

Manipur violence: Shah

HM emphasises need for dialogue as sole solution to ongoing crisis

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In a significant development aimed at resolving the recent clashes in Manipur, Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday announced to set up a judicial probe led by a retired Chief Justice of a High Court. Shah announced this during a Press conference, stressing the imperative need for dialogue as the sole solution to the ongoing crisis.

Moreover, Shah unveiled plans to establish a peace committee under the leadership of Manipur Governor Anusuiya Uikey. This committee will consist of representatives from all political parties, as well as members from the Kuki and the Meitei communities and various social organisations.

Its primary objective is to facilitate constructive discussions and foster peace-building efforts in the region.

During the Press confer-ence, Shah declared, "We will soon announce a judicial probe headed by a retired High Court Chief Justice and set up a peace committee.



Union Home Minister Amit Shah addresses a Press conference in Imphal on Thursday

In an additional endeavour to address the situation comprehensively, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) will launch an investigation into multiple FIRs alleging criminal conspiracies behind the violence in Manipur.

Despite the recent outbreaks of violence, Shah expressed optimism regarding the state of affairs, affirming that violence is merely a temporary phase and that misunderstandings will eventually be resolved.

He revealed that he per-sonally visited relief camps, met with representatives from the Kuki and the Meitei civil groups, and engaged in discussions pertaining to the peace process. Leaders from both the Meitei and the Kuki communities, along with other civil society representatives,

assured Shah of their unwavering commitment to easing tensions and addressing misunderstandings. Shah also disclosed plans to establish an Inter-Agency Unified Command to enhance coordination among various securi-

ty agencies operating in Manipur. Presently, approxi-mately 10,000 personnel from the Army and the Assam rifles have been deployed in the State, in addition to the Central and State police forces.

In response to concerns regarding the Indo-Myanmar border, Shah emphasised the criticality of completing the border fencing between the two countries.

The porous nature of the border has raised apprehensions about drug smuggling and the movement of militants. Additionally, biometric data of individuals arriving from neighbouring countries is being collected to monitor the influx of refugees from Myanmar.

Addressing the origins of the clashes, Shah clarified that the classes, snan charned that the ethnic riots were triggered by the Manipur High Court's request to the State Government for its opinion on granting Scheduled Tribe status to a particular community.

When questioned about the Kuki community's demand for a separate administrative unit, the Minister refrained from making any sensational statements, reiterating the central government's unwavering commitment to preserving Manipur's territorial integrity.

Shah proudly highlighted the accomplishments of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Government in Manipur over the past six years, underscoring that the State has remained free from strikes, curfews, and blockades, experiencing substantial growth and harmony.

Shah assured the public that the Government would soon announce a relief and rehabilitation package.

This package aims to pro vide financial assistance to families who have suffered losses, injuries, or property damage as a result of the violence. The funds will be directly transferred to the bank accounts of the victims and their relatives, serving as a crucial step toward recovery and restoration

Judicial probe to resolve Ties with Nepal 'super hit': Modi Nepal PM hails Modi's 'neighbourhood first policy'

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

India and Nepal on Thursday reviewed their historic bilateral ties during talks here between Prime Minister Kamal Pushpa Dahal "Prachanda," and Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He described the relationship between the two countries a "hit" and said the two sides will strive to take their relationship to "Himalayan heights."

The two Prime Ministers also jointly unveiled the e-plaque of the Kurtha-Bijalpura section of the Railway. Both leaders jointly flagged off the Indian Railway cargo train from Bathnaha in Bihar to Nepal Custom yard. The two sides also signed

Prime Minister Narendra Modi with his Nepali counterpart Pushpa Kamal Dahal seven agreements to boost Prachanda' during their joint press statement after a meeting at the Hyderabad cooperation in a range of areas, House in New Delhi on Thursday including extension of crossborder petroleum pipeline, development of integrated check posts and boosting coopassumed office in December last year. The Nepalese PM said he appreciated Modi's "neigheration in hydroelectric power.

One of the key pacts signed was the revised India-Nepal treaty of transit Prachanda arrived here on after the talks, Modi said he and Prachanda took many

Wednesday on a four-day visit. It is his first bilateral visit to a foreign country since he

IAF aircraft crashes in K'taka field,



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an trainer aircraft of th

high the second between India and Nepal that our borders do not become

barriers between us," he said. Modi said he was feeling proud to say after nine years that "our partnership has been really a 'hit." Following the talks, the

any other issue," Modi said in the presence of Prachanda.

priority in strengthening ties

with Nepal after he took charge

as Prime Minister nine years

back. "I remember, nine years ago, in 2014, within three

months of taking office, I made my first visit to Nepal. At that

Modi also referred to his

two leaders virtually inaugurated integrated check posts at Rupaidiha in India and Nepalgunj in Nepal. They also virtually flagged off a cargo train from Bathnaha in Bihar

to Nepal custom yard. remotely inaugurated a number To further strengthen cul tural and religious ties, "PM Prachanda and I decided that "We will continue to strive to take our relationship to projects related to Ramayana circuit should be expedited," Himalayan heights. And in this spirit, we will resolve all Modi said issues, be it boundary related or

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Khap to take up with Prez wrestlers' fight for justice

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In his media statement

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In a significant development, a Khap Mahapanchayat held in Muzaffarnagar on Thursday announced its decision to form a delegation to meet President Droupadi Murmu to seek justice for wrestlers who have bravely come forward with allegations of sexual abuse against Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, the BJP MP and outgoing chief of the Wrestling ration of India (WFI)



Jaishankar urges **BRICS** nations to



is were seized from their possession, they said, adding one of the vehicles recovered was reportedly stolen from Delhi

SHOOTERS ARRESTED

arrested here, police said on

Thursday. Four pistols. 28 live cartridges, two vehicles and seven

Gurugram: Ten shooters allegedly

CONG SHOULD CELEBRATE INDIA'S SUCCESS: RIJIJU

New Delhi: With India reporting 7.2 per cent growth rate, Union Minister Kiren Rijiju on Thursday asked the Congress to celebrate it and not take "sadistic pleasure" by undermining the country's success stories.

TMC'S ABHISHEK LEADS **RALLY IN NANDIGRAM**

Nandigram Senior TMC leader Abhishek Baneriee led a 20-km-

long march to Nandigram in Purba Medinipur on Thursday, taking the fight for the nanchavat elections to the stronghold of Leader of Opposition Suvendu Adhikari who defeated Chief Minister Mamata Baneriee in this seat in the 2021 Assembly polls

show sincerity in reforming UNSC

PNS NEW DELHI/CAPE TOWN

In a veiled attack on Pakistan, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Thursday described terrorism as the key threat to international peace and security and said all nations must take resolute measures against this menace, including its financing and propaganda. In his opening remarks at the BRICS Foreign Ministers' Meeting here, Jaishankar also said that terrorism must be combated in all its forms and manifestations, and never be condoned under

any circumstances. "Among the key threats to international peace and security is that of terrorism. All nations must take resolute measures against this menace,

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar shake hands with Saudi counterpart Faisal bin Farhan at BRICS Foreign Ministers' Meeting, in Cape Town on Thursday PTI

including its financing and propaganda," the Minister said at the forum attended by Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and South African Foreign Minister Naledi Pandor among others.

Jaishankar has in the past described Pakistan as the "epicentre of terrorism" where terrorists like Hafiz Saeed, Masood Azhar, Sajid Mir and Dawood Ibrahim are sheltered.

He also called on BRICS nations to demonstrate their sincerity in reforming multi-

cause of the crash. lateral institutions, including that of the UN Security Council. "For two decades, we have heard calls for reform of multilateral institutions, only to be continuously disappointed. It is, therefore, imperative that

BRICS members demonstrate sincerity in regard to reforming global decision-making, including that of the UN Security Council," he said in his opening remarks at the BRICS Foreign Ministers' Meeting

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AIndian Air Force (IAF) on Thursday crashed in an open field at a village in Chamarajanagar district of Karnataka. The two pilots, including a woman, managed to eject safely from the plane before the mishap. A mandatory court of inquiry was initiated by the IAF to find out the

The training aircraft, which took off from the air force station in Bengaluru, crashed in the morning at Bhogapura village. It was good fortune that aircraft hit the ground on bar-

District officials said the dent occurred. A court of inquiry has been ordered to maintaining strict vigil at the ascertain the cause of accident.

ren land and not in the nearby village, a villager said. pilots, identified only as Tejpal and Bhumika, sustained minor injuries. No casualties were reported. According to the IAF, the pilots were on a routine training sortie when the inci-

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Thursday came out in support of protesting wrestlers who have been seeking arrest of WFI chief stating that she will fight till they

get justice. "I will request the wrestlers to continue their movement. This fight is for life, for independence, for humanitarian justice," she said

But Union Sports Minister Anurag Thakur maintained that the Government is handling the issue "sensitively," and has agreed to the wrestlers' earlier demands.

Security was tightened at Delhi's border points on Thursday in view of a call for nationwide demonstrations given by the Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM) in support of wrestlers protesting against WFI chief.

Security personnel are border points and extra pick-Continued on Page 2 ets have been put up to prevent



Bharatiya Kisan Union leader Rakesh Tikait addresses a Khap 'Mahapanchaya organised over the ongoing protest by wrestlers against WFI President Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, at Soram village, in Muzaffarnagar on Thursday PTI

any untoward incident, Delhi Police officials said.

Led by farmer leader Rakesh Tikiat, the mahapanchayat was convened by Bhartiya Kisan Union leader Naresh Tikait, a day after they successfully dissuaded

several prominent wrestlers from discarding their hardearned medals into the Ganga river as a mark of protest against the alleged inaction of the police regarding the accused.

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Delhi excise case: Hyd trader turns approver; pardoned

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

Acity court on Thursday allowed Hyderabad businessman P Sarath Chandra Reddy, accused in a money laundering case related to the alleged excise policy scam, to turn approver.

Special Judge MK Nagpal allowed his prayer and granted pardon to Reddy on an application moved by him. Special Judge Nagpal passed this order on May 29. Former Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia is also an

The development may compound the legal woes of other accused in the politically sensitive case for both Sisodia and the AAP, which is only regional political outfit that runs the Governments in Delhi and Punjab.

an approver in the case."

Reddy was recently granted bail by the Delhi High

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Democracy no more in AAP gets DMK support on ordinance row NCERT Class X book PNS NEW DELHI

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the political party leaders

PNS NEW DELHI

The National Council for Education Research and Training (NCERT) has dropped chapters on the Periodic Table, the contribution of agriculture to the national economy, challenges to democracy, and sustainable management of natural resources from the Class 10 textbook as part of a "rationalisation" exercise. The changes were based on expert recommendations and the revised textbooks are now available in the market.

While the entire chapter introducing the Periodic Table has been dropped from the Class 10 Chemistry textbook, it remains a part of the syllabus for Class 11. The significance of the topic is highlighted in the Class 11 Chemistry textbook,



which includes a quote by American chemist Glenn 1 Seaborg stating that the Periodic Table is the most important concept in chem-

istry. The NCERT justified the changes by stating that reducing content load on students is crucial in light of the Covid-19

pandemic. The National Education Policy 2020 also emphasises the need to decrease content load and promote experiential learning.

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin on Thursday accused the Centre of creating a crisis in the non-BJP ruled States and said the ruling DMK would strongly oppose the Central ordinance on control over administrative services in the national Capital.

'The Centre is creating a crisis to the Aam Aadmi Party and is preventing a duly elected Government from functioning independently.

Despite the Supreme Court verdict in favour of the AAP Government, the Centre brought the ordinance.

The DMK will strongly oppose it," Stalin, who is president of the DMK, told reporters outside his Alwarpet residence here. Flanked by Delhi Chief

Continued on Page 2 | Minister Arvind Kejriwal and



Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin, with Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, addresses the media after their meeting at his residence in Chennai on Thursday

Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann, should extend their support in Stalin described Kejriwal as his opposing the ordinance," Stalin "good friend" and said the disurged. 'This sort of healthy discussion between them on

cussion among the Opposition opposing the ordinance was parties should continue to pro-"The Chief Ministers in the tect the democracy in the country," he added. non-BJP ruled States and also

Accusing the BJP-led

Government of bringing the ordinance nullifying the Supreme Court order, Kejriwal, who air dashed to Chennai and sought Stalin's support, said the DMK agreed to strongly oppose it and stand by the AAP Government and the people of Delhi.

This ordinance should be collectively defeated in Parliament as it is undemocratic, against the federal structure and unconstitutional," he said and termed the coming together of opposition parties to defeat the ordinance as semi-finals to the 2024 Lok Sabha election.

Mann said the DMK Government had to put up a fight against a Governor who not only refrained from passing the Assembly bills but also did not read out the speech prepared by the State Government.

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accused in the case.

alleged that irregularities were committed while modifying The court made the decision on an application moved by Reddy, who in his application said, "I am ready to make true disclosure voluntarily about the case and want to be

the competent authority's approval.



Enforcement Directorate (ED),

Reddy is the head of

Hyderabad-based company

Aurobindo Pharma, and was

also engaged in liquor business. Reddy had in the past

accused the ED of putting

undue pressure and using force

on witnesses to sign "pre-dic-

tated" statements. However, in

the course of investigation, he had later said the allegations

the Delhi Excise Policy 2021

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The CBI and the ED have

were "baseless".



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'LS disqualification gave me huge opportunity'

PTI STANFORD

¬ongress leader Rahul Gandhi has said that he did not imagine his disqualification from the Lok Sabha was possible when he joined politics but asserted that it has given him a "huge opportunity" to

serve the people. Gandhi, who is in the US for a three-city US tour, made the remarks on Wednesday night in response to a series of questions from Indian students at the prestigious Stanford University Campus in California

The Wayanad (Kerala) Member of Parliament was disqualified from Lok Sabha earlier this year after he was convicted by a Surat court in a 2019 criminal defamation case over his "Modi surname" remark



In his remarks, Gandhi

said that when he joined poli-

tics in 2000, he never imagined

this is what he would go

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joined politics.

this was possible.

than the opportunity I would have. That's just the way poli-tics works," he said. "I think the drama started

nity. Probably much bigger

really, about six months ago. We were struggling. The entire opposition is struggling in India. Huge financial dominance. Institutional capture. We're struggling to fight the democratic fight in our country," he said, adding that at this point in time, he decided to go for the 'Bharat Jodo Yatra'.

through. What he sees is going "I am very clear, our fight on now is way outside anything that he had thought when he is ours fight," he said. "But there is a group of young students Referring to his disqualifi-cation from Lok Sabha as a from India here. I want to have a relationship with them and Member of Parliament, want to talk to them. It's my Gandhi, 52, said he didn't right to do it," he said during his interaction with Indian imagine that something like students and academicians of "But then I think it's actu-Indian origin at the University ally given me a huge opportuhere.

Successful training launch of missile Agni-1 in Odisha

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

In an effort to test the combat readiness of the missile systems of the country especially against the backdrop of China, against the backdrop of China, a successful training launch of a Medium-Range Ballistic Missile, Agni-1 was carried out by the Strategic Forces Command from APJ Abdul Kalam Island, Odisha on Thursday. It can hit a target at more than 1,000 km and is capable of carrying nuclear

payload as a deterrence. Giving details here, defence ministry officials said the missile is a proven system, capable of striking targets with a very high degree of precision. The user training launch successfully validated all operational and technical parameters of the missile.

Agni-I is a medium-range

Democracy no...

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sideration the learning outcomes developed across classes while making these revisions.

In addition to the removal of the Periodic Table chapter, other deletions were made in the Class 10 Science textbook, including passages on "Evolution". The Science textbooks for Classes 6, 7, and 8 no longer include chapters on Fibre and Fabrics. Notably, the "Why do we fall ill" chapter has been dropped from the Class 9 Science textbook.

The reasons provided by the NCERT for these dele-

tions include overlapping con-From Page 1 The NCERT took into content, lack of relevance or outdated information, difficulty,

and the accessibility of the topics through self-learning or peer-learning. The removal of several topics from NCERT textbooks sparked controversy, with the Opposition accusing the Government of attempting

ballistic missile that was devel-

oped by Defence Research and

Development Organisation (DRDO) in the Integrated

Guided Missile Development

It is a single-stage missile that was developed after the

Kargil War to fill the gap

between the 250 km (160-

mile) range of the Prithvi-II

missile and the 2,500 km

(1,600-mile) range of the Agni-

II. It was first launched from a

road mobile launcher at

Integrated Test Range (ITR),

Wheeler Island, on 25 January

Program.

described the omissions as a possible oversight but later stated that minor changes need not be notified. The textbooks are set for revision in 2024 with the implementation of the Curriculum National Framework.

SFJ's Multani named proclaimed offender in Tiffin Bomb case intention of spreading terror

PNS 📕 NEW DELHI

The NIA Special Court, Chandigarh, on Wednesday declared accused Jaswinder Singh alias Multani a Proclaimed Offender (PO) in the Model Jail Tiffin Bomb case of April 2022. Multani, a member of the banned 'unlawful association' Sikhs for Justice (SFJ), is currently based in Germany and has a non-bailable warrant (NBW) against him. The NIA Court had issued the NBW against him on January 5, 2023.

The NIA had also declared a reward of Rs 10 lakh and opened an LOC (Look Out Circular) against Multani.

'Multani has been identified as the mastermind behind planting of the IED bomb outside the wall of Model Jail, Burail, Chandigarh with the

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Pioneer Hindi Bureau Chief Raj B Singh passes away PNS LUCKNOW

The bureau chief of Pioneer Hindi, Raj Bahadur Singh (55), passed away at Sanjay Gandhi Post-Graduate Institute Medical Sciences of (SGPGIMS) in Lucknow on Thursday.

Singh was admitted to King George's Medical University on May 20 but was shifted to SGPGIMS last week after suffering from multiorgan failure.

Singh is survived by wife and two sons. He had worked in various publications of Hindi and English and was known for his exceptional journalism skills.

The news of his demise has left the media fraternity in shock and grief. Many journalists and media personalities took to social media to express their condolences.

Rajasthan's Hanumangarh.

a routine training sortie when it crashed. The pilot escaped

unhurt and suffered minor

The fighter jet was doing

PM SVANidhi mobile app launched by Puri

PNS NEW DELHI

Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri on Thursday said the PM SVANidhi scheme, launched to help street vendors get easy loans, is witnessing one of the fastest roll-outs among all Government schemes.

The Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister was speaking at an event on the completion of three years of the scheme for vendors.

Puri on Thursday also launched a PM SVANidhi mobile app to ease the loan application process for street vendors. He also interacted with the beneficiaries of the scheme.

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dismembered her body, kept it in a fridge, and disposed the pieces of in desolate pieces across the city over several days to dodge the police and the public. . Shreejay Vikas Walkar, who was examined as a prosecution witness by the public prosecutor before Additional Sessions Judge Manisha Khurana Kakkar, testified his sister had left the house she inhabited with Poonawala in Mumbai after her family advised her against being in a relationship with him.

der trial.

Shraddha turned down the advice, asserting she was already 25 years of age and "could take her own decisions".

Aaftab used to beat | ED grills J'khand Shraddha, then Cong MLA Pradeep Yadav in money apologise: Brother

laundering case PNS NEW DELHI

aftab Amin Poonawala used Ato beat Shraddha Walkar The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Thursday interro-gated Jharkhand Congress MLA and then apologise, persuading her to forgive the assaults, her brother testified Thursday in a Pradeep Yadav as part of its Delhi court which commenced investigation into a money launrecording the testimonies of dering case.

On Tuesday, the agency witnesses in the sensational murhad conducted searches at a Shraddha , who was in a dozen locations in Jharkhand live-in relationship with the linked to Yadav, a five-time accused, was allegedly stranlegislator from the Poraiyahat gled by Poonawala on May 18 seat and deputy leader of the last year. The accused allegedly Congress in the Assembly, officials said.

After the questioning on Wednesday, the MLA said he will soon approach the court over the ED action. He claimed the ED found nothing objectionable in its raids so far.

Yadav alleged that the BJP was using Central agencies to target the Opposition leaders.

Fifty-seven-year-old Yadav and another MLA's premises were searched by the Income Tax Department last year as part of a tax evasion probe against some business groups engaged in coal trading and transportation, extraction of iron ore and production of sponge iron in Iharkhand.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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devastating aftereffects of the Covid pandemic, the stresses arising from conflict and the South," the minister said, without mentioning the Ukraine conflict.

shortcomings of the current international architecture which does not reflect today's politics, economics, demographics or We are a symbol of change and aspirations, he said. The minismust act accordingly," he added. "This responsibility is even ter also called for much-await-ed reform of the UN Security

Council

heard calls for reform of multilateral institutions, only to be continuously disappointed. It is, therefore, imperative that BRICS members demonstrate sincerity in regard to reforming global decision making, includ-ing that of the UN Security Council," he said.

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Jaishankar said that at the heart of the problems the countries face is economic concentration that leaves too many nations at the mercy of too few.

sation," he said.

He said the UN has declared 2023 as the International Year of millets. Encouraging climate resilient and nutritious grain production will surely enhance glob-al food security, he added. "The lifestyle for environmental initiatives tabled by India is another important step towards sustainability that the BRICS should support. Our meeting will also be considering the comprehensive institutional development of this," he said.

to erase certain portions. The NCERT initially emergency services personnel. As soon as the plane crashed with a loud noise, vil-

training sortie. Both air crew ejected safely. A Court of Inquiry has been ordered to ascertain the cause of the accident," the IAF tweeted. Senior district officials and an IAF team reached the spot, along with the fire and

Besides alerting the local police and the fire brigade, two injured pilots. Last month, three people died after a MiG-21 fighter "A Kiran trainer aircraft of the IAF crashed near they also rushed to the spot aircraft of the Indian Air Chamrajnagar, Karnataka where the two pilots were Force (IAF) crashed in today, while on a routine

terror.

seen ejecting and coming down with the help of para-chute. Villagers noticed the two pilots lying on the ground.

and causing violence. The tif-

fin bomb, along with a deto-nator, was found in a black bag

outside the Jail on April 22, last

year," the NIA said in a state-

ment. The case was originally

registered against unknown persons by Chandigarh Police as FIR Number 33 under the

Explosive Substances Act, 1908. The NIA subsequently

took over the case in May

2022, and re-registered it with

additional provisions under

the Unlawful Activities

that Multani had master-

minded the crime from

Germany. "He was in touch

with pro-Khalistan operatives

based in India, Pakistan and

other countries, and was using

them to promote violence and

IAF aircraft crashes in K'taka...

The NIA probe revealed

(Prevention) Act, 1967.

ground. Quickly, they created a temporary shed for them. Police officials rushed to

the spot, cordoned off the area and put up a makeshift tent for the injured pilots. The district officials in turn informed the IAF authorities in Bengaluru who then rushed to the spot in a special helicopter and airlifted the



From Page 1 Noting that the international situation is challenging,

Jaishankar said the global environment today demands that the BRICS nations should approach key contemporary issues seri-ously, constructively and collectively. "Our gathering must send out a strong message that the world is multipolar, that it is rebalancing and that old ways

cannot address new situations.

greater as we contemplate the economic distress of the Global

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found the mangled aircraft engulfed in flames and billowing smoke.

All must resolve to fight terror, its financing: EAM at BRICS... "For two decades, we have

This may be in regard to production, resources, services or connectivity," he said, adding that the recent experiences impacting health, energy and food security, only highlight this fragility.

He said India, the current chair of the G20, undertook the voice of the Global South exercise to place these issues before the grouping. "We urge that BRICS give it particular consideration and promote the economic decentralisation that is so essential to political democrati-

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Public Notice This is to inform general public that Sh. Satish Garg has acquired the Residential plot bearing no. 62, on Road no. A-27, measuring 420 sq. mirs. situated in the residential colony known as DLF City, Phase-I, in and around Village Chakkarpur, Thesil & Distt. Gurgaon, Haryana vide Transfer Deed in Blood Relation Dated 21 09 2018. Doc. on 9624 Abnowe said courser has 21 09 2018. b) 100% state as per record has deed on D2.05.2002 and She had executed a regd. WiLL in favour of her husband Sh. Mangal Singh vide document no. 567/3, dt. 20.12.2021 regd. in the office of Sub Registrar Faridabad & She has left behind the following legal heirs: Mangal Singh (Husband), Mukesh Kumar (Son), Nagender Kumar (Son), Geeta Kumari (Daughter), Sunita (Daughter), Babita (Daughter), and there are no other legal heirs except those mentioned above. Sh. Mangal Singh S/o Late Padam Singh R/o H.No. 1054, Sector 9, Faridabad, HR, Intends to apply for the transfer of the said property in his favour on the basis of regd. WiLL if any person is having objection against the transfer of plot/house, he/they can submit objections in writing to the Estate officer mSVP Faridabad. Along with supporting documents within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. Otherwise the Estate officer may sanction mutation of the property as per HSVP policy and may natenterian subsequed talamifary. 1.09.2018, Doc no. 9624.Above said owner has

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Legal Heir : Sh. Mangal Singh

PUBLIC NOTICE Be it known to all that I, **Sh. Piyush Punj** S/o Sh. Madan Mohan Rai Punj R/o House No. 203 GH- 8A Sector-20 House No. 203, GH- 8A, Sector-20, Panchkula, Haryana134116, purchaser of Flat No. 160-C, Second Floor, Pocket- GH-2, Cat- LIG, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi, have applied for certify copy of all original allotment document of the aforesaid property in DDA i.e., Demand cum Allotment Letter, Possession Letter, Possession Slip, NOC for Electricity and Water Connection, Bank Challan and other Other Ducuments issued by and other Other Ducuments issued by and other Other Ducuments issued by D D A v id e File No. F31(209)/1987/LAB(H), which have been lost or misplaced and are not traceable inspite of the best efforts. An FIR/NCR to this effect has been lodged in Crime Branch vide LR. No 444959/2023, dated 15/05/2023. Any person(s) claiming any rights, nterest or having any objection may contact with above named person on ohone No. 9876620397, within 15 days

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trader turns approver..

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The ED had earlier told the court it was amply evident that Reddy had actively planned and conspired with various business owners and politicians involved in the alleged scam, and indulged in unfair market practices to gain undue advantage from the Delhi excise policy.

alleged scam, also being probed Reddy was alleged to have by the CBI.

Delhi excise case: Hyd | **AAP gets DMK's support on**

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"I am facing similar probled a nexus that controlled a lems in my State. I had to huge market share of the liquor move the Supreme Court to business in the national capital call a Budget session because the Governor wasn't allowing by way of cartelization in clear it," Mann said and added, "We contravention of the objectives of the excise policy. A seek the DMK's support to Delhi-based businessman save democracy.' Dinesh Arora had earlier

Kejriwal has been reaching out to leaders of non-BJP ruption case arising from the parties to garner support against the ordinance so that the Centre's bid to replace it

through a bill is defeated when it is brought in Parliament.

The Centre had on May 19 promulgated the ordinance to create an authority for the transfer and posting of Group-A officers in Delhi, which the AAP Government had called a deception with the Supreme Court verdict on control of services. The ordinance came a week after the apex court handed over the

control of services in Delhi, excluding police, public order and land, to the elected Government.

It seeks to set up a National Capital Civil Service Authority for the transfer of and disciplinary proceedings against Group-A officers from the DANICS cadre. The Centre will have to bring a bill in Parliament to replace the ordinance within six months of its promulgation.

Ties with Nepal 'super hit'...

turned approver in the cor-

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In his comments, Prachanda said he and Modi carried out an "extensive review" of the progress in the ties and renewed their commitment to further strengthen relations and cooperation.

"The relations between Nepal and India are age-old and multi-faceted. This relationship stands on the solid foundation built on one hand by the rich tradition of civilisational, cultural and socioeconomic linkage and on the other by the firm commitment of the two countries to the time-tested principle of sovereign equality, mutual respect, understanding and cooperation," he said.

He said the two sides discussed ways to further strengthen cooperation in diverse areas, including trade, transit, investment, hydropower, power trade, irrigation, power transmission line, expansion of petroleum pipeline, construction of integrated check post and land and

air connectivity.

"We are happy to see the remarkable transformation of India's economic and development landscape under the able leadership of Prime Minister Modi. I congratulate Prime Minister Modi on the completion this week of nine years in government with far-reaching achievement in many fronts," Prachanda said.

Modi and Prachanda jointly inaugurated the integrated check posts at Rupaidiha in India and Nepalgunj in Nepal, built with India's assistance. The two leaders also unveiled the integrated check posts at Sanauli in India and Bhairahawa in Nepal.

The two Prime Ministers jointly set into motion the Gorakhpur-New Butwal substation 400 KV cross-border transmission line. The two leaders laid the foundation stone of Phase II of the Motihari-Amlekhgunj Oil Pipeline between India and Nepal. The exchange of seven

agreements took place between India and Nepal in the presence of the two Prime Ministers regarding infrastructure development, connectivity and people-to-people ties.

Nepal is important for India in the context of its overall strategic interests in the region, and the leaders of the two countries have often noted the age-old "Roti-Beti" relationship, which refers to cross border marriages between people of the two countries.

The country shares a border of over 1,850 km with five Indian States - Sikkim, West Bengal, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand. Land-locked Nepal relies heavily on India for the transportation of goods and services.

Nepal's access to the sea is through India, and it imports a predominant proportion of its requirements from and through India. The India-Nepal Treaty of Peace and Friendship of 1950 forms the bedrock of the special relations between the two countries.

Khap to take up with Prez wrestlers' fight...

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With participation from khap leaders representing Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, and Delhi, the mahapanchayat underscored the urgency of the situation and outlined future plans, including a forthcoming meeting in Kurukshetra.

Tikait emphasised the determination of the khaps to continue their fight until justice is served, affirming their intent to engage with both the president and the Government on this critical matter.

Despite not providing specific details on the next steps, Tikait expressed the resolve to take further action if necessary.

Notably, Tikait addressed concerns over the outgoing WFI chief making statements in the media, highlighting the discrepancy between allowing him the freedom to speak while the Government remains silent, despite the serious charges filed against him under

the Protection Of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act. Earlier, Olympic medalists

Sakshi Malik and Bajrang Punia, along with Asian Games gold medalist Vinesh Phogat and their supporters, had planned to dispose of their medals in the Ganga as a symbolic gesture of protest. However, they temporarily halted their action following the assurance from khap and farmer leaders, who requested five days to address their grievances.

The Delhi Police has lodged two FIRs against Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, one under the POCSO Act based on allegations made by a minor wrestler, and another related to outraging modesty. Despite the accusations, Singh vehemently denied all charges and even went on record stating that he would take his own life if any of the allegations were proven true.

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10 shooters of Bishnoi, Brar gangs land in police net

STAFF REPORTER GURUGRAM

In a major breakthrough, Haryana police have arrested 10 shooters allegedly associated with gangsters Lawrence Bishnoi and Goldie Brar from Gurugram's Bhondsi area and near Rajiv Chowk Devilal Stadium on Thursday. According to police, four pis-tols, 28 live cartridges, two vehicles and seven police uni-forms were seized from their possession, they said, adding one of the vehicles recovered was reportedly stolen from Delhi

The police during a press conference on Thursday revealed that following the direction of Gurugram Police Commissioner

Ramachandran and under the supervision of Vijay Pratap Deputy Commissioner of Police (Crime) and Varun

Dahiya ACP (Crime) the police nabbed the accused with huge arms on Wednesday. Rakesh Kumar alias Anil, Harjot Singh alias Leela, Ajay Isharwalia alias Punjabi, Prince alias Golu, Joginder alias Joga, Sandeep alias Deep, and Sinderpal alias Bittu were arrested from Mehandwad at

Bhondsi, Gurugram on a specific input while they were plotting to commit a crime Wednesday night, police said. During interrogation, they

revealed the names of their three other associates -Dharmendra alias Dharma, Deepak alias Dilawar and Bharat — who were also appre-

hended near Rajiv Chowk Devi Lal Stadium, the police said. Lawrence Bishnoi and

Goldie Brar were allegedly involved in the murder of singer Sidhu Moosewala, who was shot dead in Punjab's Mansa district on May 29 last vear. Canada-based gangster Goldie Brar, a member of the Lawrence Bishnoi gang, had claimed responsibility for the murder. The 10 accused arrested told the police that they were active shooters working for Lawrence Bishnoi and Goldie

"They had come to Gurugram to carry out a major dacoity and kidnapping. Their plan involved posing as police officers, with Joginder impersonating a police inspector. The intention was to kidnap



that they carried out crimes someone and demand a ransom of crores of rupees. under the instructions of Goldie Brar, Rohit Godara and However, the police managed to apprehend them before they Veeru, who are believed to be could execute their plan," said residing abroad, he said. They Vijay Pratap Singh, DCP, had bought police uniforms, belts, shoes and other items for Crime.

The shooters confessed their operations in Gurugram,

The accused arrested weer in regular contact with Goldie Brar and others abroad and on their instructions carried out kidnappings and collected ransom, he said.

"It also came to the fore that multiple cases are registhat multiple cases are regis-tered against the arrested indi-viduals, including robbery, dacoity, attempted murder, theft, assault, possession of illegal weapons. These cases have been filed in various dis-tricts of Harvana including tricts of Haryana, including Bhiwani, Panchkula, Sirsa, Ambala, Gurugram, and in Mohali (Punjab) and Rajasthan", said varun Dahiya, ACP, Crime. Sharing individ ual crime records of the accused, police said Jogendra alias Joga is the leader of the

shooters and is associated with Lawrence Bishnoi and Goldie

Brar gangs. He hails from Baddunai in Bhiwani district and has more than 15 cases against him, including robbery, dacoity, attempted murder and extortion, they said.

Jogendra has been to jail multiple times and served a five-year sentence in Ambala Jail from 2017 to October 2021. He was released from jail in 2021 and was arrested again in February 2022, but obtained bail after about 35 days. He was absconding since then and has not appeared before court, police said.

During his stay in Patiala Jail, Joginder met Lawrence Bishnoi and his gang members and after that he became an

active member of his gang, they said. Harjot Singh alias Leela

hails from Badraklai village in Moga district of Punjab. He has six cases registered against him in Badhni Kalan Moga police station, including assault, attempted murder and drug-related offenses, police said. Sinderpal alias Bittu belongs to Kalwanu village in Patiala dis-trict, Punjab. Three cases, including dacoity and drug offenses, are registered against him in Patiala, they said.

Sandeep alias Deep is from Sisai village in Hisar. He has been charged with attempt to murder, police said. Ajay Isharwalia alias Punjabi hails from Isharwal in Bhiwani and also faces various charges, they said

Anti-encroachment drive 55 jhuggis razed, 40 families homeless

STAFF REPORTER MINEW DELHI

The demolition squad on Thursday demolished over 55 shanties on Bhairon Singh Marg, near Pragati Maidan on Thursday morning as part of an anti-encroachment drive, displacing more than 40 families. Residents say they woke up to the rumble of JCBs around 4 am and were shocked to see people preparing to take their houses down.

The authorities have been conducting anti-encroachment drives across the national capital ahead of the G20 summit to be held in the city later this year. Security personnel were deployed on Bhairon Marg to prevent any confrontation, they said.

A makeshift school which was being run by an NGO for the last nine years was also demolished in the drive. "Around 30 students studied in the school. Children of slum dwellers use to attend classes here after their school hours.

A bulldozer being used to demolish illegal structures during an anti-encroachment drive near Pragati Maidan, in New Delhi on Thursday

Children from 5 to 16 years old used to regularly visit the school where they were also trained in arts and skill development," said the residents. They said the notice they were issued did not mention school demolition.

The slum dwellers who were seen sifting through the rubble to salvage any belong-ings said they had been asking the government to allot them an alternate place somewhere within 5 km radius. "When they want our votes, they come to us and talk about big things

but now when we are displaced and have nowhere to go,

they couldn't care less ...," said angry residents. "We were sleeping in our

shanties. It was around 4 am, when these people came with JCB machines and other equipment to demolish our homes. We pleaded with them to not demolish our homes, but they said they had the legal right to do so ... We lost all our belongings, our furniture, vessels, books of our children ... we lost it all," said another resident

LG OK's appointment of CBI prosecutors in 20 POCSO cases

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

Delhi Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena has approved a proposal for issuing a notification to appoint senior public prosecutors of CBI for trial in 20 POCSO cases after a "delay" of several months on the part of the Arvind Kejriwal Government

Meanwhile, the AAP Government in a statement alleged that the Lieutenant Governor issued the orders "behind the back of an elected government" and termed it 'illegal" while asserting that it would challenge the order in the Supreme Court.

Neither the minister nor the chief minister was taken into confidence by the LG. We are surprised that despite facing strong reprimand from the Supreme Court repeatedly, the LG has issued orders without jurisdiction," the statement said.

However, the Raj Niwas official, in a note, alleged, "The Kejriwal government has been sitting over a trial court order to appoint senior public prosecutors of CBI for speedy disposal of 20 POCSO cases in different courts of the city for the past nine months?



has approved the Home

Department proposal to invoke

the power of Central

Government under Section

24(8) of CrPC and send the

proposal for issue of notifica-

tion for appointment of senior

prosecutors, to the Ministry of

Home Affairs," the official said.

The file seeking notification by

the Delhi government under

Section 32 of the Protection Of

Children from Sexual Offences

Act (POCSO) Act for appoint-

ment of the senior public pros-

ecutors of CBI was moved by

the home department follow-

ing a direction by a trial court

and subsequent letters by the

central probe agency to ensure

the same in August and

The direction was issued by the trial court to ensure that

December 2022, he said.

Shahbad Dairy murder accused's

police custody extended by 3 days

year, as envisaged under Section 35 of the Act. The proposal for the appointment of prosecutors was moved in January this year by the Home Department and has been pending with Chief Minister Kejriwal since May 8, 2023, the tion and unexplained delay on Raj Nivas official claimed. the part of the Kejriwal gov-The file first reached the ernment, Delhi LG V K Saxena

Delhi Home Minister , on 11.01.2023, and subsequently to the chief minister on 16.01.2023. The chief minister marked the file back to the minister-in-charge 06.02.2023, and after reaching the law minister, GNCTD, through an unspecified date in the file monitoring system, it was submitted back to the chief minister on 08.05.2023. Since then it has been lying unaddressed, he said.

"Even as Chief Minister Kejriwal and his ministers politicised incidents of crime in the city and spoke about the absence of fear of law amongst criminals, when it came to practice they did not even comply with the basic requirements of investigation and justice delivery system," charged the Raj Niwas official.

Min Atishi gets another portfolio

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELH

The Delhi government on Thursday allotted Cabinet Minister Atishi another portfolio of the Public Relations department — which was previously held by Kailash Gahlot. There is no change in any portfolios of the ministers of

Atishi is currently holding nine departments Women and Child Development, Public Works Department, Power, Education, Art, Culture and Language, Tourism, Higher Education, Training and Technical Education and Public Relations department.

ferred under Rule 3 of the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (Allocation of Business) Rules 1993, the Lieutenant Governor in consultation with the Chief Minister is pleased to allocate the portfolio of Public Relations Department to Atishi Marlena, in addition to the portfolios she is presently holding," read a

INBRIEF

COMPLY WITH SERVICES ORDINANCE, OFFICIALS TOLD New Delhi: The Delhi government's law department has directed all

the top officials for a "strict compliance" of the Centre's ordinance related to services issued earlier this month. In a communication sent to all the additional chief secretaries, principal secretaries, secretaries and heads of departments on May 26, the law department asked for a "strict compliance" of the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Ordinance, 2023 issued by the Centre related to services. The move came following a letter from the lieutenant governor's (LG) office to the Delhi chief secretary on May 23 informing him to bring the ordinance to the notice of all the top officials of the city government for a "strict compliance". The ordinance issued by the Centre on May 19 brought back the executive control over matters related to services, including the transfers and postings of Delhi government officers, to its domain.



Department (GAD). It is learnt that the PR department has been given to Atishi to improve the government image. Atishi and Saurabh Bharadwaj were inducted into the Delhi government in March this year following the resignations of former Delhi deputy

chief minister Manish Sisodia

and minister Satyendar Jain -

both currently in Tihar jail in

alleged corruption and money

laundering cases, respectively.

Camp soon

next Suvidha

NDMC to

organise



STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

The New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) has decided to organise its next Suvidha Camp to provide information, facilitation and grievances redressal for the benefit of its services users.

The Suvidha Camp Helpdesks of the various departments will provide facilitations and redress the grievances of service users, employees, RWAs, MTAs and residents of NDMC.

The Departments that will be the part of this Suvidha Camp are Civil Engineering-1 & 2, Electrical Engineering - 1 & 2, Public Health, Architect & Environment, Commercial, Health Licensing, Estate-I, Estate-II, Horticulture - North, Horticulture - South, Property Tax, Education, Fire, Accounts/Finance/Pension, Enforcement North Enforcement - South, Personal Department, Welfare Department, Medical Services, Parking Management System Chief Security office, EBR Department, Municipal Housing, Vigilance, Library and IT Department.

The Suvidha Camp will address the grievances related to new electricity connection/disconnection, load enhancement/reduction, name change/transfer, property tax, birth & death certificate, service matters of serving & retired employees of NDMC, Water logging, Sanitation, Waste Disposal, Road repairs, widow pension, old age pension, handicapped pension, Booking of Barat Ghar & parks and any other services offered by NDMC.

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI Aam Aadmi Party supporters and media in the corridors.

claim: Court asks officials to

save May 23 CCTV footage

city court on Thursday Special Judge M K Nagpal, Acity court on Thursday directed officials to pre-serve the May 23 CCTV after taking note of both the applications, directed Sisodia's footage of the court premises production through video conafter AAP leader and former ference pending his decision on Deputy Chief Minister Manish the prayers. The court stated that until a decision is made Sisodia alleged he was manhandled by security personnel regarding the Delhi Police's that day during his production application concerning securiin a case related to the alleged ty, Sisodia will be produced excise policy scam. through video conferencing. It The court has also ordered

Sisodia's manhandling

then fixed July 19 as the next Sisodia should only be prodate of hearing. Sisodia's judi-cial custody has also been duced via video conferencing during hearings in the ongoing extended to this date. Delhi Excise Policy scam case

The counsel appearing for due to security issues. During Sisodia alleged that the AAP Thursday's hearing as well, the leader had been mistreated during his previous appear-ance. The counsel told the AAP leader was produced before the Rouse Avenue Court through video conferencing court that his neck was grabbed after the Delhi Police's request. and was taken away by the police when he was answering This was however, opposed by questions of media. The police also moved an

The court raised questions application seeking court's about the behavior of the media permission to produce Sisodia and expressed displeasure when there was a gathering of only via video conference (VC), people in the courtroom.

after he levelled the allegation. Police favoured Sisodia's virtu-The AAP leader was arrestal production contending that ed by the ED in a money launbringing him to court "creates dering case related to the chaos" due to the presence of alleged scam on March 9.

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

Acity court on Thursday Aextended the custodial interrogation of the accused Sahil in the Shahbad Dairy murder case for three days.

Sahil was brought before the Rohini court after the expiration of his previous custodial remand.

The police informed the court that further interrogation of Sahil was necessary. They stated that they needed his remand to recover the knife used in the crime and his mobile phone. After considering the police's argument, the court granted their request.

Deputy commissioner of police (DCP) (outer north) Ravi Kumar Singh said the investigator produced Sahil before a duty metropolitan magistrate's residence on Thursday morning with a request to extend his police remand for three more days for his further interrogation.

"Due to security reasons, Sahil was produced in the early court, instead of the regular court. Considering our request, the court extended his police custody till Saturday," said the



DCP. Singh said that Sahil has so far given many contradictory statements about the incidents and weapons used in the commission of crime, to mislead the police investigation. "We have searched all the

spots from Shahbad Dairy to Rithala metro station, where the accused had claimed to throw the knife. "But, the weapon has not

yet been recovered. We may take him to his aunt's place in Bulandshahr- from where he was arrested, to trace the entire route

"Since the weapon of offence will be vital evidence for the prosecution, we are mainly focusing on its recovery right now," the DCP added.

According to Delhi police, Sahil stabbed the minor girl at least 16 times, kicked her limp body, and battered her relentlessly with a stone slab in a brutal attack in a narrow lane in northwest Delhi's Shahbad Dairy on Sunday.

He then fled to his aunt's house in Uttar Pradesh's Bulandshahr and was arrested from that city on Monday after police traced a call he made to his mother. As a call was traced from his aunt to his father, Sahil was arrested and brought to Delhi on Monday.

The FIR registered by the olice in connection with the orutal murder of 16-year-old Sakshi by her boyfriend Mohammad Sahil Khan to death in Delhi's Shahbad Dairy area, reveals that her father was aware about their affair.

Based on the FIR obtained by IANS, it was revealed that his daughter had been friends with Sahil for the past year. Janak Raj (35), mentioned in the FIR, said, "She would often talk about him, and we would advise her that it's not appropriate at her age. However, she would always take offence and go to her friend Neetu's house."

CONTAMINATION FREE DRIVE IN HAUZ KHAS WARD

New Delhi: Delhi Jal Board (DJB) Vice Chairman Somnath Bharti has launched a "Contamination Free Drive" in Hauz Khas Ward No. 148 of Malviya Nagar area today under the policy of zero tolerance against supply of contaminated water in the national capital. Bharti reached Hauz Khas ward number 148 early in the morning and had the water guality tested by the guality control team of DJB. The DJB team collected water samples from houses of the area at 4 am when water supply commenced and tested the water quality on the spot. A total of 33 samples were collected by the quality control team of DJB and the testing revealed that 31 samples met the prescribed quality standards. The DJB Vice Chairman said that this drive will run in every assembly constituency of Delhi.

PARYAWARAN SAMMELAN TO BE HELD

New Delhi: Delhi Environment Minister Gopal Rai chaired a joint meeting with the officers of the Environment and Forest Department and decided to organise a "Parvawaran Sammelan" at Thyagrai Stadium. After the meeting, Rai said that during this program, children and teachers of about 2000 eco clubs of Delhi will be present in the event. "Chief Minister Shri Arvind Keiriwal will be the chief quest of this program. The program will encompass the screening of feature films, street plays, and other awareness-raising activities for the children present. Additionally, the winners of the slogan writing competition held during the I Love Yamuna campaign will be felicitated on the spot". he said.

'NOW POLITICAL CLASS INTOLERANT TO MEDIA CRITICISM'

New Delhi: There has been gradual depletion between the relation between the political class and media. The political class is no longer tolerant of their criticism in the media," said Dr Shashi Tharoor, the Member of Parliament and former under-secretary general of the United Nations. He was speaking at the official launch of Dr Vijay Darda's latest book "Ringside: up close and personal on India and Beyond" at the constitution club, in New Delhi. The book was unveiled by none other than the distinguished writer and politician, Dr Tharoor who has also written the preface of the book. At the launch, Sanjaya Baru, former advisor to the PM Manmohan Singh, Shekhar Gupta, eminent journalist and padamshree awarded journalist Rajdeep Sardesai were present on the stage.

'JHOOTHA KAHIN KA' SCREENED IN CAPITAL

New Delhi: The short film 'Jhootha Kahin Ka' based on the lies and deceit of Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, being shown in different parts of Delhi by the Delhi BJP, was screened at Connaught Place on Thursday, in which Leader of Opposition Ramvir Singh Bidhuri, Delhi BJP Vice President Ashok Goyal, New Delhi District President Prashant Sharma along with BJP workers and general public saw and heard the story of Kejriwal's false promises and misdeeds. There was a lot of attraction for this short film among the people gathered in large numbers. Bidhuri said that every mistake of Keiriwal aovernment, which is steeped in corruption, is slowly coming out After watching the short film 'Jhootha Kahi Ka' based on Kejriwal's lies, the people of Delhi have understood that in the last eight years, the Chief Minister of Delhi Keiriwal has shown only betraved the people of Delhi instead of development.

Anand Vihar RAPIDX station to get

STAFF REPORTER MEW DELHI

Sisodia and his counsel.

he National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC) will build a dedicated pedestrian bridge at Anand Vihar RAPIDX Station of the Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut RRTS corridor. Two separate bridges are also being constructed for segregated entry

and exit of vehicles The bridges are being constructed by the NCRTC over the Ghazipur drain passing between Anand Vihar RAPIDX station and Chaudhary Charan Singh Marg. Among the three bridges, the bridge on the right will be used for vehicular entry

station, while the bridge on the left will be used as the vehicular exit. The one on the middle will be used only by pedestrians for movement inside the station premises.

to the Anand Vihar RAPIDX

The bridge being constructed for the entry of vehi-cles into the Anand Vihar RAPIDX station is about 10 metres wide, NCRTC officials said. "Taxis and private vehicles will be able to enter the premises from this entrance bridge and drop passengers at the station gate," they said.

While the exit bridge will be 13 metres wide, the pedestrian bridge will be about 5 nerte #

metres wide, they added. The six modes of public transport, station is being integrated with which include Swami

Vivekananda (Anand Vihar) inter-state bus stand, city bus stand, Uttar Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation's bus stand at Kaushambi, two metro lines (Pink and Blue Line) and Anand Vihar Railway Station.

A bus stop is also proposed to be built on the main road along the bridge routes. Stairs, lifts and escalators will also be provided, officials said. NCRTC officials also said that they aim to make the entire 82km-long Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut corridor operational by 2025. Before that, NCRTC will commission the 17-km-long priority section of the corridor in 2023



Centre's panel refuses to keep Cheetahs fenced in

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

Rajesh Gopal, the head of the Centre's Rhigh-level committee set up to monitor the cheetah reintroduction project and country's top tiger expert on Thursday dismissed the South Africa and Namibia suggestions that the imported predators should be kept in a fenced habitat to save them from poaching and minimize human-animal conflict. He said that it is against India's basic tenets of wildlife conservation.

"India does not want fenced habitats for cheetahs like the ones in South Africa and Namibia as it is against the basic tenets of wildlife conservation," he said amid flak the Government has been drawing following death of three predators that were brought to India from Africa for Project Cheetah in Madhya Pradesh's Kuno Palpur Sanctuary over the past couple of months.

Over the last week, three cubs too have died.

He echoed views of many wildlife experts in the country that fences can disrupt natural animal movements and impede genetic exchange between populations "We have our own socio-cultural

issues. We have been handling tigers for the last 50 years and we know what the human-wildlife interface is. We can handle cheetahs too," Gopal said, adding that seven more cheetahs, including two females, will be released into the wild by the third week of June.

The Union Ministry has already made clear that the cheetahs will be allowed to move out of KNP and will not necessarily be "recaptured unless they venture into areas where they are in significant danger". All the predators are fitted with satellite collars

Experts from South Africa and Namibia, who are helping reintroduce cheetahs in India, have recommended fencing their habitats to prevent poaching, habitat fragmentation and minimise human-animal conflict. However, experts in India say fences can disrupt natural animal movements and impede genetic exchange between populations.

"It's absolutely bogus to think of fencing the habitats. It goes against the basic tenets of wildlife conservation. What happened in a fenced park there (in Africa) will not happen here. Our understanding is that regional networks of protected areas should merge into a national network of protected areas so that there is porosity for wildlife gene flow," said Gopal, chairman of the 11-member cheetah steering com-

"We have our own socio-cultural issues. We have been handling tigers for



the last 50 years and we know what the human-wildlife interface is. We can han-

dle cheetahs too," he said, adding that seven more cheetahs, including two females, will be released into the wild by the third week of June.

South African wildlife expert Vincent van der Merwe, who is closely involved with the project, had earlier said, "There has never been a successful reintroduction (of cheetahs) into an unfenced reserve in recorded history. It has been attempted 15 times in Africa and it failed every time.

"We are not advocating that India must fence all of its cheetah reserves, we are saying that just fence two or three and create source reserves to top up sink reserves."

Source reserves are habitats that provide optimal conditions for reproduction of a particular species. These areas have abundant resources and favourable environmental conditions. They can support self-sustaining populations that produce a surplus of individuals, which can then dis-

perse to other areas.

Sink reserves, on the other hand, are habitats that have limited resources or environmental conditions that are less favourable for the survival or reproduction of a species. Sink reserves rely on dispersing individuals from source reserves to maintain their population numbers. Officials said the Gandhi Sagar

Sanctuary, Madhya Pradesh, is being prepared as an alternative habitat for cheetahs by November

To address the issue of cheetah-people interface, Gopal said a GIS-based landscape fragmentation analysis will be conducted to help the state authorities identify vulnerable areas.

"We cannot say the cheetahs will spend their entire lives in Kuno. They will enter human settlements and there will be some issues. We have to foresee and be ready for it," he said.



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NCPCR launches drug, tobacco-free India drive

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Welcoming the Centre's move of bringing tobacco regulation on OTT (overthe-top) platforms which have seen nearly 100% increase in viewership on kids' content during the pandemic, health experts and child rights activists led by National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) feel that proposed amendments to the COTPA Act is an urgent necessity in creating a tobaccofree environment for impressionable minds. On its part, the NCPCR

launched a nationwide campaign "Addiction Free Amrit Kaal", an initiative aimed at promoting a tobacco and drug-free India with the help of children. The children rights body Chairperson Priyank Kanoongo said that under this unique drive, children, who are the most affected by indirect tobacco use, have been made members of 'Prahari Clubs' established in schools. They will serve as the government's eyes and ears, sharing information if any tobacco-selling shops exist near their schools,

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he said. Highlighting the link between tobacco products and drug addiction, Kanoongo noted that the entertainment industry plays a significant role in enticing children into tobacco use. While there are rules requiring warnings on tobacco product scenes in films, there was a pressing need for regulations regarding OTT platforms which have gained popularity in recent times and were being misused, he said, informing that the NCPCR had been seeking regulation of tobacco use on OTT platforms.

At the same time, he batted for a robust Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA), which, he said, can serve as an important tool in curbing tobacco use, especially among children. "This legislation encompasses stringent

measures to restrict all forms of tobacco advertising at the point of sale and put an end to the practice of designated smoking zones in public places. These smoking zones pose significant harm to children who are exposed to tobacco smoke in these areas," Kanoongo said during the event organised in technical partnership with Tobacco Free India, a citizens'

Rheumatology at AIIMS, Delhi, highlighted the health risks associated with drug and tobacco addiction as over 13 lakh people succumb to the toxic product. "The COTPA Amendment Bill will not only save lives but also reduce the burden on the healthcare system, she added. Dr Jagdish Kaur, regional advisor, Tobacco Free Initiative, WHO echoed the same views as she gave insight into the global perspective on addiction prevention and control. She warned that as people are becoming more aware about the tobacco menace, the industry is adopting innovative ways to trap the youth. "We are glad that a move

has been initiated to regulate OTT contents," she said.

Doesn't sound real: Sibal on WFI chief's 'will hang self if allegation proved' remarks

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happened then, hotning with happen now!" Sibal said. The wrestlers, including Olympic medallists Sakshi Malik and Bajrang Punia and Asian

Games gold medallist Vinesh

Phogat, who were protesting at

Delhi's Jantar Mantar since

April 23 demanding Singh's

arrest, were removed from the

site by police on Sunday after

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE 📕 NEW DELHI

 ${f R}^{ajya}$ Sabha MP Kapil Sibal on Thursday took a swipe at Wrestling Federation of India chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh's remarks that he will hang himself even if a single allegation is proved against him, saying it does not sound real. The swipe by Sibal, a senior advocate who represented the protesting wrestlers in the Supreme Court, came a day after Singh, who is facing sexual harassment charges levelled by female wrestlers, said all wrestlers are like his children and he will not blame them as his blood and sweat have also gone into their success.

"I am once again saying that even if a single allegation is proven against me, I will hang myself," Singh had said while addressing a programme in Uttar Pradesh's Barabanki. In a tweet, Sibal said, "Brij Bhushan: 'Ready to hang myself if single allegation proved'. Suicide? Doesn't sound real!"

"Sounds familiar: PM on notebandi said wait:...for just 50 days,...if shortcomings ready to accept any punishment...After 50 days nothing

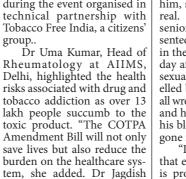
they tried to march towards the new Parliament building following its inauguration. They were detained and were released later. The Delhi Police has reg-

istered two FIRs against Singh. The first FIR pertains to the allegations levelled by a minor and it has been lodged under the provisions of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act along with the sections of the Indian Penal Code concerning outraging modesty. The other FIR has been registered over complaints from women wrestlers pertaining to outraging mod-

India, Russia review ties, discuss issues of global interest



External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar meets his Russian counterpart Sergey Lavrov in Cape Town opportunity was created to see what impact



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SUMMONS

WHEREAS, OA/1075/2022 was listed before Hon'ble Presiding Officer/Registrar on 10/04/2023. WHEREAS this Hon'ble Tribunal i pleased to issue summons/ notice on the said Application under section 19(4) of the Act, (OA) filed against you for recovery of debts or Rs. 1,32,85,794/- (application along with copies of documents etc. annexed).

In accordance with sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, you, the defendants are directed as under:-(i) to show cause within thirty days of the service of summon

as to why relief prayed for should not be granted; (ii) to disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3A of the original application;

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

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

(v) you shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realised by sale of secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinar course of business and deposi such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank o financial institutions holding security interest over such assets You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before Registrar on 27/09/2023 at 10:30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and depided in your observe

lecided in your absence. Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this date : 24/04/2023.

Signature of the Officer Authorised to issue summons

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The shutdown of vehiclular movement on ▲ roads induced by Covid-19 lockdowns greatly reduced the concentration of shortlived cooling particles in the air, but barely affected the levels of long-lived greenhouse gases, leading to stronger climate warming, a study has said. It is published in the journal NPJ Climate and Atmospheric Science.

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

It is well known that emissions of sulfur and nitrogen oxides and other air pollutants lead to the formation of aerosols (particles) in the air that can offset, or mask, the full climate warming caused by greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide and methane. But there has been a lack of knowledge about this 'masking effect'. In order to determine the size, large-scale experiments involving huge regions would be required - this is infeasible

The Covid pandemic became such a 'natural' experiment. In the spring of 2020, the activity of many industries and transportation worldwide decreased due to pandemic restrictions. This created a unique opportunity to study what happens to the climate if emissions of gases and aerosols are rapidly reduced.

Zero vehicular movement during Covid

lockdown barely affected GHGs: Study

At Hanimaadhoo, a measuring station in the northernmost Maldives off the coast of India, researchers have been measuring the atmospheric composition and radiation for soon two decades. (Measurements reveal the impact of air pollution on climate and health in southern Asia) The measuring station is strategically placed to capture air masses from the Asian subcontinent and located in an area with few regional emission sources. When emissions suddenly decreased during the pandemic in South Asia (mainly Pakistan, India and Bangladesh), an the concentrations of polluting short-lived air particles decreased significantly, while the concentrations of longer-lived greenhouse gases were barely affected in the air mass over South Asia. The cooling effect of the aerosols comes from the fact that they reflect incoming solar radiation back into space. With a lower aerosol content, there is less cooling, and thus less 'masking' of the warming effect of the significantly longer-lived climate gases. Measurements taken at the same time over the northern Indian Ocean revealed a seven percent increase in solar radiation reaching the Earth's surface, thus increasing temperatures.

"Through this large-scale geophysical experiment, we were able to demonstrate that while the sky became bluer and the air cleaner, climate warming increased when these cooling air particles were removed," says Professor Örjan Gustafsson at Stockholm University, who is responsible for the measurements in the Maldives and who led the study.

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PNS/AGENCIES NEW DELHI/CAPETOWN

India and Russia on Thursday reviewed the entire spectrum of their bilateral ties and issues of global interest during talks between External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and his counterpart Sergey Lavrov in Capetown. Both the ministers are there to participate in the foreign ministers' conclave of the BRICS(Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa). Jaishankar is also likely to hold bilateral meeting with his Chinese counterpart Qin Gang.

After holding talks with the Russian Foreign Minister on the sidelines of the conclave, Jaishankar said in a tweet "Good to meet FM Sergey Lavrov of Russia in Cape Town

Hindon Air Force Station gets new chief

PNS NEW DELHI

ir Commodore Sanjay Achopra on Thursday took over command of Air Force Station Hindon from Air Commodore Vinay Singh. The new incumbent was commissioned as Helicopter Pilot in the IAF in December 1995, IAF said here. Chopra is a Qualified Flying Instructor, has flown more than 4,700 hours and is an alumnus of College of Air Warfare, Secunderabad. The Air Officer

has commanded a Helicopter Unit, a Flying Station and has held various operational appointments. He is a recipient of the Vayu Sena Medal, officials said.

In another appointment, Air Marshal Rajesh Kumar Anand took over as Air Officer-in-Charge Administration (AOA) on Thursday. An alumnus of National Defence Academy (NDA), the Air Marshal was commissioned in Administrative Branch of the IAF as an Air Traffic Controller in 1987.

this morning on BRICS FMM sidelines. Our discussions covered bilateral matters, BRICS, G20 and SCO?

India will hold the Cooperation Shanghai Organisation (SCO) and G-20 summits in July and September respectively.

In the last few months, India has become a leading importer of discounted crude oil from Russia notwithstanding increasing disquiet in the West over the procurement in view of Russian invasion of Ukraine. India's economic engagement with Russia has been on a major upswing in the last one year, largely due to its procurement of discounted Russian oil.

India has, so far, refrained from voting against Russia in the United Nations General Assembly(UNGA) and the United Nations Security Council(UNSC)regarding its military action in Ukraine. New Delhi has all along called for resolution of the conflict through dialogue and diplo-

macy. On Wednesday, Jaishankar said these are still "early days' for conflict resolution between Ukraine and Russia as presently, the focus is on problems such as a grain corridor, nuclear issues and matters related to the exchange of prisoners of war.

In an interview to DD India, Jaishankar noted that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had met both Russian President Vladimir Putin and Ukrainian Volodymyr President

Zelenskyy. The BRICS (Brazil-Russia-India-China-South Africa) brings together five of the largest developing countries of the world, representing 41 per cent of the global population, 24 per cent of the global GDP and 16 per cent of the global trade. Jaishankar is also expected to hold bilateral meetings with his other BRICS counterparts including Chinese foreign Qin Gang.

62 DT plants may ICG, DRI seize ₹20 cr gold from fishing boats in Gulf of Mannar in TN

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

he Indian Coast Guard (ICG) in a joint with the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence and Customs seized 32.689 Kgs of gold valued at approximately ₹20.2 Crores from two fishing boats at Gulf of Mannar area in Tamil Nadu. The consignment was being smuggled into India from Sri Lanka.

Giving details here, Coast Guard officials said on Thursday based on a specific input from the DRI regarding illegal smuggling of contraband from Sri Lanka to India, a joint operation was launched by Indian Coast Guard and DRI on May 30.

The joint teams deployed by both agencies kept a close surveillance on fishing vessels

(IMBL) On the morning of May 30, the joint team from Indian Coast Guard and

DRI, detected a suspicious boat approaching Mandapam fishing harbour. When challenged, the boat tried to evade apprehension but was finally apprehended in north Gulf of Mannar.

While being chased, the suspects threw the consignment into water prior interception

security worries ARCHANA JYOTI 🗖 NEW DELHI

mid concerns that frequent A and extreme weather conditions are all set to threaten global food security, Indian researchers have stumbled upon at least 62 Desiccation-Tolerant (DT) Vascular Plant Species in the biodiversity hotspot, the Western Ghats which, they said, could have applications in agriculture, particularly in areas with scarcity of water. These plants can become so dry they crumble in the hand, but, if remoistened,

will begin making proteins within minutes. In other words, said the researchers that the DT plants are able to withstand extreme dehydration, losing up to 95 per cent of their water content,

said the research published in the Nordic Journal of Botany.

In the inventory of 62 species, 16 are Indian endemic, and 12 are exclusive to the Western Ghats outcrops, highlighting the biodiversity region's importance as a global DT hotspot. In addition to rock outcrops, tree trunks in the partially shaded forests were found to be crucial habitats for DT species, the study said.

This unique ability allows them to survive in harsh, arid environments that would be uninhabitable for most other plants. DT plants have been studied for their possible applications in agriculture, particularly in areas with limited water resources. In tropical regions, they are the predominant occupants of rock outcrops," said the and they revive themselves study by scientists from ARI, once water is available again, Pune

operating in the Gulf of

Sri Lanka International Maritime Boundary Line

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UPSC comes to aid of Manipur candidates

Offers alternative centres to people from strife-hit State to appear for recruitment tests for Govt jobs

PTI NEW DELHI

he Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) has offered alternative centres to candidates from Imphal, Manipur to appear for Enforcement Officer/Accounts Officer and Assistant Provident Fund Commissioner examination, scheduled to be held on July 2, an official statement issued on Thursday said.

Manipur, which has been hit by ethnic conflict for nearly a month, witnessed a sudden spurt in clashes and firing between militants and security forces on Sunday, after a relative lull for over a fortnight. The death toll from the clashes since the ethnic violence began on May 3 has gone up to 80, officials said

For the prevalent situation in the State of Manipur, the Commission has decided to offer alternative centres to the candidates of Imphal (Manipur) centre of the Enforcement Officer/Accounts Officer and Assistant Provident Fund Commissioner Examination, 2023, which is to be held on July 2, 2023, said the statement issued by the personnel ministry.

These candidates will be offered Aizawl (Mizoram), Kohima (Nagaland), Shillong

Major blaze averted

Fire in Alappuzha-Kannur Executive

Express compartment stopped from

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(Meghalaya), Dispur (Assam), Jorhat (Assam), Kolkata (West Bengal) and Delhi, it said.

The centre change option will be available to the candidates of Imphal centre through the Interactive Voice Response System (IVRS) facility, the statement said.

A message in this regard will be sent to each candidate on his/her registered mobile number with the Commission. The candidates must use their said registered mobile number to avail this facility through IVRS.

Alternatively, a candidate may also contact the UPSC through telephone numbers 011-23070641, 23381073, 23384508 and 23387876 from 12 noon of June 2 till 5 pm of June 12

available for downloading from Moreover, the option of the UPSC's website.

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Pawar calls on Shinde, sparks speculation

TN RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

In a development that sparked fierce speculation in the State's political circles, Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) president Sharad Pawar on Thursday called on Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde at the latter's official residence 'Varsha' at Malabar Hills in south Mumbai.

Though the purpose of the meeting was not immediately known, 82-year-old Pawar spent more than half an hour with Shinde.

Incidentally, this was the first meeting between the two leaders after the transfer of power that took place under most dramatic circumstances in June last year.

Shinde, then a senior Shiv Sena leader, had rebelled against the then Chief Minister



and Sena president Uddhav Thackeray, walked out of the party along with 40-odd MLAs leading to the collapse of the Government Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA), a grand alliance comprising Shiv Sena, the

NCP and the Congress. Shinde later teamed up the then Opposition BJP to form a new Government in the State.

Pawar's meeting with Shinde came at a time when Uddhav Thackeray was out of the country

Informed sources said that Pawar had gone to meet Shinde to invite the latter for the 75th anniversary function of the Maratha Mandir group

Later in the night, Shinde - speaking to a leading Marathi television channel - said that his meeting with Pawar he and the NCP supremo did not discuss any political matters. He said that the NCP chief had come to meet him for a function. "Don't read too much into this meeting," the Chief Minister told the TV channel.



Pak intruder shot by BSF in Samba

Pakistani intruder was shot Adead by BSF troops along

the International Border (IB) in

Jammu and Kashmir's (J&́K's)

Samba district in the early hours

of Thursday. The incident took place near Mangu Chak border out-post (BoP) in Samba sector around 3.00 AM.

spokesman in a statement said

In the early hours of Thursday

alert BSF troops noticed suspi-

cious movement of a person, who crossed the IB from

Pakistan's side, in Samba area.

He was challenged by the troops

A Jammu-based BSF

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE entire sporting community that one day the law will definitely take its own course and the JAMMU

guilty will be punished." Elsewhere, BJP national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee, too, attacked the BJP Government saying its arrogance and misrule would lead to its downfall. "The beginning of the end of the BJP has started," Banerjee who is also the nephew of the Chief Minister, said adding, "The BJP will lose in the coming Assembly elections in all the five States."

The junior Banerjee on Thursday walked almost 20 km from Math Chandipur to Nandigram as a part of his Jan Sanyog' Yatra (public outreach rally).

but the intruder kept advancing towards the border fencing. The Bengal Opposition Leader Suvendu Adhikari later said troops opened fire, killing him." The BSF has launched a that he too would lead a similar search operation along the IB in 20-km walk at Nandigram.

Samba sector as the intruder's body is lying in the forward area. This is the second such incident of infiltration in Jammu division in the last two days.

On Wednesday, the Army foiled an infiltration bid with the arrest of three terrorists along the Line of Control (LoC) in Poonch

district. The terrorists, from whom a huge consignment of arms and narcotics was recovered, were arrested after an exchange of fire near the border fence, according

to a Defence spokesperson Meanwhile, continuing its crackdown on harbouring terrorists and providing logistic support to them, the State Intelligence Unit (SIU) Anantnag, on Thursday attached an under-construction residential house of a terrorist associate in Danwathpora Kokernag area of Anantnag district used for terrorist activities after obtaining necessary sanctions from the competent authority.

During the course of invesigation in case FIR No. 103/2022 of Police Station Kokernag under UA(P) Act, one under-construction resihouse belonging rorist associate namely Mohammad Ishaq Malik son of Mohammad Saifullah Malik resident of Danwathpora Kokernag has been found used by terrorists of proscribed terrorist outfit HM.

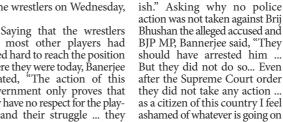
BJP insensitive to women wrestlers' cause: Didi SAUGAR SENGUPTA KOLKATA For the second-consecutive day on Thursday, Bengal change of centres for such candidates will also be available on the website of the Union Public Chief Minister Mamata Baner-Service Commission (UPSC) jee led a protest on Kolkata's streets in support of Indian from 12 noon of June 2, 2023 to wrestlers slamming the BJP 5 pm of June 12, 2023 on roundthe-clock basis, the statement Government for doing nothing to punish one of its MPs On receipt of centre change "accused of playing with the options from the willing candimodesty of our international dates through any of the above players.

modes, they will be allocated to the venues of their chosen cen-Banerjee who led a candle light walk expressing solidarity with the Olympic medal win-ners, said, "it is strange that tres and accordingly, their e-admit cards will be released, it when these players win interna-tional titles the Government A message confirming the change of centres shall be sent misses no opportunity to claim the credit... But when they are to each such candidate on his/her registered mobile numinsulted and molested by one of ber, the statement said, adding their MPs who were in charge of well-being that the e-admit cards will be their this Government keeps mum." Banerjee had walked in support



of the wrestlers on Wednesday,

Saying that the wrestlers like most other players had toiled hard to reach the position where they were today, Banerjee iterated, "The action of this Government only proves that they have no respect for the players and their struggle ... they don't want the players to flour-



Mekedatu project: We won't trouble you, be generous, says Shivakumar to TN Govt

PTI BENGALURU

Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Thursday raised a pitch for the contentious Mekedatu balancing reservoir across Cauvery river near Kanakapura and appealed to the Tamil Nadu Government to be generous.

Shivakumar, who hails from Kanakapura and is an MLA from there, said the Karnataka Government will have to make preparations required for the project. He also insisted that it will benefit not only Bengaluru but also the

farmers of Tamil Nadu. "With regard to Mekedatu, we had marched for water (in 2021). Tamil Nadu will not have any problem. After our march, (the then) Chief Minister (Basavaraj Bommai) had earmarked Rs 1,000 crore for the project. It has been proposed but has not been spent yet. We have requisite prepar



too are generous. We are neighbouring States We have fought enough and seen enough legal battles. It never helps. May we deal with it har-moniously. It will help in providing drinking henefit

Gujarat Govt to challenge acquittal of six people in 2013 rape case against Asaram

PTI AHMEDABAD

The Gujarat Government will move the High Court to challenge the acquittal of self-styled godman Asaram's wife, their daughter and his four dis-ciples in a 2013 rape case in which he was sentenced to life imprisonment, an official said on Thursday. A court in Gandhinagar on January 31 sentenced Asaram to life imprisonment in the rape case filed by his former woman disciple in 2013.

in Delhi ... But I can assure the

Asaram's wife Laxmiben, their daughter Bharati, and his four disciples, who were accused by the prosecution of aiding and abetting the crime, were acquitted by the court for want of evidence. "The State's legal departa reso



Kodekar said.

The prosecution has also sought the Government's con-sent to challenge the Gandhinagar court's January 31 order, in which it suggested that life sentences for Asaram in Jodhpur and Ahmedabad cases should run concurrently. The Government's consent for the same is awaited, Kodekar said. The octogenarian godman is currently serving a life term in

press compartment from spreadepot located a few meters away. The fire broke out in the

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN KOCHI

Aby alert Railway staff who

stopped a blaze in the Alap-

puzha-Kannur Executive Ex-

Alappuzha-Kannur Executive Express in the wee hours of Thursday as the train was getting ready for its journey to Alappuzha. A general compartment was gutted in the fire but fortunately no casualty has been reported. Later in the day, a migrant labourer from West Bengal was taken into custody by the police. Further investigations were on at the time of going to Press.

This is the second such incident to take place in Kerala during the last two months. Interestingly, on April 1 this year the same train met with arson as a Delhi youth set the train on fire that led to the death of three persons, including an infant.

away from the ill-fated compartment and had it not been for the alertness of the Railway staff, the fire would have led to an inferno

The recurrence of the

mishap has shocked police offi-

cers as well as the people of the

State despite the fact that no

untoward incidents took place.

But what is intriguing is the fact

that a Bharat Petroleum fuel

While police officers remained tight-lipped, Dr Jacob Thomas, former Director General, Kerala Police told The Pioneer that it was a matter of concern. "The Inspector-General of Police, P Vijayan, who led the investigation into the April 1 fire was unceremoniously removed as the head of the anti-terrorism squad. It was his expertise and quick actions that led to the arrest of the Delhi youth within days of the incident from Maharashtra. But what he got in return was brickbats, and

that does not augur well for the Service," said Dr Thomas.

told reporters here. He said, "It's not that we have any hatred for Tamil Nadu or wage a war against it. Those residing there are our brethren and their brethren are

here as well. So, there is no scope for hatred or jealousy. It is our project. It will benefit them as well. We have to help all the farmers in the Cauvery basin." Stating that the key to unlock the Mekedatu issue is with the Centre, Shivakumar said there were orders on how much water Karnataka has to release. He wondered how Tamil Nadu will be at loss if Karnataka sets up a power plant

> there "We will store water and supply it to Bengaluru. It has been approved in the Cauvery Tribunal award. So there is no need to panic, the Deputy Chief Minister said.

He appealed to the Tamil Nadu Government to consider the project as it will not affect their interest.

"I request you (Tamil Nadu Government) that we will not trouble you. Be generous. We

Shivakumar said.

The Mekedatu multi-purpose (drinking and power) project involves building a balancing reservoir near Kanakapura in Ramanagara district. The estimated Rs 9,000-crore project, once completed, is aimed at ensuring drinking water to Bengaluru and neighbouring areas (4.75 TMC) and it can also generate 400 MW of power.

Karnataka has maintained that the project within its territory will benefit both States as the surplus water stored can be managed between the two during a distress year, and its implementation will in no way affect the interests of Tamil Nadu's farming communities, as there will be no impact on its share of water.

However, the neighbouring state is of the view that the project would "impound and divert" the uncontrolled water flow due to Tamil Nadu from Kabini sub-basin, the catchment area below Krishnarajasagara, and also from Simsha, Arkavathy and Suvarnavathi sub-basins besides other small streams.

6 and directed the prosecution to file an appeal against the acquittal of six accused by a Gandhingar court in the 2013 rape case against self-styled godman Asaram," special pubic prosecutor in the case, RC

2013 Gandhinagar court sentenced Asaram in the case for raping a woman disciple, who hailed from Surat, on several occasions from 2001 to 2007 at his ashram at Motera near Ahmedabad before her escape.

a Jodhpur jail in another case of

raping a minor girl at his ashram

PUBLIC NOTICE

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The following borrower/s have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loans facility obtained by them from the Bank and the loans have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). A notice was ssued to them under Section 13 (2) of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act-2002 on their last known addresses, however it was not served and hence they are nereby notified by way of this public notice

Sr. No.	Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/	Property Address of Secured Asset / Asset to be Enforced	Date of Notice Sent/ Outsta- nding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date	
1.	Sobin K Thomas, Rajily Joseph Thomas, Military Secretarys Branch Ms6c, IHQ of Mod Army Room No 221B, South Block, New Deli, Delhi, Delhi- 110011 A/C No:- LBDEL00005186129, LBKNR00003246884, LBKNR00003246881.	Rs No.28/1A2, Vayathur Village Iritty Taluk, UGP 2/446 A Kumbalankal, Peedikakkunnu Po Manikkadavu Kannur, Kannur- 670705	29/04/2023 Rs.3,33,467/- Rs.11,05,368/- Rs.4,80,045/-	06/12/ 2022	
2.	Amarjeet Kumar, Pinky., House No H-29 Shatabdi Encalve Sector 49 Noida, Noida, Uttar Pradesh- 201301 A/C No :- LBNOD00004897408, LBNOD00004873970.	Flat No UG-04, First Floor Block/tower-7 Panchsheel Hynish, Plot No -GH-08A, Sector-1, Greater Noida, Gautam Budha Nagar Uttar Pradesh	29/04/2023 Rs.1,48,188/- Rs.23,62,760/-	04/02/ 2023	
3.	Anuj Sharma, Rajeshwari Sharma, A-1 Third Floor, Iksana Play School, Suraj Vihar N S I T, Dwarka New Delhi, Delhi- 110078 A/C No :- LBDEL00003782523, LBDEL00006085066, LBDEL00006086913.	Flat No- 1004, Tower-C, 10th Floor, Building Name As "Star Rameshwaram", Nh-58, Raj Nagar Extn Ghaziabad	24/04/2023 Rs.14,75,710/- Rs.5,37,719/- Rs.29,333/-	23/01/ 2023	
4.	Bhooshan., Sompal Singh, 9/254 Sector 3 Rajender Nagar, Sahibabad, Ghaziabad- 201005 A/C No :- LBGHZ00004418607, LBGHZ00005136561 .	Flat No 1107, Type-D, 11th Floor, Towe-7, Block 1, Without Roof Rights, VVIP Addresses Khasara No-1119, 1120, 1125, 1126, 1146, 1147, & 1117, Village Noor Nagar, Raj Nagar Extn, Nh 58, Ghaziabad	24/04/2023 Rs.12,42,387/- Rs.6,14,963/-	03/01/ 2023	
5.	Dhanjit Singh, Lakhwinder Kaur ,35 1st Floor Sukhdev Vihar, Delhi- 110025, Sukhdev Vihar, Delhi, Delhi-110025 A/C No :- LBDEL00005248243, LBDEL00005785639, LBDEL00005793130.	Prop No-35, First Floor Without Roof Rights, Sukhdev Vihar, New Delhi, Delhi	24/04/2023 Rs.29,07,650/- Rs.20,19,602/- Rs.5,157/-	03/01/ 2023	
6.	Lakhmi Chand, Manju Chauhan, Nitin Chauhan, C 19 1st Floor, Shankra Charya Road, Adarsh Nagar, Delhi- 110033 A/C No :- LBDEL00005120266, LBDEL00002925579, LBDEL00005488345.	Plot No-19, First Floor (Without Roof Rights) Block- C, Situated At Majlis Park, Azadpur,adarsh Nagar, Delhi- 110033	24/04/2023 Rs.39,23,596/- Rs.41,06,486/- Rs.7,41,551/-	19/01/ 2023	
7.	Rajesh Singh, Rakesh Singh, 177 3rd Floor Block B-2, 177 3rd Floor Block B-2, West Delhi, Delhi, 110029. A/C No:- LBDEL00004983795 LBDEL00004983816.	Property Bearing No-117, Block- B-2, 2nd Floor (Entire Terraceover & Above The Entire 2nd Floor Upto Sky), Safdarjung Development Residential Scheme Safdarjung Encalve Delhi Delhi 110029 (Along with 25% undivided, indivisible & impartible ownership right in the land underneath the said plot of land with all rights in common facilities & amenities)	17/05/2023 Rs. 1,81,02,888.86/- Rs. 7,89,014/-	01/03/ 2023	

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

Particulars	Ended 31.03.2023 (Audited)	Ended 31.03.2022 (Audited)	Ended 31.03.2023 (Audited)			
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(a)Basic:	0.00	0.01	0.04			
(b)Diluted:	0.00	0.01	0.04			
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The above result was taken on record by the Board of Directors in the meeting held on 31 st day of May, 2023.						
The above is an extract of the detailed format of						
Quarter and Year Ended on 31 st March, 2023 filed of the SERI (Listing Obligation and Disclosure Re			Regulations 33			

of the SEBI (Listing Obligation and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015

website (www.bseindia.com) and Company's website i.e. www.sidhgroup.in

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PUBLIC NOTICE-TE	NDER CUM E-AUCTION I [See proviso to rule		OF SECUP	RED ASSET		
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 Mr. Roop Narain Kaushik (Borrower), Chanchal Kaushik, Frames Twenty Four Communications Pvt Ltd (Co- borrower), LBFDB00003334292 	A, Green Park, New	Rs. 3,40,15, 483.23/- as on May 26, 2023	Rs. 2,00,00, 000/- Rs.20,00, 000/-	June 19, 2023, From 03:00 PM to 05:00 PM	June 30, 2023, From 11.00 AM Onwards	
The online auction will take place on the website of e-auction agency M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited ((URL Link-https://disposalhub.com)). The Mortgagors/ noticee are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till June 28, 2023 before 05:00 P.M. failing which, this/these secured asset/s will be sold as per schedule.						
The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Bank Limited, 3rd Floor Shal Tower, New Rohtak Road, Karol bagh. Delhi-110005. on or before June 28, 2023 before 05:00 P.M. and thereafter they need to submit their offer through the above mentioned website only on or before June 28, 2023 before 05:00 P.M. along with scan image of Bank acknowledged DD						
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The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons. Fo detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit **www.icicibank.com/n4p4s** Date: June 02, 2023 Place: Delhi/ NCR

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

Date :	June 02, 2023	
Place	: Delhi/ NCR	

Authorized Officer ICICI Bank Limited

SIDH AUTOMOBILES LIMITED Registered Office: R-13, S/F GREATER KAILASH-I NEW DELHI, DELHI - 110048, INDIA CIN : L34102DL1985PLC020156 Email: sidhindia1985@gmail.com, website: www.sidhgroup.in Audited Financial Results for the Quarter and Year Ended on 31 ^{er} March, 2023 (Amount in Rs.)			
Statement of Audited Financial Results for the o	Quarter and Yea Quarter Ended 31.03.2023 (Audited)	ar Ended on 31* Quarter Ended 31.03.2022 (Audited)	March, 2023 Year Ended 31.03.2023 (Audited)
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Date : 31.05.2023

Place : Delhi

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For and on behalf of the Board of Directors SIDH AUTOMOBILES LIMITED

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-PAPER WITH PASSION-

Too bullish to be true

Morgan Stanley has painted a rosy picture of the economy, but it omits some key indicators

overnment and Bharatiya Janata Party supporters must be happy over the recent Treport by Morgan Stanley, the global financial services firm. "This India is different from what it was in 2013. In a short span of 10 years, India has gained positions in the world order with significant positive consequences for the macro and market outlook," it said. "India has transformed in less than a decade." This is surely a vote of confidence for Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his economic policies. The report has highlighted 10 big changes that have taken place since 2014. Bringing down the corporate tax rate at par with the same in other major economies and heavy infrastructure investment are among the top supply-side policy reforms, Morgan Stanley said. The soaring collection of goods and services tax (GST) and the growing share of digital transactions as a percentage of GDP indicate the formalisation of the economy, it added. Other pluses, according to Morgan Stanley, are direct transfer of sub-



sidies to accounts of beneficiaries, the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, flexible inflation targeting, focus on foreign direct investment (FDI), Government support for corporate profits, a new law for the realty sector, and MNC sentiment at multi-year high. Manufacturing and capital spending as a percentage of GDP has continuously risen, Morgan Stanley said, adding export market share is projected to more than double to 4.5 per cent by 2031.

Much of what Morgan Stanley has said is correct, but at places optimism seems a bit excessive. It seems to have overlooked a few facts. For instance, FDI inflows into the country fell by 16 per cent to \$71 billion on a gross basis in the last fiscal, though

the decline has been attributed to weak global factors. Similarly, manufacturing remains a laggard; its share continues to languish at 16-17 per cent of the country's GDP. The Government has made big claims about the potential of industrial growth; it launched ambitious programmes like Make in India and the production-linked incentive or PLI scheme for several sectors. And yet, manufacturing's share in GDP is no different than it was in 2011, the year in which the National Manufacturing Policy was announced with the target to make the share go up by 2022. Then there is the issue of jobs; the economy is not able to generate quality employment. This reflects in consumption patterns. The sales of luxury products are zooming, whereas the items used by common people like kitchen appliances are not doing as well. Growth accelerated to 6.1 per cent in the fourth quarter of 2022-23, and for the entire fiscal it was upwardly revised to 7.2 per cent. For 2023-24 too, India is likely to grow by over 6 per cent, and will be the fastest growing big economy. The Government must persist with reforms and ensure the more supply-side bottlenecks are removed so that the fruits of growth and development are equitably distributed.



Syncretism: A vision for India's future



As India moves forward, it must consciously embrace its rich diversity, essential for nurturing a harmonious society that grows together

he inauguration of the New Parliament Building has heralded a new history of India in its 75th year of Independence. Leaving apart the controversies wrangling in different corridors, we must realize that the value of democracy lies in upholding the essence and spirit of this new development and with it the whole idea of multiculturalism and the syncretic tradition that binds this nation of 140 crore Indians together. 'Sarva Dharma Prarthana' or Inter-Faith Prayer is one of the great steps in this direction which happened at the inaugural programme on May 28. India, known for its rich cul-

tural tapestry and religious diversity, has long embraced the idea of syncretism and multiculturalism. This inherent acceptance of diverse beliefs and traditions is exemplified through inter-faith prayers, which hold great significance in various ceremonies across the country. These prayers serve as a unifying force, promoting harmony, tolerance, and cultural integration. Inter-faith prayers at the inaugural ceremony, symbolize the nation's commitment to embracing and maintaining its cultural syncretism. By incorporating inter-faith prayers into the ceremony, the diversity that India stands for was celebrated. This inclusive approach not only strengthens the social fabric but also sends a strong message to the world about India's commitment to secularism and pluralism. Inter-faith prayers hold immense significance in India, as they bring together people from different religious backgrounds/ faith, fostering a sense of unity and shared purpose. India's cultural tapestry is intricately woven with the threads of various religions, each contributing to the vibrant fabric of society. From Hinduism, Buddhism, and Jainism to Islam, Christianity, Sikhism, the Baha'i, Judaism, Zoroastrianism and others, India has been a melting pot of diverse religious beliefs, rituals, and practices. 'Sarva Dharma Prarthana'

reminder of our shared humanity and transcend religious boundaries, emphasizing the common values and aspirations that bind us as a nation. As the seat or Temple of democracy, the Parliament represents the voice of the people and their diverse aspirations. symbolizing the inclusive spirit of India, for India's syncretic traditions are deeply embedded in its cultural fabric. The country's history is replete with instances where different religious beliefs and practices have intermingled and influenced each other. This syncretism is evident in various aspects of Indian life, including festivals, rituals, and philosophical ideologies. Festivals such as Diwali, Eid, Christmas, and Guru Nanak Jayanti to name a few, are celebrated with equal enthusiasm by people of different faiths. These celebrations not only ESSENTIAL FOR ALL showcase cultural diversity but also provide an opportunity for individuals to learn SUCH WISDOM AND about and appreciate different religious traditions.

It is undeniable that India's artistic heritage spans millennia, with influences from various cultures and civilizations. The intricate carvings of the

ent artistic styles have merged to create a distinct Indian aesthetic. By appreciating and preserving these art forms, India not only showcases its multicultural heritage but also encourages dialogue and understanding among diverse communities. India's rich spiritual heritage and its embrace of diverse philosophies have given rise to a syncretic tapestry, interwoven with the teachings of renowned saints and AS INDIA philosophers throughout his-**EMBARKED ON A** tory. Kabir, the 15th-century poet and mystic, whose teach-**NEW CHAPTER** ings emphasized the unity of all religions, says, "Dheere WITH THE dheere re mana, dheere sab **INAUGURATION OF** kuch hoi. Mali seenche sau ghada, ritu aaye phal hoye", ITS NEW embodies the essence of cultural syncretism by emphasiz-PARLIAMENT ing the gradual evolution of spiritual growth and the universality of divine wisdom. Swami Vivekananda also OF US TO VALUE

stressed the importance of embracing diversity and unity among religions. He famous-ly said, "I am proud to belong TEACHINGS THAT to a religion which has taught the world both tolerance and HAVE INSPIRED universal acceptance. We INDIVIDUALS AND believe not only in universal toleration but we accept all reli-NATIONS ALIKE gions as true." Conceptualized

Belur Math is a clear example of an architectural marvel that beautifully embodies syncretic traditions, blending elements from various Indian architectural styles, with its ornate carvings, domes, and spires, along with Islamic arches and intricate floral motifs and further incorporating elements reminiscent of Gothic architecture, such as stainedglass windows.

Mahatma Gandhi too emphasized the importance of embracing diverse cultures and traditions without losing one's own identity. He envisioned a society where different cultures coexist and enrich one another, fostering understanding and unity. As India embarked on a new chapter with the inauguration of its New Parliament Building, it is essential for all of us to value such wisdom and teachings that have inspired individuals and Nations alike. By promoting interfaith dialogue, preserving linguistic diversity, celebrating artistic expressions, and embracing such vast and versatile traditions, India can continue to be a shining example of unity in diversity in her global endeavour to become a global power under the aynamic leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. (The writer is Programme Executive, Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti)



acts as the glue that holds this mosaic together, fostering an the Mughal architecture of environment of mutual respect and peaceful coexistence. These frescoes of Rajasthan are just prayers serve as a powerful a few examples of how differ-

ancient temples in Knajurano, the Taj Mahal, and the vibrant

LETTERS

Swami vivekananda nimself and designed and developed by his engineer brothermonk Swami Vijnanananda, the Ramakrishna Mission in

Burga-clad students play cricket in the J J Hospital premises at Byculla in Mumbai

The nuisance that is convocation ceremony



BIJU DHARMAPALAN

Ceremonies get value only if they are conducted appropriately. Mimicking an auspicious ceremony only demeans its value

oes education have any value in life? Does a degree guarantee a job? These questions always rhyme in our society. Of course, these questions

need detailed discussion. But the root cause of these questions is the declining value of education in today's society, due to the mockeries shown by education institutions. Even from kindergarten onwards, many private educational institutions conduct graduation ceremonies, making a mockery of our education system. We are demeaning the value of actual degree certificates through these ceremonies

According to UGC, "Convocation" means a ceremonial assembly of a university, normally held for conferring Degrees and other awards to its eligible candidates. Usually, it is the universities that conduct convocation ceremonies in India. But in recent times, many colleges conduct convocation ceremonies or graduation ceremonies. The programme is conducted in a grand manner inviting eminent personalities; in some cases, even the vice-chancellors of universi-



ties attend the function. The funny thing is that even students who failed university examinations also get a certificate at these graduation ceremonies. Some college authorities make poor students and parents believe that these certificates have more value than the ones issued by the universities. The ceremony itself is a huge business involving many event managers. A photo in graduation attire can convince the public that the particular

person is a degree holder. This can fetch them status and demand in the marriage market. It's like what we see in the movie 'Three Idiots.'

After attending the graduation ceremony conducted by their colleges, students post on social media stating that they have officially become graduates. During

ceremonies are performed only by universities where the university authority hand over graduation certificates. Every student dreams of wearing the ceremonial convocation dress and taking a photo with the degree certificate. There was a time, before the 1990s, when every household used to hang pictures of their graduating family members. During that time, students from every stream and every level, undergraduate to higher degrees, had the privilege to attend convocation ceremonies conducted at universities. Society viewed a university graduate with awe and much respect. With the increase in the number of graduates passing out from our universities, the convocation ceremonies are limited to professional courses and higher degrees like PhD.

The value given to original degree certificates issued by good universities is slowy diminishing because of ceremonies conducted by these private institutions. The students and society at large are finding it challenging to understand which is genuine

and which is fake. There are earlier times, the convocation many people with "Dr." affil-

iation in our community, whose degree is awarded by private institutions. These institutions, which are mostly registered societies, provide honorary doctoral degrees by charging hefty fees. They even give professional awards after taking huge fees from the nominees. Ceremonies get value only if it is conducted appropriately by the appropriate agency concerned. Mimicking an auspicious ceremony will demean its value. Can we mimic our marriage ceremony to show it to someone? All educational institutions should respect the value associated with various ceremonies and show the correct path to the students and society. Otherwise, our students shall carry certificates that have only a paper's value and have value only on social media platforms. We need to

build quality graduates in every domain of knowledge in nation-building. For this, educational institutions should stay away from such gimmicks that make a mockery of our education system and should show the true path to our youngsters.

(The writer is a columnist))

'DRESS CODE' FOR TEMPLES

Sir — As per the report, the temple worshipers from across Maharashtra's villages have pushed back against the imposition of a 'dress code' for visiting temples for both male and female devotees. A "vastra samhita" or dress code was imposed mid-May at four temples of Nagpur, these include the Gopalkrishna temple in Dhantoli (a middle-class settlement within the city), Sankatmochan Panchmukhi Hanuman temple in Saoner (a farmers town near Nagpur), the Brihaspati temple, in Hingna (an industrial township bordering the Wardha district), and the Durgamata temple at Koradi (the thermal power township located north of Nagpur). Religious bodies should refrain from issuing such diktats that would create new problems within society. "Parents in rural areas do not buy full pants for young boys until they go to junior college. When we were in school, we did not get to wear full pants until Class 10. We had to wear shorts to school. Our parents used to tell us that they would give us full pants only after we entered Class 11. This is prevalent in rural areas across Maharashtra. Then why are little boys being stopped from entering temples? Has any God said, 'Don't allow kids wearing shorts to come for my darshan'?" While several other popular shrines in the state are exercising caution and not rushing to impose the dress code, the issue has the potential of blowing up into a full-scale political confrontation N Mateeni | Mumbai

MANIPUR UNREST

Sir — Amid the ongoing tensity in Manipur, Olympic medallist Mirabai Chanu and weightlifter kunjarani devi signed a memorandum to Home Minister Amit Shah, along with 11 other athletes demanding to restore peace in Manipur and sought rigid action against the extremist groups behind the violence as soon as possible that if peace power, even if the election promises

Telangana suicides

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ecently, eight students committed suicide K in Telangana after the announcement of the intermediate examination results as they failed or faired poorly. Perhaps, this was one of those cases where exam-related suicide was reported in a newspaper. There are many instances where these deaths go unreported. Society is by and large mum to the increasing number of suicides by students close on the heels of the declaration of results of important examinations that decide entry into professional courses because taking one's own life after the dec-

is not restored, they will return their medals. It is concerning that Manipur BJP rules the state but the BJP doesn't bother those who lost their loved ones rather busy conducting expensive election campaigns for Prime minister in states across the country due to which the government is still unable to normalize the unrest and restore the peace. Ganapathi Bhat Akola

BATTLE OF NARRATIVES

Sir — The battle of narratives between the Congress and the BJP is once again at a peak. PM Modi and Rahul Gandhi are attacking each other. Whenever the election is about to come, the ruling and the opposition start taking voters under their guise by opening their bags of populist promises. If we look at the election manifests of the last decade, it is known that all the parties have run the same agenda of distributing freebies. After getting the

laration of exam results is not considered a social evil by most stakeholders in India even though every year history repeats.

Plenty of them eye careers that suit them but are forced to look elsewhere due to parental pressure. It is indisputable that parental pressure is the biggest contributor to augmented anxiety and depression among students paving the way for suicides. For a long time, it is not what the child wants but it is almost like what the "father and mother want" that has pushed children to the brink. Of course, obtaining excellent marks is a sure shot highway to a reasonable job in later life. But it's doubtful as to whether an individual, having painstakingly defeated a mind-boggling rat race at a young age against his/her wishes and aspirations, would live with peace and harmony rest of his/her life despite bagging ranks and marks. Self-employment is never considered a great option in the country, and the results are there to see

Ganapathi Bhat | Akola

become a jumla, the leaders will not mind. The poor people would have sold their vote by getting trapped in the promises of freebies, while the upper class has no worries about voting and inflation. The middle class has to bear the brunt. Unfortunately the voters are too gullable and fall for such gimmicks election after election. The politicians know that public memory is short and there are a number of ways to distract them and harness their votes. But this is not what the maker of the constitution Baba Saheb Ambedkar had contemplated. Over the period of 75 years the standards of public life have gone down drastically and speaking lies and even spreading hate has become a new normal. This is not what makes India great it only is a surefire recipe to take the country down. Hope politicians are listening. Jahangir Ali | Maharashtra

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FIRSTCOLUMIN IMPORTANCE OF PM MODI'S US STATE VISIT

Domestic politics aside, there is much at stake for PM Modi's upcoming state visit to the US



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rime Minister Narendra Modi would be on a high-profile visit to the United States later this month. The state visit would be the first for the PM, and for the president of the USA and the second during his current tenure, as a host. This visit is happening against the backdrop of many high-profile visits by Indian and American diplomats, secretaries and ministers setting the ground, plank by plank, in what could be one of the most significant milestones in the India US bilateral relationship. The last such fillip to the relationship came in the period from 2005 to 2009 when India went nuclear and, US keeping aside its domestic political reservations and ally concerns (read Pakistan), eased India into the nuclear club, finally culminating in, then Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's state visit to the US. A state visit is the highest level of honour and prestige accorded bilaterally, and is considered to be the top-notch level in diplomatic relationships.

Prime Minister Modi's scheduled state visit was supposed to have been preceded, by his meeting with US President Joe Biden, at least thrice in less than a month. These included bilateral meetings during G7, to which India was invited, a meeting in Papua New Guinea and a QUAD leaders' summit before culminating in a state visit. However, President Biden had to cut short his trip to the Pacific Ocean Island nation and Australia, due to domestic issues, leading to a few hurried meetings on the sidelines of the G7 in Japan.

The domestic environment for both India and the US is just warming up, to what would be an extremely hot and noisy space for the world's oldest and largest democracy. India and the US face general elections next year and the domestic political climate, if not decibels, are already exceeding tolerable limits. Moving forward it would be unbearable and rough. This casts the dice for these leaders, both of whom are seeking re-election (PM Modi for the third term and President Biden second term), to make it worthwhile for their respective constituencies, which will send them back to the top posts. The US president would have to ensure that his voters, if not the congress and some of his colleagues, see the value of upgrading the India-US bilateral relationship, despite, India's conspicuous silence on Ukraine (except for It is not a time for War statement), close relations and dependencies on Russia and some uncomfortable questions regarding human rights, religious freedom etc.

Indian Prime Minister on his part would like to take the spectacle quotient a tad higher than the Howdy Modi, grand concerts event, when



Judgement, education and effective action



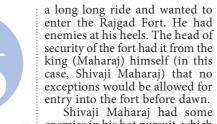
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Whether one is the top man or the so-called bottom man, there is always an element of decision-making vested in the role



ne of the critical components of decision-making is the ability to decipher decision spaces. Consider the example of a doorkeeper. By any standards, it is a lowly rank and humble in many ways. Yet, in times of knocking at the door, that position becomes more important than that of the Chairman himself. It is the doorkeeper's decision to let somebody in or keep him out. It is a power loaded with security concerns and at times with grave implications of time, life and death. Consider a situation where somebody is ill, and a doctor has been summoned in the late hours of the evening to the building to take care of the ailing person. The doctor does not get a security clearance, but his entry into the building is critical. Like anything else, there is a risk involved, and somebody may be impersonating the doctor; there may be a rogue doctor or the doctor himself may be very impatient—the possibilities are several. The judgement of the gatekeeper and the judgement to be exercised on the spot make him the kingpin, not only for the moment of the act but indeed for much else, besides.



The narrative, as it is, needs no comment. The larger part of the story is that it makes a point.

in the ultimate analysis of the making of the human being: health and judgement are the two most important things. Judgement cannot be taught; it cannot be 'given.' It has to grow

Indeed, many formally educated people do not get very far and flounder in the race of life in a worse-than-mediocre pattern. This appears as an enigma when it is actually it is not so. The truth is that creativity and judgement propelled even those who had not completed their formal education to higher levels of achievement Higher levels of achievement do not necessarily follow high degrees. In the case of the educated, the natural achievements which would have followed creativity were sharpened and results were better than if they had not been educated at all. It is soulful to remember this and use it as a compass to navigate one's own career and those dependent on one. The meaning, the content, the delivery, and the keeping alive of the educational processes are important phenomena. The whys and wherefores of this process need to be understood and developed more fruitfully as a part of any project related to the educational process. Hopefully, as the National Education Policy makes its rollout, these questions will not only surface but get addressed

PM Mod and then President Donald Trump, jointly addressed thousands of Indian Americans in Houston. The PM would expect a significant outcome from the state visit, albeit the cheering crowds, public events would definitely be a part of the package. The PM who was recently on a visit to Australia and Pacific island countries, where he got a rock stars welcome, addressed large cheering crowds in packed arenas and was even called "the boss" by the Australian PM. The Indian American groups are also prepping up for PM Modi's visit, as many of them are expected to participate in some key official ceremonies at the white house, including witnessing the 21-gun salute and perhaps yoga sessions led by Indian PM on International World yoga day on June 21st.

It would be worth remembering that PM Modi's visit would also follow opposition leader Rahul Gandhi's ten days trip to the US, where he interacted with a wide array of stakeholders, civil society, think tanks etc on questions surrounding Indian democracy. The larger questions regarding shrinking space for democratic manoeuvre and political opposition in India, which have been brought out by the opposition leader during his earlier visits to UK etc and which have led to some influencer groups doubting Indian democratic credentials, could have been contained, by the time PM Modi lands in the US. Domestic politics aside there is much at stake for PM Modis' upcoming state visit to the US.

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The derivation is obvious: everyone needs to have effective decision-making skills. The story goes that King Shivaji approached his Rajgad Fort near Pune, in the early hours of the morning after

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enemies in his not pursuit, which he had evaded. The Head of Security took the call that the order of the Maharaj was sacred and Shivaji would not be let into the fort. Śhivaji tried to explain to him that his life may be at risk and that he had been exercising his supreme powers by ordering a gate to be opened. The Head of Security refused to comply. When Shivaji asked him who would be responsible for his security, the Head of Security responded, "I am the head of security, and I shall be responsible. We shall make preparations for your comfort outside the fort, and you will be absolutely safe. Our full force will protect you and protect you successfully." The story concludes that Shivaji was finally allowed entry into the fort only at dawn. One of his first acts after his entry was to elevate the rank to the Head of Security.

from within. It is a judgement that makes a person.

Judgement is both subtle and growing. In a parliamentary system, the Prime Minister is the head of the Executive. He has to not only lead but also be responsible for the key decisions. His ability to judge and decide who to consent to, and to what extent is crucial. He has also to assess to what extent amalgamate the various strands of advice received.

This brings us to the essence of training of the mind and education. The current rollout of the National Education Policy raises these questions in many ways. With increasing frequency, it is being asked many, how so many people, who do not even finish their school education become such original thinkers and make such brilliant contributions. Rabindra Nath Thakur is a common reference.

Caribbean medical degree can lead to a career in the West

Pursuing medical education in a Caribbean university is a viable route to a career in medicine in the West, although it is not without its challenges

n recent years, there has been a significant surge in Lthe demand for doctors and the aspirations to pursue a medical career. However, the available resources and facilities have struggled to match the pace of this demand, resulting in a considerable gap. Consequently, numerous students have opted to relocate to different countries in search of admission to medical courses, as the distribution of requirements and available facilities remains imbalanced. To pursue a medical career

in the USA or Canada, students typically follow a structured path. Upon finishing their undergraduate degree, students are required to clear the MCAT exam as a prerequisite for admission to medical school. Once a student enters



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school which would include their pre-clinical and clinical. Once the student is done with clinical rotations and graduates from medical school, s/he applies for residency. Students submit applications through

the National Residency Matching Program (NRMP). Depending on the specialisation they opt for, many doctors complete their residency programs in 3 to 7 years.

To become a doctor in the US/Canada, students have the option to pursue a Caribbean medical college route. This involves selecting a reputable and accredited medical school in the Caribbean and completing a 2-year pre-med pro-gram, followed by 2 years of pre-clinical studies. The stu-

medical school, they spend dents then continue their clinanother 4-5 years in a medical ical rotations in the USA/Canada. Studying medicine in the Caribbean region offers a multitude of benefits for aspiring medical students aiming to become practising doctors in the USA, UK, and Canada.

> These advantages make Caribbean medical schools an appealing choice for those seeking a top-tier education, practical exposure, and a unique cultural experience. Additionally, these medical schools hold recognition from esteemed international organizations like the World Health Organization and the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates, ensuring that graduates can practice medicine across all 50 states in the US or in the UK,

and Canada, among other various countries worldwide. Lower Financial Burden:

Studying MBBS at leading Caribbean medical colleges generally comes at a lower cost compared to US medical colleges, including both public and private institutions. While certain Caribbean colleges may have costs that approach those of US medical colleges, the overall expenses remain significantly more affordable.

Hassle-free Admission: Unlike other foreign medical universities, getting admission to top Caribbean medical colleges is less complex. Apart from decent credentials at the school level, you need to clear the country-specific medical entrance exam such as NEET in India. Most Caribbean colleges have rolling admissions

with three intakes- January, May and September.

Diverse Learning: Caribbean medical universities attract a diverse student population from various countries and cultural backgrounds. This multicultural environment fosters a rich learning experience, promoting cross-cultural understanding and collaboration.

Gateway to the US: The Caribbean region is globally recognized for its esteemed medical schools. These institutions hold accreditation from prominent international organizations including the Caribbean Accreditation Authority for Education in Medicine and Other Health Professions (CAAM-HP), World Health Organization (WHO), and the Educational

Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG). Such recognition empowers graduates to pursue medical practice in diverse countries across the globe. International medical graduates (IMGs) have a vital role in the American healthcare system, making up 25 per cent of the existing U.S. physician workforce. Among these IMGs, 18 per cent are graduates of Caribbean medical schools,

indicating that approximately 4.5 per cent of licensed doctors in the U.S. obtained their MD degrees from Caribbean institutions

Accredited Medical Schools: While choosing a Caribbean medical school, it's very important to check the recognitions and accreditations to ensure quality edu- gram.

cation. Only schools that are recognized by CAAM-HP and accredited by the US Dept of Education, New York State Education Department and other US & Canadian medical education-related departments/bodies should be chosen to ensure a smooth transition into USA / Canada.

Pursuing a medical educa-tion at a Caribbean medical school offers a viable route to a rewarding career in medicine, although it is not without its challenges. While the entry requirements may be less stringent compared to those in the US, achieving exceptional grades and excelling in USMLE exams are still essential for securing a position in an American residency pro-



NATO presses Turkiye to approve Sweden's membership

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 $\mathbf{N}_{\mathrm{up}}^{\mathrm{ATO}\,\mathrm{on}\,\mathrm{Thursday\,ramped}}$ nation Turkiye to drop its objections to Sweden's membership as the military organisation seeks to deal with the issue by the time US President Joe Biden and his counterparts meet next month. The 31-member alliance is also looking at boosting Ukraine's non-member status in NATO and preparing a framework for security com mitments that it can offer once

the war with Russia is over. Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said NATO wants to bring Sweden into the fold by the time allied leaders meet in Lithuania on July 11-12. The allies also hope to make progress on long-term funding and the security plan for Ukraine at the same event, Stoletenberg said

He said the allies continue to agree that Ukraine will become a NATO member but that in the meantime the

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alliance should provide it with security commitments and substantial new funding.

"Our focus today was on how we can bring Ukraine closer to NATO where it belongs," he said. "No one knows when the war will end, but we must ensure that when it does we have credible arrangements in place to guarantee Ukraine's security in the

antee Ukraines security in the future and break Russia's cycle of aggression," Stoltenberg said. US Secretary of State Antony Blinken said the allies were "focused on helping Ukraine to build up its medi-um, and long term security um- and long-term security capacity so that if and when the current aggression settles, Ukraine has the full capacity to deter future aggression".

"NATO has a role in that in terms of the work it can do to bring Ukraine up to NATO standards," he said. He did not elaborate Fearing they might be tar-

N Korean leader's sister slams US

geted by Moscow after Russia invaded Ukraine last year,



US Secretary of State Antony Blinken, left, listens as gives a statement to the media, at Oslo City Hall, during a meeting of NATO's foreign ministers in Oslo on Thursday. AP/PTI

Sweden and Finland abandoned their traditional positions of military nonalignment to seek protection under NATO's security umbrella. Finland became NATO's 31st member country in April.

NATO must agree unanimously for countries to join. Turkiye's government accuses Sweden of being too lenient on terrorist organisations and security threats, including mil-itant Kurdish groups and peo-

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ple associated with a 2016 coup attempt.

Hungary has also delayed its approval, but the reasons why have not been made publicly clear

Stoltenberg said that he would travel to Ankara "in the near future to continue to address how we can ensure the fastest possible accession of Sweden." He said his and Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's staffs were working on dates for the trip.

"My message is that Sweden has delivered, and the time has come to ratify Sweden," he told reporters at the conclusion of two days of informal talks between alliance foreign ministers to prepare for the summit in Lithuania. Others echoed his comments.

Its time for Sweden to join now," Norwegian Foreign Minister Anniken Huitfeldt told reporters. Îm confident that also

Hungary will ratify the accession protocol," Stoltenberg said.

Annalena Baerbock said that "it is essential that we can finally welcome Sweden as the 32nd member." She stressed that the Swedish government has Berlin's "full support". Sweden's foreign minister, Tobias Billström, said that "it is time for Turkey and Hungary to start the ratification of the Swedish membership to NATO". He said that "everything (that) bars Sweden joining NATO will be seen as wine for (Russian president Vladimir) Putin". For

months, Sweden, Finland and Turkiye held talks to try to address Ankara's concerns. Billstrom said he expected things to be made clear at a new meeting of this "permanent joint mechanism" in coming weeks.

He noted that as of Thursday, Sweden had tightened its anti-terrorism laws. It is now it illegal to finance, recruit for or publicly encourage "a terrorist organisation", or to travel abroad with the inten-

German Foreign Minister tion of joining such groups The time may be ripe for

movement. Sweden's membership became embroiled in campaigning for elections in Turkiye, which Erdogan won on Sunday. Erdogan has also been seeking upgraded US fighter jets, and Washington signalled this week that they might be delivered. "I spoke to Erdogan and he still wants to work on something on the F-16s. I told him we wanted a deal with Sweden. So let's get that done," Biden said on Monday. On Tuesday, Blinken insisted that the issues of Sweden's membership and the fighter jets were distinct. However, he stressed that the completion of both would dramatically strengthen European security 'Both of these are vital, in our judgement, to European security," Blinken told reporters. "We believe that both should go forward as quickly as possible; that is to say Sweden's accession and moving forward on the F-16 package more broadly."

Russian court

prepares way

for new trial

against jailed

Moscow (AP): A Moscow court

on Wednesday set a new date

for a hearing paving the way for another trial of imprisoned

Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny that could keep

The Moscow City Court initially scheduled for

Wednesday a preliminary hear-

ing to discuss technical issues

related to the trial of the

Kremlin's arch foe but moved it

to June 6 without giving a rea-

son. The court rejected a request

by Navalny's lawyers for more

time to examine voluminous

case materials. Navalny has said

that the new extremism charges

which he rejected as "absurd"

could keep him in prison for

another 30 years. He said an

investigator told him that he

would also face a separate mil-

itary court trial on terrorism

charges that could potentially

carry a life sentence.

him in prison for decades.

Kremlin foe

China accuses US of interfering in training exercise

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Beijing (AP): China's Defence Ministry accused the US of "interference and surveillance" of a naval exercise in the South China Sea ahead of an incident in which a Chinese fighter pilot flew at high speed in front of a US Air Force reconnaissance plane, underscoring the rupture in contacts between their militaries.

A statement issued late Wednesday by the Chinese military's Southern Theater Command said it had "orga nized air forces to track and monitor the whole process, dealt with it according to laws and regulations, and operated professionally." The US Indo-Pacific

Command said the pilot of a Chinese J-16 fighter had "performed an unnecessarily aggressive maneuver" while intercepting a US Air Force RC-135 aircraft on May 26, flying directly in front of the plane's nose.

"The RC-135 was conducting safe and routine operations over the South China Sea in international airspace, in accordance with international law," the US. side said. "We expect all countries in the Indo-Pacific region to use international airspace safely and in accordance with international law."

Southern Theater Command spokesperson Senior Col. Zhang Nandong was quoted in the statement accusing the U.S. of "mixing up black and white and making false accusations in an attempt to confuse the international

audience? "We solemnly urge the U.S. to conscientiously restrain the actions of frontline naval and air forces, strictly abide by relevant international laws and relevant agreements, and prevent accidents at sea and in the air," Zhang said. "If not, the US will bear all

consequences," he said. Zhang did not say what

nternational laws he was referring to. China's claim to virtually the entire South China Sea is not recognized by the US and strongly contested by other countries bordering on the strategic waterway, through which an estimated \$5 trillion of international trade passes each year.

for criticising failed satellite launch countries, which have already launched thousands of satellites, The powerful sister of North Korean Kim Jong Un on should be denounced. This is nothing but sophism of self-con-tradiction," she said, using the Thursday accused the United initials of North Korea's formal States of "gangster-like" name, the Democratic People's hypocrisy for criticizing her country's failed launch of a mil-Republic of Korea.

itary spy satellite and insisted a successful launch will be made Kim Yo Jong said North Korea's efforts to acquire space based reconnaissance capabilities were a legitimate exercise of its sovereign right and restated the country's rejection of UN Security Council resolutions that ban it from conducting any launch involving ballis-

tic missile technology. Her comments on state media came a day after the rocket carrying the satellite failed. North Korea said the rocket lost thrust after a stage separation and crashed in waters off the Korean Peninsula's western coast. Washington, South Korea and Japan had quickly criticized the launch. Adam Hodge, a

Court charges

5 men for Irish

peacekeeper's



spokesperson at the US National Council, said Security Washington strongly condemns the North Korean launch because it used banned ballistic missile technology, raised tensions and risked destabilizing security in the region and

beyond In her statement, Kim Yo Jong briefly mentioned Hodge's comments before saying the United States "is letting loose a hackneyed gibberish prompted by its brigandish and abnormal thinking.[%] If the DPRK's satellite launch should be particularly censured, the US and all other

She noted how the United States closely monitors the North through its own reconnaissance satellites and other aerial assets, calling the Americans a "group of gang-sters" who would deem it as

a satellite into space by balloon. The far-fetched logic that only the DPRK should not be allowed to do so according to

the (UN Security Council's) resolution' which bans the use of ballistic rocket technology irrespective of its purpose, though other countries are doing so, is clearly a gangster-like and wrong one of seriously violating the DPRK's right to use space and illegally oppressing it," she said.

Turkish election body confirms

Erdogan's victory in runoff vote

Russia launched a pre-dawn missile barrage on Ukraine's capital Thursday, killing 3 people including a 9-year-old and her mother, officials said, and damaging apartment buildings, schools and a children's hospital. It was the highest casualty toll from a single attack on Kyiv over the past month.

A 33-year-old woman died as she and others waited to enter a locked Kyiv air raid shelter, leaving her and others at the mercy of falling missile fragments, according to her husband. Officials ordered an investigation into what happened The latest Russian attack, using what Ukrainian officials said were short-range Iskander ground-launched missiles, coincided with events scheduled in Kyiv to celebrate International Children's Day. Those events were cancelled.

debris caused damage and casualties on the ground, wounding 16 people, according to author-

Bombing kills 3 in Kyiv

Police inspect an building damaged by a Russian night attack in Kyiv, Ukrair Ukraine on Thursday

Russia has kept up a steady barrage on the Ukrainian capi-

tal and other parts of the country in recent weeks as Kyiv readies what it says is a counteroffensive to push back Moscow's troops, 15 months after their full-scale invasion. Kyiv was the target of drone and missile attacks on 17 days last month.Ukraine's first lady, Olena Zelenska, said one child was in hospital after the attack. "Children's Day has to be about

AP/PT safe childhood, summer, life," she tweeted. "But today it is about new crimes of (Russia)

against children? Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba tweeted that the dead included a 9-year-old girl, her mother and another woman. At the Kyiv air raid shelter that was locked, Yaroslav Riabchuk said he and his wife of 17 years, Natalia, were outside with others when he ran around the back of the building to summon the guard in charge.

European summit opens in Moldova

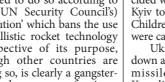
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U^{krainian} President Volodymyr Zelenskyy



keeps Moldova safe today, and we are very, very grateful for





Ukrainian air defences shot down all 10 cruise and ballistic missiles launched by the Kremlin's forces, but falling

killing

Kearney, 22.

Beirut (AP): Lebanon's military tribunal on Thursday charged five men with the killing of an Irish UN peacekeeper in December, a senior judicial official said.

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity in line with regulations, alleged all five are linked with Lebanese militant group Hezbollah.The indictment followed a half-year probe after an attack on a UN peacekeeping convoy near the town of Al-Aqbiya in Lebanon's south, a stronghold of Hezbollah. The shooting resulted in the death of Pvt. Seán Rooney, 24, of Newtown Cunningham, Ireland, and seriously wounded Pvt. Shane

The wounded peacekeeper was medically evacuated to Ireland. Two other Irish soldiers sustained light injuries. The indictment includes evidence from bystanders' testimonies, as well as audio recordings and video footage from surveillance cameras, the Lebanese official

urkiye's election board cer-L tified the results of the May 28 presidential runoff election on Thursday, confirming that Recep Tayyip Erdogan, who has been a dominant force in Turkish politics for the past two decades, has won a third term as president.

Ahmet Yener, the head of the Supreme Electoral Council said Erdogan won 52.18 per cent of the votes, while main opposition party leader Kemal Kilicdaroglu garnered 47.82 per cent.

According to these results, it is understood that Recep Tayyip Erdogan has been elected president and the results were sent to the Official Gazette for publication," Yener announced

He said turnout was 85.72 per cent. Already Turkiye's longest serving leader, Erdogan, can now govern until 2028. 69, Unconfirmed reports say

he is scheduled to take the oath of office on Saturday, after which he is expected to



Cabinet. Erdogan faces a host ic policies.

vear.

of domestic challenges, from a battered economy to pressure for the repatriation of millions of Syrian refugees and the need to rebuild after a devastating earthquake in February that killed 50,000 and leveled cities

Investors will be watching closely to see if Mehmet Simsek, a respected former finance minister and deputy prime minister, is reappointed to head the economy portfolio, for signs of a return by Erdogan announce the lineup of his new to more conventional econom-

sprawiin of some 50 European leaders in Moldova on Thursday, becoming the focal point of an event that seeks to quell regional conflicts and shore up unity in the face of Russia's war.

The meeting of the Political European Community, a pan-continental gathering of heads of state and government from 47 countries, brings together leaders from European Union nations and others to the 27member bloc's south and east - a region pushed to a turning point in its relationship

with Moscow by Russia's inva-sion of Ukraine last year. The EU, represented at the summit by the bloc's top diplo-

mat, Josep Borrell, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and European Council President Charles Michel, wants to use the summit to reach out to many Eastern European countries that spent decades either with-

in the Soviet Union or under its immediate sphere of influto join the EU by the end of the ence, and to bolster the contidecade, and has consistently

Moldova's President Maia Sandu, right, greets Italy's Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni during arrivals for the European Political Community Summit at the Mimi Castle in Bulboaca, Moldova on Thursday. AP/PT

nent's unified response to signalled its support for Ukraine and taken in refugees Russian aggression. The choice to hold the fleeing the war.

Speaking from the sum-mit venue, a 19th-century cas-tle and vineyard around 35 summit in Moldova, a former Soviet republic of around 2.6 million people, is seen as a kilometers (21 miles) from message to the Kremlin both from the EU and the prothe capital, Chisinau, Western Moldovan govern-ment, which received EU can-Moldovan President Maia Sandu said a major aim of the didate status in June of last year summit was "restoring peace at the same time as Ukraine. on the continent" and protect-Moldova, Europe's pooring democracy in Moldova est country which is cradled by and Ukraine from threats Ukraine on three sides, aspires posed by Russia."We need to reconfirm our support for

leader to arrive at Thursday's summit, entered an expansive courtyard of the castle in his trademark olive green shirt and cargo pants before meeting with Sandu on a red carpet.

He thanked the Moldovan people for hosting Ukrainian refugees, and said both Ukraine and Moldova were destined to work "shoulder to shoulder" for EU member-

ship. "What is very important: our future in the EU," he said, adding that his country is ready to enter NATO whenever the Western military alliance is ready to accept it."I think security guarantees are very important, not only for Ukraine, but for our neighbors, for Moldova, because of Russian aggression in Ukraine and potential aggression in other parts of Europe," Zelenskyy said. Other summit participants include German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, French President Emmanuel Macron and UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak.

Technology radically changing sleep pattern Amazon workers protest return-to-office mandate Loveborough: From sleep this may indeed be the case, stances. But people who take a prescription-only or unlitrackers to wakefulness drugs, although results are mixed, them for non-medical purcensed medicine is a criminal

Inflation in Turkiye hit a

staggering 85 per cent in

October before easing to 44 per

cent last month, according to

official figures, although inde-

pendent experts say the true

on Erdogan's policy of keeping

interest rates low to promote

growth. Economists generally

recommend raising rates to combat inflation. The Turkish

lira has lost around 10 per cent

of its value since the start of the

Critics blame the turmoil

rate is much higher.

Seattle (AP): Telling executives to "strive harder," hundreds of corporate Amazon workers protested what they decried as the company's lack of progress on climate goals and an inequitable return-to-office mandate during a lunchtime demonstration at its Seattle headquarters Wednesday.

The protest came a week after Amazon's annual shareholder meeting and a month after a policy took effect returning workers to the office three days per week. Previously, team leaders were allowed to determine how their charges worked. The employees chanted their disappointment with the pace of quality assurance engineer, said



Hindley said.

the company's efforts to reduce working from home allowed him to live a better, healthier life. its carbon footprint -"Emissions climbing, time to "I'm out here because I refuse to just sit idly by while act" — and urged Amazon to mandates are dictated from return authority to team leaders when it comes to work location. above down that don't make Wearing a black pirate hat and sense and hurt the planet, hurt red coat, Church Hindley, a families and individual lives,"

the 21st century has seen an influx of new technology that could radically alter the way we sleep. Many of these new technologies chase the dream of optimised slumber. They promise to help tailor our sleep schedules to fit around our social lives, help us sleep for longer or even skip a night's sleep altogether.Here's how technology is permeating our sleep, and what the future holds

TIME TO WAKE UP

Sleeping pills have recently been joined by a wave of wakefulness drugs, purportedly safer and more powerful alternatives to caffeine



best on people who are already sleep deprived and don't have a huge effect on those who are already well rested.

Modafinil is touted for its cognition enhancing effects (especially in sleep-deprived people) and can supposedly keep people awake and alert for several days at a time. Some scientific studies are showing that with other research showing the effects are similar to caffeine

The drug was developed to help people with narcolepsy but some have started using it for its focus-enhancing effects. It is a controlled drug (prescription only) in most countries. People who use it for cognitive enhancement or wakefulness are buying it on the black market or getting it from friends who have a prescription.

Modafinil is popular with students – in 2020, Loughborough University researchers found that, of 506 students surveyed at 54 UK universities, 19% had taken cognitive enhancement sub-

poses are risking their health. offence. Whereas in the US, Studies of the safety of these drugs do not consider this type of use. We don't know what using these drugs to stay awake for long periods of time does to people's bodies. But we

do know that disrupting your

sleep pattern (for example,

shift work) is linked to health

problems such as diabetes and

Ukraine as it resists Russian

even possession of stimulants without a prescription is a crime. SMART SLEEP Many people already use smart watches, smart jewellery and fitness bands to track their sleep - for example, alarms that wake people up at the optimal point in their sleep cycle and motion sensor apps that analyse

cardiovascular disease.Recent studies suggest some people are combining sleep and wakefulsleep patterns. New ways of ness pills to manage their body tracking sleep could soon rhythms and optimise their include donning a pair of pyjamas embedded with sensors to sleep or unwind after a day of hard work. The effects of taktrack changes in posture, and ing wakefulness pills with other drugs is largely unknown. In the UK sale or supply of

heart rate, whose algorithm creates a breathing pattern to mimic and help you fall asleep.

It seems that they work



White House announces curbs in Sudan PTI president arrested

AP WASHINGTON

White House ⊓he **I** announced on Thursday that it will levy sanctions against people "who are perpetuating the violence" in Sudan as warring sides fail to abide by a cease-fire agreement.

The United States is imposing visa restrictions on specific people in Sudan, including officials from the warring Sudanese Armed Forces and the Rapid Support Forces and leaders from the former Omar al-Bashir regime, who are "responsible for, or complicit in, undermining Sudan's democratic transition," according to the State Department.

President Joe Biden on May 4 laid the groundwork for the sanctions when he issued an executive order that expanded US authorities to respond to the violence and help bring an end to the conflict.

"These measures are intended to hold accountable those responsible for undermining the peace, security, and stability of Sudan," White House national security adviser Jake Sullivan said in a statement.

The Treasury Department said in a statement that four companies are being designated: Âl Junaid Multi Activities Co. Ltd, which is controlled by

RSF Commander Mohamed Hamdan Dagalo and his brother, RSF Deputy Commander

Abdul Rahim Dagalo; Tradive General Trading LLC, a front company controlled by RSF Major Algoney Hamdan Dagalo, who also is a brother of the RSF commander; Sudan's largest defense company, Defense Industries System; and the arms company Sudan Master Technology, which is linked to the SAF.

"Through sanctions, we are cutting off key financial flows to both the Rapid Support Forces and the Sudanese Armed Forces, depriving them of resources needed to pay soldiers, rearm, resupply, and wage war in Sudan," Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen said. "The United States stands on the side of civilians against those who perpetuate violence towards the people of Sudan."

The United States urged Sudan's warring sides on Thursday to return to cease-fire talks and make a concerted effort to abide by a lasting truce after peace efforts collapsed yet again

The appeal from the U.S. State Department came after Sudan's military on Wednesday suspended its participation in the talks, hosted in Saudi Arabia, with a rival paramili-

Debt ceiling deal

goes to Senate

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Khartoum and Darfur, in partary force The fighting between the ticular, is appalling," Sullivan said. "And, the failure of the Sudanese military, led by Gen. Abdel-Fattah Burhan, and the Sudanese Armed Forces and Rapid Support Forces, com-Rapid Support Forces to abide manded by Dagalo, broke out by the cease-fire only further in mid-April. The violence has deepens our concern that the killed at least 866 civilians, people of Sudan will once according to a Sudanese docagain face a protracted conflict tors group, though the actual and widespread suffering at the toll is likely much higher. hands of the security forces." On Wednesday, heavy

shelling near a market in a neighborhood in the south of the Sudanese capital of Khartoum killed at least 17 civilians, the Sudan Doctor's Syndicate said. "The scope and scale of the bloodshed in

with the cease-fire, the United States and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia are prepared to resume facilitation of the suspended discussions," the State Department said.

Washington and Riyadh brokered a cease-fire on May 21, to allow for the delivery of humanitarian assistance and restoration of vital services. There have been seven declared cease-fires since the conflict broke out and all have been violated.

Later Thursday, U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken told reporters at a NATO foreign ministers meeting in Oslo, Norway, that both sides were continuing to violate the cease-fire agreement that was renewed last Monday. "We will continue to be

engaged. At the same time, we're also looking at steps that we can take to make clear our views," Blinken said. In late May, Blinken threat-

ened Sudan's warring generals with possible sanctions in the event of cease-fire violations. Last week, Riyadh and

The Sudanese military's Washington accused the miliwithdrawal from the talks is a tary of continuing to carry out setback for Washington and airstrikes, while condemning Riyadh, which have been medithe RSF for occupying people's ating between the two sides. "Once the forces make homes and seizing property. Theft was occurring in areas controlled by both forces, it clear by their actions that they are serious about complying added.

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m party\ president\ Chaudhry}^{
m akistan\ Tehreek-e-Insaf}$ Pervez Elahi, a close aide to former prime minister Imran Khan, was arrested outside his residence here on Thursday, the party said."Shameful how the regime doesn't stop their fascism. The inflation has skyrocketed to 38%, and their response is arresting former CM Punjab Parvez Elahi. Absolutely ridiculous!" the party tweeted along with a

video in which the 77-year-old leader was seen being dragged by security personnel from his residence, Zahoor Elahi. The former Punjab chief minister was arrested as he was leaving his house, the Dawn newspaper reported, quoting Elahi's spokesperson Iqbal Chaudhry.

The spokesperson alleged that authorities also "misbehaved" with women accompanying Elahi, who had been evading arrest since May 9.

On May 26, a district court in Lahore issued a non-bailable arrest warrant for Elahi.

"The pre-arrest bail of the accused was dismissed due to non-prosecution vide order dated May 25 and he is not appearing before the court and also not joining the investiga-tion. In view of the request of the IO, let non-bailable arrest warrants of accused Chaudhry Pervaiz Elahi be issued for June 2, 2023," the court order read

Elahi, who was a close aide to military dictator General Pervez Musharraf, was appointed as the president of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party in March this year after quitting his former party - the Pakistan Muslim League-Quaid (PML-Q).

On May 9, violent protests erupted after the arrest of Khan, Chairman of PTI, by paramilitary Rangers in Íslamabad. His party workers vandalised over 20 military installations and government buildings, including the Lahore Corps Commander House, Mianwali airbase and the ISI building in Faisalabad. The Army headquarters (GHQ) in Rawalpindi was also attacked by the mob for the first time.

'Pakistan interested in another loan from IMF to revive economy'

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head, The Express Tribune

newspaper quoted sources as

saying. The sources said the IMF chief reciprocated the premier's views about the need for another package.

Diplomatic corps and interna-tional financial institutions

think that Pakistan cannot

avoid default without securing

billion debt in the next fiscal

year, Pakistan must have an

IMF umbrella, the report said.

also of the view that the fol-

low-up programme is needed

to reinforce and build upon

the reforms initiated during

the current programme, a

senior official of the ministry

said on the condition of

In order to repay USD 25

The Ministry of Finance is

a new IMF package.

Islamabad (PTI): Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has expressed interest in securing a new loan from the IMF during his talks with its chief Kristalina Georgieva though there are slim chances for the revival of the ongoing bailout package from the global lender, a media report said on Thursday.

Sharif on last Saturday held a telephone conversation with the fund's managing director and urged her to revive the USD 6.5 billion deal which was initially signed in 2019 and was set to expire by the end of this month.

However, the chances of revival are thin due to the limited time available to implement the tough conditions of the IMF, forcing Pakistan to look for a new deal to meet multiple economic challenges.

Prime Minister Sharif had revealed Pakistan's intentions to sign a follow-up bailout package during his telephonic conversation with the IMF

Khan was later released on bail. The violence elicited a

strong reaction from the government and military with vows of taking action against the culprits, leading to an ongoing crackdown against those involved.

Law enforcement agencies have arrested over 10,000 workers of Khan's Pakistan party across Pakistan, 4,000 of them from Punjab province.

try May 9 rioters under the Following the May 9 inciexisting laws including the dents, several senior leaders of stringent Army Act and the Khan's party were taken into Official Secrets Act. custody. The leaders included Shah Mahmood Qureshi, politician, was ousted from Fawad Chaudhry, Asad Umar, Dr Yasmeen Rashid, Shireen Mazari, Maleeka Bukhari, and Fayyazul Hassan Chauhan. A few days later, many

prominent leaders including Fawad, Imran Ismail, Shireen Mazari, Fayyazul Hassan

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House Speaker Kevin McCarthy of Calif along with other Republican members of the House, speaks at a news conference after the House passed the debt ceiling bill at the Capitol in Washington AP/PTI AP WASHINGTON wrap up work on the package to

Veering away from a default crisis, the House over-whelmingly approved a debt ceiling and budget cuts package, sending the deal that President Joe Biden and Speaker Kevin McCarthy negotiated to the Senate for swift passage in a matter of days, before a fastapproaching deadline. The hardfought compromise pleased few, but lawmakers assessed it was than the alternativ devastating economic upheaval if Congress failed to act. Tensions ran high as hard-right Republicans refused the deal, but Biden and McCarthy assembled a bipartisan coalition to push to passage on a robust 314-117 vote Îate Wednesday. "We did pretty dang good," McCarthy, R-Calif, said afterward. Amid deep discontent from Republicans who said the spending restrictions did not go far enough, McCarthy said it is only a "first step". Biden, watching the tally from Colorado Springs where Thursday he is scheduled to deliver the commencement address at the US Air Force Academy, phoned McCarthy and the other congressional leaders after the vote. In a statement, he called the outcome "good news for the American people and the American economy". Washington is rushing after a long slog of debate to

China to set up secure def communications link with S'pore

Singapore (PTI): Singapore and China on Thursday agreed to work towards establishing a secure defence telephone link between the two countries to allow high-level communications between the defence leaders, amidst Beijing's aggressive actions in the strategic Indo-Pacific region.

Under a memorandum of understanding signed here, the defence establishments in both countries will work towards setting up a secure line for high-level communications between their respective defence leaders, Singapore's Ministry of Defence (Mindef)

said in a statement. Such high-level open lines of communication are impor-

tant for strengthening mutual understanding and trust, it said. The MOU signing was witnessed by Singapore's Defence Minister Ng Eng Hen and China's Defence Minister

Gen. Li Shangfu, who is visiting Singapore for the first time. here Jen Li

Ministers' Dialogue and the

China criticises US plan for trade deal with Taiwan

Beijing (AP): China's government criticised the United States' plans to sign a trade treaty with Taiwan and called on Washington on Thursday to stop official contact with the self-ruled island democracy claimed by Beijing as part of its territory. The agreement due to be signed on Thursday comes amid increased Chinese efforts to intimidate Taiwan by flying fighter jets and bombers near the island, a global centre for high-tech industry. American and European politicians have visited Taiwan in a show of support for its elected government.

The Chinese foreign ministry accused Washington of violating agreements on the status of Taiwan, which split with the mainland in 1949 after a civil war. The United States has no official relations with Taiwan but has extensive informal ties and multibilliondollar annual trade. "The United States should stop any form of official exchanges with Taiwan, refrain from negotiating agreements with Taiwan that have sovereign connotations or official nature and refrain from sending wrong signals to the Taiwan independence' secessionist forces," said a ministry spokesperson, Mao Ning.

US defence chief calls China's refusal to meet unfortunate

U^S Secretary of Defence Lloyd Austin stressed the importance of communication during a stopover that could very, very quickly vo, calling it unfortunate that his Chinese Thursday to Sunday and will attend the Shangri-La counterpart is refusing to meet Dialogue, an annual defence him at an upcoming annual security conference in summit, which is being held from Friday to Sunday. As part Singapore, which both men are of his visit, Gen Li co-chaired attending.

Sea, forcing the American pilot to fly through the turbulent wake.

"I'm concerned about at some point having an incident enira ontrol," Austin fail

went unanswered "We need to strengthen our cooperation of Japan-US,

and Japan-U.S.-South Korea," Hamada said Thursday. The two criticized North Korea's

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power in April last year after losing a no-confidence vote in his leadership, which he alleged was part of a US-led conspiracy targeting him because of his independent foreign policy decisions on Russia, China and Afghanistan.

Khan, a cricketer-turned-

anonymity. However, the prime minister's latest initiative seeking a new deal runs counter to Finance Minister Ishaq Dar's stance who, not long ago, had propagated the idea that Pakistan should stop living off the IMF.

Chauhan, Firdaus Ashiq Awan and others quit Khan's party. Khan, 70, who is facing

more than 100 cases ranging

from corruption to terrorism,

said he sympathises with every-

one who were forced to leave

National Assembly, the lower

house of Pakistan's Parliament,

passed a resolution vowing to

Earlier this month, the

the party.

Irom Republicans will be needed in the Senate to overcome objections

ensure the government can keep

paying its bills, and prevent

financial upheaval at home and

abroad. Next Monday is when

the Treasury has said the US

would run short of money and

makers directly to shore up

backing. McCarthy worked to

sell sceptical fellow Republicans,

even fending off challenges to his

leadership. A similar bipartisan

Biden had been calling law-

risk a dangerous default.

Overall, the 99-page bill would make some inroads in curbing the nation's deficits as Republicans demanded, without the second Singapore-China rolling back Trump-era tax Defence Ministers' Dialogue (DMD) with Dr Ng on Thursday. Both the Defence breaks as Biden wanted. To pass it, Biden and McCarthy counted on support from the political centre, a rarity in divided MOU are initiatives under the Washington.

enhanced Agreement on A compromise, the package Defence Exchanges and restricts spending for the next two years, suspends the debt Security Cooperation signed in 2019. The Shangri-La Dialogue ceiling into January 2025 and is run by the International changes some policies, including Institute for Strategic Studies imposing new work require-(IISS). ments for older Americans receiving food aid and greenthe Shangri-La At Dialogue, those attending typ-

lighting an Appalachian naturically debate the region's secual gas line that many Democrats rity challenges, engage in bilatoppose. It bolsters funds for eral talks, and come up with defence and veterans, and guts fresh approaches together at the dialogue, said the IISS on its new money for Internal Revenue website.

On the way to the annual Shangri-La Dialogue Asian security summit this weekend, Austin held talks with Japanese Defence Minister Yasukazu Hamada. Noting China's increasingly assertive military actions in international airspace and waterways in the region, he told a joint news conference in Tokyo, "The provocative intercepts of our aircraft and also our allies' aircraft, that's very concerning, and we would hope that they would alter their action?

The United States military said Tuesday that a Chinese fighter jet flew aggressively close to a U.S. reconnaissance aircraft over the South China

because he is our future king,

said Ahmad al-Masri, an 18year-old attending with his family. "All of Jordan is

watching." On Thursday morning,

Saudi wedding guests and

tourists — the men wearing

white dishdasha robes and the

women in brightly colored

abayas — filtered through the

said. "I would welcome any opportunity to engage with leadership. I think defence departments should be talking to each other on a routine basis or should have open channels for communication." Although Beijing said

there will be no meeting between Austin and his Chinese counterpart at the security summit, Hamada is expected to attend and meet with Chinese Minister of National Defence Li Shangfu on the sidelines. Japan and China set up a

defence hotline in March to improve communication and avoid accidental encounters in the tense region, and Hamada and Li recently held their first telephone talks on the hotline.

Washington and Beijing have yet to hold such a talk, and when Austin phoned their crisis line in February, the call

Wednesday for using ballistic missile technology that's prohibited under United Nations' Security Council resolutions, and affirmed further cooperation between them and with South Korea in case of anoth-

er launch attempt.

Ties between Japan and South Korea have improved rapidly in recent months under Washington's pressure in the face of growing regional threats from China, North Korea and Russia. Tokyo and Seoul are also discussing realtime sharing of North Korea's

missile launch data. Austin said the United States stands with Japan and South Korea in the face of Pyongyang's provocations and that "the United States will take

all necessary measures to secure to ensure the security of our homeland in the defence of our allies?



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In continuation of the notice published in the various newspapers on 26.05.2023, it is to mention that, instead of walk-in-interview only on dated 14.06.2023 for the post of Clinical Psychology Tutor & Psychiatric Social Work Tutor, the selection process will be done on the basis of written exam (MCQ Based) to be held on 13.06.2023 from 11.30 A.M. onwards followed by Department Assessment on 14.06.2023 from 11.30 A.M. onwards. Details can be seen on the Institute

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1	Total Income from operations (net)	38.06	17.73	27.67	101.51	206.2
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2	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period (Before Tax and after exceptional items)	16.11	(4.79)	(4.72)	12.07	100.7
3	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after Extraordinary items)	30.38	(4.79)	4.21	26.34	93.1
	Total comprehensive Income for the period (comprising profit/(loss) for the period after tax and other comprehensive income after tax	30.38	(4.79)	4.21	26.34	93.1
5	Equity Share Capital	1630.03	1440.03	1440.03	1630.03	1440.0
6	Earning per share (before extraordinary items) (of Rs. 10/- each) Basic Diluted	0.186 0.184	(0.033) (0.029)	0.029 0.025	0.162 0.157	0.64 0.55
7	Earning per share (after extraordinary items) (of Rs. 10/- each) Basic Diluted	0.186 0.184		0.029	0.162	0.64

Note : The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly/Annual Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly/Annual Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange websites. (www.bseindia.com) and company website www.mymoneyviews.com For and on behalf of the Board of Directors

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Jordan's crown prince weds scion of Saudi family

AP AMMAN

Tordan's crown prince married the scion of a prominent Saudi family on Thursday in a palace celebration attended by royals and other VIPs from around the world as massive crowds gathered in a mood of excitement across the kingdom

The marriage of Crown Prince Hussein, 28, and Saudi architect Rajwa Alseif, 29, drew a star-studded guest list headlined by Britain's Prince William and his wife Kate and which also included U.S. First Lady Jill Biden.

The celebrations hold deep significance for the region, emphasizing continuity in an Arab state prized for its longstanding stability and refreshing the monarchy's image after a palace feud. It even could help resource-poor Jordan forge a strategic bond with its oil-rich neighbor, Saudi Arabia

The bride, wearing an ele-

Service agents.

gant white dress, arrived at Zahran Palace in a 1968 Rolls-Royce Phantom V custommade for the crown prince's late great grandmother. The crown prince arrived earlier in full ceremonial military uniform with a gold-hilted saber.

The families and their guests gathered in an open-air gazebo surrounded by landscaped gardens for a traditional Muslim wedding ceremony known as "katb al-ketab." The crowd erupted in applause after the signing of the marriage contract.

Several miles away, a jolt went through a crowd gathered at a an ancient Roman amphitheater as they watched the couple seal their vows and exchang rings on a wide screen set up for the occasion. After several minutes of stillness, thousands were on their feet, waving flags and shrieking with excitement at one of sev-



eral viewing parties held across the nation.

Samara Aqrabawi, a 55year-old mother watching the livestream with her young daughter, said the ceremony was more impressive than she imagined. "I wish for all mothers and fathers in Jordan and in the world to feel like they're surely feeling," she said of the king and queen.

sleek marbled lobby of the Four Seasons Hotel in Amman. Noura Al Sudairi, an aunt of the bride, was wearing sweatpants and sneakers on her way to breakfast.

happy about this union," she said. "Of course it's a beautiful thing for our families, and for the relationship between Jordan and Saudi Arabia."

ry banners of Hussein and his beaming bride adorn buses and hang over winding hillside streets. Shops had competing displays of royal regalia. Royal watchers speculated about which dress designer Alseif would select— still an official secret. "She looks like such a princess that I think she deserves him," Suhair Afaneh,

a 37-year-old businesswoman,

"We are all so excited, so

Excitement over the nuptials — Jordan's biggest royal event in years — has been building in the capital of Amman, where congratulato-

said of the bride, lingering in front of a portrait of Hussein in a dark suit. "But so what, I'll still be in love with him."

She contemplated buying Hussein's portrait to hang in her bedroom but her nieces persuaded her that her husband might not approve. Jordan's 11 million citi-

zens have watched the young crown prince rise in prominence in recent years, as he increasingly joined his father, Abdullah, in public appearances. Hussein has graduated from Georgetown University, ioined the military and gained some global recognition speaking at the U.N. General Assembly. His wedding, experts say, marks his next crucial rite

of passage. "It's not just a marriage, it's the presentation of the future king of Jordan," said political analyst Amer Sabaileh. "The issue of the crown prince has been closed?



GST mop-up crosses ₹1.5 lakh crore for third month in a row

Up 12% in May

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ST collections crossed Rs 1.50 lakh crore for the third month in a row, recording a 12 per cent increase in May at over Rs 1.57 lakh crore, according to the official data released on Thursday.

The collections, tax experts said, reflects a continuation of the good economic performance across states witnessed since last year.

The gross Good & Services Tax (GST) revenue collected in the month of May, 2023 is Rs 1,57,090 crore of which Central GST is Rs 28,411 crore, State GST is Rs 35,828 crore, Integrated GST is Rs 81,363 crore (including Rs 41,772 crore collected on import of goods) and cess is Rs 11,489 crore (including Rs 1,057 crore collected on import of goods), a finance ministry statement said.

"The revenues for the month of May 2023 are 12 per



cent higher than the GST revlast year. enues in the same month last year," the ministry said.

May is the third month in a row that tax collections from During the month, revgoods sold and services renenue from import of goods was dered have crossed Rs 1.50 lakh crore. In April GST rev-12 per cent higher and the revenues from domestic transacenues had touched a record tions (including import of serhigh of Rs 1.87 lakh crore, while vices) are 11 per cent higher in March it was Rs 1.60 lakh than the revenues from these crore. sources during the same month May is the 14th month in

a row when monthly GST revenues came in more than Rs 1.4 lakh crore. Collections have crossed the Rs 1.5 lakh croremark for the 5th time since the implementation of GST on July 1,2017

KPMG in India National Head (Indirect Taxes) Abhishek Jain said the GST collection matches with the government

budget estimates for this fiscal. With extensive depart-

ment GST audits lined up before September 2023, these figures may likely go up from here in the months to come," Jain added.

Deloitte India Partner M S Mani said these collections, while being lower than the previous year-end month, pertain to supply transactions undertaken in April. "While the collections in

absolute terms are lower than the previous month -- which had an embedded year-end impact -- it reflects a continuation of the inherently good economic performance across states witnessed since last year," Mani added. ICRA Chief Economist

Aditi Nayar said GST revenues in May 2023 have modestly exceeded expectations.

"Over the next few months, we expect GST revenues to print at Rs 1.55-1.65 trillion and record an expansion of 10-11 per cent in YoY terms, broadly in line with the nominal GDP growth expected in FY2024," Nayar said.

EY Tax Partner Saurabh Agarwal said GST collection figures for May 2023 further strengthen the belief in India's macroeconomic stability and continued growth momentum as we see a 12 per cent YoY growth.

"While the figures are comparatively moderate as com-pared to collections of April, however that's primarily on account of last fiscal year closure activities getting accumulated and accounted for in the collections of last month," Agarwal said.

Tax Connect Advisory Partner Vivek Jalan said the budget 2023 has projected an uptick of 12 per cent in GST collections in FY23-24 vis-a-vis last financial year.

Although GST from import of goods and services has shown a growth of 12 per cent this month vis-a-vis last month, the collection from domestic transactions has shown a growth of 11 per cent which is below the budget expectations, which maybe a point for the GST Council to ponder upon, Jalan added.



Sebi to auction properties of 7 business groups On June 28 to recover investors' money

ders should make their own

independent enquiries regarding

encumbrances, title of properties

put on action and claims, among

others prior to submitting their

funds from investors without

complying with regulatory norms, which prompted Sebi to

attached some of their proper-

ties after directives asking them

to refund investors' money along

with interest did not materialise.

In these matters, the markets

regulator had also attached

MPS Group of companies includes MPS Greenery

Developers that collected Rs

1,520 crore from investors

through illegal Collective

least Rs 131.37 crore from over

optionally fully convertible

debentures to 49,562 investors in

2009 and raised Rs 61.76 crore.

nearly Rs 46 crore from more

than 49,000 investors through

issuance of non-convertible

debentures (NCDs) and redeemable preference shares

between 2005 and 2010.

Tower Infotech had raised

1.57 lakh investors.

Vibgyor

Prayag Infotech had made

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Going by the Sebi orders,

demat and bank accounts.

take action.

These firms had raised

Earlier, the regulator had

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Markets regulator Sebi on Thursday said it will auction 17 properties belonging to seven business groups including MPS Group, Tower Infotech, and Vibgyor Group on June 28, with a total reserve price of Rs 51 crore, in a bid to recover investors' money.

Apart from these, the regulator has put on block proper-ties of Prayag Group, Multipurpose BIOS India Group, Waris Finance International Group and Pailan Group of companies, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) said in a notice.

The 17 properties being auctioned include land parcels, storied buildings, flats, and a commercial space situated across West Bengal. Inviting bids, Sebi said

Investment Schemes (CIS). auction of the properties will be conducted through online mode an offer of redeemable preferbetween 11 am and 1 pm. ence shares between 2007-2008 Further, total reserve price has and 2011-12 and mobilised at been pegged at Rs 51 crore for the assets and Quikr Realty has been engaged by Sebi to assist in the sale of these properties. Infrastructure had issued

Of the total properties to be auctioned, five belong to MPS Group, four relate to Vibgyor, three pertain to Pailan Group of companies, two belong to Tower Infotech and one each to Multipurpose BIOS India Group, Prayag Group and Waris Finance. The regulator said the bid-

Meanwhile, private gener-al insurer announced the Future Generali India launch of its new health insur-Insurance has been prof- ance product - DIY Health itable since 2014 but the deci- which offers flexibility and

listing: Future Generali India MD

TCS. Reliance,



Markets extend losses for 2nd day in highly volatile trade

PTI MUMBAI

 $E_{Sensex}^{quity \ benchmark \ indices}$ Benchmark indices and Nifty ended lower in highly volatile trade on Thursday due to selling in banking, metal and energy counters amid a mixed trend in the global markets.

Falling for the second day in a row, the 30-share BSE Sensex declined 193.70 points or 0.31 per cent to settle at 62,428.54 even after a positive beginning. During the day, it fell 263.1 points or 0.42 per cent to 62,359.14.

The NSE Nifty fell 46.65

Coal India output grows 9.5% to record 60 MT in May; offtake rises 4% to 63.7 MT

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Ctate-owned Coal India Ltd $\mathbf{\mathcal{S}}(\text{CIL})$ has reported a 9.5 per cent year-on-year rise in monthly production to a record 60 million tonne (MT) in May 2023. The miner, along with its subsidiaries, had produced 54.7 MT of coal in the same month last year, CIL said in a statement on Thursday. "CIL's May 2023 production

rose to a record 60 MT, logging Vinod Nair, Head of Research 9.5 per cent growth over the From the Sensex pack, same month last year with an increase of 5.2 MT. Considering Bharti Airtel fell 3.42 and Kotak Mahindra Bank the production for May generdeclined 3.31 per cent. ICICI ally hovers in the range of 40-

Bank, ITC, HDFC Bank, UltraTech Cement, HCL Technologies and Maruti were the other major laggards.

Tata Motors, Hindustan Unilever, Asian Paints, Sun Pharma, Nestle, Tata Consultancy Services, Wipro, Bajaj Finance, Axis Bank and IndusInd Bank were among the gainers.

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have listed positive growth," the statement said. Progressive production in

April-May 2023 was 117.5 MT, 8.6 per cent higher from 108.2 MT in the year-ago period.

In May 2023, the total supplies rose to a healthy level of 63.7 MT, posting a 4.1 per cent rise compared to 61.2 MT in

For April-May 2023, the coal off-take was 126 MT, clocking 6.2 per cent year-onyear growth compared to 118.6 MT of the same period last year. CIL's overburden (OBR) removal went up sharply to (mcum) in May 2023, logging a robust 35 per cent growth over May 2022, with all the sub-

registering 32 per cent growth.

178.2 million cubic metres sidiaries achieving growth. During April-May FY24, CIL

excavated 346 mcum of OBR,

According to the Ministry of Coal, in open-cast mines, coal can be extracted only after removing layers of soil, stone etc. This soil and stone etc are

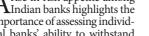
known as overburden. The removal of this overburden is known as overburden removal termed OBR and involves heavy cost. "In an encouraging sign,

supplies to the non-power sector at 22.3 MT posted 29 per cent year-on-year growth end-ing May FY 2024. This is a jump of 5 MT in two-month compared to 17.3 MT in the same period a year ago.

Shareholders to take call on

Rising risk appetite may affect some banks' intrinsic credit profiles: Fitch PTI NEW DELHI

rise in risk appetite among AIndian banks highlights the



May 2022

ish at 18,487.75.

"Despite challenges in the global economies, the domestic market displayed better than estimated Q4 earnings growth, along with 7.2 per cent GDP growth in FY23, adding buoyancy to the market during the week.

"However, today the market closed with a marginal negative bias in which banks witnessed heavy profit-booking. Investors turned cautious in anticipation of inflationary pressure in the US after raising the US debt ceiling," said

Reliance Industries Ltd's operating performance is likely to remain resilient over the next two years, as the firm's growing presence in the digital and retail segments will temper softer earnings in the energy business.

Meanwhile, S&P Global

at Geojit Financial Services.

Reliance shares fell 0.51 per cent to close at Rs 2,462.05 apiece on BSE.

Institutional investors lapped up Coal India's share in the maiden government's stake sale this fiscal, with Rs 6,500 crore bids pouring in on the first day of the offer for sale.

expected and unexpected balance-sheet stress as part of the analysis of their intrinsic creditworthiness, said Fitch Ratings in a report.

Banks' loan growth over the financial year ended March 2023 (FY23) reached 15.4 per cent, the highest since FY12.

"We believe, this partly reflected pent-up credit demand following the Covid-19 pandemic, as well as strong nominal GDP growth, and we expect some normalisation in FY24," the global rating agency said on Thursday.



However, rapid loan growth in FY18, it said.

and higher exposure to certain asset classes are also likely to indicate greater risk appetite and could affect risk profiles, it said, adding increasing risk appetite reflects in part banks' efforts to boost returns after funding costs rose over 2022, even as they manage asset growth relative to

Notably, credit card lending and personal loans exposure rose to 10.2 per cent of system loans by FY23, from 7.5 per cent

"We view such unsecured categories as most vulnerable to potential stress, though exposures among our rated entities remain manageable, and improvements in risk controls and loan-book granularity should help to reduce risks associated with any future asset-qual-

ity deterioration relative to previous cycles. We also expect tighter regulatory supervision to slow unsecured lending in the year ahead," it said.

to list the exchanges would be taken by shareholders, managing director Anup Rau said on Thursday.

PTI NEW DELHI

Future Generali India Insurance Company Limited is a joint venture between the Generali Group with a majority 74 per cent stake, and remaining with the Future Group.

India continues to be most attractive market for insurance players and premium for general insurance segment is expected to grow at 20 per cent in the next few years, he said.

Rupee rises 33 paise to close

freedom to choose the co age as per the customers' needs. Jio top best This comprehensive product celebrates the power of Indian brands choice, offering a base plan with 17 base features, complemented with a wide array of 20

2023 ranking modular features. This modular health insurance product would enable customers to not only choose the most relevant features as per their life needs but also enables them to further tweak or modify the policies annually, ensuring their health insurance remains as unique and special as they are, he said.

barrel. "The Indian rupee strengthened amid stellar eco-

nomic data and foreign fund

inflows. It has clocked the best

single-day gain in almost two

months following dollar

inflows and lower commodity

Foreign institutions

Though the spot USDINR

adding that looking ahead,

traders will eye on Friday's US

payrolls data ahead of the Federal Reserve's June meeting.

PTI 📕 NEW DELHI Technology giant TCS and India's most valuable company Reliance Industries have topped the list of the country's most valuable brands, according to Interbrand, the renowned global brand consultancy. Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) topped the 2023 50 Most Valuable Indian

Brands list with a brand value of Rs 1.09 lakh crore.

Billionaire Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Industries Ltd is at No.2 spot with a brand value of Rs 65.320 crore His group's telecom and digital unit Jio is also in the top 5 with a brand value of Rs 49,027 crore. "Celebrating its 10th year, the Best Indian Brands report has become a definitive guide to the nation's brand andscape since its inaugural publication in 2014," Înterbrand said.

This year's edition showcases remarkable growth, with a total list value of Rs 8.3 lakh crore (USD 100 billion), marking a significant 167 per cent increase over the past decade. This is the first time the total value of the table has surpassed the USD 100 billion mark.

BUSINESS BRIEF

RDSS FOR NDMC APPROVED

NEW DELHI: Ministry of Power (MoP) has approved Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) for the NDMC area of New Delhi with a project cost of Rs 337 cr. The agreement was signed by Saurav Shah, ED-PFC and Dr. Ankita Chakravarthy, Secretary, NDMC in the presence of senior officials of both PFC and NDMC

NFL RECORDS HIGHEST-EVER PROFIT

NOIDA: National Fertilizers Limited (NFL) has achieved its best-ever operational performance by setting new records of Production, Sales, Turnover and Profit during the financial year 2022-23. The results of Company for the Financial Year ended March 31, 2023 were approved by the Board in its meeting on May 29, 2023.

PREVENTIVE VIGILANCE WORKSHOP HELD

NEW DELHI: A three-day Workshop on Preventive Vigilance was conducted at Mussoorie from May 24-26 for E2-E7 Level. The participants were from NRTS-I, NRTS-II and NR-III. The Workshop was inaugurated in a traditional manner by Dharmendra Kumar Madan, CVO, POWERGRID by lighting the Lamp. V K Singh, Director (Personnel), A K Mishra, ED (NR-1) and others were present.

DHILLON, CMD, PFC BAGS AWARD

NEW DELHI: Ravinder Singh Dhillon, Chairman & Managing Director of Power Finance Corporation Ltd (PFC), a Maharatna Company and India's leading NBFC in the power sector, was conferred with the prestigious "SKOCH INDIA ECONOMIC FORUM AWARD"in recognition of his stellar leadership, path-breaking energy transition initiatives, remarkable achievements and contribution to the accelerated development of the Power Sector.

POWERGRID DISTRIBUTES COTTON BAGS

NEW DELHI: As a part of Swachhta Pakhwada action plan, and to contribute towards Swachh Bharat Mission launched by Prime Minister, POWER GRID CORPORATION OF INDIA LIMITED (POWERGRID) distributed cotton bags to the general public at Bahu Plaza, Jammu on May 31, 2023.

Gold falls by ₹150 to ₹60,250; silver jumps ₹150

capital.

PTI NEW DELHI

Gold prices eased Rs 150 to Rs 60,250 per 10 grams in the national capital on Thursday amid a fall in yellow metal price overseas, according to HDFC Securities.

The precious metal had ended at Rs 60,400 per 10 grams in the previous trade.

Silver, however, jumped 150 to Rs 72,900 per kg.

Spot gold prices in the Delhi markets traded at Rs 60,250/10 grams, down Rs 150 per 10 grams," Saumil Gandhi, Senior Analyst -Commodities at HDFC Securities, said.

In the international markets, gold was quoting lower said.

in India.

at USD 1,955 per ounce, while silver was marginally up at USD 23.27 per ounce.

Comex gold prices edged lower in Asian trading hours on Thursday as the dollar and bond yields rebounded from lows in Wednesday's session, Sriram Iyer, Senior Research Analyst at Reliance Securities,

at 82.42 against US dollar PTI MUMBAI **RUPEE vs DOLLAR** The rupee appreciated by 33 paise to close at 82.42 (pro-

visional) against the US dollar on Thursday, as positive macroeconomic data strengthened investor sentiments. At the interbank foreign

exchange market, the local unit opened at 82.54 against the US dollar and settled at 82.42 (provisional), up 33 paise over its previous close amid sustained foreign fund inflows.

During the day, the domestic unit witnessed an intra-day high of 82.36 and a low of 82.54.

closed at 82.75 against the US currency.

82.42 82.60 82.63 82.67 82.72 82.75 25 GRAPHIC

gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, fell 0.20 per cent to 104.12.

Global oil benchmark Brent crude futures advanced 0.17 per cent to USD 72.72 per

> added. deployment, flexibility in lease terms, speed to market and

Anshuman Magazine, Chairman & CEO - India, South-East Asia, Middle East & Africa at CBRE, said, "As we look ahead, the intersection of real estate and the EV sector presents exciting opportunities and challenges.

On Wednesday, the rupee E-vehicle makers require 13 mn sq ft real estate space by 2030 to meet output target: CBRE

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 $E_{\text{ers will need around 13}}^{\text{lectric vehicle manufactur-}}$ million square feet of real estate space by 2030 to make targeted 23 million units of two-wheelers and 4 million units of four-wheelers, according to CBRE.

Real estate consultant

CBRE South Asia released a report, 'Electric Vehicles in India - New Wheels on the Roads, on Thursday that focuses on the trends, growth, and influence of electric vehicles (EVs) on the real estate sector

"Real estate requirements of manufacturing facilities of 4wheeler and 2-wheeler (4W 2030

and 2W) electric vehicles is estimated to be around 13 million square feet by 2030 as

a result of the government's EV adoption targets," it said. Moreover, EV battery manufacturing facilities would require 2,400 acre of land to accommodate the production of 200 GWh of batteries by

By 2030, this real estate requirement will allow a production capacity of about 4 million units of 4Ws and 23 million units of 2Ws.

The Indian EV market is expected to grow at a Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of 49 per cent between 2021-2030 and cross annual sales of 17 million

units by 2030. The consultant noted Built-to-Suit (BTS) and leased facilities are largely preferred by EV manufacturers at present due to ease of capital

location advantages. However,

an owned facility provides

more scope for customisation,

save monthly rental outgoings

and has better prospects for land price appreciation, it





SEVILLA END SEASON WITH EUROPA LEAGUE TITLE

AP MADRID

t was the usual ending for Sevilla in an unusual season for the Spanish soccer club.

Sevilla won the Europa League trophy yet again on Thursday after a season in which it went through coaching changes and had to fight just to avoid relegation in the Spanish league.

The team's struggles were quickly forgotten with its victory on penalties over Roma in the Europa League final on Wednesday in Budapest, which gave the club a record seventh title in the second-tier European competition. What looked like a season to

forget turned into triumph after another impressive campaign by the Spanish club in the competition where it has been dominant in recent years. Five of its titles came within the last 10

vears

2023.



semifinals. It had gotten past 2014-16, 2020 and Fenerbahce and PSV Eindhoven

This time, Sevilla eliminatin previous rounds. ed European powerhouses On Wednesday, the team Manchester United in the quarbeat José Mourinho-coached Roma 4-1 in a penalty shootout terfinals and Juventus in the

after a 1-1 draw. Sevilla's turnaround this season came after the club decided

to replace Jorge Sampaoli with José Luis Mendilibar in March. Before Mendilibar arrived, the

team had won only twice in eight games in all competitions, with five losses. Since he took over, Sevilla lost only twice in 16

games. "I'm happy to be here, to have won for the club, which was having a hard time when we got here," Mendilibar said. "We have done something good that can have repercussions for the good of the club." The coach who had spent a

large part of his career with Eibar came on a contract until the end of the season but was expected to stay with Sevilla following his successful stint. "He transformed us," said

Sevilla defender Jesús Navas, the only player from the current squad who was with the club when it won the Europa League title for the first time in 2006. "He got the best out of us and the result is there. He deserves to be with this club for a long time."

Sampaoli had taken over for Julen Lopetegui after the team's unusually poor start to the season. Sevilla had finished fourth in the league the last three seasons, only behind powerhouses Real Madrid, Barcelona and Atletico Madrid.

This time it is sitting in 11th place entering its final match at Real Sociedad on Sunday, and will only make it to the Champions League again next season thanks to its Europa League title.

Sevilla made it to the Champions League quarterfinals in 2018, but since then had only once advanced past the group stage

Having to play in the second-tier Europa League has certainly turned out OK for Sevilla, though, and on Thursday it will be parading to celebrate yet another European title with its fans.

Next was the question about



Neville backs City And now United has the

AP MANCHESTER

Cup.

league title.

Saturday's FA Cup final.

United is the only team to

win the three major trophies in

a single English soccer season

- the Premier League title,

Champions League and FA

contention to replicate that

feat, having already secured the

its second trophy this season

when it faces United in the FA

Cup final at Wembley

Stadium, which would set up

a possible treble when the

team coached by Pep Guardiola meets Inter Milan in

the Champions League final in "I do fear it is on the cards," Neville told The

Associated Press. "City have not got there yet, but they look like they are on the way, on the path. They've got a great man-

ager, they've got great players,

but they've still got to get over the line. Anything can happen

and we just pray and (have

our) fingers crossed. It doesn't

City has overtaken United

bear thinking about."

Now Manchester City is in

City has the chance to win

chance to end its rival's trophy pursuit at Wembley on As a part of Manchester United's treble-winning Saturday. United manager Erik ten Hag has enjoyed an impressive team of 1999, Gary Neville admits he is in fear ahead of

first season in charge, having led United to success in the League Cup in February, as well securing a return to the Champions League next season. But Neville still considers City the favorite in the final.

"I think they will almost be disappointed now if they don't win it (the treble)," Neville said. "They'll be expected to win every game. The Cup final might present an issue or two, it is Manchester United, but they are far better than the teams

they've got left to play." City put together an unstoppable run to win the title and has blown away some of the best teams at home and abroad in its charge toward the treble. Liverpool and Arsenal were beaten 4-1 and Real Madrid lost 4-0 at Etihad Stadium in the Champions League semifinals.

Former City women's player Jill Scott believes City will be too strong for United. "I went to the Arsenal

game and it could have been -0," she told the AP. "The football they played was

as English soccer's dominant incredible. "I can't see City not comteam over the past decade and has just won its fifth league title ing away with that FA Cup in six years. But the club has win. Sometimes in a one-off yet to match United's greatest game anything can happen, ever achievement, and has yet but I just think they will be far to ever win the European title. superior.

Sabalenka refuses to take questions on Ukraine war United looking to stop treble-chasing City you, so thank you for your question," she replied. AP PARIS

AP LONDON

The roars grew louder inside Old Trafford as Erik ten Hag addressed Manchester United fans from the middle of the field, reminding them of the role they have in protecting the club's greatest ever achievement.

There was one game to go this season, the United manager told the baying crowd, and his players standing right in front of him were ready to give their all to beat Manchester City in the FA Cup final at Wembley Stadium.

"We count on you as well," he said, pointing to the supporters, who by now were punching the air in defiance. "They will give everything when you are at our backs, and I'm sure we've a really good chance to take the

cup back to Old Trafford." As rallying cries go, it was pretty much pitch perfect from Ten Hag, who knows exactly what's at stake on Saturday in a local derby with widespread repercussions.

For United, this is about much more than capturing a second trophy of the season after the English League Cup in February that ended the club's year title drought an encouraging first season under Ten Hag. It's also about preserving United's proud status as the only English team to have won the league-FA Cup-European Cup treble in the same season. City, after all, is two wins from emulating that feat, having already clinched the Premier League title and booked its place in the Champions League final against Inter Milan in Istanbul on June 10.



and Real Madrid swept aside in the Champions League knockout stage

Before a much-weakened team — featuring a bunch of youth players — lost at Brentford 1-0 in a league match with little riding on it last Sunday, City went on a 25-match unbeaten run in all competitions and won 20 of them. Along the way, Madrid was beaten 4-0, Bayern 3-0 and Arsenal 4-1. Back in October, City thrashed United 6-

Aa toll on Gael Monfils, All those games were at whose withdrawal from the home, though, and City hasn't French Open handed No. 6 been quite so machine-like on Holger Rune a walkover to the third round. the road. And that's not the only

HB ALL ALL Aryna Sabalenka, a Belarusian tennis player seeded No. 2 at the French Open, declined to answer questions about Russia's invasion of Ukraine after she won a match

on Wednesday. After her first-round win Sunday, Sabalenka had said no Russian or Belarusian athletes support the war, but she was

asked Wednesday to personally condemn Belarus' role in supporting Russia's invasion. I've got no comments to

you," the Australian Open champion said in a press conference after her 7-5, 6-2 victory over

withdraws

with wrist

injury

AP PARIS

French Open hopes Al can help **Gael Monfils** players block death threats, hate

AP PARIS

tournament.

 $F^{\rm rances\,Tiafoe\,\,says\,he\,\,receives}_{\rm death\,\,threats\,\,via\,\,social\,\,media}$ after he loses professional tennis matches. Jessica Pegula says the same. So does Donna Vekic directed at just her or her family, too

opponent, Marta Kostyuk of

Ukraine, had urged reporters to

ask the 25-year-old Sabalenka if

she personally supports or

"Everybody gets them after a loss," said Tiafoe, a 25-year-old rom Maryland who w



the screening — needs less than 100 milliseconds to analyze a comment and delete it if it's "hateful or undesirable." He cited the example of one player who participated in qualifying rounds last week, before the start

of the tournament proper. "He lost ... so he was disap pointed. Then he checked his phone and was like, Whoa," estimating that more than 70% of the comments that athlete received would fall comments under the heading of "toxicity." "Very bad," Guerin said. "Not bad. VERY bad."

That's nothing out of the

"It's a big issue in tennis. We

ordinary, according to players.

get these stupid and abusive

comments all the time. And to

be honest, we are tired of it," said

Daria Kasatkina, a 26-year-old

from Russia who was a 2022

semifinalist in Paris. "People just

do that and they don't get pun-

ished. Nothing. Only we suffer from reading all of this (exple-

Usually accounts are flood-

tive).

Thailand Open: Kiran moves



Noval Djokovic moves on trom Kosovo

ports Belarus' authoritarian leader Alexander Lukashenko.

When a third question was posed, the moderator stepped in, and Sabalenka added: "You've

got enough answers from me, and I've got no comments to you." On Sunday, Kostyuk had refused to shake hands with Sabalenka after their match on Court Philippe Chatrier.

Belarus' role in the war.

After that match, Sabalenka said: "Nobody in this world, Russian athletes or Belarusian athletes, support the war. Nobody. How can we support the war? Nobody - normal people - will never support it."

Iryna Shymanovich in the secopposes the war. ond round at the Grand Slam Sabalenka was asked — in the context of potentially Sabalenka's first-round

becoming the world's No. 1 player - about whether she sup-

"I have no comments to

That United can ruin City's treble bid adds more spice to the first cup final between the rivals, which is taking place about 170 miles (270 kilometers) south of Manchester.

City starts as the undoubted favorite on the back of its stunning form since February that reeled in long-time leader Arsenal in the Premier League race and saw Bayern Munich is seeking its 13th FA Cup title with only Arsenal (14) having more.

City manager Pep Guardiola talks often of his players having "rhythm" but that might have been lost after he chose to rotate his lineups for the final two league games, with the title wrapped up. Before the loss at Brentford, City was possibly fortunate to come away from Brighton with a 1-1 draw.

Erling Haaland has 52 goals in all competitions in a stunning first season at City but it's just one goal in his last six games for the Norway striker.

Meanwhile, United won its final four matches in the league, conceding just two goals in that period. And in the last meeting stop between the teams. United won

at Old Trafford 2-1 in January albeit after a debatable equalizing goal from Marcus Rashford.

said he has a strained left wrist and can't continue. He battled Sebastian Baez for nearly four hours on Court

Philippe Chatrier before beating the Argentine 3-6, 6-3, 7-5, 1-6, 7-5 in a first-round match that ended at 12:18 a.m. local time Wednesday.

The victory was Monfils' first at tour level this year, as the veteran was coming back from heel surgery

"Actually, physically, I'm quite fine. But I had the problem with my wrist that I cannot solve," he said. "The doctor say was not good to play with that type of injury. Yesterday was actually very risky, and then today definitely say I should

Monfils reached the semifinals at the French Open in 2008 and made it to the quarterfinals on three other occasions.

uled to play in the French Open's second round on Thursday and was a semifinalist at last year's US Open.

"It's just how society is today. I know how that affects people's mental health. That's very real."

Sloane Stephens, the 2017 champion at Flushing Meadows and 2018 runner-up at Roland Garros, says she often deals with racist messages directed at her online, and said some prompted the FBI to investigate. "It's obviously been a prob-

lem my entire career. It has never stopped," said Stephens, who is Black. "If anything, it's only gotten worse?

In a bid to try to protect ath-letes from that sort of abuse at Roland Garros during the 15day Grand Slam tournament that ends June 11, the French Tennis Federation (FFT) is paying a company to provide play-

ers with software that uses artificial intelligence to block these sorts of negative comments.

Every contestant in every category - singles, doubles, juniors, wheelchair competitors and so on, for a total of around 700 to 800 - is allowed free access to Bodyguard.ai for use on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook. A few dozen players had signed up for the service as of the start of this week, according to Bodyguard. "This is really important for

us: for the players to be very comfortable and be able to focus on the competition. Tennis is mental. It's really what you have in your mind that counts; you're making 1,000 decisions during a match," said FFT CEO

Caroline Flaissier, who put the cost to the federation at some where between \$30,000 and \$50,000.

"We know that there is a lot of cyberbullying," she said. "We have to address that major issue, so we thought let's do a test."

That includes monitoring social media used by the FFT and the French Open itself. An FFT spokeswoman said Wednesday that 4,500 messages had been deleted out of the 79,000 received on those accounts since May 21.

Several players, from vari-ous countries, described distasteful messages arriving via apps. Yann Guerin, head of sports for Nice-based Bodyguard, said ed after a defeat - often, they the company's software — which is constantly updated by employsay, from gamblers disappointed to lose money wagering on a ees who might notice new words or emojis that should be part of match.

AP PARIS

Novak Djokovic sure seemed like someone ready to move on from the latest non-tennis issue he's been involved in during a Grand Slam tournament. Criticised after his previous match for comments about clashes in northern Kosovo between ethnic Serbs and NATO-led peacekeepers, the 22-time major champion stayed away from political matters on

Wednesday night. When his 7-6 (2), 6-0, 6-3 victory over Marton Fucsovics in the second round of the French Open ended, Djokovic, a 36-year-old from Serbia, wrote on the lens of a TV camera a custom at more and more tennis tournaments - and kept it simple, with an autograph and a smiley face.

It was quite different from what happened after his win Monday, when Djokovic drew attention for writing in Serbian, 'Kosovo is the heart of Serbia. Stop the violence," and then speaking out about the matter at a news conference with reporters from his home country.

That drew rebukes from a member of France's government, French Open tourna-ment director Amelie Mauresmo and the Kosovo tennis federation.

Sports Minister Amelie Oudea-Castera warned Djokovic on Wednesday morning not to wade into such international issues again at Roland Garros, saying his comments were "not appropriate." Speaking on TV station France 2, Oudea Castera said Mauresmo encouraged Djokovic and his entourage to maintain "neutrality" on the field of play.

Asked about Oudea-Castera and Mauresmo, Djokovic responded: "I have no more comment on that. I said what I needed to say."

Russian Olympic cycling medalists barred from races

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¬wo Russian track cyclists I who won medals at the Tokyo Olympics were ruled ineligible to race Wednesday for breaching rules monitoring their neutrality during the war on Ukraine.

Anastasiia Voinova and Mariya Novolodskaya cannot race in International Cycling Union (UCI) events from Thursday, the governing body said in a document posted on its website. The world champi-onships are held in August in Glasgow, Scotland. "This ineligibility will apply

for as long as the ad hoc rules' regarding Russia and Belarus remain in force," the UCI said in the document without detailing the breaches.

A rules update published May 3 takes effect Thursday and specifies "the strictest neutrali-



ty towards the Russian in pro-war demonstrations or displaying the "Z" symbol that Federation and the Republic of is associated with the invasion Belarus at any time since the beginning of the war in Ukraine of Ukraine also should be disqualifying. At the Olympics held in is required" to race in UCI

events The UCI can deny neutral 2021, Voinova took bronze in status to riders or officials "who women's team sprint on the are or have been contracted to track after getting silver in the the Russian or Belarusian milevent at the 2016 Rio de itary" or who have shown sup-Janeiro Games. The 30-yearport for the war in interviews or old racer is also a multiple social media posts. Taking part world champion.

Harjai Milkha leads, Nihal second

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Harjai Milkha Singh proved he is a chip of the old block as he finished strongly with three birdies in the last five holes to card 2-under 70 and take sole lead in Boys 13 category of the US Kids Golf European Championship here.

Playing in extremely cold and freezing conditions, Harjai, son of Indian golf legend Jeev Milkha Singh, and grandson of the Olympic icon the late Milkha Singh, leads at 2-under 142.

With rounds of 72-70, he is two ahead of three others at tied second.

The Indians, who gained an entry into the event after solid showings on local Tours, had another fine day at the highly competitive European

Championship. While Harjai is in sole lead in Boy's 13, Nihal Cheema, the youngest member of the 16strong Indian squad, is tied-second in Boys under-7.

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Veeramachaneni is sole third in Boy's 9 section. and Vihaan Jain is tied-fifth in the Boy's 13 competition.

in top-seven. First day co-leader Mahreen Bhatia slipped to tied third with a 75 in Girl's 13-14 category at the Royal Musselburgh Golf Club. Naina Kapoor (81-85) rose

to tied-fifth in the Girl's 11 section but Ananyaa Sood (77-75) slipped from tied-sixth to seventh in Girl's 12.

In Boy's 13, one of the most competitive sections, Harjai was 2-over after seven holes with one birdie and three bogeys, but a birdie on eighth saw him turn in one-over.

On the back nine, Harjai was in full flow as he birdied three times in last five holes. The birdies came on 14th, 15th and 17th holes. With one more round to go Chandigarh golfer is two ahead of American Colin McAskin (73-71), South Africa's Jordan Botha (75-69) and England's Kodi Dean of (77-67).

to QFs, Ashmita bows out All three Indian girls figured PTI 📕 BANGKOK

India's Kiran George continued his good run as he cruised into the quarterfinals of the Thailand Open Super 500 tournament, beating world number 26 China's Weng Hong Yang in straight games here on Thursday.

Kiran, the world number 59, took 39 minutes to beat his higher ranked Chinese opponent 21-11, 21-19 in the men's singles round of 16 clash.

It is the first time that Kiran has reached the quarterfinal at a BWF World Tour Super 500 event.

The 2022 Odisha Open winner will face the winner of the match between Ng Ka Long Angus of Hong Kong and Toma Junior Popov of France in last eight clash on Friday.

However, it was the end of the road for 23-year-old Ashmita Chaliha, who went down 18-21

Carolina Marin of Spain.

men's doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty will play their

divided into six levels, namely World Tour Finals, four Super 1000, six Super 750, seven Super 500, and 11 Super 300 in order. One other category of tourna-ment, the BWF Tour Super 100 level, also offers ranking points.



Later in the day, Saina Nehwal, Lakshya Sen and the

13-21 to former Olympic and three-time World Champion

respective pre-quarterfinals. The BWF World Tour is



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WE ARE USED TO **DUKES BALL: AXAR**



PTI PORTSMOUTH

 witching from playing T20s S to the longest format of the game is difficult but practising with the red ball through the IPL will help in the tough transition at the World Test Championship final against Australia, feels India all-rounder Axar Patel

Most members of the Indian team head to the marquee event after playing T20 cricket in the IPL for over two months.

Additionally, while the SG balls are used to play the red-ball format in India, the Dukes ball will be used for the WTC final. However, India are well pre-

pared for the twin challenges. To familiarise themselves with the Dukes ball, which is used in English conditions, the 'Men in Blue' have been working with it.

"We knew about this before the start of the IPL. So even dur-

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ing the IPL, it was discussed that we will bowl with the red ball," Axar told ICC

'We had red balls, so we were using them. You know when and how to play, how much time you have. This mental switch from white ball to red ball is obviously tough, but we have enough time," Axar added.

The left-arm spinner, however, said that the focus is on hitting the right spot irrespective of the ball used.

"We switch from white ball to red ball. It is a similar switch to go from SG to Dukes, you have to use your talent and skill. You have to execute your plan, your bowling rhythm. Irrespec-tive of the ball, if you bowl a good ball at a good spot, it works.

"So, that's what we're doing. Since the match is in England, which is different from India, we are planning what lines and

lengths will work here. The same thing in practice, we are good to go

The first batch of Indian players, including the likes of Virat Kohli and Axar, landed in London early last week and have been preparing for the final, scheduled to be held at The Oval from June 7 to 11.

"Those who did not quali-fy (for IPL Playoffs) got more time. So I don't think there will be many problems because we have had a good time to prepare." "The difference is the Dukes ball remains shinier for longer. But during the IPL, we had ordered the ball, so were practising with it and have gotten used to it," Axar said.

The Indian team will also have to quickly adapt to the relatively cooler conditions in England, having played the IPL in sweltering heat.

"We came after playing IPL,

where it was 40-45 degrees in India. After that it feels great here. We have taken out our winter clothes and are roaming around wearing jumpers. It's also a bit windy. Whenever we come to the UK, we enjoy the weather. It remains a little cool, there is no heat."

In stark contrast to India's spin-friendly pitches, the conditions in England are more suited to swing bowling.

"Obviously, the conditions in India and England are different. The fast bowlers have more of a role here. In India, spinners play a more important role," Axar said. "The conditions are the same for both teams. In England, the wind assists swing bowling and offers good bounce if you bowl at the right spots.

"The team is getting together slowly, so the planning will go on. We'll leave the planning to our bowling coach.

Oz need to be wary of Pujara, Kohli: Ponting

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Australia will have to guard against the "thorn in their side" Cheteshwar Pujara and a "back at his best" Virat Kohli if they are to counter India in the World Test Championship final at The Oval next week, feels legendary cricketer Ricky Ponting.

India's Test batting mainstay Pujara could provide valuable insights to his teammates, having played extensively at Sussex in the English County Cham-pionship, while Kohli is at his absolute best having cracked two centuries and six half-tons for Royal Challengers Bangalore in the recently-concluded Indian Premier League. "The Australian team will

be talking about Virat, no doubt about it, and they'll be talking about Pujara. They're the two," Ponting said on 'The ICC Review

Pujara is known to relish the challenges thrown at him by Australian bowlers, having scored more Test runs and centuries against them than any other side, and his contribution would be crucial to India's chances of lifting the WTC trophy in their second attempt. "Pujara has been a thorn in

their side a lot in the past, and in Australia, and this wicket will potentially be a lot more like an Australian pitch. They know that they'll have to get him early," opined the former Australian captain

Pujara, who bats at No. 3, has 2,033 runs and five centuries in 24 Tests against Australia, and skipper Rohit Sharma will hope he makes a couple of more vital contributions for the side in the



WTC final

Kohli, apart from his sparkling form in the IPL, had smashed 186 in the fourth Test against Australia in March during the Border-Gavaskar Trophy and would be itching to have a go at the Pat Cummins-led side.

They also know that Virat over the last few weeks is probably just about back to his absolute best, albeit in T20 cricket. He told me that the feeling he's getting right now is that he's almost back to his best, and that's an ominous warning for the Australians going into a one-off game," said Ponting.

Ponting is also mightily impressed with young Shubman Gill's performance in the IPL and the 23-year-old's exploits in the last two Tests of the Border-Gavaskar series.

Gill hit three centuries for Gujarat Titans in IPL. "He looks like a terrific young guy. He's got that bit of attitude about him as



said Ponting. With the pace bowlers like-ly to do a lot of heavy lifting dur-ing the one-off Test, Ponting believes veteran Mohammed Shami will have to be at his absolute best against the strong Australian batting lineup, given that Jasprit Bumrah is not in the frame owing to injury.

"I think he has to step up or try and take his game to another level if India are going to win this game. When you talk to the Australian batters as well, they understand how good Shami is whether it's new ball or old ball. whether it's in Australia or India.

"They know the skillset he's got and how dangerous he can be. It's going to have to be him," added Ponting.

will be completely the iconic captain's call

After the IPL final, Dhoni had said: "If you circumstantially see, it's the best time to announce retirement. The easy thing for me to say is thank you and retire. But the hard thing to do is to work hard for nine months and try to play one more IPL season. The body has to hold up. But the amount of love I have received from CSK fans, it would be a gift for them to play one more season.

"The way they've shown their love and emotion, it's something I need to do for them. It's the last part of my career. It started over here and full house was chanting my name. It was same thing in rennai but it will be good to come back and play whatever I can. The kind of cricket I play, they feel they can play that cricket. There's nothing orthodox about it and I like to keep it simple.

'Conway has caught Williamson bug to

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Dhoni undergoes knee surgery: CSK CEO

PTI NEW DELHI

Former India captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni successfully underwent a left knee surgery in a Mumbai hospital on Thursday, raising hopes of play-ing in the 17th edition of Indian

Super Kings to their fifth IPL title, had flown to Mumbai from Ahmedabad after the final Rishabh Pant.

Dhoni

Ronaldo absent with injury



the nature of surgery and other things," CSK CEO Kasi Viswanathan confirmed to PTI.

"He will be discharged in a eenino

Dhoni had played the entire season with heavy strapping on his left knee and while he looked absolutely fine during wicketnt as lov



Australia head into the WTC final against India wary of their dismal Oval record PTI MELBOURNE

As Australia begin prepara-tions for the World Test Championship final against India, the men from Down Under would be eager to put their past struggles at The Oval behind them.

In over 140 years of Test cricket in England, Australia have had one of the worst records at The Oval, which will host the final from June 7 to 11 between the top two Test sides.

Australia, who played at The Oval in 1880 in what was the first-ever Test in England, have managed a mere seven wins from 38 Tests at the famous South London venue, putting their success rate at the venue at 18.42 per cent, their poorest across England.

Australia have won just twice in the past 50 years at The Oval. On the other hand, they have 17 wins from 29 matches at The Lord's at a success rate of 43.59 per cent, which is better than hosts England's 39.72 per cent from 141 games and South Africa's 33.33 per cent at the same venue.

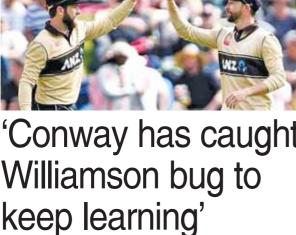
Australia have a success rate of 34.62 per cent at Headingley, 30.43 per cent at Trent Bridge, and 29.03 per cent and per cent at Old Trafford 26.67 and Edgbaston respectively.

India, on the other hand, haven't fared too well at the venue either having won two, drawn seven and lost five games. But the Rohit Sharma-led side will be boosted by the 157-run win over England here in 2021, which was it's first victory at the venue in a Test match in 40

years. According to cricket.com. au, Australia will have their first full training session in the UK on Thursday in Beckenham, which is 20km from central London.

Pat Cummins and his men will train at Kent's out-ground across the weekend as both sides will be granted access to facilities at The Oval only two days prior to the fixture. And while The Oval is like-

ly to favour the pacers, Beckenham is known to have a batterfriendly track. Australia finished the 2021-23 WTC cycle on top of the able their only loss h vear



Dormer New Zealand spinner **L**John Bracewell believes chaa learner, not a guy that actualrismatic batter Devon Conway ly just sits there and relies on has caught the "Kane Williambeing talented," said the 65-yearson bug" to keep learning from old. Conway has so far amassed past mistakes and making rapid 1212 Test, 508 ODI and 632 improvements in his batting T20I runs, and Bracewell belitechnique. eves the cricketer can rival the Conway, a late entrant into the New Zealand setup at 29, took the cricketing world by storm by smashing a double hundred on Test debut against England in 2021 to become only the seventh batter to do so in the longest format. Conway, now 31, also played a vital role for Chennai Super Kings in only his second IPL season, scoring six half-centuries and aggregating 672 runs

ing a better cricketer all the time, so he's obviously caught the

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Premier League next year. Dhoni, who led Chennai

on Monday and consulted renowned sports orthopaedic surgeon Dr Dinshaw Pardiwala, who is also on the BCCI medical panel and had performed surgeries on a number of top Indian cricketers, including

day or two. He would be resting few dave h etore sive rehabilitation starts. It is now expected that he would have enough time to get fit to play in the next IPL," another source close to CSK management told PTI on conditions of anonymi-



early: Finch

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ormer captain Aaron Finch Former capital functions for the symp money on Steve Smith even though Australia will also need to get rid of star India batter Virat Kohli as early as possible in what promises to be an enticing World Test Championship final, starting June 7 at the Oval

Key for both teams

will be to dismiss

Smith and Kohli

"Both (Kohli and Smith) will be batting at number four, so the key is to try and get them as early as possible. Early wick ets to expose them to the brand new ball will be absolutely key. I will always side with Steve Smith. I think his record is outstanding, but it will be a very good contest," Finch told Star Sports.

India vs Australia rivalry brings out the best in both teams, he said.

"I think the rivalry is held in such high regard in both countries, that I think it brings out the best in both teams," he added.

"Obviously, India has had the better of Australia in the last three series I think, so both teams will rise to the occasion no matter where it's played, at home or away or this time at neutral territory. It's just a must watch thing?

with a highest of an unbeaten 92 and an average touching 52. His opening partnerships with Ruturaj Gaikwad formed

the cornerstone of CSK's recordequalling fifth title. The all-format New Zealand cricketer was third on the IPI's Orange Cap list behind Shubman Gill and RCB's South African skipper Faf du

Plessis. "I think he's been an absolute magician in terms of his adaptability to all three formats, his skillset and his (growth)," Bracewell, who played 41 Tests garnering 102 wickets and 1000-plus runs, told Sen Radio. "I like the way he's becom-

best in the business. "His game is just continuing to progress and that's something

that Kane Williamson had introduced into the New Zealand side along with (former wicketkeeper) BJ Watling. 'That's something that

Devon Conway's picked up and moved forward with him taking it to another dimension."

Bracewell believes Conway will play a huge role during the ODI World Cup, scheduled to be held in India in October-November this year, given that Williamson would unlikely have recovered completely from an ACL injury he suffered in the IPL.

"He's one of a series of components, but he's certainly an nportant one," said Bracewell.

"One, that he knows those (Indian) conditions (and) two, that he's extremely adaptable in terms of now he's opening the batting in T20. So he has that adaptability to be able to move up and down the order and fit in, so that makes him a good replacement for somebody like Kane?

cessful knee surgery at the Kokilaben Hospital in Mumbai on Thursday. He is doing fine and the surgery happened in the morning. I don't have details. I am yet to get all the details about

ristiano Ronaldo's first sea-

son in Saudi Arabia came to

an end, although the star for-

ward was absent as Al-Nassr

beat Al-Fateh 3-0 to finish in

Rivadh club in December before

scoring 14 goals in 16 league

games, picked up a muscle in-

jury four days previously and

was rested ahead of Portugal's

European Championship qual-

ifiers against Bosnia-Herzego-

absence on Wednesday, Ander-

son Talisca took center stage to

score twice. He also assisted

Mohammed Marwan for a third.

Al-Ittihad, which had already

In the 38-year-old Ronaldo's

vina and Iceland in June.

Ronaldo, who signed for the

second place in the league.

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as No. 8 at times and didn't look in his element while running between the wickets.

On Wednesday, Viswanathan had said that whether Dhoni wants to undergo surgery

1 away defeat to India earlier this They haven't beaten the

Men in Blue, both home and away, in eight years - four successive series defeats

Pathirana set to make ODI as Saudi soccer season ends debut ahead of WC qualifiers



Abderazzak Hamdallah of Morocco opened the scoring with a second-half penalty that also secured the golden boot with his 21st goal of the season. Former Leeds United and Wolverhampton winger Helder Costa added the second in injury time. It's the first league title won by coach Nuno Santo, just 18 months after the Portuguese tactician was dis-missed by Tottenham Hotspur in the English Premier League. Al-Hilal, champions last

season, finished in third spot secured the league championwith a 3-2 win over Al-Raed. ship in the penultimate round The league will expand from celebrated a first title since 2009 with a 2-0 win against Al-Tai.

16 to 18 teams next season

You had a lot of selfish characters playing for England: Harmison

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 $F_{\text{Harmison has hinted that}}^{\text{ormer England pacer Steve}}$ quite a few senior players in the side did not contribute to the team spirit in the late 90s and early 2000s, but all that changed during the 2005 Ashes series, which the hosts won 2-1.

Responding to former Australian quick Jason Gillespie's assessment that he had noticed a big change in the England side during the 2005 Ashes, Harmison, who was part of the 2005 side, said that, "The difference between that and 2003, 2001 and 1999, 1997, was in 2005 we were a team?

Gillespie had suggested that he had never seen such camaraderie in the England team during previous series between the two sides

"I noticed a big difference in the England side in the '05 Ashes... we'd never felt that as an Australian side before,' Gillespie told 'Sen Radio' on Thursday.

"England would normally go out in dribs or drabs going onto the field ... (but this time) it was really noticeable that as soon as the umpires walked out there, positions, the bowler would run

and hand his cap to the umpire and before our batters were halfway onto the ground, the whole England team was set up ready to play, ready to rock," added Gillespie.

Harmison, 44, who played 63 Tests taking 226 wickets, said quite a few "selfish" players contributed to the poor culture in the England side. "We'd grown up as a team,

we played as a team and we behaved off the field like a team (England skipper) Michael Vaughan was straight out there, everyone was straight out there, (in 2005). In 1997, 2001, 2003/04, you had a lot of selfish quick chat and then they would literally run to their fielding characters playing for England," said Harmison.

"Some great cricketers, don't get me wrong... but when you look at — and I've got no problem saying this - the likes of Nasser (Hussain), Athers (Michael Atherton), Thorpey (Graham Thorpe), Corkey (Dominic Cork), Darren Gough, Andy Caddock, there was a group of individuals playing all together as a team where you look at 2005, we were a team," added Harmison.

Harmison added that even though Australian cricketers might have had differences, they were swept aside for the common good of the side.



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ri Lanka has unleashed some special bowling • Contract of the second secon

In the case of Lasith Malinga, he was thrown into the deep end during a so-called Top End tour of Australia in 2004. In the case of Ajantha Mendis, he was introduced just before the Asia Cup and he starred with six wickets against India in the final aas Sri Lanka clinched the trophy in 2008.

The same blueprint is to be followed with 20 year-old Matheesha Pathirana, who will make his ODI debut in the three-match series against Afghanistan that gets underway on Friday.

Although Pathirana has played just one Twenty20 International, he is already a star after performing a key role for Chennai in the Super Kings' run to a record fifth Indian Premier League title

Pathirana bowls with a unique round-arm action and Sri Lankans hope that he'll be quite a handful for batters during the World Cup qualifiers later this month in Zimbabwe. Sri Lanka, which won the 1996 World Cup title and has twice been runner-up, needs to go through qualifying because of its slide down the International Cricket Council rankings in the one-day format.

Afghanistan has no such issues after qualifying automatically for the showpiece event later this year in India.

Bowling is Afghanistan's strength, with three Afghan players featuring in the list of top 10 bowlers in official ICC rankings. Leg-spinner Rashid Khan will miss the first two games because

of a lower-back injury, but off-spinners Mujeeb Ur Rahman and Mohammad Nabi will find the conditions in Hambantota to their liking.

Afghanistan also has left-arm wrist spinner Noor Ăhmed, who was quite a handful for Ĝujarat Titans during the IPL.

Although bowling is the team's strong point, Afghanistan also some some solid batting.

Ibrahim Zadran showcased that he is a star in the making during the ICC Under-19 World Cup and since graduating to the senior side, he has smashed three centuries in just eight one-dayers. That includes a career-best 162, the highest score by an Afghan in ODIs.

Friday's series-opener will be the first international to be staged at Hambantota in more than three years.

The series was hastily arranged after Sri Lanka failed to automatically qualify for the World Cup, and will provide an opportunity for the selectors to take a final look at some of the players before they submit the squad to the ICC before the June 10 deadline.

Sri Lanka has recalled test captain Dimuth Karunaratne to the squad. Karunaratne was fired as ODI captain and dropped from the squad in 2021. However, with the batting unit not able to utilize the full quota of 50 overs often enough, the need for Karunaratne's stable presence has been felt

The hosts also have recalled fast bowler Dushmantha Chameera, who is returning after seven months following ankle surgery.

SOUADS:

SRI LANKA: Dasun Shanaka (captain), Kusal Mendis (vice-captain) Pathum Nissanka, Dimuth Karunaratne, Sadeera Samarawickrama, Angelo Mathews, Dhananjaya de Silva, Charith Asalanka Wanindu Hasaranga, Maheesh Theekshana, Dushan Hemantha, Chamika Karunaratne, Dushmantha Chameera, Matheesha Pathirana, Lahiru Kumara, Kasun Rajitha

AFGHANISTAN: Hashmatullah Shahidi (cap tain), Rahmat Shah (vice-captain), Rahmanullah Gurbaz, Ibrahim Zadran, Riaz Hassan, Najibullah Zadran, Mohammad Nabi, Ikram Alikhail, Azmatullah Omarzai, Rashid Khan, Mujib ur Rahman, Noor Ahmad, Abdul Rahman, Fazal Haq Farooqi, Farid Ahmad Malik.

