

CBI begins probe, Opp protests; crash criminal act, iterates Rlys

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The Ministry of Railways on Tuesday conducted a series of meetings with the goal of addressing safety loopholes in response to the tragic Balasore train accident Concurrently, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) registered a case to investigate the alleged criminal negligence that resulted in the loss of 288 lives and injuries to nearly one thousand passengers.

The Railways asserted that the incident was a "criminal act" involving modifications to the interlocking system. However, railway officials stated that the system was "ninety-nine per cent tamper-proof and fail-proof," failing to provide a clear explanation for the tragedy. Simultaneously, political tensions escalated over the accident, with both the Congress and the Trinamool Congress (TMC) criticising the Modi Government.

While the Congress questioned the timing of announcement of a CBI probe into the accident before the mandatory investigation bv the Commissioner of Railway Safety (CRS) was conducted, Mamata Banerjee, the leader of the TMC and Chief Minister of West Bengal, echoed the same sentiment.

Mamata, who previously served as the Railway Minister, questioned the relevance of a



CBI officials arrive at Station Manager's room at Bahanga Bazar during their investigation into the triple-train accident in Balasore district on Tuesday

CRS should handle the probe.

The technical aspects of the accident are being investigated by the CRS. The collision involving the Bengaluru-Howrah Superfast Express, Shalimar-Chennai Central Coromandel Express, and a goods train occurred around 7 pm on Friday near the Bahanaga Bazar station in the Balasore district.

Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, who returned to Delhi from Balasore, Odisha after assessing the rescue and restoration efforts following the triple train accident, conducted a series of high-level virtual meetings with officials. He held separate meetings with senior officials of the Railway Board, followed by the general managers (GMs), and then

the divisional railway managers of various zones. Official sources revealed

CBI probe, insisting that the that Vaishnaw instructed officials to develop plans to make the railway network completely tamper-proof against exter-

nal interference. The Railway Board issued instructions to all GMs to ensure that protocols regarding signaling systems are made tamper-proof.

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Rescuer suffered hallucinations, recalls NDRF DG

New Delhi: Traumatised by what they saw when they reached the three train crash site in Odisha's Balasore district, one NDRF rescuer hallucinated that he was seeing blood and another lost his appetite, the director general of the force said on Tuesday.

Pilot mulls new party |NCB busts global drug network

Father's fighting spirit makes 'dead' boy walk out safe from morgue

PTI KOLKATA

Howrah resident Helaram Mallik travelled 235km to Balasore to recover his son alive from a makeshift morgue where he was kept with the bodies of those killed in the triple train accident.

After pulling out his 24year-old son Biswajit from the morgue at Bahanaga High School, Helaram rushed to Balasore Hospital before bring-ing him to Kolkata's SSKM Hospital. Biswajit, who suffered mul-

tiple bone injuries in his limbs, underwent two surgeries at the trauma care unit of SSKM Hospital here.

"I saw the news on TV and then realised that I must call Biswajit to find out if he was okay. He did not initially pick up the calls and then when he did, I could hear a feeble voice on the other side," Helaram, who runs a kirana shop in Howrah, said.

On the same night (June 2), he and his brother-in-law Dipak Das left for Balasore in an ambulance. "We could not **Detailed report on P5** find him as calls to his mobile



went unanswered. We visited different hospitals but Biswajit was nowhere. We then went to a makeshift morgue at Bahanaga High School but were denied entry initially. Suddenly, there was an alter cation among a few people followed by a commotion Suddenly, I spotted a hand and knew it was my son's. He was alive," Helaram said.

Without wasting a moment, Helaram took his "almost unresponsive" son to Balasore Hospital where he was administered a few injections and then referred to Cuttack Medical College and Hospital.

"He had multiple fractures on his limbs and could not utter anything. I signed a bond there and brought Biswajit to SSKM Hospital's trauma care unit on Monday morning," he said. *Continued on Page 2*

to empower women PNS NEW DELHI These loans, classified as MUDRA loans under PMMY, auding the remarkable achievements of the Modi are offered by commercial banks, regional rural banks, Government over the past nine small finance banks, microfi-

vears, Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday emphasised the significant strides made in women's development. He highlighted the

Government's successful dis-bursement of 27 crore Mudra loans to women entrepreneurs who have made invaluable contributions to the Indian economy with their exceptional abilities

The BJP is currently observing a month-long awareness campaign to promote the benefits of the Prime Minister's flagship schemes implemented during his two terms. Party leaders are engaging with prominent individuals in society during this time.

In a series of tweets, Shah emphasised that the celebration of womanhood is not just a slogan for Prime Minister Modi. In the nine years of women-led development, women have broken barriers in all areas of life, from space exploration to star-



tups, and from defense to domestic affairs, propelling the nation to new heights.

"Under the visionary leadership of PM @narendramodi ji, an era or #9YearsOfWomenLedDevelop an era of ment has been unleashed, showcasing India's progress to the world. A remarkable milestone was achieved as 27 crore Mudra loans were disbursed to women entrepreneurs, who are now empowering the Indian economy with their immense potential," he stated.

The Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana (PMMY) is a scheme launched by the Prime Minister on April 8, 2015, to provide loans up to ₹10 lakh to non-corporate, non-farm small and micro enterprises



PNS/AGENCIES NEW DELHI/WASHINGTON

s Prime Minister Narendra As Prime Minister Parchara Modi prepares for his upcoming State visit to the US in June end, White House has reassured that India remains a vibrant democracy, dismiss ing concerns about the health of democracy in the country.

Addressing reporters at a news conference in Washington, John Kirby, for Strateg Coord

pens to go to New Delhi can see

that for themselves. And certainly, I would expect that the

strength and health of democ-

ratic institutions will be part of

eration, economic trade, mem-

bership in the Pacific Quad,

and Indo-Pacific security coop-

eration. The remarks came on

the same day when US Defense

Secretary Lloyd Austin held

extensive talks with Indian

Defense Minister Rajnath

Singh in New Delhi, further

solidifying the roadmap for US-India Defense Industrial

the discussion."

nance institutions, and nonbanking financial institutions. Borrowers can approach any of these lending institutions or apply online through the portal udyamimitra.in.

Under the PMMY MUDRA has introduced three products: "Shishu", "Kishore," and "Tarun", representing different stages of growth, development, and funding requirements of the beneficiary micro units and entrepreneurs. These products provide a reference point for their graduation and further growth.

During a Press conference at the BJP headquarters, Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairying, Purushotam Rupala, also highlighted the achievements of the Modi Government over the past nine years, emphasising

the Government's commitment to reaching every section of society. Continued on Page 2

BSF jawan martyred in Kuki firing

Imphal: A BSF jawan was killed and two Assam Rifles personnel injured in an encounter with suspected Kuki insurgents in Manipur's Serou early on Tuesday, officials said.

The exchange of fire between the two sides took place in a school in Serou area of Sugnu in Kakching district. A BSF official said sus-

The Defense Industrial Cooperation aims to prioritise pected Kuki miscreants resortco-development of military ed to indiscriminate and heavy platforms and hardware. During Modi's visit to firing targeted at BSF troops Washington, defense-related

sions with National Security

Adviser Ajit Doval.

deployed at the Serou Practical High School around 4.15 am. Constable sustained a bullet injury during the gunfight and was evacuat ed to Kakching's Jivan Hospital where he was declared dead **Continued on Page 2**



he won't quit: Cong

PNS JAIPUR/NEW DELHI

The Congress in Rajasthan is facing increasing challenges as speculation grows regarding the future plans of its promi-nent leader Sachin Pilot. According to sources, Pilot is considering launching a new regional political outfit if his demands are not met by the Ashok Gehlot Government.

Pilot's demands include taking action against alleged corruption during the previous Vasundhara Raje Government. He has been waiting for a definitive response from the party's high command. Speculation is rife that Pilot may provide a clear indication of his future course of action on June 11, the anniversary of his father's death in Dausa.

"He is awaiting a response from the party leadership; the ball is in their court," said a source close to him.

Union The former

Minister in the Manmohan Singh regime currently has the support of more than 20 MLAs.

Congress general secretary in-charge of Rajasthan Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa, however, ruled out the possibility of Pilot floating a new party. Randhawa, who reached Jaipur late evening, also said that the party will assign responsibilities to Rajasthan

leaders according to their stature. "I am hearing this from you, I think there is no such thing. He (Pilot) did not have this in his mind before and does not have it now," Randhawa told reporters. Continued on Page 2 | gence.

The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) has con-

ducted the largest-ever seizure operation in the country, confiscating approximately 15,000 LSD blots and apprehending six individuals.

The operation dismantled an international drug trafficking network that operated on the darknet.

The seized LSD blots are estimated to be worth over ₹10 crore in the international market, with each blot valued at around ₹5,000-7,000

The six individuals who were arrested, all of whom are students and youngsters, aimed to make "easy money" by operating anonymously within the hidden layers of the Internet through apps and messenger services like WICKR

was revealed that the deceased

children had lunch with their

parents at around 3 pm and

ents and their other children

found the bodies inside the

box. The crime team has con-

firmed that there were no

injury marks on the bodies, and

"During a search, the par-

went missing afterwards.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah commended the NCB for their accomplishment, highlighting the effective coordination between cyber vigilance and human intelli-



Narcotics Control Bureau officials with the people arrested for running international drug trafficking network on the dark web, on Tuesday PT

"Due to enhanced vigilance and improved coordination, drug seizures in India have significantly increased in recent years," Shah stated on Twitter. LSD, or lysergic acid ing. diethylamide, is a synthetic

hallucinogenic drug. It is commonly trafficked by applying it to blots, roughly half the size of a stamp paper, and can be con-sumed by licking or swallow-

Cooperation. Austin also engaged in detailed discus-

issues Communications at the ting-edge technology from the National Security Council in US, are likely to be discussed. the White House, stated, "India **Continued on Page 2** is a vibrant democracy. Anybody that, you know, hap-

Modi thanks US for invite

New Delhi: India is proud of its Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership with the Kirby emphasised that the purpose of the State visit is to strengthen the partnership and US that is built upon the founfriendship between the United States and India. He highlightdation of shared democratic values, strong people-to-people ed India's significance as a ties and an unwavering commitment to global peace and strong partner across various prosperity, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said. levels, including defense coop-

He made the remarks in a tweet while thanking House Speaker Kevin McCarthy, Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell and House Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries for the invitation to address a Joint Meeting of the US Congress during his visit to the country in June end.

CAPSULE

MURMU GETS SURINAME HIGHEST CIVILIAN AWARD Paramariho: President Droupadi Murmu has been honoured with Suriname's highest civilian award by its President Chandrikapersad Santokhi. The award has been bestowed on Murmu to honour the deep-rooted bilateral ties.

DELHI POLICE VISITS WFI CHIEF'S UP HOME

New Delhi: The Delhi Police has recorded statements of associates of outgoing WFI chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh and those working at his residence in Uttar Pradesh's Gonda as part of investigations into sexual harassment allegations against him, officials said on Tuesday.

2 minor siblings found dead in Rich nations could pay poor countries \$170 trn for climate loss wooden box, panic in Okhla NEW DELHI

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The bodies of two minor sib-L lings were found inside a wooden box at a house in Delhi's Batla House area on Tuesday, causing panic in the locality with senior police officials and media turning up in large numbers.

The deceased have been identified as Neeraj (8) and Arti (6), said the police. After seeing the bodies in the trunk, residents informed police.

A PCR call was received on Tuesday at the Jamia Nagar police station, informing them about the bodies found inside a house at Joga Bai Extension, following which a police team



rushed to the spot.

'On reaching the spot, the it is believed that the two chilpolice found the bodies of the dren died of asphyxia," the two children inside an old DCP said. wooden box (sandook). The However, there is a murtwo kids used to live in the mur in the area with locals sushouse with their parents. Their pecting foul play, including father Balbir works as a murders.

chowkidar," said Rajesh Deo, The deceased use to live in this house with their parents Deputy Commissioner of Police (Southeast). Balbir who works as a guard During the initial probe, it (chowkidar) on the property.

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Developed countries like Western Europe and the United States which are responsible for most of the heat-trapping emissions pumped into the atmosphere since the industrial revolution could be liable to pay a total of USD 170 trillion in compensation or reparations by 2050 to the developing countries like India to help ensure climate change targets are met, a study has said.

The study said that, for instance, India, being a low carbon emitter historically, could be entitled to receive compensation of USD 57 trillion, or nearly USD 1,200 per capita each year until 2050.

The compensation system is based on the idea that the



atmosphere is a commons, a natural resource for everyone to use equitably and sustainably. The study published in the scientific journal Nature Sustainability echoes the views of the developing countries which say that they have lower emissions, but are still bearing ment," developed countries

the brunt of a hotter climate through more severe heat waves, floods and droughts.

Greenhouse gas emissions have provided a wealth of benefits to developed countries at the expense of developing ones. In light of this "unjust enrichta payment of more than USD 7,200 until 2050.

Delegates at the COP 27 talks in Egypt last year agreed to establish a Loss and Damage Fund for countries affected by climate change. Researchers-led by an academic at the University of Leeds-have published in the journal Nature Sustainability a major study into how an evidence-based compensation scheme could work across nearly 170 coun-

tries. The study was led by Dr Andrew Fanning, Visiting Research Fellow in the Sustainability Research Institute at the University of Leeds, and Research & Data Analysis Lead at the Doughnut Economics Action Lab in Oxford.

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towards developing countries, the study said adding that "this money, which amounts to nearly USD 6 trillion per year or about 7 per cent of annual global gross domestic product (GDP), would be distributed as compensation to low-emitting countries like India that must decarbonise their economies far more rapidly than would otherwise be required".

now have to recognise their

duty of climate restitution

According to the study, the UK could be liable to pay USD 7.7 trillion for excessive CO2 emissions over the period to 2050-that is equivalent to an annual payment of nearly USD 3,500 per capita each vear until 2050.

The US could be liable to pay USD 80 trillion over the period or an annual per capi-



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'Powered by e-commerce, India's internet economy to grow 6-fold'

PTI 📕 NEW DELHI

India's internet economy is expected to register six-fold growth and touch USD 1 trillion in terms of online transaction value by 2030, mainly driven by the e-commerce vertical, a joint report by Google, Temasek and Bain & Company released on Tuesday said.

The report estimates that India's internet economy was in the range of USD 155-175 billion in 2022.

According to the report, the growth will be led by the B2C e-commerce segment, followed by B2B e-commerce, software-as-a-service providers and online travel segment. "India's internet economy is

expected to grow 6x to USD 1 trillion by 2030," Google India Country Manager & Vice President Sanjay Gupta said while sharing details of the report.

He said most of the purchases in future will take place digitally.

Gupta said while startups



have led the path of digital role but we also see established innovation, small and medium corporates as well as MSME businesses and large enterpriswill be unlocking engines of es after the pandemic have this growth opportunity," Bain started to use digital technologies to become more compet-Partner, Parijat Ghosh said.

"This is going to be a secular growth across many different parts of the economy. B2C Commerce will be one of the largest, 30-40 per cent of the overall total. We think this growth will be driven by a

range of players. Start-ups will continue to play an important 2022 The report estimates that the online travel segment will grow 4-5 times to USD 55-60 billion by 2030 from USD 13-15 billion in 2022. According to the report,

the internet economy share will grow to 12-13 per cent in GDP from 4-5 per cent in 2022.

2030 from USD 12-13 billion in

Temasek, Managing Director (Investments) Vishesh Shrivastav said India is now a new hope for the growth of global GDP.

The report estimates that India's edtech players have a siz-Company, Managing able opportunity for global expansion because they hold According to the report, significant cost advantages due B2C e-commerce is expected to to high English proficiency among teachers and parallels to billion by 2030 from around the K-12 curricula used in many parts of the world.

The report estimates B2B Ås per the report, tier 2 and e-commerce to grow 13-14 beyond cities are expected to times to USD 105-120 billion play a material role in unlockfrom around USD 8-9 billion in ing the USD 1 trillion internet 2022. The software-as-a-service economy

Pilot mulls new party...

Shah lauds Rape victim's father ends Govt's work to... segment is expected to grow 5-6 times to USD 65-75 billion by

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Rupala praised the Government's initiatives in the Fisheries Ministry, mentioning that the total expenditure on fisheries from Independence to 2014 was Rs 3,860 crore. However, the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana' alone has a budget of Rs 20,500 crore, and an additional fund of Rs 8,000 crore has been allocated to bridge the infrastructure gap and boost the industry along

India's coastline. The Central Government has also introduced mobile veterinary units and provided 60 per cent of recurring costs to support States. Rupala also commended the Government for its nationwide vaccination programme for bovines, which has successfully eradicated several diseases

Rupala concluded by expressing pride in the government's decision to directly and transparently allocate funds to panchayats.

life over police inaction PNS LUCKNOW A minor rape victim's father was found dead in his house in Jalaun district.

tim's parents worked as labour-

In his complaint to police,

Though the police said no suicide note was found, the man's family alleged that he ended his life due to inaction of the local police in connection with the rape of his minor daughter. The local police were allegedly exerting pressure on an inquiry into the death, and

the family to make a comproaction would be taken based on mise with the accused. the report. According to the police, last Sunday, an FIR was lodged The deceased man's wife told reporters that the police were initially not ready to lisagainst three people – a couple ten to their grievances and reg-ister the FIR. She alleged that and the 22-year-old prime accused - on charges of rape even after registering the FIR, and criminal intimidation. The they started pressuring the vicpolice also booked the accused tim and her father to change under the Protection of the statement. She also alleged Children from Sexual Offences that the local police station in-(POCSO) Act. charge threatened her husband The 17-year-old rape vic-

he did not follow the police ers in Punjab and she stayed with her grandmother at her directions. ancestral house in Jalaun. Jalaun's Superintendent of Police Iraj Raza said the additional superintendent of police the father of the victim alleged that Devendra Ahirwar of had been directed to conduct

of booking him in false cases if

Dhurat along with his friend Golu, invited his daughter to a birthday party on March 28. He alleged that his daughter was raped at the function. He also said the accused's family friend and his wife threatened the victim of dire consequences if she told someone about the sexual assault.

When the victim's parents returned home to Jalaun on May 30, she told them about the rape. The family alleged that though they approached the local police station the next day, they were turned back. However, on the intervention of senior police officials, the local police registered the FIR.

BSF...

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The two injured Assam

Rifles personnel have been air

evacuated to Mantripukhri and

search operations are in

progress, the Indian Army's

SpearCorps, headquartered in

tion operations by Assam

Rifles, BSF & Police undertak-

en in areas of Sugnu/Serou in #Manipur. Intermittent firing

between Security Forces &

group of insurgents took place

throughout night of 05/06 June.

Security Forces effectively retal-

iated to the fire," SpearCorps

posted on its official Twitter

was also reported between

security forces and suspected

Kuki militants from Phayeng in

Imphal West district, police

said, adding that there was no report of any casualty. Irate villagers had earlier on Sunday night set ablaze an

abandoned camp at Sugnu in Manipur's Kakching district

A fierce exchange of fire

handle.

'Extensive area domina-

Dimapur, added on Twitter.

India vibrant democracy: US ahead of Modi...

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Meanwhile, the recently announced enhanced strategic and defense partnership between India and the US (INDUS-X) is expected to empower the industry and strengthen India's role as a net security provider in the Indo-Pacific region, according to Atul Keshap, President of the US India Business Council (USIBC). The USIBC will host the inaugural INDUS-X conference in partnership with the US Department of Defense and India's Ministry

of Defense. Keshap highlighted the

"This is the largest-ever

seizure of LSD blots in the

country during a single oper-

ation. So far, six individuals in

their twenties have been arrest-

ed, and we are currently pur-

suing another cartel," said NCB

issue. increasing importance of India as a major commercial and defense partner for the US. He praised the Security of Supply Chain Agreement and reciprocal defense procurement agreement, which were major calls from the industry,

stating that these steps are vital in developing a high trust ecosystem and enabling ambitious endeavors in the private sector.

The INDUS-X conference aims to foster co-development and co-production between the two nations, promoting the exchange of tech-

NCB busts global drug network...

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grow 5-6 times to USD 350-380

USD 60-65 billion in 2022.

Randhawa claimed that 90 per cent of the matter was

resolved and the rest was also not an issue. When asked about the "formula" to broker peace between Gehlot and Pilot, Randhawa said he will not share it with the media. However, he said that both Gehlot and Pilot know about the formula. On the party's plan to give

responsibility to Pilot, Randhawa said, "We will definitely do it for everyone and will decide the responsibility of leaders according to their stature," he added.

Meanwhile, preparations for the commemoration of nology, knowledge, and trust. Rajesh Pilot's death anniversary,

which is held annually, are in full swing in Dausa. The event is being supervised by Minister of State for Agriculture Marketing Murari Lal Meena known to be a close associate of Pilot.

Sources revealed that the recent meeting between Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot and Pilot, with party chief Mallikarjun Kharge and Rahul Gandhi, did not result in any resolution of the "core issues" between the two prominent leaders of the Rajasthan Congress.

Gehlot and his former deputy have been engaged in a power struggle since the formed the Congress Government in the State in 2018. The party is now attempting to broker peace between the two ahead of the

upcoming Assembly elections later this year. While some sources, both

within the Congress and close to Pilot, suggest that the former Rajasthan Congress chief may announce the formation of a new party, possibly named Pragatisheel Congress, others indicate that Pilot is solely focused on having his demands met, such as the Gehlot-Government taking action against the alleged corruption during the previous BJP regime and addressing issues concerning the youth, including leaks in Government recruitment examination papers.

Congress has asserted that the party is supreme and will contest the Rajasthan Assembly elections unitedly to emerge victorious.

Father's fighting spirit makes 'dead' boy walk ... and because of him, I have got back this life again. Baba is everything to me," Biswajit

From Page 1 Asked why people mis-took him as "dead", a doctor at SSKM Hospital said Biswajit might have gone into 'sus-

told PTI from the hospital bed. Coromandel Express, in pended animation' - a state of which Biswajit was travelling, slowing down biological funccrashed into a stationary goods tions — leading people to think train, derailing most of its that he was dead. coaches at 7 pm on June 2. Chief A few coaches of

On Monday, Coromandel toppled over the Minister Mamata Banerjee visited Biswajit and those injured last few coaches of the undergoing treatment at SSKM Bengaluru-Howrah Express Hospital. "I would like to thank which was passing by at the God for giving back my son. I same time. À goods train was can't explain what was going in also involved in the crash. my mind when I heard Biswajit was dead. I was not ready to into possible human error, signal failure, and other possible accept that he was no more and causes behind the three-train kept on looking for him," Helaram said.

crash. In all, 278 people have "I feel I got a new life. I owe died and over 1200 injured in it to my father. He is God to me the tragic incident.

'Rich nations could pay poor...

From Page 1 "It is a matter of climate justice that if we are asking nations to rapidly decarbonise their economies, even though they hold no responsibility for the excess emissions that are destabilising the climate, then

trillion tons of CO2. Some countries were withtheir fair share allo

be released into the atmosjust under one quarter of its phere to achieve a given clifair share.

Using carbon prices from the latest IPCC scenarios, the researchers were able to put a monetary value on each country's excess emissions in a world that respects the 1.5°C

on Sunday night, where mili-tants from the United Kuki Liberation Front(UKLF) were mate target, such as keeping

staying after signing a peace

Investigators are looking

global warming to 1.5° Celsius. Starting from 1960, that carbon budget is equivalent to 1.8

accord with the government. The villagers were venting

their anger after militants burnt down at least 100 abandoned houses including the residence Sugnu Congr

under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act. Those found trading or consuming LSD can be denied bail and fa

"gammagoblin and holy spirit is considered a commercial through cryptocurrency and quantity of the hallucinogenic UPI. The contraband was drug, invites strict legal action shipped through couriers and postal networks. The Darknet refers to the

ious states, accepting payments

concealed Internet platform used for illicit activities such as the exchange

Director General Region), (Northern Gyaneshwar Singh, during a press conference.

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A total of 14,961 blots were seized during the operation, which lasted approximately

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In me gal drug circles, LSD is odourless, colourless, and tasteless. It noted. causes users to lose their sense of space, distance, and time,

of asura" brands, according to

among young people and can

lead to serious health issues,

Singh emphasised.

LSD abuse is prevalent

Singh

significantly affecting their judgment and behavior, officials explained.

and the Netherlands. The syndicate involved in trafficking

two weeks. The blots are of the LSD (around six blots), which

Possession of 0.1 grams of the drugs operated across var-

arug imprisonment, an NCB officer pornographic content, and other illegal transactions. It Deputy DG Singh of the operates through the hidden NCB revealed that the seized channels of the onion router LSD was sourced from Poland (ToR) to evade law enforcement agencies.

In addition to the LSD blots, the agency also seized 2.32 kilograms of ganja and Rs 4.65 lakh in cash. Bank deposits totalling Rs 20 lakh were frozen, Singh added.

should for this unfair burden," said Dr Fanning.

To set a monetary value on the losses incurred by low-carbon emitting countries, the researchers first obtained the most recent remaining global "carbon budgets" estimated by the Intergovernmental Panel

on Climate Change (IPCC). A carbon budget represents how much carbon could

while others, most notably the industrialized nations of the global North, have already significantly overshot their allocation-in effect, appropriating other countries' fair shares of the atmospheric commons.

For example, the UK has used 2.5 times its fair shareand the US has used more than four times its fair share. India, on the other hand, has used That total figure was

Ranjit at Serou in Kakching dis-USD192 trillion (within a trict on Saturday midnight. range of between \$141 trillion Meanwhile, the Manipur government on Tuesday and \$298 trillion), with the global North responsible for 89 extended its ban on internet services till June 10.

per cent, or USD170 trillion, and the remainder from highemitting countries in the global South, especially the oil-producing nations, such as Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates.

"The suspension of mobile data services, including broadband, has been extended till 3 pm of June 10", an order issued by Commissioner (Home) H

Gyan Prakash said. (PTI)

DATE OF BIRTH

I, Vimmi Kuldeep Kaur Ghai W/o Late Mahinder Singh R/o Old Ghai 15/1Chandrawal Magazine Road, Civil Line New Delhi-110054 declare that my date of birth wrongly mentioned in Army Service records as 24-05-1965. My correct date of birth is 10-04-1964.

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, venkataramanan son of Late Shri Viswanathan Resident of L043 Gulshan Vivante sector 137 Noida 201301 hereby change my name from Viswanathan Venkataramanan to

Venkataramanan and have updated my government identity for all purpose. PD(059)A

I, Kamala Venkat w/o of venkataramanan resident of Gulshan Vivante L043 apartments Sector 137 Noida have hereby changed the spouse name Viswanathan Venkataramanan to Venkataramanan as my spouse has changed in all

government identity cards including Aadhar. PD(060)A

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Yds., with roof rights, out of Khasra No.631, situated in the revenue estate of village Nasirpur, colony known as Gali No.30, Indra Park, Palam Colony, New Delhi-110045; from Mrs. Rajni Gupta, who is owner of the aforesaid property vide Sale Deed 24.04.2023, which is duly registered vide Document No. 4608, at Sub-Registrar, IX, New Delhi; and intend to mortgage against the financial assistance from Au Small Finance Bank Limited. That the Surviving Member Certificate (SMC) of Late Mr. Kedar Singh Negi is Los/Misplaced/Not available. To comply the requirements of BANK/NBFC, we To comply the requirements of BANK/NBFC, we give this public notice that if any Person having an give tims public robuste mat if any errors in raving any type of claim (right/tille/interest/creating mortgage over the said property, may inform in writing, at the address mentioned below, about his objections, within 7 days from today, failing which it shall be presumed that the said property is free from all type of Encumbrances, lien etc.

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Known to all that my client M/s R.J. Enterprises is owner of Ground Floor,First Floor and Second Floor Without Roof Right of Property No-98 Area 30 Sq Yards out of Rect No-39 Min, Killa No-8,Situated at New Lahore Shastri Nagar Village Khureji Khass Illaqa Shahdara Delhi-110031. and mortgaging the same with Unity Small Finance Bank Ltd. and M/S R. J. ENTERPR- ISES have not Original 1. Khatoni showing Ownership of Ajay Sharma , 2. Death Certificate of Bishan Saroop and Survivor Certificate of Bishan Saroop and Survivor Certificate of Bishan Saroop and Sharma, Its informed that any deal with said harma,It is informed that any deal with sa cuments by any person except my said cli Indicate that we are persone acception and units and units and said institution regarding said proper hall be deemed as null and void. If any pers-awing any claim, right in said property then nay contact and handover the same a pprise his claim to undersigned within 8 da f this publication. Lucem Legal LLP

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The Ministry also directed zonal railways and its undertakings to conduct a week-long safety drive, with a specific focus on locking, interlocking, and signaling arrangements. A report must be submitted by June 14 without fail.

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initial probe into the incident has revealed not just a "signaling interference", but also likely human negligence whereby the door of the relay room where the signaling system is installed, had been kept open.

A team of CBI officials, along with forensic experts, which had reached Balasore district on Monday, started the probe immediately after the registration of the FIR at 2.15 pm on Tuesday, officials said.

The CBI FIR follows a Preliminary Enquiry by the Ministry of Railways that flagged tampering with the electronic interlocking system, which detects the presence of trains, and officials suspected "sabotage" behind

the Friday accident, they said. 'The Central Bureau of

Investigation has registered a case on the request of the Ministry of Railways, consent of the Odisha Government and further orders from DoPT (Union Govt) relating to the train accident involving Coromandel Express, Yashwantpur-Howrah Express and a goods train at Bahanaga Bazar in the state of Odisha on 2nd June," the CBI said in a statement.

"The CBI has taken over the investigation of the case earlier registered at Balasore GRPS, District Cuttack (Odisha) vide GRPS Case No.64 dated 03.06.2023 regarding the said accident. A CBI team has reached (Odisha). Balasore Investigation is continuing, it further said.

Many deaths were due to injuries caused due to the collision and electrocution after coming in contact with overhead low tension line, reads the FIR. The overhead wires snapped as coaches that toppled over in the triple train

accident brought down electrical poles, officials said.

CBI begins probe, **Opp** protests; crash...

Meanwhile, the leader of the opposition in Bengal, Suvendu Adhikari wondered why the Trinamool Congress (TMC) was so concerned about the CBI investigation. He stated his intention to request that the central agency also investigate the post-accident telephone conversation between two senior railway officers, which was released by TMC spokesperson Kunal Ghosh. Adhikari alleged that this was a clear case of telephone tapping by

Mamata Banerjee's police. Accompanied by two of her cabinet colleagues, Mamata Banerjee visited various hospitals in Bhubaneswar and Cuttack on Tuesday afternoon to meet with the injured. During her visit, she once again raised doubts about the efficacy of the CBI investigation into the train accident, suggesting that the Commissioner of Railway Safety was better equipped to handle the task from a technical standpoint. Banerjee, who resched-

uled her planned visit to Darjeeling to travel to Odisha on Tuesday, stated that regardless of who conducts the investigation, the truth must come to light. She emphasized the need for transparency and stated, "At this point, I don't want to say anything other than the fact that the truth must be revealed, considering the high number of casualties. The truth must prevail and not be suppressed.

Interestingly, her nephew, Abhishek Banerjee, had previously claimed that the CBI investigation was ordered to conceal the failures of the BJP government and divert attention away from the real issues for political gain.

Regarding the death toll, Banerjee stated that it was crucial to focus on helping the victims rather than engaging in arguments. She said, "This is not the time for arguments. Many people have lost their lives... let us work for the people. Let us stand by the people." She added that 31 passengers from Bengal who were traveling on the ill-fated Coromandel

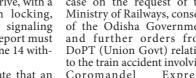
Express and Humsafar Express were still missing. The latest reports, citing the Chief Secretary of Odisha, put the death toll at 288, with approximately 1,100 injured.

Responding strongly to Banerjee's remarks about the CBI investigation, Suvendu Adhikari stated that the investigation would uncover many details, including whether the TMC had any involvement in a suspected act of sabotage. He questioned why a senior TMC leader had released recorded conversations between the two senior railway officials discussing possible causes of the accident.

"This indicates that Mamata Banerjee's police have been wiretapping conversations of central government employees ... We need to determine why they were doing so... I will personally write an application to the CBI officials, requesting an investigation into the audio recordings, including how Kunal Ghosh obtained them and whether the TMC had any involvement in the matter.

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Sarita Vihar flyover to shut for 50 days

For repair work; traffic advisory issued

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The Delhi Police on Tuesday issued a traffic advisory in view of closure of carriageways of Sarita Vihar flyover on Outer Ring Road for 50 days from Wednesday owing to repair work being undertaken by the Public Works Department (PWD). The flyover is a part of Mathura Road which connects the southeast Delhi to Faridabad in Haryana.

According to the advisory, the PWD is going to start the repair work of the flyover from June 7. "Each carriageway of the flyover will take about 25 days to be repaired and the flyover will be closed for traffic while other carriageways will remain open for traffic. In the first and second phase, the portion of the flyover from Ashram to Badarpur will be repaired and in the third and fourth phase, the portion of the flyover from Badarpur to Ashram will be repaired," it stated.

The traffic police took to Twitter to inform commuters about the closure of the flyover. "Due to repair work by PWD on Sarita Vihar Flyover on Mathura Road starting on 07.06.2023, there will be a clo-



sure of carriageways for a period of 50 days. Kindly follow the advisory to avoid any inconvenience. #DPTrafficAdvisory," it tweeted. The closure of the transport route may increase the volume of traffic on the road and cause inconvenience the general public. Passengers headed to railway

stations, airports, hospitals etc are advised to plan their departure well in advance and choose an alternate route to avoid delay, the advisory stated.

The movement of heavy and commercial vehicles on Mathura Road towards Sarita Vihar flyover may be restricted as and when required to ensure smooth flow of traffic on the stretch, it said.

Commuters coming from Ashram on Mathura Road and going towards Badarpur and Faridabad are advised to follow road number 13A from slip road of Sarita Vihar flyover and then take a U-turn from road number 13A to reach on

Assembly Petitions panel |**₹110 cr allotted for** summons ex-Secy More

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Delhi Assembly Petitions Committee has summoned former Secretary (Services) Ashish More to appear on Wednesday in connection with land transfer fraud allegations. The Committee has also asked Delhi Chief Secretary and Divisional Commissioner to be present in the meeting.

Last year, five sub divisional magistrates and one additional district magistrate namely Ajit Thakur, Harshit Jain, Devender Sharma , PC Thakur, Nagender Tripathi, Nitin Jindal were suspended for the same land transfer fraud in Jhangola Village.

Delhi Chief Secretary, Divisional Commissioner, Ashish More have been summoned to appear on Wednesday at Petitions Committee," sources said.

According to sources, More used the same method to transfer the same type of land in the same Village. Evacuee Property belonging to govern-ment was illegally transferred and people given Bhumidhari rights.

"More being DM North District decided the appeals where illegal land transfers were made. The files asked by the Petition Committee have not been submitted before the Committee, seven days time is over," sources added. AAP MLA Bhawna Gaur has also Mathura Road, advisory said. | forwarded a complaint against



More to Delhi Assembly speaker Ram Niwas Goel on May 24. The complainant has alleged that More while posted as District Magistrat (North Collector) has been involved in corruption activities and has committed grave irregularities in deciding two cases.

The records of rights in respect of the agriculture land falling in village Jhangola, Delhi is government/maintained by Punjab Land Revenue Act. The Delhi Land Reforms Act is not applicable to land falling in Ihangola which is declared as evacuee property by the Centre.

Accusing More, the com-plainant said that he deliberately overlooked the fact that sale deed, mutation, cultivation, possession of land can not be undertaken in r/o the said custodian/government land.

"Disposing all the appeal cases, More then District Magistrate (North) failed to discharge his official duties in accordance with law and

against the government interest in as much as check the sta tus of khasra from the revenue department while he was duty bound to do so," the complainant said.

The Ministry of Home Affairs had already started disciplinary action against five SDM and one ADM in this regard.

According to Delhi gov-ernment sources, all the four officials had, while occupying the office of SDM, Alipur, over the years, allegedly engaged in illegal sale of small parcels of land whose original owner had migrated to Pakistan during Partition, The four officials -Harshit Jain, DANICS, Prakash Chand Thakur, ad hoc DAN-ICS, Nagender Shekhar Pati Triapthi, DANICS, and Devender Sharma, ad hoc DANICS — had, during their tenure as SDM, Alipur, passed orders giving away ownership of government land "in criminal connivance with private individuals or entities" for

apparent "pecuniary benefits in return". More was removed by the AAP dispensation last week within hours of the Supreme Court ruling that matters relat-ed to the transfer of bureaucrats serving in the city lies under the domain of the city's elect-ed government. More's removal had snowballed into a controversy with him allegedly refusing to comply with the order and also allegedly going incommunicado.

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Delhi University vice-chan-cellor Yogesh Singh on Tuesday said the varsity has sanctioned a fund of Rs 110 crore for the expansion of its central library and construction work will commence soon. Singh made the announce-ment at the launch of The Centenary E-Book Collection and Digital Archive.

The vice-chancellor said that libraries play a very important role in the life of universities. Now, a big change has come in the form of eresources. Today, students find it very comfortable to read ebooks and supplement it with their reading of printed books; so we have to change our mindsets, he noted.

Asserting that the internet has brought a lot of changes in work practices in the last 20-30 years, Singh said, "India has emerged as the leading country in the world in UPI transactions." Things have to be changed in the system, similarly so that the library resources are accessible from anywhere.

When the concept of ejournals came, many educationists were not comfortable with it but now the mindset has changed, he said, adding that there is no difference between e-journals and printed journals. The university has made financial provisions for e-resources

Kejriwal to meet Akhilesh, seek support against ordinance



Lucknow on Wednesday to meet Samajwadi Party (SP) president Akhilesh Yadav and seek his support against the Centre's ordinance on the control of administrative services

in the national capital. Kejriwal will be accompa-nied by AAP MP and state incharge Sanjay Singh. "Kejriwal will be meeting Akhileshji here on Wednesday evening," the Samajwadi Party's chief spokesperson Rajendra Chowdhury said.

Kejriwal has so far met his counterparts from various non-BJP led states and leaders of Opposition parties to drum up support against the Centre's ordinance which has taken services out of the Delhi government's purview and handed it over to the L-G.

Leaders who have extended support to the AAP include West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, CPI (M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury, Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Uddhav Thackery, Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao, NCP chief Sharad Pawar, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin and others.

Boost to night time economy: 155 shops to open 24x7

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In a move aimed at boosting the night time economy of Delhi, creating job opportunities, and ensuring the welfare of workers, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal approved 24x7 operations for another lot of 155 shops and commercial establishments in Delhi.

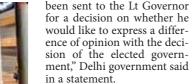
As many as 523 shops and commercial establishments in the national capital have been allowed to operate round-theclock in the last two years.

This marks a significant departure from the previous trend, where only 269 estab-



lishments were allowed exemptions to work 24x7 in the 68year long period spanning from 1954 to 2022. "In2022, 313 numbers of applications were approved. And in the year 2023 to till

date, 55 numbers of applications have already been



The statement further states, by approving the 24x7 operations for a new batch of commercial applicants, the Delhi government aims to generate more job opportunities, safeguard the interests of work-

ers, and contribute to the overall development of the local economy. "This development is expected to have a positive approved. The file has now impact on both businesses and

consumers alike. The extended operational hours will also provide convenience to the residents of Delhi, who can now access essential goods and services round-the-clock".

"To enable the same, the Delhi Government has granted applicants exemptions from Section 14, 15, 16 of the Delhi Shops and Establishments Act, 1954.

"These three sections collectively put restrictions on hiring night-shift employees, and impose related rules upon opening & closing time periods and holidays for commercial establishments' it said.

No need to dig up road to fix water leakage

There will be no need to break the road and dig up the ground to find out about leakage of water in the underground pipeline from now onwards as the Arvind Kejriwal government has decided to employ helium leakage detection technology so that any leakage in the water pipeline can be easily found out.

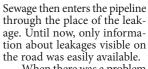
Through the use of this modern technology, the people of Delhi will find relief from the problem of contaminated water.

Delhi Water Minister Saurabh Bhardwaj on Tuesday inspected the latest equipment for detecting leakage and contaminated water in the pipeline



in Shahpur Jat. During this visit, the Water Minister tested the helium leakage detection technology to find out how successfully the device was able to detect leaks in the pipeline.

Bhardwaj said that complaints about the supply of contaminated water were being received in Shahpur Jat for the drinking water pipeline.



When there was a problem of contaminated water due to leakage inside the ground, pits had to be dug up at many places in order to find the point of the leakage from the

pipeline. Apart from breaking the road due to this, money and time were also wasted. But now with the help of helium leakage detection technology, information about the leakage of the pipeline will be easily available. "Helium gas is introduced into the pipeline, followed by drilling at multiple locations.

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East campus of **Indraprastha varsity** to open on June 8

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Delhi Education Minister Atishi on Tuesday announced that the east Delhi campus of Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University (GGSIPU) will be inaugurated on June 8 by Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal.

Addressing a press conference, she also said Kejriwal has worked to transform the trans-Yamuna area into an education hub. "The trans-Yamuna region has always been considered one of the most backward areas in Delhi. However, the Kejriwal government has worked to transform it into an education hub.

"After Arvind Kejriwal took office, the east campus of the Delhi Technological University (DTU) was inaugurated in East Delhi, followed by the inauguration of the east campus of the NSUT (Netaji Subhas University of Technology).

"Now, I am delighted to announce that the inauguration of the east campus of GGSIPU in East Delhi is going to take place, and the chief minister will inaugurate it on June 8," she said. The minister said the campus in Surajmal Vihar is spread over 19 acres and has been built at a cost of Rs 388 crore. It will provide worldclass education to 2,400 students, she said.

The courses have been designed keeping in mind the needs of the 21st century, the minister added. The campus features a nine-storey academic block and a seven-storey main academic block. The main academic block houses a central library, incubation cen-

tre, lecture theatre, classrooms, auditorium, indoor sports hall and a residential complex for

students coming from far away places She added that it is a 100 per cent green campus and has net-zero energy consumption. In this eco-friendly campus,

along with zero-sewer dis-charge, water conservation will also be practised, Atishi said, adding that the water used on the campus will be treated and used for gardening.



Sculptures of birds and animals made from scrap metal were put on display at a park in Chanakyapuri on Tuesday. The pieces showcase the national animals and birds of the G20 countries, based on the "waste-to-wonder" concept, and have been developed on the theme of 'One Earth, One Family, One Future' Ranjan Dimri I Pionee

Join party's maha rally Install CCTV against ordinance on June 11, urges AAP

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AP Delhi state convener and cabinet minister Gopal Rai on Tuesday urged people to join the party's 'maha rally' on June 11 against the Centre's ordinance on control of services in the national capital.

"Following the Supreme Court's verdict that granted the elected government the author-During the door-to-door campaign in Civil Lines on Tuesday, Rai engaged with res-idents to discuss the central government's ordinance and rights of the voters of Delhi, the government of Delhi felt encouraged them to join the empowered to accomplish its tasks more efficiently," Rai said. rally and raise their voices in opposition to the ordinance.

eateries serving liquor told Rai said 'Maha Rally STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI Mandal Committees' have been formed in every mandal of Delhi and approximately 2,000 meetings have been held so far

The Delhi excise depart-ment has warned hotels, clubs and restaurants serving liquor of "stern action", including cancelling licences, if they fail to install functional CCTV cameras on their premises. Instances of non-func-

tional closed-circuit television (CCTV) cameras installed at some clubs, hotels and restaurants have come to the notice of the department's enforce-ment branch during inspections, officials said. "It hampers the inspection work of the excise department," an official said.

In order to check violations at the hotels, clubs and restaurants, the inspection teams rely on the CCTV footage obtained from their premises. However, often the teams are not provided with the CCTV footage by the licensees on the pretext that the cameras are non-functional, official of excise department said.

"In view of the above, all the licensees of hotels, clubs and restaurants holding excise licences are hereby directed to ensure that the CCTV cameras are installed at appropriate locations within and outside the licensed premises and that they are properly functional and all the activities at the premises with a proper back-up of CCTV coverage are record-ed without any break," a notice issued recently by the depart-ment said. Non-compliance will be "viewed seriously", it added.

If the CCTV cameras installed at the hotels, clubs and restaurants are found nonfunctional by inspection teams without any justified reason.

Meghalaya delegation to study education, Mohalla Clinic modal

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delegation of five MLAs A delegation of tive MLAs from the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly Estimates Committee arrived in Delhi to study the Mohalla Clinic and Government school models of the Kejriwal government. According to a statement issued

by the AAP government, they assessed the facilities and services available during their two-day tour.

"The MLAs from Meghalaya praised the education and health models implemented by the Delhi government, particularly the opening of Mohalla Clinics for the treatment of the underprivi-

They applauded the commendable and remarkable work carried out in the government schools by the Delhi government," it said. A delegation of members from the

Meghalaya Legislative Assembly Estimates Committee visited Pratibha Vikas Vidyalaya in Kishan Ganj, followed by a tour of the Mohalla Clinic located at Kashmere Gate.

Rajesh Gupta, Chairman and MLA of the Estimates Committee of the Delhi Legislative Assembly, accompanied the members and legislators from Meghalaya on their visit to schools and the Mohalla Clinic.

During the visit, they observed how doctors operate in the Mohalla Clinic and learned that retired doctors are now providing their services at the clinic.

The doctors attend to patients from 8 am to 2 pm. The committee members also toured the schools and visited classrooms, laboratories, and the school clinic, where they interacted with the children.

Gupta, said that a delegation from the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly Estimates Committée visited Delhi to observe the government schools and Mohalla Clinics. They visited the government schools and observed that the classrooms are equipped with smart boards.

The schools have excellent seating arrangements for the students, and CCTV cameras are installed on the school premises for security purpos-es. They witnessed how the system of government schools can be transformed, as demonstrated successfully in Delhi's government schools."

"We will try to replicate all the good work done by the Delhi government in government schools and mohalla clinics for the people of Delhi in Meghalaya very soon, Mayralborn Syiem said after visiting the mohalla clinics.

'We will have to start feeling responsible towards our city' STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHL

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to start belonging to Delhi and owning." The government

Delhi Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena on Tuesday urged the citizens of the national capital to take pride in their city and start owning the river Yamuna, our gardens, streets and neighbourhoods.

Making this assertion here at the 15th convocation of the Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, he said "we will have to start feel-ing responsible towards our city ing responsible towards our city and proactively work towards achieving the goals of Delhi's environmental sustainability, rejuvenation of the Yamuna, management of civic issues and indicious utilization of and judicious utilization of our resources.

Saxena said Delhi as " they say is the melting pot of India. With people from all over the country residing and working in the city, Delhi is indeed a

mini-India. This indeed is a will be able to fulfil its responmatter of pride for the city. However, the flipside of this sibility of disposing garbage, restoring natural resources, pride of embodying India is mitigating encroachments and that our sense of belongingness and ownership to and for Delhi providing better services, only if the people of Delhi stand up to the task of managing and taking care of Delhi, in the had ownership to and for Dehn has diminished over the years. While you will often see people from other States hold-ing on to and feeling proud of belonging to that State, the same is missing in Delhi to a vorviewer of the weill beau same way "as we manage and take care of our homes," he said.

"I would, as I said earlier entrust you with the responsibility today to inculcate Delhi in your hearts as a city that you belong to and that you own.



'Lack of clean energy will speed up climate change'

World not on track to meet energy target as 1.9 bn won't have clean cooking fuel by 2030: Report

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

As up to 2.3 billion people around the world are still using polluting fuels to cook and 675 million don't have electricity, certainly the world is not on track to reach the energy target. This will nega2.3 BN USING POLLUTING FUEL, 660 MN HAVE NO POWER



tively impact the health of millions and accelerate climate change, a report by the International Energy Agency, International Renewable Energy Agency, UN Statistics Division, World Bank and World Health Organisation has said.

The report said that at current rates, 660 million peo-ple are projected to be without electricity and 1.9 billion won't have clean cooking opportunities by 2030.

That's the target date to achieve a United Nations goal set in 2015 "to ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all." "The energy crisis sparked by

Russia's invasion of Ukraine continues to have a profound impact on people all around the world," International Energy Agency Executive Director Fatih Birol said in a statement. "High energy prices have hit the most vulnerable hard, particularly those in developing economies?

He said that while the transition to clean energy is happening faster than people think, a great deal of work is still needed to provide it to the billions still living without it. According to the report, global access to electricity increased from 84% in 2010 to 91% in 2021, but the pace of growth slowed in 2019-2021, which

A imed at expediting legal processes involved in the

In the new rules, one of the

important proposed measures includes the individual insol-vency process. "Full-fledged individual insolvency frame-

work is expected to be imple-

lution process or PPIRP frame-

includes the start of the Covid-19 pandemic. While the electrification of rural areas contributed to progress, there is still a large gap in urban areas, it said. More than 80 per cent of those without electricity -567 million in 2021 — lived in sub-Saharan Africa, similar to the deficit in 2010, it said.

The report also found that up to 2.3 billion people still use polluting fuels and technologies, including firewood. Francesco La Camera, directorgeneral of the International Renewable Energy Agency, said: "Cost-competitive renewable energy has yet again demonstrated remarkable resilience, but the poorest in the

world are still largely unable to fully benefit from it." According to WHO estimates in 2019, 3.2 million premature deaths every year were attributable to household air pollution from polluting fuels and technologies.

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WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said investing in clear and renewable solutions to achieve universal energy access "can play a crucial role in protecting the health of our most vulner-able populations."Guangzhe Chen, the World Bank's vice president for infrastructure, called for urgent efforts "to ensure that the poorest and hardest-to-reach people are not left behind."

India, Germany review Defence ties Insolvency Bankruptcy Code 2.0 soon: Accounting body

Berlin keen on tie-up to build 6 submarines

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India and Germany on Tuesday reviewed the entire spectrum of their bilateral defence ties particularly col-laboration in defence industrial partnership during talks here between Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and his counterpart Boris Pistorius. He reportedly evinced interest in collaborating on production of six conventional submarines worth over Rs 45,000 crores.

India is set to build six conventional submarines under the Strategic Partnership project and one of the contenders for the proposed deal is Germany's ThyssenKrupp Marine Systems (TKMS).

The other companies in the race are Naval Group-France,



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh receives German Federal Minister of Defence Boris Pistorius as the latter arrives for a Guard of Honour at Manekshaw Centre, in New Delhi, on Tuesday

JSC ROE-Russia, Daewoo domestically build six conven-Shipbuilding and Marine tional submarines for the Indian Engineering Co Ltd-South Korea and Navantia-Spain. The

The submarines will be selected manufacturer will tie built under the strategic partwith Indian companies namely nership model that allows Mazagaon Dock Shipbuilders domestic defence manufacturers Limited (MDL) and Larsen and to join hands with leading for-Tubro (L&T). In June 2021, the eign defence majors to prodefence ministry cleared the duce high-end military platmega project named P-75 I to forms to reduce import depen-

dence. Giving details of the talks, defence ministry officials said Rajnath highlighted the opportunities that have opened up in the defence production sector, including the possibilities for German investments in the two Defence Industrial Corridors in Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu.

The Indian defence industry could participate in the sup-ply chains of German defence industry and add value to the ecosystem, besides contributing to supply chain resilience, officials said. Rajnath stressed that India and Germany could build a more symbiotic relationship based on shared goals and complementarity of strength, namely skilled workforce and competitive costs from India and high technologies and investment from Germany.

India and Germany have a Strategic Partnership since 2000, which is being strengthened through Inter-Governmental Consultations since 2011 at the level of Heads of Government. Senior officials from

Ministry of Defence, including Defence Secretary Giridhar

Aramane and Chief of Defence Staff(CDS) General Anil Chauhan, participated in the RAKESH K SINGH AGRA delegation-level meeting. From the German side, State Secretary from Ministry of Defence Benedikt Zimmer, apart from insolvency framework, a new senior officials and the German Insolvency Bankruptcy Code (IBC) 2.0 is likely to take Ambassador to India, were present. This is the first visit of a shape soon, said a top func-tionary of the Institute of German Defence Minister to India since 2015. Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI).

The bilateral meeting was preceded by a Tri-Service Guard of Honour to the visiting dignitary. Later in the day, Pistorius interacted with some Indian defence start-ups at IIT Delhi, in an event organised by Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX).

mented soon. In future, the The German Minister government is planning for a arrived in India on Monday on pre-package insolvency resoa four-day visit. On Wednesday, he will travel to Mumbai, where work which is likely to be he is scheduled to visit the extended for bigger corporates Headquarters, Western Naval as well," the ICAI official said Command and Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited. Ongoing Russian military action in Ukraine and its implications on the world also reportedly figured in the talks between the two

in a presentation here on Sunday. The official articulated the proposed move during the Media Residential Meet here to commemorate 75th year of the ICAI. The institute will enter

the 75th year of existence on July 1 and President Draupadi Murmu will address the event in the national capital, officials said. "Further, the group insolvency framework may also be implemented in the medium term as planned by the government.

Besides, the use of technology in the IBC ecosystem to handle several processes under the Code with minimum human interface is under consideration by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) and Insolvency Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI)," the official said

Responding to a question on the timeline of the implementation of IBC 2.O, ICAI President Chartered Accountant Aniket S Talati said, "We have been actively involved with the insolvency law committee chaired by the MCA secretary and other stakeholders. It all depends on the government but I expect it will happen very soon.'

ly based on the discussion paper issued by the government. One of the issues is the timeline of insolvency resolution but the court's views are that the timelines are suggestive in nature," said Talati. Talati did not reveal further details on the new IBC rules.

Recently, the Indian Institute of Insolvency Professionals of ICAI (IIIPI) has reportedly constituted a board level committee of its directors to recommend measures for preparing the IBC ecosystem for the next phase of growth by envisioning future changes and imperative

requirements. "After over six years since the inception of the IBC, there is a need to consider futuristic challenges and recommend to IBBI and other authorities, changes required in the ecosystem and for preparing IIIPI and insolvency professionals to sup-port these," IIIPI chairman, Ashok Haldai said

94 lakh of 2.68 cr divyang issued e-UDID cards: Data

ARCHANA JYOTI - NEW DELHI

According to census 2011, there are 2.68 crore people with disabilities (PwD) in India, making up 2.21 per cent of the total population. However, so far just 94 lakh e- Unique Disability Identity (UDID) cards have been issued across



India, Namibia should work together to resolve geopolitical crisis: EAM

ministers

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viven the close ties between The two countries, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar e for th two countries like India and Namibia to work together to cooperate on the global stage amid a "very challenging" international situation created by factors like debt crises with high-interest rates and tense geopolitical situations. His remarks came as he along with Namibia's Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah concluded the 1st India-Namibia Ioint Commission meeting in the Namibian capital late Monday. During the meeting, the two sides discussed the roadmap of a growing bilateral partnership that covers the domains of energy, infrastructure, wildlife conservation, trade and Investment, food security, digital, capacity building, health, defence and arts, culture, heritage and people-topeople linkages. "Pleased to conclude the 1st India-Namibia Joint Commission of cooperation and sign its minutes," Jaishankar tweeted after the

successfully test fired at target, says Navy

meeting. He said Namibia occupies a very special place in the hearts and minds of Indians. "And that is because we supported Namibia's independence and

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NFW DFI HI \mathbf{I}^{n} an effort to sustain the momentum of self-reliance in hi-tech Defence manufacturing, an indigenously developed heavy-weight torpedo of the Indian Navy successfully engaged an underwater target described

Made-in-India torpedo

Misguided souls confused about India's potential, Dhankhar on Rahul's guips



Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar on Tuesday took an apparent swipe at Congress leader Rahul Gandhi US, saying one should look in the rear-view mirror to notice those out to taint, tarnish and destroy the country's institutions. He also said that by 2047, India will be the number one nation. ...Some of us do not take pride...Misguided souls confused about the potential and real-time accomplishments of this country," he said, addressing a batch of Indian Defence Estates Service officers at his official residence here. Dhankhar also said some people in and outside the country were trying to "calibrate us". "We cannot allow others to calibrate us. Their calibration is not objective.... The rise of India is indigestible in some quarters because this country believes in peace and stability, harmony of the world," he said. The vice president told the officers not to "carry baggage of history. It will impede your progress". He said one has to look in the rear-view mirror and then "you know those



a card to help disabilities avail the benefits extended to them through various schemes.

According to the data shared by the Union Social Justice and Empowerment Ministry, 94.30 lakh e-UDID cards have been generated in 716 districts in all states/Union Territories till now. Under the project that took off in 2016, UDID cards are issued to PwDs based on the evaluation and assessment of the type and percentage of disability.

Addressing a press conference, Social Justice and Empowerment Minister Virendra Kumar said they are continuously in talks with states and Union Territories to expedite the process of issuance of the cards.

While the UDID issuance process is moving at a slow pace, activists in the sector is not happy with the Ministry's recent move, making it mandatory to provide the centrally-issued Unique Disability Identification number, or an enrolment number along with the disability certificate issued by states for those who do not have the UDID.

The Ministry memorandum says that the number will help to avail the benefits of schemes like scholarships for students offered by the ministry of social justice's department of empowerment of persons with disabilities (DEPwD) and its associated organisations. In all, 17 schemes have been listed in an office memorandum issued earlier this month. It further

stated that in case the UDID number is not available, an enrolment number along with the certificate of disability shall be mandatory.

Disability rights activists from National Platform For The Rights Of The Disabled (NPRD) which has chapters in 14 states has urged the DEPwD Secretary Rajesh Aggarwal to withdraw the memorandum and ask it to focus on making the card universally valid and acceptable across all government (central and states) ministries, departments, boards and agencies.

Muralidharan, general secretary, NPRD said that "While it may be desirable that all disabled persons procure the UDID card, it cannot and should not be imposed on them."

He drew the attention of the Government to the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 which only lays down the universal validity of the disability certificate and does not impose any obligation on the certificate hold-

Intriguingly, the Indian Railways too do not accept the UDID card issued by the Ministry to the PwD, for availing concession on tickets.

Namibia take its rightful place in the comity of nations and become a proud upholder of international order," the external affairs minister said in his opening remarks at the meet-

ing. He said as the two nations meet, they cannot be oblivious to the world and the challenges that the international order is facing in different respects. Jaishankar said these challenges impact the lives of our people, and the Global South ĥas been a particular victim, of what has been happening in the world for the last three or four years

"The health, economic and social challenges posed by the post-pandemic combined with the debt crises with highinterest rates, tensed geopolitical situations, besides the ecological, economic and social costs of climate change. I think these have all combined today to really create a very challenging international situation," he said.

force as a "significant mile stone"

In a brief statement, the Indian Navy said on Tuesday the torpedo's engagement of the target reflected its commitment to "future proof combat readiness" through self reliance.

"Successful engagement of an underwater target by an indigenously developed heavy weight torpedo is a significant milestone in Indian Navy's and the Defence Research and Development Organisation's quest for accurate delivery of ordnance on target in the underwater domain," it said.

'This showcases our commitment to future proof combat readiness through Aatma Nirbharta (self-reliance)," the Navy said.

In the last few years, the Navy has been focusing on bolstering its combat readiness, especially in the Indian Ocean region in view of Chinese Navy's growing forays into the region.

who are not well disposed towards the nation, those who are out to taint, tarnish and destroy our institutions — we come to notice them". "You look in the rear mirror only to avoid someone who is determined to create an accident," he said.

Addressing the Indian diaspora in the US at an event, Rahul Gandhi charged that the BJP and the RSS are "incapable" of looking at the future and Prime Minister Narendra Modi is trying to drive the Indian car by only looking in the rear-view mirror which will lead to "one accident after another."

The vice president also said that Indians are quick to skill themselves. "This historic achievement is due to selflearning and self-skilling... Why should we not take pride in our achievements," he said.

Cyclone may hit onset of monsoon in Kerala Osimertinib once a day has halved

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depression over the south-Aeast Arabian Sea, south of Porbandar in Gujarat, is likely to move northwestward and intensify into a cyclonic storm Biparjoy may impact the onset of the southwest monsoon in Kerala. With the monsoon already missing its onset date over the Kerala, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) will keep a close watch on the development of a cyclone over the Arabian Sea over the next few days

In the last week of May, IMD had forecast June 4 as the probable onset date of monsoon over the Kerala coast. As of June 5, the northern limit of the monsoon is yet to move from Sri Lanka and touch the



Satellite image taken between 03:00 pm to 03:26 pm IST shows the location of Cyclone Biparjoy in the Arabian Sea, on Tuesday

Kerala coast. IMD officials say the monsoon is now expected to touch the Kerala coast in the next three to four days. In a bulletin, the Met office said the depression lay about 950 km west-southwest of Goa, 1,100

south-southwest of Mumbai, 1,190 km south of Porbandar and 1,490 km south of Karachi, Pakistan, at 8:30 am. "It is likely to move nearly northwards and intensify into a cyclonic storm during over east-central Arabian Sea and adjoining southeast Arabian Sea," it said.

All ports in Gujarat have been asked to hoist a warning signal as a depression formed in the Arabian Sea is likely to intensify into a cyclonic storm during the next 24 hours, the IMD said. The Met office said the cyclonic storm will inten-

sify into a severe cyclonic storm by Thursday morning and very severe cyclonic storm by Friday evening. Sea conditions are likely to be very high along and off the Kerala-Karnataka coasts and

Lakshadweep-Maldives areas on June 6 and Konkan-Goa-Maharashtra coasts from June 8 to June 10. Fishermen out at sea have been advised to return to the coast.

Private forecasting agency Skymet Weather said the monsoon onset over Kerala may happen on June 8 or June 9 but it is expected to be a "meek and mild entry". "These powerful weather systems in the Arabian Sea spoil the advancement of the monsoon deep inland.

Under their influence, the monsoon stream may reach coastal parts but will struggle to penetrate beyond the Western Ghats," it said. Skymet had earlier predicted the monsoon onset over Kerala on June 7 with an error margin of three days. "The southwest monsoon is likely to arrive

within this bracket. Onset criteria require stipulated rainfall on two consecutive days over Lakshadweep, Kerala and coastal Karnataka. Accordingly, the spread and intensity of rainfall may match these requirements on June 8 or June 9.

However, the onset of the annual event may not be loud and sound. It may only make a meek and mild entry to start with," the private weather forecasting agency said. D S Pai, senior scientist, IMD, said Kerala received good rain on Monday too and conditions are favourable for the onset of monsoon over the next two to three days. Southern peninsula will get rain under the influence of the cyclonic storm and a low-pressure system developing in the Bay of Bengal. risk of common lung cancer: Study New Delhi: Trial results from AstraZeneca, and 343 received achievement in the treatme a global study has shown that taking the drug Osimertinib once a day by the patient after tumor removal surgery has halved people's risk of dying from a common lung cancer.

The research, published recently in The New England Journal of Medicine, found that taking the drug osimertinib after surgery dramatically reduced the risk of patients dying by 51 per cent. The researchers randomly assigned eligible patients in a 1:1 ratio to receive osimertinib (80 mg once daily) or placebo until disease recurrence was observed. Of 682 patients who underwent randomisation, 339 received osimertinib also known as Tagrisso and made by placebo. In the primary analysis population, an estimated 85 per cent of patients treated with osimertinib were alive at five years compared to 73 per cent on placebo, the researchers said

In the overall trial population, an estimated 88 per cent of patients treated with osimertinib were alive at five years compared to 78 per cent on placebo, they said. The study found that osimertinib reduced the risk of death by 51 per cent compared to placebo in both primary analysis population, the researchers said. "These highly anticipated overall survival results, with 88 per cent of patients alive at five years, are a momentous

achievement in the treatmen of early-stage EGFR-mutated lung cancer," said principal investigator in the trial, Roy S. Herbst, Deputy Director and Chief of Medical Oncology at Yale Cancer Center and Smilow Cancer Hospital, US.

"These data underscore that adjuvant treatment with osimertinib provides patients with the best chance of long-term survival," Herbst said. Susan Galbraith, Executive Vice President, Oncology R&D, AstraZeneca, said osimertinib cut risk of death by more than half in adjuvant setting, further establishing this transformative medicine as backbone treatment for epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR)-mutated lung cancer. PNS



Opp must present good alternative in 2024: NCP

Worried over attacks on Muslims, Christians, says Pawar PTI AURANGABAD

If the Opposition comes up with a "credible" alternative ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, people may consider it, said NCP president Sharad Pawar on Tuesday, stressing that the decision on the new Parliament building could have been taken through dialogue

with political parties. The senior NCP leader was speaking in a 'Sauhard Baithak' (meeting to foster amity) at Mahatma Gandhi Mission University in Maharashtra's Aurangabad

Speaking about next year's general elections, he said, "My concern is if people will have the same approach for the (2024) Lok Sabha elections as they have for States (Assembly polls). If the Opposition unites and offers a credible alternative, people may consider it. If the Opposition doesn't move wisely, it can't expect people to think of a different choice on their own.

Many Opposition parties, including the Congress and JD(U), are trying to forge unity ahead of next year's Lok Sabha polls. The NCP leader said rulers and administrators should work with the thinking that "everyone is ours" and deliver the message effectively. "Else, wrong things will happen. In the



recent period, such things are happening in many places," Pawar said. He also expressed concerns over attacks on Muslims and Christians. "The picture in the country

today makes me worry about Muslims and Christians. In many States, churches are being attacked. Christians are peaceful and they never take an extreme stand," he said. If someone decides to embrace a differ-"But some people attack their entire community. Mistakes can be made by both Muslims as well as Hindus. In our country the number of Muslims who are

on the path of development. Though the common public thinks positively about Muslims, some people focus on how to grow bitterness and hatred. This is a big challenge for our country," he said.

The senior NCP leader rued that there has been a general decline in engaging in dialogue for parliamentary activities. Earlier too, he said, political parties had differences but they tried to resolve them through dialogue. "I didn't understand why there was a need for a new Parliament building. The decision about it could have been taken through dialogue (with backward cannot be neglected," political parties). But I learnt about the new building through Pawar said. A section can't be ignored if society has to be taken newspapers," he said.

A spolitics intensified over the June 2 triple train crash in Odisha that left about 288 dead and more than 1,100 injured — - mostly from Bengal - State Chief Minister Banerjee once again questioned on Tuesday the efficacy of the CBI investigation into the mishap iterating how-ever that "truth" in any case must

SAUGAR SENGUPTA KOLKATA

come out. Bengal Opposition leader Suvendu Adhikari responded almost instantaneously wondering why the Trinamool Congress was so worried about CBI investigation saying he would appeal to the central agency to also investigate the post train accident telephonic conversation between two senior Railway officers --- discussing the plausible reasons of the crash —- that was released by TMC spokesperson Kunal Ghosh. It was a clear case of telephone tapping by Mamata

Banerjee's police he alleged. Banerjee, accompanied by her two Cabinet colleagues on Tuesday noon visited various hospitals at Bhubaneshwar and Cuttack meeting the injured.

During the visit she once again questioned the efficacy of the ĈBI investigation into the train accident "as technically it is the Commissioner of Railway

CBI officials during the probe into the triple-train accident, near Bahanga Bazar railway station in Balasore district

Safety that is most well-equipped to do the job? Banerjee who swapped her prescheduled visit to Darjeeling

with Tuesday's trip to Ódisha, said that irrespective of who investigated the accident the truth must come." The Chief Minister said, "I don't want to say anything at this juncture except that truth must come out as so many people have died. Truth must prevail and must not be suppressed."

Curiously her nephew Abhishek Banerjee had earlier said that the CBI investigation was being ordered in order to hide the failure of the BJP Government and divert the issue to some other direction for political purposes.

On the death toll Banerjee said that it was time for helping the victims and not the time for arguments. "It is not the time for arguments. So many people have died ... let us work the people. Let us be on the side of the people," Banerjee said adding 31

passengers from Bengal who were travelling in the ill-fated Coromandel Express and Humsafar Express were still missing. This even as latest reports quoting the Chief Secretary of Odisha put the death toll to 288. About 1,100 were injured in the accident.

CBI probe must unravel truth, not suppress it: Didi

Reacting rather strongly to Banerjee's take on the CBI investigation Bengal Opposition leader Suvendu Adhikari said the CBI investigation would reveal many things. It would reveal whether there was a TMC hand in a suspected sabotage or not, he said wondering why a senior TMC leader released taped conversations between the two senior Railway officials discussing the plausible reasons behind the mishap. "This means that Mamata Banerjee's police having been taping conversations of central government employees ... why were they doing so ... the reason must be found out ... and I will personally write an application to the CBI officials to investigate into the audio conversations... from where Kunal Ghosh found it and whether there was a TMC hand behind everything."



Karwal: Traumatised NDRF personnel to get counselling

eat after this rescue operation,'

the one-day 'Annual Confe-

rence on Capacity Building for

Disaster Response-2023' being

organised by the NDRF at the

Vigyan Bhawan here, he said

the accident was so severe that

the coaches got mangled, trap-

mentally and physically fit and

hence we have included various

physical and mental fitness

programmes. Counselling ses-

sions are being conducted to

ensure good mental health of

were held for rescuers who

came back from Turkive recen-

tly after undertaking operations

in the earthquake-hit country. The NDRF was also in the

process of hiring a permanent

counsellor in its ranks rather

than hiring their services on a

es were launched in January last

year, Karwal said. The average

BMI of 90 per cent of the con-

tingency force was less than 25,

an indicator of an individual

being physically fit.

temporary basis, he said.

Karwal said such sessions

the rescuers," he said.

Our personnel need to be

ping several bodies inside.

In his inaugural address at

Karwal said.

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Director General of the Na-tional Disaster Response Force (NDRF) Atul Karwal on Tuesday said that trauma has gripped the rescuers as one of the personnel hallucinated that he was seeing blood and another lost his appetite post the rescue operations at Balasore district in Odisha.

In this backdrop, the NDRF has initiated psychological counselling and mental stability courses for the personnel once they return from a rescue and relief operation where they saw several deaths and victims suffering from excruciating pain.

Nine NDRF teams were deployed for rescue operations following one of the worst railway disasters in India that killed at least 278 people and injured more than 1,100.

According to official data, the force rescued 44 victims and retrieved 121 bodies from the

About 95 per cent of the estimated 18,000 personnel-strong force was "fit" after spe-cial fitness and health exercisspot. "I recently met the person-nel who were involved in the rescue operation following the Balasore train accident... Someone told me he hallucinated that he was seeing blood every time he saw water. Another said he lost the urge to

K'TAKA MAY RE-VISIT ANTI-COW SLAUGHTER ACT **Centre will take cognizance** of Govt's move: Rupala

PNS NEW DELHI

Union Animal Husbandry and Dairying Minister and BJP leader Parshottam Rupala on Tuesday said that his Government would take "cognizance" of the Karnataka Congress Government's move to "re-visit" the anti-cow slaughter Act in the State brought by the BJP Government in 2021 as he took a dig at the Siddaramaih Government for beginning its term with the politically-sensitive issue of "cow slaughter" legislation. The Minister said the move also shows the "mindset of the Congress"

The BJP has been organizing street protests in Karnataka against the State Animal

tesh's statement that "if buffaloes can be slaughtered, why not cows" and that his Government would "re-visit" the anti-cow slaughter law.

Answering a question on the politically-sensitive issue the Union Minster said, "Once the ruling party in the State takes a final stand, the Central Government will take cognisance of the issue."

sance of the issue." Rupala said Congress pres-ident Mallikarjun Kharge (who also hails from Karnataka) and senior leader Sonia Gandhi should speak on the issue. He was responding to a related question at a BJP Press confer-ence where he birklighted the ence where he highlighted the Modi Government's achieve-

ments.

their Government to start its tenure with cow slaughter,' Rupala said, asking Kharge and Gandhi to clarify their stand. For the second-day on

Tuesday, the BJP in Karnataka carried-out street protests against the Government in Karnataka against the proposal to "re-visit" the anti-cow slaughter law in the State. The Karnataka Prevention of Slaughter and Preservation of Cattle Bill, 2020, was passed by voice vote in February 2021 in the Karnataka Legislative Council

Rupala said that it was Prime Minister Narendra Modi who showed the foresight and courage to create a separate Ministry for this adding, "Animal husbandry, dairy and fisheries are the back-

(Anishka's) father released in a

police case. Based on Amruta's

FIR, the Malabar Hill police sta-

father under Section 120 (B)

(conspiracy) of the Indian Penal

Code and Sections 8 and 12 of

Prevention of Corruption Act

1988. The Section 8 relates to

using corrupt and illegal means

while the Section 12 deals with

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Fadnavis had said that while

'The FIR filed by my wife

dresses, I do jewellery work,

Fadnavis said

abetment.

100 unidentified bodies after triple train crash, Odisha starts DNA sampling

PTI BHUBANESWAR

With over 100 unidentified bodies from the Balasore triple train crash pilling up in different hospitals here, AIIMS, Bhubaneswar has started DNA sampling of the claimants, an official said on Tuesday. As many as 10 samples have so far been collected from the claimants, a senior official of AIIMS, Bhubaneswar said.He said the bodies have now been shifted to five containers where they can be preserved for a longer period.

The official said there ould be no hurry in dist

ing the bodies after DNA sampling as they can be preserved in the container for six months.

Of the 278 dead people, 177 bodies have been identified while another 101 need to be identified and handed over to their families. AIIMS, Bhubaneswar had received 123 bodies of which around 64 have been identified.

A claimant from, Jharkhand on Tuesday alleged that they had on Monday identified the body of Upendra Kumar Sharma, but it was handed over to someone else on Tuesday.

"What is the point of doing DNA sampling if the body has



been handed over to someone body," the relative said. else. We had identified Upendra However, Dr Pravas Tripafrom the tattoo mark on his thy, Deputy Superinten

AIIMS, Bhubaneswar, said that the bodies were being handed over after a detailed inquiry. It is a fact that more than one family has been claiming a single body and for that DNA sam-

pling is being done. Replying to a question, he said that it may require at least 7 to 10 days to get a DNA sampling report. As the bodies are now being kept in the con-tainer, there should be no problem in preserving them, he said.

Most of the victims belonged to West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand, Andhra Pradesh

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NIA raids 10 Took help of Fadnavis' wife premises of to nab bookie: Maha cops Dala's allies

TN RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

More than a fortnight after they filed a detailed chargesheet before a Special ACB court, the Mumbai Police on Tuesday claimed that they took the help of banker-singer Amruta Fadnavis, wife of Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, to "track down and arrest" an absconding bookie Anil Jaisinghani from Ulhasnagar.

After the chat transcripts between Jaisinghani and Amruta surfaced in the media, the Investigating Officer (IO) in the case Ravi Sardesai said that "the entire conversation that took place between the two on February 24, 2023 was carried out as part of the strategic advice" to find out of the location of the accused bookie who had been absconding for the last seven to eight years.

"We instructed the complainant to engage him through WhatsApp chats and other means for a prolonged period till the accused was apprehended," Sardesai said.

In a chat that she sent on February 24, Amruta told Jaisinghani that her husband Fadnavis would do justice to him, if he was convinced that the accused bookie was vicitimised. "I will Deven ji... One thing I know about him is that once he verifies and feels that you are victimised, he will do 100 per cent justice to you".

Amruta also told Jaisinghani on the same day: "Instead of speaking on phone, I will meet Anishka (daughter of Jaisinghani) at some location other than Sagar bungalow (Fadnavis' official bungalow). I will meet her after 26th as Deven ji is busy in the Pune by-



polls till 26th".

Jaisinghani (58) and Anishka (24) are accused of offering a bribe of Rs 1 crore and "blackmail" her to get the latter's tion in south Mumbai registered father off the hook in a police a case against Aniksha and her case. The chats that took place between Jaisinghani and Anishka on February 24 are part of a 733-page chargesheet filed before the Special ACB Court on May 18. The "strategy" adopted by the Mumbai police with the to "induce" a public servant, help of Amruta worked, as Jaisinghani and his nephew Nirmal were arrested from Gujarat after a 72-hour 'Operation AJ' on March 20,

while Aniksha had already been the accused "designer", a "trap" arrested on March 16 from had been laid to "target me polit-Ulhasnagar. ically' It may be recalled that

Fadnavis – while making a his wife had blocked the suspect statement in the State Assembly woman's number, the accused on March 16 — had narrated the woman tried to blackmail his chain of events leading to his wife using one fake video. Amruta lodging a First talks about the corruption and Information Report (FIR) against Aniksha who allegedly bribery attempt. Anil Jaisinghani tried to bribe her with Rs 1 crore is a bookie, missing for four or to husband's "intervention" get five years. There are 14 cases the latter's father from a police

In the FIR, Amruta had said that Aniksha had allegedly offered to provide the former information on some bookies through which they could earn money and then directly offered

day after the NIA Special ACourt, Mohali, declared Arshdeep Singh Dala a Proclaimed Offender (PO) in a targeted killing conspiracy case, the agency on Tuesday raided several premises, connected with associates of the Canadabased "individual designated terrorist", in Punjab and Harvana. The searches were Rs 1 crore as bribe to get her

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conducted at 10 locations at the premises of associates of Dala and his close aide and absconder, Manpreet Singh alias Peeta, currently living in the Philippines in a case registered suo moto by NIA on August 20, 2022, the NIA said.

Several incriminating materials, including digital devices, were seized during the raids conducted as part of NIA's crackdown on 'individual terrorists' and terrorist outfits engaged in criminal/terrorist activities in India. A total of six accused have so far been arrested in the case, the agency said in a statement.

The case relates to the terror activities of proscribed terrorist organisations, such as Khalistan Liberation Force, Babbar Khalsa International, International Sikh Youth Federation, Khalistan Tiger Force etc. Such activities include smuggling of terrorist hardware, such as arms, ammunition explosive and IEDs across international borders.

The smuggled goods are for use by operatives/members of against him. His daughter Aniksha, who is educated, got in terror outfits and organised touch with my wife after the precriminal gangs operating in vious MVA Government came various parts of the country for to power in the State. She said I carrying out terrorist acts like am a dress designer, I wear my bomb explosions and targeted killings among other such crimes



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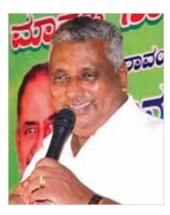
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Stoking passions

The row over cow slaughter in Karnataka can turn ugly; efforts must be made to resolve the issue

arnataka is witnessing a heated debate around cow slaughter, which has sparked passionate discussions on religious sentiments, cultural practices, economic con-Assiderations and animal rights. With the BJP is now taking it up as an issue by protesting against the statement made by Karnataka Animal Husbandry Minister K Venkatesh, it has all the chances of snowballing into a major issue. The issue has thus put the state government in a delicate balancing act as it strives to address the concerns of different stakeholders while maintaining social harmony. Ironically, the controversy started after the Minister stirred the hornet's nest by suggesting the withdrawal of the anti-cow slaughter legislation. The legal framework surrounding cow slaughter in India is complex and varies from state to state. The Karnataka Prevention of Slaughter and Preservation of Cattle Act, 2020, which was passed by the BJP-led government in Karnataka in February 2021, extended the existing ban on cow slaughter to include bulls,



bullocks, oxen and calves. It goes without saying cows hold immense cultural and religious significance in India. For many, the cow is revered as a sacred animal symbolising fertility, purity and motherhood. The religious sentiments attached to cows have contributed to the demand for a ban on cow slaughter in several states. Needless to say, it can easily become a political and social issue.

Controversies arise from the interpretation and implementation of these laws. Critics argue that the legislation can be misused to target minority communities and that it infringes upon personal choices and dietary preferences. They emphasise the need for a more inclusive approach that respects cultural diver-

sity and individual rights. Karnataka, being one of the leading agricultural states in India, has a significant cattle population. The restrictions on cow slaughter have implications for the dairy industry, leather industry and beef exports. Some argue that banning cow slaughter hampers the livelihood of farmers and adversely affects the economy. Another perspective in the row over cow slaughter revolves around animal rights and cruelty. Animal welfare activists advocate stricter regulations and enforcement to ensure ethical treatment to all animals, including cows. The Karnataka government finds itself in a challenging position, needing to address the concerns of diverse groups while preserving social harmony. The government has a responsibility to protect the rights and interests of all citizens while maintaining law and order. Through dialogue, mutual respect and a comprehensive approach, it is possible to navigate this sensitive issue and foster a society that upholds both religious beliefs and individual rights while promoting sustainable development and animal welfare. In power for only a few days, the Congress government would not like to get embroiled in any controversy that derails its development work. It would do well to reign in its Ministers who shoot from the hip.



The legacy of Raja Ram Mohan Roy



His ideas resonated with other social thinkers of his time and inspired them to question and challenge the orthodox Indian society

ndia's social, cultural, and religious landscape underwent a remarkable transformation in the 19th century, largely due to the efforts of visionary individuals who challenged the orthodoxy prevailing in Indian society. One such luminary was Raja Ram Mohan Roy, whose 251st Birth Anniversary went amiss by many. It was his tireless pursuit of social and religious reforms that left an indelible mark on India's history. Raja Ram Mohan Roy, often hailed as the "Father of Modern India," was a visionary who championed the cause of social and religious reforms during the early 19th century. He emerged as a fierce critic of social evils and religious dogmas prevalent in Indian society, advocating for progressive ideas that aimed to usher in an era of enlightenment and rationality.

One of his most significant contributions was his relentless fight against the practice of Sati, the immolation of widows on their husband's funeral pyre. Recognizing the inherent injustice and cruelty of this tradition, he tirelessly campaigned for its abolition, eventually succeeding with the passage of the Bengal Sati Regulation Act in 1829. His critical stance on this issue sparked a wider discourse on women's rights, highlighting the need for gender equality and social justice.

He also recognized the power of education and rational thinking in transforming society. He established the Hindu College in Calcutta, later known as Presidency College, to provide modern education and promote scientific temper among the Indian youth. He firmly believed that education was the key to emancipating individuals from the shackles of ignorance and superstition, ultimately leading to societal progress.

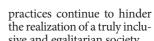
In an era dominated by religious orthodoxy, Raja Ram Mohan Roy advocated for religious reform and interfaith dialogue. He criticized various irrational practices and condemned the idolatry prevalent at the time. He was a staunch advocate for

reform movement that sought to reconcile traditional Indian values with modern ideas. Raja Ram Mohan Roy's

ideas resonated with other social thinkers of his time and inspired them to question and challenge orthodox Indian society. Debendranath Tagore, the founder of the Brahmo Samaj and father of Nobel laureate Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore, carried forward Roy's legacy by advocating for religious and social reforms. İshwar Chandra Vidyasagar, another prominent social reformer, fought against child marriage and championed women's rights, echoing Roy's ideals of gender equality and education.

Jyotirao Phule, a social reformer from Maharashtra, established 'Satyashodhak Samaj, which aimed to eradicate social discrimination and caste-based oppression. Phule challenged the traditional caste system and advocated for equal rights for all individuals, irrespective of their social background.

While the efforts of Raja Ram Mohan Roy and subsequent social thinkers have undeniably made a lasting impact on Indian society, contemporary India still grapples under the darkness of rising



sive and egalitarian society. It shudders to read newspapers every morning with stories of heinous crimes that haven't stopped despite all law and order enforcement in force. Whether it is the news of a 15-year-old girl who was allegedly kidnapped and gangraped by two people, including a milkman she was acquainted with, in Gurugram on May 20, 2023, or other similar stories of rape, molestation, or murder over trifling issues, society and administration need to ponder on where we are lacking or losing our focus.

OF SCIENTIFIC From gender discrimina-tion to addressing patriarchal TEMPER AND norms and regressive atti-tudes, it is a whole question of CRITICAL giving a new identity and REASONING shape to these structural and CONTINUES TO societal problems that hinder development. Addressing INSPIRE these issues requires a comprehensive approach that chal-**INDIVIDUALS TO** lenges traditional gender roles, promotes gender sensitization (both boys and girls), and ensures the enforcement of CHALLENGE THE **STRUCTURAL** laws protecting the rights of MALICE citizens and expanding the vigil more rigorously by the administration to curb such

growing menace. Raja Ram Mohan Roy emphasized the importance of rational thinking and education as means of social transformation. His advocacy for scientific temper and

critical reasoning continues to inspire individuals to challenge structural malice. By promoting rationality, he paved the way for a more enlightened society that questions dogmatic values and seeks evidence-based solutions. His courage, intellectual rigour, and unwavering commitment to social justice provide a model for those seeking to challenge societal norms and effect positive change. His legacy serves as a reminder that individual actions, driven by a strong moral compass, can have a profound impact on society.

It is crucial for individuals, civil society organizations, and the government to work collectively to address the persisting challenges and build a society that upholds the principles of equality, tolerance, and human dignity. By fostering dialogue, promoting education, and embracing diversity, we can continue the journey towards achieving a more equitable and harmonious society.

This would be a greater tribute to such social reformers like Raja Ram Mohan Roy, than mere symbolism on birth and death anniversaries that has obscured the thrust and significance of such teachings. (The writer is Programme Executive, Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti)

nonkey drinks water from a tap on a hot summer afternoon, in Jammu

monotheism and spoke of rationality and moral conduct. His efforts led to the formation of the ments, regressive mindsets

incidents of violence against women and other crimes. Despite significant advance-Brahmo Samaj, a socio-religious and very often conservative

Dr Ambedkar's theory on the origin of castes



SUNIL GOEL

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The thinker firmly believed that the absence of inter-caste marriage was one of the major reasons for caste consolidation

he views of Dr BR Ambedkar on the ori-L gin, mechanism and development of castes in India come to the fore in his very important book titled "Castes in India: Their Mechanism, Genesis and Development" published in 1916. Dr Ambedkar very systematically and scientifically analyses the origin and development of castes in India. According to Dr Ambedkar, the critical evaluation of the various characteristics of caste leaves no doubt that prohibition; or rather the absence of intermarriage - endogamy, to be concise – is the only one that can be called the essence of caste when rightly understood. But some may deny this on abstract anthropological grounds, for them exist endogamous groups without giving rise to the problem of caste. In a general way, this may be true, as endogamous societies, culturally different, making their abode in localities more or less removed, and having little to do with each other are a physical reality. Dr Ambedkar draws a conclusion that Endogamy is the only characteristic that is peculiar to caste, and if we



succeed in showing how endogamy is maintained, we shall practically have proved the genesis and also the mechanism of caste. Thus, the superimposition of endogamy on exogamy means the creation of caste. According to him there

are four means by which numerical disparity between the two sexes is conveniently maintained are; burning the widow with her deceased husband, compulsory widowhood, imposing celibacy on the widower and wedding him to a girl not yet marriageable. They create and perpetuate endogamy, while caste and endogamy are one and the same thing. Thus, the existence of these means is identical with caste and caste involves these means. This is the general mechanism of a caste in a system of castes. Caste in India is a very ancient did not give the law of caste,

institution and its mechanism is very complex than what is discussed above.

Dr Ambedkar argues that complex though it is in its general working the Hindu society, even to a superficial customs observer presents three singular uxorial customs, namely: i) Sati or the burning of the widow on the funeral pyre of her deceased

husband, ii) Enforced widowhood by which a widow is not allowed to remarry, iii) Girl marriage. This high flown and ingenious sophistry is why these institutions were honoured, but do not tell us why they were practised. According to Dr Ambedkar,

they were honoured because they were practised. Whether regarded as ends or as means, Sati enforced widowhood and girl marriage are customs that were prominently intended to solve the problem of the surplus man and surplus woman in a caste and to maintain its endogamy, and caste without endogamy is fake. While discussing the development and spread of the castes in India Dr Ambedkar stated that Manu is the lawgiver of India. Manu

because caste existed long before Manu. He was an upholder of it. Thus the great man theory does not help in solving the spread of castes in India. The Hindu society was composed of classes Brahmins, Kshatriya, Vaishya and Shudra. The sub-division of a society is quite natural. But the unnatural thing about the subdivisions is that they have lost the open-door character of the class system and have become self-enclosed units called castes. The question is: were they compelled to close their doors and become endogamous or did they close them of their own accord? There is a double line of the answer: Some closed the door: And others found it closed against them. One is a psychological interpretation and the other is mechanistic, but they are complementary and both are necessary to explain the phenomena of caste formation. (Prof Sunil Goel is an emi-

nent social scientist, Dean and Chairman at Dr BR Ambedkar University of Social Sciences, Dr Ambedkar Nagar, and Dimple Khokhar is a researcher)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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MERCURY KILLING SPARROWS

Sir — Along the north Karnataka region, little Ashy crowned sparrows and brown shrike sparrows build their nests in the houses of villages. Climate change has already caused their population to decline across the north Karnataka. But that's not the only threat they face. Mercury pollution especially from North Karnataka power plants deposits into our soil and water, and can make its way to little Ashy crowned sparrows and brown shrike sparrows habitat, forming toxic methylmercury. This gets into the birds' bloodstream from their food supply, negatively impacting the survival of their nests. The Environmental and Forest ministry should strengthen and update the Mercury and Air Toxics Standards for power plants otherwise Methylmercury impacts not only sparrows but also other wildlife species' reproduction, growth and development, behaviour, immune response, and overall survival.

VijayKumar H K | Raichur

TIPU JAYANTI CELEBRATIONS

Sir — In Karnataka, once again the preparations of celebrating the birth anniversary of Hazrat Tipu Sultan Shaheed Rahmatullah, which was put on hold during the BJP rule.

Remember that the current Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, during his previous tenure as Chief Minister, had decided to celebrate 10 November 2015 as the birthday of the erstwhile Mysore state ruler. After that, the BJP party protested against this decision in the state. The protest turned violent and a 60-year-old man was reportedly killed in the ensuing clash. The BJP government also removed the history of Tipu Sultan from the textbooks. The revision committee had removed the title "Tiger of Mysore", by which Tipu Sultan was known. Tipu Sultan said, "A day's life of a lion is better than a hundred years of a jackal's life" Tipu Sultan fought against the British in 1791 and was eventually treacherously defeated and martyred in 1799. When he was martyred British

India-Australia cricket series



hat Australia has never won a series against India in the last eight years either at home or away shouldn't matter much when they take on the latter in the World Test Championship. The Oval, the venue for the test, too, hasn't been a happy hunting ground for the Kangaroos. India should start on a positive note because of its formidable batting lineup and a pace bowling attack that came of age not too long ago. Virat Kohli and Cheteshwar Pujara form the nucleus of the batting department. Kohli is in blistering form; he has shone as only as he can in the IPL. Though a different format, the Indian fans expect the classy batter to carry his form to the test. Pujara's test

said, "India is ours from today"

Tipu Sultan was a person who had sacrificed himself only for his country and even now British afraid and trembled by his name, it's being tried to bury his name in the dust of history and to exchange the real freedom fighters with a person who didn't participate and who was with British Empire, that's shameful.

BJP is attempting to turn the people,s attention from the mainstream by renewing the names of places to hide its failure but now people are awarding gradually their rights, BJP would not succeed in its mission. Tipu Jayanti must be celebrated. Tauqueer | Chennai

UKRAINE WAR

Sir — Just last month, Yevgeny Prigozhin, head of the Wagner Group of private soldiers fighting for the Russian army, admitted that Ukraine had lost more than 20,000 fighters in a drawn-out battle for the eastrecord needs no reiteration; the English county cricket experience seems to have done a world of good to his confidence.

Skipper Rohit Sharma is an enigmatic player but when he gets going he is unstoppable. Right now, Shubhman Gill can hardly make any mistake, and If he and Rohit can give a decent start to the innings at the top, then nothing like it. Besides, there is the gritty Ajinkya Rahane. It is stunning how the Indian fast bowling attack, marshalled well under some astute captains, has grown to throw the opposition batters into disarray. Now, Mohammed Shami and Mohammed Siraj should unsettle any batting attack with their guile. With a possible Ravindra Jadeia and Ravichandran Ashwin combination or an extra pacer in Umesh Yadav or Shardul Thakur in place of Ashwin, the bowling looks intimidating. The stage is set for a five-day cricket feast and if everything clicks well, India should go all the way

Ganapathi Bhat | Akola

ern city of Bakhmut. Then last weekend, not Ukraine but the Russians themselves admitted that Ukrainian troops launched a massive counteroffensive in the eastern part.

Ukrainian commanders have sent mechanized brigades, including heavy battle tanks, along with conventional troops, to attack several positions in the southern Donetsk region where Russian troops are stationed. Moscow is no longer going ahead and retreating will destroy its prestige. So should it now be assumed that the defeat of the Russians has started from here? The West should become more alert now because on the lines of 'what doesn't die', Russia can also use nuclear weapons as its last weapon.

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Take a pause to check what kind of thoughts are being created in your mind



RAJYOGI BRAHMAKUMAR NIKUNJ JI

he human mind has amazing and the most extraordinary capacities to create, remember and evoke and to travel into the past and future of free will. Not many of us know that everything that is visible to us through our physical eyes today, every particle of matter that we can touch and feel now first had its blueprint in the human mind. In other words, everything outside is a physical manifestation of what is inside. Therefore, everything in the universe was first born as a thought or a tiny sentient point or dot. A dot has no length, breadth or width, but it has immense power and contains a lot.

It's estimated that an average person has around 70,000 thoughts per day. So, how many of us focus on observing our thoughts? Maybe very few... Do we ever think of putting a brake on or a full stop to our thoughts? Neuroscientists estimate that the human brain contains 100 billion neurons. Each neuron has about 1,000 connections. Each connection fires, on an average, 200 times per second resulting in 20,000 trillion calculations per second! And all this consumes loads of life energy. Hence, if we can reduce the number of thoughts even by a small percentage, then it can have a huge bearing on our life. That is why it has been proven scientifically that practising silence for a few minutes every day gives you the power of that conserved energy. Because, once we succeed in reducing the number of thoughts, we will start observing a remarkable improvement in the quality of our thoughts



How? It's simple! When we reduce the number of thoughts, then the thought congestion comes down and we will be able to hold every thought a little longer. The longer we can hold on to a thought, the more potent the thought becomes. We should understand the fact that every thought has creative power, hence the longer we hold a thought, the more powerful it becomes. With every thought, we send out the essence of ourselves, which mixes with other essences and creates and re-creates our physical environment. Thinking too much is like eating too much. The heaviness of our mind makes it impossible to remain light and flexible. We get stuck on little things, and gradually the little things become huge which we cannot shake off. Often when we think too much, we fantasise and overreact. Thus, we create negative feelings. Hence It is far better to observe than to absorb every word, feeling and attitude, to get over-involved, or react too much. Today we all are experiencing how the present era dominated by vices and wickedness is promoting devilish tendencies. Hence, the speed and intensity of negative thoughts are much greater than the positive ones which are very few. The major part of these positive thoughts fritters away before implementation due to a greater momentum of internal weak thoughts and the force of the external environment presently conducive for unrighteousness. Under such circumstances, the practice of meditation lends power to our thoughts. It helps us to realize our positive and pure intentions by reinforcing and re-programming them into our minds. It helps us to create an internal positive environment that is independent of the external vicious world. So much is its capacity that in its most powerful stage, our mind could even transform the outside negative vibrations and situations into positive ones. Vibrations are transferred only in a state of non-doing. That's the significance of sitting in the seat of meditation. By sitting in a state of non-doing, either in a space of high vibrations or in the presence of a person of high vibrations, those vibrations will be transferred to us. The power of non-doing is such that it enables you to tune in and inherit the higher vibrations, and in the presence of higher vibrations, all things become easy and possible. So, take a pause to check what kind of thoughts are being created in your mind for these will decide the degree of your happiness and satisfaction. And these will shape the kind of world you are creating for yourself every moment. (Writer is a spiritual educator & popular columnist for publications across India, Nepal & UK)

Economic cooperation in the neighborhood



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The India-Nepal ties are bound to improve after Prachanda's recent visit, in which seven agreements have been signed at the risk of irritating the dragon

lmost ten years back, in 2014 Prime Minister Modi during his visit to Nepal had given his vision for better ties between India and Nepal. His vision to focus on Highways, I-ways, and Trans-ways (HIT) has been at the core to bring down the existing barriers. It was a different ambience during the recent occasion of signing the agreements with his counterpart, Nepal PM, Pushpa Kamal Dahal. Prime Minister Modi expressed his optimism and confidence that the relations between the two countries would be even better in future and called for making them 'Super Hit' in times to come. Nepal PM Prachanda also recip-rocate the gesture and appreciated Modi's Neighborhood Policy. Despite having close relations dating

back to ancient times, it was the Indo-Nepal treaty of peace and friendship signed between the two countries in 1950 which had laid the foundation of closer ties. Rana rulers of Nepal had welcomed close relations with the newly independent India, fearing the danger of the ouster of their autocratic rule by China-backed communists

The pro-China tilt of the communist government led by the former prime minister, KPS Oli brought the relations between the two nations to the lowest ebb which witnessed a positive trend of ascendency after the coalition government comprising of present PM, Kamal Dahal, Prachanda's communist Party of Nepal-Maoists Center (CPN-MC) and Nepali Congress, as a dominant partner which is known for its proximity to India since decades.

Nepal has got every reason to smile as a trilateral power agreement became a real-ity after several years of stalemate which will ensure the import of 10,000 MW of power from Nepal to Nepal for 10 years which will be earning thousands of crores of revenue and subsequently provide an advantage of additional availability of electricity for consumers in our country. It will enable Nepal to start the import of power up to 60 MW to Bangladesh through India though the final details will be worked out by the officials of the three nations soon.

As per Kulman Ghising, managing director of Nepal Electricity Authority, under the umbrella project, power companies of Nepal and India can sign medium - or long-term electricity trade agreements which will end the existing cumbersome procedure of renewing export agree-ments by Nepal every year. It will prove a path-breaking event as buyers and sellers can sign power agreements for 25 years and Nepal can visualize its prosperity through energy export to India or other countries.

IT IS A HARD FACT THAT NEW ECONOMIC COOPERATION, **ESPECIALLY IN** THE HYDEL SECTOR, HAS GOT TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL TO BRING PROSPERITY TO

The Himalayan

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achieve tangible and time-bound progress on the Pancheshwar multipurpose project and India will cooperate with Kathmandu to set up a fertilizer plant in Nepal.

Observers feel that the approval of the citizenship bill is being seen as an attempt by Prachanda to exhibit his closeness to India and the United States though it may irritate the Dragon. Second, Prachanda chose India over China for his maiden visit which has sent a good signal as it has proved fruitful which is evident from the signing of seven agreements thereby benefiting the

17,000 feet along the border with Tibet in Uttarakhand with Dharchula in Uttarakhand's Pithoragarh district. Experts had attributed Oli's actions to the Chinese strategy to unsettle age-old ties between India and Nepal. Nepal had also opposed India's action to bring out a revised political map showing the union territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh which had created bitterness.

As per clear determination and commitment to ensure the success of his visit, Nepal PM did not fall prey to the suggestion made by two ormer PMIS of Ne bal Viz. Baburam Bhattarai and KPS Oli wanted him to raise an issue about the Akhand Bharat mural in the newly inaugurated parliament building which presents Kapilvastu, Biratnagar and Lumbini as parts of India.

ignoring such micro-level codes. He also undertook a religious trip to Mahakaleshwar temple, one of the 12 Jyotirlingas in Ujjain in Madhya Pradesh and gave the signal to pro-Hindutva set up in Delhi.

Prime Minister Modi made significant observations about the impact of signing seven agreements with his counterpart Prachanda which will have a special bearing in shaping future economic ties which will be of mutual benefits and relevance. The well-calibrated agreements having a goal of farsightedness covered various fields including cross-border petroleum pipeline trade and commerce, development of Integrated Check Posts and hydroelectric projects. Modi observed, "myself and Prachanda took many important decisions to make partnership between the two countries as 'Super Hit' in future." Prachanda was firm in his perception when he said "the age-old ties between two nations are of special significance and multi-faceted." Analysts opine that outcome of the four-day visit of Prachanda may not align with the policy of China to wean away Nepal from India because the signing of seven agreements may change the dynamics of ties between the two nations which may reach new heights in future. It is a hard fact that new economic cooperation especially in the hydel sector has got tremendous potential to bring prosperity to the Himalayan Kingdom.

Experts say that a key element of the bilateral partnership pertains to one of the important agreements signed between India and Nepal to develop the 669 MW Lower Arun Hydro Project which got approval from Nepal's Investment Board before the commencement of Prachanda's visit to New Delhi. India is also developing a mega 900 MW Arun-III hydroelectric project in Nepal besides having a 490 MW Arun-4 hydroelectric project in the pipeline which will be taken to a logical end shortly. India has also built several hydroelectric projects in Nepal which include Devighat (14.1 MW), Western Gandak (15 MW), Pokhara (1 MW), Trisuli (21 MW), etc. which reflect old and close cooperation between the two nations in the energy sector. Foreign Secretary, Vinay Mohan Kwatra observed that two PMs had agreed to

opie of both countries.

Former Nepali diplomats in Kathmandu felt that Modi and Prachanda refrained from touching the irritants which could have spoiled the outcome of the latter's visit. Prachanda tactfully touched the boundary issue and suggested resolving it through diplomatic channels. The communist led government of Oli had brought Nepal-India ties to the lowest ebb when a map was redrawn showing Indian territories like Lipulekh, Kalapani and Limpiyadhura as its territories which had infuriated India and it had outrightly rejected this mischievous move.

The then PM, Oli had also objected to the opening of an 80km-long strategically crucial road connecting the Lipulekh pass with Dharchula in Úttarakhand by defense minister Rajnath Singh on May 8, 2020. It connects the Lipulekh Pass having a height of

Both sides have agreed to speed up the completion of projects related to the Ramyanya circuit which comprises 15 tourism circuits thereby strengthening religious and cultural ties in future. Modi and Prachanda recognized the centuries-old 'Roti-Beti' bonds which refer to cross-border marriages between people of two nations and resolved to preserve the same at all costs. Prachanda, a diehard communist, gave preference to India over China while finalizing his foreign visit after becoming PM six months ago. Prachanda was seen in the traditional dress of Daura Suruwal which was a complete deviation from the communist ideology of

The never-ending fight of Kinnaur women for property rights

Women in the region have been fighting for their ancestral property rights for decades. Will they ever get it, remains to be seen

espite several years of protest, legal battles, and a recent meeting with the country's President regarding the ancestral property rights of Kinnaur women, the unfortunate reality remains that these women are still unjustly barred from enjoying their rightful land rights.

"Wazib ul Urj," a 93-yearold customary law practiced in Himachal Pradesh's tribal district, is the main cause behind the landlessness of Kinnaur women. This customary law deprives women of inheriting property belonging to a male member of the family through succession in spite of the fact that such women are their lineal descendants. Kinnaur district in Himachal Pradesh. which was declared a scheduled area and recognized by



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ships than benefits to the women of this community. Back in 2013, the author had done a story on the issue in 2013 citing the cases of the women in Kinnaur who had to suffer because of the denial of their right and the campaign launched by Mahila Kalyan Parishad- a group seeking equal rights for women in ancestral property matters based in Reckong Peo. Yet,

Sangeeta from Ribba village in Pooh block in Kinnaur district lost her husband in May 2012. At that time, her three daughters were unmar-

even after ten years

the Kinnara tribe as a 14 years old. Neither Sangeeta nor her daughters inherited Scheduled Tribe under Article 342 of the Indian Constitution, anything from her in-laws' property. All the property, has only brought more hardincluding the agricultural land, is registered in her son's name, who is now 24 years old. Sangeeta relies entirely on her son for support and cannot even obtain a loan from the bank as nothing is in her name. Despite not owning any property or a house, she does not receive a widow's pension.

"Once my son gets mar-ried, I will have to depend on the good will of my daughter their situation remains intact in law and that of my son's for I have nothing I can call my own," expressed Sangeeta. Because of this law, Sangeeta was barred from inheriting her ancestral property, while both ried, and her only son was just her brothers had a share in it.

Similarly, Seema Negi from Rekong Peo, also the secretary of Mahila Kalyan Parishad, bought land and made a house with her own money, spending lakhs of rupees. However, for the last several years she has been running from pillar to post to get the property registered in her name. As she married a person from Mandi in Himachal Pradesh, he cannot get property in Kinnaur, neither can Seema nominate him. The property had to be ultimately registered in her mother's name who has gifted the same to her daughter in her will. "I spend my own money and yet not a shred of land is in my name? Is that not injustice?" lamented Seema. The law does not allow her sons as

father is not from Kinnaur. Only if they are married to a Kinnauri woman the property can be transferred in their name. Previously, the security of women in the Kinnara tribe was ensured through a provision in the tribal society's customs. Under this provision, the father-in-law would formally pledge a portion of the land and the house to the daughter-in-law in a written agreement. The document was then kept by the bride's father. In case of any dispute with the husband, the bride would retain possession of that portion of the house and land for her lifetime. However, currently, this traditional custom, which provided a form of security for women by guaranteeing them a place to live, is well to inherit it because their disregarded, while the dis-

criminatory custom prohibiting daughters or wives from inheriting property continues. In 2005, under Section 6 of the Hindu Succession Act, of 1956, women in many states of the country were given the right to ancestral property but no changes were effected in the rules related to land in the tribal areas of Kinnaur.

Fighting for the rights of women in ancestral property, Mahila Kalyan Parishad held several meetings of all the Mahila Mandals and Panchayat Pradhans. Later they organised a meeting at the district level in Rekong Peo and a rally was held to press for the demand of giving rights to women in ancestral property. A memorandum in this regard was given to the then Himachal Pradesh Governor on 24th of May 2012. Meanwhile, they started a signature campaign and had got signatures of at least 10000 men and women till then. In 2015, a single judge of the High Court of Himachal Pradesh felt that denying the right of women in ancestral property was wrong and that daughters have the right to ancestral property as their sons. Even a rally welcoming the verdict was organised on the 14th of July 2017. But the decision was stayed by the Supreme Court after it was challenged. "While the fight in and outside the court will continue, only time will tell whether women in Kinnaur will ever get the right to ancestral property or our struggle that started over twenty years ago will go in vain," Manjari expressed.

(Writer is a senior journalist and political analyst)



Dam collapse in Ukraine Ukraine brands Russia as 'terrorist state' **AP** ■ HAGUE (NETHERLANDS) deporting and illegally transfercrew.Four days of hearings in ply of monies and weapons project to erase the rights and triggers emergency the court's ornate, wood-panculture that make Ukraine a ring children from Ukraine. Russia isn't a member of the

Moscow, Kyiv blame each other

AP KYIV

The wall of a major dam in southern Ukraine collapsed on Tuesday, triggering floods, endangering Europe's largest nuclear power plant and threatening drinking water supplies as both sides in the war rushed to evacuate residents and blamed each other for the destruction. Ukraine accused Russian forces of blowing up the Kakhovka dam and hydroelectric power station on the Dnieper River in an area that Moscow controls, while Russian officials blamed Ukrainian bombardment in the contested area. It was not possible to verify the claims.

The potentially far-reaching environmental and social consequences of the disaster quickly became clear as homes, streets and businesses flooded downstream and emergency crews began evacuations; officials raced to check cooling systems at the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant; and authorities expressed concern about supplies of drinking water to the south in Crimea, which Russia illegally annexed in 2014.

Both Russian and Ukrainian authorities brought in trains and buses for residents. About 22,000 people live in areas at risk of flooding in Russian-controlled areas, while 16,000 live in the most critical zone in Ukrainian-held territory, according to official tallies. Neither side reported any deaths or injuries.

The dam break added a stunning new dimension to Russia's war in Ukraine, now in its 16th month. Ukrainian forces were widely seen to be moving forward with a long-anticipated counteroffensive in patches along more than 1,000 kilometres (621

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Russian rockets are launched against Ukraine from Russia's Belgorod region, seen from Kharkiv, Ukraine on early Tuesday.

miles) of front line in the east and south.

whether either side benefits from the damage to the dam, since both Russian-controlled and Ukrainian-held lands are at risk. The damage could also hinder Ukraine's counteroffensive in the south and distract its government, while Russia depends on the dam to supply water to Crimea. Patricia Lewis, director of the International Security Program at Chatham House think tank in London, said apportioning blame is difficult but "there are all sorts of reasons why Russia would do this". 'There were reports (last fall) of Russians having mined the reservoir. Experts have previously said the dam was suffering from disrepair. David Helms, a retired American scientist who has monitored the reservoir since the start of the war, said in an e-mail that it wasn't clear if the damage was deliberate or simple neglect from Russian forces cupying the facility. But Helms reserved judge-

ment, also noting a Russian history of attacking dams.

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Wheat prices rise following major

dam collapse Washington (AP): The collapse of a major dam in southern Ukraine sent global prices of wheat and corn higher. Wheat prices gained 2.4% in early trading Tuesday at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, to \$6.39 a bushel. The cost of corn rose more than 1% (to \$6.04 a bushel) and oats gained 0.73% (\$3.46 per unit). Prices had jumped higher earlier in the day. The destruction of Kakhovka dam and hydroelectric power station, in an area that Moscow controls, raised anxiety about a potential disruption to global supplies. There are massive agricultural fields in Southern Ukraine where the dam burst. Andrey Sizov, managing director of Black Sea agricultural markets research firm SovEcon, said the dam's collapse "looks like a big escalation with dire consequences

Lunited Nations' top court Tuesday that Russia bankrolled a "campaign of intimidation and terror" by rebels in eastern Ukraine starting in 2014 and sought to replace Crimea's multiethnic community with "discriminatory Russian nationalism" after its occupation and annexation of the region.

The claims came at hearings at the International Court of Justice in a case brought by Kyiv against Russia linked to Moscow's 2014 annexation of the Crimean Peninsula and the arming of rebels in eastern Ukraine in the years before Russia's full-scale invasion in February 2022.

Ukraine wants the world court to order Moscow to pay reparations for attacks and crimes in the regions, including for the downing of Malaysia Airlines flight MH17 that was shot down by Russia-backed rebels on July 17, 2014, killing all 298 passengers and

AP ABOARD BRP

US, Japanese, and Philippine coast guard ships staged law enforcement drills in

waters near the disputed South China Sea on Tuesday as

Washington presses efforts to

reinforce alliances in Asia amid

(PHILIPPINES)

with China.

eled Great Hall of Justice opened against a backdrop of Europe's deadliest conflict since World War II. Ukraine and Russia were trading accusations of blame for the damage to the Kakhovka dam and hydroelectric power station, which are located in a part of Ukraine that Moscow controls.

Lawyers for Kyiv presented legal arguments to support their case Tuesday. Russia's lawyers will address judges Thursday. Each side has another opportunity next week to present evidence. Judges are expected to take months to

issue a judgment. "When it could have instructed its officials not to fund groups committing violence against civilians, Russia did nothing," Harold Koh, a lawyer for Ukraine, told judges. "Instead, as more deadly weapons arrived in Ukraine and more Ukrainian civilians suffered atrocities, Russian officials escalated their illegal sup-

was destroyed?

sending. Koh said that in July 2014, a Buk anti-aircraft system was sent into Ukraine "after which Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17

Another lawyer on Ukraine's team, David Zionts, said that pro-Russia forces in eastern Ukraine "attacked civilians as part of a campaign of intimidation and terror. Russian money and weapons fueled this campaign."

The Ukrainian legal team said Russia did nothing to prevent or help Ukraine investigate the financial streams.

Turning to alleged breaches in Crimea of a convention to combat racial discrimination, Koh said that, following its illegal occupation and annexation of the peninsula, Russia "sought to replace the multiethnic community that had characterized Crimea before Russia's intervention with discriminatory Russian nationalism."

He told judges that Russian policies amount to "a long-term

proud, multi-ethnic nation, to wipe out what makes Ukrainians Ukrainians and what makes the Crimean Tatars, Crimean Tatars."

The case is one of several legal proceedings against Russia linked to Ukraine.

In a separate case brought by Ukraine in the immediate aftermath of Russia's illegal invasion, the world court issued a preliminary order calling on Russia to stop hostilities – a legally binding ruling that Moscow ignored.

In that case, Kyiv is arguing that Russia violated the 1948 Genocide Convention by falsely accusing Ukraine of committing genocide and using that as a pretext for the Feb. 24, 2022, invasion. Moscow argues that the court doesn't have jurisdiction.

Not far away at the International Criminal Court, judges have issued an arrest warrant for Russian President Vladimir Putin on charges of

last 16 months, the world has woken up to this dark reality." Banga meets VP Kamala Harris

Washington (PTI): The World Bank's newly-appointed President Ajay Banga has met Vice President Kamala Harris during which they talked about developing and

engagement with the World Bank since Banga took office on Friday. During the meeting on Monday, the vice president underscored the Biden-Harris Administration's strong support for the World Bank's efforts to make investments and spur policy reforms that reduce poverty and advance achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, the White House said.

taken to evolve the World Bank — including expanding its mission to include building resilience to global challenges like climate change, pandemics, fragility and conflict. "She underscored that addressing these global challenges is interlinked with and indivisible from the Bank's work to eliminate extreme poverty and promote shared prosperity. The Vice President welcomed President Banga's commitment and high ambition in driving forward this evolu-

tion initiative," it said. Harris conveyed the United States intention to work with World Bank shareholders and Banga in the leadup to the September G20 Leaders' Summit. Recognising that the public sector alone cannot meet the immense development needs, the Vice President also underscored the US commitment to work with the World Bank and other shareholders to develop and implement an action plan to raise the level of ambition in mobilizing private investment, the White House said. "The Vice President discussed with President Banga her work around the world, from Southeast Asia to Africa to the Caribbean. In particular, as the Vice President has made clear in this and other meetings, countries should have access to the finance and tools they need to accelerate the clean energy transition and build resilience to shocks," it said.

Earthquake strikes 30प्र0 राज्य औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण टीडीएस सिदी, गांतियानार १ हे Mail - 196 रस सिटी, गाजियाबाद। E-Mail- ed2@upsida.co.in Haiti; 3 dead अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा सूचना । टटारा सचित किया जाता है कि प्राधिकरण के आद्यौगिक क्षेत्र में विद्युत संबंधी विका Port-Au-Prince (AP): An earthquake गयौँ हेतु सरकारी विभागों/सार्वजनिक उपक्रमों/निगमों/प्राधिकरणों/परिषदों,

with a preliminary magnitude of 4.9 struck southern Haiti early Tuesday, killing at least three people and injuring several others, authorities said. The quake struck before dawn near the southern coastal city of Jeremie at a depth of six miles, according to the US Geological Survey."I thought the whole house was going to fall on top of me," Eric Mpitabakana, a World Food Program official in Jeremie, told The जायेगा। निविदादाताओं द्वारा शपथ पत्रों की मूल प्रतियाँ निविदा खोलने के बाद ०२ कार्यदिवस में पंजीकृत डाक / व्यक्तिगत रुप से कार्यालय में जमा की जा सकती है। नोटः 1. निविदादाता अपनी निविदाओं में समुस्त कर एवं जी०एस०टी० सहित दरें अंकित Associated Press by phone. The three करें। अलग से कोई कर देय नही होगा। 2. विद्युत कार्यों हेतु निविदादाताओं को निविद अपलोड करते समय "विद्युत सुरक्षा विभाग" उठप्रठ शासन, लखनऊ में 'क' श्रेणी, अनुमोदिर people who died were found under a collapsed house where rescuers were searching for more, Frankel Maginaire with Haiti's Civil Protection Agency said.

Cabra, the drills focused on a scenario involving the interdiction and boarding of a vessel suspected of carrying weapons of mass destruction off the Bataan Peninsula, Philippine coast guard spokesperson Commodore Armand Balilo said.

Shots rang out as heavily armed coast guard personnel rapidly boarded the vessel from a speedboat and herded the crew members toward the stern. A helicopter hovered as US and Japanese coast guard ships helped rescue crew members who jumped off the target vessel during the mock assault.

"We are not just all display," Philippine coast guard deputy spokesperson John Ybanez said. "All these exercises that we do will help us help each other in possible scenarios in the future."

an increasingly tense rivalry Witnessed by journalists onboard a Philippine coast guard patrol boat, the BRP Armed Philippine Coast Guard personnel run on board the PCG Melchora Aquino ship during a Coast Guard drill off the waters of Bataan, Philippines on Tuesday. AP The US Coast Guard

deployed one of its most advanced cutters, the 418-foot (127-meter) Stratton, in the June 1-7 exercises hosted by the Philippines, Washington's oldest treaty ally in Asia.

The Stratton has been conducting exercises in the region to share expertise in search and rescue and law enforcement, the US Coast Guard said.

'This first trilateral engagement between the coast guards of these nations will provide invaluable opportunit ties to strengthen global maritime governance though professional exchanges and combined operations," the Stratton's commanding officer, Capt. Brian Krautler, said at the start of the exercises. Together we'll demonstrate professional, rules-based standards of maritime operations with our steadfast part ners to ensure a free and open Indo-Pacific."

Japan deployed a large coast guard ship, the Akitsushima, while four Philippine coast guard vessels joined the exercises.

The Biden administration has been strengthening an arc of military alliances in the Indo-Pacific to better counter China, including in the South China Sea and in any future confrontation over Taiwan, the self-governing island which Beijing regards as a Chinese province.

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Russians and a pro-Moscow

Ukrainian for their roles in

downing MH17 and sentenced

them in their absence to life

imprisonment. Ukraine also

has another case against Russia

at the International Court of

Justice over its invasion, and the

Netherlands and Ukraine are

suing Moscow at the European Court of Human Rights over

MH17.Russia has always

denied involvement in the

downing of the passenger jet

that was flying from Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpur

when it was shot down by a

Soviet-era missile over eastern

Ukraine. "The Russian Federation has contempt for

international law," a senior

Ukrainian diplomat, Anton

Korynevych, said. "Over the

A Dutch domestic court

jurisdiction.

Coast guard drills strengthen South China Sea security



implementing an action plan to raise the level of ambition in mobilising private investment. It was the first official US

"She praised the steps

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NOTICE OF POSTAL BALLOT

NOTICE is hereby given to the members of Himalaya Food International Limited (the "Company") that pursuant to the provisions of Sections 108, 110 and other applicable provisions, if any, of the Companies Act 2013 ("the Act"), including any statutory modification(s), clarification(s), substitution(s) or re-enactment(s) thereo for the time being in force, read with Rules 20 and 22 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules 2014 (the "Management Rules") as amended. Secretarial Standard-2 on General Meetings (the "SS-2" Regulation 44 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements Regulations, 2015 (the "SEBI Listing Regulations")read with General Circular no. 14/2020 dated April 8, 2020 and 17/2020 dated April 13, 2020, 22/2020 dated June 15, 2020, 33/2020 dated September 28, 2020, 39/2020 dated December 31, 2020 read with other relevant circulars, including General Circular No. 10/2021 dated June 23 2021, General Circular no.20/2021 dated December 8, 2021 and General Circular no.3/2022 dated May 5, 2022 and General Circular No. 11/2022 dated December 28, 2022 issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, in view of the COVID-19 pandemic (hereinafter collectively referred to as ("MCA Circulars")and other applicable laws. rules, circulars, regulations and notifications issued thereunder (including any statutory modification or reenactment thereof, for the time being in force), the Company has dispatched the Postal Ballot notice on June 06 2023 through electronic mode (e-mail) only to pass the following resolutions as special resolutions:

Resolution

No 1. Appointment of Mr. Surendra Kumar Kaushik (DIN: 05286196) as an Independent Director of the Company 2. Appointment of Mr. Man Mohan Malik (DIN: 00696077) as a Managing Director of the Company

Members are informed that

Date: 07.06.2023

Place: Paonta Sahib

- (a) In compliance with the applicable provisions of the Act & MCA Circulars, the Company has sent notice alon with procedure & instructions for e-voting through electronic mode only, to those members whose name appear in the Register of Members or Register of Beneficial Owners maintained by the Depositories as on Friday, June 02, 2023 ("cut-off date') and voting rights of the members are reckoned as on that day Accordingly, physical copy of the Postal Ballot Notice along with Postal Ballot Forms and pre-paid business envelope is not being dispatched to the shareholders for this Postal Ballot exercise. Members are requested to refer e-voting instructions outlined in the notice to caste their vote on the resolutions proposed for their approval. Members are requested to give their assent/dissent to the proposed resolutions through e-votin facility only
- (b) Pursuant to the Circular, the Company has completed dispatched of the notice of Postal Ballot through email on June 06, 2023. The members who have not received the notice of Postal Ballot may download it from the website of the Company www.himalayafoodcompany.com or from the website of stock exchange i.e. BSE Limited
- (c) If your email id is already registered with the Company/Depository Participant, login details for e-voting wi be sent on your registered e-mail address.
- (d) The remote e-Voting period shall commence at 09:00 a.m. (IST) on Monday, June 12, 2023 and ends at 5.00 p.m. (IST) on Tuesday, July 11, 2023 (both days inclusive). The remote e-voting module shall be disabled by CDSL for voting thereafter.
- (e) Members who are holding shares in physical form or who have not registered their email addresses with th Company /Depositories, can obtain login credentials for e-voting as per following procedure
- For members holding shares in physical form, please send scan copy of signed request letter mentioning your folio no., complete address, email address to be registered along with self-attested copy of PAN and any document (such as Aadhar Card, Driving License, Voter Identity Card, Passport) supporting the registered address of the member, by email to the Company at cs@himalyainternational.com
- For the members holding shares in demat form, please update your email address through your respect Depository Participants.
- M/s. RBS & Co., Practicing Company Secretaries represented by Mr. Rahul Sharma, Partner (CP No: 18610 have been appointed as the Scrutinizer to conduct the Postal Ballot through remote e-voting process in a fai and transparent manner
- The results of the Postal Ballot will be announced on or before Thursday, July 13, 2023. The said results along with the Scrutinizer's Report would be communicated to the Stock exchange and uploaded on the website of the Company.
- (h) All grievances connected with the facility for voting by electronic means may be addressed to Mr. Rakesh Dalvi, Sr. Manager, (CDSL,) Central Depository Services (India) Limited, A Wing, 25th Floor, Marathon Futurex, Mafatlal Mill Compounds, N M Joshi Marg, Lower Parel (East), Mumbai - 400013 or send an emai to helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com or call on 022-23058542/43 or toll free no. 1800 22 55 33022.

By order of the Board For Himalaya Food International Limited Manpreet Kau

Company Secretary

Top court to hear Suu Kyi's bribery conviction appeal

Bangkok (AP): Myanmar's Supreme Court has agreed to hear a special appeal of ousted leader Aung San Suu Kyi's bribery conviction for allegedly receiving gold and thousands of dollars from a former political ally, legal officials said Tuesday.

Suu Kyi, 77, was arrested when the army toppled her elected government in February 2021, and was tried on a range of charges for which she was sentenced to a total of 33 years in prison.

Her supporters and independent legal experts say the cases were politically motivated in an attempt to discredit her and legitimise the military's takeover while preventing her from returning to politics. Two legal officials familiar with Suu Kyi's cases said the Supreme



Court decided last Friday to hear the special appeal of the corruption case, in which she was convicted of receiving USD 600,000 and seven gold bars in 2017-18 from Phyo Min Thein, the former chief minister of Yangon, the country's biggest city. She was sentenced to five years in prison in April last year after being found guilty of bribery.

Kuwait holds another polls mired in gridlock

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Voters in Kuwait were casting ballots on Tuesday for a third time in as many years, with little hope of ending a prolonged gridlock between the ruling family and assertive lawmakers after the judiciary dissolved the legislature earlier this year.

Kuwait is alone among Gulf Arab countries in having a democratically elected assembly that exerts some checks on the ruling family. But in recent years, the political system has been paralysed by infighting and unable to enact even basic reforms."People on the ground are not very optimistic right now about change, and that's why you see this frustration and

probably a low voter turnout

other and reach a consensus for the interest of Kuwait," said Badr Al-Turaiji, one of the thousands who braved the searing heat to cast his vote. The last election, held a

mere eight months ago, delivered a mandate for change, bringing 27 new lawmakers into the 50-member assembly, including conservative Islamists and two women.

Some had served in earlier parliaments. But in March, Ruwait's Constitutional Court annulled the decree dissolving the previous parliament, which was elected in 2020, effectively restoring it.

A few weeks later, the rul-The polls will close at 8 pm ing Al Sabah family dissolved and the results are expected on that parliament for a second time, setting up this week's

"We need to bridge the gap and people can talk to each

Wednesday.

and low number of people run-

ning," said Dania Thafer, exec-

utive director at the Gulf

International Forum, a

Washington-based think-tank.



'NATO full membership is top priority'

AP TOKYO

Cweden's defence minister Said Tuesday his country's top priority is to gain full NATO membership before the allied leaders gather for their next summit, saying an addition will make the trans-Atlantic alliance even stronger.

NATO wants to bring Sweden into the fold by the time United States President Joe Biden and other allied leaders meet July 11-12 in Vilnius, Lithuania, but Turkiye and Hungary have yet to endorse the move

All 31 member countries must ratify a candidate's accession protocol for it to join the alliance."The Swedish government's highest priority is to become a full-fledged member

'EU chief not interested in top job at NATO' Berlin (AP): The president of

the European Commission, Ursula von der Leven, savs she has no interest in becoming the new leader of NATO as the trans-Atlantic military alliance seeks a successor to Jens Stoltenberg.

Stoltenberg, a former Norwegian prime minister, has been NATO secretary general since 2014. His term was due to expire last year but was extended to provide stability after Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in early 2022.

The leaders of NATO members are due to choose a successor when they meet for summit in Vilnius, Lithuania, on July 11-12. No candidate has been proposed publicly and Stoltenberg appears unlikely to extend again.

Von der Leyen, who in 2019 emerged as a surprise candidate to lead the European Union's executive branch, has featured regularly in speculation about who might be NATO's next leader.

of NATO as soon as possible," said Swedish Defence Minister Pål Jonson, in Japan for talks his Japanese counterpart and other officials

"We're hopeful that we can become it by the Vilnius Summit." Turkiye's government has criticised Sweden for being too lenient on terror organisations and security threats, while Hungary has not given details. Jonson said he respects the decisions of Turkiye and Hungary, and that Sweden has new anti-terrorism legislation that would "close up any remaining loopholes there" to address Turkiye's concern.

"We think the whole northern flag of NATO would be strengthened by Sweden being a full-fledged member into NATO," Jonson said.

embezzlement Dakar (Senegal) (AP): An American-based aid group said that at least USD 900,000 was stolen from it's Congo programs by members of the organisation who conspired with outsiders. GiveDirectly said that it learned that people on its Congo team worked with people outside the organisation to defraud the cash transfer programme, diverting aid from more than 1,700 families over six months. "This fraud was only possible because of a specific change we made in our payment process in order to work in Congo," according to the

statement from Monday.



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Iran unveils hypersonic missile amid US tensions

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Iran claimed on Tuesday that it had created a hypersonic missile capable of travelling at 15 times the speed of sound, adding a new weapon to its arsenal as tensions remain high with the US over Tehran's nuclear programme.

The new missile — called Fattah, or "Conqueror" in Farsi was unveiled even as Iran said it would reopen its diplomatic posts on Tuesday in Saudi Arabia after reaching a détente with Riyadh following years of conflict.

The tightly choreographed segment on Iranian state television apparently sought to show that Tehran's hard-line government can still deploy arms against its enemies across much of the Middle East.

"Today we feel that the deterrent power has been formed," Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi said at the event. "This power is an anchor of

lasting security and peace for

That's about mid-range for the regional countries." Gen Amir Ali Hajizadeh, Iran's expansive ballistic missile the head of the paramilitary arsenal, which the Guard has Revolutionary Guard's aerobuilt up over the years as space programme, unveiled Western sanctions largely prewhat appeared to be a model of vent it from accessing advanced the missile. Hajizadeh claimed weaponry. the missile had a range of up to There exists no system

1,400 kilometres (870 miles). that can rival or counter this

missile," Hajizadeh claimed. That claim, however, depends on how manoeuvrable the missile is. Ballistic missiles fly on a trajectory in which anti-missile systems like the Patriot can anticipate their path and intercept them.

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Tuesday's event showed

what appeared to be a moveable nozzle for the Fattah, which could allow it to change trajectories in flight. The more irregular the missile's flight path, the more difficult it becomes to intercept.

Iranian officials did not release footage of a Fattah successfully launching and then striking a target. Hajizadeh later said that there had been a ground test of the missile's engine. A ground test involves a rocket motor being put on a stand and fired to check its abilities while launching a missile with that rocket motor is much more complex.

Hypersonic weapons, which fly at speeds in excess of Mach 5, or five times the speed of sound, could pose crucial challenges to missile defence systems because of their speed and manoeuvrability. Iran described the Fattah as

being able to reach Mach 15 which is 15 times the speed of sound. China is believed to be pursuing the weapons, as is

already be fielding the weapons and has said it used them on the battlefield in Ukraine. However, speed and manoeuvrability isn't a guarantee the missile will successfully strike a target. Ukraine's air force in May said it shot down a Russian hypersonic Kinzhal missile with a Patriot battery. Gulf Arab countries allied

with the US widely use the Patriot missile system in the region. Israel, Iran's main rival in the Mideast, also has its own robust air defences.

In November, Hajizadeh initially claimed that Iran had created a hypersonic missile, without offering evidence to support it. That claim came during the nationwide protests that followed the September death of 22-year-old Mahsa Amini after her arrest by the country's morality police.

Tuesday's announcement came as US Secretary of State Antony Blinken is to begin a visit to Saudi Arabia

Senior diplomats hold talks to avoid escalation officials briefly interacted at a

AP TAIPEI (TAIWAN)

Senior US and Chinese diplomats held "candid and productive" talks in Beijing and agreed to keep open lines of communication to avoid tensions from spiralling into conflict, officials said ON Tuesdav.

Daniel Kritenbrink, assistant US secretary of state for East Asian and Pacific affairs, was the most senior US official confirmed to have visited China on Monday since tensions between Washington and Beijing soared over the shooting down of a Chinese spy balloon over the US in early February.

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken at the time postponed a planned trip to China, and Beijing has since largely rebuffed attempts at official exchanges, though two top U.S. and Chinese defense

forum in Singapore over the weekend. China's Foreign Ministry said Kritenbrink and Vice Foreign Minister Ma Zhaoxu "had candid, constructive and fruitful communication on promoting the improvement of China-US relations and properly managing differences?

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Beijing said it had stated its "solemn position on Taiwan" — a self-ruled island China claims as its territory to be annexed by force if necessary — and other issues and that the two sides had agreed to maintain communication. The US State Department also said the two officials held "candid and productive discussions as part of ongoing efforts to maintain open lines of communication and build on recent high-level diplomaсу between the two countries."

being summoned as an accused

or a witness to record the

Following the procedure, the NAB's combined investiga-

tion team has already record-

ed the statements of previous

government ministers. The NAB has also asked for

the records of all the donations

from Al-Qadir University and

those who donated to the trust.

dog has also sought details of

the vehicles sold and pur-

70-year-old PTI chief's for-

mer cabinet as it expands the

scope of the investigation into

the alleged illegal acquisition of

land and construction of Al-

Qadir University and extend-

ing benefits to the real estate

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during his government.

The anti-corruption watch-

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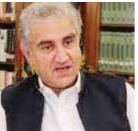
Qureshi released from jail, to meet Imran Khan today

PTI ISLAMABAD

Pakistan's former foreign minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi, who was among some of the top leaders of Imran Khan's party to be arrested following the May 9 violent protests, was released from a Rawalpindi prison on Tuesday following a court order.

The Vice Chairman of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party was arrested last month on a plethora of charges, including inciting violence following chairman Imran Khan's arrest in a corruption case on May 9. Qureshi, 66, served as Pakistan's foreign affairs minister from 2018 to 2022 under Khan's regime.

On Tuesday, the Lahore High Court's Rawalpindi bench ordered the PTI leader's immediate release and set aside his detention orders. Upon his release from Adiala Jail, Qureshi said he will meet PTI chief Khan at his Zaman Park



residence in Lahore on Wednesday and discuss the prevailing political turmoil in the country, according to Geo

"I want to tell the PTI workers that the 'flag of justice' is in my hands and I am still part of this movement." he was quoted as saying by local media, upon his release.

Addressing PTI supporters, the former minister said, "This is a testing and difficult time but don't lose hope because after every night there is a dawn. "I think in different jails

Phone hacking case: Prince Harry

makes landmark court appearance

there are countless innocent people who should be released. will try, and we will pursue their cases after consultation with our legal team," the Dawn newspaper quoted Qureshi as saying

On May 18, the Islamabad High Court ordered the former foreign minister's release. However, his release was delayed due to his apparent reluctance to provide an undertaking to refrain from engaging

in "unruly" protests. On May 9, violent protests erupted after the arrest of Khan paramilitary Rangers in

Islamabad. His party workers vandalised over 20 military installations and government buildings, including the Lahore Corps Commander House, Mianwali airbase and the ISI building in Faisalabad. The Army headquarters (GHQ) in Rawalpindi was also attacked by the mob for the first time. Khan was later released on

ple to account for what they have done and that he was

"determined to get to the bot-

tom of it once and for all".

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'Expect parties to agree on simultaneous general elections, provincial polls'

PTI ISLAMABAD

Pakistan's Supreme Court expects the country's warring political parties to reach a consensus on holding general elections and provincial polls for all the legislatures on the same day to end the polarisation in the polity, a media report said on Tuesday.

"It is appreciable that the political leadership of the country made efforts to resolve the present political impasse. Political issues can best be addressed through dialogue and consensus," said a written order issued by a three-judge bench led by Chief Justice Umar Ata Bandial on Monday.

The bench was hearing a petition seeking to hold elections for all assemblies on the same day.

"We, therefore, expect

the political parties in the country to heal the polarisation in the polity and to arrive at a single date for holding general elections to all the constitutional assemblies," the bench said in its order. The order said Khawaja Saad Rafique - who represented the government - told the

between the government and the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party led by former prime minister Imran Khan were productive and agreement had been reached on holding general elections for the National Assembly and

"He further submitted that if the negotiations are allowed to continue, then consensus may be developed on a specific date for holding the general election."

Imran's wife seeks protection from arrest in all cases

PTI LAHORE

Wife of former prime min-ister Imran Khan, Bushra Bibi, on Tuesday, filed a petition in the Lahore High Court seeking a blanket cover in all cases registered against her across the country, a media report said.

The move came amid the ongoing crackdown against Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party following the attacks on civil and military installations on May 9.Khan's wife in her petition said she feared she could be arrested in any case and sought details of all the disclosed and undisclosed cases registered against her in the country, Geo News reported.

Naming the federal and provincial governments, Inspector Generals, Federal Investigation Agency (FIA), and other bodies parties in her case, the former premier's wife pleaded with the court to issue an order restraining the police

the country's statistics bureau.

expected to be presented in the

parliament on June 9 and the

government is trying to make it

people-friendly ahead of gener-

al elections which are expected

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in October.

The budget 2023-24 is



and law enforcers from arresting her in any undisclosed case.

The National chased by 22 members of the Accountability Bureau (NAB), Rawalpindi, summoned Bushra Bibi on Wednesday to record her statement as a trustee of the the Al-Qadir Trust case. On May 9, the bureau arrested PTI chief Khan over Al-Qadir University Trust in the 190 million pounds National Crime Agency (NCA) UK settlement case.

Her statement would be recorded as a witness, the report quoted sources as say-The National ing. Accountability Bureau (NAB) under the new law is bound to tell a person whether he is

> cial statement. He ordered that a comprehensive plan should be devised for giving direct subsidies to the farmers.

The government would also assist the deserving farmin converting tubewens solar energy, as it would decrease the fuel import bill and bring down the per acre production cost of farmers, he added. The prime minister said that the government immediately brought down the prices of petroleum products when the prices in the international market came down.



a whopping 36.4 per cent in the year in April, driven mainly by food prices. This is the highest in South Asia, and up from 35.4 per cent in March, according to

briefly for tests 2 months after Cash-strapped Pakistan's Prime Minister Shehbaz Rome (AP): Pope Francis Sharif has directed the authorities to take major steps in the

Pope hospitalised Pak PM calls for relief to poor, middle class PTI ISLAMABAD

bronchitis

briefly went to Rome's main

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four provincial assemblies on the same day.

a high court trial in over 100 years as he appeared in the witness box here to allege "utterly vile" unlawful information gathering, including by phone hacking, by journalists working for the Mirror Group Newspapers (MGN).

Prince Harry on Tuesday became the first senior

PTI LONDON

The 38-year-old Duke of Sussex accused the tabloid newspapers of "inciting hatred" against him as a young royal and casting him as a "thicko", "cheat", "underage drinker", and "irresponsible drug taker"

- referring to some of the media labels he felt associated with over the years.

"I genuinely feel that in every relationship that I've ever had – be that with friends, girlfriends, with family or with the army, there's always been a third party involved, namely the tabloid press," reads his witness statement released as Harry gave oral evidence in court.

"As a teenager and in my early twenties, I ended up feeling as though I was playing up to a lot of the headlines and stereotypes that they wanted to

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imagination.

testing the technology trendset-

ter's ability to popularise new-

ers conference held on a park-

like campus in Cupertino,

California, that Apple's late co-

founder Steve Jobs helped

design. "This marks the begin-

ning of a journey that will bring

a new dimension to powerful

personal technology," Cook told

pin on me mainly because I thought that, if they are printing this rubbish about me and

people were believing it, I may as well 'do the crime', so to speak," he said.

"It was a downward spiral, whereby the tabloids would constantly try and coax me, a 'damaged' young man, into doing something stupid that would make a good story and sell lots of newspapers. Looking back on it now, such behaviour

on their part is utterly vile," he

added The royal said he decided to go to the court to hold peo-

Harry, who step a working royal and now lives in the US with his wife Meghan Markle and two children Archie and Lilibet, has said that the deceptive methods used by MGN newspapers impacted his personal life.

He alleges that the 'Daily Mirror', 'Sunday Mirror', and Sunday People' were linked to methods including phone hacking, so-called "blagging" or gaining information by deception, and use of private investigators, between 1996 and

2010 to get detailed information about his private affairs.

MGN disputes the allegations and also argued that some of the claimants who are part of the representative legal action have brought their case too late. Their lawyers are expected to cross-examine Prince Harry in the witness box this week.

Meanwhile, the royal's lawyer on Monday told the hearing as it opened that 'Mirror' journalists listened to voicemail messages from Princess Diana – Harry's late mother.

and returned to the Vatican, two months after he was hospitalized with an acute case of bronchitis.

The Vatican spokesman, Matteo Bruni, said the pontiff underwent "some clinical examinations and returned to the Vatican before noon" from the Gemelli hospital.

Witnesses at the Vatican's Perugino gate, one of the main entrances to the city state, told AP that Francis greeted guards as he usually does before returning to his residence.

Francis, 86, spent three days at the Gemelli hospital in late March. Initially, the Vatican said he had gone in for scheduled tests, but the pontiff later revealed he had felt pain in his chest and was rushed to the hospital where bronchitis was diagnosed. He was put on intravenous antibiotics and was released April 1, quipping that he was "still alive". The Argentine pope had part of one lung removed when he was a young man.

and middle class, in an effort to make it people-friendly ahead of general elections which are expected in October.

"Despite economic challenges, special measures should be taken for the protection of vulnerable sections of society," he said while chairing a meeting on Monday to finalise measures to provide relief to the poor and middle classes of society.

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The process of sending emails to the registered email id of only those members who have provided their email ids is expected to be completed by 21-07-2023. The said email will contain web-link(s) where the soft copy of notice of the AGM, Annual Report and detailed nstructions for participating in the AGM and for e-voting will be available. Any member who does not receive the aforesaid email may download a soft copy of these documents from the Company' website www.jaschindustries.com/Investors or from website of BSE ww.bseindia.com. Members requiring hard copy of the Annual Report must write to the Company at least 10 days before the expected date of completion of the aforesaid process.

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for Jasch Industries Ltd Sonipat, 05-06-2023 sd/- (S.K. VERMA) COMPANY SECRETARY

the crowd. Apple didn't immediately reveal the goggles' price, Apple on Monday unveiled a long-rumoured headset that although they are expected to cost in the USD 3,000 range, will place its users between the likely limiting their appeal to a virtual and real world, while also fairly narrow band of videogame enthusiasts and affluent technophiles.

fangled devices after others another milestone in Apple's failed to capture the public's lore of releasing game-changing After years of speculation, technology, even though the company hasn't always been Apple CEO Tim Cook hailed the arrival of the sleek goggles the first to try its hand at making a particular device. dubbed "Vision Pro" – at the the company's annual develop

Apple's lineage of break throughs date back to a bow-tied Jobs peddling the first Mac in 1984 —a tradition that continued with the iPod in 2001, the iPhone in 2007, the iPad in 2010, the Apple Watch in 2014 and its AirPods in 2016. If the new

The headset could become

device turns out to be a niche



product, it would leave Apple in the same bind as other major tech companies and startups that have tried selling headsets or glasses equipped with technology that either thrusts people into artificial worlds or projects digital images with scenery and things that are actually in front of them — a format known as "augmented realitv."

Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg has been describing these alternate three-dimensional realities as the "metaverse." It's a geeky concept that he tried

pouring billions of dollars into improving the virtual technology. But the metaverse largely remains a digital ghost town, although Meta's virtual reality headset, the Quest, remains the top-selling device in a category that so far has mostly appealed to video game players looking for even more immersive experiences. The response to virtual, augmented and mixed reality has been decidedly ho-hum so far. Some of the gadgets deploying the technology have even been derisively mocked, with the most notable example being Google's internet-connected glasses released more than a decade ago.

A revolutionary leap for virtual reality to push into the mainstream by changing the name of his social networking company to Meta Platforms in 2021 and then

Equity markets settle flat in volatile trade

PTI MUMBA

Equity benchmarks BSE Sensex and Nifty closed marginally higher in a volatile session on Tuesday as fag-end buying in auto, industrial and commodity stocks helped the indices extend gains for a third straight day. Investors also preferred to

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stay on the sidelines ahead of the Reserve Bank of India's interest rate decision later this week. traders said.

After a see-saw session, the 30-share BSE Sensex eked out marginal gains of 5.41 points or 0.01 per cent to settle at 62,792.88. During the day, it hit a high of 62,867.95 and a low of 62,554.21. The NSE Nifty went up by 5.15 points or 0.03 per cent to end at 18,599.

"Markets remained volatile and ended almost unchanged amid mixed cues. After the flat start, the Nifty drifted lower as the day progressed. However, a sharp recovery in the last half an hour trimmed all the losses.

Eventually, Nifty settled closer to



"While the markets

Services, Wipro, Bharti Airtel, HCL Technologies, ICICI Bank the day's high at 18,599 levels," said Ajit Mishra, SVP -Technical Research, Religare and Nestle were among the lag-Broking Ltd. gards. UltraTech Cement was the ended flat, buying was seen in

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biggest gainer in the Sensex rate-sensitive stocks like bankchart, climbing 3.13 per cent, foling, auto and realty ahead of the RBI's MPC meet later this week. lowed by Kotak Mahindra Bank, Tata Motors, Axis Bank, Maruti, With expectations rising that the Bajaj Finserv, Bajaj Finance and central bank could once again Mahindra & Mahindra. take a pause on rate hikes, In contrast, Infosys, Tech hopes of steady interest rates Mahindra, Tata Consultancy going ahead triggered optimism

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in the rate-sensitives," Shrikant Realty jumped 1.25 per cent, Chouhan, Head of Equity auto climbed 1.10 per cent, Research (Retail), Kotak commodities (0.74 per cent), capital goods (0.61 per cent), and In the broader market, the healthcare (0.59 per cent).

"A gauge of Indian IT stocks declined the most in seven weeks after a US-based peer -EPAM Systems cut its revenue growth forecast, warning of a slowdown in dealmaking," Deepak Jasani, Head of Retail Research, HDFC Securities, said.

TOP GAINERS

2.89 UltraTechCement

Global stock markets were mostly down Tuesday after Wall Street fell on concern the US economy may be weakening following a report that showed growth in service industries slowing, Jasani added. In Asian markets, Tokyo ended in the green, while Shanghai and Hong Kong settled lower. Equity markets in Europe

were trading in negative territory. The US markets ended lower on Monday.

'The domestic market experienced profit-booking due to selling pressure in the IT sec-tor. IT stocks witnessed a decline in anticipation of further downward revision in spending. However, a rally in auto and banks helped to recover the losses.

"Going ahead an important influencer will be the commentary on growth and inflation forecasts by the RBI following its MPC meeting, given the general consensus that rate pause will continue," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services.



Gold climbs ₹375 to ₹60,775/10 gm; silver falls ₹50

 $G^{\text{old price climbed Rs 375 to}}_{\text{Rs 60,775 per 10 gram in}}$ the national capital on Tuesday amid a rise in the precious metal's prices in overseas markets, according to HDFC Securities.

In the previous trade, the yellow metal had closed at Rs 60,400 per 10 gram. Silver, however, fell by Rs

50 to Rs 72,950 per kg. Spot gold prices in the

Delhi markets traded at Rs 60,775/10 gram, up Rs 375 per 10 gram," Saumil Gandhi, Senior Analyst - Commodities at HDFC Securities, said.

In international markets, gold was trading higher at USD 1,956 per ounce while silmarginally down



Tata Consumer domestic biz to see high growth'

paigns, and customize prod-

ucts to cater to southern tastes.

food portfolio, noting its

potential despite its current

TCPL aims to strengthen its

portfolio by expanding its

non-black tea business,

increasing its presence in the

coffee market, and introducing

ethnic ready-to-eat and ready-

Chandrasekaran also mentioned the growth and expansion plans for Starbucks,

TĈPĽs joint venture coffee

chain, which currently oper-

ates in 41 cities. In the past year, the chain opened the

highest number of stores (71).

ture, the company is continu-

ing its simplification journey,

and the merger between Tata

Coffee and TCPL is expected

announced its intention to

merge all of Tata Coffee's busi-

nesses as part of a reorganiza-

tion plan aimed at unlocking

that was announced, Tata

Coffee's plantation business

(TCL) will be demerged into

Foods (TBFL).

According to the scheme

The remaining business of

Tata Coffee, comprising its

extraction and branded coffee

business, will be merged with

TCPL. The merger is antici-

pated to generate synergies

that will drive high single-digit

growth for the coffee business.

Managing Director Sunil

D'Souza stated that the con-

solidation of the legal structure

will continue to enhance effi-

ciencies and reduce the num-

ber of entities from 45 to

is in its final stages. In this

The merger of Tata Coffee

approximately 25.

TCPL's CEO and

synergies and efficiencies.

Last year, the company

to be completed this year.

About the corporate struc-

to-cook products.

small share.

He expressed optimism about millets in the company's

In international markets,

Chandrasekaran: Open to acquisitions in food & beverages

PTI KOLKATA/DELHI

ata Consumer Products Ltd (TCPL) will see high growth in the domestic market, according to Chairman N Chandrasekaran, who also expressed the company's openness to acquisitions and expanding into new categories.

India's business growth would continue to outpace that of the international market, with the percentage of rev-enue from the Indian market expected to increase, Chandrasekaran said replying to shareholders at the 60th AGM.

India business has a higher margin, especially the branded businesses at around 14 per cent and international business at 11 per cent, the executive said.

"Currently, we're expanding both the beverages and food businesses. So there's a lot of focus in these businesses, we got to scale them. And also we are investing in R&D and innovation. We are looking at new categories and looking at acquisition opportunities," he TCPL's wholly-owned sub-sidiary, TCPL Beverages & said.

Last year, TCPL success-fully launched 34 products. Currently, TCPL's branded tea contributes 47 per cent to the total revenue, primarily driven by the Indian market, while coffee contributes 11 per cent and is dominated by the international business.

To drive growth, the com-pany has allocated a capex plan of Rs 400 crore.

Chandrasekaran, who also serves as the chairman of Tata Sons, highlighted that the company's subsidiary, NurishCo Beverages, aims to cross revenue of Rs 1,000

at 82.62 against US dollar PTI MUMBAI **RUPEE vs DOLLAR**

82.67

The rupee consolidated in a narrow range to settle just 1 paisa higher at 82.62 (provisional) against the US dollar on Tuesday amid a muted trend in domestic equities.

The rupee is trading in a narrow range as market participants are vigilant ahead of the RBI's monetary policy later this week. The central bank is widely expected to leave the repo rate unchanged at 6.5 per cent.

A strengthening greenback in the international markets also kept pressure on the domestic unit, forex traders said.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the local unit opened at 82.56 against the US dollar and settled at 82.62 (provisional), up 1 paisa over its previous close.

During the day, the domestic unit witnessed an intra-day high of 82.56 and a low of 82.66.

On Monday, the rupee closed at 82.63 against the US currency



31 ÓŤ 05 12 The dollar index, which

gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, rose 0.12 per cent to 104.12. Global oil benchmark Brent

crude futures declined 1.60 per cent to USD 75.48 per barrel. Forex traders said the Reserve Bank's rate-setting monetary policy panel began deliberations on Tuesday. Headed by Reserve Bank Governor Shaktikanta Das, the

six-member Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) will meet for three days and the decision would be announced on Thursday.

PTI 🗖 NEW DELHI

Most of the Adani stocks climbed in morning trade on Tuesday after the Group said it has repaid loans aggregating USD 2.65 billion to complete a

The stock of Ambuja Cements rallied 4 per cent, Adani Enterprises jumped 3 per cent, ACC climbed 2.48 per cent, Adani Power gained 1.17 per cent, Adani Ports advanced 0.87 per cent and Adani Green Energy climbed 0.67 per cent on

the BSE. However, some group firms

were trading in the negative territory. Shares of Adani Transmission, Adani Total Gas, Adani Wilmar and NDTV were quoting lower even after beginning the trade on a firm note.

In the equity market, the BSE benchmark was trading 127.20 points or 0.20 per cent lower at 62,660.27.

Embattled Adani Group on Monday said it has repaid loans aggregating USD 2.65 billion to complete a prepayment programme to cut overall leverage in an attempt to win back

report of a US short seller. In a Credit Note released on Monday, Adani Group said it has made a full prepayment of USD 2.15 billion of loans that were taken by pledging shares in the conglomerate's listed firms and also another USD 700 million in loans taken for the

along with interest payment of USD 203 million," it added.

Further, the credit update states that the promoters completed the sale of shares in four listed group entities to GQG Partners, a leading global invest-ment firm, for USD 1.87 billion (Rs 15,446 crore).

The deleveraging programme testifies to the strong ed at all portfolio companies," Adani Group said in the cred-

Rupee rises 1 paisa to close Majority of Adani Group stocks climb in morning trade

Securities Ltd, said.

(0.02 per cent).

BSE smallcap gauge climbed

0.42 per cent and the midcap

1.66 per cent, teck (1.51 per

cent), metal (0.45 per cent), oil

& gas (0.08 per cent) and FMCG

Among the indices, IT fell

index gained 0.29 per cent.

prepayment programme.

investor trust post a damning

acquisition of Ambuja Cement. "The prepayment was done

India's internet economy to grow 6-fold to USD 1 trillion by 2030: Report

PTI NEW DELHI

Tndia's internet economy is expected merce segment, followed by B2B eun and touch USD 1 trillion by 2030, mainly driven by the e-commerce vertical, a joint report by Google, Temasek and Bain & Company released on Tuesday said

According to the report, the growth will be led by the B2C e-com-

He said most of the purchases in future will take place digitally. Gupta said while startups have led 105-120 billion, from around USD 8-

liquidity management and capital access at sponsor level even in volatile market conditions, supplementing the solid capital prudence adopt-

it update.

PTI NEW DELHI

The report estimates that India's internet-economy was in the range of USD 155-175 billion in 2022.

providers and online media led by over-the-top players.

"India's internet economy is expected to grow 6 x to USD 1 trillion by 2030," Google India, Country Manager & Vice President, Sanjay Gupta said while sharing details of the report

on digital innovatio and medium businesses and large enterprises after the pandemic have started to use digital technologies to become more competitive.

According to the report, B2C ecommerce is expected to grow 5-6 times to USD 350-380 billion by 2030, from around USD 60-65 billion in 2022.

9 billion in

The software-as-a-service segment is expected to grow 5-6 times to USD 65-75 billion by 2030, from USD 12-13 billion in 2022.

Temasek, Managing Director (Investments), Vishesh Shrivastav said India is now a new hope for the growth of global GDP.

The report estimates B2B e-com-

merce to grow 13-14 times to USD

USD 23.43 per ounce.

Gold edged higher in Asian trading hours on Tuesday as weak US service sector data indicated a less upbeat assessment of the US economy and renewed safe-haven demand, Gandhi said.

crore in tiscal compared to Rs 645 crore in FY23 He further emphasized

8 months, NDR aims to deliv-

er the entire project within a

needs of our clients, we have

expanded our portfolio through the acquisition of LSA

"Catering to the evolving

year, the company said.

TCPL's focus on the South Indian market, where they are implementing localized strategies to improve distribution, adapt advertisement cam-

ourney, the compar corrective measures in various markets, including consolidating and winding up operations in small and insignificant markets. The company has operations in Australia, Czech Republic, South Africa and Bangladesh.

India fantastic potential market but taxation higher: IATA chief



PTI ISTANBUL

ndia is a fantastic potential I market for aviation but not a cheap market to operate as taxation is higher in the country than in many other places, international airlines' grouping IATA's chief Willie Walsh said on Tuesday.

During a media briefing here, Walsh also highlighted the scale of the economy and investments going into airports in India

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) is a grouping of more than 300 airlines, including Air India, IndiGo and SpiceJet.

While responding to a query about a possible duop-

oly in the Indian airline market, Walsh said there is "plenty of scope for others (airlines)

to compete in the market". "What you have in India is a fantastic potential market. You look at the scale of the economy, investments going into airports... (but) India is not a cheap market to operate.

'Taxation in India is higher than most places in the world. I think there is a lot of potential in India," he said. India is one of the fastest-

growing aviation markets glob-

Meanwhile, Walsh also said that he has no sympathy for airports and that they are profitable all the time. "Airports try to convince

people that every new passen-ger I get means I have to increase my charges. That is complete nonsense. The more passengers you get, the lower your cost should be. What we have seen with airports is very high returns on capital way in excess of the cost of their capital," he said.

Further, Walsh said that India needs to recognise that the real advantage will come in by making fares cheaper for more and more people to fly.

On Monday, the IATA chief said that an analysis of almost seven billion international flight tickets has shown that airlines have paid more than USD 380 billion in taxes and charges.

"We analysed data from almost 7 billion tickets for international flights going back to 2018, which showed that airlines have paid over USD 380 billion in taxes and charges, which added over 33 per cent

to the price of a ticket. "And if we include domestic flights, that figure of USD 380 billion rises to half a trillion US dollars. It's important that policymakers are moved by facts, not fiction and it's heartening that 75 per cent of travellers see green taxes for what they are -- nothing more than government greenwash-Walsh had said. ing!'

NDR acquires LSA Warehousing for ₹42 crore

PTI MUMBAI

Logistics solutions provider NDR Warehousing on Tuesday announced that it has acquired LSA Warehousing Private Limited for Rs 42 crore.

The acquisition, which incurred a substantial investment of Rs 42 crore, encompasses an expansive 18 acreproject strategically positioned along the Sohna-Ballabhgarh road, NDR Warehousing said.

This marks the company's fourth venture in the area, with a focus on the thriving micro market of Sohna, complementing their presence in Sarita Vihar and Bilaspur-Tauru road, it added.

Global investment manager Investcorp-backed NDR has a portfolio of over 15 mil-



assets, which includes 18 logis-Mumbai, Bengaluru, Coimbatore and Kolkata.

Currently, the company

lion square feet of operational has over 4 million square feet of warehousing and industritics parks spread across eight al assets under construction cities, including Chennai, with an investment of Rs 800 crore.

> As phase-I of the project is slated for completion within 6-

Warehousing. This strategic move reinforces our commitment to delivering exceptional warehousing solutions and supporting the growth of busi-nesses in the NCR region and to the sector at large," Amrutesh Reddy, Managing Director of NDR Warehousing, said.

The company said it has plans to add 4-5 million square feet of space per year to its warehouses and industrial parks across the country.

Its clientele includes Fortune 100 companies, leading Indian corporates, e-commerce giants, and 3PL players, among others.

Last year, Investcorp led a USD 55 million investment in the company through a convertible instrument.

Magicbricks launches 'Know Your Tenant' feature on its portal to help landlords in renting properties

PTI 📕 NEW DELHI

Real estate portal Magicbricks on Monday said it has started a new fea-ture to help landlords in the decision-making process while searching for tenants for their properties.

In a statement, the company said it has rolled out a new feature 'Know Your Tenant' (KYT), aimed at revolutionising the home rental process through the power of cutting-edge technology.

"Traditionally, the search for an ideal tenant has been a time-consuming and labourintensive endeavour, often leading to uncomfortable face-

to-face interactions where landlords may decline rental opportunities based on socioeconomic preferences," it said. With the introduction of

the KYT feature, Magicbricks said it aims to streamline this process, minimising time wastage and maximising efficiency. KYT facilitates seamless

conversations between land-

lords and potential tenants through chat windows, integrated within the Magicbricks platform, the statement said.

This feature maintains the privacy of both parties by not sharing contact informa tion unless mutually agreed upon, ensuring a secure and confidential exchange, it added

Magicbricks.Com is owned by Magicbricks Realty Services, which is a subsidiary of Times Internet, the digital arm of The Times of India Group

BUSINESS BRIEF SRM MEDICAL COLLEGE HOSPITAL AND RESEARCH **CENTRE PERFORMS 3 PROCEDURES ON A DAY**

New Delhi: The Cardiology Department of SRM Medical College Hospital and Research Centre (SRM MCH & RC) has successfully completed non-surgical closure of holes in the heart for three children free of cost, on a single day. A similar non-surgical procedure to correct a link between the Aorta and Pulmonary Artery was also performed successfully on a 12-year-old boy, also free of cost

LIC CHAIRPERSON ANNOUNCES RELAXATIONS FOR VICTIMS OF BALASORE TRAGEDY

New Delhi: LIC Of India is deeply saddened by the tragic train accident in Balasore, Odisha on 02.06.2023.LIC Of India is committed to supporting those affected and will expedite claim settlements to provide financial relief. Shri Siddhartha Mohanty, Chairperson LIC expressed grief said that our hearts go out to the victims and their families.



SABALENKA REACHES FRENCH OPEN SEMIS

Torld number two Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus powered past Ukraine's Elina Svitolina 6-4, 6-4 on Tuesday to reach the French Open semi-finals.

The match was highly anticipated with Svitolina, who last year became a mother, refusing to shake hands with players from Russia or Belarus following Moscow's invasion of Ukraine last year, which it calls a 'special military operation'.

Sabalenka, who next faces Czech Karolina Muchova, caused a furore in recent days, snubbing the media following her previous two matches after being grilled about the war and her country's involvement as a staging ground for Russian weapons and troops

With several Ukrainian flags unfurled in the half-empty stands of Philippe Chatrier stadium, the pair traded blows at the start with neither managing to carve out a single break point in the first eight games.

But favourite Sabalenka, aiming for the world number one spot with a title win in Paris, grabbed the key break and then served out the first set a little later, with her

opponent looping a backhand wide. Svitolina broke for 2-0 in the second set as Sabalenka hit her 23rd unforced error but the Ukrainian was still on the back foot and allowed her opponent to pull the break back when she netted a backhand.

Sabalenka continued her demolition job, breaking again for 3-2 with an unreturnable forehand.

Svitolina stayed afloat thanks to her opponent's countless unforced errors, but the outcome was always in the Belarusian's hands

Sabalenka ended it on the second match point with yet another forehand

winner and boos were heard as Svitolina walked straight to her bench while Sabalenka waited at the net.

Sabalenka's next opponent Karolina Muchova is in the French Open semifinals for the first time.

The unseeded Czech defeated 2021 runner-up Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova of Russia 7-5, 6-2 in the quarterfinals on Tuesday.

SVITOLINA ACCUSES

Elina Svitolina accused Aryna Sabalenka of deliberately "inflaming" the tense stand-off between Ukraine and Belarus players at the French Open on Tuesday by staring her down at the net.

Sabalenka won their quarter-final 6-4, 6-4 and then approached the net in expectation of a handshake which Svitolina had already insisted she was not going to offer

All Ukraine players refuse to shake hands with Russian and Belarusian rivals in protest at the ongoing war.

Svitolina was as good as her word, ignoring the world number two, who was leaning on the net, and calmly walked back to her chair.

Svitolina, however, was booed by the Court Philippe Chatrier crowd.

When asked if Sabalenka had inflamed the situation by standing at the net, Svitolina replied: "Yeah, I think so, unfortunately.'

"I don't know why she was waiting, because my statements were clear enough about the handshake," added Svitolina, 28, who said she was not shocked by being jeered by a Paris crowd who had taken her to their hearts following her marriage to French player Gael Monfils.

"I was expecting that. Whoever in this situation loses, I guess, gets booed, so I was expecting that. It was not a surprise for me."

AP LONDON

on Wednesday.

Cup final.

West Ham defender Thilo Kehrer has urged his team

to make history by winning their

first major trophy for 43 years

when they face Fiorentina in the

Europa Conference League final

ed a significant piece of silver-

The Hammers haven't lift-

Winners' Cup, West Ham are on the brink of finally ending their trophy drought. West Ham's most recent final was a painful penalty shoot-out defeat against a Liverpool side inspired by Steven Gerrard's masterclass in the 2006 FA Cup. But David Moyes' men

arrive in Prague as firm favourites to win the Europa ware since Trevor Brooking's Conference League against a Fiorentina team that finished header clinched a shock win against Arsenal in the 1980 FA eighth in Serie A.

a disappointing 14th in the In their first major European final since 1976, when they lost to Anderlecht in the Cup



Although West Ham came



Benzema admits Madrid departure 'hurts'

arim Benzema said leaving Real KMadrid "hurts" at a goodbye ceremony on Tuesday ahead of his move to Saudi

into the net on Tuesday, she thought: "What are you doing? I made my position clear."

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Sabalenka had defeated another Ukrainian Marta Kostyuk in the first round. Kostyuk also refused to shake hands and she too was booed.

'Maybe she's (Sabalenka) not on social media during the tournament, but it is pretty clear. She played Marta as well the first round. So is quite simple."

Svitolina said she and her compatri-ots will continue their stance in the grass court season which culminates in Wimbledon next month.

"I won't sell my country for the likes of people," she said.

Svitolina said Sabalenka should also be fined for refusing to attend two mandatory press conferences following her third and fourth round matches.

Two years ago, former world number one Naomi Osaka was fined \$15,000 for not honouring her French Open media commitments

Sabalenka said she boycotted her media duties because she didn't feel "safe" in an atmosphere where she faced a barrage of questions over the war and her links to Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko.

Belarus is a close ally of Moscow.

"It should be equal for everyone. For example, Naomi got fined last time and this time there is no fine for the player, who also skips the press conference," said Svitolina.

"I faced difficulties, I faced difficulty also with the question about Novak, about his statement about Kosovo. So I'm not

escaping. "I have my strong position, and I'm vocal about that. I'm not going try to win likeness of the people by betraying my strong belief and strongest position for my country."

West Ham eye history in Europa Conference League final chance to win the fifth major "You can feel the excitement

trophy in their history. of everybody around the club. Their sole triumph in For us players it's great to be in Europe came in the 1965 Cup that place. "We have the squad Winners' Cup when Moore and and quality to do it, so we're very Hurst were among the side that confident. beat 1860 Munich in the final. to eventual winners Eintracht

Kehrer knows Moyes' team have a chance to make their own history against Fiorentina.

"I said at the beginning of the season without knowing how it would go, bringing a title to West Ham is a big goal," the German said

"Making history is being in the final. Now our focus and vision is completing the goal.

been one of the few West Ham players to shine and the England midfielder — linked with Arsenal, Manchester City and Bayern Munich — could be playing his last game after Moyes admitted he is likely to leave in the close-season.

Last season, West Ham lost

Frankfurt in the Europa League

semi-finals. Declan Rice has

Sevilla extend Mendilibar's contract till 2024 AP SEVILLE

Maria del Nido Carrasco told radio station Deportes Cope Europa League champions Sevilla have extended coach Sevilla that Mendilibar had renewed his contract, before it "Jose Maria del Nido Carrasco announced on Tuesday on Deportes Cope Sevilla that Jose Luis Mendilibar will continue as Sevilla FC coach for one season," said Sevilla in a statement. "Not only did he achieve his goal (of La Liga survival) by some margin, but he also managed to get through two UEFA Europa League ties, against Manchester United and Juventus no less, before finally lifting the club's seventh Europa League a few days

City remain on course to match the treble achievement of United's class

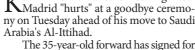
Pep Guardiola has warned his Manchester City's stars that Champions League." their confidence ahead of the

(it)

Guardiola warns Man City

"I have never done it and especially in the final of the

against CL final arrogance AP MADRID



the Jeddah-based side on a three-year deal

starting next season, a source at the Saudi



ns League final against Inter Milan cannot slip into arrogance as they aim to complete a historic treble.

AP MANCHESTER

Guardiola's men are one game away from becoming just the second side to win the Premier League, Champions League and FA Cup in the same season

City are huge favourites for the clash in Istanbul on Saturday, having thrashed Bayern Munich and Real Madrid on route to the final. By contrast, Inter finished a distant third in Serie A and enjoyed a less demanding pas-sage to the final as they beat Porto, Benfica and AC Milan.

However, the Italians boast the richer European Cup heritage, with three triumphs to City's none, and Guardiola has urged his team not to become complacent.

"Of course we are confident, so optimistic, but at the same time I cannot deny the difficulties and qualities of the opponents," said Guardiola at City's pre-match media day on Tuesday.

1998/99 by beating the Red Devils 2-1 in the FA Cup final on Saturday.

ning form in the past four

months will count for nothing

when it comes to getting the job

27 games came at Brentford on

the final day of the Premier

League season after the title had

long since been won. "We know a final is about

how you behave for 95 minutes.

It's not about history, for histo-

ry they are better than us,"

do in group stage, last 16, quar-

ter-finals, Premier League or FA

Cup. It's one single game you

have to be better than the oppo-

"It doesn't matter what you

Guardiola said.

nent.

City's only defeat in their last

done at the Ataturk Stadium.

club said on Tuesday. Guardiola said that was far "It's a bit of a sad day, because I am leavbetter preparation for the ing this club, it hurts me, because I had a Champions League final than dream in my head - to sign for Madrid, and their only previous appearance finish at Madrid, but sometimes life gives in the European showpiece two you other opportunities," said Benzema in years when his side lost 1-0 a speech during his farewell at Madrid's against Chelsea in Porto. training ground. But he insisted City's stun-

"I will always watch Madrid's games, and thanks to the fans too, who pushed me on to play good games.

The French forward signed for Madrid in 2009 from Ligue 1 side Lyon.

Benzema made 648 appearances for Madrid and is second on Real's all-time goalscoring list with 354 — only Ronaldo has more. He won five Champions Leagues, four La Liga titles and three Copas del Rey and is the current Ballon d'Or holder.

Benzema said he was grateful to Real Madrid president Florentino Perez for signing him. "When I saw you, I said this is the man

who brought Zizou (Zinedine Zidane) and Ronaldo, now he wants me in his team, said Benzema.

"I will never forget Real Madrid, it's the best club in the world, in history, but now is the moment to leave and to see another

Tim Walter, who coached

Stuttgart for six months in 2019

before being sacked, lamented

20 wins, but we were missing

unbelievable here, I'm incredi-

bly proud of my team, unfortu-

were a little bit better.

nately the first division side

"We're building something

just one point.

most incredible players in our history," said Perez thanked Benzema for his efforts the president.

Thank you for all you have given us, you arrived here as a boy and today, you leave as one of our legends."

until June 2024, the Spanish side said on Tuesday. Mendilibar arrived in March on a short-term deal until the end of the season, aiming to help the team avoid relegation. Mendilibar dragged Sevilla up the table to a 12th place finish and guided them to a record-extending seventh Europa League trophy. The Spaniard, 62, helped Sevilla beat Manchester United and Juventus before overcoming Jose Mourinho's Roma on penalties in the final in May. Sevilla vice president Jose

ASENSIO AND UGARTE SET FOR PSG MOVES AFTER PASSING MEDICALS

over the past 14 years.

"Today it's not just another player going, today we're saying goodbye to one of the

Paris Saint-Germain after passing

their medicals, a source at the Ligue

champions said on Monday.

story.

He won three Champions League titles in an eight-year spell in Real Madrid forward Marco Asen-sio and Sporting Lisbon mid-fielder Manuel Ugarte are set to join Madrid

According to French media, Uruguay international Ugarte, 22, will cost PSG 60 million euros (\$64 million). He has three years remaining on his contract with Sporting.

Spain international Asensio, 27, The two arrivals come days will leave Real Madrid as a free agent after Lionel Messi and Sergio Ramos with his deal ending later this month. departed the club and coach Christo-



ago in Budapest.

phe Galtier is also leaving. PSG have been linked with moves for the French international trio of Bayern Munich defender Lucas Hernandez, Eintracht Frankfurt attacker Randal Kolo Muani and Borussia Moenchengladbach forward Marcus Thuram. They are also in negotiations with Inter Milan's Slovakia centre-back Milan Skriniar.

Millot's brace keep Stuttgart in Bundesliga

AP BERLIN

Stuttgart secured their Bunde-sliga status with a 3-1 victory at Hamburg (6-1 aggregate) in Monday's relegation playoff return leg, ensuring another season in the second division for the fallen giants.

Two second-half goals from French midfielder Enzo Millot and an injury time strike from DR Congo's Silas overturned a 1-0 halftime deficit, ensuring the 16th-placed Stuttgart remain in the top division next season.

The loss means Hamburg, who once celebrated the longest run in the top division with a clock marking every second the former Champions League winners had not been relegated, will now play a sixth season in the



Bundesliga 2. Stuttgart manager Sebastian Hoeness, who has lost just one of 10 league matches since taking over in early April, lauded his team's "ability to handle pressure".

"Compliments to the team" Hoeness said of securing first division football next season "it sure didn't look like that eight or nine weeks ago." His Hamburg counterpart 2024 Olympics' AP PARIS Paris is on time and on budget for the 2025 Olympics, the city's

mayor said on Tuesday, dismissing concern expressed recently by a senior Olympics official.

"Look at all the previous Olympics and Paralympics around the world, one year before the Games, generally it's stressful and people are saying 'we'll never manage this'. Well, we're ready," mayor Anne Hidalgo told the France Inter radio station on Tuesday.

how close but how far his side "We're on budget and we're on time. was. "We played a great season,

During a visit to Paris on Monday, International Olympic Committee (IOC) official Pierre-Olivier Beckers, who is responsable for monitoring the Paris Games, voiced concern about the work needed to balance the budget.

'Paris on track for Spurs appoint Postecoglou as new manager

AP LONDON

Tottenham have appointed Ange Postecoglou as their new manager on a four-year deal, ending their long search for a new coach.

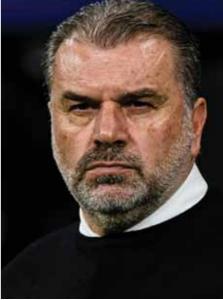
The 57-year-old Australian, who won the domestic Scottish treble with Celtic this season, will replace Antonio Conte at the Premier League club.

Conte left Spurs by "mutual agreement" in late March, with Cristian Stellini and then Ryan Mason taking temporary charge.

Postecoglou will officially join the London club, who finished a disappointing eighth in the Premier League this season, on July 1.

"Ange brings a positive mentality and a fast, attacking style of play," Tottenham chairman Daniel Levy said on Tuesday.

"He has a strong track record of developing players and an understanding of the importance of the link



from the academy — everything that is important to our club.

The Greek-born Postecoglou enjoyed huge success during two years in Glasgow, winning five trophies.

But the lure of the Premier League proved too much to resist as he takes on the challenge of trying to revitalise Spurs after a disastrous 12 months.

The club were still challenging for a top-four place when Conte departed but they ended up missing out on European competition.

Former Bayern Munich coach Julian Nagelsmann and ex-Barcelona, Spain boss Luis Enrique and Feyenoord manager Arne Slot were among the big names touted for the job.

But Levy has finally got his man in Postecoglou, who takes the next step on a nomadic career that has included spells in Australia and Japan.

He also managed the Australia



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As a modern-day cricketer

The job gets tougher when

one is expected to smoothly

switch formats but playing Test

cricket in England is never easy.

one has to face the likes of Pat

Cummins, Mitchell Starc and Scott Boland, who is expected to

start in place of injured Josh

It is being as billed as the 'Ultimate Test' and it will indeed

be one for proven performers like Rohit Sharma and Virat

Kohli as well for a rising star like

to extend the rich form he has

shown in County cricket while

Ajinkya Rahane will be itching

to deliver in his comeback

who are match-fit after a long

IPL season, Australians will go

into the final with fresher mind

were part of the league in India.

Players like Cummins chose to

prepare back home while

Marnus Labuschagne and Steve

Smith got themselves ready for

the long summer with County

SQUADS

Australia: Pat Cummins (captain), Scott Boland, Alex Carey,

Cameron Green, Marcus Harris, Josh Hazlewood, Travis Head,

Usman Khawaja, Marnus

Labuschagne, Nathan Lyon, Josh

Inglis, Todd Murphy, Steve Smith, Mitchell Starc, David

Reserves: Mitch Marsh, Matt

India: Rohit Sharma (captain),

Ravichandran Ashwin, KS

Bharat, Shubman Gill, Ravindra

Jadeja, Virat Kohli, Ishan Kishan,

Cheteshwar Pujara, Axar Patel

In comparison to Indians

Only three of their players

Cheteshwar Pujara will look

Hazlewood.

Shubman Gill.

game.

and body.

stints.

Warner.

Renshaw

NDIA AIM TO END ICC TITLE DROUGHT

formidable bunch of Indian cricketers will require a perfect blend of skill and temperament when it clashes with an equally-strong Australia in the World Test Championship final, starting Wednesday, with an aim to end a decade-long global trophy jinx.

India have been the most consistent side over the past two WTC cycles and also reached knockout phases of major whiteball tournaments over the last 10 years but a trophy has eluded them.

The last major ICC trophy India won was way back in 2013 when it bagged the Champions Trophy in England. Since then, the side has lost three finals and on four occasion it bit dust at the semifinal stage. It also made an exit at the preliminary stage of the 2021 T20 World Cup.

The country has been pretty much driving the finances of the sport and considering the vast talent pool on offer, the expectations of dominating the game on field seem only fair.

Out of the six series India played in this cycle, their only series loss came in South Africa



I want to win games, I want to win championships: Rohit

PTI LONDON

Emphasising that sport is all about Ewinning championships, India skipper Rohit Sharma on Tuesday said he wants to win one or two major titles before he steps down as captain.

Rohit had taken over from Virat Kohli as all-format captain after the latter stepped down following the Test series defeat in South Africa in early 2022. A day before the big final, Rohit was asked about the legacy he would like to leave as captain.

"Whether it's me or someone else, even the guys before, their role was to take Indian cricket forward and win as many games, as many championships as possible. For me also, it will be the same. I want to win games, I want to win championships. That is what you play for," Rohit said during the prematch press conference. "And yeah, it will be nice to win

some titles, win some extraordinary series. But yeah, like having said that, I genuinely feel that we don't want to put too much pressure on ourselves by over-thinking about these kind of stuff.

"As a captain, like I said, every captain wants to win championships, So I'll be no different. I also want to win championship. And that's what the sport is all about, winning championship. So for me, it will be nice if I can



win one or two championships, as in when I decide to move on from this job." He also feels there is little point in thinking too much about the elusive ICC trophy.

"We know what we have won and

what we have lost. No point thinking about it repeatedly. During the T20 World Cup also I was asked the same question. The players know what needs to be done. How we can do well, we are focused on that."

CAPTAIN SUFFERS BLOW

On another nippy and overcast morning in London, Rohit was among the four squad members who turned up for optional practice. R Ashwin, Umesh and K S Bharat were the others who showed up in the morning session along with the net bowlers.

Rohit was seen holding his left thumb following a hit in the nets but he did not appear to be in a lot of discomfort. On team combination, Rohit did not reveal much and expectedly kept the suspense going till toss time. India need to decide if they go in with two spinners or a four pacers.

two spinners or a four pacers. "Tve not said that Ashwin is not going to play. We'll wait until tomorrow - because one thing I have seen here - the pitch actually changes quite a bit day to day," he said when asked if it will be difficult to leave out Ashwin.

"Today it's looking the way it is. Tomorrow it might be slightly different, who knows. So the message to the boys has been very clear, all 15 must be ready to play at any point in time," he said. and that led to an unexpected change of guard with Rohit Sharma taking over the leadership role from Virat Kohli.

They remained unconquerable at home, drew a hardfought series in England before surviving a slight scare in Bangladesh.

Winning the big titles is what defines the legacy of a team but whatever may be the outcome of the final at The Oval, India head coach Rahul Dravid's opinion about his team won't change.

India ignored the conditions and went with their traditional strength — two spinners – against the Black Caps in the final at Southampton two years ago but the move backfired.

As The Oval gears up to host its first ever Test in June in its 143-year existence, India are heading into the unknown and face a couple of key selection calls that might decide the fate of the game.

It will always be a temptation to play both Ravindra Jadeja and R Ashwin in the same team but considering that it is only the start of the summer and pitches are fresh, there is a strong case for a fourth pace

bowling option. In the batting department, Rishabh Pant is not available to bail the team out in case of a toporder collapse. Therefore, the management needs to decide whether it need the 'x-factor' of Ishan Kishan or the more reliable wicket-keeping skills of K S Bharat.

The wily Mohammed Shami and Mohammed Siraj pick themselves in the pace department and a call needs to be made between old-horse Umesh Yadav and all-rounder Shardul Thakur.

Ajinkya Rahane, Mohammad Majority of India's squad members were involved in twomonth long IPL and only got a week to train together in the scenic town of Arundel before heading to London. Ajinkya Rahane, Mohammad Shami, Mohammad Siraj, Shardul Thakur, Jaydev Unadakt, Umesh Yadav. **Reserves:** Yashasvi Jaiswal, Mukesh Kumar, Suryakumar Yadav.

Oval pitch will assist spinners: Tendulkar Kohli keen to help Gill grow and understand his potential



superb outing. They won the game and as I said good memories stay long with you," said Tendulkar.

similarly, England had towelled the Aussies by 135 runs in the 2019 Ashes Test here, and Tendulkar said they might just be hurting a bit. However, the batting maestro added that the Australians can be an extremely competitive side.

"Bruises take some time to heal. But Australia is a beautiful team as they have a balanced

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Playing down tags such as 'king' and 'prince', Virat Kohli on Tuesday said he is keen to help Shubman Gill, considered heir apparent to the former captain, "grow and understand his potential" for the benefit of Indian cricket.

Kohli said he communicates a lot with the 23-year-old batting sensation Gill, who has shot to prominence in all three formats of the game over the last 12 months, adding that both players respect each other.

ments. "He (Gill) speaks to me a lot about the game, is very keen to learn and has an amazing skill set at his age," Kohli told the ICC.

"He has got an amazing ability and a temperament to perform at the highest level and is confident and we do have that relationship and we do have that understanding based upon respect."

Gill, who already has an ODI double hundred and dominated the IPL with as many as three centuries in the last five matches, also has two hundreds to his name from 15 Test matches. Kohli feels he could be among runs in the World Test Championship (WTC)



into his own, so that he can play for a long time and perform consistently and India cricket gets benefited," Kohli said.

cricket gets benefited," Kohli said. "These tags of king and prince and all of that kind of thing are great for the public and spectators to see, but I think the job of any senior player is to help improve the youngsters and give them the insight (that) you have had throughout your career. "As long as a guy is keen to learn, like him, he is going to be fine as he wants to learn how to do this for a long time at the highest level and perform consistently. "He is a lovely kid and he is playing amazingly well and I wish he continues the same in this Test match."

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Sachin Tendulkar reckons the Spin-friendly Oval pitch will make India a confident side going into the World Test Championship final against Australia and their tweakers could become doubly dangerous if they are able to get "that drift" and make the ball talk in the air.

With India boasting of two wonderful spinners to choose from in R Ashwin and Ravindra Jadeja, Tendulkar said the team can take a lot of heart from the pitch factor.

"The Indian team will be happy that they are playing at the Oval. The nature of the Oval pitch is such that it assists the spinners as the match goes on. So, spinners will come into play a little bit.

"It need not be always a team would not have forgotten that the last time they played spinners rely a lot on the bounce,

sometimes that little bit of zip that they get off the pitch, also on the overhead conditions and it depends a lot on the shiny side of the ball.

"If they are able to get that drift, they can make the ball talk in the air without the pitch coming into play. So, Oval is going to be good venue for India," said Tendulkar in his website 100mbsports.

100mbsports.valIndia will also carry a pos-chiitive vibe when they enter theinOval as their last outing at thisSnvenue had resulted in antwemphatic win — a 157-runtic

romp against England in 2021. Tendulkar said good memories of that match will burn bright and will spur the Indians.

"100 per cent. Whenever you have such memories, they will stay with you. The Indian team would not have forgotten that the last time they played there (the Owal) they had a

squad. There are guys who have been around for a long time now

and some young faces as well. "It is a nice blend of youth and experience. Australia have always been competitive and whether they have a full squad or not, once they cross that rope they are going to be very com-

petitive," said Tendulkar. Tendulkar said the extensive County stint that Cheteshwar Pujara and Marnus Labuschagne recently had will come handy for their teams in the big game.

"Of course, playing in County cricket can be of great value. Both Pujara and Labuschagne had considerable outing in the County cricket recently. Smith not as much as the other two, but whatever match practice one can get is very handy because the conditions are different.

ght "Our guys have played T20 and now they have gone to England, so are some players from Australia as they were playing T20 here but I believe playing practice matches... No better practice than that," he a said.

After a record-breaking IPL season with Gujarat Titans, wherein Gill finished with 890 runs — second highest for any batter after Kohli's 973 runs in 2016 — (1) the young India and Gujarat Titans opener is being touted for greater achieve-

final against Australia, starting at The Oval from Wednesday. "I am keen to help him grow and

really understand his potential and come

Skipper Rohit Sharma will partner Gill at the top of India's batting order in the WTC final.

'India no longer taken lightly by Oz' Cummins expects Boland

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Prolific batter Virat Kohli says the Indian Test team has earned formidable Australia's respect after beating them twice in their own backyard and they are no longer taken lightly in the traditional format.

Putting up a solid show of grit and gumption, India pipped Australia in the 2018-19 and 2020-21 editions of the Border-Gavaskar trophy by a similar 2-1 margin.

"Rivalry was intense in the beginning, the environment was also very tense. But since we have won in Australia twice, the rivalry has turned into respect and we are not taken lightly anymore as a Test team," Kohli told Star Sports.



when we play against Australia, that 'they have beaten us twice in our own backyard back-toback and it will be a battle of equals'."

"There used be tension in le

the air which is not the case now. When you achieve a standing, make your presence felt in the ground no one takes you light-

The talismanic Indian batter said he is always motivated to do well against Australia as they seldom give opportunities to their opponents to excel.

"I understand that mindset that all 11 players are on the same page and they will look to capitalise on even an inch. So, my motivation increases against this team (Australia) that is so aware and competitive, I have to elevate my game.

"The motivation and drive they have, they won't let you comeback in the game. So I had to take my game to the next level," Kohli said.

to make 'huge impact'

Australian captain Pat Cummins sees fellow quick

Scott Boland making a huge dif-

ference in the World Test

Championship final against

India as he tends to take his game

to the next level in seaming con-

ditions. If conditions remain

overcast like they have been

over the past couple of days,

Australian pace troika of

Cummins, Boland and Mitchell

Starc can make a decisive differ-

ence in the game. Ahead of the

title contest, Cummins announced that Boland will play

in place of Josh Hazlewood,

who is not fully fit for the game.

"Hopefully huge. These conditions just seem to suit him, you'd think. He hasn't played a lot over here, but a seam bowler who will be rewarded for just bowling in the good areas over and over again," Cummins said on Tuesday when asked about Boland, who has taken 28 wickets in seven Tests and was among

umph in 2021. "That's what he brings to the team. He's been fantastic. Even in India, he played the first Test match there on a pretty docile wicket and still did a fantastic job. He's a seasoned pro. If there's any assistance in the wicket as well, he just goes to that next level."

the stars of the team's Ashes tri-

Shardul terms WTC final 'once-in-a-lifetime moment' Srikanth, Priyanshu win in Singapore

PTI LONDON

India's fast-bowling all-rounder Shardul Thakur has termed the World Test Championship final against Australia, starting on Wednesday at The Oval, "once-in-a-lifetime moment", and he is keen to make it count.

It remains to be seen if Thakur, who has played three of his eight Tests so far in England, makes it to the playing XI since the Rohit Sharma-led team would certainly want to go in with an extended batting line-

But on his part, the 31-yearold says he is ready to make it count in the final.

"I feel that ICC event, finals again especially, you don't get to play them everywhere each and every ber y

year, so it's, for a few players or somebody like me, a once-in-alifetime moment," Thakur told the ICC.

He added, "All that I want is to make it count. It's always a special moment when you're representing your country especially India, when there's a billion people out there who dream of playing for the nation and only the best 15 have been chosen to represent the country," Thakur added.

Thakur's case will be a tough one to ignore, for he or struck twin half-centuries — 57 ev and 60 — and claimed three di wickets as India won by 157 runs at The Oval in September 2021 gc against England. w

"It's always good to remember your previous performances" a particular ground," he said. Thakur said batters should



on a particular ground, but every game is a fresh start. It's different opponents this time around, but yeah it's always good to take motivation from what you've done in the past on

n "I think England is challenging because the weather here is d a bit funny. When the sun's out it is good for batting, when it's overcast it's good for bowling, so the toss hardly matters, it's all about the cloud cover.

"Obviously the pitch also plays an important role, but we've seen in the past that whenever there's cloud cover the ball suddenly starts swinging and you can't really predict how much the ball is going to move, so that's one of the biggest challenges that a batter faces," he said.

Thakur added, "When it's e not swinging, England (has) ; also got the best pitches to bat f on, so it becomes equally tough - for bowlers. Even in the helpful conditions it's sort of important - to find the right length to nick s a batter off or hit his pads, so this t is a country that's challenging."

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India's Kidambi Srikanth made a winning start but PV Sindhu and HS Prannoy were ousted from the Singapore Open Super 750 tournament after suffering contrasting losses in the opening round here on Tuesday.

Srikanth, a 2021 world championships silver medallist, beat Thailand's Kantaphon Wangcharoen 21-15, 21-19 in the opening round of men's singles competition.

Orleans Masters winner Priyanshu Rajawat also notched up a 21-12, 21-15 win over Japan's Kanta Tsuneyama to make it to the second round. The 21-year-old from Madhya Pradesh will face Japan's world



No. 4 Kodai Naraoka next.

Up against world number 1 Akane Yamaguchi of Japan, defending champion Sindhu fought hard before going down 21-18, 19-21, 17-21 in a little over an hour. The two last faced off in Thailand last year. Prannoy, who came into the tournament after claiming his maiden BWF title at Malaysia Masters, couldn't match the young Naraoka, losing 15-21, 19-21 to the third seeded Japanese in 56 minutes.

Doubles pair of MR Arjun and Dhruv Kapila, however, made a good start after claiming a 21-16, 21-15 win over France's Lucas Corvee and Ronan Labar in their opening match.

Among others, London Olympics bronze medallist Saina Nehwal lost 13-21, 15-21 to former world champion Ratchanok Intanon of Thailand, while Aakarshi Kashyap went down to another Thai Supanida Katethong 21-17, 21-9 in their respective opening match.