns among climate scientists and environmental experts worldwide. The pre-indus-



trial mean, a benchmark used to assess the extent of climate change, refers to the average global temperature before the Industrial Revolution significantly impacted the planet. During that time greenhouse gas emissions were relatively low. However, since the 19th century, rapid industrialisation and population growth have led to a substantial increase in greenhouse gas emissions, primarily carbon dioxide, methane, and nitrous oxide.

These greenhouse gases trap heat in the Earth's atmosphere, preventing it from escaping into space. Consequently, the planet's average temperature rises, leading to global warming and a host of adverse effects

on the climate and ecosystems. The consequences of this escalating trend are already evident. Extreme weather events, such as intense heat waves, severe storms and prolonged droughts have become more frequent and intense in recent years. Shifts in weather patterns are impacting agriculture, water resources and biodiversity, posing serious challenges to food security and human livelihood. The implications of surpassing the 1.5 degrees Celsius threshold are profound. The 2015 Paris Agreement, a landmark international accord aiming to limit global warming to well below 2 degrees Celsius and preferably to 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels, recognized the urgency of curbing temperature rise to avoid catastrophic consequences. However, as current trends persist, achieving this target seems increasingly elusive. To tackle the climate crisis effectively, a collective and immediate response from governments, businesses, communities and individuals worldwide is crucial. The implementation of stringent policies is essential. Furthermore, international collaboration and commitment to climate action are paramount. Back home, adopting energy-efficient practices, reducing carbon footprints, supporting eco-friendly products and businesses and advocating for climate-friendly policies can be our bit to save the planet.



School students participate in a programme on the occasion of International Tiger Day, in Moradabad

# Taliban's war on women continues unabated



HIRANMAY KARLEKAR

#### The order for closing down beauty salons is yet another sinister move against their rights and freedoms

he order to close all beauty salons across Afghanistan marks yet another atrocious step in the growing list of actions against the country's women, stemming from the Taliban's blatant misogyny. Run by women for women, these not only provided Afghan women opportunities for socializing away from home but a livelihood for many of them. An AFP report, carried out by The Bangkok Post on July 25, 2023, quotes the Afghanistan Women's Chamber of Commerce and Industry as saying that this would cost 60,000 women their jobs at some 12,000 salons.

The assault on rights and opportunities began almost immediately after the start of the Taliban's second innings in power in August 2021. They have abolished the Ministry of Women's Affairs, which had played a critical role in protecting women's rights under the law. In its place, they have revived the Ministry for the Propagation of Virtue and Prevention of Vice, which had become notorious during their first term for the savage means it employed to enforce the public observance of the Taliban's retrograde and perverse version of Islam. The Ministry has lived up to

every bit of its horrendous reputation as the Taliban government's war on women continues. Since they took over Afghanistan, women have been wholly excluded from public office and the judiciary, banned from secondary schools and tertiary education, and from entering amusement parks, public baths, gyms and sports clubs. Women have been barred from working in NGO offices, and even for the United Nations. Afghanistan's women and girls are required to adhere to a strict dress code and are not permitted to travel more than 75 km without a mahram, a family member with whom marriage is unlawful. The Taliban's supreme leader, Hibatullah Akhundzada, nas ordered women to full cover themselves, faces included, in public. The decree suggested that women should stay at home where possible, as this would be



ed the Elimination of Violence against Women Law, signed in 2009 to protect women from abuses - including forced marriage-and leaving them without recourse to justice. The deep despair which such measures have caused Afghan women, is easy to imagine, particularly given the rights and opportu-nities they had come to enjoy between the Taliban's first and second regimes. As George R Allen and Vanda Felbab-Brown state in their paper, "Fate of Women's Rights in Afghanistan" — a part of Brookings Institution's — the 2004 post-Taliban constitution "gave Afghan women all kinds of rights, and the post-Taliban political dispensation brought social and economic growth that significantly improved their socio-

They further state that against less than 10 in 2003, the percentage of girls enrolled in primary schools rose to 33 in 2017. Registered iemaie enroiment in sec ondary schools rose from six to 39 per cent in the same year. Three-and-a-half million Afghan girls were in school

economic condition".



AFGHAN WOMEN HAVE PROTESTED AGAINST THE SNUFFING OUT OF THEIR RIGHTS, TO WHICH. THE TALIBAN HAVE 19A Gender Equality Series RESPONDED WITH THEIR **CUSTOMARY** SAVAGERY, UNLEASHING WATER CANNONS. TEAR GAS AND STUN GUNS ON

with 100,000 studying in universities. They add, "By 2020, 21 per cent of Afghan civil servants were women (compared with none under the Taliban regime), 16 per cent of them were in senior management positions, and 27 per cent of Afghan members of

Parliament were women." Afghan women have protested against the snuffing out of their rights, to which. the Taliban have responded with their customary savagery, unleashing water cannons, tear gas and stun guns on the women and physically assaulting them. Women protestors who have been incarcerated have been brutally treated in prison. For example, on February 12, 2022, the Taliban released four women's rights activists—Tammanna Zaryab, Marosal Ayyar, Parvaneh Ebrahim, and Zahra Mohammadi-whom they had abducted nearly a month earlier. They had been so horribly treated in prison that they were reportedly morally and psychologically devastated on their release and unable to speak about their treatment in jail. It is a tribute to the courage of Afghan women that, despite all this,

"work, bread and justice." Taliban guards used fire hoses and tasers, besides shooting their guns in the air, to disperse them.

While the courage of the demonstrators is most commendable, their protests constitute moral gestures that are unlikely to change the Taliban's policies. Self-righteous fanatics tend to cling to their views and decisions with an unshakeable irrational tenacity. Their policies will end only with their departure, as happened in 2001 when they were thrown out by a US-led offensive in the wake

They may well be ousted again. Competitive militancy often prevails in the ranks of fanatics, with rival groups seeking to project themselves as holier-than-thou. To this end, some may mount terrorist attacks against the West, which stands for a way of life they hate as un-Islamic, and which they see as the principal obstruction to achieving their ultimate goal of establishing Sharia rule the world over. It will be a matter of time before Afghanistan becomes a source of vicious terrorist strikes which the west is compelled to eliminate.

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## An ode to the man who dominated Kerala politics



Oommen Chandi was known for his political acumen and simplicity. He was a people's man who kept corruption in check

eath leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal," says the inscription on a headstone in Ireland. It is not known whether the creator of this quote had Oommen Chandi, former chief minister of Kerala, who breathed his last in the wee hours of 18th July 2023 in mind when he wrote this heartrending sentences. Kerala came to a grinding halt from the moment the demise of Oommen Chandi was announced by the television news channels. A drive along the Main Central Road connecting Thiruvananthapuram with Angamali was sufficient to prove the love and admiration the former Congress leader had in the hearts of the people. Even hardcore CPI-M activists were out in the streets bereaving the departure of Oommen Chandi, the one and only titan in Kerala politics in the recent times. The slogans shouted by his followers as well as the common men and women read like this: "Oommen Chandi,



live through us".

rose in our hearts and will It was not at all surprising because there are no leaders either in the Congress or the CPI-M or any other political parties in the State as on today who can match the charisma of the 79 year old Chandi. He came up in the Congress party through hard work and wisdom. For more than five decades he presided over the political landscape of Kerala with elan. All these decades, even at the prime of his youth, nobody could cast any aspersions on his public or private live. More vicious than these attacks, Chandi's elder daughter Mariyam was targeted by this group because they wanted to immobilise and weaken him in all respects. He was known for his political acumen and

chief minister was marked by is not corrupt. transparency and openness. Since Chandi was heading a coalition government, he himself has not claimed that it was free from corruption. The UDF Governments led by Chandi (2004 to 2006 and 2011 to 2016) were far far better than what we are seeing in Kerala today. What endeared Chandi to the people was his simplicity and caring attitude. It is true that Oommen Chandi has not succeeded in turning Kerala into another El Dorado. But the politics in this southern State is different from the rest of the country. Caste and communalism rule the roost in Kerala and

Congress cannot swim against the tide. But it should be said that Oommen Chandi led the juggernaut of political alliance keeping corruption to a minimum level. What Kerala sees right now is politics of mafia and goonda raj. The State has never come across corruption and nepotism of the magnitude which is taking place under Pinarayi Vijayan. The question who is corrupt has lost its relevance. The query which is asked by people you are not dead; You are the pragmatism. His tenure as from all walks of life is who

Oommen Chandi remained elegant even in his death. He had left behind a message that there should be no State honours for him during the funeral and this was a slap on the face of the CPI-M led Government. This is

Oommen Chandi's life has become a folklore even when he was alive. He entered the people's minds sans any buffoonery which alone made E K Nayanar popular in the

Au revoir, dear leader, the daling of the masses.

unique in India itself.

For him Puthuppalli, the small village in Kottayam district, was everything. Whether he was chief minister or leader of the Opposition, Chandi reached Puthuppalli every Friday evening. On 20th July he returned to Puthuppalli to be received by an ocean of humanity grieving over the death of the village's son. People cutting across political lines had gathered at the Church in the village square to bid him the last farewell.

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#### **NO-TRUST MOTION** Sir — No confidence motion is being tabled

by the Congress party on behalf of all opposition parties, not to dislodge Narendra Modi as PM and not to oust BJP Government from the Centre but just to draw PM Modi out to speak on contentious Manipur issue. No confidence motion is as PM lacks the confidence to make statements in Parliament, keeps silent on the crimes against women in Manipur till the Supreme Court comments. The admission of no- trust motion in Parliament should be welcomed. The logjam in Parliament continues due to the ugly spectacle in Manipur. Now it becomes an obligation when 50 members of the Lok Sabha support the No - confidence motion and it will make the PM reply on the debate. Now it is good to note that opposition parties are trying to force Modi to discuss Manipur. Whether there will be peace discussion on Manipur will be possible or not because one side Amit Shah sought the co-operation of all parties another side our PM says opposition parties are directionless and compared with terror outfits and colonisers. Now no- a confidence motion is mainly Modi's refusal to face Parliament on the question of Manipur.

Zeeshaan | Kazipet

#### **CELEBRATE KARGIL DIWAS**

Sir —Celebrate Kargil Diwas as a Mahatma Gandhi-Peace lesson for humanity, for the following 5 reasons:

1) to soothe the hearts of mothers and loved ones and families of the departed courageous souls of the soldiers who participated, lost lives or got injuries (in the 1999 Kargil war) 2) to elucidate to the world that India is a peace-loving nation, that will never start a war or a scuffle by itself, but will defend if others try to descend on its land 3) every war is pyrrhic. All the parties involved are subjected to loss of lives, assets, and injuries. 4) Hence, go for peace pact s, no-war pacts with neighbours (Pak, China). Peace is easily possible via satellites monitoring the borders and simultaneously holding peaceful negotia-

## **Indian prisoners in other countries**

about 50 of them demonstrat-

ed in Kabul on July 19, 2023,

against the fiat to shut down

beauty salons, calling out for

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR** 

Aprisons around the world, with 1,611 in UAE and 308 in Pakistan, stated the Ministry of External Affairs in the Rajya Sabha. The majority of the prisoners are lodged in prisons in Gulf countries such as UAE, Qatar, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Oman. However, due to strong privacy laws prevailing in many countries, the local authorities do not share information on prisoners unless the person concerned consents to the disclosure of such information."The issue of release and repatriation of Indian nationals in foreign prisons is

tions regularly via video conferencing/

5) neighbouring nations (India, China, Pak) can do joint agriculture and joint business on the disputed land and share profits proportionate to investments.

The above points 4 and 5 elucidate that: (With no army on the border, satellites monitoring the borders and joint business on the disputed lands (amongst India, Pak, and China), there will be no scope for flare-ups or fights. The saved money on arms can be used to fund welfare schemes and constructive measures. PV Rao Sreelekha | Secunderabad

#### PARLIAMENT STALLED AMENDMENT BILL

Sir — The prolonged stalemate in Parliament between the ruling party and the opposition over the demand for a debate on the events in Manipur resulted in the opposition's no-confidence move against the government. Both the ruling party and the opposition want to talk about

regularly pursued by Indian Missions and Posts abroad with the local authorities concerned," said the ministry. According to the data shared by the ministry, UAE has the highest number of Indians in their jail at 1,611, followed by Saudi Arabia with 1,461 Indians. Among other Asian countries, Nepal has the highest number of Indians in their prisons with 1,222. This is followed by Malaysia with 341, Pakistan with 308 and 178 in China. India has signed the Agreement on Transfer of Sentenced Persons with 31 countries by which Indian prisoners lodged in foreign countries can be transferred to India to serve the remainder of their sentence and vice-versa. No new agreements have been signed by India since 2018. India has also signed two multilateral conventions on the transfer of sentenced persons, namely the Inter-American Convention on Serving Criminal Sentences Abroad and the Council of Europe Convention on Transfer of Sentenced Persons. Bhagwan Thadani | Mumbai

Manipur, but the conversation isn't happening, and every day of the Monsoon session is a riot. At the heart of the impasse is the question of how the conversation should proceed. The ruling party is willing to discuss Rule 176, while the opposition insists on discussing Rule 267 exclusively. Interestingly, even though the noconfidence motion has been admitted. Parliament already knows the outcome. For, the motion is bound to fail the numbers test. The Lok Sabha currently has a strength of 543 seats of which five are vacant. The BJP-led NDA has over 330 members, the Opposition alliance has 140 and nearly 60 members belong to parties not aligned to any of the two groups. The Opposition claims similar pressure would be maintained on the government in the Upper House, or Rajya Sabha, as well. But that will not make any difference. Abhijit Roy | Jamshedpur

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## **FIRST COLUMN**

## **ANGER MANAGEMENT IS WORTH MASTERING**

Anger is like a storm rising up from the bottom of your consciousness



N owadays teenage anger is a thing of legend. Anger is one of the basic human emotions, as elemental as happiness, sadness, anxiety or disgust. It involves an emotional response to a perceived threat, insult, frustration or injustice. Anger is an important part of an individual's emotional life. It is a normal, healthy emotion that has the peculiar quality of isolation such as sorrow that it cuts one off and for the time being results in all relationships coming to an end.

Uncontrolled anger comes with a rush of energy that feels unstoppable. When misplaced or out of control, it can wreck relationships and even lives. In adolescents, post Covid severe angry behaviour can be seen. Such behaviours often lead to chronic, mental and physical health conditions over time resulting in them getting irritated, outbursts and destructive behaviour resulting in depression and anxiety.

Many young ones even try to manage it through repression by simply stuffing or avoiding the emotion, often through self-invalidation. However, stuffing it leads to resentment and rage, as breaches in relationship safety go unaddressed and the individual jams more and more feelings into a finite container. Also, individuals expressing their anger in an impulsive and uncontrolled manner leads to ruptures in relationships. The only way to resolve this is through skilful expression of anger. No individual on this planet be it a child or a mature individual can keep it bottled up inside, and at the same time can't allow it to control. Anger which is more than an emotion for most people is a feeling one generally tries to avoid.



Nowadays, teaching a teen or an adolescent how to control their anger has become something really important. But it's just one part of a bigger process that also involves helping teens access the reasons for their anger and heal underlying causes and offer ways to help them with anger problems. Practising techniques such as encouraging the child to replace negative thoughts, helping them identify and challenge negative beliefs with more self-compassionate and flexible ones and replacing them with more constructive and optimistic statements, teaching them the act to count to 10 before reacting impulsively, creating a safer environment and ensuring that they feel comfortable in expressing their emotions without the fear of judgment or punishment so that they are not at risk of mental health problems such as depression and suicide. Teens who frequently experience anger are more likely to engage in unhealthy behaviours such as substance abuse and eating disorders. Practising the art of active listening will help the deceased feel heard and can defuse their anger. Also, it can help them to develop a more understanding and compassionate attitude, which can lower their anger levels.

Remember, whenever in anger, do not do anything to the person for that time and practice the art of being patient. One should neither be against it nor for it. One shouldn't co-operate with it nor repress it; rather, one should just watch, be patient and see what happens. Just as night becomes day, in a similar manner anger becomes compassion if the individual can wait a little.

(The writer is an educator)

# Lighthouse in the dark ocean



Mahatma Gandhi once said about Imam Husain, "I learned from Husain, how to achieve victory while being oppressed."



oday is the anniversary of the greatest sacrifice that happened on 10th Moharram, 61 Hijri (October 10, 680 AD) for the sake of guarding against evil. For the last fourteen hundred centuries, the battle of Karbala reflects the collision of good versus evil, the innocent versus the terrorist, right versus the wrong, and the collision of Imam Husain (the head of virtue and excellence) versus Yazid (the head of tyranny and impi-

Edward G Brown, a professor of Oriental studies at the Cambridge praises Imam Husain in these words: reminder of blood stained field of Karbala, where the grandson of the Apostle of God fell at length, tortured by thirst and surrounded by the bodies of nis kinsmen, nas deen at anytime since then sufficient to evoke, even in the most lukewarm and heedless, the deepest emotions, the most frantic grief, and an exaltation of spirit before which pain, danger and death shrink to unconsidered trifles."

John Bradshaw once said, "Rebellion to tyrants is obedience to God." Can man stand up to these conditions? "Man can but not necessarily with ease", Imam Husain managed to say daringly from the battlefield of Karbala (Iraq).

From Plato to Locke, all philosophers have been concerned about the danger of power being cornered by unscrupulous elements. The lust for power has been the seed of all-round corruption. There are certain crucial moments in the evolution of the human race, in which socially active individuals are called upon to defend what is right and true, even risking their lives. Virtuous people who were endowed with sagacity and foresight always disliked sitting on the fence just listening to scheming, trans-



BEFORE THE BATTLE OF KARBALA, THE **WORLD KNEW** ONLY ONE RULE. "MIGHT IS RIGHT". HUSAIN **CHANGED THE RULE TO "RIGHT** IS MIGHT"

(The writer is an accredited senior legal journalist and author. Views expressed are personal)

gressor, libertine, despots. They acted as if they were the people who valued rectitude and struggled hard to preserve righteous-

One such most critical situation arose when 50 years after the demise of the Holy Prophet Mohammad, the school of Islamic thought, philosophy, culture and administration was shifted to Caliphate with temporal and ecclesiastical powers. The four caliphs were Abu Bakar, Umar, Usman and Imam Ali Murtaza. Ali was assassinated by the henchman of the conspirator and hypocrite Muawiya son of Abu Sufian while Imam Ali was prostrating before Allah in the mosque.

Muawiya deceitfully usurped the seat of the Caliphate in Syria and with the might of the sword declared himself the self-appointed caliph and displaced the democratic Islamic rule by oligarchic and barbaric despotic

After the death of Muawiya, his son accursed Yazid ascended to the Caliphate seat of Syria. He was a heartless brute and had surpassed all his ancestors in practising evil and vices. Yazid ibn Muawiya was a hard-core terrorist and libertine. Yazid was the mammon of unrighteousness whose lust for power prompted him to beat society into the mould he favoured. Yazid's criminal behaviour indicated the extreme occurrence of vulgar, inhuman innovations in the established Islamic values.

recognised throughout the Arab world for his excellence of behaviour, wisdom, compassion and piety. Yazid instructed his governor Walid in Medina to force Husain to pledge allegiance to Yazid. Husain refused it and uttered, "Anyone akin to me will never accept anyone akin to Yazid as a ruler of Islamic establishment and leader of the Faithful." Husain left Medina for Karbala.

Husain's patience snapped

when Yazid firmly demanded homage from him. Husain refused every time he was asked for allegiance. Husain realized that the consequences of this prolonged anarchy in Islam and wrecking triumph for immorality will permanently deface the true faith and a distorted pseudoreligion will emerge in the name of Islam. Obtaining acknowledgement of allegiance of the Holy Imam Husain, the pious, prescient and sagacious true heir of Prophet Mohammad was on the top priority of Yazid's agenda. Yazid bargained hard to choose between allegiance to him or face death. Husain had a clear choice: either stand aside and let Yazid act according to his whims, justifying his abominable escapades, or counter and confront his lurking menace and acrimonious campaign. Husain had to decide. Husain who had to ensure the pristine purity of Islam, refused allegiance.

On the morning of the 10th Moharram, Husain and 72 family members, including the chil-On the contrary, Husain was dren and a few companions were

mercilessly massacred by a huge army of Yazid after being kept hungry and thirsty for three days in the desert of Arabia when the mercury touched 50 degrees C. Youngest among the martyrs was Husain's infant son, Ali Asghar, the buoyancy of whose innocent blood refloated the sinking ship of Islam. The heads of 72 martyrs including the six-month-old Asghar were severed from their bodies and raised on lancers. The bodies were trampled by horses. The tents of Husain's remaining family members were torched. The children and ladies were made prisoners, paraded handcuffed and fettered through the bazaars of Kufa and Syria until roduced before the tyrant Yazid,

Satan in human form. To remember and pay homage to the Lord of Martyrs, Imam Husain, people across the globe from all faiths gather in homes and Imam bargains to conduct majlis (congregation), where mournful tributes are paid to Husain through elegies called salam, soz, Marcia, nausea and lyrical dirges. The congregation moves inexorably towards a crescendo of grief. The audience groans heartbreakingly with tears streaming down their faces.

Imam Husain is revered not only by Muslims but people of other faiths equally. Before the battle of Karbala, the world knew only one rule, "Might is Right". Husain changed the rule to "Right is Might". Mahatma Gandhi said, "I learned from Husain, how to achieve victory while being

## Manipur triggers a no-confidence motion

Discussion on the 'No Confidence motion' will provide ample opportunities for the opposition to corner the Govt on all fronts including Manipur

**⊣**he admission of the motion of No Confidence in the Council of Ministers

by the Speaker would hopefully engender an allencompassing debate in the Lok Sabha. It would, in all probability, take the wind out of the sail of the opposition in the Rajya Sabha as well. The notice of the motion has been given by Gaurav Gogoi of the Congress reportedly enjoying the support of 26 parties in alliance. After taking the sense of the House, as more than fifty members stood up in support of the motion, the Speaker admitted the motion with the rider that he will fix the date and time for discussion in consultation with the Leader of the House. A Motion of Confidence or No Confidence



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Secretary, of Lok Sabha and a

Member of, the Delhi Bar

in the Council of Ministers can be brought only in the Lok Sabha. Article 75 of the Constitution provides that the Council of Ministers shall be collectively responsible to the House of the People.

Rule 198 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Lok Sabha contains the procedure regarding no-confidence in the Council of Ministers. Ordinarily, for admission of Questions, Motions or Resolutions, there are elaborate rules governing their admissibility or otherwise. But in the case of a No Confidence motion, 'the Speaker shall read the motion to the House' if he finds it in order. The Speaker may reject the notice of a motion outright if it is not properly worded

House. But if in the opinion of the Speaker, the notice of motion is in order, he is dutybound to read it to the House and if not less than fifty members rise in their places in favour of the leave being granted, the Speaker declares that the leave is granted. The motion for discussion is taken up on such day as may be decided in the Business Advisory Committee or the meeting of the leaders of political parties chaired by the Speaker himself. However, the Rule provides that the discussion must take place within ten days from the day the leave was granted. Contextually, in the Rajya Sabha, the Opposition has been persistently demanding a discussion on the Manipur situation without reading it to the under Rule 267 instead of

under Rule 176 for which the Govt was willing to have a short duration discussion of two hours and a half. The hunch of the opposition was that accepting a short-duration discussion will give an escape route to the Govt and the Opposition would not get adequate time to articulate their concerns. Further, the Opposition wanted the Prime Minister to make a statement in Parliament instead of the Home Minister.

Now that a Motion of No Confidence has been accepted by the Speaker, the discussions on the motion will provide ample opportunities for the opposition to corner the Govt on all fronts including the situation in Manipur. Equally, it would give a great opportunity to the treasury benches to of the motion has the right to confidence motion against

give a befitting and comprehensive reply. The discussion on the motion is free for all, subject to the general rules of the debate. Each side can display its loquacity at its best. All sections of the House, political parties and groups, would get time proportionate to their numerical strength in the House within the overall time allocated for discussion on the motion. The mover of the motion would be speaking first in support of his motion followed by the treasury benches and other political parties and groups in turn within the allocated time slot. The leader of the House-the Prime Minister- if he is a member of the House, replies to the charges levelled against the Government. The mover

reply. This is followed by voting to determine the decision of the House on the motion. The Prime Minister invariably replies to the charges levelled, being the keystone of the cabinet arch. From First Lok Sabha to the Seventeenth Lok Sabha to date, there have been 28 (the instant one inclusive) motions of no confidence.

In addition, a peculiar case is of the Fifteenth Lok Sabha when many members of the ruling party tabled notices of no-confidence motions which could not be taken up by the Speaker (Meira Kumar), as the House was not in order. Three prime ministers-VP Singh (1990), Deve Gowda (1997) and Atal Bihari Vajpayee (1999)- lost the noconfidence motions. A no-

Morar ji Desai in 1979 triggered his resignation before the motion could be put to vote. Indira Gandhi faced 15 such motions and lost none in her 16-year tenure. The fate of the second no-confidence against the Modi Govt, like the first in 2018, is predetermined, given the overwhelming majority of the treasury benches. The naive question asked

is what is the point of bringing such a no-confidence motion with a sealed fate? The real intent of the opposition is to make an all-out attack on the Govt for its alleged acts of omission and commission while the Govt will highlight its good works. Let's watch the sound and fury and let the discerning citizens distinguish between the chaff and the

#### Biden sends top adviser for talks on Israel-Saudi normalization

Washington: President Joe Biden dispatched his national security adviser Jake Sullivan to Saudi Arabia on Thursday for talks with the kingdom's de facto leader Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman as the White House pushes for a normalization of relations between the country and Israel.

The White House in a brief statement said that Sullivan arrived in Jeddah on Thursday for talks with the crown prince, who is often referred to by his initial MBS, and other Saudi officials. The wide-ranging talks covered initiatives to "advance a common vision for a more peaceful, secure, prosperous, and stable Middle East," and efforts to find a permanent end to the yearslong conflict between the Saudis and Iran-allied Houthis in Yemen, according to the White House.

Sullivan and MBS also discussed the Biden administration's hopes to normalize relations between Israel and Saudi Arabia, according to a White House National Security Council official familiar with the matter. The official was not authorized to comment publicly and spoke on the condition of anonymity.

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#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

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#### **CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS CASE**

## **Donald Trump accused of** deleting camera footage

Trump and those around him"

and to influence the 2024 pres-

in the indictment center on

surveillance footage at Trump's

Mar-a-Lago estate in Palm

Beach. Trump is alleged to have asked to have the footage

deleted after FBI and Justice

Department investigators vis-

ited in June 2022 to collect

classified documents that he

took with him after leaving the

White House a year earlier.

Law enforcement officials

issued a subpoena for the

footage after noticing surveil-

lance cameras while they were

there. The indictment quotes a

Mar-a-Lago property manag-

er, Carlos De Oliveira, telling a colleague that the "boss"

wanted a server hosting the footage to be deleted. It says De

Oliveira went to the IT office

last June, took an employee to

a small room known as the

"audio closet" and asked the

Sd/-Mission Director.

Samagra Shiksha, Assan

Kahilipara, Guwahati-19

The updated allegations

idential race.

Donald Trump faces new charges in the classified documents case that accuse him of asking a staffer to delete camera footage at his Florida in an effort to obstruct the federal investigation into his possession of the records, according to an updated indictment unsealed Thursday.

The indictment includes new counts of obstruction and willful retention of national defense information, compounding Trump's legal jeopardy even as he braces for a possible additional indictment in Washington over his efforts to overturn the results of the 2020 presidential election. The additional counts underscore the extent of the yearlong investigation into Trump that first produced charges last month in the form of a 38count indictment against Trump and his valet Walt Nauta.Surveillance footage at the Mar-a-Lago complex has long been central to the investigation because, according to prosecutors, it showed Nauta moving boxes of documents in and out of a storage room including such action one day before a visit by FBI and Justice Department officials.

A Trump spokesperson dismissed the new charges as "nothing more than a continued desperate and flailing attempt" by the Biden administration "to harass President

server retained footage. When the employee said

he didn't believe he was able to delete footage, De Oliveira insisted the "boss" wanted it done, asking, "What are we going to do?"

De Oliveira was added to the indictment, charged with obstruction and false statements related to an interview he gave the FBI earlier this

The superseding indictment charges Trump with an additional count of willfully retaining national defense information, relating to a July 2021 interview at his Bedminster, New Jersey, golf club in which the former president discussed U.S. military plans to attack another country. The interview was for a memoir being written by his onetime chief of staff, Mark Meadows, who in his subsequent book named the country as Iran. According to the indictment, Trump returned that document, which was marked as top secret and not approved to show to foreign nationals, to the federal government on Jan. 17, 2022. It marks a notable shift in the prosecution's approach to Trump's case, charging him for retaining a document it alleges the former president knew was highly sensitive after he left office — and not just for failing to return it to the government when asked

## Philippine ferry flips over, 27 die

The skipper of a Philippine ferry which flipped over in a lake in an accident that killed 27 passengers decided to sail despite knowing that his boat was filled beyond capacity, the coast guard chief said Friday.

Forty-three passengers were rescued after the M/B Aya Express capsized in Laguna de Bay on Thursday shortly after leaving Binangonan town southeast of Manila in what should have been a 30-minute cruise to nearby Talim Island, officials said.

Coast guard, police and other government personnel continued to search the lake Friday but said they had no idea whether anyone was still missing because of uncertainties over the number of passengers on the ferry. No more sur-



at a port in Binangonan, Rizal province, Philippines on Friday.

vivors or bodies were found.

Two coast guard inspectors allowed the ferry to sail after being shown a manifest which listed only 22 passengers in addition to the boat's three-

member crew, coast guard chief Admiral Artemio Abu said at a news conference. The two inspectors were removed from their post and will be investigated, coast guard officials

the two other crew members and the boat owner may face criminal complaints.

Sea accidents are common in the Philippines because of frequent storms, poorly maintained boats, overcrowding and weak enforcement of safety regulations.In December 1987, the ferry Dona Paz sank after colliding with a fuel tanker, killing more than 4,300 people in the world's worst peacetime maritime disaster.

The Aya Express had a capacity of 42 passengers, the coast guard said. Under questioning by authorities, the skip-per acknowledged that the ferry had exceeded its passenger capacity when it left port, Abu said. The skipper said only 22 passengers were aboard the ferry at first but the number swelled when more people desperate for a ride arrived.

## 'US against China's bullying behaviour'

S Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin said U Friday the United States stands with countries fighting Chinese "bullying behavior" as he launched bilateral talks in Australia aimed at countering Beijing's growing influence in the Indo-Pacific region. Austin and US Secretary of State Antony Blinken arrived in the Australian city of Brisbane late Thursday ahead of annual bilateral meetings on Friday and Saturday that will focus on a deal to provide Australia, a defense treaty partner, with a fleet of submarines powered by U.S. nuclear technology. Ahead of a meeting with Australian

Defense Minister Richard Marles, Austin said both countries share concerns about China's break from international laws and norms that resolve disputes peacefully and

P.R.C. coercion from the East China Sea, to the South China Sea, to right here in the Southwest Pacific," Austin told reporters, referring to the People's Republic of China."We'll continue to support our allies and partners as they defend themselves from bullying behavior," he added. China has imposed a series of official

and unofficial trade barriers in recent years against Australian exports including coal, wine, barley, beef, seafood and wood. The barriers are widely seen as a punitive reaction to Australian government policy that has cost Australian exporters as much as \$15 billion a year.

Australia's icy relationship with Beijing was thawing since a change of Australian government at elections last year. Meanwhile, the sharing of USnuclear

secrets with Australia takes that bilateral relationship to a new level.

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese is planning state visits to both the United States and China before the end of the year. Under the AUKUS partnership — an acronym for Australia, the United Kingdom and the United States -Australia will buy three Virginia-class submarines from the United States and build five of a new AUKUS-class submarine in cooperation with Britain. Australian media have focused on a letter signed by more than 20 Republican lawmakers to President Joe Biden that warned the deal would "unacceptably weaken the US fleet" without a plan to boost US submarine production.

Albanese said he remained "very confident" that the United States would deliver the three submarines.

#### NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

SS/CW/Re-tender/333/2023/39

The Mission Director, Samagra Shiksha, Assam, invites bids from registered Class-I & II, PWD (Bldg.) contractor for 59 building works in different schools as per the detailed notice inviting tender which can

be downloaded from the website https://www.assamtenders.gov.in The last date of submission of tender is 19-08-2023 upto 2:00 PM.

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[See proviso to rule 8 (6)]
Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Property E-Auction Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) and Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement)

APPENDIX- IV-A

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described Immovable Property mortgaged to Indiabulis Housing Finance Ltd. [CIN: L65922DL2005PLC136029] ("Secured Creditor"), the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "as is where is", "as is what is" and "whatever there is" basis on 18.08.2023 from 02.00 P.M. to 04.00 P.M., for recovery of Rs. 50,69,554/- (Rupees Fifty Lakh Sixty Nine Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Four only) i.e. Rs. 33,52,430/- (Rupees Thirty Three Lakh Fifty Two Thousand Four Hundred Thirty only) pending towards Loan Account No. HHEGRG00201526; . 5,38,276/- (Rupees Five Lakh Thirty Elght Thousand T\ Six only) pending towards Loan Account No. HHLGRG00199394; and Rs. 11,78,848/- (Rupees Eleven Lakh Seventy Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Eight only) pending towards Loan Account No. HHENO100242717, by way of outstanding principal, arrears (including accrued late charges) and interest till 20.07.2023 with applicable future interest in terms of the Loan Agreement and other related loan document(s) w.e.f. 21.07.2023 along with legal expenses and other charges due to the Secured Creditor from UMAKANTTIWARI and PINKI UMAKANT TIWARI.

The Reserve Price of the Immovable Property will be Rs. 41,00,000/- (Rupees Forty One Lakh only) and the Earnest Money Deposit ("EMD") will be Rs. 4,10,000/- (Rupees Four Lakh Ten Thousand only) i.e. equivalent to 10% of the Reserve Price.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY FLAT NO. 2/16. MEASURING 21.08 SQ. MTRS. ON 3RD FLOOR IN THE

KHAND, WINDSOR, INDIRAPURAM, TEHSIL AND DISTRICT GHAZIABAD For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided

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#### EXTRACT OF UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

(₹ In lakhs except EPS

PARTICULARS         30.06.20           Un-audit         Un-audit           Total Revenue from operations         2,397.3	ed Audited 2 2,857.67	30.06.2022 Un-audited 2,528.47	Audited
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Net Profit/(Loss) for the year/period (before Exceptional items and Tax)		40.41	365.76
Net Profit /(Loss) for the year/period before tax (after Exceptional items)	28 182.85	40.41	365.76
Net Profit/(Loss) for the year/period after tax and Exceptional items	31 153.17	36.79	283.20
Total Comprehensive Income for the year/period [Comprising Profit/ (Loss) for the year/period after tax and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	31 157.87	36.79	287.90
Equity Share Capital 133.2	26 133.26	133.26	133.26
Earnings Per Share of ₹ 2/- each 1. Basic (₹) 2. Diluted (₹) 1.7		0.55 0.55	4.25 4.25
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The above unaudited financial results were, subjected to limited review by the

Statutory Auditors of the Company, reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at its Meeting held on July 28, 2023. The above is an extract of the detailed format of unaudited financial results for the

quarter ended June 30, 2023, filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the unaudited financial results for the guarter ended June 30, 2023 is available under the investor section of Company's website at www.perfectpac.com and on the website of the Stock Exchange at www.bseindia.com

Sanjay Rajgarhia (Managing Director) DIN: 00154167

#### China will strengthen global partnerships: Wang will resolutely defend its

¬hina's Foreign Minister Wang Yi, who replaced Qin Gang this week after his summary dismissal, has said in his first comments that Beijing would deepen its global partnerships while resolutely safeguarding its sovereignty, security and development interests.

Significantly, the Chinese Foreign Ministry, which scrubbed the name, photos and speeches of Qin soon after his sacking on Tuesday, restored them on Friday.

Soon after China's Parliament, the National People's Congress (NPC), passed a resolution sacking Qin, 57, and re-appointed director of the ruling



Communist Party's Foreign Affairs Commission Wang, 69, as the foreign minister, all references to Qin were scrubbed out by the foreign ministry on Wednesday.

However, within two days, the content of Qin's engagements during his six-month stint as the foreign minister has been reloaded on the official

Chinese website of the ministry. Asked about Qin's records reappearing on the website, the ministry urged the media not to "over-decode" the informa-"We have taken notice that

the (foreign ministry) website has been updated. It's normal to update information. You don't have to over-decode our information," the Hong Kongbased South China Morning Post quoted spokeswoman Mao Ning as saying on Friday. Wang, in his first comments after being re-appointed as China's foreign minister, said China, under the leadership of President Xi Jinping, will deepen and expand global partnerships with win-win cooperation. At the same time, China

national sovereignty, security and development interests and fully protect the legitimate rights and interests of Chinese citizens overseas, he said in a message posted on the Chinese Foreign Ministry website.

While Qin was the foreign minister, he still had to answer to Wang, who as the head of the Communist Party's foreign affairs commission occupied the top diplomatic position in China's party-centric power hierarchy. Wang has now taken on Qin's job. Qin was made the foreign minister in December last year, superseding many seniors and earning the distinction of being a rising star in the ruling Communist Party of China (CPC).He was one of the

post in China's history. Before his elevation, Xi had sent Qin as China's ambassador to the US to stabilise Beijing's stalled ties with Washington.No reason has yet been given for Qin's sacking nor his whereabouts are known yet. The high-profile minister has not been seen in public since June 25, after he met with officials from Sri Lanka, Vietnam, and Russia here. Wang returns to a post he held for most of the past decade. From 2004 to 2007, he served as China's ambassador in Tokyo.Interestingly, Wang met India's National Security Advisor Ajit Doval this week in Johannesburg on the sidelines

of the meeting of NSAs of the

BRICS grouping.

#### 'Second Iottery round for H-1B applicants to be conducted this year'

Washington (PTI): A second round of random lottery selection for the much sought-after H-1B visas for fiscal 2024 will soon begin after it was determined that "additional registrations" need to be selected to reach the numerical allocations, the US federal immigration agency has announced, a decision that could benefit more Indian professionals. The US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) said on Thursday that it will select the additional registrations from the previously submitted electronic registrations using a random selection process.

In March, the USCIS conducted an initial random selection of properly submitted electronic registrations for the fiscal year (FY) 2024 H-1B cap, including for beneficiaries eligible for the advanced degree

exemption. Only those petitioners with selected registrations for FY 2024 are eligible to file H-1B cap-subject petitions. The initial filing period for those with selected registrations for FY 2024 was from April 1, 2023, through June 30, 2023. The H-1B visa is a non-immigrant visa that allows US companies to employ foreign workers in speciality occupations that require theoretical or technical expertise. Technology companies depend on it to hire tens of thousands of

tries like India and China. "We recently determined that we would need to select additional registrations to reach the FY 2024 numerical alloca-

employees each year from coun-

## Singapore hangs first woman in 19 years

Singapore conducted its first execution of a woman in 19 years on Friday and its second hanging this week for drug trafficking despite calls for the city-state to cease capital punishment for drug-related crimes. Activists said another execution is planned next week.Saridewi Djamani, 45, was sentenced to death in 2018 for trafficking about 31 grams (1 ounce) of diamorphine, or pure heroin, the Central Narcotics Bureau said.It said the amount was "sufficient to feed the addiction of about 370 abusers for a week". Singapore's laws mandate the death penalty for anyone convicted of trafficking

ounces) of cannabis and 15 grams (0.5 ounces) of heroin.

Djamani's execution came two days after that of a Singaporean man, Mohammed Aziz Hussain, 56, for trafficking around 50 grams (1.7 ounces) of heroin. The narcotics bureau said both prisoners were accorded due process, including appeals of their convictions and sentences and petitions for presidential clemency.

Human rights groups, international activists and the United Nations have urged Singapore to halt executions for drug offenses and say there is increasing evidence it is ineffective as a deterrent.

more than 500 grams (17.6 Singapore authorities insist capital punishment is important to halting drug demand and supply.

> Human rights groups say it has executed 15 people for drug offenses since it resumed hangings in March 2022, an average of one a month.

penalty

Anti-death

activists said the last woman known to have been hanged in Singapore was 36-year-old hairdresser Yen May Woen, also for drug trafficking, in 2004. Transformative Justice Collective, a Singapore group which advocates for the abolishment of capital punishment, said a new execution notice has been issued to another prisoner for August 3, the fifth this year alone.

It said the prisoner is an ethnic Malay citizen who worked as a delivery driver before his arrest in 2016. He was convicted in 2019 of trafficking around 50 grams (1.7 ounces) of heroin and his appeal was dismissed last year, it said. The group said the man had maintained in his trial that he believed he was delivering contraband cigarettes for a friend to whom he owed money, and he didn't verify the contents of the bag as he trust-

ed his friend. The High Court judge ruled that their ties weren't close enough to warrant the kind of trust he claimed to

have had for his friend.

## Court rejects govt-requested ban on protest song 'Glory to Hong Kong'

**AP** ■ HONG KONG

A Hong Kong court rejected government-requested ban on broadcasting or distributing the protest song "Glory to Hong Kong," in a landmark decision that rejected a challenge to freedom of expression in the city.

ing mass protests against the government in the Chinese territory in 2019 and its lyrics call for democracy and liberty.

The song has since been mistakenly played at several international sporting events instead of China's national anthem, "March of the Volunteers." Judge Anthony Chan on

Friday refused to grant the ban,

which would have targeted

anyone who uses the song to

advocate for the separation of



Anti-government protesters sing Glory to Hong Kong during a sit-in at Yoho Mall in Hong Kong.

Hong Kong from China. In seeking the court order, the government also sought to ban actions that use the song to incite others to commit secession and to insult the national anthem, including such acts

carried out online. Critics had said a ban would have a farreaching impact on the city's freedoms of expression and information, which have become increasingly threadbare under Beijing's crack-

racy movement.

down on the city's pro-democ-

Hong Kong, a former British colony, returned to Chinese rule in 1997 and was promised it could keep its Western-style civil liberties intact for 50 years after the handover.But a Beijing-imposed National Security Law and other changes since the 2019 protests have shrunk the openness and freedoms that were once hallmarks of the city. Chan said the court con-

deterrence than existing criminal law, and its potential chillng effect. "I am unable to see a solid

sidered whether an injunction

would provide any greater

basis for believing that the invocation of the civil jurisdiction can assist in the enforcement of the law in question," Chan said in the ruling.

## Niger coup leader appeals for support from people

The general who led a coup I in Niger took to state television Friday to ask for support for the takeover, two days after members of the military detained the democratically elected president and set off political chaos that could set back the nation's fight against iihadists and increase Russia's influence in West Africa.

As Gen. Abdourahmane Tchiani spoke, Niger state television identified him as the leader of the National Council for the Safeguarding of the Country, the group of soldiers who said they staged the coup.

Tchiani, who goes by Omar, said the country needed to change course to avoid "the gradual and inevitable demise" and thus he and others had decided to intervene.

"I ask the technical and financial partners who are friends of Niger to understand the specific situation of our country in order to provide it with all the support necessary to enable it to meet the challenges," he said.

Earlier, various factions of Niger's military wrangled for power, according to an analyst and a Western military official. Tchiani's appearance seemed to be an effort to show he was in charge, though the situation was still in flux.

A delegation from neigh-



boring Nigeria hoping to mediate left shortly after arriving, and the president of Benin, nominated as a mediator by a regional body, had not arrived.

An analyst who has spoken with participants in the talks said that the presidential guard, which led the coup, was negotiating with the army about who should be in charge. The analyst asked not to be named because of the sensitive situa-

A western military official in Niger who is not authorized speak to the media confirmed that the military factions were believed to be negotiating, and said that situation remains tense and all of the ingredients are on the table for it to erupt in fighting.

Speaking in Papua New

from the international commu-

Niger is seen as the last partner in the West's efforts to battle jihadists linked to al-Qaida and the Islamic State group in Africa's Sahel region, where Russia and the west have been vying for influence in the fight against extremism. France, which ruled Niger as a colony until 1960, has 1,500 soldiers in the country, who conduct joint operations with the Nigeriens.

On Thursday, several hundred people gathered in the capital, Niamey, and chanted support for the Russian private military group Wagner while waving Russian flags. Later, they burned cars and ransacked the headquarters of the president's political party. We're fed up," said Omar Issaka, one of the protestors.

"We are tired of being targeted by the men in the bush Down with the French people. We're going to collaborate with Russia now," he said.

The mutinous soldiers have not announced a leader and President Mohamed Bazoum, who was elected two years ago in Niger's first peaceful, democratic transfer of power since its independence from France in 1960, has not resigned.

Some of the last public communications from the government included a defiant

Thursday declaring that democracy would prevail and a call by the Foreign Minister Hassoumi Massoudou, on media outlet France 24, for Nigeriens to stand against the

However, it's unclear who's involved in these dialogues, the nature of the discussions or

how they're proceeding. Earlier this week, The **Economic Community of West** African States said it was sending Benin President Patrice Talon to lead mediation efforts, but as of Friday Talon was not in the country. During their first address to the nation Wednesday night, the mutineers urged "external partners" not to interfere.

Macron said France supports regional organizations, in particular ECWAS, "in the decisions that it will have to take - of mediation or condemnation and sanctions against the putschists if they make progress and finalize

Analysts say the coup threatens to starkly reshape the international community's engagement with the Sahel

On Thursday, U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris, said the country's "substantial cooperation with the Government of Niger is contingent on

Niger could lose millions of dollars in military aid and assistance, which the United States and European countries have recently poured in an attempt to help in the fight against Islamic extremism.

The United States in early 2021 said it had provided Niger with more than USD 500 million in military assistance and training programs since 2012, one of the largest such support programs in sub-Saharan Africa. The European Union earlier this year launched a 27 million-euro (USD 30 million) military training mission in

The United States has more than 1,000 service personnel in

Some military leaders who appear to be involved in the coup have worked closely with the United States for years. Several senior officers appeared in a video that announced the coup on state television two

Gen. Moussa Salaou Barmou, the head of Niger's special forces has an especially strong relationship with the United States, the western military official said, and his presence in the video sparked concern about shifting loyalties.

The coup has dashed hopes of collaboration between

powers, which offered a more robust response to the jihadist insurrection when compared with the strategies to arm civilians in Burkina Faso or the responsibility given to Wagner in Mali, said Ibrahim Yahaya Ibrahim, senior Sahel analyst

for the International Crisis

Neighboring Mali and Burkina Faso have both ousted the French military, which previously provided aid in their fight against jihadists. Mali has contracted Wagner, and it's believed the mercenaries will soon be in Burkina Faso. Now concerns are mounting that Niger will follow in their foot-

As uncertainty lingers about who's in charge, insecurity could worsen. "The army officers will be busy positioning themselves in power struggles and abandon the fight against jihadists," said Ulf Laessing, head of the Sahel program at the Konrad Adenauer

Rights groups also warn that civilians usually bear the brunt of these mutinies.

"During a coup, the first victims are always the same: the most vulnerable, women and children," said Drissa Traore, secretary-general of the International Federation for Human Rights.

#### Russia: Ukrainian drone shot down outside Moscow

Moscow (AP): A Ukrainian drone was shot down early on Friday outside Moscow, Russia's defence ministry said. It was the third drone strike or attempt on the capital region this month. The ministry said there were no injuries or damage in the early morning incident. It didn't give details about where the drone was shot down, but said it took place in the Moscow Oblast, a region that surrounds but doesn't include the city

The shootdown adds to concern about Moscow's vulnerability to attack as the war drags into its 18th month. Two drones struck the Russian capital on Monday, one of them falling in the centre of the city near the Defence Ministry's headquarters along the Moscow River about three kilometers (two miles) from the Kremlin. The other drone hit an office building in southern Moscow, gutting several upper floors. In another attack on July 4, the Russian military said four drones were downed by air defences on the outskirts of Moscow and the fifth was jammed by electronic warfare means and forced down. The Ukrainian presidential office said on Friday that at least one civilian was killed in Russian

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# caretaker PM underway

**PTI** ■ ISLAMABAD

The Pakistan government will I try to appoint a person acceptable to all sides as the caretaker prime minister and talks are underway to reach a consensus on it, Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah said on Friday. Sanaullah dismissed reports that Finance Minister Ishaq Dar is the front-runner for the post of caretaker prime minister, saying it can be a "rumour".

"Neither was Ishaq Dar's name suggested nor was it rejected. It can be a rumour," he told Geo News.Sanaullah said talks are currently going on whether to choose a bureaucrat or a politician for the coveted

"In case there's a consensus that a politician can be appointed, then it can either be Ishaq Dar or any other politician from any party;" he said.

He said the government would try to appoint a person acceptable to all sides. Dar himself has described as "premature" dia reports that his name has been proposed for the post and said consultations have not yet

The mainstream media in Pakistan had reported the ruling Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) party is considering proposing Dar's name as the caretaker prime minister of the cash-strapped country once the term of the current National Assembly ends next month.Dar's name came into focus as Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif-led government mulled changes in the Elections Act 2017 to empower the upcoming caretaker set-up to take decisions beyond its constitutional mandate, with a view to ensure continuity of the recently rolled out economic plan and expedite the process aimed at receiving foreign investment in state-



owned entities, The Express Tribune newspaper reported on Sunday.

Constitution, polls are to be held within 60 days if the National Assembly completes its term. But if the assembly is dissolved prematurely, even if by a day, it would give the government 90 days to conduct elections. The caretaker prime minister will administer the country until a new government is formed after the general elections.

The Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) has reportedly shown reluctance in backing Dar.

Defence Minister Khawaja that Dar is being considered for the post, saying no one close to the top PML-N leadership — the Sharif family — would be picked as the interim prime minister to ensure that fingers are not pointed at the caretaker setup. Sanaullah also spoke about the return to Pakistan of PML-N supremo and former prime minister Nawaz Sharif, who has been living in London since 2019. "Nawaz Sharif will soon return. He will first secure interim bails and then secure acquittals. All the political restrictions imposed on him through con-spiracies will end," he said.Pakistan Parliament has passed a law that limits the disqualification of a parliamentarian to five years, benefiting Sharif, who was barred for a lifetime from running for office.

## Pak min: Negotiations for | Putin woos African leaders with | promises of expanding trade

**AP** ■ ST PETERSBERG

Emmanuel Macron con-

demned the coup as "complete-

ly illegitimate and profoundly

dangerous for the Nigeriens,

Niger and the whole region."

He said that he had spoken

repeatedly with President

Mohamed Bazoum, and that

the detained leader is in good

Catherine Colonna told French

media that there was still time

to end what she described as an

peak of an attempted coup,

that's because we do not regard

things as definitive," French

media quoted Colonna as say-

ing. She also spoke of "possible

exits if those responsible for

this attempt hear the message

"attempted coup."

French Foreign Minister

"If you are hearing me

 $R^{ussian\ President\ Vladimir}_{Putin\ courted\ leaders\ from}$ Africa at a summit on Friday, hailing the continent's growing role in global affairs and offering to expand political and business ties. Addressing the two-day day Russia-Africa summit, Putin emphasised that Moscow will closely analyse a peace proposal for Ukraine that African leaders have sought to pursue.

This is an acute issue, and we aren't evading its consideration," Putin said, emphasising that Russia is treating the African initiative with respect and "looking at it attentively."

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understanding with Saudi Arabia to build

Pakistan's largest oil refinery with an investment

of USD 10 billion in the strategic Gwadar Port,

duction capacity of 300,000 barrels per day was

signed on Thursday with the state-owned Oil

and Gas Development Company Ltd

(OGDCL), Pakistan State Oil (PSO), Pakistan

Petroleum Ltd (PPL), and Government

Holdings Private Ltd (GHPL) signed the MoU

to join hands and provide comfort to the Saudi

firm to enter Pakistan with a major invest-

ment, the Dawn newspaper reported. The

four SOEs would join the project through

Minister Shehbaz Sharif is reportedly in the

advanced stages of negotiations with Saudi

giant Aramco to execute the greenfield refin-

ery project at the strategic Gwadar Port and

wants to complete the initial paperwork before its tenure ends in two weeks. The tenure

The government headed by Prime

equity participation.

The MoU to set up the facility with a pro-

according to a media report on Friday.

Putin also reaffirmed his pledge that Russia will maintain steady supplies of grain and other agricultural products to the continent after its withdrawal from a deal allowing grain shipments from Ukraine that fuelled concerns of global

"Russia will always be a responsible international supplier of agricultural products and will continue to support the countries and region in need by offering free grain and other supplies," the Russian leader said.

He declared at the summit's opening Thursday that Russia intends to ship up to 50,000 tons of grain aid to Burkina

Saudi invests \$10 bn to build

Pak's largest oil refinery

Faso, Zimbabwe, Mali, Somalia, Eritrea and Central African Republic in the next three to four months.

UN Secretary-General António Guterres responded Thursday that such donations of grain can't compensate for the impact of Moscow's cutoff of grain exports from Ukraine, which along with Russia is a major supplier to the world

Guterres said the UN is in contact with Turkey, Ukraine, Russia and other countries to try to reestablish the deal that saw Ukraine export more than 32,000 tons of grain, allowing global food prices to drop sig-

of Pakistan's current government will end on

in refining, the government has recently

passed a new policy under which a new deep

conversion oil refinery of a minimum of

300,000 bpd achieving financial close of the

project within five years shall be eligible for

a customs duty of 7.5 per cent for 25 years on

petrol and diesel of all grades produced

effective from the date of commissioning of

grated refinery petrochemical complex with

a crude oil processing capacity of a minimum

300,000 bpd along with a petrochemical

facility. The integrated complex shall comprise

various components such as marine infra-

structure, petrochemical complex, storage for

crude oil and refines utilities, pipeline connec-

tivity etc. According to the Petroleum Division,

despite being integral to the growth of the

economy, no new refinery project has mate-

rialised in Pakistan for more than a decade and

only two refineries have been added in the last

40 years. Compared to the 20 million tonnes of

refining capacity, the actual capacity utilisation

is at around 11 million tonnes.

The project envisions setting up an inte-

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Mrs. Prasoon Lata, Advocate SG Associates (Law Firm)

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This is to bring to the notice of the general public that one ID Card of Mr. Mandeep Chaudhary issued by ICICI Bank Itd. having ID card no. 2338026 has been lost on 25/07/2023. Anyone, who finds the said ID card, is requested to return the said ID card to the Manager Debt Services & Management Group, ICICI Bank Limited, Plot no-7 community centre, S.D. Tower, Sec-8, Rohimi New delih-110085. Therefore, all the customers of ICICI Bank Limited are hereby notified not to make any payment to any unauthorised person holding the said ID.

Date: 26/07/2023 Place: DELHI For ICICI Bank Limited

police station. Any person claiming any right interest having any objection or found in possession of original documents may write contact with above named person at above address/Ph No 9550010287 within 15days from the date of publication of this notice the person claiming any right interest biolicities with general to his property or personally objections with respect to this property can personally inform Or write to Dy. Director (SFS) or Director (H)-I

Public Notice

Notice is hereby given to the General public that Mr. Hari Prakash is absolute owner of Property bearing no Plot no 2, area measuring 75 sq. yds., out of 150 Sq.Yds. Khasra no 100 and 101, Situated in Sector II Vill Sarral Pipal Thala, Cotony Known as Mohinder Park, Delhi, by way of GPA, ATS, SPA dated 04,04,1996, executed by 95h. Inder Singh and & Sh. Harbans Lal Gulati. Now, Mr. Hari Prakash is intending to sell the above said property to Mr. Sandeep Kumar Gupta and further said property with SMFG India Home Finance Co. Ltd. Grihashaki is in case anyone has any objection, the same may be raised within 07 days of this publication to Mr. Muneesh Dhawari Mr. Sudhir Jain (Advocates), Law Veritas North, Unit no 907, 9th Floor, GD-ITL Tower, (B-08), Netaji Subhash Place, Delhi-110034 or contact at 9066707172/9818228636 (M). House No. 84E S/F Block - R, Near Jhilmil, Delhi - 110095 have inform that my name written as RAMAVTAR in my Passport No. K0153019 and RAM AVTAR in my all Documents. RAM AVTAR and RAMAVTAR both are same and one person. In future I will be known as RAM AVTAR in all purposes. My father's name wrongly mentioned BHAWAR SINGH in my passport. My father's correct name is BHAWNAR SINGH which is mentioned in my Adhaar Card No. 4114 - 9153 - 9013. Public Notice
To be known to all that I Sharwan Kumar Aggarwal
S/o Som Parkash Aggarwal R/o Flat No.8344, GF,
Pkt-8,Sec-C,Vasant Kunj, N.D. owner of DA SFS
Flat No.8344,GF,Pkt-8,Sec-C,Cat-III,Vasant Kunj,New

Public Notice

Notice is hereby given to the General public that Mr. Rajveer Kumar is absolute owner of Property bearing no K-21/30, area measuring 27 Sq Yds, Khasra no 559, Situated in Village Ghonda Gujran, Gali no 11, Gangotri Vilhar, Shahdara Delhi-110053, by way of GPA, ATS, Will dated 11.08.2009, executed by Mrs. Geeta Devi. Now, Mr. Rajveer Kumar is intending to sell the above said property to Mr. Vinod Kumar and further Mr. Vinod Kumar, is mortgaging the said property with SMFG India Home Finance Co. Ltd. Grihashakti & in case anyone has any objection, the same may be raised within 07 days of this publication to Mr. Muneesh Dhawan/ Mr. Sudhir Jain (Advocates), Law Veritas North, Unit no 907, 9th Floor, GD-ITL Tower, (B-08), Netaji Subhash Place, Delh-110034 or contact at 9066707172/9818228636 (M).

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(LC No. 13100000607 of Noida 1 Rajendra

Place Branch) Brijesh Singhania (Bor

(LC No. 13100000608 of Noida 1 Rajer

Punyawati Manohar Das (CoBorrower 1)

(LC No. 13100002565 of Noida 1 Rajendr

Place Branch) Pawan Kr Jaiswal (Borrower)

(LC No. 11900003076 of Noida Branch) An

(LC No. 01400005139 of New Delhi Branch

(I.C.No. 19600044853 of Delhi - Safdurjung

(LC No. 13100000079 of Noida 1 Rajendra

Place Branch) Mohit Agarwal (Borrower)

18 Branch) Anil Jain(Borrower) Meenakshi Jair

rower) Shashi Sharda

Place Branch) Manjula Naidu (Borro

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Date: 29-07-2023 Place: Delhi

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Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 3 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The Piramal Capital and Housing Finance Ltd (formerly known as Dewan Housing and finance corporation Ltd) have assigned a pool of Loan (including below mentioned Loans) together with underlying security interest created therefor along with all the rights, titleand interest thereon under Section 5 (1) (b) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of FinancialAssets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("SARFAESIACT") vide an assignmentagreement dated March 29, 2023 ("the Assignment Agreement") in favour of JMFARC (JM) (herein reffered as Assingee). The undersigned is the Authorised Officer of (JM) assignee. Under Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the Authorised Officer has issued Demand Notices under Section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the following Borrower(s) (the Authorised Officer has issued bemano indices under Section 13(2) or the said Act, calling upon the following Borrower(s) (the "said Borrower(s)") to repay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them that are also given below. In connection with above, Nnotice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) to pay to JM, within 60 days from the publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest as detailed in the said Demand Notice(s), from the date(s) mentioned below till the date of payment and/or realization, payable under the loan agreement read with other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following Notice(s), from the date(s) menuoned below un the date or payment and with other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s), assets have been mortgaged to JM by the said Borrower(s) respectively.

Sr	Name of the Borrower(s)/	Demand Notice	Description of secured asset	
No.	Guarantor(s)	Date and Amount with NPA date	(immovable property)	
1	(LC No. 20000042230 of Noida - Sector 2 Branch) Rajnish Kumar (Borrower) Sheela Thakur (Co Borrower 1)	20-05-2023 /₹ 1163936 /-(₹ Eleven lakh Sixty Three Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Six Only)	Unit No.T-18 G 02, Ground Floor, Tower 18 Amrapali La Residentia Plot No. Gh-06 A, Se 2, Tech Zone -4, Gr. Noida West Gautambudh Nagar Uttar Pradesh :- 201308	
2	(LC No. 1310000214 of Noida 1 Rajendra	20-05-2023 /₹ 2761621 /-(₹ Twenty Seven	Flat No-417,4th Floor Tower - 2, Ild Spire	
	Place Branch) Sushil Kumar Sharma	lakh Sixty One Thousand Six Hundred	Greens, Sec-37 C Gurgaon Gurgaon Haryan	
	(Borrower) Anjali Sharma (Co Borrower 1)	Twenty One Only) NPA (04-08-2019)	:- 122001	
3	(LC No. 1310000474 of Noida 1 Rajendra	20-05-2023 /₹ 4723125 /-(₹ Forty Seven	Flat No-0216,2nd Floor Tower No-T-2	
	Place Branch) Anuj Wadhwa (Borrower)	lakh Twenty Three Thousand One Hundred	Ild Spire Green, Sec-37 C Gurgaon Gurgaon	
	Kavita Kaur (CoBorrower 1)	Twenty Five Only) NPA (06-05-2019)	Haryana:- 122001	
4	(LC No. 13100000125 of Noida 1 Rajendra	20-05-2023 /₹ 4073193 /-(₹ Forty lakh	Unit No1018 Tower 02 10th Floor I L D Spir	
	Place Branch) Manoj Kumar Gupta	Seventy Three Thousand One Hundred	Greens Sec-37c Gurgaon Gurgaon Haryana	
	(Borrower) Garima Gupta (Co Borrower 1)	Ninety Three Only) NPA (06-05-2019)	:- 122001	
5	(LC No. 13100000226 of Noida 1 Rajendra Place Branch) Parminder Singh Sohal (Borrower) Sarabjeet Singh Sohal (Co Borrower 1)	20-05-2023 /₹ 5429413 /-(₹ Fifty Four lakh Twenty Nine Thousand Four Hundred Thirteen Only) NPA (04-08-2019)	Flat No-0119,1st Floor Tower - 2, Ild Spire Greens, Sec-37 C Gurgaon Gurgaon Haryana :- 122001	
6	(LC No. 13100000224 of Noida 1 Rajendra	20-05-2023 /₹ 5864054 /-(₹ Fifty Eight lakh	Flat No-1419,14th Floor Tower - 2, Ild Spire	
	Place Branch) Yogesh Chandra (Borrower)	Sixty Four Thousand Fifty Four Only) NPA	Greens, Sec-37 C Gurgaon Gurgaon Haryans	
	Archana Chandra (CoBorrower 1)	(04-08-2019)	:- 122001	
7	(LC No. 13100000231 of Noida 1 Rajendra	20-05-2023 /₹ 4903431 /-{₹ Forty Nine lakh	Flat No - 415,4th Floor Tower-2 Ild Spire	
	Place Branch) Narinder Singh Kainth	Three Thousand Four Hundred Thirty One	Greens, Sec-37 C Gurgaon Gurgaon Haryana	
	(Borrower) Gurjeet Kaur (CoBorrower 1)	Only) NPA (06-05-2019)	:- 122001	
8	(LC No. 13100000130 of Noida 1 Rajendra Place Branch) Balbir Singh (Borrower) Sanjeet Kaur (CoBorrower 1)	20-05-2023 /₹ 2957806 /-{₹ Twenty Nine lakh Fifty Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Six Only) NPA (04-08-2019)	Flat No-0818 Tower-2, Ild Spire Greens Sec- 37, C Gurgaon Gurgaon Haryana :-122001	
9	(LC No. 13100000074 of Noida 1 Rajendra	20-05-2023 /₹ 4289536 /-{₹ Forty Two Lakh	Flat No-1317, 13th Floor Tower No- 02, "   L	
	Place Branch) K P Singh (Borrower) Kalpana	Eighty Nine Thousand Five Hundred Thirty	D Spire Greens", Sec-37 (c) Guragon Gurgao	
	Khokhar (CoBorrower 1)	Six Only) NPA (06-05-2019)	Haryana :- 122001	
10	(LC No. 1310000073 of Noida 1 Rajendra	20-05-2023 /₹ 4580387 /-(₹ Forty Five lakh	Flat No. G F-18, Ground Floor, Tower No. 2,	
	Place Branch) Uttam K Sinha (Borrower)	Eighty Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Sever	"i L D Spire Greens", Sector 37 C, Gurgaon	
	Swati Pal (CoBorrower 1)	Only) NPA (06-05-2019)	Gurgaon Gurgaon Haryana :- 122001	
11	(LC No. 13100000270 of Noida 1 Rajendra	20-05-2023 /₹ 3791909 /-{₹ Thirty Seven lakh	Flat No-1316,13th Floor Tower - 2, Ild Spire	
	Place Branch) Hemant Kumar Agarwal	Ninety One Thousand Nine Hundred Nine	Greens, Sec-37 C Gurgaon Gurgaon Haryana	
	(Borrower) Deepali Agarwal (Co Borrower 1)	Only) NPA (06-05-2019)	:- 122005	

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20-05-2023 /₹ 3863347 /-{₹ Thirty Eight lakh

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20-05-2023 /₹ 6840883 /-(₹ Sixty Eight lakh

Section 13(4) of the Act and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks of the said Borrowers as to the costs and consequences. The said Borrowers are prohibited under the Act from transferring the aforesaid assets, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of JM. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the

Forty Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Three

Six Only) NPA (09-07-2021)

Three Only) NPA (10-03-2021)

Only) NPA (06-06-2019) Only) NPA (06-06-2019) Gurgaon Haryana :- 122001

If the said Borrowers shall fail to make payment to JM as aforesaid, JM shall proceed against the above secured assets under

Three Only) NPA (06-05-2019)

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Sd/-(Authorised Officer) JM Financial Asset Reconstruction Company Limited

Flat No-0315,3rd Floor Tower No- T-2 Ild

Spire Green, Sec-37 C Gurgaon Gurgaon

opt. No.- 10038, 10th Floor, Block- F Plot

No.- Gh-03, Gaur City-02, Gc-16 Sector-16c,

Sautambudh Nagar Uttar Pradesh :- 203207 Unit No.1602,16th Floor Tower D2, eco

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lat No-801,8th Floor Tower-t-8 Spire Wood

ector-103 Gurgaon Gurgaon Haryana:-

lat No. 504 , Fifth Floor Tower - B 5 , Surya

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#### Japan raises alarm over China's military, Russia ties and Taiwan tensions in new defense paper evacuating residents from

The Japanese government ■ stepped up its alarm over Chinese assertiveness, warning in a report issued Friday that the country faces its worst security threats since World War II as it plans to implement a new strategy that calls for a major military buildup.

The 2023 defense white paper, approved by Prime Minister Fumio Kishida's Cabinet, is the first since the government adopted a controversial new National Security Strategy in December, seen as a break from Japan's postwar policy limiting the use of force to self-defense.

China, Russia and North Korea contribute to "the most severe and complex security environment since the end of World War II," according to the 510-page report. It says China's external stance and military activities have become a "seri-

international community and present an unprecedented and the greatest strategic challenge."

On Thursday, Russian and Chinese delegates joined North Korean leader Kim Jong Un in North Korea's capital for a military parade that showed off the country's latest drones and long-range nuclear-capable missiles.

Russia and China have also stepped up strategic ties, the white paper said, noting five joint bomber flights since 2019, and several joint navigations of Chinese and Russian warships that it said were "clearly intended for demonstration of force against Japan and of grave concern" to both Japan and the

The report predicted that China will possess 1,500 nuclear warheads by 2035 and increase its military superiority over Taiwan, in what Japan views as a security threat, espe-

ous concern for Japan and the cially to its southwestern islands including Okinawa. While Okinawan Gov.

Denny Tamaki has called for US bases there to be reduced and for greater efforts in diploment has been reinforcing the defenses of the remote south-

Many residents of Okinawa have bitter memories of the Battle of Okinawa, in which Japan's wartime military essentially sacrificed the local population in an attempt to delay a US landing on the main Japanese islands. Many Okinawans worry they would be the first to suffer in the event

macy and dialogue with Beijing, the central governwestern islands, including Ishigaki and Yonaguni, where new bases for missile defense have been installed.

of a Taiwan emergency.

Earlier this week, Chief Cabinet Secretary Hirokazu Matsuno visited İshigaki and acknowledged the challenges of

remote islands, and pledged to give firm support. Ishigaki Mayor Yoshitaka Nakayama asked for airport and port facilities to be reinforced and for underground shelters to be built as preparation for a possible Taiwan emergency. China claims self-govern-

ing Taiwan as its own territory, to be annexed by force if necessary. Chinese President Xi

Jinping, who in 2017 set a goal of building a "world-class military" by the mid-21st century, may move the target forward the report said, noting his call for a rapid advancement of the People's Liberation Army in his speech at the Communist Party congress in October.

North Korea is rapidly progressing in its nuclear and missile development and poses 'a graver, more imminent threat to Japan than ever before," the report said.

#### **Pakistan police** avert terror attack, ten terrorists held

on Friday arrested 10 terrorists who were plotting a major terror attack on foreigners, including on Chinese nationals, and planning to sabotage the Muharram commemorations in the Punjab province.The Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) of Punjab police made the arrests during intelligencebased operations in Lahore, Attock, Sargodha, Gujranwala, Multan and DG Khan districts of Puniab.

"Punjab police have foiled a major terror attack on foreign nationals, including Chinese, by arresting 10 suspected terrorists of banned outfits," the CTD said in a statement. Terrorists have in the past targeted Chinese nationals working in Pakistan. In April last year, a female suicide bomber carried out attack on a van carrying Chinese teachers at

Lahore (PTI): Police in Pakistan

Karachi University.

## Stock markets fall for 2nd day

66,160.20

Change -13.85

Mahindra and Maruti were the major lag-

Mahindra, JSW Steel, Bajaj Finance, ITC and

Reliance Industries were among the gain-

gauge jumped 0.55 per cent and smallcap

NTPC, Power Grid, Mahindra &

In the broader market, the BSE midcap

Panchmark indices Sensex and Nifty declined for a second day in a row on Friday due to selling in IT and banking shares amid foreign fund outflows and weak trends in the US mar-

The 30-share BSE Sensex fell by 106.62 points or 0.16 per cent to settle at 66,160.20. During the day, it declined by 388.17 points or 0.58 per cent to a low of 65,878.65.

The NSE Nifty declined 13.85 points or 0.07 per cent to finish at 19,646.05.

"The better-than-expected US Q2 GDP data, though positive, hindered the mood of the domestic market as it signalled the chances of another rate hike The Fed chief's comments about a datacentric approach without ruling out rate hikes added to the uncertainty.

"Furthermore, the reversal of the buying trend by FII and the rise in US bond yields contributed to market volatility. However, Asian markets remained largely positive due to the BOJ's decision to retain the policy rate, contrary to speculation about the removal of stimulus measures," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial

From the Sensex pack, Bajaj Finserv, HDFC Bank, Tata Motors, HCL Technologies, Tata Consultancy Services, Axis Bank, Infosys, IndusInd Bank, Tech

TOP GAINERS Among the indices, utilities rallied NTPC Change -106.62

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TOP GAINERS

Apollo Hospital

TOP LOSERS

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TOP LOSERS

JSW Steel

2.61 per cent, power jumped 2.57 per cent, realty (1.92 per cent), services (1.01 per cent), FMCG (0.85 per cent) and commodities (0.56 per cent).

Teck fell by 0.69 per cent, IT declined 0.67 per cent, oil & gas (0.28 per cent) and telecommunication (0.12 per cent). "Markets traded in a narrow range

and ended almost unchanged, in continuation of prevailing consolidation phase,' Ajit Mishra, SVP - Technical Research Religare Broking Ltd, said.

A mixed trend on the sectoral from kept traders busy wherein realty and FMCG edged higher while pressure in IT and banks capped upside, Mishra

In Asian markets, Seoul, Shanghai and Hong Kong ended in the green while Tokyo settled lower. Equity markets in Europe were trading on a mixed note. The US markets ended in negative territory on Thursday. Meanwhile, global oil benchmark Brent crude was trading 0.42 per cent lower at USD 83.89 a bar-

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth Rs 3,979.44 crore on Thursday, according to exchange data.

The BSE benchmark had plunged 440.38 points or 0.66 per cent to settle at 66,266.82 on Thursday, while the Nifty declined 118.40 points or 0.60 per cent to close at 19,659.90.

## Micron to create 'ready to ship' semicon chips: Prez & CEO

**PTI** ■ GANDHINAGAR

Micron on Friday reaf-firmed its commitment to establish India's first semiconductor plant in Gujarat, creating 5,000 direct jobs and addressing demand from domestic and international markets.

"Our team here in Gujarat will transform DRAM and NAND products...Into finished component packages, memory modules and solid-state storage drives ready to ship to end customers in India and across the world," President and CEO of the American chip maker, Sanjay Mehrotra, said at the SemiconIndia 2023.

Sophisticated chips are part of everyday life, used in mobile phones, refrigerators, cars and high-tech industries, so fostering local industry with carefully-crafted schemes and policy sweeteners will link India to an ever-growing global chip mar-

Micron announced its decision to set up a semicon-

ductor assembly and test plant in Gujarat during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's state visit to the United States in June

The move entails a total investment of USD 2.75 billion (around Rs 22,540 crore) with the total cost of the plant com-prising USD 825 million (around Rs 6,760 crore) from Micron and the rest from the Indian government in two

The first 'Made in India' chip should be ready by December 2024 from Micron's facility coming up in Gujarat, Union Minister for Electronics and Information Technology Ashwini Vaishnaw said.

The minister also added that 4-5 semiconductor plants are likely to be set up in the country within a year, and Micron's USD 2.75 billion plant will also bring around 200 smaller units as part of the ecosystem.

Phased construction of the new assembly and test facility in Gujarat is expected to begin in 2023. Phase 1, which will include 500,000 square feet of planned cleanroom space, will start to become operational in late 2024,' Micron had stated.

India has identified chipmaking as a key priority area for future growth ambitions, hoping to attract investments from global biggies looking to diversify their operations outside of China.

The country hopes to play on the strength of its storied talent and skill base, vibrant market, and enabling policies to corner substantial chunk of new investments flowing into electronics and semiconductor production, and global value The global semiconductor

shortage has emphasised the importance of this critical component in modern-day electronics with consumer electronics, mobile phones. automobiles computers and IoT set to fuel demand for semiconductors globally.



#### NFRA imposes 1-year ban, slaps fine on auditor for lapses

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

udit regulator the National Audit regulator in Comments rity (NFRA) has slapped a fine of Rs 1 lakh and a one-year ban on an auditor for alleged professional misconduct in the audit of Anshu's Clothing Ltd for 2015-16. During FY2015-16, Anshu's Clothing's, now known as Aditri Gems & Jewels Ltd, shares were listed on BSE and Metropolitan Stock Exchange.

In its order on Thursday, the regulator said it had levied a fine of Rs 1 lakh on Sachin Kansal. He is the proprietor of S Kansal & Associates and statutory auditor of Anshu Clothing for 2015-Besides, Sachin was also prohibited for one year from undertaking any audit in respect of financial statements or internal audit of the functions and activities of any company or body corporate during the debarment period, it added.

The order came after NFRA received information from the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) regarding irregularities observed in the financial statements of the company by the Financial Reporting Review Board (FRRB) of the ICAI for FY 2015-16. Thereafter, the regulator initiated an investigation into the role of the statutory auditors during the audit of Anshu Clothing for FY2015-16.

In its probe, NFRA found that Anshu had not recognised accrued interest, amounting to Rs 1.4 crore, on loans from banks and NBFCs in violation of the norms. With proper accounting of interest accrued, the reported loss of the company would have increased by about 8 times. Such a material and pervasive misstatement in the financial statement of the company was not reported by the auditor in the auditor's

report, the regulator said. Further, deferred tax assets of Rs 9.07 lakh have been recognised by Anshu despite the company being in loss for sev-

eral years. Anshu was required to prepare its financial statement in the format as per the Companies Act, 2013, but various instances of non-compliance with the format of financial statements have also been noted, which have not been reported by Sachin Kansal

It was also noted that the auditor has not assembled the audit file within 60 days of the signing of the auditor's report and has not appointed Engagement Quality Control Reviewer despite Anshu

tain the agreement on terms of the audit engagement in the audit file, nor did he maintain any written communication

quality and advanced healthcare products become available to the poorest of the poor, it said. AiMeD alleged that FICCI is work-

ing against the interest of domestic manu-Through a notification issued on June

19 this year, the government decided to allow the import of 'high-end and high-value" used medical equipment other than critical care medical equipment, AiMeD stated.

what FICCI Medical Devices Division is

macroeconomic data from the US, forex traders said. The dovish tone from European Central Bank (ECB), which raised interest rates on Thursday, also boosted the US

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the local unit opened weak at 82.30 against the US dollar. During intra-day, the domestic currency touched the peak of 82.19 and hit the lowest

#### Indian cos will soon be allowed to directly list securities overseas: Sitharaman lion from investors such as

The government has decided to allow domestic companies to list overseas to help them access capital from the world markets, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced on Friday.

Sitharaman said she had in May 2020 announced the move as part of the Covid-19 relief package, and added that a decision to go ahead with the proposal has been taken now. "The government has taken

ing of listed and unlisted companies on the IFSC exchanges, Sitharaman said, speaking at an event organised by capital markets regulator Sebi here.

a decision to enable direct list-

Terming this as a "major step", Sitharaman said this will

help facilitate access to global capital and also get better valu-

19,659.90

A senior finance ministry official said the government will notify the rules in the next

Initially, companies will be allowed to list at the International Financial Services Centre in GIFT City, Ahmedabad, and later, companies can list in any of the eight to nine specified overseas jurisdictions, the official said.

Currently, overseas listings by domestically listed entities are carried out through American Depository Receipts (ADRs) and Global Depository Receipts (GDRs), which companies like Infosys and Wipro have done.

Some companies like Makemytrip have chosen to list



in exchanges like Nasdaq

The new policy allowing direct overseas listing could be a shot in the arm for unicorns or startups valued at more than USD 1 billion, and the digital unit of conglomerate Reliance, which is eyeing a US listing after raising more than USD 20 bilKKR, Google and Facebook.

The finance ministry official cited past instances of companies going abroad for listing, and added that this is an alternative given to investors. For the direct overseas list-

ing framework, an enabling provision would be made under the Companies Act, 2013. Sitharaman is also in charge

of the corporate affairs ministry, which is implementing the companies law.

However, an investment banker wondered about the need for such a move now, pointing out that the domestic capital market with a market capitalisation of USD 4 trillion are strong and liquid enough to take care of any company's capital requirements

Earlier, media reports said the government was considering allowing foreign listings in seven countries initially, including Britain, Canada, Switzerland and the US.

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) had previously recommended a framework within which such direct listing will be facilitated, and it is expected that the Sebi framework will be the basis for future regulation in this area.

Sebi had proposed allowing listings on stock exchanges in ten "permissible jurisdictions" with strong anti-money laundering regulations, including the NYSE, Nasdaq, the LSE and Hong Kong, along with other major exchanges in Japan, South Korea, France, Germany, Switzerland and Canada.

## US chipmaker AMD to invest USD 400 mn in India; Vedanta to start chip making in 2.5 yrs

**PTI** ■ GANDHINAGAR

US chipmaker Advanced Micro Devices (AM) on Friday announced a USD 400 million investment in India over the next five years and said it will build its largest design centre in Bengaluru.

AMD chief technology officer Mark Papermaster made the announcement at the annual semiconductor conference in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi

Undeterred by Taiwan's Foxconn pulling out of his group's USD 20 billion semiconductor-making venture, mining baron Anil Agarwal said the first phase of Vedanta's chip-making project will be ready in two-anda-half years.

Group, also known as Foxconn, earlier this month pulled out of the chipmaking joint venture with Vedanta, and said it intends to apply for incentives under the government's semiconductor production plan. Vedanta Ltd has lined up

partners and will begin a foray into chip-making this year.

Speaking at the conference, Foxconn chairman Young Liu said the ecosystem for semiconductors in India is for the "very India is for the very brave. Every experience only positions companies stronger going forward," he said, without making any direct comment on the Vedanta joint venture. India is luring prospective chipmakers into the country to

"The ecosystem for chips in

reduce reliance on expensive imports and dependence on Taiwan and China. The government has offered USD 10 billion of fiscal incentives for units setting up chip-making factories in the country.

Also known as semis or chips, semiconductors can be found in thousands of products, such as computers, smartphones, appliances, gaming hardware, medical equipment and cars. India's chip market is lion in 2026, triple what it was in 2019, according to Counterpoint Research.

new 5,00,000 square foot design centre campus in Bengaluru by the end of this year and create 3,000 new engineering roles within five years.

This campus will increase AMD's office footprint in India to 10 locations. The Santa Clara, California-based firm already employs more than 6,500 per

AMD said it will open its

Clothing being a listed entity. The auditor did not main-

with the management in the audit file, the regulator added.

## Facilities at Bharat Mandapam to promote conference tourism,

MICE industry

Convention centre — Bharat Mandapam - in the heart of the national capital will help promote conference tourism and growth of the MICE industry in the country, a top government official said on Friday.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on July 26 unveiled the International Exhibition-cum-Convention Centre (IECC)) complex at Pragati Maidan. He named the 123-acre complex, that will host the G20 Summit in September, Bharat Mandapam. It is India's largest MICE (Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, and Exhibitions) destination. Briefing media about the complex, Commerce Secretary Sunil Barthwal said that after the G20 meetings, the facilities here would help in promoting "conference tourism and that is an important tourism for us". "After September, this venue will be available for different public programmes," he told reporters. In terms of the covered



space available for events, the complex finds its place among the top exhibition and convention complexes in the world.

It comprises multiple modern facilities, including convention centres, exhibition halls and amphitheatres

At level 3 of the complex, a 7,000 seating capacity convention centre has been developed.

The exhibition halls provide

a platform for exhibitors and companies to engage with their target audience, fostering business growth and networking opportunities. The G20 Leaders' Summit is set to take place in

Delhi on September 9-10.
The facilities at the complex include 24 meeting rooms, a multi-purpose hall with 4,000 seats, a plenary hall with 3,000 seats, auditoriums with 600 and 900 seats, a grand amphitheatre with 3,000 seats and over 5500 vehicle parking space.

## **Buyers be asked to refund rebate on 2-wheeler** amid subsidy cancellation: EV makers body

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

 $F^{\text{acing heat over alleged mis-}}_{\text{use of subsidies, a grouping}}$ of seven electric two-wheeler ernment to look at the possibility of asking customers to pay back excess rebate availed by them on purchase of the vehicles. In a letter to Minister of Heavy Industries M N Pandey, the Society of Manufacturers of Electric Vehicles (SMEV) said the customers who have taken such subsidies can be asked to return these to the affected OEMs.

The Centre has sought Rs 469 crore from seven electric two-wheeler makers, including



Hero Electric and Okinawa for claiming incentives while not complying with the Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Electric Vehicles (FAME) II scheme norms.
"This is about the subsidies

your department has claimed back from OEMs on retrospective basis: And this also holds for the Rs 1,200 crores that the OEMs claim remains un-reimrers of Electric Vehicles (SMEV) Chief Evangelist Sanjay Kaul said SMEV has brought in Kaul, help revise the agenda of the

bursed," Society of Manufactu-

grouping.
"Considering that your department levied a penalty on some OEMs a few months ago for over-charging the customers and then asked them to return

the amounts, it is possible that the monies you are currently demanding from the other set of OEMs for non-compliance, can be similarly recovered by them from the customers and returned to the Department," Kaul said.

#### Chemicals-petrochemicals firms must focus on quality, global competitiveness: Mandaviya

PTI NEW DELHI

Minister Mansukh Mandaviya on Friday asked chemicals and petrochemicals players to focus on quality and become competitive in the global market to make India a manufactur-

Themicals and Fertilisers

Addressing a summit on 'Global Chemicals and Petrochemicals Manufacturing Hubs in India' here, the minister asserted that India is the best destination for global investments and the industry should encash this opportunity to boost manufacturing. Mandaviya said he has given direction for establishing chemical parks for making India an investment hub and added that "the work is happening in this regard".

"Today there is a need to focus on quality and become competitive in the global market," he said The minister assured the

government's support in making the domestic industry in becoming competitive at a global stage. He asked the industry to make a white paper in this regard. Mandaviya noted that

industry is important for any

economy as it helps in becom-

ing self-reliant. He said it is the

responsibility of the govern-

ment to support industry. He highlighted that the gov ernment is taking policy deci-

sions in a holistic manner and after wide consultations with all stakeholders. This has helped in increasing industrial production as well as foreign direct investments. Mandaviya said the govern-

ment has brought labour reform, reduced compliances and brought a bill to the decriminalisation of minor offences as part of its effort to create an industry-friendly atmosphere. He stressed making India

the 'factory of the world' for all kinds of industries, including chemicals and petrochemicals. The minister said India has become the best and safe desti-

nation for global investments Research. because of a stable long-term Adani Group had already policy, democratic system and undertaken a review by independent law firms, whose opinjustice on merit by the Indian judiciary, besides being a large ions confirmed that the company is in compliance with the consumption centre.

#### withdraw order on import of used medical devices The Association of Indian Medical Device Industry (AiMeD) on Friday asked the government to withdraw the official memorandum (OM) permitting the import of

pre-owned medical devices while charging industry body FICCI of siding with MNCs and working against the interest of domesyear-old reputed organisation, the oldest In a statement, the medical devices industry body attacked the FICCI's Medical apex national chamber of commerce and Devices Division, alleging that the body has joined hands with forces inimical to the

industry." Irresponsible statements are not only baseless and filled with malice but also hinder the Government of India's robust mechanism of making the right policy decision in the country's best interests, it said. FICCI has always maintained a neutral

Medical devices makers body AiMed asks govt to

and healthy balance of ideas to ensure that

"Nothing could have been worse than

doing at the behest of MNCs lobby. Much to our dismay and disappointment, FICCI Medical Devices Division is working against the interest of domestic medical devices manufacturers," AiMeD Forum Coordinator Rajiv Nath said in a statement.

#### ACC not to carry out any probe into Rupee falls 32 paise to close Hindenburg's allegations at 82.24 against US dollar requirements of applicable laws

tic manufacturers.

and regulations, said ACC Cement while declaring its quareading cement maker ACC LLtd, now a part of Adani ter results on Thursday. Group, said it will not conduct any independent investigations against the allegations of financial misconduct made by the short-selling firm Hindenburg

Make in India drive of PM Narendra

Modi. When contacted, FICCI in a state-

ment said, "FICCI dismisses the baseless alle-

gations made by AiMeD against a 95-plus-

Based on the foregoing and pending final outcome of the regulatory investigations and related proceedings as mentioned above, the Company has decided to not carry out any separate independent Investigation in the matter, and the financial results do not carry

any adjustments in this regard,

## **PTI** ■ MUMBAI

domestic equity markets.

The rupee plunged 32 paise to close at 82.24 (provisional) against the US dollar on Friday amid renewed foreign fund outflows and negative trends in An elevated level of crude prices nearing USD 84 a barrel

also weighed on the domestic unit even as the American currency gained strength on the back of better-than-expected level of 82.34.

## VIT-AP ORGANISES IGNITE FACULTY ORIENTATION AMARAVATI: In a bid to foster a culture of entrepreneurship and empower faculty members with the knowledge and skills to nurture future

#### entrepreneurs, VIT AP School of Business and Innovation, Incubation and

Programme on Entrepreneurship. **INDIA SEES 133% INCREASE IN RANSOMWARE** New Delhi: SonicWall, publisher of trusted cyberattack intelligence and leader of ransomware data, released the 2023 SonicWall Mid-Year Cyber

Entrepreneurship Cell (IIEC) in collaboration with Wadhwani Foundation conducted IGNITE Faculty Orientation Program on Entrepreneurship Development, Dr.S.S.Shanthakumari, Dean-VSB welcomed the gathering and emphasised on the need of organising the Faculty orientation

Threat Report. The bi-annual report uncovers evolving tactical behaviors from digital threat actors as they opt for different types of malicious attacks compared to years past. "The report shows that while India saw a lesser rise in crypto attacks, there has been a huge growth in ransomware and IoT attacks overall," said Debasish Mukherjee, Vice President Regional Sales, APJ, SonicWall.

# LAKSHYA ENTERS JAPAN OPEN SEMIS

ce Indian shuttler Lak-Ashya Sen progressed to the semifinals to be the lone Indian survivor at the Japan Open Super 750 badminton tournament following the ouster of compatriots HS Prannoy and doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy here on Friday.

World number 13 Sen registered a 21-15, 21-19 victory over local player Koki Watanabe, ranked 33rd, to make his third successive semifinals, following his exploits in Canada and the United States.

The reigning Common-wealth Games champion will play fifth seed Indonesian Jonatan Christie in the semifinals. Men's doubles duo of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty too went down fighting 15-21, 25-23, 16-21 to Olympic champions Lee Yang and Wang Chi-Lan of Chinese Taipei to end their 12-match winning streak.

A 2021 world championship bronze medallist, Sen, who had won the Canada Open Super 500 early this month, opened up a 5-3 lead early on before moving to 11-7 at the break.

The Indian didn't have much problem negotiating the Japanese and soon sealed the opening game with two crosscourt returns on both sides of the court.

After the change of sides, Watanabe tried to inject some pace in the rallies but Sen looked in control and moved to 3-2 with

a lovely cross-court drop. A 42-shot rally ended with Sen's backhand crashing into the net as Watanabe turned it around to lead 5-3 before consolidating it further at 7-3.

The Japanese strengthened his defense and things seemed like going downhill for Sen, who trailed 7-14.

However, the Indian scripted a turnaround, drawing his opponent to the net and using the drop shots to good effect. He soon turned the tables at 18-17 with a cross court smash.

With two returns on his opponent's backhand, Sen gained one-match point before producing another precise return at the back-line and then threw his racquet in celebration.

The Axelsen vs Prannoy duel lived up to the expectations with the two producing some mindboggling rallies.

Prannoy, who had beaten the Dane twice in the last three meetings, slowly fought his way back to clinch the opener and also conjured up hopes of an upset as he raced to an overwhelming 7-1 lead, only to run out of steam in the end.

Axelsen used his acute angles and steep returns to be 4-1 up. But Prannoy kept breathing down his neck, reaching 6-8 with a disguised backhand push.

Axelsen was called for a rare service error but he won another exciting rally to move to 13-9. Prannoy produced some steep returns on his rival's backhand but Axelsen would dive to return everything.

Axelsen's ability to make



diagonal net shots, and jump smashes with precision at the backline and pounce on anything weak from the Indian meant he held the lead 17-13.

Soon, Prannoy produced a sensational down-the-line jump smash and with Axelsen sending one long, he narrowed the lead to 15-17. Prannoy levelled the score at 17-17 and let out a scream when Axelsen found the net. A cross-net shot and a net duel later, Axelsen had once again regained a two-point lead but he smashed out next as Prannoy landed a ferocious backhand to again draw parity at 19-19.

An extraordinary cross net shot saw Prannoy grab a onepoint advantage and he made it count with a precision return with Axelsen making a judgement error.

A pumped-up Prannoy looked in full control after the change of sides while Axelsen was a bit shaky as he made judgement errors in the backline and committed unforced errors to allow the Indian lead 4-0 and then 7-1.

However, Axelsen reeled off four straight points and then won a 33-shot rally to narrow it down to 7-9. But he hit wide twice as Prannoy went into the interval with a 11-7 cushion.

The fast-paced rallies continued as Axelsen's defence and his precise smashes helped him to claw back at 15-15. Axelsen was called once again for a service fault but he didn't let it rathand over three game points to Axelsen, who lost his footing and sent one wide. But, Prannoy sprayed one to the net next as the Dane made a roaring comeback into the contest.

The decider started on an even keel at 4-4 but slowly Axelsen broke away with a run of seven straight points as Prannoy looked tired, making him more error-prone. His shots started going to net and out as Axelsen zoomed to 16-6 in a

Another steep straight smash, followed by a crosscourt jump smash took Axelsen closer to the win. A Prannoy smash marginally missing the backline gave 12 match points to the Dane, who converted it after the Indian pushed one to

Axelson will face fast-rising home star Kodai Naraoka, who beat China's Shi Yu Qi 11-21, 21-

#### **WOMEN'S SEMIS**

Women's number two An Se-young of South Korea beat her childhood idol Ratchanok Intanon of Thailand 21-19, 21-10. She will face Taiwan's fourthseed Tai Tzu Ying, whom An beat last week in the final of the

Korea Open.

"I have been able to perform well so far (this season) and show good results," An said after her victory.

"(Tai) is a good, skilled player. I will focus on my own performance," An said of her next

## Man City's Mahrez joins Saudi club Al-Ahli



AP LONDON

Manchester City forward Saudi side Al-Ahli, the two clubs announced on Friday, becoming the latest big-name player to be lured to the cashrich league in the Gulf state.

The 32-year-old Algerian winger joined Pep Guardiola's team in 2018 from Leicester, winning 11 major trophies at the club. "The wait is over: Riyad is real," the Saudi Pro League club said in a social media post.

City agreed a fee understood to be worth up to £30 million (\$38.6 million) with Al-Ahli Manchester City has been an honour and privilege," Mahrez told City's website.

"I came to City to win trophies and enjoy my football and I achieved all that and so much

"I have had five unforgettable years with this football club, working with unbelievable players, fantastic supporters, and the best manager in the world."

#### Leipzig extend manager Rose's deal to 2025

**AP** ■ LEIPZIG

R B Leipzig have extended manager Marco Rose's contract by one year until 2025, the club announced on Friday. Rose, 46, led Leipzig to the German Cup and Champions League qualification in 2022-23, his first season in charge of the club. season in charge of the club.

The Leipzig-born manager joined after now Belgium coach Domenico Tedesco was sacked in September, picking up m points than any other Bundesliga side over the remainder of the season.

"Leipzig is my city and eastern Germany is my home," Rose said in a statement. "I'm delighted that the management have put their faith in me so that I can continue to be a part of RB Leipzig and help write more

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Women's World Cup last 16

0 win over Denmark on Friday.

satisfactory night for England in

front of just over 40,000 fans in

Sydney was marred by what

looked like a serious knee injury

to influential midfielder Keira

the possession for much of the

game, Amalie Vangsgaard

Denmark might have stolen

But an otherwise hugely

**AP** ■ SYDNEY

## We need to utilise chances in attacking third: Dennerby

PTI ■ CHENNAI

Poor conversion rate in the attacking third is something that Indian women's team needs to change ahead of their Asian Games and second round Asian Qualifying Championship campaign, feels head coach Thomas Dennerby.

Asked about areas that can be improved upon, Dennerby replied: "We have to utilise our chances around the offensive box. We created a lot of goal-scoring chances in recent games but didn't come out with so many

Dennerby said that his team also needs to strengthen its defensive formation.

"We also need to keep on working hard with the defence, well, and we didn't let any goals in for two games in the Olympic

qualification —not even a goal-scoring chance, I will say. But, we let some easy goals go in during the friendly games when we were preparing for the Ólympic qualification, which I feel is not good," he told AIFF

Counter-attack will be Indian team's

"If we have the discipline to play with really strong defence, we know that we



always create chances, even against really good teams. So, we should be sharp when it's time to finish and keep up the good discipline and defence. I think India could be a team that can go all the way through the qualification if we have a super good day."

While India has been pitted in Group B of the Asian Games against Chinese Taipei and Thailand, it will be up against Uzbekistan in the Olympic Qualifiers,

England on verge of World Cup last 16

with Japan and Vietnam being the other sides in the group for Meanwhile, Dennerby feels

that India has been clubbed in a tough group where it is not the favourite. However, he asserts that strong defence and ample chances are created to lead to glory for the side. "We need to live with that

from day one when we arrive there. And, when we arrive in Bhubaneswar, we have to prepare mentally for being a team that's going to make it through the next round. And also, of course, physically, technically, and tactically, we have to prepare." When asked if Indian women's football is ready to go to the next level, he admitted that "it is still a work in progress and will remain the

He also reckoned that playing regularly against top sides would help the cause.

"India have a huge number of young players. It is up to them to decide —I want to be there. I want to play in the World Cup one day because no coach in the world can ever force you to do it. "You have to live with that passion yourself, and you have to put in the effort in. The coach can only help you and guide you on what to do, but it's your effort. That is the key," he signed off.

#### Russian Olympic chief accuses IOC of siding with Ukraine

**AP** ■ MOSCOW

The head of Russia's Olympic Committee on Friday accused the International Olympic Committee of picking sides after it urged sports federations to show sensitivity when handling Ukrainian athletes.

"The statement in question indicates that the IOC determined for itself and picked a side in the political conflict, (and) began to act in the interests of this side," Stanislav Pozdnyakov said on Telegram.

On Thursday, Ukrainian fencer Olha Kharlan was disqualified at the World Fencing Championships in Milan after refusing to shake the nent Anna Smirnova. The rules of the FIE state that the two fencers must shake hands. Following the incident, the IOC urged international federations to "handle situations involving Ukrainian and individual neutral athletes with the necessary degree of sensitivity". According to Pozdnyakov, these remarks "clearly showed the duplicity of the so-called recommendations, criteria and parameters.



## Italy & Turkey bid to co-host 2032 Euros

**AP** ■ GENEVA

Italy and Turkey have asked to co-host football's 2032 European Championship for which they are the only bidders, UEFA said on Friday.

The two football federations had been competing in the bidding contest that is scheduled for an October 10 vote by UEFA executive committee members.

Teaming up would reduce UEFA's risk of committing to a solo host for a 24-team, 51-game tournament nine years in advance.

Italy needs to build and renovate an aging inventory of stadiums. Construction projects in Italy, such as replacing iconic San Siro stadium in Milan, can be notoriously bureaucratic and

Turkey has the stadiums and infrastructure almost entirely

petitive vote would be a pragmatic solution for Turkey after several failed bids over the last 20 years and fresh questions over its hosting ability after Manchester City fans faced logistical challenges at the Champions League final in Istanbul last month.

UEFA said it will now work with the two federations to ensure their joint bid meets all the requirements for the 24team tournament.

Turkey is also bidding to host the 2028 edition, though that has long been expected to to the joint bid by the four United Kingdom federations

ready after a massive national construction project under two decades of President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's political leadership.
Co-hosting without a com-

England post with a header. Wiegman made two changes from the team that squeezed past Haiti 1-0 in their opener, Rachel Daly and James coming into the starting XI. And it was the 21-year-old

Chelsea forward James who was the star of the first half, before fading in the second. "It's an amazing feeling and

something I always dreamed of," she said. "We built on the momentum from the last win and took it into this game.

"Another difficult win but we got the win and that is the most important thing.'

James needed just six minutes to justify her inclusion, drifting off the left into the mid-



dle, skipping past a weak chal-lenge and bending the ball with her right foot into the bottom corner from outside the box.

James, sister of Chelsea's England men's international Reece James, was everywhere.

Twice in a minute she threatened another as England went in search of a second.
Yet for all that, Denmark

nearly equalised with their first chance on 24 minutes when Rikke Madsen took the ball inside the area on the turn and flashed just wide of the far post. The Danes, ranked 13 in the

world to England's four, were a threat on the break. Skipper Pernille Harder shot

straight at goalkeeper Mary Earps as Denmark carved out three decent looks at goal within a few minutes.

A night that had been going so well for the Lionesses then suffered a significant setback when Walsh, a key cog in the team that won the Euro last year, tumbled over and appeared to badly hurt her knee.

She was stretchered off in tears and replaced by Laura Coombs seven minutes before

half-time, a question mark now hanging over the rest of the Barcelona player's World Cup.

England were already missing captain Leah Williamson and Euro 2022 Golden Boot winner Beth Mead, both ruled out before the tournament with knee injuries. The second half was more of the same: England with most of the chances and possession, but Denmark looking to hit on the break.

That is what they did when Vangsgaard darted into the sixyard box, her header centimetres from snatching a point.

#### France sweat on Renard fitness for World Cup clash with Brazil

France are sweating on the fitness of skipper Wendie Ren ard for their must-win Women's World Cup clash with Brazil on Saturday. The defender missed training on several days this week after picking up a calf injury in France's disappointing goalless draw with Jamaica in their opener. However, she took part in

Friday's session in Brisbane, on the eve of the Group F

"Of course we hope that tomorrow everything will go well because we need her,"

#### **ARGENTINA COMEBACK**

In Dunedin, Romina Nunez scored the equaliser as Argentina roared back from two goals down to draw 2-2 and deny South Africa a landmark first Women's World Cup win. South Africa were cruising to a firstever win in five matches at the World Cup after goals by Linda Motlhalo and Thembi Kgatlana either side of half-time in Dunedin. But Argentina pulled one back via a stunning Sophia Braun strike in the 74th minute and then drew level five minutes later when Nunez headed home.

coach Herve Renard — no relation to the player — told reporters. "We are not certain tonight

100 percent, we will have the answer tomorrow because training sessions do not compare to a competitive game." France's opening result has

put them under pressure going into the match against a Brazil side who started their World Cup in impressive fashion, thumping Panama 4-0 with Ary Borges scoring a hat-trick.

Les Bleues would be at risk of an early elimination if they fail to get three points against the Brazilians.

ed the decisive goal in the last minute, to lose 2-1 to Sweden in their opening match. Appearing at their fourth

away the lead, and then conced-

South Africa also threw

World Cup, Argentina have still never won in 11 attempts themselves. After losing their opening matches in New Zealand, Argentina and South Africa have one point each.

Favourites Sweden and Italy have three points before playing each other in Wellington on Saturday, before a decisive final round of games on August 2.

# INDIA AIM TO CLINCH SERIES

he Indian team will be expected to return to its set batting order as it aims to put up a much-improved show with the willow and take an unassailable lead in the three-match series when it faces a below-par West Indies in the second ODI here on Saturday.

Skipper Rohit Sharma and coach Rahul Dravid did face a minor hiccup while trying out the middle-order batters upfront on a track that became a raging turner during the second session but a meager target of 115 meant that things were smooth for the better part.

However, one can vouch with a degree of certainty that even if India once again chases a small target, Rohit Sharma will indeed come out with Shubman Gill and Virat Kohli will be seen padded to come at one drop.

Ishan Kishan, despite his impressive fifty, will have to bat in the middle order, a place he will have to vacate during Asia Cup in Sri Lanka if KL Rahul

happens to make a comeback.
With 11 more matches left before the opening World Cup game against Australia in Chennai on October 8 (as per the current schedule), India would aim at a settled combination and hence too much experimentation might not be what the doctor would order.

The Kensington Oval in Barbados is home turf for the late Malcolm Marshall and the 'Big Bird' Joel Garner where visiting side batters would get mentally psyched out even before the 'Big Four' (Andy



Roberts and Michael Holding) had the red cherry in their

But on Thursday, the legend of Kensington track seemed like an oxymoron as Ravindra Jadeja and Kuldeep Yadav made the Caribbean batters look very silly with the turn and bounce that was on offer.

Even Hardik Pandya, with the new ball, looked very skiddy and was able to hurry the batters along with Umran Malik, who bowled a number of pacey deliveries.

Gone are those golden days of West Indies cricket and the popularity of cricket in the islands has hit an all-time nadir after its non-qualification for

the ODI World Cup in India. The propensity to play T20

game in a 50-over contest was very much on show with the kind of indiscreet shot selections that got them into a tangle against Jadeja and Kuldeep. The track used for the sec-

identical and hence Indian team shouldn't mind the challenge of batting first. Facing Gudakesh Motie's orthodox left-arm spin and Yannic Cariah's leg breaks

ond ODI might not be the

same one but nature could be

won't be the most difficult proposition but not the easiest one either. The Indian batters haven't

exactly set the stage on fire

oe Root held a brilliant slip

catch to dismiss Marnus

Labuschagne as Australia

ground their way to 115-2 at

lunch on the second day of the

fifth and final Ashes Test at The

man out in an attritional morning session that ended with Australia still 168 runs behind

Labuschagne was the only

Opener Usman Khawaja

AP LONDON

Oval on Friday.

when facing spinners on turners and this won't be a bad test for the team if the conditions of first ODI is replicated.

Places like Chennai and Lucknow -- venues for the World Cup games against Australia and England -- will aid spinners and it is always good to get some simulation in overseas conditions, which are pretty similar to what one can expect at home.

For Suryakumar Yadav, it will be imperative that he can replicate his T20 form in 50 over cricket. Thursday was a golden opportunity and he did look good before a sweep shot off Motie brought about his

Surya knows that his place in the XI could be doubtful if Shreyas Iyer gets fit and if KL Rahul returns, he might find it difficult to make it to the 15member squad unless, he scores some significant runs against Pakistan in the Asia Cup, which will then seal his spot in the side.

Mukesh Kumar as a reserve (fifth) pacer should make it to the squad behind Mohammed Shami, Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Siraj, and Shardul

His discipline, in terms of line and length, across formats has been exemplary and it will be difficult to drop him unless India picks that extra spinner in the 15-man squad.

England check Australia's progress in Oval Test

## It's a normal thing for me to not get picked due to combinations: Kuldeep

**PTI** ■ BRIDGETOWN

Getting dropped due to conditions that require a specific playing combination has been a "normal" thing for Kuldeep Yadav and the left-arm wrist spinner believes that it is better to make every opportunity count than fret on chances that he lost over the years.

The Kanpur man snapped 4 for 6 in just three overs to lead India to a fivewicket win in the first ODI against the West Indies on Thursday.

He won the 'Player of the Match' award and it would be fair to say that his googlies (one that turns away from right handers) were at times unreadable.

"Most of the times, when I don't get to play it is because of the situation and combination. It is a normal thing now. I have been playing cricket for so many years, it has been more than six years now. These things are normal," he told reporters during the

post-match press conference.
While dropping his guard for a split second, he was back to speaking about "process" and how he focusses on his length rather than obsess about taking wickets.
"I don't think much

about taking wickets now. My focus is more on the process that what length I should be bowling," he said.

Kuldeep, who has taken 19 wickets from 9 ODIs this year, hasn't consistently found a place across versions in the Indian side.

He was left out of the second Test against Bangladesh despite taking eight wickets, including a fifer and scoring a crucial 40 in the first innings last December.

"Since the past one and half years, when I have returned from the injury, I have tried to bowl on those good lengths. I want to be more consistent with the length, and as far are wickets are concerned, on some days, you will get the wicket, while on others, you

"Situation is also very important. I try my variations only when the opposition has lost four or five wickets

#### **RELATION WITH CHAHAL**

Kuldeep said competition in the Indian team only motivates him to do well and he is focusing more on his process than performance.

"Competition will always be there in the Indian cricket team but it motivates you as well to do well as you can't take anything lightly. For other," he said.

me, process is more important than performance.

"I have been working at the NCA on by bowling, on my length. When you get the opportunity, you try to make it count," he said.

Kuldeep and fellow legspinner Yuzvendra Chahal formed the famous "Kul-Cha", which made an big impact when they played together for sometime, claiming 135 wickets in 34

However, the duo hasn't played together for sometime now with Kuldeep preferred over Chahal in the opening ODI here.

"We are pretty relaxed. We know that combination matters a lot. We have a good understanding. He helps me a lot, when I am playing. He always wants me to do give my best. At the same time I also share my opinions, when he gets the chance to play.
"The 'Kul-Cha' has been

done well over the years because we support each



## RP backs SKY to be India's No. 4 at WC

¬ormer fast bowler RP Singh on Friday backed Suryakumar Yadav to be India's option at No 4 during the ICC World Cup in the possible absence of Shreyas Iyer, and said the Mumbaikar should be given ample game-time ahead of the big event.

Not having a strong batter at the No 4 slot was one of India's failings in the 2019 World Cup, and four years down the line the team could be troubled by the very same issue as Shrevas has been recuperating from an injury.

But Suryakumar, so far, has not been able to replicate his T20I prowess in ODI cricket, and he has gone without a fifty in the last 16 matches.

However, RP Singh said ruling out the option of Suryakumar would be naive.

"Suryakumar Yadav is a good option for No 4, along with Shreyas (Iyer), provided he is fit. But if you are looking at him even as a backup option, it is important to give him game-time and he is certainly a good pick," said RP.

"Suryakumar is yet to make his mark in one-day cricket but the way he is batting, and the kind of batter that he is, he can be a good option for No 4 or 5," he said.

"You must always have backup options heading into major tournaments. His current form in T20 cricket has been very good, one-day format is different because you have (to face) more number of balls. Due to that, he will have to change his game-plan a bit,"

The former left-arm fast bowler highlighted the fact England's first-innings total of dropped anchor to be 47 not

out off 152 balls, with star batsman Steve Smith, adding some Australia, as the holders, are already assured of retaining the Ashes at 2-1 up, and only need

that India do not have many

options to pick from for the No

er, it is about that one click –

how many games he takes to

make one big score. Once that

happens, he will not face any

such issues. Anyway, how many options does the team even

Malik will have to improve his

skills as a bowler as speed

alone cannot be his weapon,

adding that he is one of the bowlers in fray to play in the

of matches before the World

Cup. He can get 5-6 games in

the Asia Cup, and three more

matches (against Australia).

Umran has the advantage of

pace. But the issue with him is

the skill — his deliveries do not

move much," RP said.

'You have a good number

RP Singh said pacer Umran

have for No 4?," he said.

World Cup.

batter slot.

"He is an experienced play-

to avoid defeat at The Oval to secure their first Test series win away to England in 22 years. But in their desire to deny

England a breakthrough in London the innings stagnated. Labuschagne, fresh from

his hundred in last week's rainmarred drawn fourth Test at Old Trafford, was two not out overnight.

But he took a further 59 balls to score seven more runs before he was superbly caught



in the slips by Root off fast bowler Mark Wood. Australia resumed on 61-

1, with left-hander Khawaja 26 not out off 75 balls -- a marked contrast to England's frenetic 'Bazball' approach. The tourists held firm in a

tense first hour on Friday.

But Labuschagne eventually fell when he edged a full-length ball from express quick Wood and Root held a brilliant one-handed catch diving to his left at first slip after Jonny Bairstow had not moved for a chance that belonged to the wicketkeeper.

That left Australia on 91-

reach double figures in an 82ball innings. But new batsman Smith

upped the tempo with two superb straight-driven fours off successive deliveries from veteran paceman James Anderson, who turns 41 on

England were a bowler light after it was announced Moeen Ali would remain off the field with the groin injury the off-spinner suffered while batting on Thursday.

Ben Stokes's longstanding knee problem has effectively reduced the England captain to a specialist role as a batsman

## 5th Ashes Test could be Warner's final outing: McGrath

PTI LONDON

Legendary Australian pacer Glenn McGrath said David Warner's career could be "coming towards an end" unless the veteran opener scores big in the second innings of the ongoing fifth and final Ashes Test against England.

Warner could only man-

age 24 in the first innings at

The Oval. The left-handed opener has scored just 225 runs in the nine innings in this Ashes at a mediocre average of 25.00, which includes only one halfcentury (66) that he made during the second Test at

"There's a bit of pressure on Dave Warner. He looked



ok, but then, got out again. To be honest, I think, unfortunately, that maybe, it's coming towards the end of his career,

"I know he came out the other day and said he wanted to play it to the end of next summer. But I think the pressure is on him. The vultures are circling. Unless he comes out in the second dig and produces a big score, I think he might struggle," he said.

Despite speculations that he might call time on his Test career after the Ashes, Warner has ruled out that possibility.

Warner has hinted that he was eager to retire at his home venue, Sydney Cricket Ground, during the Test series against Pakistan later this year.

## Harman can only play in Asian Games if India qualify for final

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Temperamental Indian women's cricket team captain Harmanpreet Kaur will only be able to play in the Asian Games if her team reaches the final of the mega event starting September 23 in Hangzhou.

"In international cricket, Four teams in both speed alone cannot be the only men's and women's events weapon. You have to make a India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka game-plan as well, and that is and Bangladesh -- will be directly playing from the something he is not learning as quickly as he should. He also last eight stage, courtesy the ICC T20I ranking on June 1. concedes a lot of runs. But he seems to be in the loop for the All the matches will have World Cup because he has the official T20I status.

Harmanpreet, who has been slapped with a two-Given that Rishabh Pant is match ban for her public unlikely to feature in the World outburst after an ODI game Cup and KL Rahul still far away from being match-fit, RP Singh against Bangladesh recently, placed Ishan Kishan as an is ineligible to play the quarter-final which will surely be option for the wicketkeeperagainst an associate nation followed by the semi-final against a full member "I think the Indian team is looking at Ishan Kishan as the

second wicketkeeping option. Even the Ruturaj He got game time in the first Gaikwad-led men's team has ODI (against West Indies), so that he can play some balls and got a direct entry into the make some runs to remain conquarter-final on the basis of fident, in case KL Rahul is not its ICC T20 ranking on June available," he said.



comprise 18 teams while women's event will have 14 outfits.

The women's competition will start on September 19 and end with the gold and bronze medal matches on September 26.

The men's event starts on September 28 and the final will be played on October 7, two days after the men's ICC 50-over World Cup starts in Ahmedabad. If the Indian cricket

team qualifies for the final,

it will have to play on three back-to-back days --October 5 (quarter-final) October 6 (semi-final) and October 7 (final). In all likelihood, India's

quarter-final will be against a second-string Afghanistan or Bangladesh team, as the first teams of both nations will be in India during that time for the World Cup. It is unlikely that the

men's team will be reporting to the Games Village before the start of the opening ceremony as there will be nearly two weeks time before their campaign starts.

Also the BCCI hasn't yet confirmed whether the cricket teams will stay in the Games Village or at a fivestar facility in the city. In all, 32 matches across

men's and women's event will be held at the Hangzhou Games, with the women's event accounting for 14 games and the men's event having 18.

The Indian men's team, if it plays till the final, will get to play the afternoon games -- 12 noon IST (2:30 pm

#### **Papua New** Guinea qualify for **T20 WC 2024**

PTI ■ PORT MORESBY

Papua New Guinea has become the latest team to qualify for the 2024 ICC Men's T20 World Cup, set to be held in the West Indies and the USA.

It is the 15th side to have qualified for the event and the only team from the East Asia-Pacific Qualifier. PNG managed to get

the job done following their massive 100-run win over the Philippines at Amini Park on Friday. After being asked to bat

first, PNG posted a mam-moth total of 229/6, thanks to some elegant knocks from Tony Ura, skipper Assad Vala and Charles Amini, scoring 61, 59 and 53, respectively.

In reply, the Philippines struggled to get the job done. Although they saved themselves from getting bundled out entirely, they fell short by a big margin.

## **Deodhar Trophy: South** stroll past North East



**PTI** PUDUCHERRY

outh Zone brought forth their Sall-round prowess to brush aside North East Zone by nine wickets in their Deodhar Trophy match here on Friday

The South Zone bowlers, led by Vidwath Kaverappa and R Sai Kishore, bundled out NE Zone for a feeble 136 after the latter elected to bat first.

South had little trouble in overhauling the target in just 19.3 overs as opener Rohan Kunnummal made an unbeaten fifty (87, 58 balls, 8x4, 5x6).

The victory also saw South consolidating their position on top of the table with 12 points, and a superior net run rate (NRR) too helped their cause.

In this match, South paired Vidwath with Arjun Tendulkar, who came in for Vasuki Koushik. The left-arm pacer Arjun made

an immediate impact, dismissing opener Anup Ahlawat. With Vidwath and Sai Kishore too joining the list, North East found themselves at a rocky 31 for 3. North East Zone failed to

stitch together any meaningful partnership in their innings except a 30-run alliance for the fourth wicket between captain M Langlonyamba and K Priyojit. Priyojit was the top-scorer for

NE Zone with a 40 that he made

off 104 balls. Pacer Vidwath and left-arm spinner Sai Kishore were the most successful bowlers for South, tak-

themselves. Vidwath, now, has 12 wickets from three matches and leads the wicket-takers' chart. Sai Kishore closely tails him with 10 wickets.

ing six wickets equally among

two sides was evident once Rohan and Mayank Agarwal mounted the

The gulf in class between the