

Canada dream in limbo

As they face deportation, Min Jaishankar assures victims of resolution

PNS NEW DELH

The Indian Government is taking steps to address the predicament of over 700 Indian students, primarily from Punjab, who are facing the possibility of deportation from Canada. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Wednesday assured that his Ministry and the Indian High Commission are actively engaged in finding a resolution

to this pressing issue. Punjab NRI Affairs Minister Kuldeep Singh Dhaliwal on Thursday said the State Government will provide free legal assistance to Indian students who are facing deportation from Canada.

Besides, Dhaliwal has also written to all MPs of Punjab origin in Canada to solve the issue of these students so that the future of the children can be secured.

The matter has also reached the Canadian Parliament, where Prime Minister Justin Trudeau expressed his focus on identifying the culprits responsible for the fraudulent admission letters, rather than penalising

Sexual assault charge against WFI chief false: **Minor's father** PTI NEW DELHI

the victims.

Trudeau emphasised that the affected students would have an opportunity to present evidence to support their case, acknowledging the significant contributions made by international students to Canada.

The predicament unfolded when Canadian authorities discovered that the admission offer letters provided to these students for Canadian educational institutions were fake. This revelation came to light in

March when the students applied for permanent resi-dency in Canada, leading to the current situation. In response to appeals from Dhaliwal and the students

themselves, Jaishankar highlighted the Ministry's active involvement in pursuing a fair resolution. He stated that the Canadian authorities recognise the unfairness of penalising innocent students and are committed to finding a solu-

tion. Jaishankar commended the fairness of the Canadian system in dealing with the matter. Dhaliwal, in his letter to



personal intervention the matter.

He urged the External Affairs Minister to engage with the High Commission of Canada and the Canadian Government to prevent the deportation of the students. Dhaliwal proposed granting work permits to the students, considering their valid visas. He also urged citizens of

Punjab to exercise caution and verify the authenticity of colleges and travel agents before making plans to study abroad.

Scores of Indian students in Canada have taken to the streets in protest against the possibility of deportation.

These students claim that they were unaware of the fraudulent nature of their admission letters when they arrived in Canada several years ago. The revelation of the fraudulent Jaishankar, emphasised the stu-dents' innocence and request-they applied for permanent

residency, leaving them vulnerable to deportation.

affected students has significantly deteriorated, with some even expressing thoughts of suicide. Lovepreet Singh, a need for the with the Government, highlighting the innocence of the students who

fell victim to the scam. The issue has gained attention in the Canadian Parliament as well, with NDP leader Jagmeet Singh calling on Prime Minister Trudeau to halt the deportation of these students.

In response, Trudeau reiterated the government's commitment to identifying the culprits behind the fraud and stated that the victims would be given an opportunity to present their case.

Duped Indian students' Outrage in India over Indira's assassination float in Canada

India flays support to extremists; Cong urges Centre for action; Canada envoy slams float PNS NEW DELHI

ndia has expressed its strong Lobjection to a float in the Canadian city of Brampton that celebrated the assassination of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. The Indian Government has labeled it as vote bank politics" and criticised Canada for providing space to separatists and extremist elements. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has tersely urged Canadian authorities

to address the issue firmly. The Congress party has also called on Jaishankar to take decisive action by raising the matter with Canadian authorities. In response, the Canadian High Commissioner to India, Cameron MacKay, expressed his dismay over the float, stating that there is no place in Canada for "hate or for the glorification of violence".

India formally conveyed its displeasure to the Canadian Government on Wednesday

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through a note sent by the Indian High Commission in Ottawa to Global Affairs Canada (GAC). The incident was described as "not acceptable" in the note.

Jaishankar Minister emphasised that Canada's allowance of anti-India elements operating within its borders is detrimental to the bilateral relationship and Canada itself. He expressed confusion over Canada's motivations, highlighting the need for the country to learn from history porters just days before the

and avoid repeating such incidents. The controversial float, depicting the assassination of Indira Gandhi, came to light through a video shared on social media. The footage indicated that the float was part of a parade organised by alleged Kĥalistani elements in Brampton. However, the authenticity of the video is yet to be verified.

The parade, reportedly stretching over 5 kilometre, was

39th anniversary of Operation Blue Star. Congress leader Milind Deora shared the video on social media, expressing his shock and emphasising the importance of respecting a nation's history and the pain caused by the assassination of its Prime Minister. Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh and senior Congress leader Shashi Tharoor echoed Deora's sentiments, calling for united condemnation of the

> incident **Continued on Page 2**

MHA transfers Man chops live-in partner, minces, cooks body parts

TN RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

With the gory murder of Shraddha Walkar, a woman from Vasai town, by her live-in partner, still fresh in mind, one more macabre homicide has come to light in the neighbouring Mira Road in Thane district, where the police have arrested a 56-year-old Manoi Sane for killing hi



ordinance Railways mulls Aadhaar PNS seeding must for tickets In a major reshuffle following the notification of

Proposal aims to



details during subsequent bookings. While previous measure faced opposition, we hope that the current circumstances will help all sections of travelers understand the necessity," said a railway official. In the event of any mishap officials from the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) responsible for Aadhaar would be dispatched immediately alongside rescue operation teams from the rail ways, National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), and other relevant authorities. The recent Balasore accidents revealed the limitations of AIIMS Bhubaneswar's mortuaries, which can accommodate only 40 bodies at a time. To cope with the overflow, five cold storage shipping containers, each capable of holding 20 bodies and maintained at a temperature of minus 18 degrees Celsius, have been procured.

The mental health of the protesting student, stressed the Indian Government to raise the issue Canadian

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"It's better that truth comes out now instead of in the court," the father told PTI when asked why he is changing his story now.

He cannot be named to protect the identity of his minor daughter. Detailed report on P2

expedite post-mishap identification process

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The Ministry of Railways is contemplating a proposal to make the seeding of Aadhaar numbers mandatory for the

Passenger Name Record (PNR) reservation system and the Unreserved Ticketing System (UTS)

This development follows a series of meetings held to review the recent triple train tragedy in Odisha and address concerns regarding fake claimants of ex-gratias announced by the Government in the aftermath of mishaps,

including the recent Balasore incident. The suggestion comes as a response to the challenges faced

in identifying accidental victims promptly, as well as the insufficient medical facilities available for preserving and



storing bodies in morgues.

By linking Aadhaar num bers to passenger records, railway officials believe that the identification process can be expedited. Unlike DNA sampling, which is time-consuming and costly, the unique fingerprint impressions stored in the Aadhaar database remain intact for up to 6 to 7 hours

after the loss of life. 'Mobile numbers are already being collected through both the online ticketing system and physical ticket counters. Seeding Aadhaar numbers will be a straightforward task once they are integrated into

the railway database. "AI systems can then automatically retrieve passenger

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trative services, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) on Thursday effected transfer of 59 Arunachal Pradesh-Goa-Mizoram and Union Territory (AGMUT) or Central cadre officers, including 32 IAS and

the Centre's

27 IPS officials The reshuffle entails the transfer of six IAS and seven IPS officers, while 11 IAS and 16 IPS officers have been assigned new postings in Delhi. This reallocation affects the cadre spanning across five States and four Union Territories.

Among the officers involved, IAS officers Vivek Pandey, Garimal Gupta, Sanjay Goel, and Pawan Kumar Sain have been relocated to Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Goa, and Delhi, respectively Similarly, Ajay Bisht, Anil Kumar Singh, Pankaj Jha, and Ajay Chagti are being reas-signed to Delhi from

Arunachal Pradesh. Continued on Page 2

year-old live-in partner in his flat, cutting her body into pieces, mincing body parts, cooking the same to prevent foul smell spreading.

After they found him living in a rental flat with several parts of the body of his livein partner Saraswati Vaidya whom he had killed recently, the Naya Nagar police arrested Sane late on Wednesday night. The police on Thursday produced him before a Thane court which remanded him in police custody till June 16.

Sane — who had been living in with Saraswati in a 7th floor flat of the Akashganga building at Mira Road's Geeta Nagar locality for the past three years - has been booked under sections 302 (murder) and 201(causing disappearance of evidence) of the IPC.

Having collected body a flat opposite to that of Sane experienced foul smell emaparts of Saraswati lying strewn in plastic bags in Sane's seventh nating from Sane's flat. floor flat, the police have sent the mortal remains of the vic-

Coral reefs face extinction, thanks to climate change

He met Sane and asked him as to what was the foul

smell that was coming out tim to the State-run JJ Hospital from his flat. Sane appeared disturbed and told his neighbour that he would look into the reason for the foul smell Later, he left saying he would return home by 10.30 pm. the arrested accused to ascertain the circumstances leading

Sensing that there was something amiss, the neigh-bour alerted the Naya Nagar police later in the evening. The police arrived at the crime scene on Wednesday night.

That it was a ghastly murder became evident the moment the investigators entered Sane's flat. "The moment our men entered the crime scene, they realised that it was a gruesome murder. We arrested the accused immediately after that," Deputy Commissioner of Police Jayant Bajwale said.

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Miss World pageant in India after 27 years

PTI NEW DELHI

India is set to host the Miss World 2023 competition, as the coveted international beauty pageant makes its return to the country after nearly three decades.

The much anticipated 71st edition of Miss World is expected to take place in November this year, the final dates of which are yet to be ascer-tained. India had last hosted the international pageant in 1996.

"I am delighted to announce India as the new home of the 71st Miss World Final... We cannot wait to share your unique and diverse culture, world class attractions and breathtaking locations with the rest of the world.



Miss World 2022 Karolina Bielawska (centre), Femina Miss India World 2022 Sini Shetty (right), Miss World Organisation Chairperson Julia Morley (2nd from left) and Jamil Saidi (2nd from right) during a press conference, organised for the announcement of the 71st Miss World pageant, in New Delhi on Thursday. PT

will showcase the Achievements of 130 National champions in their one-month journey across 'Incredible India' as we present the 71st

The 71st Miss World 2023 and most spectacular Miss World final ever," said Julia Morley, chairperson and CEO of Miss World organisation at a press conference. Continued on Page2

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In a matter of great concern, coral reefs are now confronted with a severe and impending threat caused by climate change-amplified marine heatwaves. These heatwaves are rapidly accelerating the spread of deadly coral diseases, placing coral reefs at a critical crossroad. Disturbing estimates from scientists indicate that the world could witness a devastating decline, with nearly eighty percent of coral reefs facing potential extinction by 2100.

Coral reefs are not only vital for fish reproduction but also serve as a lifeline for coastal communities and provide crucial protection against tropical storms. According to a study published in Ecology Letters, the economic benefits of coral reefs are estimated to



be worth USD 30 billion annually. While some coral diseases are recognisable by their visible symptoms, such as black band disease or yellow band disease, many disease-causing pathogens remain unidentified

Coral disease occurs when the coral's immune system is compromised after being infected by pathogens, such as bacteria or fungi. In India,

same level of protection as tigers and elephants under the Wildlife Protection Act of 1972.

In a meta-analysis, researchers from the University of New South Wales, Sydney examined 108 studies on coral health, surveying coral reefs for isease symptoms.

They then correlated the disease surveys with sea surface temperature records to understand the influence of climate coral reefs are granted the change, particularly ocean warming, on the prevalence of coral diseases worldwide. They also conducted modeling to project disease trends under future warming scenarios.

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4. Since the day of murder, Sane

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posing of parts of Saraswati's

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The hidden crime began to

destroy the evidence.

Preliminary investigations have recalled that the murder

The study revealed a significant increase in coral disease in tandem with rising ocean temperatures over the past 25 years, tripling the global prevalence to 9.92 per cent. The researchers' modeling pre-dicts that disease prevalence could reach 76.8 per cent by 2100 if temperatures continue to rise along the current trajectory, even under the most conservative worst-case scenario.

Samantha Burke, the lead author of the study from the School of Biological, Earth & Environmental Sciences, emphasised the urgent need for action to mitigate climate change in light of these find-

ings

Burke stated, "Coral disease is a serious cause of coral mortality globally and reef decline, and our modeling predicts it will only continue to worsen - even if ocean temperatures remain conservative? The research also suggests

that coral disease is likely to worsen more in the Pacific Ocean compared to the Atlantic Ocean or Indian Ocean, based on current data However, the researchers highlight the complexity of identifying the sole cause as warming ocean temperatures, as coral reefs face multiple stressors. Regardless, the global rise in coral disease prevalence is undeniable, necessitating immediate measures to address warming temperatures to prevent further damage to coral reefs

in Mumbai for a forensic examination. While the motive behind the gruesome murder has not been established vet. the police are interrogating



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Charges against WFI chief false: Minor wrestler's dad

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tity of his minor daughter. He provided elaborate explanation for the origin of his and his daughter's animosity



against Singh, who has vehemently denied the sexual harassment allegations, including against the minor.

The origin of the father's supposed angst goes back to the Under-17 Asian 2022 Championship trials in Lucknow when the minor lost the final and missed out on selection to the Indian team. The father said he was

enraged because his child's "one-year hard work had gone down the drain" because of that referee's decision in the final.

'The match was against a Delhi wrestler. The UWW and WFI rules were not followed (in the bout). I have no grudge against the Delhi wrestler. She is also like my daughter but the

referee who was also from Delhi deliberately defeated my daughter," he said. Asked why he directed his

anger towards Singh when the alleged bias was shown by the referee, he said, "Who had deputed the referee? It was the federation. And who is the head of the federation? So who I will be angry with?"

Asked why such serious allegations were levelled against the WFI boss for the defeat of just one bout, the father of the wrestler explained his rationale.

"You think that it's just one bout and probably it does not matter. But it is hard work of one year. The kid who is making a comeback after undergo ing a spinal surgery and has worked hard, practising for hours every day, knows the worth of that one bout.

"The father of the wrestler knows the value of that one bout. Because of that one bout, we missed out on four international tours and probably four medals," he said

Punjab Governor bats for surgical strikes on Pak

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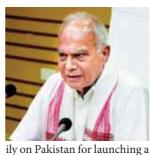
Punjab Governor Banwarilal Purohit on Thursday said surgical strikes should be conducted against Pakistan to teach it a lesson as he accused the neighbouring country of pushing drugs into the Indian territory

Purohit also praised the Punjab government over the issue of drug seizure and tackling drones that are being used to send narcotics from across the border.

The governor was on a two-day visit to the border districts of the state.

He said the next generation must be stopped from becoming addicts at any cost and added that if Pakistan is playing mischief with India, "one or two surgical strikes should be conducted against it".

Purohit expressed satisfaction over the coordination among central agencies, such as the Border Security Force (BSF), Army and Intelligence Bureau, and the Punjab Police. Addressing the media here, the governor came down heav-



"hidden war" against India, saying it is doing so as it could not engage in a direct fight against the country.

He also expressed concern over the use of drones by Pakistan for pushing drugs and weapons into India and laid an emphasis on effectively countering the same. "Pakistan has started a hid-

den war (against India),' Purohit said while expressing concern over a large number of drones being sent by the neighbouring country to smuggle

drugs. He said he was 101 per cent confident that the use of drones was not be possible without the involvement of the Pakistani government or its army.

NIA arrests close aide of terrorists of banned KTF

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has arrested a close aide of two foreignbased operatives of the banned Khalistan Tiger Force (KTF) -Canada-based Arshdeep Singh alias "Arsh Dala" and Philippines-based Manpreet Singh alias "Peeta". Gagandeep Singh alias "Miti", who was nabbed by the NIA on Tuesday during raids in Haryana and Punjab, is the fifth person to be arrested as part of NIA's sustained crackdown on the organised crime syndicate and network being operated by the two terrorists in Punjab, Haryana, Delhi and Rajasthan, a spokesperson of the federal

agency said. The official said Singh was arrested in a case related to the terror activities of chiefs and members of proscribed pro-Khalistan terrorist organizations. The case was registered suo-moto by the NIA on August 20 last year. The NIA



had earlier arrested Lucky Khokhar alias "Denis" from Ganganagar in February, Jassa Singh of Moga on May 18, as well as Amritpal Singh alias Ammy of Moga and Amrik Singh of Firozpur, who were picked up from the IGI Airport, New Delhi on May 19. While Peeta has been liv-

ing in the Philippines, Dala, currently based in Canada, was declared a Proclaimed Offender by the NIA Special Court, Mohali, on Monday in a priest murder conspiracy case. According to NIA inves-tigations, Singh had been working for Dala and Peeta and was supporting them in smuggling weapons from across the bor-

"He was also part of an der. extortion racket for raising funds for the banned KTF. Dala and Peeta have been continuously recruiting new cadres in India to carry out the activities of the terror group," the spokesperson said.

The NIA spokesperson said all the accused are working at the behest of KTF's selfstyled chief Harjit Nijjar, currently based in Canada, who was also designated as an 'individual terrorist' by the Ministry of Home Affairs in July 2020. They are raising funds through extortion and other means, and carrying out smuggling of arms, ammunition and explosives across the border," the official said.

The spokesperson said KTF, as well as other proscribed terrorist organisations such as Khalistan Liberation Force, Babbar Khalsa International, International Sikh Youth Federation and Khalistan Tiger Force, have been engaged in promoting terror across India.

DIAL comes up with DigiYatra Hapless women pay price for living in with diabolical men for non-smartphone users

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

DigiYatra App, which identifies passengers under facial recognition at the airport, will now be able to be used even by those who do not have a smartphone. Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) has started a new service at Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport. Under this, now passengers will

be able to take advantage of this even without downloading the DigiYatra mobile application in their mobiles. For this, the passenger will have to go through a three step verification process. After that, the passenger will be identified by face recognition and the passengers will not need to show the boarding pass at the terminal, security check and boarding gate.

The new service has been started at Terminal-3 of AGI Airport with the help of DigiYatra Foundation. Entry at the airport has become eas-



ier with the help of DigiYatra. Significantly, from December 1, Digi Yatra was started at some airports in the country. Due to the identification of the passenger with the help of facial recognition, it takes less time for the passenger to enter the airport. Boarding pass is not required at the airport. The passenger's face acts as his boarding pass. This system works like an identity platform based on a centralized mobile wallet. The passenger just has to show his face at the time of entry at the airport, at the time of security check.

TN RAGHUNATHA MUMBA

The two hapless women -who used to live in Mumbai's two satellite towns of Vasai and Mira Road located at a distance of 12 km from each other by rail route - suffered a similar tragic and inhuman end at the hands of their livein partners -despicable men with diabolical minds.

After 27-year-old Shraddha Walker from Vasai in the neighbouring Palghar district was brutally chopped to as many as 35 pieces and were strewn across the national capital by her live-in partner Aftab Poonawalla in May last year, it was the turn of 36-year-old Saraswati Vaidya to meet the same fate at the hands of 56year-old her live-in partner



Manoj Sane at Mira Road.

Thirty-year-old Aftab, who had emerged as a psychological killer of sorts, had kept the chilling murder that took place on May 18 2022 under wraps for six-long months before the Delhi police - acting on the inputs from the Vasai police ripped the lid off a ghastly crime in November last year.

Aftab -- who had moved along with his partner to New Delhi after living-in with her

for several months at Vasai had taken the step of hacking Shraddha into pieces and dumping her body parts across New Delhi, after a bitter quar-

rel between them .. In the case of Saraswati, she had been living with Sane, a shop-keeper, at Geeta Nagar locality in Mira Road for three years. The preliminary investigations have revealed that Sane killed and cut her body into many pieces after a quar-

rel with her on June 4. Sane was in the process of disposing of Saraswati's body and destroying evidence when the law caught up with him on Wednesday night. Like in the case of the Shraddha-Aftab duo, not much

was known about Sane and Saraswati to their neighbour when the crime took place.

In the case of psycho killer Aftab who allegedly chopped Shraddha to death in New Delhi, had stuffed the pieces of her body into a fridge. Over a period of 18 days after he killed Shraddha, Aftabl disposed of her body parts at various locations in the national capital at around 2 am every night. On the other hand, Sane ---who reportedly eliminated Saraswati after a bitter feud with her on June 4 -used a see-

saw to cut her body into pieces. In his effort to destroy evidence, used a cooker to cook her flesh -- the police found a cooker with human flesh in it. The investigators also found several vessels containing cooked human flesh. In the kitchen wash basin and the area down under it, the police found half burnt bones and half burnt human flesh in buckets and in the tubs.

The investigators suspect that Sane might have disposed of some missing parts of Saraswati's body by flushing down the toilet drain or might have fed them to all the stray dogs or thrown them in the nearby mangroves. Some local residents have told the police that they had seen Sane feeding the stray dogs in the neighbourhood.

Railways mulls... From Page 1 AIIMS officials reported

that 73 bodies have already been handed over to their respective relatives, leaving 89 bodies currently stored in the containers.

The railway official emphamatch,

particularly the wife or mother of the deceased.

"If the ticketing system had already included Aadhaar information, the bodies could have been handed over without delay, negating the need for morgue storage," added the

official On Thursday, the railways sions, urging them to conduct sessions for train managers and controllers to reinforce

Coral reefs face...

try," Burke emphasized. It is important to distin-guish coral disease from coral

bleaching, which occurs when corals expel the zooxanthellae algae responsible for their coloration, turning them white under stress.

The urgency to combat ana protect coral reefs has become increasingly critical, as these fragile ecosystems face a dire future without immediate and decisive action.

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Indira's... From Page 1 Gandhi's assassination by pro-Finder Please contact: Rakesh Kapoor

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Congress spokesperson Supriya Srinate highlighted the glorification of Indira

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From Page 1 Coral reefs are essential components of marine ecosystems, supporting approximately one-quarter of the world's fish species. They are also crucial for coastal communities relying on fisheries and tourism, as well as pro-

amendments & corrigendum etc.

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04/S.M.(JAL)-I/E.T./2023-24, Strengthening of W/s (Maintenance of Office, Plumbring Work & Other Miscellaneous Work in Division Jal-I Compound, Sector-5) Noida, Cost Rs. 82,19 Lac

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02/S.M.(JAL)-III/E.T./2023-24, D/o Village (Commissioning 2. of Balance Sewer/Water Line & Raising of Manhole Cover frame due to C.C. Road in Village-Nayagaon), Noida. Cost Rs. 67.55 Lac

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- 60/S.M.(Jal)-II/E.T./2022-23, Internal/External Water Supply in Sector-146, Noida (Erection of New Boring for Tube Wells (04 Nos.)) (Part-E).Cost Rs. 61.74 Lac
- 62/DGM/A.O./S.M.(JAL-O.A.)/2022-23, M/o (Two year 5 Maintenance of Irrigation line from UGR, STP-50 to J-Block, Sector-41 and Golf Course to Botanical Garden) Noida. Cost Rs. 35.76 Lac
- 63/DGM/A.O./S.M.(JAL-O.A.)/2022-23, M/o STP (Supply 6. and Fixing of Light Arrangement, LT, HT armored Cables and other related Electrical works at STP-50 Compound) NOIDA. Cost Rs. 34.95 Lac
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- 03/S.M.(JAL-O.A.)/2023-24, M/o STP (Supply and Fixing of 8. Light arrangement, LT, HT armoured Cables and other related Electrical works at STP-54 Compound) Noida. (Two Year) Cost Rs. 46.94 Lac
- 04/S.M.(JAL-O.A.)/2023-24, O/M of Sewer line and MSPS/ 9. IPS at Expressway (Annual Cleaning of Sewer line and Sewer manhole between IPS/MSPS LHS along Noida Gr. Noida Expressway Green Belt Ch. - 0.00 to 10.00 K.m.) Noida, Cost Rs. 41.89 Lac

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Canada. She criticised the Indian Government for making only a general comment without even mentioning Indira Gandhi by name. Shrinate urged the Indian Government to officially address the issue with the Canadian authorities, stress-

ing that national interests and security should take precedence over political concerns.

This extremist act has sparked outrage in India, with calls for a united response to condemn such actions that disrespect a nation's history and promote violence. The Indian Government is expected to pursue the matter further with the Canadian Government to address the PD(062)A concerns raised.

samples facilitating the prompt release of bodies

Additionally, efforts are being made to prioritise the induction their duties and ensure smooth immediate family members, and safe train operations.

rotection against iding storms and coastal erosion.

"Coral reefs are the architects of habitats. Without coral, there would be no reef environment and no coastal indus-

Miss World pageant in India after...

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The month-long event, which would witness contestants from over 130 countries, will feature a series of rigorous competitions, including talent showcases, sports challenges, and charitable initiatives -- all aimed at highlighting the qualities that make them ambassadors of change.

The reigning Miss World, Karolina Bielawska of Poland,

who is currently in India spreading the word about the beauty competition, said she is excited to hand over her crown in this "beautiful country" which stands for the same values as Miss World.

"India has the greatest hospitality in the entire world. It is my second time here .. And you make me feel like home. You stand for the same values... Diversity, unity... Your core

values are family, respect, love, kindness and this is something that we would love to show to the world. There is so much more to see here, and bringing the whole world here for a month and showing everything that India has to offer is the best idea," said the Miss World 2022.

Equally excited and looking forward to India hosting the event was the current Miss

India World Sini Shetty, who'll represent the country in the high-octane competition.

"I am so excited to meet all my sisters across the globe to welcome them to India to show them what India truly stands for, what India is, what is the diversity in India... I am really excited and looking forward to this journey. I hope you guys have the best time here in India," she said.

MHA transfers 59 IAS...

From Page 1 Other officers, including Rahul Singh, Ankita Mishra, Nandini Maharaj, and Kale Amit, currently stationed in Delhi, are being sent to States such as Arunachal Pradesh, Ladakh, and Chandigarh.

While the MHA has labeled these transfers as routine and some pending, they are viewed in the context of the Centre's ordinance, which aims to prevent the Delhi Government from imposing transfers on the Delhi UT bureaucracy.

In addition, B Srinivasan, a senior IPS officer known for his efforts in strengthening the intelligence wing of the Jammu & Kashmir Police, has been appointed as the Director General of Puducherry Police. Another IPS officer, Anil Shukla, has been assigned the

Srinivasan, a 1990 batch IPS officer who previously served as the intelligence chief during the abrogation of Jammu & Kashmir's special status,

role of police chief in Mizoram

becomes the second officer to be transferred out of the Union Territory following the merger of the Jammu and Kashmir cadre with the AGMUT cadre.

Previously, Lalatendu Mohanty was transferred to the Delhi Police. Srinivasan replaces Manoj Kumar Lal, who has been called to Delhi for further assignment.

Meanwhile, Shukla, a 1996 batch IPS officer of the AGMUT cadre, has assumed the position of Director General of Mizoram Police. He previously held the post of Inspector General of Police in Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

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Man chops live-in partner, minces, cooks body...

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After entering the flat, the investigators first found a big plastic bag on his bed with a see-saw machine lying next to it.

Inside the kitchen, the police found clumps of cut hair of a woman on the ground. Shockingly enough, they found a cooker with human flesh in it. The investigators also found several vessels containing cooked human flesh.

In the kitchen wash basin and the area down under it. the police found half burnt bones and half burnt human flesh in a bucket and in the tubs.

that Sane might have disposed of some missing parts of Saraswati's body by flushsaid.

ing down the toilet drain or might have fed them to the stray dogs or thrown them in the nearby mangroves. Some local residents have told the police that they had seen Sane feeding the stray dogs in the neighbourhood.

Talking to media persons, DCP Bajwale said that the accused might have used a see-saw to cut Saraswati's body, especially her heavy limbs.

The investigators suspect that Sane might have killed his live-in partner in a fit of rage after a fight with her. "We

exact motive behind the murder," a senior police officer Sane is a shopkeeper in

north Mumbai. He had taken the flat on lease through a property agent three years ago. It was an unsold flat which the builder had leased out through an agent.

Saraswati's ghastly murder is akin to that of Shraddha Walkar, a woman from Vasai town, that took place in New Delhi, where her live-in partner Aftab Poonawala had taken her, killed her and cut her into 35 pieces and threw the parts of her across the national Capital.

The investigators suspect have not yet established the





CM, LG face hostile crowd at IP new campus nobody is willing

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELH

 $D_{\mathrm{Vinai}}^{\mathrm{elhi}\ \mathrm{Lieutenant}\ \mathrm{Governor}}$ Thursday inaugurated the Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University's East Delhi campus despite a controversy with the Arvind Kejriwal government as to who would do the honours. The AAP government said

the Chief Minister dedicated the new campus to the country and termed it one of the best the country has.

Both Kejriwal and Saxena met with hostile crowd on Thursday as they took turns to speak at the inaugural event. While the inauguration event was underway, there was sloganeering outside the campus as well between AAP and BJP workers.

"Inaugurated the East Delhi Campus of GGSIP University. Built at a cost of Rs 387 cr, primarily through self-financing by GGSIPU (Rs 346



Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, Delhi Lt Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena, Delh Education Minister Atishi Marlena, Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University (GGSIPU) Vice Chancellor Mahesh Verma and others at the inauguration of the university's new campus in New Delhi on Thursday Ranjan Dimri I Pionee

cr) & Rs 41 cr from Govt, the An exemplary model of selfproject was initiated in 2013 & sufficiency, GGSIPU has come foundation stone was laid in a long way since 1998 when it Dec 2014 by the then Union was established," he said in HRD Minister," he tweeted. another tweet. Saxena's address 'Replete with state-of-art was interrupted twice by sloinfrastructure, the new campus

gans of 'Kejriwal Zindabad' will offer futuristic courses like and 'Modi ji ka dhanyawad'. Saxena said that the varsity AI, Robotics, Automation & campus was built at a cost of Rs Design Innovation, among others to thousands of students. 387 crore, with Rs 346 crore of



it coming through self-financing, and the remaining sum staked by the Delhi govern-"Other universities ment. should learn from this. It also shows that the universities can work independently," he said. Saxena was talking about how universities could reverse the brain drain, when he was disrupted with shouts of 'Arvind Kejriwal Zinadabad,' 'Modi ji ka dhanyawad,' and 'Bhrashtachar ka ek hi kaal Kejriwal.' The chief minister's address at the event was interrupted by

chants of "Modi, Modi", with the ruling AAP accusing the BJP of creating a ruckus at the event. However, his speech at the event was marked by multiple interruptions and sloganeering by supporters of both the AAP and BJP. Some audience present at the event objected to claims made by the AAP supremo while others hailed him, resulting in interruptions, after which Kejriwal appealed to them to listen to him first. Speaker Ram Niwas Goel, BJP MP Gautam

Minister Atishi and BJP MLA OP Sharma were present on the inauguration. The first interruption took place after 4 minutes of the chief minister's speech. He was claiming that the Delhi government has improved the government schools a lot, and the results were also visible. To this, someone in the audience objected. Kejriwal paused his speech,

and asked him to raise any objections later. With folded hands, he requested to be allowed to continue. To this, AAP supporters started chanting 'Arvind Kejriwal Zindabad' slogans, interrupting the speech of their own leader.

Delhi government. In response, others in the audience, apparently BJP supthe audience interrupted by porters, started chanting 'Modi making some comments. After Zinadabad' slogans, resulting a that, several members of the commutation at the event. audience started doing a lot of After the noise came down, Kejriwal said, 'had education system improved by such slogans, lots would have been

done in 70 years."I requested you with folded hands, people from both parties, please listen to me for 5 minutes. I know you might not like my ideas and thoughts. You can make comments but this is not right. Everyone has the right to speak in this democracy. If you don't like my comments than you can chant slogans later also,' Kejriwal begged the audience to keep calm and listen to his speech. The second interruption took place after around 11 mins of the speech, when he

was talking about the Entrepreneurship Mindset

Curriculum scheme of the

However, someone from

him. When the official said that AAP supporters are also making noises, Kejriwal said that they are doing it in response to the interruptions by the other section of the audience. In his address, Kejriwal accused the British of destroying the Indian education system and turning it into an assembly-line of clerk making, as he called on students to train to become job givers, not seekers. The CM slammed British

bureaucrat Lord Macaulay for creating an education system in the 1830s that still exists, merely to churn out educated clerks. "They destroyed the education ystem of India to prepare clerks.

"We didn't make changes in this system. We have to do something to give education that provides employment.

noise. Arvind Kejriwal was vis-Earlier, Education Minister ibly angry at this time, and he Atishi addressed the gathering blasted a female official, quesand even her speech was intertioning why he was invited if rupted by sloganeering.

LG forced VC for invite, alleges AAP

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has raised serious concerns over the interference of LG Vinai Kumar Saxena in the inauguration ceremony of the East Campus of IP

University (IPU). According to the AAP, the LG threatened various individuals, including the Vice Chancellor and officials of IP University, to secure an invitation to the event.

Highlighting the significance of the issue, the AAP stated that the LG's involvement in inaugurating an educational institute is unprecedented since independence.

Traditionally, such ceremonies have been presided over by Chief Ministers and Education Ministers.

The party also questioned the LG's authority to interfere in programs related to education, a transferred subject under the Delhi government.

Earlier, Delhi Ministers Atishi and Saurabh Bharadwaj on Thursday alleged that Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena pressured the

Indraprastha University (GGSIPU) and her department to take charge of inauguration of the east Delhi campus of the varsity, threatening

them with suspension. They accused the Centre of failing on all fronts and claimed that their eagerness to claim credit for the accomplishments of the Kejriwal government is

a result of their shortcomings. The newly built campus of GGSIPU in east Delhi became the latest flashpoint between the AAP government and Saxena on Wednesday, with both sides claiming the right to its inauguration.

Addressing a press conference Thursday, Atishi said the GGSIPU is a state university which was planned and constructed by the Delhi government.

Why did you pressure officials of the university and education department officials to get the campus inaugurated by you? Isn't he aware that higher education is the responsibility of the Delhi govern-

officials of Guru Gobind Singh Governor want to take credit for all the work done by the Delhi government in the last

eight years? "Why was he there to inau-gurate the new GGSIPU camous, a state university, when the Kejriwal Government is the one who planned its new cam-pus and the courses?" she asked

Atishi also pointed out that the LG assumed office just a few months ago and questioned his desperation to take credit for the work done by Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal over the past eight years.

She also highlighted the exposure of Prime Minister Modi's failures by the LG. She said that the absence of a single university built by the BJP, where the Prime Minister's photo could be displayed, high-lights the party's lack of contribution in the education sec-

"During the same event, Atishi too was repeatedly interrupted by BJP's hooligans. In response, she remarked, "This is why education is important "Why does the Lt rupt academic events." so that people don't inter-

Court to RS Secretariat

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

In an interim relief to AAP MP Raghav Chadha, a city court has directed the Rajya Sabha secretariat to not evict him of a Type-7 bungalow in Lutyens' Delhi, which is usually allotted to lawmakers who are former ministers, chief ministers or governors, till the pendency of his application and without following the due process of law.

The court will now decide the maintainability of Chadha's application against the March 2023 order of the Rajya Sabha secretariat cancelling the allotment of the bungalow to him on July 10. Nobody from the Rajya Sabha secretariat was immediately available for comments on the judicial order and the MP's petition.

During the proceedings, the counsel for the RS secretariat objected to the maintainability of the application. Additional District Judge Sudhanshu Kaushik had on June 1, after hearing the arguments from both sides on the issue of maintainability, fixed the matter for July 10 for order. The court had in April



directed the secretariat not to dispossess Chadha of the bungalow till the pendency of the application "without due process of law". "At this stage, do not deem it expedient to comment on the arguments raised by the plaintiff that the allotment once made by the secretariat cannot be cancelled

under any circumstances during the entire tenure of a Member of Parliament," the judge had said. However, I do find force in the second limb of the argument advanced on behalf of the plaintiff that a person cannot be

dispossessed except by following the due process of law, the judge said. "Since, the plaintiff (Chadha) is occupying an accommodation, which falls under the category of public premises, the defendant (Rajya Sabha Secretariat) is obligated to follow the due process of law," he said.

BSES contributes in EV infrastructure in Capital

STAFF REPORTER **I** NEW DELHI

The BSES is leading the way, setting benchmarks in the adoption of EVs and facilitat-ing the setting-up of the much-needed infrastructure in the Delhi Sources said BSES has Delhi. Sources said BSES has made a significant contribution by facilitating the installation of nearly 3,000 EV charging points at over 1,000 locations across Delhi. It is also walking the talk by deploying EVs into its own operations.

The central government and the Delhi government are collectively promoting the mass adoption of electric vehicles (EVs), accelerating the country's shift towards a sustainable transportation model. As per the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) report, in FY 2022-23, the EV charging stations across India consumed 205 Million Units (MUs) of electricity and Delhi accounted for over 55% of this consumption.

Both the governments have set ambitious targets in line with global climate goals. By 2030, the Government of India aims for a 30% EV penetration, while the Delhi government's



objective is to ensure that 25% of all new vehicle registrations in Delhi are electric vehicles by 2024. Achieving these goals requires an active collaboration between public and private sectors

The positive impact of these efforts is evident in the energy consumption at EV charging stations. As per the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) report, in FY 2022-23, the EV charging stations across India consumed 205 Million Units (MUs) of electricity.

Impressively, Delhi accounted for over 55% of this consumption, utilizing 113.43 million units in 2022-23. This data indicates a growing acceptance and usage of electric vehicles in the national capital.

The CEA data reveals interesting trends within the city as well. Areas in BSES Rajdhani Power Limited (BRPL) recorded the highest consumption of electricity at EV stations, reaching 47.12 (MUs). EV charging stations in Tata Power Delhi Distribution Limited (TPDDL) areas followed closely at 40 MUs, and at BSES Yamuna Power Limited (BYPL) reported 26 MUs.

"If we analyse the CEA data, EV Charging stations installed in BSES areas (South, West, East and Central Delhi) together consumed 73 MUs (BRPL 47.12 MUs, BYPL 26 MUs). These accounts for more than 35% of the country's electricity consumption at EV charging stations.

'Bomb in bag

Don't evict Raghav from bungalow in Lutyens':

AAP teachers wing on hunger strike for colleges governing bodies

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

Several members of the SAAP's teachers' wing sat on hunger strike demanding immediate formation of governing bodies in 28 city government-funded colleges under the Delhi University and job security for adhoc and temporary teachers.

The protest was organised at the North Campus of the University outside its arts faculty building. Addressing the agitating teachers, former Delhi Teachers' University Association President Aditya Narayan Misra alleged that in the absence of governing bodies, the university has been arbitrarily "displacing" adhoc and temporary teachers, denying absorption. The Academic for Action and Development and Delhi Teachers' Association (AADTA), in a and statement, said the Delhi University administration

should take immediate action in forming governing bodies of the state-funded colleges with

Delhi government nominees to ensure job security for adhoc teachers and avoid their "arbitrary displacements". At the protest site, AAP MLA Sanjeev Jha said former Delhi education minister Manish Sisodia had written two letters to the

DU vice-chancellor, requesting him to expedite the process of formation of governing bodies with Delhi government nominees and ensure absorption of adhoc and temporary teachers.

'For the first time in history, Delhi government colleges have been working without a governing body for almost one-and-a-half years. Despite repeated letters from the education minister, the vice-chancellor has been making appointments in Delhi University arbitrarily, which goes against its statutes," he

MCD's standing committee to have 3 AAP, 3 BJP members

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

The Municipal Corporation of Delhi's stand-L ing committee will have three members each from the AAP and the BJP as the results of the poll held on February 24 to elect members of the key panel were declared on Thursday.

The results were declared days after the Delhi High Court set aside the decision of Mayor Shelly Oberoi to call for a repoll and directed her to declare forthwith the results of the poll. Oberoi said following the court order, the result of the election for members of the standing committee has been declared.

"The AAP government of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) is committed to form committees as soon as possible," she said. The names of the elected councillors were announced during a meeting of the civic body's House, according to an MCD notification. Mohd Aamil Malik, Mohini and Raminder

Kaur from the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and Kamaljeet Sehrawat, Gajender Singh Daral and Pankaj Luthra from the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) are the six councillors who have been elected to the standing committee of the MCD. Although the AAP is the ruling party in the

MCD, the results of the standing committee election could affect the working of the civic body since all the executive decisions are taken by the committee which now has equal members from both the parties. The high court's May 23 order came on petitions by BJP councillors Kamaljeet Sehrawat and Shikha Roy against the mayor's decision to order repoll to elect the members of the panel, amid the running feud between the saffron party and the AAP.

The petitioners had alleged that the mayor, who belongs to AAP and was the returning officer, wrongly invalidated one of the votes and interdicted the election process upon finding the results "politically unpalatable". On February 24, a fight broke out in the MCD House, as the BJP and AAP members kicked, punched and pushed each other amid shouting after Oberoi had declared one vote invalid in the election to the key municipal committee.

In its order, the HC also directed treating the "disputed vote" to be in favour of BJP councillor Pankaj Luthra. It noted that of the six elected candidates, there were three members each from the BJP and AAP with no invalid ballot being found after scrutiny, but, subsequently, the Mayor declared one vote as invalid.

IT employee held on sextortion charges

Rohtak district.

The accused woman is an

employee of a IT company in the city, while Phogat worked

at an NGO, police said.

According to police, the two connected over dating app Bumble. On May 28, the

woman took the victim to a

was wrong, he refused to drink and left the hotel. Later, the

She forced him to drink beer, but feeling like something

She also threatened to

alleged the man brought addi-

tional guests without inform-

ing the manager or front desk

and left on June 5. The police

said they would notify the accused to join the probe and

produce genuine bills. According to the FIR, the

assistant manager of the hotel

said the guest and his family

booked two single occupancy rooms assuring the staff that the payment will be made on

They checked into the hotel on May 28 but the guest

did not make the payment on

the promised date, police said

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hotel in Sector 23 area.

STAFF REPORTER GURUGRAM

The police arrested a female IT employee on charges of extorting a man by making false allegations of molestation against him, police said on Thursday. The woman demanded Rs 2 lakh from the complainant, who she befriended on a dating app, with the help of an accomplice, police said. Cops caught the the woman's accomplice red-handed during the exchange of money on Wednesday, they said.

woman called him and said he Police said an FIR was regmisbehaved with her and istered against the duo at DLF molested her. Phase 3 Police Station. The duo have duped 12 other people so lodge a police complaint against him. Phogat, then, far, and had made false rape and molestation charges against called the victim and demandfive people in the past, they ed Rs 5 lakh to settle the issue said. According to the police, but agreed for a payment of Rs the accused are identified as 2 lakh, police said.

claim hoax, flight from **Delhi delayed** Binita Kumari (27), a native of Bihar, and Mahesh Phogat (30), a resident of Bhaloth village in

STAFF REPORTER MINEW DELHI

Aumbai-bound Vistara airlines flight from Delhi was delayed for about two hours after a passenger said she overheard a fellow traveller speaking about a bomb in his bag, a claim that was later declared a hoax, official sources said Thursday.

A designated committee of multiple security, intelligence, airport operations and aviation agencies was convened at the Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport around 6.10 pm on Wednesday to ascertain this claim reported for flight no UK-941 (Delhi to Mumbai), which was scheduled to depart at 4.55 pm, they said.

The passenger reported to the airline crew that she overheard a male passenger saying to someone on phone that the "CISF could not detect the bomb that was in my bag", the sources said. The CISF is the designated aviation security force that undertakes checking of air passengers and their cabin baggage as part of providing a counter-terrorist threat to 66 civil airports in the coun-

try. The crew, sources said, immediately informed the ground security and the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) personnel fol-lowing which the flight's take off was delayed and an antisabotage sweep was carried out in the terminal area and the check-in baggage even as the overall security apparatus was put on an "alert" mode. The threat was declared "non-specific" or hoax around 6.45 pm and the flight with 163 passengers was allowed to depart for Mumbai, they said.

14 arrested over running **Staffer kills boss over** 'affair' with wife, held

STAFF REPORTER MEW DELHI

man was arrested for allegedly killing his supervisor whom Ahe suspected of having a romantic affair with his wife. The incident took place in northwest Delhi's Bawana area on Sunday.

According to police, they reached the spot at factory N-Block, DSIIDC Bawana Sector-5 after receiving information. Till then injured Rakesh had been shifted to MV hospital in Pooth Khurd.

Thereafter, he was shifted to BSA hospital, Rohini where he was declared brought dead, police said. During investigation, police zeroed down the location of Kuldeep and arrested him. He confessed of killing Rakesh, Deputy Commissioner of Police (outer north) Ravi Kumar Singh said.

It was disclosed that he along with his wife used to work as a labour in a factory at DSIIDC in Bawana. The couple also used to reside on the fourth floor of the factory, police said. Kuldeep was suspicious of his wife having an extramarital relationship with Rakesh - the supervisor of the factory. On the intervening night of Saturday and Sunday, he found both of them together in a room, police said.

fake call centre in G'gram

Gurugram: At least 14 persons, including 3 women, were arrested for running a fake call centre in a house in Sector 49. The accused were duping for-eign nationals on the pretext of providing technical support services

Total 14 laptops and five mobiles were recovered from their possession, police said. According to police, they got a tip off about a fake call centre being run in a house in Universal trade tower, wherein American nationals were being defrauded on the pretext of technical support service. Following the tip off, a raid was conducted by the team of

cybercrime at the east police station on Wednesday night at the house where more than 10 men and women were busy on computers and laptops, they said, adding that most of them were making calls in English using their headphones and working on their systems.

They could not show any valid other service providers (OSP) licences of the Department of Telecommunications or any other agreement or memorandum of understanding (MoU) related to their work to police team, they said. Police have arrested fake call centre owner Aditya and his team members

identified as Ankit Chaddha, Aakash Sen, Suraj Mishra, Ayush Saxena, Hemant Sharma, Sanjeev Shukla, Ajay Kumar, Ashutosh Sharma, Pankaj Kumar, Tushar Kumar, Rajdeepa Das Gupta alias Jenny, Devika Purande and Manisha.

"During investigation, it was revealed that these accused first used to gain the trust of customers on the pretext of solving their problem and get remote access of their systems via Anydesk, TeamViewer and Ultra Viewer applications," cyber crime Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) Vipin Ahlawat said. SR

Man, family booked for cheating 5-star hotel

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

The Delhi Police on Tuesday said they booked a 29year-old man and his family members for allegedly cheating a five-star hotel in Chanakyapuri of Rs 6.5 lakh by staying there for several days without paying the bill and producing fake bank transac-

tion slips. The Chanakyapuri police registered an FIR based on the complaint of the hotel manager, who said the man booked two rooms for seven days and checked in on May 28 on the promise of making the payment on May 31. The hotel

"They are looking for support in

each other as they are unable to

stand on their own feet. They are

coming together at a place

where a Rs 1,750-crore structure

washed away. Their wishes will

wash away in a similar way in 2024." The bridge collapse has

drawn a lot of flak and Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has

ordered an inquiry. On the Congress' claim about crumbling relations

between the Centre and states,

she said two chief ministers of

the party had recently attended

a NITI Aayog meeting in which

ongoing controversy surround-

ing the Olympic wrestlers accusing the BJP MP of molesta-

tion, she asserted "before 2014

a harassed woman did not have

legal, police and medical assis-

tance provision ensuring her

safety. The Modi Government

In the backdrop of the

Modi also participated.

India doesn't get swayed by coercion, says EAM Chinese troops are locked in a

the pioneer

PNS NEW DELH

As tension lingers at the border in Ladakh, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said here on Thursday India does not get swayed by coercion, inducements and false narratives while citing the country's approach towards the situation along the Northern border(China) and its opposition to China's Belt and Road Initiative.

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He made this assertion while addressing a press conference on nine years of Modi government. He also said India has de-legitimised crossborder terrorism.

Jaishankar highlighted various aspects of Indian foreign policy, including its handling of different situations as well as the country's ties with key countries. He said large parts of world now see India as a development partner and that the Global South perceives India as a reliable partner. India is making significant economic impact that has been recognised globally, the minister



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that it will normalise its ties with China when the border situation in eastern Ladakh is not normal adding the "forward deployment" of troops as the main problem.

Jaishankar said India also wants to improve the relations with China, but it can only be possible when there is peace and tranquility in the border areas. He said India has made it very clear to China that until there is peace and tranquility in border areas, the

relationship between the two countries cannot progress. Jaishankar said India does not get swayed by coercion,

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SINGH, SON OF SHRI DEVENDRA SINGH, R/O FLAT NO. 320, ORCHID ISLAND, 1ST FLOOR, NEAR ARTEMIS HOSPITAL, SECTOR-51, GURUGRAM HARYANA-132049, BAN NO. COIPEPERSPIL

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of "forward deployment of troops". The ties between the inducements and false narratwo countries nosedived sigtives, while citing examples of New Delhi's approach towards nificantly following the fierce clash in the Galwan Valley in the situation along the Northern border and its oppo-June 2020 that marked the sition to China's Belt and Road most serious military conflict between two sides in decades. Initiative. The Indian and

Why do Indians face 600 days' wait for visas, US Senator asks state officials

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confrontation for over three

years in certain friction points

in eastern Ladakh even as the

two sides completed disen-

gagement from several areas

following extensive diplomat-

ic and military talks. Jaishankar

said the two sides will have to

find ways for disengagement of

the troops and that the current

impasse is not to China's inter-

(the ties) when the border sit-

row that erupted in May 2020,

Jaishankar said the problem is

questions

 $E^{ven though India has a}_{robust relationship with}$ the US, its citizens have to wait the longest in the world to get a visa to the US, top lawmakers of the Biden administration have said. They also urged the authorities to address the visa wait time issue in the country on a priority basis.

Making this point, Senator ests either. "The fact is that the Bob Menendez, Chairman of relationship is impacted and it will continue to be impacted... the Senate Foreign Relations If there is any expectation that Committee, and Congressman somehow we will normalise Michael Waltz, Co-Chair of the House India Caucus, during uation is not normal, that's not two separate Congressional a well-founded expectation," he hearings on Consular Affairs said, replying to a volley of Budget asked top State Department officials why peo-Asked to clarify whether ple in India were facing visa China has occupied Indian wait time up to 600 days. territory following the border

"The United States enjoys strong people to people ties with India. India is now part of the QUAD. We are constantly engaging it in geostrategic interests that we have. New Jersey is home to a great number of Indian Americans and their families. I appreciate and applaud the department's heightened focus towards



reducing wait times for first time B1-B2 applicants in India," Menendez said.

"But despite that progress this past year, India continues to face the longest wait times globally with average wait times for an appointment for the first time B1-B2 applicant ranging between 450 and 600

Could you please speak to me as to why that is the case? Why does it take up to 600 days for an adjudication?" Menendez asked during a hearing at the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Menendez said the Indo-US relationship was one of the most consequential economic diplomatic security relationships we have in the 21st century. "I'm the co-chair of the US India Caucus. I think it's one of the most consequential economic diplomatic security relationships we have in the

21st century. However, one of the consistent and painful complaints that I receive from Indian Americans and from our Indian colleagues is the wait time, despite the fact that in India, I believe you have the second or third most consular affairs officers," Congressman Waltz said during a hearing by the House Foreign Relations Committee. "The data that I have is that the average waiting period in Mumbai, India was 587 calendar days.

With our trade over USD 150 Billion with the consequential relationship with Prime Minister Narendra Modi coming for a state dinner and visit just this month, what are we doing to fix this. Have you looked at any India specific policy fast tracks or issues?" he asked.

He said the delay in visa would impact the business relationship. "Have you looked at even perhaps a quad umbrella or bubble for some of these critical business relationships. My state just in Florida, it's estimated that USD 8 billion in trade conferences, events and visitors, that's 250,000 jobs are affected by these delays.

Gujarat chief minister Vijay

Rupani, has been deputed by

the national leadership of the

BJP to oversee the month-

long campaign in seven Lok

Sabha constituencies in Delhi.

sons and interact with groups

He is scheduled to meet

the famous photographer and

Padma Shri awardee Naresh

Garden and Lt General S K

Gulati (retd) during his out-

reach programme on Thursday,

said the statement. In his next

leg of outreach, Jaishankar will

attend various programmes in

South Delhi and Northwest

Delhi Lok Sabha constituencies

on June 15 and June 17, party

leaders said.

Opp's unity bid will wash away like Bihar bridge: BJP

New Delhi: The BJP on Thursday made light of the Opposition parties' bid for unity against the BJP and their meeting in Bihar on June 23, saying they may be looking for support in each other but their wish will "wash away" in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls like the Rs 1,750crore bridge which collapsed in the State recently.

Addressing a Press conference here, senior BJP leader and Union Minister Smriti Irani who gave details of her Government's efforts to 'ensure safety and security' of women in the country, hit-out at congress leader Rahul Gandhi's Mohabbat ki dukan" remark saying the former MP and his party is acting against the interest of the country. "...When you talk about 'Mohabbat', does that include the killing of Sikhs? When you talk about 'Mohabbat', does that include the kidnapping of women in Rajasthan? When you talk about 'Mohabbat', does that include denouncing the Hindu way of life? When you talk about 'Mohabbat', does it mean partnering with those who want to

bring India to a standstill?" Regarding the Opposition's meeting in Patna, she said,

approved 801 women safety centres of which 733 are functional." "As the State Governments demanded more such one-stop-centres, the Central Government ensured the budget for 300 more centres in the country and there are 34 Women help lines' in different States," she added.

India, B'desh to review ties

New Delhi: India and Bangladesh will review the entire spectrum of issues related to cross-border crimes and measures to have better synergy between their security agencies during the bi-annual border-level talks here later this week.

A 15-member delegation of the Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) is expected to land in Delhi on Saturday for four-day talks to be held between June 11 and 14 with their Indian counterparts, the Border Security Force (BSF), sources said here on Thursday. The BGB side will be led by its director general (DG) Major General A K M Nazmul Hasan while BSF delegation will be headed by BSF chief Sujoy Lal Thaosen. PNS

CORRIGENDUM

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Notices under SARFAESI Act for Loan Account No. LBFDB00002022053 Name of the Borrower/ Co-borrower Pankul Rathore/ M/s Spaak Super Infra India Pvt Ltd / Khairoon Rathore Symbolic Notice under section 13(4) published in News Paper The Pioneer (Eng.) & Pioneer (Hindi) dated May 03, 2023. We wish to mention that inadvertently and unintentionally a typographical error has occurred in the said notices and name of applicant i.e. Pankul Rathore was missed out. Kindly consider the name of applicant i.e. Pankul Rathore in aforementioned publication. All other details mentioned in the said Notice dated will remain same. We sincerely regret the inconvenience caused to you in this regard.

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Jaishankar begins outreach programme Meets 1984 anti-Sikh PNS NEW DELHI riot-hit family in Delhi

 $E_{Jaishankar}^{xternal\ Affairs\ Minister\ S}$ began his two-day outreach programme under the Delhi BJP's month-long campaign to highlight the achievements of the Modi government in the

last nine years. The external affairs minister Jaishankar accompanied by the Delhi MP Pravesh will also meet prominent per-Verma met Sikh refugees from Afghanistan who left that of professionals and IITians in country after it was taken over different parts of West Delhi and New Delhi parliamentary by the Taliban and also Indian students from Ukraine living in constituencies on June 8-9, Delhi in the post- Russiansaid a senior party functionary. Ukraine conflict. He met with Indian students who returned from Ukraine cutting short their studies in Basai Darapur Bedi at his residence in Rajouri locality

The foreign minister also met 1984 anti-Sikh riots-affected family at Tilak Vihar He visited Guru Ariun Dev Gurudwara at Mahavir Nagar in West Delhi where he met with Afghan Sikh refugees and discussed their issues. Jaishankar, along with former

EAM: Rahul has habit of slamming India abroad

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

With Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's adverse comments in the US recently about Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his government, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Thursday said he has a "habit" of criticising India abroad,. The minister also said taking national politics out of the country is not in the nation's interest.

Jaishankar also exuded confidence of the NDA retaining power in 2024 parliamentary elections as he said "2024 ka result toh wohi hoga, hamein pata hei (we know what will happen in 2024)."To a question at a press conference on the Congress leader's strong remarks in the US against the Modi government, Jaishankar said he does not have a problem with whatever is done within India, but asserted that taking internal issues aboard was not appropriate. "Rahul Gandhi has a habit of criticising the country and making comments on our politics whenever he goes abroad.

The world is looking at us and what the world is seeing? Elections are held in the country and sometimes one party wins and at times the other party wins," he said." If there is no democracy in the country such changes should not come ... 2024 ka result toh wohi hoga, hamein pata hei," Jaishankar said. "If you see all the narratives (against the government), they are made within the country. If a narrative does not work or is less effective, then it is taken abroad. They expect that the outside support will work in India," Jaishankar said.

He said taking national politics abroad will not enhance Gandhi's credibility. "There is democracy in the country. You have your politics, we have ours. I have no problem with whatever is done within the country, but I do not think taking national politics out of the country is in national interests.

[See Regulation-15 (1)(a)/16(3)] DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL GICICI Bank Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd, 3rd Floor, CHANDIGARH (DRT 2) (Additional space allotted on 3rd & 4th Floor also) Case No.: OA/231/2023 Exh No: 18087

[Summons under sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, read with sub-rule (2A) of rule 5

of the Debt Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993] AKHAND KIRTI PARTAP SINGH

Date: June 09, 2023 Place: Delhi/ NCR Authorised Officer

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SUMMONS Whereas OA/1221/2022 was listed before Hon'ble Presiding Officer on 05/04/2023.

Whereas, this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons/notice

on the said Application under Section 19 (4) of the Act (OA) filed against you for recovery debts of Rs. **20012228.80/-** (application

alongwith copies of documents etc. annexed).

In accordance with sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, you, the

Defendants are directed as under:-

(i) to show cause within thirty

days of the service of summon

as to why relief prayed for should not be granted.

listed before Hon'ble Presiding Officer/Registrar on **06/05/2023.** WHEREAS this Hon'ble Tribunal is on the said Application under section 19(4) of the Act, (OA) filed against you for recovery of debts of Rs. 3700119.37/- (application along with copies of documents etc. annexed).

In accordance with sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, you, the defendants are directed as under:- (i) to show cause within thirty days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted:

(ii) to disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial numbe 3A of the original application. 3A of the original application;

(iii) you are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured with or disposing of secured assets or such other assets and properties disclosed under seria number 3A of the origina application pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties. (iv) you shall not transfer by way of

(iv) you shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of his business, any of the assets over which security interest is created and/or the aged provention and/or other assets and properties specified or disclosed under seria number 3A of the origina application without the prior approval of the tribunal.

(v) you shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realized by sale of secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposi such sale proceeds in the accoun maintained with the bank of financial institutions holding security interest over such assets. You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before Registrar on 03/08/2023 at 10:30A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence. Given under my hand and the sea of this Tribunal on this date 24/04/2023.

Signature of the Officer Authorised to issue summon

ADDRESS CONSULTING INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED, 5TH FLOOR, BPTP CREST NO. 15, UDYOG VIHAR, GURUGRAM, HARYANA- 122015 GURGAON, HARYANA. Also At:- NO. 10 OF 1 VANARPET OFFICERS COLONY AUSTIN TOWN, BANGALORE, KARNATAKA Also At:- C/O DELOITTE CONSULTING INDIAN PVT. LTD., 5TH FLOOR, BPTP CREAT NO. 15, UDYOG VIHAR, GURGAON, HARYANA.

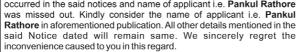
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Signature of the Officer Authorised to issue summons



Date: June 09, 2023 Place: Delhi/ NCR Authorised Officer ICICI Bank Limited

छत्तीसगढ पर्यावरण संरक्षण मंडल छत्तीसगढ पर्यावास भवन, नार्थ ब्लॉक, सेक्टर-19, नवा रायपुर, अटल नगर, जिला-रायपुर (छ.ग.) 492002

// सर्व संबंधित को सूचना //

भारत सरकार, पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायू परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली की अधिसूचना दिनांक 14.09.2006 (यथा संशोधित) के तहत् सर्व संबंधित को सूचित किया जाता है कि (1) मेसर्स गुरुश्री मिनरल्स प्राईवेट लिमिटेड, (छितापंडेरिय डोलोमाईट क्वारी डायरेक्टर- श्री मुकेश बंसल), पार्ट ऑफ खसरा क्रमांक - 30 / 5 रकबा - 3.036 हेक्टेयर, उत्खनन बॅमता- 1,50,537 टन प्रतिवर्ष, (2) मेसर्स गुरुश्री मिनरल्स प्राईवेट लिमिटेड (छितापंडरिया डोलोमाईट क्वारी डायरेक्टर- श्री मनमोहन शर्मा). पार्ट ऑफ खरेरा क्रमांक- 30/4 एवं 30/5 भाग. 4.068 हेक्टेयर. उत्खनन क्षमता- 1,50,672 टन प्रतिवर्ष (3) मेंसर्स गुरुश्री मिनरल्स प्राईवेट लिमिटेड, (छितापंडरिया डोलोमाईट क्वारी डायरेक्टर- श्री मनमोहन शर्मा), पार्ट ऑफ खर्सरा क्रमांक- 5 /2, एवं 5 /20, 4.162 हेक्टेयर, उत्खनन क्षमता - 2,50,647 टन प्रतिवर्ष, ग्राम- छितापडरिया, क्लस्टर डोलोमाईट, तहसील- जैजैपुर, जिला सक्ती (छ ग) में स्थित कल 03 डोलोमाईट खुदानों (गौण खुनिज) के द्वारा पर्यावरणीर स्वीकृति हेतु संयुक्त लोक सुनवाई बाबत् छत्तीसंगढ़ पर्यावरण संरक्षण मंडल में आवेदन किया गया है । उक्त प्रस्तावित परियोजना के संबंध में आपत्ति / सुझाव टीका-टिप्पणी इस अधिसूचना के जारी होने के दिनांक से 15 दिवस के भीतर क्षेत्रीय अधिकारी, क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, छ.ग. पर्यावरण संरक्षण मंडल, बिलासपुर में मौखिक अथवा लिखित रूप से कार्यालयीन समय में प्रस्तुत की जा सकती है। इस परियोजन के लिए पर्यावरणीय स्वीकृति हेतू संयुक्त लोक सुनवाई **दिनांक 15/05/2023, दिन** सोमवार, समय 11:00 बजे, रॅथानॅ- शा.उ.मॉ. शाला छितापड्रिया, तहसील-जैजैपुर, जिला-सक्ती में नियत की गई थी। कलेक्टर, कार्यालय कलेक्टर एवं जिला दण्डॉधिकारी, जिला-सक्ती द्वारा जारी आदेश पत्र क्रमांक 1606 दिनांक 12/05/2023 में किये गये उल्लेखानुसार पर्यावरणीय स्वीकृति हेतू नियत उक्त **संयुक्त लोक सुनवाई को अपरिहार्य कॅारणों से स्थगित कियाँ गया थाँ** । जिसे पुनः इसँ परियोजनाँ के लिए पर्यावरणीय स्वीकृति हेतू संयुक्त लोक सूनवाई **दिनोंक** 30/06/2023, दिन- शुक्रवार, समय 11:00 बजे स्थान- खेल मैदान छितापड़रिया ,तहसील - जैजैपुर, जिला- सक्ती (छ.ग.) में नियत की गई है। सूचित हो कि लोक सुनवाई के दौराने भारत सरकार, पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायू परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली के आफिस मेमोरेंडम F No. 22-25/2000-I A,III दिनांक 14.09.2020 तथा कोरोना वायरस के नियंत्रण एवं रोकथाम हेतू शासन द्वारा जारी समस्त दिशा-निर्देशो का अक्षरशः पालन कराया जाना अनिवार्य होगा ।

ई.आई.ए. अधिसूचना दिनांक 14.09.2006 (यथासंशोधित) के प्रावधानों के अनुसार डाफ्ट ई.आई.ए. रिपोर्ट, कार्यपालकसार की प्रति (हिन्दी व अंग्रेजी में) एवं इसँकी सी.डी. (साफ्ट कॉपी) जन सामान्य के अवलोकन / पठन हेतू कार्यालय कलेक्टर एवं जिला दण्डाधिकारी, जिला-सक्ती, मुख्य कार्यपालन अधिकारी कार्यालय जिला पंचायत जांजगीर-चांपा, अनुविभागीय अधिकारी (रा.), कार्यालय अनुविभागीय अधिकारी (रा.) सक्ती, जिला-सक्ती, कार्यालय महाप्रबंधक, जिला व्यॉपार एवं उद्योग केन्द्र चांपा, क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, क्षेत्रीय अधिकारी, छत्तीसगढ पर्यावरण संरक्षण मंडल, व्यापार विहार पं. दीनदयाल उपाध्याय पार्क के पास, बिलासपर. सरपंच / सचिव कार्यालय, छितापंडरिया, डूमरपारा, डेरागढ़, लवसरा रायपुरा, तांदुलडीह, लोहरा कोट, खम्हरिया, भोथिया, दर्राभाठा, बस्ती बाराद्वार तहसील- जैजैपुर, जिला-सक्ती (छ.ग.), डायरेक्टर, पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवाय् परिवर्तन, मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार, इंदिरा पर्यावरण भवन, वायु विंग, जोरबाग रोड़ नई दिल्ली, मुख्य वन संरक्षक, एकीकृत क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, भारत सरकार, पर्यावरण वन एवं जलवायू परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, अरण्य भवन, नार्थ ब्लॉक, सेक्टर-19, नवा रायपुर अटल नॅगर, रायपुर (छ.ग.) एवं मुख्यालय, छत्तीसगढ़ पर्यावरण संरक्षण मंडल. पर्यावास भवन, नॉर्थ ब्लॉक, सेक्टर 19, नवा रायपुर अटल नगर, रायपुर (छ.ग.) में रखी गई है।

सदस्य सचिव छत्तीसगढ पर्यावरण संरक्षण मंडल, नवा रायपुर, अटल नगर, जिला- रायपुर (छ.ग.

HC stays nixing of registration of Haj travel agents

New Delhi: Staying the suspension of registration certificates and quota of several Haj travel operators, Delhi High Court on Thursday observed Haj for Muslims is not merely a holiday but a medium of practising their religion and faith which is a fundamental right.

The registration and quota of such Haj Group Organisers (HGOs), which act as tour operators for pilgrims, was kept in abeyance by the Centre last month after they were found to be illegible on various grounds, including willful misrepresentation of facts based on which they were registered as HGOs in the first place.

À vacation bench of Justice Chandra Dhari Singh, while dealing with petitions by over 13 such HGOs, said it was concerned with the pilgrims who intend to travel on Haj and have paid in advance to the petitioners for the five-day religious pilgrimage to Mecca and nearby Holy places in Saudi Arabia. PNS

CBI chargesheet against NGO for FCRA violation

New Delhi: The CBI has filed a chargesheet against corporate lobbyist Deepak Talwar and his NGO - Advantage India - for violations of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act. CBI has also arraigned Girish Vaid, Krishna Kumar Nair, Tarun Kumar Kapoor, Archana Kapoor and Pran Nath Monga as accused in the chargesheet.

Deepak Talwar as extradited from Dubai in November 2017. Talwar's wife Deepa Talwar is also an accused in the CBI's latest supplementary chargehseet. In 2017, the CBI on the complaint by the Home Ministry filed a case against Talwar and Advantage India for FCRA violations.

The CBI charged Advantage India received Rs. 90.72 crore as foreign contribution from different sources between 2012 and 2016. It also received donations from defence companies Airbus and MBDA. Investigation has fur-

ther revealed that the nonprofit also stood as guarantee through its fixed deposits for providing overdraft facilities to Wave Impex, a company con-trolled by Talwar and his family, and the funds of the association were used for the business

activity of the company. "The association had also submitted bills claiming to have purchased medicines worth Rs. 26.97 crore for various medical camps from two entities, Aastha Pharma and Hind Pharma, but during investigation, both these entities have clarified that they have not dealt with the association" said investigators. Talwar was also charged by

the CBI in the Air India case where he is accused of helping several foreign private airlines to secure profitable routes and timings at the cost of Air India, then national airline which pushed the airline into losses. Deepak Talwar is also probed by Enforcement Directorate.

SC to hear anticipatory bail petition of Jeeva's wife

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court agreed to hear on Friday a plea by the wife of gangster-politician Mukhtar Ansari's aide Sanjeev Maheshwari Jeeva, who was shot dead on Lucknow court premises, seeking anticipatory bail in a criminal case lodged against her. The matter was mentioned before a vacation bench of Justices Aniruddha Bose and Rajesh Bindal by a lawyer appearing for the wife of the gangster.

The lawyer told the bench that Jeeva was shot dead on Wednesday and sought protection from arrest for his wife to attend the last rites. UP Additional Advocate General Garima Prashad assured the court that the state would not take any action against Jeeva's wife Payal Maheshwari.

ong Covid fatigue same as that in cancer patients'

New Delhi: Researchers say fatigue in long Covid patients is similar to that in cancer-related anaemia or severe kidney disease patients, with day-today impact of long Covid being worse than that in stroke and comparable to that in

Parkinson's disease patients. The patients' health-related quality of life too was found to be worse than that of people with advanced metastatic cancers, like stage IV lung cancer, the study led by researchers at University College London (UCL) and the University of Exeter, UK, said. "Our research has revealed that long Covid can leave people with worse fatigue and quality of life than

some cancers, yet the support and understanding is not at the same level," said co-author William Henley, professor at the University of Exeter Medical School.

The study examined the impact of long Covid in the lives of over 3,750 patients, who completed questionnaires on a digital app, used in their treatment, about how long Covid was impacting their daily life, levels of fatigue, depression, anxiety, breathlessness, brain fog, and their quality of life. "Our results have found that long Covid can have a devastating effect on the lives of patients - with fatigue having the biggest impact on every-

thing from social activities to work, chores and maintaining close relationships," said Henry Goodfellow, UCL, who co-led the study published in the journal BMJ Open.

Along with the daily lives of people, the researchers believed long Covid was also impacting the country's economy and society.

Patients are referred to a long Covid clinic only if they have had long Covid symptoms for at least 12 weeks following acute infection. Of the 90 per cent of those who responded to the questionnaires, who were also of working age (18-65 years of age), 51 per cent reported being unable to work for at least one day in the previous month and 20 per cent unable to work at all. Also, 71 per cent of the patients were female. The study said that as working-age women made up a majority of the health and social care workforce, long Covid may add additional pressures to already stretched services.

"Long Covid is an invisible condition, and many people are left trying to manage significant changes to how they can function. "We urgently need more research to enable the development of evidence-based services to support people trying to manage this debilitating new condition," said Henley. PNS

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No violence in Manipur in last 48 hours, says Security Adviser

PTI IMPHAL

he Centre has approved a Rs 101.75 crore relief package for the displaced people in violence-hit Manipur, Security Advisor to the State Government Kuldiep Singh said on Thursday. He also said the situation in Manipur remained peaceful and under control and there has been no incident of violence in the State in the last 48 hours.

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"To provide relief to the displaced people in Manipur, the Ministry of Home Affairs has approved Rs 101.75 crore relief package. During his recent Manipur visit, Union Home Minister Amit Shah had directed the State Government to send a request to MHA for a relief package for displaced people," Singh said.

In the last 24 hours, 27 arms, 245 ammunition and 41 bombs were recovered from the Porompat police station jurisdiction of Manipur's Imphal East district while one weapon and two bombs were seized in the State's Bishnupur district. A total of 896 arms, 11,763 ammunition and 200 bombs of different kinds have been recovered so far, he said.

Curfew relaxation for 12 hours has been announced in five valley districts and for 10

on Thursday.

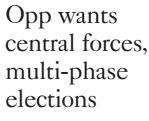


empty vehicles have left Imphal for Jiribam on Thursday. A total of 220 loaded vehicles have left Noney and 198 loaded tankers and trucks have left Jiribam.

Senior officers have visited vulnerable areas and were camping there. Strict security measures have been ensured in all vulnerable areas. Further, combined teams of state and central forces have intensified combing operations in many parts of the State, the official said. State Ministers and MLAs

are visiting different areas of Manipur and appealing for peace Security personnel during a combing and normalcy by meeting the public and civil society organioperation in sensitive areas of Manipur PTI sations. Security forces are also hours to 8 hours in neighbourorganising meetings with civil society organisations, and village ing hill districts. There is no cur-

w in six other hill districts. heads and appealing for peace Singh said movement of and normalcy besides carrying essential items along National out their area domination and Highway-37 is ensured and 294 patrolling duties, Singh said.



SAUGAR SENGUPTA KOLKATA

Panchayat elections in Bengal will take place on July 8. This was on Thursday declared by the new Bengal State Election Commissioner Rajiv Sinha

Hours after assuming charge as the new SEC Sinha told media men in Kolkata that though the Commission was headless for more than a week - after the retirement of his predecessor - "the Commission which works as a composite group is fully prepared to hold the elections as all the preparatory works are going on."

The nominations for the "single-phase" elections will start from June 9 and continue till June 15. July 20 has been fixed as the last date of withdrawing nomination, Sinha said, adding the counting would "probably be done on July 11. The polls will be conducted for 58,694 seats in 3,317 gram panchayats in the State scattered over 22 districts.

On whether he was confident of a free and fair elections against the backdrop of recoverv of tons of bombs from Bengal districts and the past history of violent rural polls that saw about 100 people getting killed in poll-related violence on the election day alone in 2018



Single-phase Bengal panchayat polls on July 8

West Bengal Election Commissioner Rajiv Sinha announces the date of upcoming Panchayat polls during a Press conference

panchayat polls, an apparently tongue-in-cheek Sinha there was no reason to believe that the State administration would not cooperate in organising free and fair polls.

On whether central forces would be requisitioned in the elections as was done by former SEC Meera Pandey in 2013, Sinha said he had taken no decision and "everything will be decided after considering the situation and holding talks with the administration at all levels," making it apparently clear that policy-wise the senior bureaucrat otherwise known for his proximity to Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee had no inclination towards central forces. Such has been the track

record of politically volatile State that even the 2021 Assembly elections which were held in 8 phases and with heavy deployment of central forces were not completely violence free. At least 8 people had died in the polls

When asked as to whether

his reply should be taken as a 'No" to central forces as was being repeatedly demanded by the Opposition parties he said, "I have not said so ... I only said that I will hold discussions with the administration and then make a decision ... and at present there is no reason for me to believe that the administration will not cooperate."

Sinha also could not throw light whether online nominations would be allowed - particularly against the backdrop of past experiences when the candidates were either driven back from the nomination centres or threatened into withdrawing their nominations - which was done in the 2018 panchayat poll following a Calcutta High Court order. "The question is relevant but too premature. All these issues will be decided at a later date," he said.

On why the SEC did not hold an all-party meeting before announcing the elections he said, "there is no mandatory provisions for all-party meetings in

the statute ... I am following the statute only."

Meanwhile, Opposition BJP literally exploded at the SEC'a declarations saying the unilateral announcement without hearing the Opposition parties was murder of democracy.

Bengal Opposition Leader Suvendu Adhikari said it was a "Murder of Democracy in West Bengal. For the 1st time ever, the Panchavat Elections have been announced unilaterally without holding a single All Party Meeting at the Block levels, District Levels or at the State Level. There hasn't been any discussion on the security arrangements for the single phase Elections. The time duration allotted for filing nominations start from tomorrow i.e. 9th June; Friday, with 15th June being the last date. 10th & 11th June being the weekend, no official work would be possible."

CPI(M)'s Sujan Chakrabarty said from the very onset the SEC had started acting in partisan manner adding however his party would wait for his further declarations before reacting. Congress leader and advocate Kaustav Bagchi said that his party would move the Court if the polls were not conducted with the help of central forces. "Last time in 2018 about 100 people died ... the way the bombs are being recovered from all across the State it is not possible to hold elections in a single phase and without the help of the central forces ... our part will take a decision whether to move the High Court or not ...

but the option is open."

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SARS-CoV-2 virus can cause brain cells to fuse: Study PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

Researchers have found that minfection with the SARS-CoV-2 virus can cause brain cells to fuse, initiating malfunctions that lead to chronic neurological symptoms. ŚARS-CoV-2, the virus that

causes COVID-19, has been detected in the brains of people with "long Covid" months after their initial infection. The research explored how SARS-CoV-2 alters the function of the nervous system, according to a study published in the journal Science Advances. "We discovered COVID-19 causes neurons to undergo a cell fusion process, which has not been seen before," said Professor Massimo Hilliard from The University of Queensland, Australia.

"After neuronal infection with SARS-CoV-2, the spike S protein becomes present in neurons, and once neurons fuse, they don't die. They either start firing synchronously, or they stop functioning altogether," Hilliard said.

The researcher likened the role of neurons to that of wires connecting switches to the lights in a kitchen and a bathroom.

"Once fusion takes place, each switch either turns on both the kitchen and bathroom lights at the same time, or neither of them," Hilliard said.

'Kharif MSP inflicting huge losses' Rising input costs, unfair MSP will push large sections of farmers into indebtedness, says All India Kisan Sabha

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

¬he All India Kisan Sabha (AIKS) on Thursday slammed the Centre over the recently announced MSP for the Kharif Season, and alleged that it is inflicting "huge losses" on farmers. The Union Government on June 7 announced the Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for the Kharif Season 2023-24.

"The MSP announced is unfair, belies the hopes of the farmers and inflicts huge losses on their incomes. Rather than doubling farmers' incomes as claimed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, rising input costs coupled with unfair MSP will push large sections of the farmers, especially the small, marginal, middle farmers as well as tenants into indebtedness," the AIKS said in a statement

AIKS President Ashok Dhawale said the Government has not kept its promise that e given according to the



50 per cent. "It still remains a 'chunavi jumla' (unfulfilled election promise). Not a single crop has its MSP fixed as per this formula," he said.

The AIKS said loss suffered by paddy farmers because of the Government not implementing C2 plus 50 per cent is about Rs 683.5 per quintal.

It added that at an estimate of about 4 tonnes per hectare productivity, the losses suffered will be to the tune of Rs 27.340 per hectare if C2 costs are taken into account. Urad, Sunflower, Moong in Arnar Swaminathan Commission recommenda- Sesamum, Nigerseed and Cotton, the losstion of C2 (production cost definition) plus es per quintal range from around Rs 2,000 of CS data.

per quintal to even higher than Rs 3,000 per quintal," said AIKS General Secretary Vijoo Ērishnan.

According to calculations by the AIKS, the losses for Jowar crop are to the tune of Rs 1,069 per quintal, for Bajra Rs 216 per quintal, for Arhar Rs 1989 per quintal, and Rs 2,408 for Urad among others. AIKS added that the estimates of the projected cost of production for paddy by Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Telangana and West Bengal are higher than projections of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP).

Similarly, in most crops, the state projections are much higher than the CACP projection. AIKS demands that the Union government led by the BIP revise the MSP and enhance it according to the C2+50 per cent formula and also assure procurement," it said. The AIKS said Jammu and is no longer being featured in the collection



Agni Prime successfully flight tested

PNS NEW DELHI

n an effort to hone its missile programme, India on Thursday successfully flight tested 'Agni Prime,' the new-generation ballistic surface to surface missile, from an island off Odisha. The test was conducted from the Dr API Abdul Kalam Island by the Defence Research and Development Organisation

successfully met, officials said.

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Monsoon finally arrives in Kerala, albeit 7 days late

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The India Meteorological Department (IMD) on Thursday announced the arrival of the southwest monsoon in Kerala, seven days after it normally arrives in the State on June 1, even as climate scientists and meteorologists warned that Cyclone 'Biparjoy' had been impacting the intensity of the monsoon and that its onset over Kerala would be "mild". The progress of the weather system that brings rain across the country is likely to be slow in its first

week. With the monsoon landing in Kerala parts of the State received isolated heavy rainfall with a 'Yellow Alert' being issued in nine districts of the State and 'Orange Alert' in one. IMD issued an 'Orange Alert' for Kozhikode district for the day. An 'Orange Alert' means very heavy rains between 6 cm to 20 cm and a 'Yellow Alert' means heavy rainfall between 6 and 11

cm. In a statement on Thursday, the IMD said, "The southwest monsoon has set in over Kerala today, June 8. The monsoon has



advanced into remaining parts of south Arabian Sea and some parts of central Arabian Sea, entire Lakshadweep area, most parts of Kerala, most parts of south Tamil Nadu, remaining

parts of Comorin area, Gulf of Mannar and some more parts of southwest, central and northeast

Bay of Bengal today," it added. The southwest monsoon normally sets in over Kerala on June 1 with a standard deviation of about seven days. In mid-May, the IMD said the monsoon

might arrive in Kerala by June 4. Skymet had predicted the monsoon onset over Kerala on June 7, with an error margin of three days.

Over the last 150 years, the date of the monsoon onset over Kerala has varied widely, the earliest being May 11 in 1918 and the most delayed being June 18 in 1972, according to IMD data.

tion night launch conducted after three successful developmental trials of the missile, validating the accuracy and reliability of the system, they said. The missile can take out a target at more than 2,000 km.

Range instrumentation such as radar, telemetry and electrooptical tracking systems were deployed at different locations, including two down-range ships, to capture flight data covering its entire trajectory, they added.

"First Pre-Induction night launch of New Generation Ballistic Missile Agni Prime was successfully conducted off the coast of Odisha on June 7, 2023," tweeted DRDO.

Senior officials of DRDO and Strategic Forces Command witnessed the successful flight test, which paved the way for the induction of the system into the armed forces.

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Jammu's new Venkateswara temple opens doors to devotees

Manoj Sinha inaugurated Jambu

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¬o boost pilgrim traffic in Jammu, Lieutenant-Governor Manoj Sinha, along with Union Ministers G Kishan Reddy and Dr Jitendra Singh on Thursday dedicated the Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple, spread across over 62 acres of land, to the devotees.

A large number of devotees thronged the newly-built temple complex to pay obeisance to Lord Venkateswara, a form of Vishnu.

The Jammu temple will be the sixth Balaji Temple constructed outside of Andhra Pradesh, with the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) having previously built temples in Hyderabad, Chennai, Kanyakumari, Delhi, and Bhubaneswar.

The UT administration is aiming to attract the growing footfalls of Mata Vaishnoi Devi



Union Minister for Culture and Tourism G Kishan Reddy with Jammu & Kashmir Lt Governor Manoj Sinha and MoS Jitendra Singh during the inauguration of a Tirupati Balaji temple PTI

and Amarnath bound pilgrims karacharya Temple, Hazratbal in Jammu to further help the and other prominent religious tourism economy flourish and places and Sufi shrines in the UT generate more employment will not only boost tourism but opportunities for the youth. also develop Jammu & Kashmir The holy shrines of Sri as the cultural-spiritual capital of Venkateswara, Baba Amarnath, the country. Last month, LG

Mata Vaishno Devi, Mata

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grims passing through Jammu Srinagar National Highway near Nagrota.

Currently, work is going on in full swing to complete the phase -1 of Tawi river front by June end while work on the Artificial Tawi lake project is gradually picking pace to create better infrastructure for tourists visiting Jammu.

Before the traditional ceremony, the dignitaries participated in the Maha Samprokshanam of Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple of Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams at Majeen village near Sidhra area of Jammu.

Union Minister of Culture and Tourism G. Kishan Reddy congratulated the people, J&K Government and all the devotees of Sri Venkateswara. The temple at Jammu will carry the message in the world that Kashmir to Kanyakumari, India is one. This will be a centre of spirituality and Sanatan tradi-

tions, he said.

It is the result of the devotion and commitment of the Lt Governor of J&K and Chairman and Board members of Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams that Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple is completed in a short span. Now, the devotees of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi and other prominent religious places can also seek the blessings of Sri Venkateswara Swamy at Jammu,

said the Union Minister. Lieutenant Governor Manoi Sinha said the inauguration of the temple is a historic moment in the Sanatan Journey of J&K

and the country. "The dedication of Lord Venkateswara temple will strengthen the religious tourism circuit in J&K. It will give a boost to spiritual tourism and a major fillip to the economic development and employment opportunities in the Union Territory," said the Lt Governor.

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Short fuse

The violence in Kolhapur shows how easy it is to stoke passions and create a controversy where none exists

t has become rather a frequent practice to indulge in violence and rioting on the pretext of 'hurt sentiment'. Kolhapur in Maharashtra has recently witnessed a streak of violence surrounding the social media status of Aurangzeb and Tipu Sultan along with an 'objectionable' audio by five minors. Within no time the law-and-order situation in otherwise a small town of Maharashtra went to a toss. The law and order situation worsened after Right-wing Hindu organisations decided to organize a rally to protest the social media posts glorifying Aurangzeb and Tipu Sultan. It is not clear how violence erupted but it ended up stone pelting on a mosque, violence and vandalism. Certain miscreants began pelting stones at homes and business establishments owned by the Muslim community and attacking their vehicles. At least six persons, including three juveniles, had been detained for circulating the post. More than 30 people were apprehended for violence. What was most shocking was the statement made by deputy



chief minister Devendra Fadnavis, who is also the state home minister. He appealed for peace but defended the aggression of the Hindutva outfits. The statement of Fadnavis borders 'hate speech' which the Supreme Court has asked one and all to desist from indulging in. As for the religious bigots they are on a short fuse and do not mind venting their spleen on the smallest of provocation. It is not condoning the provocative post but the reaction to it far in comparison to the damage the post does.

With the advent of social media platforms, the dissemination of information has become instantaneous, and discussions on historical figures like Aurangzeb have gained prominence. Social media

provides a platform for people to express their opinions, share historical narratives, and engage in debates. However, this freedom of expression has also led to the amplification of divisive narratives, misinformation, and the potential for social unrest. The common people of Kolhapur suffer as people in Kolhapur and other parts of Maharashtra get embroiled in the legacy of Aurangzeb. Social media platforms have become arenas for competing historical narratives, as individuals and groups with varying perspectives share their opinions. The narratives, often presented in simplified and polarizing forms, can exacerbate divisions and ignite communal tensions. Online echo chambers and the algorithmic nature of social media platforms tend to reinforce preexisting beliefs and create an environment that discourages open dialogue and nuanced understanding. This polarization can further fuel mistrust, animosity, and even violence in offline spaces. False or exaggerated claims, misinterpretations of historical events, and selective use of sources can distort the historical narrative and mislead individuals. It is crucial for individuals to engage critically, verify Information, and approach historical discussions with an open mind.



India as a norm initiator, developer



The Indian philosophies of 'Sarve Bhavantu Sukhinah' and 'Sarve Santu Niramayah' state that all peoples should be happy and contended

nder the guidance of PM Modi, India's stature in the world grown has immensely, and we are being looked to as a 'superpower'. This write-up aims to surface the differences between the Indian concept of a Vishwa Guru and the Western values of a 'great power'. The fundamental values of India's exceptionalism have been the strong foun-dations of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam (the entire world is one family) that 'presented the world with a philosophy for uniting humankind. Nevertheless, India's unique approach of 'Sarve Bhantu Sukinah', 'Mitrasya Chakshusha Samikshamahe' (Look at the world with friendly eyes), 'Krinvanto Vishvamaryam' - (be noble and make the world noble) add to India's uniqueness. The same concepts were acknowledged by Dr S. Radhakrishnan, the second president of India, who stated that the "higher concept is world community; it is this kind of world community to which we have to attach ourselves". Thus, India's foreign and security policy has been deeply rooted in the principles of regional and international peace and peaceful co-existence. Thus, India, with exceptional civilisa-tional values, is poised to be the Vishwa Guru once again.

There are fundamental differences between superpowers/ great powers and a 'Vishwa Guru'. As a first, India's civilisation has been scientifically proven to date back to the Indus Valley civilisation (1200-1500 BCE). Later, Bharat's grand stature in the world was defined by the existence of different Úniversities such as Nalanda and Kanchipuram (Tamil Nadu). Thus, the unique civilisation gave us an intellectual legacy. India's academic and philosophical foundations rest on the premise that the ultimate goal of knowledge is not 'power maximisation' but the enhancement of the mental and physi-

in international politics speak of maintaining the 'hegemony' and the 'status quo' of the stronger power. Liberalism, on the other hand, speaks for a total market economy with little or no regard for the less privileged. On the contrary, Marxism and its critical strands speak of the marginalised groups and countries but primarily present themselves as a critique of liberalism. Consequently, no theory takes a well-balanced approach while maintaining the interests of all the contesting stakeholders. Here, the Indian traditional knowledge system can play an important role wherein there is justice and prosperity for all. 'Sarve Bhavantu Sukhinah' and 'Sarve Santu Niramayah', as core philosophies, firmly believe that all should be happy, contended, and free from diseases as only a healthy mind can contribute to strong nation-building. Second, the stature of a

great power is purely a Western or a Eurocentric concept that stands on the bedrock principle of international anarchy and a deeprooted lust for power. In the west, for external develop ments and events to serve as triggers for garnering support The Western traditions of for specific defence policy agendas, they must be rhetor-

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inclusive approach in which it firmly believes that the interests of all countries are better served through the skills of humanitarianism.

Finally, western geopolitics firmly believes in the concept of a geographic 'sphere of influence' for a major power. Since its inception, New Delhi's foreign policy approach has been the opposite of a 'clash of civilisations' and certainly is not "us versus them". India's civilisational glory lies in the fact that it does not believe in 'civilisational subsuming'. Indian philosophers have tried to expand their 'civilisational sphere of influence' where India's soft power, such as cultural values and later Buddhism, were active foreign policy tools.

India has stood in solidarity with the world's countries to ensure that the developing world's concerns are not sidelined. Given the global conflicts with a crisscross of interstate rivalries, the world looks up to India under the leadership of PM Modi. India's presidency of G20 from December last year strongly indicates that PM Modi s multilateral diploma cy based on the ancient Indian knowledge system has been a norm initiator and

ically portrayed as potential challenges and threats, which in international relations is called 'agenda setting'. The West, in the 1980s and 1990s, had narratives of "rogue states" and "axis of evil" for those "deviant" regimes which did not align with its "ideals and principles". Later, to harness domestic support and finance apart from the international coalition, the fundamental concept of "anti-Christ" leaders came into the picture, the most prominent of which was

Saddam Hussein and Muammar Gaddafi. Later, it was proved that Iraq had dis-mantled its WMD infrastructure before the invasion. The consequence of such concepts is always a "tragedy" that results in war. The struggle thus is a vicious cycle of power maximisation, security dilemma and great power wars

India has a very different approach in line with its 'Sarve Bhavantu Sukinah' policy. From ancient times, examples that have used religious terminologies or a religion-based national identity have been deliberately avoid-

cal well-being of all; thus, knowledge and justice share an intricate bond.

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ed. Later, because of the Mongol and Mughal inva-sions, India became a multicultural population. India has always tried to adopt an developer.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hamari chhoriya chhoro se kam hain ke? PRABHA GUPTA



Despite efforts by governments, NGOs and social activists, the plight of adolescent girls continues with discrimination and skewed opportunities

amir Khan starrer Dangal had a catch-phrase "Hamari **D**phrase choriya choro se kam hai ke." (Are our daughters any lesser than boys) The film was a super hit as it cherished the empowerment of girls and won all the accolades. Turns out the reality is way different. Adolescent girls in India get few opportunities to prove their mettle. India has the largest adolescent population in the world, which is 252 million. and every fifth person is between 11 to 18 years. India will definitely get benefitted socially, politically and even economically if this large number of adolescents are educated, healthy, safe and equipped with life skills to support the country's continued development. However, the stark real-

ity points to very gloomy pictures than the statistics project. About 43 per cent of girls drop out before completing secondary education due to economic background and household responsibilities. Early marriage is a norm. A total disconnect between their skillset and employability leaves them with very limited economic ipate fully in society.



opportunities. Add to it the stigma of living alone while doing a job in a city. Child marriage, a deeply

rooted social norm, provides tic roles over education. glaring evidence of widespread gender inequality and discrimination. Estimates scenario with education. suggest that each year, at Vipin Kumar, Additional Secretary, Department of School Education and least 1.6 million girls under 18 get married in India. This makes our country the home Literacy, Ministry of to the largest number of Education, Government of child brides in the world. India, emphasises the importance of providing quality Their plight doesn't end after an early marriage, it is actueducation to girls in India, ally the beginning. They face focusing on vocational eduvarious forms of violence cation to ensure employabiland harassment, including ity and relevance to the demands of the industry. domestic, sexual assault, "Vocational education is a street harassment, and trafficking. These issues not only crucial aspect of the National compromise their safety but Education Policy (NEP) also impact their physical 2020. It emphasises the and mental health, selfimportance of providing 21st-century skills to girls to esteem, and ability to particparticipate in the economy."

Education plays a crucial Some organisations like Bansidhar & Ila Panda role to bring change in soci-Foundation (BIPF) initiative ety. Although efforts have been made to improve access and UNICEF are working to reverse it though with limitto education for girls in India by the government, an agency like UNICEF and ed reach. Subhrakant Panda, president of FICCI and non-governmental organi-Trustee at BIPF, highlights the sations, however, there is importance of investing early in adolescent development. still a gender gap in terms of "India has the largest adolesenrolment and retention cent population in the world. rates due to a lack of resources, safety concerns, Given that approximately and societal expectations 47% of this cohort are girls, that prioritise their domesthe need is their technical and educational upliftment so Of late the government is they go on to have skillsets to trying hard to reverse this tackle any challenges and be

equal partners in India's progress," said he.

Adopting a multi-sec-toral approach, working together with businesses, we need to ensure early access to technology, digital, and life skills training. We need to redouble efforts that address harmful gender stereotypes within and outside families including online abuse," says Shaifalika Panda the Chief of Corporate Social Responsibility of Indian Metals and Ferro Alloys Limited (IMFA).

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GOVT RESPONSE IS TOO LATE

Sir — Ultimately, after holding a long meeting of about six hours with Union Sports Minister Anurag Thakur on Wednesday, the government had to concede the genuine demands of wrestlers who have been agitating in the Capital for over a month. The government has given an assurance regarding the completion of the police investigation into their allegations of sexual harassment, the major demand of the wrestlers, against Brij Bhushan Singh, the former chief of the Wrestlers Federation of India (WFI), before June 15.

Besides, Singh and other associates would not be involved in the general election of the Wrestlers Federation of India, scheduled to be held on June 30, and all FIRs filed against the protesting wrestlers would be withdrawn. On the other hand, the wrestlers have said that if the promised action is not taken by the government, they are free to resume their protest. If the government had taken the decision earlier, the wrestlers would not have suffered immensely, including the police brutality unleashed on them. Now the ball is in the government's court to fulfill the assurances given to the wrestlers in totality.

SK Khosla | Chandigarh

BARBARISM AGAINST WOMEN

Sir — In yet another shocker, 32-year-old Saraswati Vaidya was killed and her body hacked into 20 pieces allegedly by her live-in partner Manoj Sahani (56) at their rented home in Mumbai's Mira Road. A preliminary inquiry revealed that Vaidya had been living with Manoj Sahani in the flat since 2014. Sahani used to work at a ration shop. According to the police, the gruesome killing was committed on June 4 and the accused, using two cutters, including an electric one, chopped the body into small pieces. Some pieces of the body seem to be still missing. Police suspect that the accused may

have dumped the body pieces gradually in different areas. This brutal murder also ed" the assassination of the Indian

Lessons from Odisha tragedy



ndia is yet to come to terms with the horrific crash involving three trains in Odisha's Balasore district, sending shock waves across the country as hundreds of innocent lives were lost. An accident of this magnitude marked the deadliest train crash in the country in decades despite the fact that massive network expansion to the tune of ₹2.4 lakh crore, new trains, laving of new tracks, installing electronic signals, building modern railway stations and other forms of technology upgradation have received considerable funds and attention

reminded the shocking killing of Palghar resident Shraddha Walkar, who was killed and the body later chopped into 35 pieces in Delhi by her live-in partner Aftab Poonawala. Actually, this "live-in" concept itself is the culprit: It does not have family involvement, which is why there are so many crimes. It is not our culture; girls must be made aware of what is happening around them. There is no place in society for such insane people. Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee | Faridabad

CANADA MUSTN'T GLORIFY VIOLENCE

Sir — The Congress on Thursday urged External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar to take up strongly with the Canadian authorities reports of a float depicting the assassination of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi being part of a parade in Brampton. Canadian High Commissioner to India Cameron Mackay said he was "appalled" by reports of the event in his country that "celebrat-

Reasons are not far to seek as obsolete tracks poor maintenance, poor auditing track record etc must be given a decent burial. An anti-collision and safety mechanism can be major drawback in future also

There are lessons to be learnt as accountability and professionalism is found wanting in comparison with China and Japan where safety and security of passengers are given utmost importance. A proper investigation to get to the root of the tragedy and the railways recommendation of a CBI probe into the accident must be carried out as a recent CAG report found glaring loopholes regarding inadequate resource allocation to Rashtriya Rail Suraksha Kosh, which is also corroborated by the absence of installation of anti-collision system 'Kavach'. Moreover, robust signalling systems with cutting edge technologies in consonance with the requirements of high-speed trains are needed. Vijay Singh Adhikari | Nainital

Prime Minister. He said there is no place in Canada for hate or for the glorification of violence. "I categorically condemn these activities," Mackay said in a tweet.

Congress leader and former Union Minister Milind Deora shared a purported video, which is doing the rounds on social media, of a float at a recent parade in Brampton depicting Gandhi's assassination." As an Indian, I'm appalled by the five- km-long parade which took place in the city of Brampton, Canada, depicting the assassination of Indira Gandhi," he tweeted. "It's about respect for a nation's history and the pain caused by its Prime Minister's assassination," Deora said. This extremism deserves universal condemnation and a united response. Indira Gandhi was assassinated by her Sikh bodyguards in 1984.

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KUMARDEEP BANERJEE

S Defence Secretary Llyod J Austin III, travelled to India earlier this week, after confronting one of the most significant geo-political rivals, faced by America in recent times, China, at the prestigious Shangri La Dialogue in Singapore. All through his trip to New Delhi from Japan and Singapore, Austin continued to emphasise the centrality of the Indo-Pacific to US's military strategy and continued to remind the pacing challenge from China.

Austin during the Shangrila Dialogue in Singapore (of the marquee platforms for defence ministers of the region to interact) mentioned, that budgetary constraints would not come in the way of the US putting the right amount of money towards strategic projects in the region. Later, the press statement from the Department of Defence outlined that the US sends the most advanced weapons system to the Indo-Pacific and that his department had approved \$9bn towards the Pacific deterrence initiative. The US defence secretary was speaking after his Chinese counterpart Li Shangfu accused the US of Spreading the "cold war mentality" which was "greatly increasing security risks". The Shangrila dialogue coincided with a dangerous manoeuvre in the South China Sea where the US accused a Chinese ship of coming near the US and Canadian vessel crossing the Taiwan Strait. Freedom of navigation in the South China Sea, and the status of Taiwan are some thorny issues, hounding the Washington-Beijing relationship, with no signs of abatement.



The Chinese defence minister meanwhile tried to paint himself, as the picture of a tall statesman by insisting that his country sought dialogue over confrontation, the world was big enough for both countries to co coexist and a conflict would bring in "unbearable disaster" for the globe. However, the Chinese side refused to sit down for a bilateral talk with the US on key security concerns. The Chinese defence minister mentioned that they would not allow freedom of navigation patrols by the US and its allies in the region (Taiwan Strait and South China Sea), as they alleged that it was a deliberate provocation.

The US and China didn't have a cordial dialogue in Singapore, which leads to Mr Austin's next destination, New Delhi. India and China are going through one of the worst military confrontations, with thousands of armed soldiers from both countries staring at each other along India's North Eastern borders, after China unilaterally tried to change the boundaries. India's growing proximity to the US and its Western allies, with its rising voice as a key economic player not just in the region, but at a global level, is also a concern for China. A press statement released after Austin visits New Delhi highlighted "the major defence partnership, and advance cooperation in critical domains ahead of Prime Minister Modi's official state visit to Washington". The two sides welcomed "the conclusion of a new Roadmap for U.S.-India Defense Industrial Cooperation, which will fast-track technology cooperation and co-production in areas such as air combat and land mobility systems; intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance; munitions; and the undersea domain. This initiative aims to change the paradigm for cooperation between U.S. and Indian defence sectors, including a set of specific proposals that could provide India access to cutting-edge technologies and support India's defence modernization plans". The Secretary and his counterparts also discussed the growing importance of defence innovation and cooperation in emerging domains such as space, cyberspace, and artificial intelligence. India is hoping to procure the technology for manufacturing advanced fighter jet engines from the US, which will provide a major muscle to its air power. Mr Austin's visit in the middle of escalating tensions with Russia and China, to the Indo-Pacific region and having separate bilateral with India, suggests an upgradation of Indo-US bilateral ties. (The writer is a policy analyst. The views

Evolve pilgrim centres for economic potential Ashwani Mahajan



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Places of religious and pilgrimage importance also have their own economics and their contribution to society and the country can't be taken for granted

am Pitroda, a technocrat who had been very close to the government during the Congress rule, and who currently accompanied Rahul Gandhi on his US trip, has said that temples do not generate employ-ment. Naturally, his comment must have been in the context of the attention being given to temples by the present central government. No matter what Sam Pitroda says, there is a great need to understand the economics of the temples and places of pilgrimage. It is true that agriculture, industry and services have their own economics, on the basis of which governments make policies for the development of the country. But we have to understand that temples, places of religious and pilgrimage importance also have their own economics and their contribution to the society and the country is no less. Employment is created through temples also. Innumerable people make their living around temples and through modernization and development of infrastructure at the places of pilgrimage and temple cities, not only the standard of services can be improved, but their contribution to GDP can also be increased. That's why it is necessary to think seriously and sincerely about the temple economy like other sectors of the economy.

We see that a large population in many cities and towns in India depends only on temples and places of pilgrimage for their livelihood. Varanasi, Mathura-Vrindavan, Ayodhya, Kushinagar in Uttar Pradesh; Haridwar, Rishikesh, Kedarnath, Badrinath, Gangotri, Yamunotri in Uttarakhand are not only places of pil-grimage since ancient days, but their importance has also been increasing day by day. If we look around we see one or more religious centres in almost all the states. In Tamilnadu, we have Madurai, Rameshwaram and many more temples. In Odisha, we have Jagannath Temple in Puri; Somnath and Dwarka in Gujrat, In Punjab Golden Temple is a major centre of faith representing Sikhism; in Jharkhand, we have Baidyanath Temple at Deoghar and Jagannath Temple in Ranchi, which is of world fame; in Madhya Pradesh Ujjain's Mahakal Temple and many more temple cities are found on every nook and corner of India.

TOURISM POTENTIAL

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due to the contribution of religious and pilgrimage tourism, as a huge chunk of tourism is coming from this segment.

DEVELOPMENT OF PILGRIMAGE BOOSTS ECONOMY

Although it is believed that there is a lot of room for improvement in the maintenance of temples and places of pilgrimage in India. Similarly, it is necessary to improve the infrastructure of reli-gious tourist places. In that case, it is expected that more devotees will come to these places with the development taking place at the grand Shri Ram temple, Kashi Vishwanath temple complex and its surrounding areas and Ujjain's

uals in these temples, a large number of employment and business opportunities are created. In many cases, these religious cities are marriage destinations as well, which is another source of employment and income for residents of these cities.

RELIGIOUS TOURISM'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE ECONOMY

According to the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, where in the last year 2022, 14.33 crore Indian people visited temples and pilgrimages, and 64.4 lakh foreign tourists visited these places. In the year 2022, an income of 1.35 lakh crore was generated at these pilgrimage places, while the total contribution of religious and pilgrimage tourism, which constitutes 60 per cent of total domestic tourism, was nearly Rs 11 lakh crores, given a total contribution of more than Rs19 lakh crores in 2022-23 (That is, 7 per cent of GDP at current prices in 2022-23) by tourism. It can be understood that those who say that temples do not create employment or that temples do not contribute to the Indian economy are ignorant of

Mission Society in 1894. It is one of the oldest and most wellknown hospitals in the country. The Ramakrishna Mission runs a number of educational institutions and health centers across India. The Arya Samaj also runs a number of educational institutions and health centres across India. These include schools, colleges, and hospitals.

The Jain temples in India have traditionally been centres of learning. Many Jain temples have libraries, schools, and even universities

The Sikh Gurudwaras in India also provides free education and healthcare to the country.

These are just a few examples of the many educational institutions and health centres that have been developed by temples and religious leaders in India. These institutions play an important role in providing education and healthcare to the people of India.

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The cities where such temples are located, attract a large number of tourists. There are many places where lakhs of devotees gather in a single day. In the year 2022 alone, 36.4 lakh devotees visited the Vaishno Devi shrine located in Katra near Jammu. In 2022, 3 crore devotees visited the Tirupati temple located in Andhra Pradesh near Tamil Nadu. Similarly, crores of people visit different temples every year. This natural religious tourism is a major part of our total tourism business, thereby creating a huge demand in the country apart from other economic benefits. It is estimated that the share of total religious tourism in India is 60 per cent of total domestic tourism, while 11 per cent of foreign tourists in India, come for religious and pilgrimage purposes. Significantly, the share of tourism in India's GDP is about 7 percent and its share in the total employment is 8 percent. That is, this sector gives employment to 39 million people. In such a situation, there can be no doubt about the contribution of temples to the Indian economy

(The author is Professor, PGDAV

Manakai temple. In the past due to improvement in the Vaishno Devi shrine by the then Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, Jagmohan, the number of devotees visiting there has gone manifold. Temples are beneficial not only for themselves but also for the surrounding areas

Due to these religious centres, a lot of economic activities are conducted in all these cities. Most of the trade, transport, religious rituals and related activities are conducted at these centres because of these temples. Not only for the priests who offer prayers in the temples but a large quantum of employment is generated in trade, transport and industries associated with places of religious importance. Most of the markets in these cities are the center of tourist attraction. Similarly, most of the transport of that city is now around these temples. Due to religious rit-

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these facts

We have several examples showing that many temples, places of pilgrimage and religious and spiritual leaders are doing exemplary work in the establishment of educational institutions and health centres. The Hindu Mission Hospital in Vellore, Tamil Nadu to the national economy can be was founded by the Hindu

Today, it is imperative that by developing these areas of religious and pilgrimage tourism, their contribution to the development of the country be further increased. For this, apart from the renovation of old temples, construction of all types of economy and luxury hotels, expansion of infrastructure and civic amenities and establishment of tourist information centres in these religious and pilgrimage places; and their connectivity with different parts of the country to reach these places, are some of the initiatives through which their (pilgrimage places and temples) contribution strengthened.

Advancing sustainable health with 'Shree Ann'

Consumers need to be educated about the nutritional and ecological benefits of millet and encouraged to incorporate them into their diet

Prevery year brings with it new trends, scientific advancements, and renewed goals for a healthy future, but the year 2023 has been particularly significant for ensuring that everyone on this planet has optimal health and access to nourishment.

The United Nations has designated this year as the 'International Year of Millets', redirecting everyone's atten-tion to one of the oldest grains, the magical millets, to change the health landscape, and boost food security, nutrition, and sustainable agriculture. It was adopted on the recommendation of the Indian government after declaring 2018 as the 'National Year of Millet' to restore the practice of adding millet to the food basket for



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its health benefits and overall well-being, owing to its high nutritional value. Millet is a superfood

loaded with fibre, protein, essential vitamins, and minerals. One serving of this

super grain can meet the daily requirements for several nutrients needed for the optimum function of the brain and body. Millets also offer significant ecological benefits. Its ability to thrive in harsh, arid conditions with little maintenance, makes it a viable crop option for coun-tries with challenging climates. Furthermore, millet requires less water than other crops making it environment-

(The author is a former friendly produce with a smaller carbon footprint. Cultivating it also decreases scientist G & head of Public Health Nutrition Division, ICMR-NIN) dependence on imported

cereal grains and promotes sustainable agriculture practices, globally.

In a recent conference on Global Millets, Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi while referring to millets as Shree Ann, defined the superfood as the core medium to address the nutritional concerns across different population segments as well as an ideal way for a nation to grow exponentially. Millets can collectively bring ample opportunity for the small farmers of the country to scale and offer benefits for a sustainable future.

The Government of India has been making tremendous efforts to revive the production and consumption of mil-lets through Minimum Support Price (MSP) schemes

farmers for cultivating millets, and the introduction of millets in the Public Distribution System (PDS) to make them accessible and affordable. This has led to India becoming the world's largest producer and second-largest exporter of millets, today.

While our country has made remarkable progress in reducing extreme poverty to 21% and halving infant mortality in the past three decades, a significant proportion of the population belonging to marginalized sections of society still struggles to have access to nutritious food. The nodal nutrition institute in India's National Institute of Nutrition (NIN) and the Indian Institute of Millet Research (ICAR- cially ages 3-6 years.

that provide financial aid to IIMR), in their research studies, have established that millet consumption has a significant impact on health and nutrition. Millet, thus, is being promoted as a means of addressing the challenges of malnourishment, which is most prevalent among women and children in our country. The government's initiative to add millet to the mid-day meal is a visionary approach to support the POSHAN Abhiyaan 2.0 mission and address the issue of malnutrition, particularly in children. Their food-on-table initiatives such as Take-Home Ration (THR) and Hot Cooked Meals (HCM) are gradually helping to overcome the nutritional imbalance among children, espe-

The Union Budget 2023 declared ICAR-IIMR as the Global Center of Excellence on Millets towards promoting India as a global hub for millets providing a strong impetus to millet research, advocacy, and innovation. On the other hand, ICMR-NIN has been actively contributing towards the government's initiatives to combat malnutrition by providing supplementary foods, diversified diets, health check-ups, and communitybased interventions. Despite significant efforts by the government and various stakeholders, the challenge of malnutrition remains complex and multi-faceted, requiring innovative solutions. It is imperative that the private sector and civil society partners with the government on

driving the mission to promote millets to address malnutrition concern comprehensively.

Quantified efforts are being observed by corporates to add millet-based products into their portfolio and introduce nutritious food products with millet as the core ingredient, to the community. This paradigm shift by corporates signifies a positive trend in nutrition delivery, reflecting their responsibility to contribute to the welfare of society.

We have an opportunity to transform the way we approach food, health and nutrition. Growing and consuming ancient millets will be key to addressing this transformation, enhancing human health, protecting the environment, and preserving cultural traditions, in times to come!

College, University of Delhi)



Russia forces shell Ukrainian city

AP 📕 KHERSON (UKRAINE)

Russian forces on Thursday Shelled a southern Ukrainian city that was inundated in a catastrophic dam collapse, Ukrainian officials said, forcing a suspension of some rescue work hours after Volodymyr President Zelenskyy travelled to the area to assess the damage. At least five people have died, many are homeless, and

tens of thousands are without drinking water after the Kakhovka dam's destruction. Ukraine accused Russia of blowing of the facility, which Moscow's forces controlled, while Russia said Ukraine bombarded it.

The ensuing flooding has ruined crops, displaced land mines, wrought widespread environmental damage, and set the stage for long-term electricity shortages. Exclusive drone footage captured by The Associated Press showed the ruined dam falling into the flooded river and hundreds of

submerged homes, greenhouses and even a church. In Kherson city, the largest municipality affected, repeated Russian shelling echoed over-head in the early afternoon not

far from a square where emergency crews and volunteers were dispensing aid. Some evacuation points in the city were hit, wounding eight peo-ple, according to Ukraine's Ministry of Internal Affairs. As shells landed in flood-

waters, rescue workers temporarily suspended efforts to retrieve stranded residents and pets in an area that Zelenskyy had visited only hours earlier.

The strikes began during evacuation of the residents, whose houses were flooded," the ministry said. "Russia has abandoned people in calamity in the occupied part of the Kherson region. It continues to

prevent Ukraine from saving the most valuable - human lives? The dam lay along Dnieper River, a pivotal waterway that

forms part of the front line between Russian and Ukrainian forces. In recent weeks, Ukraine

intensified shelling of Russian positions, signalling a longexpected counteroffensive could finally be getting underway. Kyiv has been silent about

the start of any such campaign. Amid the fighting, both sides were coping with the fallout from the burst dam. On Thursday, Ukrainian rescue workers stepped up efforts to get drinking water, medical care and other support to beleaguered residents.

Zelenskyy travelled to Kherson to see the efforts firsthand. He visited an aid distribution point and a medical facility and ordered Ukrainian officials to provide a "fair valuation" of the devastation to help compensate residents, his office said in an online update.

Russian President Vladimir Putin "has no plans at the cur-rent moment" to visit the affected Moscow-occupied areas, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told journalists. Five residents of the

Russian-occupied city of Nova Kakhovka have died, its Kakhovka have died, its Kremlin-appointed mayor said Thursday. Vladimir Leontyev said on Russian state TV that in addition two other people who had gone missing had been found. The collapse of the Kakhovka hydroelectric dam Kakhovka hydroelectric dam and emptying of its reservoir on the river have added to the misery that the region has suffered for more than a year from artillery and missile attacks. The United Nations and local authorities say access to fresh water and avoidance of contact with water contaminated by explosives, chemicals from

industrial sites were among the most immediate concerns. Officials say more than

6,000 people have been evacuated from dozens of inundated cities, towns and villages on both sides of the river. The true scale of the disaster is yet to emerge in an affected area that was home to more than 60,000 people.

In areas that they adminis-In areas that they adminis-ter, Russian-appointed author-ities said nearly two dozen people have been hospitalized, 4,280 people have been evacu-ated and some 14,000 buildings have been flooded.

Russian officials say the destruction of the dam, which created a giant reservoir of water used for irrigation and drinking water, will eventually halt fresh water supplies to Russian-controlled Crimea, even though the peninsula has enough fresh water for now --with its reservoirs 80 per cent full.



Rescue workers evacuate an elderly woman from a flooded neighborhood in Kherson, Ukraine on Wednesday. Flood a collapsed dam kept rising in southern Ukraine on Wednesday, forcing hundreds of people to flee their homes in a majo emergency operation that brought a dramatic new dimension to the war with Russia, now in its 16th month

Biden, Sunak focus on Ukraine, economic security

AP WASHINGTON

President Joe Biden is wel-coming Prime Minister Rishi Sunak for wide-ranging talks on Thursday as the British leader makes his first White House visit as premier. The leaders' Oval Office talks are expected to cover the war in Ukraine, China, economic security, international cooperation on regulating the grow-ing field of artificial intelligence, and more. Biden and Sunak have

already had four face-to-face meetings since Sunak became prime minister in October, but the talks in Washington will offer the two leaders a chance for their most sustained interaction to date. White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said the 15-month-old Russian invasion of Ukraine will be "top of mind."

The US and UK are the two biggest donors to the Ukraine war effort and play a central role in a long-term effort announced last month to train, and eventually equip, Ukrainian pilots on F-16 fight-

er jets. Sunak also is looking to make the case to Biden for UK Defence Minister Ben Wallace to succeed outgoing NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg, who is set to end his term leading the 31-member alliance in September.



Stoltenberg is slated to er politicians, scientists and meet with Biden in Washington tech executives for a summit on on Monday, and leaders from AI safety in the fall. the alliance are set to gather in Lithuania on July 11-12 for ensure that "paradigm-shifting

their annual summit. The two leaders will review a range of global issues including our economic partnership or shared support of Ukraine as it defends itself going to take a global effort." against Russia's war of aggres-

sion, as well as further action to accelerate the clean energy transition," Jean-Pierre said. "The president and the

prime minister will also discuss the joint US-UK leadership on critical emerging technologies as well as our work to strengthen our economic security Sunak is keen to make the

ver farmland. Neither Washington nor London has officially accused Russia of blowing up the Kakhovka hydroelectric dam. Sunak said on Wednesday that UK intel-UK a key player in artificial intelligence, and announced that his government will gathligence services are still assess-ing the evidence, but "if it does

prove to be intentional, it will represent a new low ... an appalling barbarism on Russia's part.

"Russia throughout this war has used as a deliberate active strategy to target civilian infrastructure," he told broad-caster ITV in Washington.

The two sides are hoping to demonstrate that the US-UK relationship remains as strong as ever despite recent political and economic upheaval in the UK Sungk is one of three UK Sunak is one of three British prime ministers Biden has dealt with since taking office in 2021, and the administrations have had differences over Brexit and its impact on Northern Ireland.

He said it was vital to There also have been some awkward moments between new technologies" are harthe two leaders in the early nessed for the good of humangoing

Biden, at a White House "No one country can do this alone," Sunak said. "This is celebration in October to mark the Hindu holiday of Diwali, noted the elevation of Sunak, Sunak's visit comes as US who is the UK's first leader of and British intelligence officials colour and the first Hindu to are still trying to sort out blame for the breaching of a serve in the role, as a "groundbreaking milestone" but he major dam in southern badly mangled the pronuncia-Ukraine, which sent floodwation of Sunak's name. At a March meeting in San Diego with Sunak and Australian Prime Minister Anthony ters gushing through towns and Albanese to announce plans to sell Australia nuclear-powered attack submarines, Biden jokingly told Sunak "maybe you can invite me to your home in California.

'Top UN court should dismiss Ukraine's case'

The Hague (AP): Russia urged judges at the United Nations' crew.

highest court on Thursday to throw out a case brought by Ukraine against Moscow over the 2014 annexation of the Crimean Peninsula and the arming of rebels in eastern Ukraine before Russia's fullscale invasion in February 2022. "We appear before you today in order to demonstrate that Ukraine's application must be dismissed because it is without any legal foundation. Nor does it have any factual evidence to

back it," Russian Ambassador to the Netherlands Alexander Shulgin told judges at the International Court of Justice.

Lawyers for Ukraine said as hearings in the case opened 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." Ukraine filed the case in 2017, asking the world court to order Moscow to pay repara-tions for attacks and crimes such as the shooting down of Malaysia Airlines flight MH17 by a Ŕussian missile fired from territory controlled by Moscow-

backed rebels on July 17, 2014, killing all 298 passengers and

The Ukrainian government alleges that Russia breached two treaties: the International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism and the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination.

Addressing the terrorism funding allegation, Michael Swainston, a British lawyer representing Russia, said Ukraine's legal team failed to establish that actions by pro-Moscow rebels in eastern Ukraine could be considered terrorism."It is imperative to distinguish between terrorists who deliberately target civilians and soldiers who foresee that civilians will be killed as collateral damage while striking a military target," Swainston said. He also disputed that the down-ing of MH17 could be considered an act of terrorism and sought to undermine findings by a Dutch court that last year convicted two Russians and a pro-Moscow Ukrainian of multiple murders for their roles in downing the Amsterdam-to-Kuala Lumpur flight.

EU launches legal action against Poland over new Russian influence law

Brussels (AP): The European Union on Thursday launched legal action against member country Poland over a contentious new law that the nationalist government claims is meant to combat Russian influence but which critics say could be used to persecute

opposition politicians. The European Commission said it believes that the new law "unduly interferes with the democratic process," and that it "violates the principle of democracy," and "rights to effective judicial protection." The EU's executive branch supervises respect of the bloc's laws.

The law was passed in May, ahead of expected general elections in autumn, and allows for the creation of a committee to investigate Russian influence in Poland. Critics argue that it would have unconstitutional powers, including the capacity to exclude officials from public life for a decade.

It appears to have gal-vanised public support for the opposition. Over the weekend, around 500,000 people took part in a huge anti-government protest, according to organisers. Citizens travelled from across the country to voice their anger at officials who they say have eroded democratic norms and created fears that the nation is following Hungary and Turkiye down the path to autocracy.

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The protest was led by the main opposition leader, Donald Tusk, a former top EU official. It was possibly the largest demonstration in decades in Poland, although state television said there were no more than 150,000 people. The broadcaster, TVP, was accused of sorely underestimating the turnout.

The march was held on the anniversary of a crucial moment in Poland's history, the partly free election on June 4, 1989, which paved the way for the end of communist rule. It took place about five months before the elections, in which the ruling Law and Justice party is fighting for a third term.As a first step in its legal action, the EU commission has sent the government in Warsaw a "letter of formal notice" outlining its grievances. Poland has 21 days to respond to the letter, and after more exchanges, the government could face hefty fines if it fails to comply.

Iran to deal with security challenges

PTI BEIJING

¬hina, Pakistan and Iran Cheld their first meeting on counter-terrorism and security here during which they discussed joint efforts to deal with the "cross-border movement of terrorists" apparently emanating from Taliban-controlled Afghanistan.The meeting between the senior security officials of the three countries was held on Wednesday, the Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Wang Wenbin told media here on Thursday.

The first meeting of the three countries which are neighbours of Afghanistan was held in the backdrop of persistent complaints by Pakistan against the periodic terrorist attacks by the militants of Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), a Pakistani militant group which shares close ties with Taliban as well as Baloch militants from Iran.

China has also been pressing the Taliban interim administration to crack down on the East Turkistan Islamic Movement (ETIM) which is active in its Uygur Muslim majority Xinjiang province, neighbouring Afghanistan. Militants of the ETIM, a

separatist militant outfit in Xinjiang allegedly have links with radical outfits like Al Qaeda and Islamic State reportedly regrouped in Afghanistan after the Taliban came to power in 2021. Wang said during the tri-

lateral meeting "Three sides held an in-depth exchange of views on the regional counterterrorism situation and joint efforts to tackle the cross-border movement of terrorists, among other issues, and decided to institutionalise the trilateral consultation on counter terrorism and security".

The meeting was a successful step taken by the three countries to act on the Global Security Initiative (GSI) initiated by Chinese President Xi Jinping and enhance regional

security and stability, he said. Terrorism is a common enemy of humanity. China firmly opposes and strongly condemns terrorism in all its manifestations, he said.

'We stand ready to work in close collaboration with Pakistan, Iran and other regional countries to resolutecrack down on terrorist forces that endanger the interests of the three countries and regional security", he said.

Commenting on the trilatfaced by the region.

Pakistan which had celebrated the Taliban's takeover of Afghanistan after the sudden pull out of the US troops faced a piquant situation as the Afghan militant group heading the interim administration declined Islamabad repeated pleas to crackdown on TTP whose terrorist attacks were adding to Pakistan's economic woes. China and Pakistan have been vocal in highlighting their security concerns over the militant groups from Afghanistan

with first global summit'

PTI LONDON

 $B^{\mbox{ritish}}$ Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, who is on a visit to the US, on Thursday announced plans for a first-ever global summit on artificial intelligence (AI) later this year, bringing together key countries, leading tech companies and researchers to agree on safety measures to evaluate and monitor AI's most significant risks.

While participating countries have not been confirmed by Downing Street at this stage, India is likely to be among the countries as Sunak stressed the importance of like-minded allies and companies working together to develop an international framework to ensure the safe and reliable development and use of AI. The summit, which will be hosted in the UK this

Islamabad (AP): A bomb ripped

through a memorial service in

Afghanistan's northeastern

Badakhshan province on

Thursday, killing at least 11 peo-

official was among those killed

and more than 30 were also

wounded in the explosion near

A former Taliban police

ple, officials said.

eral meeting, Pakistan's Foreign Office spokesperson Mumtaz Zahra Baloch said the Pakistani delegation held detailed discussions on the regional security situation, particularly the threat of terrorism

"Based on the outcome of these consultations, the three sides have decided to institutionalise the Trilateral Consultations on counter-terrorism and security," she said in Islamabad on Thursday.

Nabawi Mosque, according to Abdul Nafi Takor, the Talibanappointed spokesman for the interior ministry. There were concerns that the number of casualties could rise further as more information becomes available, Takor added.The bombing apparently targeted the memorial service for Nisar Ahmad Ahmadi, the deputy governor of Badakhshan who was killed in a car bombing on Tuesday. That attack in Faizabad, the capital of Badakhshan, also killed the deputy governor's dri-

further developing a shared approach to mitigate these risks."AI has an incredible potential to transform our lives for the

ple.

that is safe and secure," said Sunak. "Time and time again throughout history we have invented paradigm-shifting new technologies, and we have harnessed them for the good of humanity. That is what we must do again. No one country can do this alone. This is going to take a global effort. But with our vast expertise and commitment to an open, democratic international system, the UK will stand together with our allies to lead the way," he said. Downing

it is developed and used in a way

Street pointed out that in recent weeks. Sunak has discussed this issue with a number of businesspeople and world leaders, including Google CEO Pichai and that the work at the AI safety summit will build on recent discussions at the G7 Summit in Japan.

China, Pakistan and |'UK to lead way on AI safety |Indian-origin min to run in Singapore's Prez election

Singapore (PTI): Tharman Shanmugaratnam, an Indian-origin senior minister of Singapore on Thursday announced his intention to run in the city-state's presidential election later this year, stepping aside from active politics after 22 years.

Tharman, 66, also said he intends to resign from the ruling People's Action Party (PAP) which has been running the prosperous citystate since the 1960s. He also informed Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong of his decision to retire from politics and all his positions in the government and contest in the presidential election that must be held by September 13.

Tharman was first elected Member of Parliament in 2001, in Jurong Group Representation Constituencies (Jurong GRC) which allows candidates from the minorities to join a group led by members from the city state's predominantly Chinese origin population.

"I plan to do so a month from now, on July 7, so that I can first fulfil my immediate official commitments in Singapore and internationally, and ensure that arrangements are fully in place for constituents of Jurong GRC to be well-served for the rest of the electoral term," Channel News



Asia quoted Tharman from a letter he wrote to the Prime Minister.

He will also step down as chairman of the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS), deputy chairman of GIC, chairman of the Economic Development Board's International Advisory Council and other responsibilities he has been undertaking in his ministerial capac-

Tharman said he has been "humbled" by the requests he has received in recent months from Singaporeans who want to see him stand in the presidential election.

Af bombing kills 11 Smoke from Canada wildfires poisons NY air ver and wounded 10 other peo-

PTI 📕 HOUSTON

¬he air quality of New York L city has deteriorated as smoke from the Canadian wildfires poured into the US East Coast and Midwest, with data showing that the pollution level in the metropolitan city was highest among significant cities worldwide, even surpassing New Delhi. Situation was such that the

picturesque and renowned skyline of New York City became invisible on Wednesday behind a hazy veil of smoke from the Canadian wildfires flowing into the region.

According to IQAir, New York City had the highest levels of air pollution among significant cities worldwide on Wednesday morning, surpassing even New Delhi.



The Statue of Liberty, covered in a haze-filled sky, is photographed from the Staten AP/PTI Island Ferry on Wednesday, in New York.

Recently in a global air expect hazy weather to continquality report, India was ue in New York through the ranked eighth on the list, with rest of the week. Chad, Iraq, Pakistan, Bahrain, AccuWeather forecasters and Bangladesh being the five expect "very unhealthy" levels most polluted countries in to continue through the rest of 2022. The weather forecasters the week. The air quality in New

York City was listed as "unhealthy" as of Wednesday morning.

The haze across the city reduced visibility. Many weather stations in the Big Apple reported visibility of less than a mile. A ground stop was issued at Newark Liberty International Airport in New Jersey and LaGuardia Airport in New York City on Wednesday afternoon due to low visibility from the smoke and haze, according to the Federal aviation Administration.

In addition to New York, strong smell of smoke, dark skies and breathlessness caught the attention of residents in other cities and towns from Maryland to New Hampshire, reporting low visibility and hazy skies.



autumn, will consider the risks of AI, including frontier systems, and discuss how they can be mitigated through internationally coordinated action. It will also provide a platform for countries to work together on better. But we need to make sure

Moazuddin Ahmadi, the

Taliban official in charge of

information and culture, con-

firmed Thursday's explosion and

the killing of Safiullah Samim, a

former Taliban police chief in

Baghlan. There was no immedi-

ate claim of responsibility for

Thursday's attack. The Islamic

State group — a top rival of the Taliban — has claimed respon-

sibility for the car bombing on

President Hamid Karzai con-

demned the attack, saying in a

tweet that the bombing of

mosques is an act of "terrorism"

and goes "against human and Islamic standards" Several senior

Taliban officials attended

Ahmadi's funeral, which took

place on Wednesday, along with

hundreds of residents of

Afghan

Tuesday.Former

Faizabad.



PTI defectors launch new political party

PTI LAHORE

n a setback to Pakistan's beleaguered former prime minister Imran Khan, scores of disgruntled leaders on Thursday launched a new political party - believed to be backed by the powerful military - to fight the general elec-tions likely to be held in October. Sugar baron and Khan's old

friend Jahangir Khan Tareen, who is leading the group of leaders who quit the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party in the wake of May 9 attacks on military installations, announced the launch of the Istehkam-e-Pakistan Party (IPP) during a press conference in Lahore.

"We are laying the founda-tion of a new political party -Istehkam-e-Pakistan Party," said Tareen, flanked by former PTI leaders including Aleem Khan, Imran Ismail and others.

Tareen, who played a major role in the formation of the Imran Khan-led government in 2018, said that he joined politics to play his role for the be terment of the country.

The millionaire parted ways with Khan when a money laundering case was registered against him during the PTI-led government. "We have gathered at one platform to make joint efforts to lift the country out of this quagmire," said Tareen, who was disqualified for life after the Supreme Court ruled in 2017 that he was found guilty in assets beyond

means case He said that the country needed a political leadership which could resolve all prevailing issues including social, economic and others. He also said that May 9

vandalism culprits should be brought to book "or else the houses of political opponents will be attacked in the future".

The country, he further said, needs a new political leadership which could put it on a path of progress saying that people have lost all hope in the current political system. Several former aides of Khan including Fawad

Chaudhry, Imran Ismail, Ali Zaidi and others reportedly met Tareen before the official announcement of the new party. More than 100 PTI stalwarts and legislators on Wednesday joined their new boss Tareen, whose party comprises over 120 former leaders and lawmakers of the PTI.

This new party is being tagged as the 'king's party' by Khan and political pundits for having the full backing of the military establishment. In the next elections, it is said the king's party will emerge strong and have a share of power.

"It is not out of place to say



be the 'new PTI minus Imran Khan' in the next general elections likely to be held in October 2023," former PTI leader Firdous Ashiq Awan told the Press Trust of India on Thursday She said Khan is responsi-

ble for what he and his party are facing today. "His anti-military narrative caused May 9 incidents. Instead of targeting his political rivals he aimed at the establishment and now he is paying the price," she said.

Most of the main leaders and former lawmakers of PTI have joined the Tareen group

the services sectors respective-

targets, with the industrial sec-

showed

and no one will stay with Khan, she said.

"We under the new platform will do politics against mainstream parties - PMLN and PPP - as PTI has now become a thing of the past," Awan said.

More than 130 leaders and former lawmakers have quit PTI for what Khan said "under military pressure" to keep him out of politics.

Interestingly, some of them had announced a 'temporary break' from politics while quit-ting the PTI in the wake of the May 9 unrest. However, their break lasted only a couple of weeks before they formally entered the new political camp. Every day since the attacks on over 20 military installations

and state buildings including the army headquarters in Rawalpindi on May 9, the PTI leaders have been leaving Khan. It is believed that only a handful of PTI leaders may be left supporting Khan in the ongoing efforts to fracture the PTI. "Almost all PTI deserters have converged on one plat-

form - Tareen group. Now this group is launching a new party 'Istehkaam-i-Pakistan Party (IPP) - and all those leaving Mr Khan will be part of this party," said PM's special assistant Awn Chaudhry, who is a main leader of the group. He said the Democrats

group, comprising some 35 former lawmakers of PTI, has also joined the Tareen group. 'Now we will do politics on the new platform," Chaudhry said.

Prominent among those who joined the new group are PTI's former senior vice president Fawad Chaudhry, its founding member Amir Kiyani, former Sindh governor Imran Ismael, former federal ministers Ali Zaidi and Firdous Ashiq Awan and outspoken Fayyazul Hasan Chohan.

Property and media tycoon Aleem Khan is lobbying for the president's slot in the IPP while Tareen himself may be called 'chief' of the new party till he gets relief from the court regarding his lifetime disqualification from holding a public office.

sure were the major factors that

Protective bail for Imran in lawyer's murder case

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Justice Farooq conducted the hearing on eight pleas, of which six were linked to the May 9

violence and one each pertain-

ing to attempted murder and

levelling allegations against top

reserved the verdict on the bail

petitions filed by Khan in the

eight cases. After attending hearings at the IHC, the former

premier reached the Federal

Judicial Complex (FJC) for

multiple hearings. He is expect-

ed to appear before a district

court seeking pre-arrest bail in

a first information report (FIR)

related to the alleged fraud in

the sale of Toshakhana gifts,

which was registered on June 6.

appear before an anti-terrorism

court in 10 cases related to vio-

lating Section 144 and threat-

ening a female judge. Strict

security measures were taken

by police on the PTI chief's

appearance in the IHC and the

judicial complex. Earlier in the

day, the FJC registrar permit-

ted him to enter the court

was crucial for him to have

access to his vehicle within

court premises to "ensure safe-

ty and minimise potential risk

during the attendance". The

Toshakhana is a department

responsible for storing gifts and other precious items given by foreign officials to Pakistani

public officials. Khan is accused

of "deliberately" concealing details of the gifts he retained

from the Toshakhana during

his time as prime minister and

proceeds from their reported

sales. Khan has faced a number

of legal issues over his retention

of gifts. The issue also led to his

previous disqualification by

the electoral body. Last month,

the PTI chief was indicted in

In the request, Khan said it

premises in his vehicle.

He is also expected to

Later, Justice Farooq

officers of state institutions.

PTI ISLAMABAD

A Pakistan high court on Thursday granted protec-tive bail to former premier Imran Khan in a case registered against him for the murder of a senior lawyer and reserved its verdict on bail petitions filed by

Khan in eight other cases. Khan, 70, was named in the killing of Supreme Court lawyer Abdul Razzaq Shar, who was shot dead in Quetta on June 6 by unknown gun-men. The Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party chief filed a petition in the Islamabad High Court (IHC), where a division bench comprising IHC Chief Justice Aamer Farooq and Justice Miangul Hassan Aurangzeb heard the case.

Shar's son accused his father was killed at Khan's behest as the lawyer had filed a case against the former premier in the Balochistan High Court. The federal government and Khan's PTI party had traded blame over the incident, with both sides accusing the other of having a role in the killing.

hampered the achievement of After an initial argument, the bench granted Khan a twotargets. I think the current achievements are realistic given week protective bail. A video posted on his party's official the circumstances," Dar said, Twitter account showed the PTI chief's black SUV entering adding that floods caused USD 30 billion in economic losses. The minister also said that the premises of the court as his the government had set 3.5 per security personnel stood guard with bulletproof shields. cent GDP growth for the next

year. He said several incentives Earlier, Khan travelled from Lahore to Islamabad, would be announced in the budget tomorrow, including where the former cricketerturned-politician was schedthe government setting a USD 15 billion export of IT target in uled to appear for his bail the next five years to increase petitions in over a dozen cases it from the current USD 2.5 billinked to violent protests after lion. Minister for Planning his arrest on May 9 and the Ahsan Iqbal in his remarks Toshakhana graft case. The PTI chief also filed a petition in defended the performance of the government by saying that the IHC seeking bail in the case of Shar's murder.

Separately, IHC Chief

INDIAN RAILWAYS **GOVERNMENT OF INDIA (BHARAT SARKAR)** MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (RAIL MANTRALAYA) (RAILWAY BOARD) No. 2023/Track-III/MC/1 New Delhi, dated 08.06.2023 CORRIGENDUM-III Subject :- E-Tender No. TM-2301 for procurement of Self Propelled Ultrasor Rail Testing Car "SPURT CAR" to be opened on 19.06.2023 The date of opening of above mentioned tender due on 19.06.2023 has be oostponed to 18.07.2023 Il other terms and conditions of the subject tender remain unchanged (Vijay Singh) Director, Track (Machines Railway Board Tele: No. 011-47845531 E-mail: vijay.singh.2017@gov.in 1750/2023

the case.

Pak, Turkmenistan to execute Pak economy shows just 0.29% GDP growth TAPI gas pipeline project PTI ISI AMABAD

India.

Islamabad (PTI): Pakistan and Turkmenistan on Thursday signed a joint implementation plan to execute the multibillion-dollar Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India (TĀPI) gas pipeline project.

The signing ceremony was witnessed by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and a delegation of Turkmenistan led by Minister of Energy and Water Resources Daler Juma'a, staterun Radio Pakistan reported.

State Minister for Petroleum Musadik Malik and Turkmenistan's State Minister and Chairman of TurkmenGas, Maskat Babayev inked the accord. Speaking on the occasion, Prime Minister Sharif said that TAPI was a very important project for the progress of the entire region

and securing natural gas with concrete assurances and mutually agreed terms and condi-"We have to negotiate tions. with this challenge through speedy action," he said, highlighting the significance of

He expressed the confidence that the TAPI project will bring an era of regional cooperation and prosperity, and asked the Pakistani team to speed up its planning and then its execution. The Prime Minister said both Pakistan and Turkmenistan are brotherly countries and are ready to expand their economic cooperation. The TAPI project includes Turkmenistan, Afghanistan, Pakistan and

←ash-strapped Pakistan's Geconomy showed a dismal performance during the outgo-

ing financial year with just 0.29 per cent GDP growth and spiralling inflation at over 29 per cent, according to the economic data unveiled by Finance Minister Ishaq Dar on Thursday. launched the Dar

Economic Survey 2022-23 at a crowded press conference, an annual ritual performed one day ahead of next year's budget. The survey showcases the economic achievements of the government during the year ending on June 30 amidst political turmoil and unprecedented floods.

The documents showed that the "GDP growth in the outgoing year remained at 0.29

May 2023, against 11 per cent in the same period last year and far ahead of the target of 11.5 per cent for FY2023. On the positive side, the tax collection saw a major increase with the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) registering 16.1 per cent to Rs 5637.9 bil-

Rs 4,855.8 billion in the previ-

entire year is Rs 7,470 billion. per cent, missing the target of 5 per cent", including 1.55 per Similarly, the government cent in agriculture, 2.94 in showed better performance to industry and 0.86 per cent in

contain the current account deficit from USD 3.4 billion to ly. "All three sectors missed the USD 13.7 billion in the July to March period, showing a current account deficit reduction tor contracting to 2.94 per cent from the target of 7.1 per of 1 per cent of the GDP to 4.6 cent growth," the data from 4.7 per cent.

The survey shows that the The survey showed that fiscal deficit was contained to Pakistan registered 29.2 per 3.6 per cent of the GDP during cent inflation from July 2022 to the first nine months of the current fiscal year against 3.9 per cent of the GDP in the same period of last year. The finance minister

defending the economic performance accused the previous government of Imran Khan of economic problems, which were compounded by the natlion from July to April against ural disaster of floods and the international conditions. ous year. The target for the

2022-23 was a "force majeure" year for the country but the site uation was changing due to the difficult decisions by the

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marathon" issue for Europe. "Of this marathon, we	2	Upgradation of street light network along with AMC for Three years under at IA. Surajpur site-B&C, Housing Kasna site-4 & 5 and EPIP (G.B. Nanger).	603.77		
have maybe 100 metres left. So, we are so close to actually	3	Providing H.T/L.T. Network on road no. 05, 07, 08 & 09 under Atal Industrial Infrastructure Mission at IA. Babrala (Sambhal)	368.74		
find an agreement today," Johansson said. "I expect the		निविदा दिनांक 09.06.2023 को 11:00 बजे से दिनांक 16.06.2023 को 18:00 बजे तक अपलोड की जा सकती है, जिसे दिनांक 17.06.2023 को 11:00 बजे या इसके पश्चात खोला जायेगा। निविदायाताओं द्वारा शपथ रत्रों की मूल प्रवियों निविदा खोलन के बाद 0.39 कार्य दिवर में पंजीकत डाक / यात्रीतगत रूप से कपालय में जाना की जा सकती है।			

300 kids rescued from EU makes fresh atte to overcome yearslo a Sudanese orphanage crisis over migrants after 71 others die AP BRUSSELS "extremely impor nation, said Ricardo Pires, a resolve what l

Cairo (AP): About 300 infants, toddlers and older spokesman for the UN children's agency, UNICEF. children have been rescued from an orphanage in Sudan's capital after being trapped social development and health there while fighting raged have taken charge of the chilaid officials said on Thursday. The evacuation came after 71 children died from hunger and illness in the facility since mid-April. The tragedy at the Al-Mayqoma orphanage made headlines late last month as fighting raged outside between Sudan's military and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces.

energy for developing countries of the region.

The deaths have highlighted the heavy toll inflicted on civilians since mid-April when the clashes erupted between forces loyal to Gen. Abdel-Fattah Burhan and RSF forces led by Gen. Mohammed Hamdan Dagalo.

About 300 children at the Al-Mayqoma orphanage in Khartoum were transferred to a "safer location" elsewhere in the northeastern African

dren, while UNICEF has pro vided humanitarian support including medical care, food, educational activities and play, Pires said in an email to The

Sudan's ministries of

Associated Press. He said the children had received medical checks following their long journey to

their new location, adding that "any child requiring hospitalisation will have access to ĥealthcare."

International The Committee of The Red Cross, which helped with the evacuation, said the children, aged between 1 month to 15 years, were relocated after securing a safe corridor to Madani, the capital of Jazira province,

about 135 kilometres (85 miles) southeast of Khartoum. Seventy caretakers have been transferred with the children, the ICRC said.

ey weighed new measures for sharing out responsibility for migrants entering Europe without authorisation.

European Union interior ministers on Thursday

made a fresh attempt to over-

come one of the bloc's most

intractable political problems

Europe's asylum system collapsed eight years ago after well over a million people entered - most of them fleeing conflict in Syria - and overwhelmed reception capacities in Greece and Italy, in the process sparking one of the EU's biggest political crises.

The 27 EU nations have bickered ever since over which countries should take responsibility for people arriving without authorisation, and whether other members should be obliged to help them cope.

Arriving for the meeting in Luxembourg, the EU's top migration official, Home Affairs Commissioner Ylva Iohansson said it was an

are all losers," she said. Under the existing rules, countries where migrants first arrive must interview and screen them and process the applications of those who might want to apply for asylum. But Greece, İtaly and Malta maintain that the burden of managing the numbers of people coming in is too onerous. Later attempts to impose quota systems on countries to share out the migrants were challenged in court and finally abandoned. EU countries now seem

the agreement."

member states to be able to do

the final extra metres to reach

"If we are not united, we

to agree that the assistance they provide must be mandatory but can take the form of financial and other help rather than migration sharing schemes.

Pope in good condition after surgery

AP ROME

Pope Francis' was in "good general condition" Thursday, alert and breathing on his own following a threehour operation to remove intestinal scar tissue and repair a hernia in his abdominal wall, the Vatican said.

The 86-year-old Francis rested "extensively" during a peaceful night and was spending his first day after the surgery observing the "necessary post-operative rest," the Vatican said in a statement.

"The pope is informed of the messages of closeness and affection that have come in the last few hours and expresses his gratitude, while asking for continued prayers for him," the statement said.

Francis was admitted to Rome's Gemelli hospital Wednesday for his second major abdominal operation in two years, following a 2021 procedure to remove part of his colon.

Doctors revealed that in

addition to that 2021 operation, Francis had undergone previous abdominal surgeries sometime before 2013 in his native Argentina, which had also caused intestinal scarring. During the operation Wednesday, doctors removed adhesions, or internal scarring, on the intestine that had caused a partial blockage. To

repair a hernia that had formed over a previous scar, a prosthetic mesh was also placed in the abdominal wall. Dr Sergio Alfieri, director

of abdominal and endocrine sciences who performed the surgery, said the operation was a success and that Francis was suffering from no other

pathologies, that the tissue removed was benign and that after he recovers, he should be fine. A feared protrusion, or bulging of the intestine through the hernia tear, was

apparently not found. Alfieri, who also removed part of Francis' colon in 2021,



ence that the pope was awake, alert and even joking. "When will we do the third one?" he quoted Francis as saying.

The pontiff was expected to remain in the 10th floor papal suite at Gemelli for several days, and all papal audiences were canceled through June 18.

The operation was scheduled after Francis had complained about increasing bouts of pain and intestinal blockages. After going to Gemelli on Tuesday for checks, Francis

lowing his general audience and underwent the procedure a short time later.

scheduled now to give Francis plenty of time to recover before embarking on planned travel later this summer: an August 2-6 trip to Portugal for World Youth Day, and an August 31-September 4 trip to Mongolia and a September 23 day trip to Marseille, France.

"It appears they operated on him in a timely fashion with no compromise to his intestine," said Dr. Walter Longo, chief of colon and rectal surgery at Yale University School of Medicine, who did not participate in the surgery and commented after consulting the Vatican statement on the procedure.

Francis remained in charge of the Vatican and the 1.3-billion strong Catholic Church, even while unconscious and in the hospital, according to canon law.

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PUBLIC INFORMATION

This is General Information to public at large or to whomsoever it may concern.

to whomsoever it may concern. Late Shri Anil Kumar Jain S/o Late Shri Prem Chand Jain R/o FlatNo. 53 (C-455, Indira Nagar, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh booked one flat in F - 906, Tower - F, under Project RG Luxury Homes situated at PlotNo. GH-07A, Sector - 16 B Greater NODA, Guatam Budh Nagar, Unfortunately all of sudden late Shri Anil Kumar Jain expired on 24.04.2021.

The deceased Anil Kumar Jain have 2 sons

The deceased Anil Kumar Jain have 2 sons / legal heirs. Both legal heirs mutually settled that Shn Rahul Jain Son of Late Shri Anil Kumar Jain (one of son or legal heir of the deceased person) resident of Flat No. 53, C-455, Indira Nagar, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh - 226016. Shri Rahul Jain is authorised to transfer his name instead of Late Shri Anil Kumar Jain in property bearing No. F-906, under Rajesh Projects India Pvi. Ltd. and Rahul Jain applied the same. This is negreal information to whom so ever it

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This is general information to whom so ever it may concern or general at large, if any one have any objection or claim regarding the above mentioned person or property. He may raise his objection to the sales of RG Luxury Homes situated at PlotNo. GH-07A, Sector - 16 B Greater NOIDA, Guatam Budh Nagar, U.P.within 15 days after the publication of this public notice / information, otherwise Rahul Jain is appointed as the legal heir of the property / F - 906, Tower - F, under project RG Luxury Homes and after this stipulated time period nothing / any person will be treated as a legal objection. (Sd-) (Mukesh Guuta), Advocate

Companies (Incorporation) **Rules. 2014**

'Form No. INC-26" [Pursuant to rule 30 the Companies(Incorporation) Rules.

20141 Advertisement to be published in the newspaper for change of registered office of the company from one state to another

Before the Central Government Northern Region

In the matter of sub-section(4) of Section 13 of Companies Act, 2013 and clause (a) of sub-rule (5) of rule 30 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules.2014

AND In the matter of Paradise Contacts Private Limited, having its Registered Office at 10/80, Punjabi Bagh, New Delhi - 110026. Petitioner

Notice is hereby given to the General Public that the company proposes to make application to the Central Government under section 13 of the

Companies Act. 2013 seeking confirmation of alteration of the Memorandum of Association of the

Company in terms of the special resolution passed at the Extra ordinary general meeting held on 27.04.2023 to enable the company to change its Registered Office from"NCT of Delhi & Haryana"to "State of Karnataka".

Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change of the registered office of the company may deliver either on the MCA-21portal (www.mca.gov.in) by filing investor complaint for morcause to be deliver edor send by registered post of his/he objections supported by an affidavit stating the nature of his/her interest and grounds of opposition to the Regional Director, Northern Region at B-2 Wing 2nd Floor, Pt. Deen Daval Antvodava Bhawan, 2nd Floor, CGO Complex, New Delhi-110003 within fourteen days of he date of publication of this notice with a copy to the applicant company at its registered office at the Address Mentioned Below: 10/80, Punjabi Bagh New Delhi - 110026

For and on behalf of Paradise **Contacts Private Limited** -sd- Chander Prakash Kwatra (DIRECTOR) DIN: 03033841 Date : 09.06.2023 Place: Delhi



Online tenders are hereby invited on partial turnkey basis (two part bid) by the undersigned for & on behalf of Managing Director, HPSEB Ltd., Shimla-4, from the Bidders/ Joint venture firms having A-Class Electrical contractor license from Chief Inspector, for the following work:-

chief inoposition, for the following work.					
Ten	ider No.	CEO/M&C/T No. 2/Aug-S/Stn.R/Ghat/2023-24			
Description of work Aug. of 33/11kV, 2x6.3 MVA, S/Stn. to 33/11kV, 2x10 S/Stn. at Rampurghat under ESD HPSEB Ltd., Pa Sahib.					
Estimated Cost			Rs. 16651997/-		
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(No	on-refundable)				
Сог	mpletion Period		12 Months		
Key dates					
1.	Date of online publication 16.06.2023				
2.	Start date & time of bid submission 16.06.2023 (11.30 AN				
3.	End date & time of bid submission 10.07.2023 (11.30 AN				
4.	Date and time of opening of techno comm. bid 11.07.2023 (11.30 AM)				
The bid document is available online and bid shall be submitted online on website					
https://www.hptenders.gov.in. Bidders would be required to register in the					
website which is free of cost. For submission of bids, the bidders are required to					
have digital signature certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized certifying					
authority (CA). Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the user ID and password					

for participating in e-tendering in HPSEBL may obtain the same from the website https://www.hptenders.gov.in. DSC is mandatory to participate in e-tendering Bidders already possessing valid DSC issued from authorized CAs can use the same in this tender (Er. Rakesh Kumar)

Chief Engineer, (OP) South, HPSEB Ltd., Shimla-4

(Sd-2) (Mukesh Gupta), Advocate Waywode Legal Jurists LLP Advocate & Solicitors Chamber Number E 512, Lawyers Chambers Block, Karkardoma Court, Delhi Date : 07.06.2023 Mobile No. 9650968840 Follow COVID-19 Protocol

Office of the Executive Engineer, Construction Division, Uttarakhand Peyjal Nigam, Ramnagar, (Nainital) (E-mail : eecdujnramnagar@gmail.com, Phone: 05947-251259) Date:- 07-06-2023

Letter No. 860 / Vividh-14 / 51

E-Tender Notice

E-tender is invited through single bid system for the construction work of OHT & Pump House, providing, laying & jointing of rising main, distribution system and appurtenant works for the following drinking water scheme of Ramnagar block of Nainital district under Jal Jeevan Mission Programme with supply of all materials, labour and T&P etc complete including testing, commissioning &

handover etc. of the following schemes under Jal Jeevan Mission Programme. Name of Scheme :- Chukum W/S Scheme, Block- Ramnagar, Period of Completion of work-10 Months

10 Months					
1	Date of Calling of tenders	07-06-2023			
2	Date of Online publication	08-06-2023 at 17:00 hrs.			
3	Document download : Start Date / End Date	09-06-2023 at 11:00 hrs. / 20-06-2023 at 17:00 hrs.			
4	Pre Bid Meeting	14-06-2023 at 13:00 hrs.			
5	Bid Submission : Start Date / End Date	14-06-2023 at 11:00 hrs. / 20-06-2023 at 17:00 hrs.			
6	Offline submission of documents (Cost of bidding document, Bid Security, Original Affidavits & all the Supporting Documents in support of qualification)	21-06-2023 upto 17:00 hrs.			
7	Date of Single Bid Opening	22-06-2023 at 15:00 hrs.			
Note:- For full details of the tender, corrigendum and cancellation etc., please log-in to the website www.uktenders.gov.in Executive Engineer					

was admitted Wednesday fol-The surgery was likely



Markets snap 4-day rally amid profit-taking

PTI MUMBAI

- quity benchmarks Sensex and Nifty surrendered early gains to close with losses on Thursday, snapping their four-day winning streak as investors pared exposure to auto, bank and IT stocks after the RBI left its key interest rate unchanged.

After remaining in the pos-itive territory for most of the session, the 30-share BSE Sensex fell 294.32 points or 0.47 per cent to settle at 62,848.64. During the day, it tumbled 353.23 points or 0.55 per cent to 62,789.73. The NSE Nifty declined 91.85 points or 0.49

per cent to end at 18,634.55. "Investor sentiment took a downturn following the in-line monetary policy announcement by the RBI, as the market had higher expectations for a more optimistic revision in the inflation outlook, taking into account the recent easing of inflation data

"The RBI's decision to lower the inflation rate by only 10 bps suggests a cautious stance due to geopolitical uncertainties, the potential impact of El Nino and the

The Reserve Bank is not planning to issue any sepa-

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media influencers pedalling

their personal views on the

financial markets since sector

watchdog Sebi is already on it.

monetary policy announcement

on Thursday wherein the central

bank has for the second time in

a row left the key policy rates unchanged, governor Shaktikanta Das said, "The RBI

is not planning to issue any sep-

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financial advice via social media

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Addressing media after the

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RBI not planning to regulate

social media influencers



increase in Minimum Support Price, Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services, said

Kotak Mahindra Bank was the biggest loser in the Sensex pack, sliding 2.68 per cent, followed by Tech Mahindra, Mahindra & Mahindra, Axis Bank, Hindustan Unilever, Tata Motors, Tata Consultancy Services, Bajaj Finserv, Bajaj Finance, Nestle and Titan.

In contrast, NTPC, Power Grid, Larsen & Toubro, HDFC, Reliance and HDFC Bank were the gainers. In the broader market, the BSE midcap gauge fell by 0.87 per cent and smallcap index declined by 0.47 per cent.

"Indian equities witnessed ties (0.66 per cent).

profit booking on the day of the Industrials, utilities, capital RBI policy meeting outcome, which was on expected lines...Post the RBI policy outcome; markets saw some profit booking in the interest ratesensitive sectors, which dragged the indices down...Except for Metals, all sectors ended in red," Siddhartha Khemka, Head - of Retail Research, at Motilal Oswal Financial Services, said. Among the indices, realty tumbled by 1.51 per cent,

telecommunication (1.06 per cent), auto (0.97 per cent), IT (0.88 per cent), FMCG (0.81 per cent), bankex (0.80 per cent), consumer discretionary (0.76 per cent) and commodi-

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goods and power were the gainers. "Global markets were mixed on Thursday as negative sentiments arising out of expectations of further interest rate hikes by major central banks and the fact that Eurozone has entered recession after its Janaury-Mar GDP fell 0.1 per cent was offset by optimism over more Chinese stimulus measures," Deepak Jasani, Head of Retail Research, HDFC

Securities, said. In Asian markets, Seoul and Tokyo ended lower, while Shanghai and Hong Kong settled in the green.

Equity markets in Europe

PTI KOLKATA

The Reserve Bank of India's decision to keep policy rates unchanged was on expected lines, banking and financial

experts said on Thursday. The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC), which has three members from RBI and an equal number of external experts, voted unanimously to keep the benchmark repurchase, or repo rate unchanged at 6.50 per cent.

Punjab National Bank MD after track the status as well as & CEO Atul Kr Goel said that keeping policy rates unchanged Looking to digitise the was "in line with the market process in two phases, Sebi said expectations" in view of easing

time to make transition: Das

At present, holders of physical security certificates are

required to submit various documents to the registrars to an issue and share transfer agents (RTAs) with respect to various service requests such as issuance

territory. The US markets ended mostly lower on Wednesday. The Reserve Bank of India on Thursday left its key interest rate unchanged for a second straight policy meeting but signalled that it wants to see inflation moderate more while preserving the growth momentum. The monetary policy committee (MPC), which has three members from RBI and an equal number of external experts, voted unanimously to keep the benchmark repurchase, or repo rate unchanged at 6.50 per cent. While consumer price infla-

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tion eased during March-April 2023 and moved into the tolerance band, headline inflation is still above the target of 4 per cent and is expected to remain so during the rest of the current fiscal, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said announcing the monetary policy decision.

The central bank lowered its inflation projection for the current financial year to 5.1 per cent, as Governor Shaktikanta Das said the central bank's monetary policy actions are yielding the desired results.

It also retained the GDP

growth projection for the cur rent fiscal at 6.5 per cent, on the back of supportive domestic demand conditions.

Dhiraj Relli, MD and CEO, HDFC Securities, said, "The RBI MPC left the repo rates unchanged at its meeting on June 8 in line with street expectations. MPC members were in a sweet spot in the backdrop of higher than expected GDP numbers and moderating headline and core inflation print". Global oil benchmark Brent crude dipped 0.31 per cent to USD 76.71 a barrel.

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) bought equities worth Rs 1,382.57 crore on Wednesday, according to exchange data.

"Sharp correction in the last hour trade pulled down the Sensex below the 63,000 mark, as realty shares faltered sharply after the recent upsurge.

"While the rate hike pause by the MPC was on expected lines, subdued commentary by the RBI on inflation for this fiscal year dampened the sentiment," said Shrikant Chouhan, Head of Equity Research (Retail), Kotak Securities Ltd.

As expected, the "RBI

underscored that the vigil on

inflation will remain strong as the

apex bank emphasised on the

importance of reaching the CPI

target of 4 per cent rather than

merely staying within the toler-

ance band", Sanyal viewed.

Margins turn positive on petrol, diesel but price cut will have to wait

PTI NEW DELHI

Margins on petrol and diesel have turned positive fol-lowing softening of international oil prices but a revision in retail prices may happen only after state-owned oil firms recoup losses they incurred last year, officials said.

State-owned Indian Oil Corporation (IOC), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL) have temporarily abandoned the daily price revision since last year and have not revised petrol and diesel prices in line with the cost. And the losses they incurred when the oil prices were higher than the retail selling prices are now being recouped with rates drop-

officials said the three firms have been making positive margins on petrol since the fourth quarter of the 2022 calendar year but diesel, which accounts for the bulk of the fuel sales, had been in red.

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8) took place against the back-

drop of consumer price-based

(CPI) inflation declining to an

18-month low of 4.7 per cent in

April. The CPI for May is sched-

The MPC meeting (June 6-



But last month, margins on diesel turned positive with a small 50 paise a litre profit, they said, adding, this, however, was not enough to make up for the past losses.

International oil prices had piked to USD 139 per barrel in March 2022 in the aftermath of the Russia-Ukraine war. They have since cooled to USD 75-76. At peak, oil firms lost Rs 17.4

per litre on petrol and Rs 27.7 a litre on diesel. In the October-December quarter, oil firms earned Rs 10 a litre margin on petrol but lost Rs 6.5 on diesel. In the following quarter, the margins on petrol moderated to Rs 6.8 a litre while diesel earned Rs 0.5 per litre.

SC order on banking fraud: RBI to shortly issue new guidelines

PTI MUMBAI

The Reserve Bank will 'shortly' come out with revised guidelines on fraudulent account classification to take into account the recent apex court order that asked lenders to ensure natural justice to a defaulter before labelling him a fraudster.

"The SC has given a judgement, saying natural justice has to be provided to a borrower before declaring him a fraud. "Subsequently, hearing a review petition filed by SBI, the apex court clarified that there was no need to give a personal hearing," Mukesh Jain, the deputy governor in charge of banking supervi-sion, told reporters during the post-policy presser here on Thursday.

Thursday. Though State Bank moved the court with a review petition, seeking to know whether the March 27 order only applied prospectively and not affect past decisions, the court led by chief justice DY

complaints by RTAs PTI 📕 NEW DELHI Capital markets regulator Sebi Thursday decided to provide a mechanism for processing of investors' service requests and complaints through online mode by RTAs and there-

with regulations to tame the socalled financial influencers, it has not yet issued anything but has been acting selectively on such manipulators.

2022, the regulator found market abuse through stock recommendations using the social media channel Telegram. Again on March 2 this year, Sebi cracked down on Youtubers and barred about 44 entities from the securities market in an interim order passed for manipulating

Social media influencers peddle personal views or those paying them on financial mara year, for alleged violations of investment adviser norms.



advertising and marketing camprices and making illicit gains. year, Sebi fined Rs 6.5 crore on influencer PR Sundar and banned him from the market for

Since January 2022, Sebi has been saying it would come out



For instance, in January

Again, as late as May 27 this

of duplicate security certificates, folio consolidation and services through depository participants such as dematerialisation and rematerialisation.

Securities, said.

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RBI's decision to keep rates unchanged on expected lines: Experts retail inflation and anticipation inflation forecast for the first of a further decline. He also said quarter of the current fiscal by 50 basis points, the CPI projection that maintaining the growth projection of GDP for the current for the full year was kept almost financial year at 6.5 per cent unchanged," he said.

reflects that RBI remains sanguine about economic growth. Bandhan Bank Chief

Economist and Head of Research said the status quo on the repo rate in the MPC meeting was "almost a foregone conclusion". "Interestingly, despite lower-

ing the consumer price index

Capital requirement for ECL manageable, banks will be given

PTI MUMBAI

¬overnor Shaktikanta Das Jon Thursday said the Reserve Bank's assessment of the capital requirement to make the transition to the expected credit loss-based provisioning will be "manageable" for the lenders. He said the lenders will be given time before implementing the intent to adopt the newer system of setting aside money for stressed accounts ared to the current sy

The Reserve Bank of India uled to be announced on June 12. Mother Dairy cuts MRP of Dhara edible oils by ₹10 per litre on global cues

PTI NEW DELHI

Mother Dairy, which is a leading milk supplier in are mindful of the fact that banks will need some time to imple-Delhi-NCR, on Thursday said ment it," Das told reporters at the customary post-policy review press conference at the central it has reduced the maximum retail price (MRP) of edible oils sold under Dhara brand by Rs When asked about the cap-10 per litre and the stocks with ital required to take care of the new rates will be available in the heightened provisioning under

market from next week. The reduction in the MRP is in line with a fall in prices of edible oils in the global market,

the company said. $\tilde{\text{Cooking}}$ oils are generally

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crops such as mustard," a company spokesperson said.

The revised MRP stocks are slated to hit the market within a week, the spokesperson added.

Chandrachud

Gold declines ₹420; silver jumps ₹500

PTI NEW DELHI

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kets or stocks

old price declined by Rs **J**420 to Rs 60,380 per 10 gram in the national capital on Thursday amid a fall in prices of the precious metal overseas, according to HDFC Securities.

The yellow metal had closed at Rs 60,800 per 10 gram in the previous trade.

Silver, however, jumped Rs 500 to Rs 73,300 per kilogram. "Spot gold prices for the



in US bond yields on expec-Delhi market traded at Rs tations of further tightening of 60,380/ per 10 gram, down by Rs the interest rates by the US Fed, 420 per 10 gram," Saumil Gandhi said.

of creating provisioning after non-payment of loans. Gandhi, Senior Analyst Commodities at HDFC The RBI has already come

out with a discussion paper on In the international marthe ECL system but has not yet kets, gold was quoting lower given an exact timeline to adopt at USD 1,945 per ounce while the newer system. Banks' lobby silver was up at USD 23.65 per grouping IBA has gone public with its demand to ask for one Gold price came under more year for the implementapressure on the back of a rally tion of the newer framework.

"The comments have been received ... They are under examination, and we will issue the circular (to implement it). But, we

rules by giving limited time for the change. Deputy Governor M Rajeshwar Rao made it clear that the RBI is not going to implement the newer system

a manageable limit".

bank headquarters here.

the new framework, Das said,

'We have assessed it. It is quite

gives time to adopt newer reg-

Das said the RBI always

from June 30. Replying to a specific question on a lack of convergence between the RBI and the government on the issue, he said, "We have received comments from all the concerned stakeholders, they are being evaluated. Some more refinement and work are on.

below the MRP printed on the bottles/packets

Last week, the Centre directed edible oil industry bodies to advise their members to further reduce the MRP of major edible oils by Rs 8-12 per litre with immediate effect.

"The maximum retail price (MRP) of all variants of Dhara edible oils is being reduced by Rs 10 per litre on account of the continued decline in edible oil prices internationally and better availability of domestic

refined soyabean oil will be Rs 140 per litre, while Dhara refined rice bran oil MRP has been cut down to Rs 160 per litre.

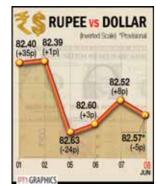
The new MRP of Dhara refined vegetable oil will now be Rs 200 per litre.

Dhara kachi ghani mustard oil will be available at a MRP of Rs 160 per litre, while Dhara mustard oil at Rs 158.

The MRP of Dhara refined sunflower oil will now be Rs 150 per litre.

refused to review the order but clarified that a personal hear ing meant only that a defaulter should be given adequate notice and an opportunity to make a representation and also that the order would

apply only prospectively. Jain further said, "The RBI is reviewing the entire guidelines on the fraud classification in consultation with various stakeholders and will come out with our guidelines very shortly,".



Rupee falls 5 paise to close at 82.57 against US dollar

PTI MUMBAI

The rupee fell 5 paise to close at 82.57 (provisional) against the US dollar on Thursday after the Reserve Bank kept the key interest rate unchanged.

At the interbank foreign exchange, the domestic unit opened at 82.59 against the dollar, and finally settled at 82.57 (provisional), down 5 paise from its previous close amid a negative trend in domestic equities.

During the day, the rupee touched a high of 82.53 and a low of 82.61 against the greenback as a weak dollar and soft ening of crude oil prices cushioned the downside.

On Wednesday, the rupee had settled at 82.52 against the period dollar

Hiring slows down by 7% in May as firms become cautious, cut expenses: Report PTI MUMBAI The latest tracker indi-

cates there has been a 7 per Tiring activities have slowed H down by 7 per cent in May cent slowdown in hiring compared to the same time last compared to the same month year. However, despite the last year mainly due to compageneral decline, positive nies adopting cautious approach trends were seen in tier II to cut expenses on the back of cities like Ahmedabad and economic slowdown, a report Jaipur

The tracker indicated that Foundit (formerly Monster hiring activity is declining across APAC & ME) released foundit all industries, with a 4 per cent Insights Tracker (fIT), presentmonth-over-month (MoM) ing the latest findings on monthdecline The report noted that this

decline can be attributed to several factors like economic slowdown, which has forced companies to cut expenses.

The significant skills gap in the country has also complicated employers' hiring process by making it challenging to locate qualified candidates, it said.

Further, the report stated that the ongoing technological disruption is changing industries and leading to job changes, impacting hiring activity in

PTI KOLKATA

eading non-bank lender IIFL Finance is raising up to Rs 1,500 crore through a public issue of secured redeemable non-convertible debentures (NCDs) to fuel credit growth and debt management, a senior company official said on Thursday

The public issue of the IIFL NCDs will open on Friday and has a base offer of Rs 300 crore. However, the company has a green shoe option to retain an over-subscription of up

to Rs 1,200 crore. With the Reserve Bank of

India pausing its rate hike cycle, IIFL remains optimistic about raising the entire Rs 1,500 crore in this tranche of issues with an attractive 9 per cent coupon rate.

"We expect to raise the full subscription amount in this issue due to the attractive coupon rates. Credit growth is robust after the Covid-19 pandemic," IIFL Director Gaurav

Mishra said The IIFL bonds offer a coupon rate starting at 8.35 per cent for 24 months and the high-



IIFL to raise ₹1,500 cr in bonds to fuel growth, caps coupon rate at 9%

est effective yield of 9 per cent per annum for a tenor of 60 months

IIFL has kept the highest coupon rate at 9 per cent, the same as its last NCD issue in January, in which it announced raising up to Rs 1,000 crore.

and 60 months. The face value of the NCDs is Rs 1,000 each and the minimum application size is Rs 10,000. The NCDs will be listed on the BSE and NSE. The credit rating has been

tenors of 24 months, 36 months

AA by CRISIL Ratings and ICRA. In Q4 FY23, Moody's upgraded IIFL Finance's rating from B2 to B1 (stable).

IIFL Finance, through a strong physical presence of over 4,000 branches across India and a well-diversified retail portfolio, caters to the credit needs of The NCDs are available in underserved populations.

₹2,000 notes worth ₹1.80 L cr have come back in banks so far: RBI

PTI MUMBAI

 $R^{ ext{eserve Bank Governor}}_{ ext{Shaktikanta Das on}}$ Thursday said about 50 per cent of Rs 2,000 notes in circulation has come back in the banking system since the RBI announced withdrawal of the highest denomination currency last month.

Ås on March 31, 2023, he said, Rs 2,000 notes worth Rs 3.62 lakh crore were in circulation.

"So far, Rs 1.80 lakh crore have come back after the announcement," he said during an interaction with media

after releasing the bi-monthly monetary policy here. About 85 per cent of Rs

2,000 notes are coming as deposits in bank accounts and this is in line with expectation, he said.

On May 19, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced the withdrawal of Rs 2,000 denomination banknotes as part of its currency management and permitted the exchange of such notes (up to Rs 20,000 in one go) from May 23 onwards. The exchange or deposit window is available till September 30, 2023.

Housing prices rise in 43 10.8 per cent, Bengaluru (9.4 per

PTI MUMBAI

Tn order to expand payment Loptions for Indians travelling abroad, the Reserve Bank of India on Thursday decided to allow issuance of RuPay Prepaid Forex cards by banks in India for use at ATMs, PoS machines and online merchants overseas.

Further, RuPay Debit, Credit, and Prepaid Cards will be enabled for issuance in foreign jurisdictions, which can be used internationally, including in India, Reserve Bank Governor Shaktikanta Das said, while

unveiling the second bi-monthly monetary policy of this fiscal.

"These measures will expand the reach and accep-tance of RuPay cards globally," he said, while releasing the Statement on Developmental

and Regulatory Policies. The decision comes in view of RuPay Debit and Credit cards issued by banks in India gaining international acceptance through bilateral arrangements with international partners and co-badging arrange-

ments with international card

schemes

He also said that Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS) is an 'anytime anywhere' bill payments platform which is oper-

ational since August 2017. "Currently, BBPS has onboarded over 20,500 billers

and processes over 9.8 crore transactions every month. The scope of BBPS was further expanded in December 2022 to include all categories of payments and collections, both recurring and non-recurring in nature, as well as facilitating in-bound cross-border bill pay ments," he said.

RBI permits banks to issue **RuPay Prepaid Forex cards**

(7.9 per cent), Kolkata (11 per

valuation of properties collected from banks and housing finance companies (HPI @ Assessment Prices) recorded an annual increase of 5.8 per cent during the fourth quarter of FY23 as compared with 5.3 per cent a year ago, it said.

cities in Q4 of FY23: NHB

quarter of 2022-23, according to the National Housing Bank (However, 7 cities registered a decline in the property prices. NHB.

said on Thursday.

ly hiring trends.

residential markets witnessed appreciating property prices during the January-March 2023

The home loan rates are still lower than that of pre-Covid period leading to a healthy affordability overall, it said.

India's eight key primary

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PTI NEW DELHI s many as 43 cities out of 50 Aregistered an increase in property prices during fourth

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The 50 city HPI based on



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WEST HAM'S WAIT IS OVER Hammers beat Fiorentina 2-1 to win Europa Conference League Rice set to leave West

AP PRAGUE

arrod Bowen's dramatic 90th-minute goal secured West Ham their first major European trophy since 1965 with a 2-1 win over Fiorentina in the Europa Conference League final on Wednesday.

It is the second European trophy for West Ham after they won the now defunct Cup Winners' Cup 58 years ago with a team including England World Cup heroes Bobby Moore and Geoff Hurst.

Bowen picked up a superb through ball from Lucas Paqueta, before sending a low shot past a helpless Pietro Terracciano in the Fiorentina goal.

"I obviously dreamed of scoring but to score the winner in the last minute. It's what you always say you want to do,' Bowen told BT Sport.

"To do it in front of these fans. I thought I was going to cry. I'm just happy.'

Said Benrahma had opened the scoring for West Ham in Prague as he blasted a penalty past Terracciano on 62 minutes after VAR had caught Cristiano Biraghi handling the ball while trying to stop Bowen in the box. Giacomo Bonaventura lev-

elled five minutes later, beating West Ham goalkeeper Alphonse



Areola with a fine, low right-Emerson. footed effort. The champions' name will Bonaventura capitalised on

be the second ever on the a superb header back from Conference League trophy fol-Nicolas Gonzalez who had leapt lowing Roma, who won the over West Ham full-back maiden edition of the competi-

tion last year West Ham have also clinched a spot in next season's Europa League with the win, while Fiorentina will miss out on European competition after fin-

ishing eighth in the Serie A. West Ham's previous major trophy was back in 1980 when

they won the FA Cup. They spent most of the last

season battling the prospect of

relegation, finishing 14th in the Premier League in the end.

We had a dream, we haven't had the best season, myself included, but to give these fans this moment, I'm over the moon," Bowen said.

'This is the biggest game of my career. The emotion, there

was time for one more chance. I'm just so happy." West Ham manager David Moyes hailed the "incredible" last two years in which his team reached the Europa League cerni final before winning the semi-final before winning the trophy in Prague.

Last year we won the group, got to the semi-final, this year we won the group, got unbeaten, now we won the final," said the 60-year-old Scot.

"It's been an incredible achievement to do so well in Europe. I've been really fortunate, I've got a great group of players, I'm with a club who have incredibly supported me."

Fiorentina manager Vincenzo Italiano said it hurt to lose his second final in two weeks after the Viola lost to Inter Milan in the Italian Cup final, also 2-1.

"In the future, we will talk about two disappointments in a single season," he said. "It's a really big blow. I'm

upset because we were really

Ham: Club chairman



AP LONDON

West Ham chairman Da-vid Sullivan has confirmed captain Declan Rice will be sold during the summer transfer window, just hours after the club ended their

decades-long trophy drought. The England midfielder became only the third Hammers skipper to lift silverware after a 2-1 victory over Fiorentina in the Europa Conference League final. However, Sullivan admitted a gentleman's agree-ment means they will allow the 24-year-old, who has been strongly linked with a move to Arsenal, to leave.

Asked whether lifting the don't make offers for players."

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Liverpool sign Argentine WC winner Mac Allister AP LIVERPOOL Liverpool manager Jurgen

India's campaign ends in Singapore Open



ond round here on Thursday

phon Wangcharoen 21-15, 21-19 in the opening round.

Chia Hao Lee, on the other hand, beat Japan's Kenta Nishimoto in his opening match after being promoted to the main draw from the reserve.

Earlier, upcoming Indian shuttler Priyanshu Rajawat's dream run ended with a second round loss to third seed Kodai Naraoka. The unseeded Rajawat, who had stunned world No. 15 Kanta Tsuneyama of Japan in the opening round, lost to Naraoka 17-21, 16-21 in straight games. Having ousted HS Prannoy in the first

round, the world No. 4 Naraoka of Japan maintained his lead as the world No. 37 Indian played catch-up throughout to go down in a 47-minute match.

In the men's doubles, MR Ariun and Dhruv Kapila lost to England's Ben Lane and Sean Vendy 15-21, 19-21 in a 41-minute affair.

Double Olympic medallist PV Sindhu, who was the defending champion of the event, had lost to world number 1 Akane

Yamaguchi of Japan in the opening round. Former World Championship bronze medallist Lakshya Sen and London Olympics bronze medallist Saina Nehwal,

too, exited in the first round.

to Netherlands in **FIH Pro League** ners and a penalty stroke.

India suffer 1-4 loss

there

Pepijn Reyenga (17'), Boris Burkhardt (40') and Duco Telgenkamp (41', 58') scored in the home team's victory on Wednesday night.

trophy in Prague was Rice's last action as a West Ham player, Sullivan told Talksport: "I think

it has to be. We promised him

he could go. "He set his heart

on going and in due course he

has to get on and we have to get

wanted to happen. We offered him £200,000 (\$249,000) a

week 18 months ago and he

turned it down. You can't keep

a player who doesn't want to be

to come today. Three or four

clubs have shown interest but

out of respect to West Ham,

while we're still playing, you

"I think the offers will start

"It is not something we

a replacement.

INDIA IN FINAL

Kakamigahara: The Indian junior women's hockey team confirmed its spot in the semifinals of the Asia Cup by mauling Chinese Taipei 11-0 in its last pool match here on Thursday.

The win also cemented India's position atop Pool A. India finished the group stage of the tournament unbeaten, having won three games and drawn

one The scorers for India were Vaishnavi Vitthal Phalke (1'), Deepika (3'), Annu (10', 52'), Rutuja Dadaso Pisal (12'), Neelam (19'), Manju Chorsiya (33'), Sunelita Toppo

PTI EINDHOVEN

 $A^{\text{profligate India squandered}}_{\text{a one-goal lead to go down}}$ 1-4 to the hosts Netherlands in

iverpool signed Argentine Liverpool signed Alexis Mac Allister from Brighton on Thursday for a fee that could rise to a reported £55 million (\$69 million). The 24-year-old is the first piece in a midfield rebuild for Liverpool, who finished a disappointing fifth in the Premier League.

"It feels amazing," said Mac Allister, who is understood to have signed a five-year deal at Anfield. "It's a dream come true. It's amazing to be here and

I can't wait to get started. "I wanted to be in from the first day of pre-season, so it's good that everything is done. I'm looking forward to meeting my teammates. "It was a fantastic vear for me - World Cup, what we achieved with Brighton but now it's time to think about Liverpool and try to be a better player and a better human being every day.

seeking to b midfield options after the departures of James Milner, Naby Keita and Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain. Klopp is excited about the arrival of Mac Allister, who reportedly cost an initial fee of £35 million.

Mac Allister will wear the number 10 shirt worn with distinction by past Liverpool stars Sadio Mane, John Barnes and Michael Owen. "We are adding a very talented, very smart, very technically skilled boy to our squad and this is super news, really it is," said the German. "I do not think the football

world needs me to say too much about Alexis's qualities because they are already pretty well known.

Mac Allister, who made 112 appearances for Brighton, has played 16 times for Argentina, including in the World Cup final victory against France in December.

ndia's campaign ended at the Singapore Masters badminton tournament after Kidambi Srikanth lost in straight games to Chia Hao Lee of Chinese Taipei in the men's

single

Srikanth lost 15-21, 19-21 in just 37 minutes against Lee in their first meeting on the professional circuit.

The 2021 World Championships silver medallist Srikanth beat Thailand's Kanta-

Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty and Commonwealth Games women's dou bles bronze medallists, Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand, also crashed out in their respective opening round matches.

the FIH Hockey Pro League here

Deepika Soreng (46') and Mumtaz Khan (55').

Skipper Harmanpreet Singh (11') scored India's lone goal despite the visitors being awarded as many as five penalty cor-Saturday.

India will play Japan or Kazakhstan in the semifinal on

Chelsea owners pledge brighter future after torrid season

AP LONDON

Thelsea's owners insist they remain Committed and optimistic about the future under new manager Mauricio Pochettino after a disastrous season for the Premier League club.

The consortium led by American businessman Todd Boehly and US-based Clearlake Capital has endured a torrid first year in charge, sacking managers Thomas Tuchel and Graham Potter before a miserable end to the campaign under interim boss Frank Lampard.

Chelsea's 12th-place finish was their worst since 1994 despite a spend of more than £500 million (\$624 million) on new players in the new owners' first two transfer windows

Former Tottenham and Paris Saint-Germain boss Pochettino was hired last week with the task of reviving the troubled club, who won the Champions League under Tuchel just two years ago.

'It's been just over a year since we completed our purchase of Chelsea," the owners said in an open letter published on Thursday.

"It was and remains a privilege for us to be custodians of our wonderful club." They added: "Our promise to you was to make our fans proud. We remain com-



pletely committed to the long-term and sustainable success of our club and fulfilling that promise we made to you.

'We know the huge potential we must grow to develop Chelsea FC and it is a role we take seriously. Everybody working here is relentlessly focused on driving us forward."

The owners admitted that it had been a "disappointing" season for the men's team, who failed to win a trophy for only the second time since 2016, saying "there is a lot we can and will do better".

They added: "For all the challenges of the past year, we are optimistic about the future.

Messi to play in MLS for Inter Miami

AP PARIS

ionel Messi on Wednesday said he will Lionel Messi on vycuncoura, outer and Sign for Major League Soccer side Inter Miami, choosing the United States as his next destination over a Barcelona reunion or blockbuster deal to play in Saudi Arabia.

The Argentine forward, 35, has spent the last two seasons at Paris Saint-Germain, playing his final game for the club on Saturday, after moving from Barcelona in 2021, where he spent the majority of his career.

MLS and Inter Miami confirmed the news on social media, although the American league noted "work remains to finalise a formal agreement".

"I've taken the decision that I am going to Miami, I don't have (the deal) 100 percent sealed or maybe there's something left to do, but we decided to continue our path there," Messi told Spanish newspapers Diario Sport and Mundo Deportivo.

"After winning the World Cup and not being able to go to Barca, it's time to go to MLS to live football in a different way and enjoy my day to day life more."

Messi is a seven-time Ballon d'Or win-

ner and is expected to earn the individual accolade once more after leading Argentina to World Cup glory in Qatar in December.

The football world was eagerly await ing Messi's decision after PSG confirmed this week the playmaker, widely considered the best player in the history of football, was departing.

The romance of a Barcelona return and prospect of eye-watering riches in Saudi Arabia fell by the wayside as Messi opted to join MLS, with Miami a city he has holidayed in on previous occasions.

"If it had been a question of money, I would have gone to Saudi Arabia or else-where," said Messi.

"It seemed a lot of money and the truth is that my decision went another way and not for money.'

Inter Miami, co-owned by former England international David Beckham and founded in 2018, sacked coach Phil Neville last week with the team bottom of the Eastern Conference.

Some reports say key MLS sponsors including Adidas and Apple TV, who own the league's domestic broadcasting rights, may be contributing to his deal.



Messi, who turns 36 later this month is now set to finish his club career outside the spotlight of top-level European footbal

Messi said he would have loved to return to Barcelona but was afraid that the financial complications which stopped the Catalan club extending his deal in 2021 would interfere again.

"I really wanted to come back, I was really looking forward to it," continued Messi.

"But, on the other hand, after having lived through what I lived through, after the exit I had... I didn't want to go through the same situation again and have to wait to see what was going to happen.

"I didn't want to leave my future in the hands of others. Somehow, I wanted to make my own decision for myself, for my family.

Messi said he plans to live in Barcelona again in the future and be involved with his former side in some way.

"I don't know at what moment and when, but hopefully I can return one day to contribute something to the club," he said

Messi doesn't want 'pressure' of a Barca return: Xavi

AP BARCELONA

Barcelona coach Xavi Her-Dnandez said on Thursday

he understood Lionel Messi's desire to avoid the "pressure" of a return to the Catalan giants this summer.

Messi, 35, announced on Wednesday he will play at American side Inter Miami in Major League Soccer after ending his twoyear spell at Paris Saint-Germain.

"He hasn't had a good time in these two years (in Paris) and now he doesn't want that type of pressure," Xavi said on Twitch.

"It's a personal decision and the circumstances didn't help, but the decision is Leo's and we have to respect it, he's the best in history.' Xavi said he had spoken a lot with Messi over the past few months but he noticed "a change" over the past few days. "Maybe he didn't see it

so clearly, and you have to respect that — many times we don't put ourselves in the shoes of others, we lack empathy and being Leo can't be an easy thing," said Xavi. "Imagine Messi, in the focus he's got on him, he's never got calm, he has to behave perfectly, he has to be perfect on the pitch, he has

to be the best in every way.' Messi, who arrived at Barcelona as a 13-year-old and went on to become the best player in the club's history, was forced to leave in 2021 with the club's financial situation preventing them giving him a new deal



AUSSIES ALL OVER INDIA IN WTC 2023 FINAL

PTI LONDON

ndia found themselves in a difficult situation with\ the early Lloss of their openers after Australia posted a commendable 469 in their first innings of the World Test Championship final, here on Thursday. Australia added 142 runs to

their overnight total with the loss of seven wickets before being bowled out one hour into the afternoon session. Mohammed Siraj cleaned up the tail and was the pick of India's bowlers with four wickets.

India batted for 10 overs before the tea break and were dealt a twin blow as skipper Rohit Sharma and Shubman Gill fell to Pat Cummins and Scott Boland respectively.

They were at 37 for two at tea with Virat Kohli (4 batting) and Cheteshwar Pujara (3 batting) in the middle, trailing Australia by 432 runs.

Both Rohit (15 off 26) and Gill (13 off 15) looked in good touch before flattering to deceive. Rohit missed a ball from Cummins that was angled in before Gill inexplicably decided to leave a delivery from Boland on length only to see his stumps being uprooted in the following over.

The conditions are good for batting but India have a massive challenge at hand. After the lunch break, Alex Carey pushed Australia past 450 with a 48 off 69 balls.

His innings included a six off Ravindra Jadeja but an attempted reverse sweep the following ball led to his downfall, trapping him in front of the stumps.

India got themselves back in the game with four wickets in the morning session on day two but Australia maintained their upper hand by reaching 422 for seven at lunch, following Steve Smith's 31st hundred.

Resuming the day at 327 for three, Travis Head (163 off 174) and Steve Smith (121 off 268) walked into the middle under bright sunshine at The Oval. Smith, who was on 95

overnight, got two freebies on the pads from Mohammed Siraj in the first over of the day and he happily put them away for consecutive boundaries to complete his seventh hundred in England and third at the venue.

India were guilty of not using the short ball tactic early enough on the opening day but Siraj went for that from the get on Thursday. Mohammed Shami too tried to mix it up with an odd bouncer but

was not able to get the same zip from the surface as much as Siraj did While Smith was not bothered

by India's tactic, Head looked in a bit of discomfort. Siraj banged one short into his body in the sixth over

of the day and Head walked across the stumps to pull it but ended up edging it to wicketkeeper K Bharat

Cameron Green was the next to go as he went for an expansive drive off a full ball from Shami but ended up being caught at second slip by an alert Shubman Gill.

The prized wicket of Smith came out of nowhere as he dragged an innocuous ball from Shardul Thalur back to his

stumps. It was Thakur's first ball of the day, highlight his uncanny ability to provide a breakthrough out of the blue.

A brilliant piece of fielding from substitute Axar Patel got India their fourth wicket of the day as his one handed direct hit from mid off left Mitchell Starc well short of his ground. Though the sunny weather has made the pitch easier for batting, there is enough help for the fast bowlers.

India lacked positive mindset by opting to field 1st, says Shastri

PTI LONDON

Disappointed by India's defensive approach, former head coach Ravi Shastri has said Rohit Sharma did not show a "positive mindset" by electing to bowl in the World Test Championship final against Australia

India left out veteran offspinner Ravichandran Ashwin and preferred a four-pronged pace attack to go with left-arm spin bowling allrounder Ravindra Jadeja as they chose to bowl under overcast conditions.

The decision backfired as Steve Smith (95 batting) and Travis Head (146 batting) shared an unbroken 251-run partnership to put Australia in a commanding 327/3 heading into day two.

"From what came out today, the mindset was to field if they won the toss, hence the choices in the bowling department -- four seamers one spinner," Shastri told ICC after the end of

the opening day's play on Wednesday. "If the mindset was positive you'd want to bat, rough it out in the first session and see if you can put 250 on board. Don't think too big 250-260 and if the conditions got better and you saw the first session through, you could have got more," he added. India had Australia at 73/2 at lunch on day one but after the skies cleared up it became a batting beauty as Smith and Head swung the momentum in their favour.

Shastri further said Australia are in a prime position and it's up to Pat Cummins and his men to let India back into the marquee contest.

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"I think Australia are in a prime osition now. It's up to them to allow India back into the game, they batted beautifully, especially in the first session of play and that really set things up," Shastri said.

The former India all-rounder feels the only way India can claw their way back into the contest is by making optimum use of the new ball on Thursday and taking wickets.

"You have to think wickets, if you wait for things to happen this game is gone. Australia will be another gone. 200 runs by tea time tomorrow if not more. So think wickets try and make the second new ball count in the first 45 minutes of play.'

"You saw what you did with Head -- better lines, into the body, lot of short stuff and take it from there and if you strike early you take it from there."

However, Shastri opined that if India don't manage to get quick wickets in the morning session on day two the game will fly out of their hands.

"Winning will become difficult. If you lose that session in the morning then you can forget about winning.

"Australia can bat India out of the contest by even wanting to bat two and a half sessions tomorrow with the way they are going they could be 600 plus,' Shastri added.



Rohit, Kohli keen to nurture 'next big thing' Gill

PTI LONDON

Shubman Gill is the "next big thing" in Indian cricket and Indian batting stalwarts Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli are keen to help the 23-year-old grow. Gill has had a dream run across formats in the last one year

which has prompted his nation-al team captain Rohit to term him

as the "next big thing". "Shubman Gill has got so much potential. Without a doubt in my mind, the next big thing in Indian cricket," Rohit told the ICC on the sidelines of the World Test Championship final against "He has got everything required to get success at this level. I just hope he continues this good run of form," Rohit added. If the skipper was effusive in his praise, his long-time teammate and Gill's idol Kohli wants to help the youngster with all his knowledge acquired during his 15 years of top-flight cricket. "What I know, he has told me that he has looked up to my career when I was coming up the ranks, he speaks to me a lot about the game and I am keen to help him grow," Kohli said.



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Love batting under shadow of Smith: Head

PTI LONDON

Australia batter Travis Head loves batting under the shadow of Steve Smith as it helps him perform at his best. Head's counter attacking 146 not out off 156 balls put

Australia in a commanding position after day one of the World Test Championship final against India here on

Wednesday. He shared an unbeaten 251-run stand with Smith who is five runs shy of a hundred. "I've always said I do real-

because of how much attention he receives. He's one of the best

players in the world, probably

unbelievable in these condi-

tions, and he receives so much

attention from opposition in

terms of plans and how diffi-

cult he is to bowl to, so I've

our best player," said Head. "He's our best batter, he's

enjoy batting

with best-ever medal haul from **Asiad: Thakur**

PTI NEW DELHI

Sports Minister Anurag Thakur on Thursday predicted that Indian athletes will return with the country's best-ever medal haul from the Asian Games later this year.

India are expected to send one of the largest contingents to the Asian Games this year with athletes competing in non-traditional sports like kurash, jujutsu, and chess.

A total of 600 athletes are expected to represent India across various sports, compared to 570 in the last edition and 541 in 2014.

"The improvement in facilities by the government has resulted in India's best-ever performance at the last Oympics, and Paralympics. Deaflympics Commonwealth Games. We won a record number of medals and we will do similarly in the Asian Games.

"I think India will have the best-ever performance in the Asian Games," Thakur told reporters on the occasion of Mission Olympic Cell's (MOC) 100th meeting here.

India returned with a best-ever haul of 69 medals, including 15 gold, 24 silver and 30 bronze from the 2018 Asian Games in Jakarta and Pelambang, Indonesia.

The minister informed that over 350 proposals of TOPS (Target Olympic Podium Scheme) group athletes worth Rs 45 crore have also been approved in this Olympic cycle.

"For the preparation for Asian Games the government has till now sanctioned over Rs 220 crore. The government has spent Rs 450 crore in the current Olympic cycle on training and equipment. We have approved proposals of TOPS group athletes worth Rs 45 crore," Thakur said.

The Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) has set July 15 as the deadline for sending final entries for the postponed Asian Games set to take place in Ĥangzhou, China from September 23 to October 8.

Selection trials for more than half of the Asian Games disciplines have already been conducted by the respective federations and rest would be finished by June 30.

"All associations are aiming to finalise their teams and finish the Asian Games selection trials till June 30 which is well before the July 15 deadline," Thakur said.

Gill's cover drive has an uncanny resemblance with Kohli's execution and the maestro is fully aware. Kohli's fans known as

'Viratians' call him 'King' and now Gill, the heir apparent, is being termed as the 'Prince'. "All these tags of King and

Prince are great for the public but the job of any senior cricketer is to help any youngster groom young-sters and give them insight that you have experienced throughout your career, so that they can manage their ups and downs. "He is a lovely kid, he is playing amazingly well and I wish he continues that in this (ongoing Test match) as well," said India's No. 1 batter of last decade.

In 17 matches for India in 2023, Gill has five centuries across formats, amassing 980 runs.

The Indian and Gujarat Titans opener is fresh from a stupendous IPL season where he topped the run chart, with 890 runs at 59.33 with three centuries.

ALWAYS SPECIAL

Head coach Rahul Dravid has seen him and nurtured him

through his junior cricket days and is happy that he has come up the ranks

"I saw him during U-19 World Cup in 2018 and you could see he was earmarked to be a special player for India," Dravid said.

"He has come over really well in the last one year, he has been through ups and downs, been through injuries and in and out of team," Dravid said

VIKAI KUHLI

"He (Gill) has always not been a certainty in Test or ODi side. He has come together beautifully in last 14-16 months where we are getting to see a great play-er and hopefully, Shubman will have many great years for India," the 'Wall' added.

Terming Gill a superstar in the making, Indian frontline pacer Mohammed Siraj said the batter has plenty of time at his disposal before executing a stroke. "People hit bouncers towards

square leg and he hits in front of wicket towards mid-on, he has plenty of time," Siraj said.

'When I saw him first, I knew he was a superstar in the making. We made our Test debut together and seeing him get so much success makes me very happy," Siraj added.

always said going out to bat with him, it feels like you're in the shadow of that, you can sort of stay under the radar and go about your business," he said. Talking about his approach, he added: "I said in the lead in to the game, if balls are there to be scored off I am

going to score off it. There were challenging periods but the ball gets to the boundary very quickly here if you find middle of the bat.

Zverev buries injury misery with French Open semi-final return

AP PARIS

 $A^{\mathrm{lexander}\,\mathrm{Zverev}\,\mathrm{reached}\,\mathrm{the}}_{\mathrm{French}\,\mathrm{Open}\,\mathrm{semi-finals}\,\mathrm{for}}$ a third successive season on Wednesday, one year after his tournament ended in pain and tears when he tore ankle ligaments which left him in a wheelchair.

The German world number 27 claimed a 6-4, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 win over Tomas Martin Etcheverry of Argentina and will face Casper Ruud, the 2022 runner-up for a place in Sunday's final.

It will be Zverev's sixth Grand Slam semi-final and will be played on the same Philippe Chatrier Court where he suffered his nightmare season-ending injury against Rafael Nadal in 2022.

Ranked at three in the world at the time, he was taken off court in a wheelchair after tearing ligaments and was out of action until January this year.

"That was the most difficult year of my life," said Zverev. "I love playing tennis and the sport and



competition were taken away from me.

"I am so happy to be back on this stage and happy to be able to have another chance to play for a place in the final.

3-6, 6-3 on Wednesday.

Ruud, who lost last year's Roland Garros final to Rafael Nadal, defeated sixth-ranked Rune for the fifth time in six matches and avenged his loss in the semifinals at Rome in May.

"I kind of looked at it as though he was the favourite - he won the last time we played and he's had a better year than me so far," said Ruud.

"I was feeling like the underdog even though I was seeded number four and he was seeded number six.

Ruud fended off two break points in the opening game of the match and then consistently put pressure on Rune's serve, breaking twice in a lopsided first set

He dominated the second in similar fashion before Rune threatened a comeback as he forced a fourth set.

RUUD IN LAST 4 Casper Ruud will play Alexander Zverev in the French But Ruud surged 4-1 ahead and eventually put Rune away on Open semi-finals after the his fifth match point as there was Norwegian fourth seed beat no repeat of the bad blood from Denmark's Holger Rune 6-1, 6-2, last year's quarter-final.

Disqualified Japanese player Kato becomes French Open champion

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apan's Miyu Kato became a French Open champion on Thursday, four days after she was controversially disqualified from the women's doubles for accidentally hitting a ball girl.

Kato and her German partner Tim Puetz defeated Bianca Andreescu and Michael Venus 4-6, 6-4, 10-6 in the mixed doubles final at Roland Garros.

"It has been challenging mentally in the last few days after my unjust disqualification from the women's doubles," Kato told the Court Philippe Chatrier crowd, reading from a prepared statement.

"Thanks to all the players for for you after what happened. The support you received was well deserved." their heartfelt messages of support. I used that positive energy on court here today.



"I am now looking for a positive result to my appeal so I can reclaim my prize money, points

and my reputation." Puetz said he hoped the title would help Kato after the drama of the default.

"I hope this is redemption