

India-US trust unparalleled, New Delhi fit for big global role: Modi



Prime Minister Narendra Modi receives a rousing welcome by Indian community people on his arrival in New York on Tuesday. Modi was received at the airport by Indian Ambassador to the US Taranjit Singh Sandhu and India's Permanent PTI Representative to the UN Ruchira Kambo

'We have a core belief in respecting sovereignty... but fully prepared to protect our dignity' PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

In an exclusive interview given to *The Wall Street* Journal before his departure for the United States, Prime Minister Narendra Modi emphasised that India deserves higher global profile and expanded role on the international stage. Modi highlighted the strengthening ties between India and the US, expressing unparalleled trust between the leaders of both nations.

as my country is, and myself as I am." On the Ukraine conflict, During the interview, the Prime Minister underscored the Prime Minister said, "Some the necessity of peace and people say that we are neutral. But we are not neutral. We are tranquility in the border fostering on the side of near

ful" position in the world. His of Ukraine. "I don't think this type of perception is wide-spread in the US," said Modi, remarks came as a response to The Wall Street Journal's view that India, which has invested referring to criticism of India's enormously in education and stance on Russia. 'I think India's position is infrastructure, was poised to gain as multinationals look to

well known and well understood in the entire world. The diversify manufacturing and supply chains in an era of world has full confidence that geopolitical tension. On relations with the US, India's topmost priority is peace. he said ties between New Delhi

In his interview, Modi linked many of the world's and Washington are stronger and deeper than ever. There is problems, such as terrorism, an "unprecedented trust" proxy wars and expansionism, between the leaders of the US and India, Modi said. to a failure of global institutions created during the Cold War to He also pointed out that he adapt, saying that smaller and is the first Prime Minister to be regional groupings have born in free India. "And that's

emerged in the vacuum. why my thought process, my conduct, what I say and do, is

US' India push to stem China's growth bound to fail: Chinese ex-Min

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

head of Prime Minister ANarendra Modi's scheduled bilateral talks with US President Joe Biden in Washington, China's State-owned media has criticised the United States for its alleged efforts to impede China's economic advancement by strengthening ties with India. This critique comes as US Secretary of State Antony Blinken is on a five-day visit to Beijing.

In an opinion piece pub-lished in *The Global Times*, China's prominent diplomat and former Foreign Minister Wang Yi asserted that the US's geopolitical motivations are driving its push to enhance economic and trade interactions with India, but that such endeavours are destined to fail. The article also accused the US of merely paying lip service to India without delivering substantial results.

"The US seems to be intensifying its efforts to push India t in the vacuum. *Continued on Page 2* to confront China and hinder China's economic progress,"

stated the editorial piece.

It further referenced a recent warning from the Financial Times, which highlighted concerns among some Indian elites over the US attempts to utilise India as a

ing, "The US' geopolitical cal-culations are not difficult to discern. As feared by many Indian elites, Washington's vigorous efforts to strengthen economic and trade cooperation with India are primarily aimed at impeding China's

the US's geopolitical calculations are doomed to fail, as China's crucial role in the global supply chain cannot be replaced by India or any other economy.

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Central forces for rural polls **Holding elections** can't be licence

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for violence: SC

In a blow to West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, the Supreme Court Banerjee, the Supreme Court on Tuesday dismissed the peti-tions filed by the West Bengal Government and the State Election Commission (SEC) challenging the Calcutta High Court's order to deploy Central forces across the State for the upcoming panchayat elections on July 8.

The Supreme Court, while dismissing the petitions, emphasised that the tenor of the high court order aimed to ensure a free and fair election in the State. It is no secret that West Bengal has often become a hotbed of political violence during elections.

In the previous panchayat polls held in 2018, more than 20 people lost their lives, and numerous others sustained petitions, made a significant observation, stating, 'Holding an election cannot be a licence for violence. Elections cannot injuries. The run-up to the July 8 polls has already witnessed several clashes, with reports of multiple casualties, including incidents on June 15, which was the last day for filing nominations. These incidents compelled the Calcutta High Court to issue an order mandating the deployment of Central forces across the State.

Opposition leaders, includ-ing BJP's Suvendu Adhikari and Congress MP Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, had petitioned the court for deployment of Central forces for ensuring peaceful elections, stating the

State had witnessed large-scale violence during the urban local bodies elections in 2022 and the Kolkata Municipal Corporation elections in 2021.

court had left it to the SEC to

to be conducted across over

61,000 booths, many of which

are located in sensitive areas.

The bench, comprising Justices

BV Nagarathna and Manoj Misra, while dismissing the

be accompanied by violence."

that the high court order was

primarily aimed at ensuring a

free and fair election in the

entire state of West Bengal,

given that the state is conduct-

ing elections for local bodies on

a single date. Moreover, con-

sidering the significant number

of seats up for polls, the order

of the high court does not war-

rant any interference from the

Supreme Court. The bench

The bench further clarified

The panchayat polls are set

consider the prayer.

They had also prayed for extension of the last date of chayati raj institutions. **Continued on Page 2** nomination claiming the time given was not adequate. The

CNG taxi permit in Delhi raised to 15 years

expressed its reluctance to

intervene in any other direc-

tives issued by the high court

regarding the conduct of elec-

tions for the three-tier pan-

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

In a big relief to taxi owners, the Delhi Government on Tuesday extended the permit validity of taxis running on plying on CNG or other clean fuels, and possessing a Contract Carriage permit, to up to 15 years.

However, this extension is subject to the fulfillment of all other prescribed conditions as stipulated in the Motor Vehicle Act, 1988, CMVR, 1989, and Delhi Motor Vehicle Rules 1993.

A number of representations were received from various taxi unions registered in Delhi demanding to implement uniformity in respect of validity of the permits issued under Section 74 of the MVA, 1988, also known as Contract Carriage Delhi NCR Permit up to 15 years. Continued on Page 2

CAPSULE



The Prime Minister will

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counterforce against China. Wang Yi elaborated, stat-

economic development." The article emphasised that

bilateral relations with China. He reiterated India's unwavering commitment to upholding sovereignty, territorial integri ty, the rule of law, and peace-

ful resolution of disputes. Simultaneously, he affirmed India's preparedness and dedication to safeguard its sovereignty and dignity.

Maintaining that peace and tranquility in the border areas are essential for normal bilateral ties with China, Modi said, "We have a core belief in respecting sovereignty and territorial integrity, observing the rule of law and peaceful resolution of differences and disputes. At the same time, India is fully prepared and committed to protect its sovereignty and dignity."

The Prime Minister also asserted that India was not "supplanting any country" and was aiming at gaining its "right-

"All countries should respect international law and the sovereignty of countries," he

inspired and influenced by my

country's attributes and tradi-tions. I derive my strength from it." Modi also said, "I pre-

sent my country to the world

said Disputes should be resolved with diplomacy and dialogue, not war, he added. Modi said he has spoken sev-

eral times to Russian President Vladimir Putin and Ukrainian Volodymyr President Zelenskyy, noting he recently spoke to Zelenskyy on the sidelines of the G7 summit in Japan in May. "India will do whatever it can" and supports "all genuine efforts to bring an end to the conflict and ensure

enduring peace and stability." The US daily said Washington has put pressure on India to reduce its dependence on Moscow for arms, and some in the US have criticised Modi's Government for not taking a more forceful stance against Russia's invasion

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Drime Minister Narendra Modi, who embarked on his US visit early on Tuesday morning from New Delhi, is set to participate in a thought-provoking interaction with a diverse group of individuals in New York.

The esteemed gathering will include prominent figures such as Elon Musk, the owner of Twitter and Tesla, astrophysicist and author Neil deGrasse Tyson, and Nobel laureate economist Paul Romen

Joining the conversation will be author Nicholas Nassim Taleb, investor Ray Dalio, Indian-American singer Falu Shah, author and researcher Jeff Smith, former US trade representative Michael Froman, diplomat Daniel Russel, and defence expert Elbridge Colby.

meet physician and Nobel laureate Dr Peter Agre, healthcare expert Dr Stephen Klasko, and Indian-American business woman and artist Chandrika Tandon

The distinguished list com-prises nearly two dozen eminent personalities, including scientists, scholars, academicians, and experts from the health sector.

Officials have stated that the discussions will focus on fostering better synergy, understanding developments in the US, and inviting collaborations with India, among other key topics.

Engaging with thought leaders has been a recurring practice for the Prime Minister during his visits to various countries, aimed at enhancing people-to-people connections, officials noted.

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Devotees throng the annual Rath Yatra of Lord Jagannath in Puri on Tuesday

RETAIL INFLATION FOR WORKERS EASES IN MAY New Delhi: Retail inflation for farm workers and rural labourers eased to 5.99 per cent and 5.84 per cent, respectively, in May.

HAJI IQBAL'S ₹500 CRORE ASSETS IN UP ATTACHED

Noida/Saharanpur: The Uttar Pradesh Police on Tuesday attached gangster Haji Iqbal's allegedly illgotten properties worth over ₹500 crore across Lucknow, Noida and Saharanpur, a senior officer said

4 SUSPECTED MILITANTS HELD IN MANIPUR

Imphal: Four suspected cadres of the proscribed militant outfit United National



Liberation Front (UNLF) were arrested in Thoubal district of ethnic violence affected Manipur, the Army said on Tuesday.

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Santhal community, these mats provide individuals with a

serene and eco-friendly yoga

of the Bathudi tribe from the village of Gohaldihi in

Mayurbhanj, Odisha, con-

tributes her skills to the cre-

ation of yoga mats, while

Gurucharan Naik, a member of

the Bathudi tribe from the vil-

lage of Betnoti, Mayurbhanj

Odisha, is another skilled arti-

san contributing to the pro-

Usharani Naik, a member

experience.

Ayush Min rolls out hand-woven tribal mats on Yoga Day No urgent hearing on plea for Army protection to Kukis: SC ARCHANA JYOTI - NEW DELHI Sonali Sinku, Ratri Tudu, Nilima Murmu and Pranati Odisha, and the lush landscapes that surround them. By incorporating natural materials

PNS NEW DELHI

mid escalating ethnic vio-Alence in Manipur, the Supreme Court declined an urgent hearing on Tuesday for a petition seeking Army protection for the minority Kuki tribes and prosecution of the communal groups targeting them. The court recognised the gravity of the law and order issue but emphasised that it should be addressed by the administration.

A vacation bench consisting of Justices Surya Kant and MM Sundresh expressed reservations about court intervention, stating that it could potentially worsen the situation in the State. "This is a significant law and order issue. Let the administration handle the matter. Can the Supreme Court order individual protection?



Our interference may exacer-bate the situation. We hope that petitioner NGO Manipur Tribal Forum, highlighted the it won't be necessary for the discrepancy between assurcourts to pass an order deployances given and the tragic real ity on the ground, with 70 tribing the Army or central forces." Senior advocate Colin

als losing their lives. Gonsalves, representing the Continued on Page 2

As the world gears up to cel-bebrate Yoga International Day on June 21, a remarkable addition to this year's festivities awaits. For the first time ever, yoga enthusiasts will have the opportunity to practise on stunning yoga mats woven by traditional tribal communities. These mats are adorned with unique designs and motifs that beautifully represent the diverse cultural heritage found across the country.

In a collaborative effort to promote tribal artisans and their exceptional artistry, the Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Ltd (TRIFED) has sourced approximately 34,000 hand woven mats from tribal communities. These vibrant mats will be utilised during various events organised by the Union Ayush Ministry on the auspicious occasion of International Yoga Day.



Beyond serving as comfortable surfaces for yoga practice, these mats serve as a testament to the rich cultural traditions preserved by tribal communities. Each mat boasts distinct designs and motifs that encapsulate the cultural significance of the regions they originate from.

Each mat is a vibrant testament to the diverse cultural heritage of India's tribes, reflecting their stories, folklore, and artistic legacy," said an official

from the TRIFED under the Union Tribal Ministry.

'The mats will act as catalysts, fostering a deep connection between yoga enthusiasts and the rich cultural her itage of tribal artisans. Through these interactions, participants will develop an appreciation for the artistic brilliance and cultural depth that tribal communities bring to the country's diverse tapestry," he added.

The creator of these talented tribal weavers such as

Tudu contribute their skills and craftsmanship in the production of mats from various districts, including Beltala, Gochara, Sanchara, Kangal Beria, Debra, and Laulara in Medinipur and Purulia.

Each mat represents the authentic craftsmanship of various communities. For instance, the Santhal community will present the essence of Madurkathi, an integral part of Medinipur's rich weaving heritage. More than just mats, these creations offer a range of benefits. Their non-conductive nature and exceptional sweat-absorbing properties

make them indispensable in West Bengal's hot and humid climate. Additionally, they hold great significance in religious rituals and practices, he added. Similarly, Sabai Grass Yoga Mats are a testament to the inherent connection between

the Tribals of Mayurbhanj,

duction of yoga mats. Gondha Grass which is harvested from waste land and riverbeds by tribal women, are used for mat weaving by a community in Potka block in East Singhbhum, Jharkhand. Cotton varn and Gondha Grass are used to create various craft items such as mats, bags, cov-

ers, and domestic items.



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BENGAL SEC MAKING MOCKERY OF JUDICIAL ORDER? Just 1 CAPF company each for 21 districts

SAUGAR SENGUPTA KOLKATA

In an apparent mockery of the judicial directive on the deployment of central forces in the forthcoming panchayat elections the Bengal State Election Commission has decided to requisition only one company of central forces for each of 21 districts of the State implying thereby that only about 2000 personnel would guard more than 62,000 booths in a single-phase polling.

Both the Supreme Court and the Calcutta High Court had earlier directed the Commission to take cognizance of the history of electoral violence of the State and deploy central forces.

Though the SEC officials remained tight-lipped inside sources said that the Commission was requisitioning one company CAPF for its 21 districts. The newly appoint-ed State Election Commissioner Rajiva Sinha known for his excellent chemistry with Chief Minister

Mamata Banerjee during his stint as the State Chief Secretary - reportedly took the decision within hours of the Supreme Court upholding the Calcutta High order directing the SEC to deploy central forces in the panchayat elections.

Earlier in yet another set-back to the Trinamool Congress Government and the SEC the Supreme Court on Tuesday upheld the Calcutta High Court order to conduct the upcoming panchayat elections with the help of central forces

Questioning the very reason as to why the SEC whose main purpose was to conduct free and fair elections would oppose deployment of central forces the Vacation Bench of Justices B.V Nagarathna and Manoj Misra said that as the

State had a "history of violence" during polls and the upcoming local polls was a mammoth exercise involving elections to 75,000-odd seats deployment of central forces would be in the fitness of things. "Holding an election cannot be a licence

for violence. There has been a history of violence...We appreciate that you are a State having a democratic set up right up to the grassroot level where elections are taking place, but, at the same time, elections cannot be accompanied by violence," Justice Nagarathna told the State Government lawyer even as he argued that

the Law and order was the State's responsibility and "no superpower can take that away from me ... This is not just about elections," but the federal structure of the country.

Wondering why the State Government - which had already requisitioned police forces from Jharkhand, Orissa, Bihar, Punjab and Tamil Nadu was the opposition CAPF which was coming free of cost.

The High Court in its order had said that the State would not be charged for the deployment of CAPF. Welcoming the Apex Court order Bengal Opposition Leader Suvendu Adhikari said that the battle had vet not been won as the SEC and the

Didi upset with Guv decision to observe WB Foundation Day

SAUGAR SENGUPTA KOLKATA

After months of 'ceasefire' Aand sweet-talking the battle of ascendancy once again broke out on Tuesday between the Raj Bhavan and Nabanna (the Bengal State secretariat) with Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee strongly condemning the decision of Governor CV Ananda Bose to celebrate West Bengal Foundation Day on Tuesday.

The Chief Minister on Tuesday said that the programme organised at Raj Bhavan was a political programme with a "dirty political agenda." It was all a product of "political vendetta and I condemn it ... I condemn it ... I condemn it," she said when asked to comment on the Governor's initiative.

"I have never heard of a thing like that ... It is done without any consideration for the culture, feelings and sentiments of the local people... I have given a strong letter about it," the Chief Minister who along with her Cabinet skipped the programme said. Earlier informing Bose about how mil-



lions of people were uprooted and were forced to migrate to this side of the border post Partition and how this was more about pain than about celebrations she wrote a letter to him, saying that "the process involved uprooting millions of people across the border and death and replacement of innumerable families.

The economy of Bengal was destroyed and the truncated State of West Bengal suffered a sudden disruption of communication and infrastructure, too." Saying that "the state was not founded on any particular day, least of all on June 20... Contrarily, the state was formed through the infamous Radcliffe Award, which was given legitimacy by the departing colonial government," Banerjee wrote.

In swipe at Shinde, UBT writes to UN for declaring June 20 as 'World Traitor's Day'

TN RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

The Shiv Sena (UBT) has upped the ante by writing to the United Nations Organisation (UNO) accusing then rebel and current chief minister Eknath Shinde of allegedly giving Rs 50 crore to each of the 40 Sena MLAs who joined him in the "treason" against the party leadership, and rooting for declaration of June 20 as "World Traitors Day.

In a development that came on the eve of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's much-discussed State visit to the United States, Opposition Shiv Sena (UBT) MP and chief and chief spokesperson Sanjay Raut sought to internationalise the issue of the Eknath Shinde-led group of Shiv Sena MLAs deserting the parent party leading to the fall of the MVA government in the state in June last year.

In his letter to UNO Secretary-General Antonio Guterres seeking the declaration of June 20 as 'World Traitors Day', Raut said that the 40 MLAs who backstabbed parent party Shiv Sena president Uddhav Thackeray were led by Eknath Shinde, then a Sena leader and now the chief min-



ister. Ten Independent MLAs supporting the then MVA government had switched sides along with Shinde. "On June 20 (2022), a huge group of 40 legislators from our Shiv Sena left us after being instigated by the Bharatiya Janata Party. Each of them is said to have taken Rs 50crore to defect.

The BJP (then the main Opposition party) used all their might to ensure that Maha Vikas Aghadi government in Maharashtra led by Uddhav Thackeray fell," Raut said. Dwelling the need for declaration of June 20 as "World Traitors Day, Raut said: "The process of leaving the party began on June 20 2022 when Shinde and others left Mumbai for neighbouring Gujarat.

'They deserted Uddhav Thackeray who was an ailing man and underwent two major surgeries Nov. 12 and Nov. 19 (2021). Each one of them (MLAs) took advantage of his



said. "Hence, I am appealing to you to make June 20 as World Traitors Day just as June 21 is observed as World Yoga Day. This must be done so that the world remembers Traitors," Raut stated in his letter to Guterres which he released to

the media on Tuesday. Through its missive to the UNO, the Shiv Sena (UBT) has made an unusual request to the world body to dedicate a particular day in its international calendar for commemorating turncoats, back-stabbers or deserters.

In a counter to the Sena (UBT)'s effort to internationalise the Shide-led coup, ruling BJP MLA and Union Minister Narayan Rane's son Nitesh Rane has now proposed that June 27 should be proclaimed as a 'World Anti-Nationals Day' and plans to write to the UNO for the same.

Mafia hijacked Kerala's higher edu: Educationist

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN KOCHI

Higher education system in Kerala has been hijacked by Mafia and Political Dons, according to an educationist of repute in the State. "A scam a day seems to be the catchword of the universities in Kerala.

Publication Form No. 3 [See Regulation-15 (1)(a)/16(3)] DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL CHANDIGARH (DRT 2) 1st Floor, SCO 33-34-35, Sector-17 A, Chandigarh (Additional space allotted on 3rd & 4th Floor also) Case No.: OA/121/2022 Exh No: 18417 Exh No: 18417 [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] ICICI BANK LIMITED VS KAMLESH GUPTA (D-3) NINEX DEVELOPER LTD RES OFFICE SF 05, NINEX

There are three open and shut cases of SFI leaders managing to get PhD, MA and MCom without passing the basic degree examinations.

At no point of time I have seen the standard of Kerala University falling to an abyss like this," said R S Sasikumar, the septuagenarian president of the Save Kerala University Forum, an organization working to preserve the sanctity of

the universities which are embroiled in charges of corruption and improprieties. Sasikumar was responding

to Kerala Governor Arif Mohammed Khan's statement made at Kochi on Monday.

A despondent Khan when asked about the malpractices by SFI (the student wing of the CPI-M) in fabricating fake degree, post graduate degree and PhD degrees, said that hereafter he would not sign any orders issued by the Government in connection

with the Universities. Higher Education Minister R Bindu scoffed at the charges levelled by the Opposition parties that

the SFI in association with the Government was fabricating large scale "production" of fake certificates to help student leaders. "There may be some isolated incidents and these need not be portrayed as major issues," the minister told the media.

"The degradation of the universities in the State began the day Pinarayi Vijayan took over as Chief Minister of the State. I have observed leaders like EMS, K Karunakaran, C Achutha Menon, P K Vasudevan Nair, A K Antony and Oommen Chandi (all former chief ministers) handling education related issues.

There were no complaints against them but Vijayan's decision to bifurcate the education department has ended up as a big fiasco," said Sasikumar.

Uddhav to take out rally against BMC's financial irregularities

TN RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

Seeking to corner the ruling Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena ahead of the crucial Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) elections, the Opposition Shiv Sena (UBT) on Tuesday announced that it would take out a massive mocha to the BMC on July 1 over the alleged financial irregularities in the projects undertaken by the country's biggest

civic body. A day after Maharashtra chief minister Eknath Shinde gave a formal go-ahead for setting up of a Special Investigation Team (SIT) to look into the financial irregularities in the BMC, the Shiv Sena (UBT) President Uddhav Thackeray said that the party's former minister and leader Aaditya Thackeray would lead the morcha to the civic headquarters in south Mumbai on July 1. Uddhav said that given that the elections to civic bodies were getting delayed, the

money, He said that as much as Rs 650-crore has already been spent- from its fixed deposits of Rs 92,000-crore on different grounds.

The Sena (UBT) chief said that his party, which was in power for more than two and a half decades before its term ended in February last year, would expose the ongoing cor-ruption in the BMC. "The set-ting up of an SIT involving police officials is unprecedented in the city's history... If the MVA allies Congress-Nationalist Congress Party want to participate in our July 1 morcha, they are welcome to do so," Uddhay said.

It is the findings of finan-cial irregularities submitted by the Accountant General (Audit)-I Maharashtra to it that has prompted the Shinde government to order an SIT probe into the financial irregularities in the BMC. Apart from bringing to fore several lapses and irregularities in spe-

BMC was squandering public cial audit of 76 identified works worth Rs 12,023 crore expenditure, the Accountant General (Audit)-I Maharashtra had in Marchis year pulled up the BMC for its failure to produce records for an expenditure of Rs 3,538 crore incurred on the Covid-19 management between early 2020 and October 31, 2022.

> Significantly enough, the Special Audit report submitted to the State government by the Accountant General (Audit)-I Maharashtra has said that it could not audit the expenditure on the Covid-19 management owing to BMC's failure to produce expenditure records for audit.

"In the absence of Covid 19 management records, no confirmation can be made in audit on propriety, efficiency, economy and effectiveness of Covid 19 related expenditure by BMC," the Accountant General (Audit)-I Maharashtra in its report submitted to government a few days ago.

16 prisoners hurt in Yerwada jail riot

TN RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

In a development that has Lexposed chinks in the security set up in one of largest prisons in south Asia, as many as 16 prisoners were injured in a riot that took place at historic Yerwada Central Jail in Pune on Monday.

The incident, which came to light on Tuesday, took place in barrack number 8 of the jail, where two groups of prisoners clashed between them from 10 am to 10-.30 am on Monday over some petty dispute.

Of the injured, three inmates sustained major head injuries, while others minor injuries on their heads, shoulders and backs.

An official FIR has been lodged by senior prison officer Heman Ingole in connection with the riot with a local police station against the prisoners involved in the clashes. They have been charged with unlawful assembly, illegal possession and use of dangerous



weapons. This is the second incident within the prison in the recent past. Earlier, there was a clash between two groups of old and new prisoners who had hurled stones at each other. They had also beaten up police constables who had tried to quell the rioting prisoners. The jail administration had taken action against five prisoners responsible for the clashes.

XOne of the reasons cited for growing friction between the prisoners is the lack of adequate space. Built in 1871 by the British, the Yerwada Central Jail has 6,400-odd prisoners against the capacity of accommodating 2,526 inmates.

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WHEREAS, OA/121/2022 was listed before Hon'ble Presiding Officer/Registrar on 08/06/2023. 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 of debts of Rs. **1,24,17,034**/- (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 number 3A of the original application;

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

(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 other assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application without the prior approval of the Tribunal;

(v) you shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realised by sale of secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or 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 19/08/2023 at 10:30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this date: 09/06/2023.

Signature of the Office Authorised to issue summons

PUBLIC NOTICE

D/o Late Sh. Suraj Prakash Kumar, presently at House No.I-57/58,Lajpat Nagar-1,New Delhi -110024, I am one of the legal heir of

Delhi - 110024, I am one of the legal heir of Late Shri Harbanslal Kumar, who was lessee of Property bearing Plot No.1-57/58, measuring about 200 Sq. Yds., situated at Lajpat Nagar Part-I, New Delhi-110024. The original Perpetual Lease Deed Reg. No.1176, Dated 20.02.1970 and Conveyance Deed Reg. No.1177, Dated 20.02.1970, and other docum ents of said plot has been lost. An F.I.R./N.C.R. dated 02.06.20 23 bearing LR No. 510314/ 2023, to this effect has been lodged at Delhi. Any person(s) found in possession of original documents may write/contact with above named person at above address within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice.



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Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot eats at the Indira Rasoi in Jaipur

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He said global institutions such as the ŬN must change. He said, "Look at the membership of key institutions — does it truly represent the voice of democratic values?" "A place like Africa -- does it have a voice? India has such a huge population and is a bright spot in the global economy, but is it present

Signaling India's desire to be part of the UN Security Council, the Prime Minister pointed to the country's role as a contributor of troops to peacekeeping operations around the world.

There has to be an evaluation of the current membership of council and the world should be asked if it wants India to be there, he said. The US daily said

the Indian Government has invested enormously in education and infrastructure, and it is poised to gain as multinationals look to diversify manufacturing and supply chains in an era of geopolitical tension.

It also gave examples of Apple and Foxconn Technology Group among the companies making significant new investments in India. "Let me be clear that we do not see India as supplanting any country.

We see this process as India gaining its rightful position in the world," Modi told the newspaper.

"The world today is more interconnected and interdependent than ever before. To create resilience, there should be more diversification in supply chains," he said.

SC snubs Bengal plea, OK's **Central forces for rural polls**

From Page1 "Elections cannot be accompanied by violence. If persons are not able to go and file their nominations or those who have filed their nominations are ultimately finished off, or there are group clashes, where is free and fair election?" it said.

The counsel for the state government said sometimes facts and figures are different

PM to meet...

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During his stay in New York, the Prime Minister will also mark the International Day of Yoga at the United Nations Headquarters, celebrating the occasion with UN leadership and members of the international community. Of significance is the upcoming meeting between Modi

CNG taxi permit in ...

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In a statement, Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot said the Delhi government has always stood with our taxi drivers. This move will help thousands of taxi drivers who will be able to ply their CNG vehicles for a total of 15 years now. "It is an initiative towards providing cleaner and greener modes of transportation while ensuring the welfare and convenience of taxi owners and operators in the city."

The decision to extend the permit validity comes after a careful observation by the transport department, which revealed a disparity in the duration of permits among various categories of taxis operating under the Contract Carriage permit in Delhi. Until now, taxis registered under the City Taxi Scheme 2015 with DL1RT had a permit validity of only 8 years. [†] tribals.

from the impressions. Senior advocate Meenakshi Arora, appearing for the SEC, said the poll panel is aggrieved by two directions of the high court, including the one which says it will requisition central forces and deploy them across the state.

The bench told the counsel appearing for West Bengal that even according to the State, the police force, as of

and Musk, who had previous-

ly met in 2015 during Modi's

visit to the Tesla Motors facto-

ry in California. It is worth

noting that at that time, Musk

had not yet become the owner

of Twitter. The meeting

assumes added importance as

potential locations for its fac-

tory in India.

now, was inadequate to meet the situation and therefore, it has requisitioned police force from half a dozen states.

"What the high court has thought is, instead of requisitioning police forces from half a dozen states, let the Central forces be brought in," it said, adding the high court has also said the expenditure will be borne by the Centre and not the state

No urgent ... From Page1 Solicitor General Tushar

Mehta, representing the state, opposed the plea for an urgent hearing, asserting that security agencies are actively working to restore peace and normalcy

Mehta further emphasized Tesla is currently exploring that a related matter concerning the Manipur High Court's order granting Scheduled Tribe status to the majority Meitei community, which triggered the chain of violence in the northeastern state, is scheduled for hearing on July 17. He suggested that the present petition could wait, stating, "A similar prayer was made before the vacation period, which was not considered. Public interest can wait."

The Manipur Tribal Forum, through its interlocutory application in the Supreme Court, has accused the central government and Manipur's Chief Minister of pursuing a communal agenda that aims to ethnically cleanse the Kuki

US' India...

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"The US's geopolitical calculations are not difficult to comprehend. As feared by Indian elites, many Washington's energetic attempts to enhance economic and trade cooperation with India are primarily aimed at hampering China's economic development," reiterated the opinion piece.

Furthermore, it highlighted that despite increased investments in India by American companies, such as Apple, their reliance on China's supply chain remains indispensable.

"In reality, India's trade with the US cannot substitute its trade with China, nor can India replace China in the global supply chains," the piece stated. The editorial piece called on the US and India to address their own issues if they aim to further develop economic and trade cooperation, rather than targeting China

Accusing the US of paying mere lip service to India without fulfilling promises, the article urged India to abandon geopolitical calculations and refrain from joining the US in what it described as a reckless and self-serving game to contain China. Instead, it emphasised the importance for India's future growth and development to promote trade and economic cooperation with China.

Interestingly, Wang Yi's article coincides with US Secretary of State Blinken's meetings with Chinese President Xi Jinping, Chinese Foreign Minister Qin Gang, and Wang Yi.

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Kejriwal expresses concern over 4 murders in 24 hours

CM proposes Cabinet meeting with L-G Saxena on law and order situation in Delhi

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

Pointing to four murders in Delhi in the last 24 hours, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has proposed a Cabinet meeting with Lieutenant-Governor (LG) VK Saxena on the law and order situation in the national Capital. In a scathing letter addressed to Saxena, Kejriwal expressed deep concern and highlighted the need for immediate and effective measures to restore the faith of Delhi's residents in their safety and security. He also pointed out the rise in the number of private secu-rity guards hired by residents

addresses the media in New Delhi on Tuesday

due to shortage of Delhi Police personnel. Referring to the recent murders that have sent shockwaves through the city, the Chief Minister stressed that the repeated occurrence of such serious crimes has eroded public confidence and called for a swift response to fulfil the obligations entrusted to those responsible for maintaining law and order. The AAP chief appealed to the LG, to initiate "urgent effective steps to restore the confidence in residents about the security and safety of their lives, since such serious

crimes have shaken Delhi". "The seriousness of the situation can be gauged from the heart rending fact that four murders have taken place during last 24 hours in different parts of Delhi," read the letter. As a responsible citizen and representative of over 2 crore Delhi residents, I express my willingness to extend full coop-

eration in ensuring the rule of Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Keiriwal law and safeguard the interests

of the people in the NCT of Delhi," it said. "Such serious crimes have shaken Delhi. It is high time that those entrusted with the responsibility of ensuring the safety of city residents be not seen as failing time and again in their mandatory duty," the letter read. Kejriwal also drew attention to the latest National Crime Records Bureau

(NCRB) report, adding that it should have served as a wakeup call for the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) and the Lieutenant Governor, both of whom "bear direct responsibility for maintaining law and order in Delhi". Regretably, no

substantial action has been taken based on this report, which reveals that Delhi alone accounted for 32.2 per cent of total crimes against women among 19 metropolitan cities in India, he noted

"Given such alarming figures, urgent preventive steps on crimes against women were required, but unfortunately for the reasons best known to the MHA and your goodself, nothing changed on the ground, the letter said. The AAP supremo alleged "lack of urgency" by the LG and the MHA to deal with the issue. "I am constrained to state that the kind of urgency required for prevention of crimes in Delhi is completely missing on the part of decision makers responsible for the maintenance of law and order here," he alleged.

Stressing on the need for immediate measures such as enhanced police patrolling during night hours, Kejriwal called for an open dialogue with Delhiites to seek their input on improving the law and order situation.

Saxena expresses concern over politicisation of crime Delhi L-G invites Kejriwal to discuss law and order

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

In a detailed letter addressed to Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, on Tuesday night Delhi Lieutenant-Governor (LG) VK Saxena highlighted various steps taken by him and the Delhi Police to control the crime situation in the national Capital and expressed concern about the "politicization of crime." Saxena's letter was prompted by Kejriwal's letter on June 19, which high-lighted the "alarming" rise in crime and proposed a meeting between the LG and the Cabinet.

"I also take this opportunity to highlight that politicizing crime has almost become a habit these days, and you would appreciate, while this provides no solution at all, it does subject the victim and their family to avoidable agony, apart from encour-aging crime," the LG wrote, reminding Kejriwal of his active monitoring of the Delhi Police since assuming office about a year

ago. Saxena further added, "In

this regard, I am sure that the issue of an unfortunate rape in 2012 raised by you to politically target the then Chief Minister will serve as an eye-opener and conscience-knocker for you."

The letter emphasised the LG's commitment to regular reviews and direct engagement with key officials, including biweekly meetings with the Commissioner of Police, weekly meetings with the Special CPs, and periodic interactions with the DCPs. Saxena expressed shared concerns with the Chief Minister and reiterated his deep understanding of the gravity of the crime situation in Delhi. He emphasized the significance of visible policing as a strong deterrent against criminal activities, a viewpoint he has consistently expressed on various platforms.

However, the LG also highlighted the evolving and complex nature of crime in the city, pointing to significant societal changes, particularly regarding technolo-gy and the accessibility of crime-

inducing content on various platforms. Recent distressing incidents, including gruesome killings and acts of violence, underscored the urgent need for a comprehensive approach to address the evolving nature of crime.

The LG further noted that many perpetrators involved in these incidents were young individuals below 30, often without prior criminal records but with an active presence on social media. He also highlighted the rising occurrence of crimes related to family and monetary disputes, citing specific examples such as incidents in Saket Court and Ambedkar Basti (RK Puram). While recognising the positive impact of initiatives undertaken by the Delhi Police, such as the installation of CCTV cameras, eradication of dark spots, and efforts to enhance public transport safety, LG Saxena emphasised that these measures alone are insufficient to combat the growing menace of crime.

Want to restart free yoga

Responding to Chief Minister Kejriwal's offer of cooperation to ensure the rule of law in Delhi, the LG welcomed the gesture and emphasised the crucial role that departments under the Chief Minister's control, including Education, Social Welfare, Transport, and Health, can play in shaping the youth and addressing societal issues that contribute to crime.

"I am indeed happy that you have offered to 'provide all possible cooperation to ensure the rule of law in Delhi.' The biggest role that you and your Government can play in this regard will be to shape our youth and youngsters by way of education as also targeted counseling and interventions at all levels, where the Citizen-Government interface takes place," he wrote.

The letter concludes with an invitation for a constructive discussion between the LG and CM aimed at collaboration to tackle the challenges of crime control in Delhi.

Bring single-window clearance system: LG to Labour Dept

Move will simplify norms for opening of 24x7 businesses

New Delhi: Delhi Lieutenant Governor (L-G) VK Saxena has directed the Labour Department to develop a 'single-window system' for approving applications regarding round-the-clock operations of shops and commercial establishments in the city.

According to the officials,



the single-window system will simplify procedures related to registration, amendment and exemption of establishments by bringing various approvals on one platform.

subject, under the purview of Saxena has also approved a file proposing such exempthe elected government of tions to 155 establishments. Delhi and not under the LG. The LG is a mere rubber stamp The proposal was sent by Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal for when it comes to transferred approval. In a statement, the subjects and holds no real

AAP government criticized the power to opine on such sub-jects," the AAP said. It will help LG, saying the file regarding 155 shops and establishments reduce the time taken for getwas sent to the LG as a mere ting the approval and make the process smoother for appliconstitutional procedure, cants, Raj Niwas official said. which he has now processed after several days. "It is unbe-Saxena directed the Labour coming of a constitutional post Department to expeditiously holder like the LG to engage in develop the system as an intesuch cheap optics for his pubgrated portal for approving licity and steal credit for the applications related to shops government's ongoing efforts. and business establishments Labour is a transferred proposing to operate 24x7 across Delhi, they said. However, the Labour

fresh applications, according to a note by the department. The efforts also aim at providing a fillip to the much desired 'nightlife' in the national capital, the official said while stressing the need for making the targeted segment of entrepreneurs and business establishments aware of the guidelines and standard procedure to apply for exemptions under the Delhi Shops and Establishments Act, 1954. The exemptions under

Department is duty-bound to Sections 14, 15 and 16 of the observe strict adherence to the Act are given to establishments stipulated timelines for the engaged in providing essential services to the people. SR disposal of pending as well as

classes for my Delhi: CM New Delhi: Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Tuesday said Yoga Day for him would be the day when free yoga classes will be started in the city again.

"Tomorrow is International Day of Yoga. This day inspires us to do yoga. Two years ago, the Delhi Government started free yoga classes for the people of Delhi. About 17,000 people started doing yoga every day. Last year, they stopped these yoga classes. Who benefits from this? Should public welfare programmes like this be

stopped? Yoga day for me will be the day when I will again start free yoga classes for my Delhiites," Kejriwal said in a tweet in Hindi. "God also supports you if you have good intentions. They stopped us in Delhi, we started free yoga classes in Punjab. I am glad it is getting an overwhelming support from people there," he said in another tweet.

Kejriwal and his ministers had earlier alleged that Lieutenant Governor V K Saxena had not approved the extension of the scheme after

October 31, 2022 However, LG secretariat sources had claimed that the office had not received any file seeking permission for the programme's extension beyond October 31. "Hence, it is wrong to say that the LG has not approved the extension," they had maintained.

Meanwhile, the New Delhi Municipal Council will organise yoga events at eight prominent locations, including Kartavya Path, on International Yoga Day on Wednesday, officials said

CM urges Cong to clear its stand on ordinance in Patna Opp meeting

STAFF REPORTER MINEW DELHI

Terming the first meeting of the National Capital Civil Services Authority (NCCSA) as futile and a conspiracy, Delhi on Tuesday said the AAP government will raise the issue in the Supreme Court. Kejriwal further said the ordinance, through which the Authority was constituted, has made bureaucrats "the bosses" of ministers in Delhi and expressed hope that the Congress will clear its stand on the Centre's ordinance in the non-BJP parties in Patna on June 23. The Friday meeting of opposition parties has been called by Bihar Chief Minister and Janata Dal (United) leader

joint strategy to take on the BJP in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls.

Nitish Kumar to chalk out a

ed government through the "Since the matter was in ordinance. The chief minister black and white, the authority claimed that the Centre wants was unanimous in its decision to control Delhi through IAS that two officers have been "An officer has been

will get relief from the Supreme Court and also that the Bill won't be passed in the Parliament," he added.

The chief minister said

Minister in order to overturn

the CM's decision in the

NCCSA. "No proposal can be

brought to the Cabinet without

the consent of the officers.



initiate disciplinar ceedings against the official," Kejriwal had said earlier in the day According to a statement from the Chief Minister's Office, Kejriwal has received a

three distinct categories of requests. These categories include departments requesting the transfer of certain officers, posting of officers against vacant positions, and an offi-

cer's request for transfer/postings After the first meeting,

given charge above every minister. The Centre wants to control the Delhi government through officers. In every department, the final decision will now rest with proposal from the Services the department secretary, not Department encompassing the minister. The secretary can

Kejriwal alleged the Centre of

snatching powers of the elect-

dismiss the minister's decision. The ordinance has placed the Delhi chief secretary above the Cabinet," he charged. Officers have the power to reject decisions taken by ministers, he said. "We will present all these matters in the Supreme

Court. We are hopeful that we

Even after losing the elections, the BJP wants to run the Delhi government through deceit," he added. "In the last week of May, a file came to me on the suspension of an officer. I raised three to four clarifications on the file and said that after this I will say when the meeting (NCCSA) will happen. But the

file never came back to me

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Delhi varsity to launch CM's house new admission portal eligibility: BJP

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

Delhi University will launch a new portal for registering and applying for the three BTech programmes to be introduced this academic session by next week. According to official, the students will get to choose their preferences among the three programmes and the university will later allot seats to them. The BTech Computer Science and Engineering, BTech Electronics and Communication Engineering, and BTech Electrical Engineering will begin at the university from this year with a total capacity of 360 seats. Students will be selected for the courses based on their Joint Entrance Examination (Mains) score. "The process is expected to begin next week. Students will be given to fill their preferences and seats will be allotted to them. They will be given a few days to accept the seats allotted to them," said Dean of Admission Haneet Gandhi.

Gandhi refused to comment on the registration fee. "We are still discussing the details," she added. The three courses would be conducted by the Faculty of

Technology. According to a cally weaker students. Each notification issued by the university, a seat in each of the three programmes will be given to a

single girl child. The university will also

introduce a Financial Support Scheme (FSS) to extend the ben-

course will have 120 seats, according to the university.

A minimum of 50 per cent weightage would be given to major subject area of a course with a maximum of 65 per cent weightage. The remaining weighefits of equity and access to tage would be given to minor quality education to economi- subject areas of study.

seats for online participants -

"first come first serve". All stu-

Registration for short-term AI, ML courses at JMI starts

New Delhi: Jamia Milia Islamia The classes will be held both (JMI) has announced a shortonline and offline," the official informed. The course includes term training programme on both lectures and practical work under the guidance of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) next experienced professionals, the month, registration for which are underway. university said.

The programme, which is being organised by the univer-course — 30 reserved for sity's Department of Computer offline participants and 50 Engineering, will be for three weeks between July 4 and July 22, according to the brochure released by the university.

The timings of the proscholars and faculty with mathgram are from 10:00 am to 1:00 ematical backgrounds are elipm, from Monday to Saturday. gible for the course.

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI The Delhi BJP on Tuesday sought to know from the

Delhi government how Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal got the type of official accommodation for which he is allegedly not even eligible.

Addressing a press conference here, Delhi BJP chief Virendra Sachdeva and Leader of Opposition in Delhi Assembly, Ramvir Singh Bidhuri said the national capital Delhi being a Union Territory, its chief minister is eligible only for Type VII accommodation.

However, Kejriwal's bungalow is much bigger than what he is eligible for, according to the guidelines of the ministry of housing and urban affairs, Sachdeva said.

Citing a show cause notice issued by the Directorate of Vigilance to the Public Works Department engineers, he said which will be allotted based on "We want to know who asked the PWD to carry out renovadents from UG, PG, and PhD tions and expansion of the CM bungalow without any proper tender and budgetary SR provisions.

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PM: India, US stand stronger in meeting shared global tests

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escribing ties between the two countries as multifaceted, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said his visit to the US will be an opportunity to enrich the depth and diversity of the relationship. He also said together the two countries stand stronger in meeting shared global challenges.

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Modi made this observation before leaving for the US on Tuesday morning. He said this special invitation from President Joseph Biden and First Lady Jill Biden for a state visit is a reflection of the vigour and vitality of the partnership between the democracies. He will visit Egypt while returning from the US.

Modi said his discussions with President Biden and other senior US leaders will provide an opportunity to consolidate bilateral cooperation as well as in plurilateral forums such as G20, Quad and IPEF (Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity).

"I will commence my visit in New York, where I will celebrate the International Day of Yoga on June 21 at the UN Headquarters with the UN leadership and members of the international community," Modi said.

"I look forward to this special celebration at the very location that supported India's proposal in December 2014 to recognise an International Day of Yoga," he said. Modi said he will thereafter travel to Washington D.C.

Modi said Biden and he have had the opportunity to meet several times since his last official visit to the US in September 2021. "This visit will be an opportunity to enrich the depth and diversity of our partnership," he said

Noting that ties between the two coun-



tries are multifaceted with deepening engagements across sectors, he said the US is India's largest trade partner in goods and services, and the two countries collaborate closely in the fields of science and technology, education, health, Defence and secu-

The initiative on Critical and Emerging Technologies has added new dimensions and widened collaboration in defence industrial cooperation, space, telecom, quantum, Artificial Intelligence and biotech sectors, Modi said

"Our two countries are also collaborating to further our shared vision of a free, open and inclusive Indo-Pacific," he said adding "We seek to deepen India-USA ties in key sectors like trade, commerce, innovation, technology and other such areas." Stating that the US Congress has always provided strong bi-partisan support to India-US ties, Modi said during his visit, he will address a joint session of the US Congress at the invitation of the Congressional lead-

ership. "Strong people-to-people linkages have been instrumental in developing the trust between our countries. I look forward to meeting the vibrant Indian-American community that represents the best of our societies," he said.

"I will also meet some of the leading CEOs to discuss opportunities for elevating our trade and investment relationship and for building resilient global supply chains," Modi said.

On his visit to Egypt, Modi said, "I will travel to Cairo from Washington D.C. at the invitation of President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi I am excited to pay a state visit to a close and

friendly country for the first time." "We had the pleasure of receiving President Sisi as the Chief Guest at our Republic Day celebrations this year. These two visits in the span of a few months is a reflection of our rapidly evolving partnership with Egypt, which was elevated to a 'Strategic Partnership' during President Sisi's visit," he said.

EC releases Assam delimitation proposals

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No change in number of LS, Assembly seats

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The Election Commission **I** (EC) has proposed there will be no change in the number of Assembly or parliamentary constituencies in Assam. The Commission on Tuesday released a draft of delimitation, proposing to retain the number of Assembly seats in Assam at 126 and the Lok Sabha constituencies at 14.

The Commission has proposed that the Assembly seats reserved for Scheduled Castes (SCs) be increased from eight to nine and Scheduled Tribe (STs) seats from 16 to 19. The EC has sought suggestions and objections till July 11. After receiving the suggestions and objections, the commission will visit Assam in July for a public hearing.

According to the draft of delimitation, 19 seats in the Legislative Assembly are proposed to be allocated for STs out of 126 seats, while two seats are proposed to be allocated for STs out of 14 seats in House of People allocated to the State of Assam. Similarly, 9 seats in the Legislative Assembly are pro-posed to be allocated for SCs, while one seat is proposed to be allocated for SCs in House of People. In total, representations from 11 political parties and 71

other organisations were

received and considered.

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The EC has proposed that the number of Assembly seats in the autonomous districts of West Karbi Anglong be increased by one and in Bodoland autonomous council areas by three (from 16 to 19). The EC has retained Diphu and Kokrajhar parliamentary seats reserved for ST and continued the Lakhimpur Parliamentary

seat as unreserved. According to the proposals, there will be one unreserved Assembly seat in Dhemaji district. Two Parliamentary seats have been proposed for the Barak Valley districts. A parliamentary seat has been named as Kaziranga

In Assam, since last delimitation (1976), the number of districts have increased from 10 to 31 and similarly number of administrative units at development block and gram panchayat levels have undergone drastic changes

Taking all these factors into account, the EC has categorised all 31 districts in three broad categories A, B and C giving margin of (+/-) 10 per cent of average population per Assembly constituency, while proposing allocation of the constituencies to the districts.

Assembly seats to the districts have been allocated on the basis of category of the district. Category A, B and C districts have been allocated seats based have been allocated seats based on average AC population of 1,90,397 (State average AC pop-ulation -10%), 2,11,552 (State average AC population) and 2,32,707 (State average AC pop-ulation +10%) respectively. Number of seats for a particu-lar category district has been lar category district has been arrived at by dividing the total population of the district by the average AC population of category A, B, C as applicable to the district. The term of the current

Assam legislative assembly will end on May 20, 2026. The state currently has 14 Lok Sabha, 126 assembly and seven Rajya Sabha seats.

The EC said that the Com-mission went through all the representations and delimitation report is based on census 2001. "Some groups were in favour and some against this. The change of demographic pattern of the State should be looked into during implementation of the delimitation process. In some districts of Assam, the population growth is low while in some districts, it is abnormally high. Low population growth districts should not be put to disadvantage and the number of seats in these districts should not be reduced," it said.

The rights of indigenous people of Assam should be pro-tected in the delimitation exercise. Considering the lower demographic change in Upper Assam, seats in Upper Assam should not be decreased as those who are following the National Birth Policy should not suffer. The population pattern in lower Assam is higher for which the Commission should look

into seriously. As per the delimitation, the owest administrative unit shall be 'village' in rural areas and 'ward' in urban areas. Village and ward have been kept intact and have not been broken anywhere in the state. The draft proposal has been prepared based on administrative units i.E., development block, panchayats and village in rural areas and municipal boards, wards in urban areas.

Health Ministry sends ICMR, NDMA to heatwave hit areas As fatalities rise in UP and Bihar, ICMR to do research aimed at minimising adverse impact



Health Minister discussed heatwave related incidents in the meeting

Rahul returns home to forge Opp unity

Cong sources say Rahul has made it clear he has no prime ministerial aspirations

DEEPAK KUMAR JHA NEW DELHI

s Prime Minister Narendra AModi embarked on his scheduled visit to the US on Tuesday, former Congress president Rahul Gandhi returned to India after his 21-day visit to America

During the next two days, Rahul is set to hold meetings with top party leaders, including party chief Mallikarjun Kharge, to discuss the Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's convened Opposition meet on Friday in Patna.

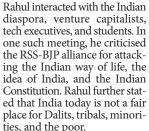
Sources within the Congress revealed that Rahul is determined to bring together Opposition parties to prevent Modi's comeback in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. "His prime concern is unity. In his two meetings with the Bihar CM, Rahul has made it clear that he has no aspirations for the prime ministerial position and instead suggested that Nitish should take the lead in forging a grand Opposition," disclosed a senior party leader. The camaraderie among

Opposition parties has been growing, with the DMK inviting Nitish Kumar to inaugurate certain initiatives of the ruling DMK in Tamil Nadu in memory of M Karunanidhi. However, due to health reasons, the Bihar CM had to cancel his visit to Chennai and instead sent Tejashwi Yadav, the Deputy Chief Minister, and State Minis-



ter Sanjay Kumar Jha.

"He is taking rest and trying to stay calm and composed for Friday's crucial meeting, where top Opposition leaders are expected to converge in Patna," said a JD(U) leader from Patna over the phone. The leader claimed that the septuagenarian leader is personally overseeing the preparations, which will see the presence of leaders from



ties, and the poor. The BJP has targeted Rahul for his trips abroad and questioned their purpose. Amit Malviya, the head of the BJP IT cell, took to Twitter and raised concerns, asking, "Why does Rahul Gandhi spend so much time abroad, especially with a large part of his trips shrouded in mystery? Several reports on his clandestine meetings with foreign agencies and groups inimical to India's interests raise further questions about the purpose of these visits...?

Def Min to do B grills one in Aryan Khan case

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

 $A^{\,s\,heatwave-related\,fatalities}_{\,in}$ Uttar Pradesh (UP) and Bihar, the Union Health Ministry has taken swift action by deploying a team of experts from key organisations, including the Ministry, the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), the India Meteorological Department (IMD), and the National Disaster Authority Management (NDMA).

Their mission is to provide support and implement public health response measures in order to combat the impact of extreme heat on the population.

Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya chaired a high-level meeting on Tuesday, focusing on public health preparedness for effective heatwave management across the country. The meeting was attended by Union Minister of State for Health Bharati Pravin Pawar

and Dr VK Paul, Member (Health) of NITI Aayog. The severity of heatwave conditions experienced in several States

prompted the urgent discus-

Recognising the significance of prompt preparedness, Mandaviya emphasised the need for awareness campaigns and early interventions. In this regard, he directed the ICMR to conduct research aimed at minimising the adverse health effects of heatwaves. The research is expected to yield short-term, medium-term, and long-term action plans.

Recent days have witnessed surge in heatwave-related fatalities across the country, with UP's Ballia district reporting a suspected 68 deaths due to heatstroke. Bihar and Odisha have also been severely affect-

ed by the scorching heat. Notably, regions in Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Bihar, Odisha, coastal Andhra Pradesh, as well as parts of eastern Madhya Pradesh and West

Bengal, witnessed temperatures exceeding the normal range by 5 degrees Celsius on Sunday. Mandaviya highlighted that

the central government had taken proactive measures to address heatwave-related illnesses well ahead of the summer season. In March, Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired a meeting to review preparedness, while the Ministry of Health issued a heatwave advisory in February, urging states to assess healthcare facilities and ensure the availability of essential supplies such as medicines, intravenous fluids, oral rehydration solutions (ORS), and

drinking water. The National Action Plan on Heat Related Illnesses was also shared with all states. It provides a comprehensive framework for monitoring heatstroke cases, implementing preparedness plans, and prioritising vulnerable sections of society such as the elderly, infants, pregnant women, outdoor workers, and manual laborers.

INS Vikrant

PNS NEW DELHI

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will join Indian Navy personnel to perform yoga onboard indigenously-built air-craft carrier INS Vikrant in Kochi on the occasion of International Day of Yoga (IDY) on Wednesday, the Defence Ministry said on Tuesday.

Navy chief Admiral R Hari Kumar, his wife Kala Kumar, President of Naval Welfare and Wellness Association along with other senior officers of Indian Navy and the Ministry of Defence will be present.

Armed forces personnel including Agniveers will participate in the event embracing the spirit of unity and well-being. After the yoga session, the Defence Minister will address the gathering and felicitate the yoga instructors.

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The CBI on Tuesday ques-tioned Sanville alias Sam D'Souza in connection with an alleged bribe demand of Rs 25 crore from actor Shah Rukh Khan for not implicating his son Aryan Khan in the 2021 Cordelia cruise drug bust case. The agency had given a third notice to D'Souza last week to appear for questioning at its

Delhi office, officials said. He has not yet been ques-tioned by the CBI in the case which was registered by the agency on May 12. D'Souza is listed as accused number 5 in the CBI FIR. "The CBI issued him a notice on June 16 to appear before it for questioning. He will appear before the officer in Delhi on June 20," D'Souza's lawyer Pankaj Jadhav told PTI

over phone. Ĥis plea before the Special CBI Court in Mumbai seeking anticipatory bail was turned

UN dedicates 'Solidarity Tree' to terror victims



down, Former Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) zonal director Sameer Wankhede, the main accused in the case, has been granted interim protection by the Bombay High Court till June

The CBI has alleged that D'Souza had brokered a deal between Shah Rukh Khan's manager and witness KP Gosavi for helping Aryan who was arrested by the NCB on October 3, 2021, a day after it raided cruise ship Cordelia. He was granted bail by the Bombay High Court on October 28, 2021 after spending 25 days in

jail. The much hyped case took a twist when an "independent witness" claimed in 2021 that Rs 25 crore was demanded by an NCB official and other people, including witness Gosavi, to let off Aryan. Prabhakar Sail, the "independent witness", now deceased, had told media persons that he had overheard Gosavi telling D'Souza over the phone about the demand of Rs 25 crore after Aryan was brought to the NCB office after the raid. "It has also been alleged that

about 20 parties, including Chief

Ministers such as MK Stalin, Mamata Banerjee of West

Bengal, and Arvind Kejriwal of

Delhi. Apart from Rahul Gandhi and Kharge, other leaders such

as Sharad Pawar, Akhilesh Ya-

dav, Farooq Abdullah, Mehbo-

oba Mufti, Sitaram Yechury, D

Raja, and Uddhav Thackeray ha-

ve confirmed their participation.

During his visit to the US,

the said persons entered into a conspiracy in order to extort an amount of Rs 25 crore (approx) from family members of the alleged accused of the case of NCB, Mumbai, by threatening them of the accusation of offences of possession of narcotics substances as per the alleged directions of then zonal director (Wankhede) being the supervisory officer," a CBI spokesperson had said after the registration of the FIR.



CGHS staff union decries Govt apathy in filling vacant posts PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

ll India CGHS Employee All India CGFIS Employee Union has expressed its unhappiness at the Govern-ment's apathy in filling all the vacant posts in the dispensaries even as the number of beneficiaries has increased significantly over the past few years.

At a meeting held last week, the members of the union discussed the problems being faced by the CGHS employees and alleged that privatisation being done by the Government in the health sector was not in the favour of the patients.

Vikas Jain and Swapnil Shinde who were elected as National Secretary and National President respectively said that they have submitted a memorandum to the Union Health Ministry with their demand including seeking filling of the

vacant post at the earliest. "At present, about 25% posts are lying vacant while the number of beneficiaries has almost doubled from 2014 to 2023. It is in public interest to fill up all the posts to provide good healthcare to its beneficiaries. The total sanctioned post is 5,000 of non gazetted employees," said Jain.

The memorandum has also called for providing promo-tional opportunities to CGHS employees. "At present, the employee retires at the same post in which he was recruited. We have also said that in keeping with the increasing number of beneficiaries, adequate number of new dispensaries should be opened with full staff," Jain added.

BJP slams Cong over Gita Press row

itself

PNS NEW DELHI

Renewing attack on the Prize to the Gorakhpur-based Gita Press, the BJP on Tuesday accused it of "not leaving any chance to express contempt" for anything associated with the country's traditions, culture and maintained that Mahatma Gandhi himself had commended the work of the publication.

The war of words was triggered between the BJP and the Congress after the Government on Sunday decided to confer Gandhi Peace prize on the iconic Gita Press which has been publishing affordable books on 'sanatan dharm' since its foundation in 1923.

The Congress general secretary in charge of communications alleged that the decision to

honour Gita Press with the Gandhi Peace Prize is a "traves-

arkar and Godse".

and "it's like awarding

Addressing a press confer-

ence BJP spokesman and Rajya

Sabha member Sudhanshu Trivedi, the BJP's national

spokesperson, said the Congress'

remarks are not just against Gita Press but the Bhagavad Gita

miss any chance to express their

contempt for anything associat-

ed with this country's traditions,

culture, Indianness and Hindu

religion. This is their mindset,"

Trivedi alleged.

"Congress leaders do not

Expressing its resolve to fight the Scourge of terrorism, the United Nations (UN) dedicated a solidarity tree in remembrance of victims of terrorism with a solemn ceremony that also hon-oured victims of the 2008 Mumbai attack, on the eve of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the world organisation.

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NATIONS

Karambir Kang, a survivor of the horrific 26/11 Mumbai terror attack, spoke about the harrowing tragedy that unfolded when 10 Pakistani terrorists of Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba unleashed mayhem and horror by attack ing "establishments which were a symbol of my country and my city" and killed over 166 people. Kang lost his wife and two sons in the attack.

As the third UN Counter-Terrorism Week, a biennial gathering of Member States and international counter-terrorism partners, kicked off in New York later Monday, the UN held a sombre dedica-



tion ceremony for the United Nations Victims of Terrorism Solidarity Tree.

The tree is planted on the Northeast Lawn of the UN headquarters right behind the bust of Mahatma Gandhi, which was a gift of India to the UN and installed during India's Presidency of the Security Council in December 2022.

Kang, who was General Manager of the Taj Mahal Hotel in Mumbai when the 26/11 terror attack occurred, said, "During the attack, my wife and two young sons, who were at the hotel could not be saved. In an instant, my whole world fell apart."

Kang, who was invited by the UN to

share his perspective, underlined that "terrorism is borderless" and "so should be the resolve amongst all peace-loving nations to eradicate it. This can only happen with trust and cooperation."

He recounted that on the evening of the attack, there were 2,000 people at the Taj hotel, including 400 of his "very brave staff members. In the ensuing mayhem that continued for three days, we lost over 30 lives of our guests and staff members."

Kang and his staff, with the help of a few local policemen, were able to save over 1,900 lives that night before help came. "The bravery of my staff members garnered worldwide acclaim for standing their ground unarmed against heavily armed terrorists. The solidarity that we received at the Taj and the Tata Group" following the tragedy was "unprece-dented" both nationally and worldwide.

Kang also laid foundational soil at the base of the solidarity tree. Additional Secretary in the Ministry of Home Affairs Praveen Vashista laid a rose at the foot of the memorial tree.



Modi Govt uplifting every section of society: Baghel

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE VARANAS

On the successful comple-tion of nine years of the Modi government at the Centre, in the series of various campaign programmes being run by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), the United Front Conference of Cantt assembly constituency was organised at the party's city office located at Gulab Bagh here on Tuesday. Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, SP Singh Baghel, while addressing the conference as the chief guest in the programme, said that the Modi government at the Centre during its successful nine-year tenure focused on the all-round development of the society by uplifting every section. He said that the Modi government adopted the politics of development by keeping vote bank politics aside and adopted the basic mantra of Sabka Saath-Sabka Vikas-Sabka Vishwas-Sabka Prayas for the all-round development of the country.

He said that BJP's contact campaign is the biggest pro-gramme before the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. "Through this, we have to take the achievements of the government to the people. In the election, the opposition will try to divert the public from the ideological issue, but we have to be

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE VARANASI

In view of the increasing number of patients in the

hospitals due to the scorching

Sun and heatwave for the last

many days, the Divisional

Commissioner (DC) Kaushal

Raj Sharma has directed the

health officers to prepare a

database of the patients being admitted in the hospital by

classifying their problems and diseases. The DC has directed the officers of Eelectricity department to provide factual information about the power

supply to the consumers through control room and also release media bulletin in case of fault and power cuts.

Chairing the review meet-

ing of the development works

of Varanasi Division at the

Union Minister SP Baghel at BJP's programme in Varanasi on Tuesday

Varanasi DC asks officers to prepare

database of heatwave patients

alert and careful," he said.

He said that during the rule Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, everyone is getting justice equally without any discrimination. "Today in our government basic facilities like housing, electricity, water, roads, ration, toilets, health are being provided to the gen-eral public," he said, adding that in the Congress regime at the centre and BSP-SP in the state, the rights of the general pub-lic were being killed, instead of the facilities being provided to the poor, the family members of the political parties were taking advantage of the government schemes

"Under the leadership of Narendra Modi in 2014, after the formation of the government at the Centre, the benefits of government facilities are reaching the general public without any discrimination. Today people are getting direct benefits. It is said that now the benefits of all the schemes of the central government are being directly con-veyed to the public in a 100 per cent and transparent manner," he said.

Addressing the conference, Rajya Sabha MP Kailash Soni said that the PM has established the politics of development by ending the politics of familyism, casteism, corruption

and appeasement. "Today's India is touching new dimensions of development while cherishing its heritage and culture," he said. Cantt MLA Saurabh Srivastava said that due to the hard work of BJP workers, the entire country including Kashi is being developed today.

The programme was presided over by city president Vidya Sagar Rai, while conducted by Rajat Jaiswal. Kusum Singh Patel gave the vote of thanks. Regional media in-charge Navratan Rathi, Yogesh Singh Pinku, Sobhnath Maurya, Pragya Pandey, Ashutosh Pal and many other workers were present.

Shahnawaz hits back at Jairam over Gita Press remarks

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE PRAYAGRAJ

 $F^{
m ormer}_{
m BJP}$ national spokesperson Shahnawaz Hussain has retaliated on the statement of Congress media in -charge and general secretary Jairam Ramesh. Hussain reached here on Monday evening and during a conversation with reporters at the Circuit House said the Gita Press has published books of Sanatan Dharma and propagated it without profit. Shahnawaz said that if the Congress cannot greet for the award, then it does not have the right to criticise.

On the opposition's attack on

power outages in UP, he said there is a scorching heat in the whole country. Electricity consumption has increased by two to three times. Satish Singh and Miniketan Nayak, of Chandauli and

There is no shortage of electricity in UP, but technical fault is coming in many places due to increase in load. CM Yogi Adityanath himself is monitoring the electricity problem. He said BJP will make a hat-trick of victory by winning more than 400 seats across the country. In 2024, Narendra Modi will once again become the prime minister of the country

intelligence input about the **BUSTED:** A joint team of Handia police and Special movement about the inter -

Task force (Prayagraj unit) peddling and intercepted a car busted an inter-state racket on Prayagraj-Kanpur highinvolved in drug pedalling way that was carrying the and arrested two notorious drug consignment. drug pedlars identified as

Police said that gang used to supply ganja in UP towns from Odisha.

Police have been looking for a key racketeer identified as Mitthoo of Odisha who used to smuggle drug con-signments into UP.

The gang used to arrange old cars and SUV to smuggle drug consignments with an intention to dodge cops. A case under section 8/20/29 of the NDPS Act was registered in this connecstate racket involved in drug tion.

Second accused in murder case nabbed

sion.

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE PRAYAGRAJ

Police nabbed the second accused Mohd Rashid of Sahil Colony, Rajapur, Cantt involved in the murder of an erickshaw driver over an issue related to smack in Rajapur area under Cantt police station. The Cantt police arrested

him near the Beli Kachar cemetery after 15 days of the murder. A 315 bore cartridge used in the murder has been recov-

ered from him. Police arrested Pankaj Pasi, the main accused on June 7 while the third accused Shani is still being

searched. Riyasat Ali alias Guddu Khan of Rajapur Mohalla under Cantt police station is a rickshaw driver. His only son Adil Khan also used to drive e -rickshaws. On the night of June 3 around 11:30 Adil reached home with his e -rick-

Rajapur near Myo Road Columbus School to have tea. Standing at a betel shop there, Adil was talking to his colleagues when three youths came and one of them shot him in his head from a close range and escaped. Adil collapsed on the ground bleeding profusely and information was given to the family members. On getting the information, the police of Cantt police station also reached. Police sent Adil to the shaw. He reached the road in

Kalahandi (Oshiha) respec-

tively near Upardaha village

on Prayagraj-Kanpur high-

way. The police have also seized 37.60 kg ganja worth Rs 9.50 lakh, three mobile phones, Rs 1,000 cash

and one car from their posses-

The joint team received an

Swaroop Rani Nehru Hospital. His father told the police that his son was shot dead by three boys Rashid, Pankaj and Sunny who sold smack.

Two days after the murder, the family members also created a ruckus at the police station over arrest.

Station House Officer (SHO) Cantt Mohammad Akram said Pankaj and Rashid have been arrested in this murder and a search for Shani is on.

Three youths saved from drowning

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lert policemen and boat-Amen saved three youths from drowning at Kubri ghat, Kada Dham in the Kada Dham police station area of Kaushambi.

Police said a group of three youths, including Sonu (20), Rohan (18) and Rahul (22) of Bhairavpur in Fatehpur, reached Rubri ghat for swimming in Ganga. They jumped in the river and went into deep water zone.

The police said Sonu who went into deep water zone first

and Rohan and Rahul moved towards him to rescue. However, all the three started drowning. On hearing their cries two police jawans and three swimmers came forward to rescue all the drowning youths.

After a hard work of 20 minutes, the swimmers and boatmen took out all the three from the river.

Following the incident, the residents have demanded police authorities to instal deep water barricading so that people cannot go beyond the lim-

PASSENGERS: Now passengers will be able to catch a flight directly from Prayagraj to Kolkata. Air travel between Prayagraj and Kolkata will begin from July 3. It will be operated on Monday and Friday, two days a week. The number of people travelling from Prayagraj to Kolkata is more. There was also a demand for it for a long time. Now this facility is being provided to the people of the Sangam city by

Alliance Air. The aircraft will fly at 12:25 pm and reach Kolkata after

BID TO FACILITATE 1:45 hours i.e. at 2.10 pm. To come to Prayagraj from Kolkata, the aircraft will fly at 2:35 pm and reach Prayagraj at 4:15 pm.

After reaching Prayagraj, the same flight will leave for Delhi at 4:40 pm. Station manager of Alliance Air, Mukesh Jaiswal said a fare of Rs 4,215 has been fixed. Now Prayagraj will get direct flight facility for 12 cities. There will be direct flights for Lucknow, Dehradun, Bhopal, Indore, Delhi, Raipur, Bhuneshwar, Mumbai, Pune, Bangalore, Bilaspur and now Kolkata.

Summer training programme organised by IIIT-A inaugurated

The DC Kaushal Raj Sharma chairing review meeting of development works.

points by making phase tree plantation at wide level

his office he Monday, the DC directed the Health department to make deployment of the doctors at the CHCs and PHCs in sufficient number in view of the heatwave and also ensure the availability of ORS in sufficient quantity.

The ORS should be distributed in the rural areas and the pamphlets should be distributed in the schools and colleges through Gram Pradhans and corporators for the precau-

heatwave. He directed to chalk out proposal to enhance the facilities of e-OPD and teleconsultation by identifying the CHC and PHC and send it to the government.

He also reviewed the rogress of MoU signed by Udyog Bandhu and directed the concerned officer to make appointment of Nodal officer as per the status of MoU by classifying them and also make the weekly review of pending

wise the present progress of MoU

Regarding the Kisan Samman Nidhi, the DC directed to set target only after the verification of the beneficiaries. About the Amrut Yojana, he directed to chalk out an action plan for the hundred per cent saturation on the basis of layer mapping and prepare a proposal on this basis.

He directed the DFO to chalk out an action plan for the

The DC directed the officers of the Irrigation department to chalk out an action plan to get the water reach to canal and directed the officers of PWD to complete the repairing and renovation works of the roads

of the city by October. Besides the officers of various departments the DMs of districts of Varanasi Division including the DM of Varanasi S Rajalingam were present at the review meeting.

and use of VLSI and semiconductor ecosystem. Government policy and capital is going to catalyse these two elements and create a sustainable ecosystem that will serve the world's demand and India's needs in the coming decade.

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE PRAYAGRAJ

Tndia represents today a huge

This was stated by Prof Anand Bulusu, IIT Roorkee while inaugurating a monthlong summer training pro-gramme on "Very Large Scale Integration (VLSI) design organised by Indian Institute of Information Technology, Allahabad, (IIIT-A) with the is convenient for compact support of IEEE. design. It consumes lesser

Prof Bulusu as chief guest power when compared to a said the impact of the VLSI discrete parts circuit and VLSI design ecosystem has been can be used for different funcexperienced in the past few tions years. The resonance in hardware design establishments has noted that the proposals of

UP IEEE Chairman Dr Satish Singh, said IEEE was striving hard to technically businesses without an engiempower all technical institu-



President Droupadi Murmu being felicitated with a bouquet by Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on her birthday in New Delhi on Tuesday PTI

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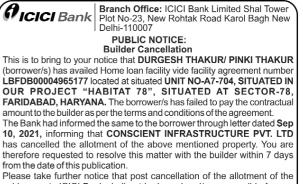
will continue to power elec- embedded engineers play an Cores and semiconductor

formance and functionality, Head of IT department Dr Sanjay Singh said the and reliability. The number of job opportunities in India is Government of India also expanding rapidly, makannounced fiscal support for ing designing VLSI embedded a design-linked initiative scheme to drive global and systems an attractive career. Coordinator Prof Manish domestic investment related to Goswami said this eighth design software, IP rights etc, training programme will cover from MSMEs and start-ups for digital and analog integrated financial incentives and infracircuit design aspects along structure support across varwith design methodologies ious stages of development using various simulation tools. and deployment of semicon-VLSI is significant because it ductor designs for Integrated

all very much in the right direction in establishing India's footprint in the semiconductor product and supply chain business. Dean (SD) Prof Shekhar

linked design(s)

Verma said IIIT-A had achieved milestones for working in the direction of VLSI design by organising eighth consecutive series of summer schools on the same topic. In today's world, semiconductor technologies have the most significant impact on our daily lives.



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Over ₹4,000 cr projects excuted in Varanasi South, says MLA PIONEER NEWS SERVICE VARANASI Purvanchal (eastern UP) as it

 $F_{\mathrm{MLA}\ \mathrm{from\ City\ South\ Dr}}^{\mathrm{ormer\ UP\ Minister\ and}}$ Neelkanth Tiwari said that the development work worth over ₹ 4,000 crore has been done in his assembly constituency during the last nine years as the period of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government was unmatched. "During this period, where the country has become the world's fifth economy, it has also become strategically strong. Today India has its own distinct identity in the whole world and the country is on the path of becoming a world guru," he said, while talking to the reporters at Circuit House here on Tuesday.

He said that not a single Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) remained functional before 2014 but during the last nine year, three big STPs have become functional. "Now sewage water does not go into the river Ganga," he said, adding that today, a mafia-free and crime-free system has been given in the state under the leadership of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. "There has been a 40 per cent increase in GST in Varanasi. Today, the mafia



MLA Dr Neelkanth Tiwari addressing a press conference in Varanasi on Tuesday

cannot run its empire from jail and the goons cannot collect tax from anyone," Dr Tiwari said

Describing the development works done in Varanasi, especially in his constituency, he said that due to the kindness of the PM, electric wires are no longer seen hanging on the roads in the old Kashi areas as underground cables were laid there under Integrated Power Development Scheme (IPDS). "Kashi is the cultural capital and also the oldest city in the

world where people from

other countries come to acquire knowledge," he said,

adding that Kashi, which is globally known as the confluence of ancient cultures and, most of its parts are included in the South City assembly as Kashi Vishwanath, Mata Annapurna, Kal Bhairav, Mahamrityunjaya, Bada Ganesh, Maa Sankata, Durga Kund, Bankati Hanuman and many other famous temples are located in this constituen-According to the MLA, his constituency is also the

commercial centre of

has the biggest wholesale medicine, grocery, jewellery, foodgrain and Banarasi saree markets.

"Keeping this in view, the PM started working on the development plans since 2014 and most of PM's projects have been completed today," he said, adding that the pace of development projects got a new speed since 2017 when Yogi government came to power in UP, as the issues of desilting of Shahi Nallah, over bridges at Konia Ghat and Kajjakpura, underground parking at Benia Bagh, Townhall and Godowlia etc were solved apart from renovation of most of mythological ponds like Durga Kund, Pitru Kund, Matru Kund, Pishach Mochan, Ishwar Gangi Kund, Lat Bhairav Kund, Mandakini Kund, Machodari Kund etc during the last nine years. He said that today the road leading Godowlia from Dashashwamedh, known as Gaurav Path, has become a place of great interest for tourists while the road from Godowlia to Maidagin has been built with new technolNEW DELHI | WEDNESDAY | JUNE 21, 2023

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Int'l Yoga Day

Over the years, it has gained popularity and is an occasion for unity and bonhomie

Joga, India's most precious export, is now cherished the world over as the biggest gift to mankind. It has now become synonymous with well-being, unity and harmony in the true spirit of 'Vasudhaiv Kutumbakam.' As we celebrate June 21 as International Yoga Day, it marks an extraordinary occasion to feel proud to be an Indian. This annual commemoration of the ancient practice of yoga serves as a reminder of its profound significance and its potential to transform lives. Since its inception, International Yoga Day has grown into a platform for promoting holistic well-being, fostering unity among diverse cultures, and addressing various health issues and mental challenges faced by individuals. The roots of International Yoga Day can be traced back to ancient India. Though there were many exponents of yoga, Patanjali stands out as the most revered and popular exponent whose style of yoga is widely practiced today. In 2014, Prime Minister Narendra Modi proposed the idea of cel-



ebrating yoga on a global scale. His proposal received overwhelming support from the United Nations General Assembly, leading to the official recognition of June 21st as International Yoga Day. This momentous decision highlighted the universal appeal and relevance of yoga, transcending geographical boundaries and cultural differences. Yoga is a holistic practice that nurtures the body, mind, and spirit. It encompasses a wide range of techniques, including physical postures (asanas), breathing exercises (pranayama), meditation, and ethical principles. The benefits of yoga are manifold. It promotes physical strength, flexibility, and balance, while also fos-

tering mental clarity, emotional well-being, and inner peace. By embracing yoga, individuals can enhance their overall health and cultivate a deeper sense of self-awareness. It can be practised by anybody as it is essentially areligious in nature.

International Yoga Day provides a unique opportunity to address various challenges that exist in today's world. It serves as a common thread that connects people from different backgrounds, religions, and nationalities. By embracing yoga together, individuals can celebrate their shared humanity and create an inclusive global community. International Yoga Day encourages cultural exchange, mutual respect, and the recognition of the inherent interconnectedness of all beings. It serves as a reminder that despite our differences, we are united in our aspirations for peace, harmony, and well-being. However, as we celebrate International Yoga Day, it is essential to address the challenges that exist within the practice itself. Yoga, originally rooted in Indian philosophy and spirituality, has been commercialised and sometimes stripped of its deeper meaning. As we celebrate International Yoga Day, let us embrace yoga as more than just a physical exercise routine but as a powerful tool for personal and societal transformation. Let us recognize its potential to heal, unite, and uplift humanity.



Understanding past to know the now



VINAYSHII GAUTAM

It is also important to understand how one has reached where one is, and this cannot be done without understanding history

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ay 27, 2023, was a landmark day in the history of India. The inauguration of the Parliament building upscaled the facilities of the Parliament, which has seen historic and tumultuous changes of an unprecedent-ed variety. The changes were not just historical, technological, and in the nature of representation. It was a conceptual breakthrough. Just one event was unprecedented and memorable enough to be forever remembered. The event was the midnight of August 14 and 15, 1947, when India, as a union, evoked its right to self-rule in an unprecedented manner. The sub-continent of India had been larger and unified many times in history before August 15, 1947.

Since time immemorial, if nothing else, from the land of Gandhara (present-day Afghanistan) to the deep woods of the northwestern region depicting what is present-day Myanmar, one had seen political unity in various tranches of time. It was not just from west to east but also from north to south. What is today known as Kashmir is clearly traceable to the efforts of the . legendary ascetic better known as Rishi Kashyapa in an era where the present concepts of documentation of time on the calendar did not have the crux of a reference to BC (Before Christ) or AD (Anno Domini the "Year of Christ" in Latin). The chronology of time was in a different order because the documentation of time was different from the present fashions of history. It cannot be assumed that those times did not exist. That may be another story. It is popularly believed that the northern region of what it is today, Jammu and Kashmir, was reclaimed by Kashyapa Rishi from the lakes and subsequently named Kashmir.

In the limitations of space of this writing, it is not possible to trace the historical sequence from those times to the present, but there are narratives available through various centuries. The area acquired strategic signifi-cance because the European empires who had occupied the various millennia that they Indian sub-continent and more, spanned. The British Empire,



needed a buffer from the Russian and Chinese empires. The efforts of the Dogra

King, Gulab Singh, enabled the emergence of the princely state of Jammu and Kashmir, with Ladakh as a useful territory on the eastern front. That too is another story. The British went along with this interpretation in the mid-19th century because it suited their political purpose. Those were not the days when boundaries were marked by 'fences'. The THE SIGNIFICANCE alignments on the frontier of what is now known as Aksai Chin, in the east, had clear **REPRESENTED BY** linkages with Tibet. Tibet then had its clear identity.

From Kashmir in the north to Kanyakumari in the south, cultural unity was very often manifested through the borders of empires in the South Asian sub-continent. This landmass represented a GOT TOGETHER TO cultural idiom that was best represented by the travels of Shankaracharya. He travelled on foot from Kerala to Kashmir and from Guiarat to Orissa. This is symbolised by the 'Four Dhams' in the name of Shankaracharya. The uni- REPRESENTATIVES son of the sub-continent in that process could, obviously,

which lasted for less than 100 vears, was a blip on the screen. To attribute Indian unity to the British can be a fanciful notion whose origins are in the School of African and Asian Studies at London University. It was a 'school' that would not bear the scrutiny of historical analysis.

The significance of 1947 was represented by the Parliament, where for the first time in history, a people got together to decide upon their fate through elected repre-sentatives. The event was of millennial significance. It was a much 'smaller' India because of partition and more. However, the soul of India was still intact. The body was held together by the four pillars of the four Peethas which Shankaracharya had set up.

The events in the days following May 27, 2023, have been significant.

As one goes to print in mid-June, for the first time in history, there is agitation among some of the most outstanding performers in the field of athletes and sports, that this country has produced. There has been a rail accident in eastern India with various theories about what led to it. Among the more disturbing is the suggestion of sabotage of electronic systems. Something happened which distributed the automatic switch for the train movement and the signal

system. The truth takes time to emerge, but ultimately it does. Somewhere, there is a ref-

erence to the technological system under which so much of the safety of life, is being increasingly brought under. Talk of digitalization is merely the front end of the penetrating system of the onward march of technology. Like much else in this write-up, definitive conclusions would be difficult to compile. However, a few areas of concern are clear. One of them is that it takes time, and involves an approach to understand the parameters and constituents of history. Periodically, history has to be rewritten because the previous facts factored in are

found to be incomplete. It is also important to understand how one has got to, where one is, and this cannot be done without understanding history. History all over the world is periodically rewritten, and that is the essence of historiography. Similarly, no intervention or experience is an unmitigated blessing. Not even technology. Like everything else, it has to be holistically understood and selectively screened to get operative insights. The efforts have to continue. (The writer is an internationally acclaimed management consultant. The views *expressed are personal)*

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only be intrinsic. Heritage was

Children perform yoga in the backdrop of Taj Mahal on the eve of the International Day of Yoga, in Agra

Embrace unity on the International Yoga Day



Rooted in society for centuries, the saga of yoga paves the way for individual and universal consciousness

asudeva Kutumbakam is a famous saying that delineates that "the world is one family.' Interestingly the phrase is so valuable that it has been engraved on the entry to our country's parliament building. As a notion, it emphasizes values like compassion, mutual respect, unity, strength in diversity, inclusivity and traditions. Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam transcends all barriers including geographical, political, social, religious, origin, community etc, supporting unity and interconnectedness through the blending of traditional practices. A classic paradigm of blending traditional practices in our modern way of life is the practice of Yoga. Yoga has famously been the catalyst of social change, science and advancement, the interconnectedness between people and establishing a balance between body, mind and spirit, fostering both physical and mental health. In a fastmoving world, today, staying rooted is essential to maintain the balance we desire in our lives. Yoga has been practised for thousands of years and has been seen as a way to experi-



ence tranquillity and attain higher levels of consciousness. In recent decades, yoga has gained popularity in the West as a way to enhance physical and mental well-being. Traditional yoga practices integrate physical postures, breathing techniques, and meditation. Postures (asanas) help to unblock the pores in the body and create a stronger connection between body and mind. Pranayama (breath control) techniques help to reduce stress, balance the nervous system, and bring the

body into a state of equilibrium. Meditation helps to cultivate mindfulness and helps to bring the mind into the present moment. Alongside physical and mental benefits, the science and practice of

& also foster and disseminate peace around us. Beautifully amalgamating diverse people across the globe, the practice of yoga resonates with the core idea i.e. a sense of unity and interconnectedness.

Every year on June 21, people around the world come together to celebrate International Day of Yoga, which was taken to the global pavilion by our Hon'ble Prime Minister in 2015, which signifies India's contribution to global well-being and harmony. It is mesmerising to witness each corner of the world demonstrating yoga asanas on this grand day of celebrations. The day serves as an opportunity for individuals to come together and reflect on the physical and mental benefits that yoga can offer.

It is a great way to improve overall well-being and can be practised by people of all ages and abilities. This year the celebrations

will involve a huge variety of performances with a touch of cultures right from Indian dance shows, Tibetan singing bowls, Native American drum circles, and many more yoga create harmony within, beautiful forms which are

culturally diversified and ignite a sense of togetherness. Rooted in society for centuries, the saga of yoga establishes a symphony between mind and body, paves the way for individual and universal consciousness and transforms the meaning of life. Yoga reduces the adverse effects of a sedentary lifestyle, builds core strength and beautifully nourishes the body. Not only does it create wonders for the

physical aspect of living, but also fosters self-awareness, promotes a positive outlook, instills a sense of gratitude towards life and Watching yoga demonstrations in itself provides serenity, leading us to imagine the magnitude of solace it shall bring on performing it ourselves.

The glow that yoga brings to faces is unparalleled and incomparable to any other lustre. Such is the power of yoga- golden & visionary! A precious gift from our ancestors, we must pass it to our future generations which can help them strengthen the core of their lives.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CHARGES AGAINST BRIJ BHUSHAN

Sir — The charges against Brij Bhushan Sharan, the wrestling federation's president, have sent shockwaves through the wrestling community. The allegations underscore the importance of accountability in sports leadership and maintaining the integrity of the sport. The wrestling community must prioritize transparency, protect the interests of athletes, and take decisive action to address the charges and rebuild trust. By doing so, they can emerge stronger and reaffirm their commitment to the principles that define the sport of wrestling.

Sadiksha Agrawal | Ujjain

NO END TO MANIPUR VIOLENCE

Sir — Perhaps no other Indian State had ever been in the thick of raging ethnic violence and engulfed by fire like what we have been witnessing in Manipur for well over a month now. With no other better option, the queasy situation in Manipur forces the Union government to rise above partisan considerations and impose President Rule in the State. While Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been obdurately reticent and yet to utter a single word on the violence plaguing the State, Home Minister Amit Shah's visit to Imphal has done little to quell the tensions. The State is in anarchy not seen in any part of India for decades. Precious lives have been lost, many have been injured in clashes, villages were burnt, over 47,000 people have been evacuated, and shops and properties have been destroyed and looted. Does Manipur warrant anything more to clamp PR?

Ranganathan Sivakumar | Chennai

BAN ADIPURUSH

Sir — The Maharashtra Congress Party on Monday demanded a ban on the Bollywood film "Adipurush" for insulting Hindu religious idols. Even the national President of Sarva Brahmin Mahasabha, Suresh Mishra, has also demanded a ban on the movie with

Gandhi Peace Prize for Gita Press



t is unfortunate that the honour of India's one of oldest and most renowned Gita Press meets a political controversy. The selection of Gita Press for the Gandhi Peace Prize is worth taking a decision, as this press house did exuberant service to the people of India, by meeting their reading needs, not only mythological textbooks but also other peculiar traditional books. Despite the press is home at Uttar Pradesh's Gorakhpur, it is rare that any Indian house will not have Bhagwad

Gita from this press house. The Ministry of Culture had rightly honoured this press house, for its exceptional service as per Gandhian values. But the way Congress leader Mr

asked whether the Censor Board was sleeping while clearing the film. Maharashtra Congress president, Nana Patole, said that Lord Ram and Lord Hanuman have been 'insulted' in the film that was released and sparked outrage in different states.

"The Bharatiya Janata Party always keeps shouting that it is a pro-Hindutva government, but when it concerns a movie that heaps abuse on Lord Ram and Shri Hanuman, it has kept silent," The film is sending a very contradictory message to the society. Movies impact people's minds. That's why special care should be taken so that films don't tamper with religion and culture.

The looks of the mythological characters and their dialogues in the film are sub-par. The film wrongly depicts the immediate effect as the question is being characters of Lord Rama, Hanuman, Sita

Jairam Ramesh blamed the honoured for being politically motivated as this Press House, purely propelled the publish it ng of the books based on Hindu relevance, Sanatan Dharma particularly, is regretting. Mr Ramesh being such a senior Indian politician, could indicate the decision to honour this press house to be politically motivated. In its answer, the Gita Press, declined to accept the prize money of Rs. 1 crore.

Putting questions in a democracy is a need, but relating everything to a political narrative is not a good approach. There are not many privileged ones, who love respect more than that money. If Gita Press is renowned for publishing books based on Hindu relevances, it is their vision and choice, we can't call them anti-social because they don't publish books for other religions. We need to respect their work, rather than questioning them why we do not publish books for non-Hindus.

Opposition leaders must not question in such a manner. Rather they too, cheer the honours of such social doers. They can't confer with such houses when they were in power.

Kirti Wadhawan | Kanpur

and Ravan. The film is an insult to Ramayana. It is like playing with the faith of crores of Hindus. The character of Shri Hanuman has been given 'slang dialogues' in the name of making the Rs 500-crore budget movie. Besides, many of the scenes are in bad taste and must be done away with as they hurt the sentiment of the people. Adipurush' has sparked off strong protests in different parts of India, including Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, West Bengal, Rajasthan and other states, with several Hindu groups taking strong umbrage over the dialogues. But hurt sentiments should not result in vandalism and that must be avoided at all costs.

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When we see each other as children of one Supreme, it leaves no room for suspicion



RAJYOGI BRAHMAKUMAR NIKUNJ JI

t is said that humanity is one big family sharing a common abode the planet Earth. Similarities in culture, values, feelings and aspirations are often cited to highlight the commonalities among all humans. Similarly, the rich diversity in culture, traditions and even physical appearance of people from different countries is celebrated during international events such as the Olympics and various global festivals. However, despite the bonhomie that prevails during such events, conflicts based on race, religion, caste, nationality and ideology continue in the world. Why is that so? Feel-good slogans and talk, it seems, do not bring people together. Even institutionalised measures to remove barriers among nations and foster integration do not remove the feeling of 'Us' and 'Them', which lies at the root of a lot of ill feelings and conflict among people of different nationalities, races, religions and ideologies. Thus, conflicts in various parts of the world, be they sectarian clashes in some countries, disputes between indigenous people and industrial firms in various parts of the globe or fighting between insurgents and security forces in many countries - show the numerous divisions that exist among humans. The root cause of all this is that people are unaware of their true relationship with their fellow humans, which in turn is the result of their ignorance of their spiritual identity.



Almost all of us have heard or read that we are souls. But this piece of information remains just that, and it is mostly relegated to the back of the mind. Very few people are aware of this fact in their daily lives and fewer still make the effort to think. speak and act with this awareness all the time. So, what difference does it really make? One might ask this question. Well! It makes all the difference. Because, the soul is a tiny, sentient point of light that is the source of life in a living being. It is when a soul takes birth in a human body that it comes to be called a human being. Though it resides in a perishable body, the soul is imperishable and it cannot be destroyed and it does not die. The soul has no caste, nationality, race or gender. It gets labelled on these lines according to the circumstances of its birth and its later life. The eternal religion of all souls is peace and their eternal relationship is of brotherhood in a spiritual family. But this spiritual identity, qualities and relationship have been forgotten by most of us. As a result of this, we identify each other by the labels we have created: gender, nationality, religion, race etc. Which creates feelings of rejection, mistrust, fear, hostility and hatred towards others' i.e., those who do not carry the same labels as 'Us'.National boundaries and social divisions are the results of these feelings, which cause people with the same labels to band together to protect what they see as their common interests. All conflicts in the world can be traced to such negative feelings and every effort, be it political or social, to resolve these conflicts fail or succeed only superficially because they do not address the root causes of these problems. When we see each other as souls, as children of one Supreme, it leaves no room for suspicion or hostility. When we realise that every other person on Earth is our soul brother, good wishes and feelings towards them automatically arise in our minds. At the same time, the knowledge that every soul has a unique role in this world helps us appreciate differences of opinion, nature and inclinations. When we interact with others with this knowledge, we are able to create harmonious relationships where everyone can express his or her unique qualities and is accepted and respected unconditionally. When this realisation affects a critical number of people, it will bring about change on a global scale. The world will then become a place of lasting peace, harmony and happiness - fulfilling the deepest yearning of every human being. (Writer is a spiritual educator & a columnist)

India charted a neutral path despite pressures



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India stands with its head high because its political leadership displayed courage and futuristic vision in remaining out of the NPT and CTBT



he Russia-Ukraine war impacts practically every nation in one way or the other. Ukraine gets its aid, support and weapons from NATO nations. Sanctions by the US and its allies no longer create any major concerns amongst the targeted nations which have learnt to face such sanctions. India has solved its oil import issue and is in a much better position than before. The War has already lasted for around sixteen months but there seems to be no leeway in peace efforts, if at all these are underway! Common people are unaware of any

concrete steps being undertaken in this regard.

Apart from the fact that every war invariably inflicts misery, death and destruction, the tragedy is that the Ukraine war stands routinized in the eyes of common people. All of the UN agencies and human rights initiatives appear strikingly helpless in such situations. Think of Afghanistan which has suffered for decades together, throwing thousands of survivors into inhu man misery. Generations continue to suffer, Russians came, and Americans came, both pretending to be their saviours. They left with heads bowed down, leaving Afghans in a state of perpetual misery, with no signs of any redressal in future. Think of children, particularly girls, most of whom lost not only their childhood but also the most creative and contributing years of life, without education or skill acquisition. There are other nations also that suffer uninterrupted internal strife and ram-pant violence. While the scholars of the global political scenario may be deciphering the intentions of the warring nations, the suffering citizens, children and women of Ukraine would take decades together to return to normalcy even after the war and internal strife could be managed.



Electronic media offers content and helps them run 24X7 shows. Even when Alexander Lukashenko, the President of Belarus warned on June 13 of 2023 that he will not hesitate to use nuclear weapons if his country faces aggression, not many paid much attention to it. In an attempt to warn the US and NATO nations of their support to Ukraine, President Putin made his intentions clear to everyone that he intends to deploy nuclear weapons in Belarus Russia's ally in this war. The threat of a nuclear war could be a reality! It is also time to reflect on the

global farce going paraded in the name of the NPT - Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, and the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty; CTBT. In December 1953 US President Dwight D. Eisenhower presented his proposal on "Atoms for Peace" to the UN General Assembly to create an international organization that may guard

and has never surrendered to the bullying nature of certain wellknown pressures. Today, India stands surrounded by two rouge nuclear nations that have all along been a security risk.

The US was the first to have successfully conducted an atomic explosion on July 16, 1945. It was also the first and the last to have dropped atomic bombs on the civilian population, that too within a month; August 6, 1945, on Hiroshima and on August 9, 1945, on Nagasaki. Almost four years later, USSR conducted its atomic explosion on August 29, 1949. The UK became a member of this club on October 30, 1952; and France on February 13, 1960. All four were members of the UN Security Council with Veto rights. China conducted its first nuclear explosion on October 16 of 1964. It could get an entry only in 1971. One must appreciate the Indian political leadership for having realized the nature of NPT and CTBT that are the creagainst the proliferation of nuclear weapons and promote peaceful ations of the imperialists of yesteruses of nuclear energy. It led to the establishment of the International years. They were and remain keen to explore and insert such treaties and provisions that would shackle the developing nations that were just out of the yoke of colonialism. During the one-year period, the numbers for US and Russia came down; 5428 to 5244 for the US and from 5977 to 5899 in the case of Russia. Numbers remain the same in the case of France and the UK; at 290 and 225 respectively. India and Pakistan possess 164 and 170 nuclear weapons at this stage. Israel and South Korea are the other players at 90 and 30 only. The estimated number of Atomic Weapons globally is 12,512 in January 2023. Of these, 9576 were ready for the use of respective defence forces. these are fitted to missiles and

fighter planes, ready to strike ahead the moment they receive the command! Apart from the fabulousfive, India and Pakistan are also nuclear nations. So are Israel and North Korea.

There could be one or two more also that remain permanent suspects in the eyes of the US and Israel. Imagine the vulnerability of India's security if it had not become a nuclear power. India now stands with its head high only because its political leadership, irrespective of opposite political ideologies, did not compromise on national safety and security, and displayed courage and futuristic vision in remaining out of the NPT and CTBT. In June it was noted that India could take its own stand - in national interest -and NATO powers could not intimidate it by imposing sanctions. One could also time to recall

with gratitude the role of Dr Homi Janangir Bhadha in envisioning the nuclear needs of free India, and persuading the Tatas to establish the first and only research institute in nuclear physics in India in 1945; The Tata Institute of Fundamental Research -TIFR. He was also responsible for the creation of the Department of Atomic Energy-DAE - in 1958. Several other initiatives followed. Under the leadership of Dr Bhabha, India created its own high standards of research in nuclear sciences. The experience of the 1971 war with Pakistan made Indian political decision-makers think afresh. Prime Minister Indira Gandhi approved nuclear tests, and these, now known as Pokhran-I were conducted on May 18, 1974. Atal Bihari Vajpayee made it happen again, and the Pokhran-II happened on May 11, and May 13 of 1998. It is the preparedness achieved It is also estimated that 3844 of by India that stands guarantee against its belligerent neighbours.

The reconstruction would take an unfathomable measure of resources and time

(Professor Rajput works At present there is no hope of a thaw. This war stands routinized for the print cohesion and religious media

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Atomic Energy Agency –IAEA – in 1957. Amongst several developments, The NPT was opened for signatures in 1970. It is a multilateral agreement with 189 States and five 'official' nuclear nations. The CTBT was approved by the UN General Assembly on

September 1996 and opened for signatures on September 24 of 1996. India is not a signatory to both of these. CTBT and NPT indeed remain discriminatory not only in percept but also the practice. Does it not astonish that a couple of nations appropriate certain privileges for themselves that they could conduct nuclear tests - but expect others not to enter that privileged area? India has consistently continued its research in areas of its choice

The BJP must go to the drawing board to pull off a hat trick

The BJP must woo its allies and redesign its strategy to win over the masses next year; the defeat in Karnataka Assembly elections was a wakeup call

Time Minister Narendra Modi and the BJP are reassessing their 2024 Lok Sabha poll strategy to perform a hat trick. As the Opposition parties try to build a united platform against the BJP, it has become necessary to begin negotiations with its erstwhile allies and find new partners.

The NDA had 19 allies in 2019. After the loss in Karnataka last month, the BJH is in power in ten states and shares power in four states. But the situation in 2024 looks different. Apart from the Shiv Sena (Shinde faction), Rashtriya Lok Jan Shakti Party (Pashupati Paras faction), Apna Dal (Soney Lal faction) and AIADMK, no major party is part of the NDA that completed 25 years of its existence



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on 15 May. The BJP leadership has already resumed alliance talks with the Janata Dal (Secular) in Karnataka, Telugu Desam Party (TDP) in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, and the Shiromani Akali Dal

(SAD) in Punjab. It has also reaffirmed its ties with the ruling Shiv Sena faction in Maharashtra and the AIADMK in Tamil Nadu.

The BJP has to put its house in order and contain factionalism and indiscipline before this year's three Assembly polls. What better way than to assuage the departed allies' feelings and lure them back? BJP had four important partners since 2014. AkaliDal, Shiv Sena, and Telugu Desan might return except JD(U).

Significantly the Party has weakened in Bihar (40 parliamentary seats) after breaking up with Janata Dal (United) and in Maharashtra (48 seats) after splitting Uddhav Thackeray's Shiv

Sena. With these losses and a united Opposition, the BJP has a potential fight at hand. Hence the need for an alliance.

Firstly, the Party must recover from losing Karnataka in recent Assembly polls. The BJP thought a hung Assembly would emerge, but the Congress won a landslide victory. Therefore, strengthening the Karnataka unit is crucial. Secondly, the impact of these results has energised Congress and the Opposition. The BJP would naturally prefer a weak Congress and divided Opposition.

Thirdly, the BJP has reached the maximum it can win on its own in the 2019 elections. It scored 100 per cent of seats in states like Rajasthan, Gujarat, MP and UP. The Party could lose some seats in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal, and Chhattisgarh. BJP must increase the seats in the South to cover the likely losses. But penetrating the South has been challenging due to different ideologies and the emergence of solid regional satraps. Telugu Desam chief

Chandra Babu Naidu recently met top BJP leaders Amit Shah and J.P.Nadda and held talks for re-entry. He was encouraged when Modi paid homage to TDP founder N T Rama Rao on his 100th birth

address last month. TDP left NDA in 2018. If things work out, the two may become partners in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. The BJP will have a tough choice, as the current chief minister Jagan Mohan Reddy also had good relations with the BJP.

As for Akali Dal, the oldest ally of the BJP, the Prime Minister recently went to Chandigarh to pay homage to the departed Akali Dal patriarch Badal, who passed away at 95. The two parties parted ways in 2021 when SAD opposed the three farming laws which it considered antifarmer. Although the laws were withdrawn, the SAD and BJP fought the elections separately.

Nitish Kumar broke the centenary in his Mann ki Baat alliance in Bihar last year. He AIADMK threatens to leave

became the chief minister again with the help of RJD. Bihar is a critical state. The BJP has some small partners and is hoping for defections from JD(U). Nitish has been busy mobilising the Opposition with a Prime Ministerial ambition. But the JD(S) may return after its miserable performance in the recent elections winning just 19 seats. Its founder and former Prime Minister, Deve Gowda, is ready for a shortterm alliance in Karnataka. The BJP rides piggyback on the AIADMK after the death of its leader J.Javalalishtaa in December 2016. Strains developed after the state BJP chief

Annamalai recently made

unsavoury remarks about the

former AÍADMK supremo J.

Jayalalithaa. The enraged

The BJP must hold on to its allies in Maharashtra, Harvana, Bihar, the northeastern states and the South to do well in the polls. It must also keep channels open with parties equidistant from BJP and the Congress, such as the Biju Janata Dal. The BJP's target is to get 350 seats. While Modi's magic might still work, it needs a Modi plus. The Party, which is actively involved in expanding NDA, understands this aspect.

the coalition.

It is a question of whether the BJP needs allies or the allies need the BJP. It might work if the BJP manages to keep a divided Opposition, an expanded NDA, and a new narrative. After all, 2024 may not be the same as 2014 or 2019.



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Ukrainian air defences downed 32 of 35 Shahed exploding drones launched by Russia early Tuesday, most of them in the Kyiv region, officials said, in a bombardment that exposed gaps in the country's air protection after almost 16 months of war.

Russian forces mostly targeted the region around the Ukrainian capital in a nighttime drone attack lasting around three hours, officials said, but Ukrainian air defences in the area shot down about two dozen of them.

The attack was part of a wider bombardment of Ukrainian regions that extended as far as the Lviv region in the west of the country, near Poland.

The Shahed drones made it all the way to Lviv because of the inability of air defense assets to cover such a broad area, Ukrainian air force spokesman Yuriy Ihnat said. Air defence systems are

mostly dedicated to protecting major cities, key infrastructure facilities, including nuclear power plants, and the front line, he said.

"There is a general lack of air defence assets to cover a country like Ukraine with a dome like Israel has," he said, in a reference to Israel's Iron Dome aerial defense system. In the Lviv region, the

Russian strike hit a critical infrastructure facility, starting a fire, according to Lviv Gov. Maksym Kozytskyi.

Russia also struck the southern Zaporizhzhia region of Ukraine with ballistic missiles

Ukraine's air defences have been reinforced with sophisticated weapons from its Western allies, allowing it a higher success rate recently against incoming drones and missiles.

Previously, a winter bom-bardment by Russia damaged Ukraine's power supply, though speedy repairs blunted that Kremlin effort.

The latest aerial assaults behind Ukraine's front line coincided with the early stages of a Ukrainian counteroffensive, as it aims to dislodge the Kremlin's forces from territory occupied since Russia's fullscale invasion in February



After Russian shelling in Rozumivka near Zaporizhzhia, Ukraine, Tuesday.

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Zaporizhzhia region appears to be the focus of the Ukrainian

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The counteroffensive has come up against heavily mined terrain and reinforced defensive fortifications, according to Valerii Zaluzhnyi, the commander-in-chief of Ukraine's armed forces.

Russia has also mustered a large number of reserves, he said in a post accompanying a video of him visiting front-line positions with other senior officers.

Heavy battles are taking place in eastern Ukraine, around Bakhmut, Lyman, Avdiivka and Marinka, the Ukrainian armed forces said. Russia shelled 15 cities and villages in the eastern Donetsk region, wounding five civilians, including three in Chasiv Yar

near Bakhmut, according to Ukraine's presidential office. "Despite the fierce resistance of the occupiers, our soldiers are doing everything

diplomats are unwilling to possible to liberate Ukrainian return home after their tours territory. The operation continand want refugee status in the ues as planned," Zaluzhnyi's European Union and Asian post said. countries where they worked. Russia has relocated about

20,000 troops from the areas in the Kherson region after flooding from the recent Kakhovka Dam collapse made it impossible for Ukraine to conduct an offensive there, Ukrainian military analyst Roman Svitan said

those missiles on targets out-The flooding removed the side the current war zone would "trigger immediate need for the Kremlin's forces to protect about 300 kilometres of strikes on the decision-making the more than 1,000-kilometre centres on the territory of front line, according to Svitan, Ukraine." He didn't elaborate and allowed Moscow to and didn't provide any evidence increase its military density in to support his claim.

Ukraine downs drones US, China hold top-level talks

AP BEIJING

The United States and China may be back to talking at a high level, but their battle for global power and influence remains unchecked and mutual suspicion still runs deep.

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken set low goals for his visit to Beijing this week, and he met them. About the most the rivals can hope for these days is to stop things getting much worse.

Blinken pointed to difficult days ahead, while China's foreign ministry warned the relationship was in a downward spiral

"It was clear coming in that the relationship was at a point of instability, and both sides recognised the need to work to stabilise it," Blinken said of the reason for his trip.

that it's important to establish better lines of communication, open channels of communication, both to address misperceptions, miscalculations and to



rebuffed a US request to resume military-to-military contacts. Neither government appears

convinced of the other's honesty. While the two countries say they're not enemies intent on harming each other, they're not pretending to be friends. After meeting with Chinese

President Xi Jinping on Monday, acknowledged Blinken entrenched differences.

"We have no illusions about the challenges of managing this relationship. There are many issues on which we profoundly, even vehemently, disagree,"

Xi sounded a similar note,

but suggested that the rivalry could be overcome

"The competition among major countries is not in line with the trend of the times and cannot solve the problems of the United States itself and the challenges facing the world," he told Blinken.

"China respects the interests of the United States and will not challenge or supplant the United States. Similarly, the United States should also respect China and not harm its legitimate rights and interests."

Danny Russel, the top US opened or plans to open at least diplomat for Asia during the Obama administration who is five new embassies this vear.

China inks deal with Pak to set up N-plant in Punjab province

Islamabad (PTI): China on Tuesday inked an agreement worth a whopping USD 4.8 billion with cash-strapped Pakistan to set up a 1,200-megawatt nuclear power plant as a sign of increasing strategic coopera-tion between the two all-weather allies.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif witnessed the signing of the deal under which Beijing would build a 1,200-megawatt Chashma-V nuclear plant at Chashma in the Mianwali district of Punjab.

In his address, Prime Minister Sharif termed the nuclear power plant agreement signing as a token of increasing economic cooperation between Pakistan and China and vowed to complete the project without any delay.

"We will kick start it without any further delay," he said, as he lambasted the previous government under Imran Khan for delaying the key power project. He said under a difficult

economic situation, Pakistan was getting an investment of USD 4.8 billion from China in this project, which "sends the message that Pakistan is a place where Chinese companies and investors continue to show their trust and faith". Sharif said the Chinese companies gave special concessions which would save billions of rupees in this project.He expressed confidence that Pakistan would come out of the current economic difficulties with the help of China and other friendly countries.Sharif said Pakistan was also engaged with the International Monetary Fund to finalise the 9th Review and met all conditions required by the Washington-based global lender.

"We are deeply obliged to President Xi Jinping, and the Chinese leadership for their generous help to Pakistan," he said, as he also lauded Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates

As Scholz and Li met, German secu-

A report by the BfV domestic intelligence agency, published on Tuesday, notes that China's Ministry of State Security is actively trying to obtain information on areas of political, economic and scientific interest to Beijing, as well as on Chinese dissidents in Germany.

Russia had the means, motive and opportunity to doesn't veer into conflict." breach the dam earlier this The two-day visit to the month while under Russian Chinese capital helped restore he said.

Germany prods China on Ukraine war

smash through Russia's land corridor with the Crimean AP BERLIN

rermany's chancellor pressed China to Glean harder on Russia over its war in Ukraine on Tuesday, while leaders from both countries pledged to work together to combat climate change as two of the world's biggest carbon dioxide emitters.

Chancellor Olaf Scholz and about half of his Cabinet hosted a delegation led by Chinese Premier Li Qiang, making his first foreign trip since becoming China's No. 2 official in March, as the two nations held high-level government consultations for the seventh time.

The meeting in Berlin comes a day after Chinese President Xi Jinping met with US Secretary of State Antony Blinken, indicating an effort by Beijing to reach out to the West and improve frosty relations.

Germany is keen to maintain good ties with China, its biggest trading partner, despite wariness over Beijing's growing assertiveness and refusal to criticise the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

Germany's recently published national security strategy describes China as "a partner, competitor and systemic rival".

Scholz prodded the Chinese delegation to do more to persuade Russia to end the war in Ukraine "I appealed again to the Chinese gov-

ernment to exert its influence even more strongly on Russia in this war," he said, standing alongside Li. "As a permanent member of the UN Security Council, China carries a very special duty here."

"It is important that China continues not to deliver weapons to the aggressor, Russia," Scholz said, adding that he is "thankful" that China continues to make clear there must be no threat to use nuclear weapons

Li didn't respond directly or mention Ukraine in his statement. The two leaders took no questions.

Germany and China agreed at Tuesday's meeting to set up a "climate and transformation dialogue" to find ways to make industrial processes more climatefriendly and speed up the transition to renewable energy sources.

Scholz pointed to extreme weather events such as droughts in China and floods in Germany to illustrate the importance of action.

"As major emitters of CO2, Germany and China bear particular responsibility in the fight against climate change," he told reporters. "We will face this responsibility together."

Li said that "dealing with climate change should become an important field of cooperation for both sides".

The Chinese premier emphasized trade and economic issues in his comments. "Deglobalisation is flaring up again and the global economy is lacking

growth dynamics," he said, according to an interpreter. He added that "China places great value on the development of relations with Germany and Europe".

currently vice president of the

Asia Society Policy Institute in

New York, said these so-called "negative assurances" -- that

China respects the US and is not

looking to displace the United

States and that the US is not try-

ing to contain or hinder China

visit to help stabilise the relation-

ship, which has been lurching

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and China mentioned specific

disagreements, especially about

Taiwan, Russel said that "the

public statements by the two

sides were notably positive, par-

ticularly by recent standards."

But Washington and Beijing

remain deeply suspicious of

each other's actions and inten-

China's rise has challenged its

global position. Washington is

racing to repair and shore up its

relationships in regions where

China has made inroads, partic-

ularly Africa and the Indo-

Pacific, where the US has

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After visiting the European Union's biggest economy, Li travels to France — the second-biggest — where he will attend the "Summit for a New Global Financing Pact" which is being held at French President Emmanuel Macron's initiative.

Scholz has said he wants to avoid overreliance on Chinese trade and diversify Germany's supply of key goods — an approach he calls "derisking".

He said he reassured Li that "we have interest in an economic decoupling from China." The position was echoed last month by the Group of Seven leading industrial powers.

He noted that "access to the Chinese market and fair competition conditions for German and other foreign companies in China remain a challenge, on which we are pushing for concrete improvements".

rity officials warned of the continued danger posed by Chinese espionage.

and Qatar for extending help to his cash-strapped government. Pakistan's Chashma power plants are considered a key in the production of cheap nuclear power. The installed capacity of the existing four power plants is 1,330 megawatts, according to the Pakistan Atomic Energy

Commission. Two other nuclear power plants are also operational in Pakistan.

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[See proviso to rule 8 (6)] Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Property

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man killed in lations with their **son Sahil** due to his ba abits. Both of my above named client have ilso disowned and debarred his son (Sahil name of honour om all their movable and immovable and internet into a properties. Anybody dealing with Sahil will do so at his/her/their on risk and responsibilities and my client will not be responsible for any

Lahore: Two teenage girls and a man were killed while a man's nose and an ear were cut off "in the name of honour" in three separate incidents in Punjab province of Pakistan,

police said on Tuesday. In the first incident in Sargodha district of Punjab, some 200 kilometres from Lahore, police said Naseer Ahmad suspected his 19-yearold daughter of having an affair with Mukhtar, a man in his locality. "On Monday, Ahmad first killed his daughter then stabbed Mukhtar to death," police said, adding that the father later surrendered before the police. In the other incident in Chiniot city, some 170 kilometres from Lahore, Ahmad Sher stabbed his sister, 18, to death for "disgracing the family's honour".

PTI 📕 ISLAMABAD ey leaders of Pakistan

KMuslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) and Pakistan People's Party (PPP) are holding meetings to sort out their disagree ment over budget amid rumours of intensifying discord between the two major parties of the coalition government ahead of the general election, according to media reports. The attempt by the PML-N and PPP to sort out their 'differences' made some headway but remained inconclusive on Monday, with both sides likely to sit together again on Tuesday, the Dawn newspaper

reported. At Monday's meeting, the PML-N side was represented by Finance Minister Íshaq Dar, Planning Minister Ahsan Iqbal and Economic Affairs Minister Ayaz Sadiq, while the PPP delegation consisted of Syed

Pak election body starts preparation for elections

PML-N, PPP hold meeting

Islamabad (PTI): Pakistan, currently in the throes of a major political as well as economic crisis, has started preparations for the general elections with a meeting of the election body chaired by its chief reviewing the arrangements made so far to organise polls in a fair and free manner later this year.

Chief Election Commissioner Sikandar Sultan Raja was on Monday briefed by the officials of the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP), a constitutional body tasked to organise elections in the country, according to an official state-

ment. The current National Assembly will complete its five-year term on August 12 and the fresh general election must be conducted within 60 days as laid down in the Constitution of Pakistan.

Raia was informed about the preparations for the upcoming general elections and the arrangements made so far, showing that the ECP had taken several preliminary measures to organise polls in a fair and free manner. "The necessary election material and paper for ballot paper have been procured and a list of polling stations has been prepared," he was told.

Khursheed Shah, Naveed Qamar and Sherry Rehman.

Sources in both parties told Dawn that a meeting was held at the Prime Minister's House, but Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif did not take part.

The report said the PPP delegation laid some of its reservations before the PML-N members and demanded that adequate funds be provided for flood victims of Sindh.

They said Prime Minister Sharif had visited flood areas and promised to allocate the required funds for the floodaffected people of the province. However, no funds were earmarked in this regard in the budget 2023-24, they added.

Sources said the government side had agreed to provide Rs 25 billion for flood victims, but the decision required the consent of PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari.

Alibaba announces new CEO, chairman

Hong Kong (AP): China's Alibaba Group has announced a major management reshuffle aimed at spurring the ecommerce giant's growth at a time when the Chinese economy is slowing despite an end to COVID-19 pandemic restrictions a half-year ago.

Eddie Wu, chairman of its e-commerce group, will suc-ceed Daniel Zhang as CEO, the company said in a statement Tuesday.

Zhang will be CEO and chairman of Alibaba's cloud computing unit, which has been approved to be spun off and is expected to be listed for trading within a year.

Alibaba's current executive vice chairman, Joseph Tsai, is to succeed Zhang as chairman of the Alibaba Group. Tsai, who owns the NBA basketball team Brooklyn Nets, is a

Taiwan-born Canadian citizen and helped to found Alibaba in the late 1990s.

The changes take effect Sept 10.

Group's ČEO in 2015 and succeeded Alibaba co-founder

"This is the right time for me to make a transition, given the importance of Alibaba Cloud Intelligence Group as it progresses towards a full spinoff," Zhang said in a statement. "I look forward to working closely with Joe and Eddie in the coming months to ensure a seamless transition?

Alibaba in March announced plans to reshape itself into six business divisions with plans to allow all but its core e-commerce business to raise outside capital and go public.

Int'l Yoga Day celebrated in London

PTI LONDON

The International Day of Yoga 2023 celebrations returned to Trafalgar Square here on Tuesday after a hiatus since the COVID-19 pandemic, when the event had to take on a more virtual element.

Several members of the Indian diaspora and Yoga enthusiasts more broadly gathered at the iconic square in London and followed the lead of experts from UK-based Yoga organisations such as Isha Foundation, Iyengar Yoga UK, Heartfulness Meditation and Shrimad Rajchandra Mission Dharampur (SRMD) UK in a two-hour holistic session.

The gathering, organised by the Indian High Commission in London and backed by the Mayor of London, began with prayers and incorporated several asanas and breathing exercises as the experts explained



the benefits of each move.

'Yoga is India's gift to the world and also one of our most popular and indigenised exports, available as a practice everywhere in the world today," said Vikram Doraiswami, India's High Commissioner to the UK. "It's also special that the Yoga Day in London is a precursor to the event that's being held in New York, where

Prime Minister Modi would be celebrating the International Day of Yoga at the United Nations headquarters. It's a very nice precursor to that very high-level event, which is going to precede a major state visit to the US. So, it's an important moment for all of us at the mission in London to be able to help build up anticipation for that visit," he said.

Zhang became Alibaba Jack Ma as chairman in 2019.



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UK MPs endorse report against EU unveils plan to protect economies from rivals **Boris Johnson over 'partygate'**

PTI LONDON

British MPs have voted over-whelmingly to approve a damning House of Commons committee report that found former prime minister Boris Johnson deliberately misled Parliament about Covid lockdown law-breaching parties at Downing Street. The 59-yearold, whose exit from 10 Downing Street last year had been hastened by the 'partygate' scandal, had repeatedly denied that lockdown rules were broken within government quarters when asked in the Commons.

Johnson has already resigned as Member of Parliament (MP) from West London after the findings of the Privileges Committee report were known to him. He will



now lose the privilege of special access to Parliament

Many of his colleagues and Opposition members gathered in the Commons on Monday to debate the report's findings and a majority condemned the former prime minister's actions.Lawmakers approved

votes to seven. British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, along with sever-

al other Tory MPs, chose not to attend the debate or comment on the report's findings, something several Opposition Labour Party MPs called out during the session that ran into hours."It's a crying shame that the prime minister of this country cannot even express how he would vote if he were

to turn up today. In my view, that is a dereliction of duty,' accorded to former MPs. Labour Party's Jess Phillips said.Johnson's staunch allies lined up to defend the former

Conservative Party leader and attacked the cross-party Privileges Committee."For some reason, the Privileges Committee thinks it is in Communist China and we the finding that Johnson was in

contempt of Parliament by 354 must kowtow," Tory MP and former minister in the Johnson

Cabinet, Jacob Rees-Mogg said.He insisted that it is "absolutely legitimate" to criticise the conduct and make-up of the Privileges Committee, which wrote the report, because "our politics is adversarial". "Outside this chamber, freedom of speech is paramount, we are allowed to say what we like," Rees-Mogg, who was given a knighthood in Johnson's controversial resignation honours list, said.

However, several Tory members, including former prime minister Theresa May were scathing in their criticism of Johnson. They said MPs must be seen to hold their own to account, to show the public there is "not one rule for them and another for us".

their latest dispute over migra-

terms, the statement said.

On Monday, Macron said

that the Mamba anti-missile sys-

tem developed together by France and Italy "is now

deployed and operational in

Ukraine, protecting key instal-lations and lives." The delivery

of the system to Kyiv was

announced by Paris and Rome

AP BRUSSELS

The European Union unveiled a pro-L posal Tuesday to protect the bloc's economies from risks posed by unreliable suppliers in countries that do not share its values, like China, after the war in Ukraine exposed Europe's dependency on Russia for oil and gas. The European Commission, the EU's

executive arm, is trying to develop measures to protect trade and investment, particularly in the tech and communication sectors, that rivals might want to exploit for security or military purposes.

Announcing the proposal, which must be endorsed by EU member countries, Commission President Ursula von der Leyen said "the world has become more contested and geopolitical, and there is a limited set of key technologies that can be used in a different and aggressive

way." "Given the changing nature of the risks, we now need a strategic vision for how we are going to handle these risks,"

von der Leyen told reporters. She said the EU must be "more assertive" in using the tools that it has to tackle the problem and develop new ones.

The plans are being promoted as 'country agnostic" because no target nations are mentioned by name, but they dovetail with the commission's new drive to "de-risk" its relations with China without completely "decoupling" as it relies on the Asian giant to tackle global

challenges like climate change. Von der Leyen said that the capital, expertise and research of European companies must not be "abused by countries of concern for military applications." She raised, in particular, concerns about the security of 5G and 6G telecoms networks

The commission considers Chinese firms Huawei and ZTE to be high-risk suppliers. In recent days, it endorsed moves by some of the 27 EU member countries to exclude the two companies from their 5G networks. The aim of the new plans is to make European economies and supply chains more resilient to threats – to resist problems like energy or inflation hikes produced by the war while keeping trade flowing. Under the scheme, the EU would work with countries that share its economic security con-

cerns

"We cannot treat a supply dependen-cy on a systemic rival the same as we would treat that dependency on an ally," commission Executive Vice-President Margrethe Vestager said. Other risks to be countered include

those posed to cyber-security or to critical infrastructure like pipelines, undersea cables, power generators and transport networks. The threats posed by countries using trade or investment to change EU policies would also be addressed. The challenge will be to unite EU member states, each of which have their own national policies toward countries like China and Russia, around the plans. EU leaders are expected to discuss the scheme at their June 29-30 summit in Brussels.

Palestinian attacker kills 4

AP JERUSALEM

Palestinian attacker Aopened fire at a gas station near an Israeli settlement in the West Bank on Tuesday, killing at least four people and wound-ing several others, Israeli medics said, as violence contin-ued to roil the occupied territory. Israeli security forces said they shot the gunman and were still searching for other attackers near the Jewish settlement of Eli north of the Palestinian city of Ramallah.

The condition of the attacker was not immediately clear. Photos circulated of a man lying face-down in the street beside what appeared to be an M16 rifle.

The Israeli rescue service said it had evacuated two seriously wounded men, ages 20 and 38, to nearby hospitals for treatment. It said that four more people were wounded at the scene, three of them unconscious. The identities of the victims were not immediately

clear. Israeli forces killed a Palestinian man in fighting in the occupied West Bank,

Palestinian officials said as the death toll from clashes earlier in the city of Jenin rose to six. The fatalities were the latest in a surge of violence that has wracked the region.

The Palestinian Health Ministry said late Monday that 21-year-old Zakaria al-Żaoul was shot in the head in the town of Husan, west of Bethlehem. The official Palestinian news agency Wafa

reported that he was killed during clashes with the military. The Israeli military said a suspect threw a firebomb at troops stationed along a West

Bank highway near Husan. The troops responded with live fire and confirmed a hit, the army said. Israel and the



by months of violence, focused mainly in the West Bank, where at least 126 Palestinians have been killed this year.

Monday saw one of the held in Vilnius, Lithuania, next fiercest days of fighting month, according to the French between Israeli forces and presidency. Macron and Meloni Palestinian militants near the are expected to reaffirm their northern West Bank city of joint support of Ukraine in military, humanitarian, eco-Jenin. nomic, diplomatic and judicial

The Palestinian Health Ministry said Tuesday that 48year-old Amjad Abu Jaas succumbed to wounds sustained in the gunbattle. That fatality brought to six the number of Palestinians killed in Monday's fighting in Jenin, with over 90 wounded. Eight Israeli soldiers were also wounded, according to the army

Meloni, Macron meet following spat over migration policies AP PARIS

in February. The trip comes weeks after Italian Foreign talian Premier Giorgia Meloni Minister Antonio Tajani abrupt-Lis set to meet with French President Emmanuel Macron ly cancelled a visit to Paris in on Tuesday in Paris to mark the protest of the French interior improvement of relations minister's criticism of his counbetween the two countries after try's migration policy.

tion issues. Talks are meant to prepare for the European sumbeing "incapable of resolving the mit later this month in Brussels migration problems for which and the NATO summit to be she was elected". French and Italian foreign ministers met last month in Rome to resume collaboration. Italy and France have sparred over migration policy since Meloni took office last year as Italy's first post-war far-right leader.

Her government ushered in hardline policies on migration, including standoffs with humanitarian rescue ships. Tensions spiked last fall after Italy forced France's hand to accept the Ocean Viking migrant rescue ship, which had 234 people on board, after Italy had refused it port for weeks.

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T J AE-based British billion-Uaire-explorer Hamish Harding, who collaborated with the Indian government to rein-troduce eight wild cheetahs from Namibia to India, and two Pakistani businessmen are among five people who went missing in the Atlantic Ocean aboard a tourist submersible on a mission to view the wreckage of the iconic ocean liner the

British-Pakistani billionaire Shahzada Dawood, 48year-old vice chairman of Engro Corporation, accompanied by his 19-year-old son Suleman, were also on the sub, which remains missing since Sunday. Contact with the small sub was lost about an hour and 45 minutes into its dive in the mid-Atlantic on Sunday.

OceanGate Expeditions, a company offering eight-day missions to see the Titanic debris for USD 250,000 per person, confirmed that its submarine was lost at sea with crew

the following

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British explorer, Pak bizman

Hamish Harding

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members on board.

The company's chief executive, Stockton Rush, previously described the craft as "rock solid", is also believed to be on board. The company said in a statement that it is "exploring and mobilising all options to bring the crew back safely."

French explorer Paul-Henry Nargeolet is also thought to be on board, according to a Facebook post by Harding before the dive started.

before take-off from Namibia at the time. The trip to Titanic's wreckage was the latest in a string of adventures. He has visited the South Pole multiple times, flown into space in 2022 onboard Blue Örigin's fifth human-crewed flight, and set three world

Harding is the chairman of aircraft firm Action Aviation

and a renowned adventurer

who has flown to space and holds three 'Guinness World

Records'. In September last

year, the 58-year-old flew on

one of his aircraft from Namibia

on a mission to relocate chee-

tahs to Kuno National Park in

an amazing aircraft, we can fly

direct from southern Africa to

India with a Boeing 747-400...

we are all very, very excited to

get going and get the cheetahs

to India," he said in a video

oosted on social media just

"This is an amazing project,

Madhya Pradesh.

records - including the longest time spent at full ocean depth during a dive to the deepest part of the Mariana Trench.

Tornadoes sweep through Mississippi, 1 dead, many hurt

Louin (AP): Multiple tornadoes swept through Mississippi one and vernight, killin ing nearly two dozen, officials said Monday. State emergency workers were still working with counties to assess the damage from storms in which high temperatures and hail in some areas accompanied tornadoes. The death and injuries were reported by officials in eastern Mississippi's Jasper County. The small, rural town of Louin bore the brunt of the damage. Drone footage and photos showed wide expanses of debris-covered terrain, decimated homes and mangled trees. At least one person was lifted from the wreckage in a stretcher. Standing in front of his damaged home on Monday. Lester Campbell told The Associated Press that his cousin, 67-year-old George Jean Hayes, is the person who died.

Australian senator invites ICC to probe officers in war crime allegations

AP CANBERRA

the bus," Lambie told Senate. former elite soldiers face crim-"Digger" is a colloquialism for inal investigation.

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On May 4, Gerald Darmanin blamed Meloni for Titanic

nator invited the AInternational Criminal Court to investigate what Australian military commanders knew about war crime allegations in Afghanistan in a bid pressure Australia into launching its own review.

Sen. Jacqui Lambie, an influential independent legislator, sent an Article 15 Communication to the Haguebased court on Tuesday because she argues military commanders have not been held accountable for their soldiers' alleged war crimes."The government is, no doubt, hoping this will all just go away. They're hoping that Australians will forget that when alleged war crimes in Afghanistan were investigated, our senior com-

culture of cover-up at the highest levels of the Australian Defence Force. It is the ultimate boys club," added Lambie, a former army corporal. The ICC has an obligation to prosecute war crimes committed by Rome Statute signatories, including Australia, when such a state is

"unwilling or unable" to prosecute, according to the Australian government. Australia has avoided ICC involvement so far by launching

its own war crime investigation under Maj. Gen. Paul Brereton, a judge and army reservist. Brereton's report, released in 2020 after a four-year investigation, found evidence that Australian troops unlawfully killed 39 Afghan prisoners, manders got a free pass, while farmers and civilians. The report our Diggers were thrown under recommended 19 current and

an alleged illegal killing in Afghanistan was laid in March Former Special Air Service Regiment trooper Oliver Schulz, 41, was charged with the war crime of murder in the death of an Afghan who was shot in 2012 in a wheat field in Uruzgan province. Ben Roberts-Smith, Australia's most highly decorated member of the armed services when he left the SAS in 2013, is also under police investigation. The 44-year-old former corporal, who was awarded the Victoria Cross and the Medal for Gallantry for his service in Afghanistan, lost a defamation case June 1 when the Federal Court found war crime allegations against him published in newspapers, including four unlawful killings, were true.

Europe, US urged to investigate type of AI that powers ChatGPT

AP LONDON

 $E_{\rm protection\ groups\ urged}^{\rm uropean\ Union\ consumer}$ regulators on Tuesday to investigate the type of artificial intelligence underpinning systems like ChatGPT, citing risks that leave people vulnerable and the delay before the bloc's groundbreaking AI regulations take effect.

In a coordinated effort, 13 watchdog groups wrote to their national consumer, data protection, competition and product safety authorities warning them about a range of concerns around generative artificial intelligence.

A transatlantic coalition of consumer groups also wrote to US President Joe Biden asking him to take action to protect consumers from possible harms caused by generative AI. Europe has

ulate artificial intelligence, which gained urgency with the rise of a new breed of artificial intelligence that gives AI chatbots like ChatGPT the power to generate text, images, video and audio that

resemble human work. The EU is putting the finishing touches on the world's first set of comprehensive rules for the technology, but they are not expected to take

effect for two years. The groups called for European and US leaders to use both existing laws and bring in new legislation to already acted. address the harms that generative AI can cause.

They cited a report by the Norwegian Consumer Council outlining dangers that AI chatbots pose, including providing incorrect medical information, manipulating people, making up news

articles and illegally using led the world in efforts to regvast amounts of personal data scraped off the internet.

The consumer groups, in countries including İtaly, Spain, Sweden, the Netherlands, Greece and Denmark, warn that while the EU's AI Act addresses some of the concerns, they won't start applying for sev-eral years, "leaving consumers unprotected from a technology which is insufficiently regulated in the meantime, and developing at great pace"

Some authorities have

Italy's privacy watchdog ordered ChatGPT maker OpenAI to temporarily stop processing user's personal information while it investigated a possible data breach. France, Spain and Canada also have been looking into OpenAI and ChatGPT.

Rwanda genocide suspect to claim asylum in South Africa

Cape Town (AP): One of the last remaining suspects accused of orchestrating the brutal killings of some of the hundreds of thousands of people massacred in the Rwandan genocide nearly 30 years ago will apply for political asylum in South Africa after he was finally tracked down and arrested, his lawyer said on Tuesday The move will potentially

further delay Fulgence Kavishema's extradition to his home country to face longawaited justice at a genocide trial. Kayishema, a former police officer in Rwanda, is one of the last four fugitives being sought by the United Nations International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals for genocide and crimes against humanity related to the 100 days of horror that unfolded in the East African nation in 1994.

Director of Research Guru Nanak Dev University NA/12/17161/2023/25185 Dated CHD :- 6/20/2023

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Velu Chathli, Sudesh Pal Chathli & Chathli & Rakesh al Chathli claims to be owner and ir possession of **Ground Floor of Prop. No**

posession of Ground Floor of Prop. No. 186, Block-S, Greater Kailash Part-II, N.D. 48 (hereinafter called the said property). Said Kulwant Rai Chathii was the owner of said property vide sale Deed dated 26.07.19 72 regd. Vide doc no. 5323 who expired on 21.10.1998 leaving behind Shyam Wati Chathii, Sudesh Pal Chathii, Mukesh Pal Chathii, Sudesh Pal Chathii, Mukesh Pal Chathii expired on 20.05.2008 & Urmila Chathii expired on 20.11.2007 leaving behind Promila, Mukesh Pal Chathii, Rakesh Pal Chathii expired on 02.11.2007 leaving behind Promila, Mukesh Pal Chathii, Rakesh Pal Chathii expired on 02.11.2002 leaving behind Kunika Chathii, Netle Chathii, Rakesh Pal Chathii expired on 02.11.2020 leaving behind Kunika Chathii, Netle Chathii Rath Chathii & said Rakesh Pal Chathii, Hara Chathii, Sa, Sudesh Pal Chathii, Mukesh Pal Chathii, Ms. Promila Sabharwal & Urmila Chathii Kathii

Sudesh Pal Chathli, Mukesh Pal Chathli, Ma Promila Sabharwal & Urmila Chathli had relinquished their share in the said property to Shyam Wati Chathli vide Relinquishment Deed registered on 05.04.2002 vide doc No. 2444 and now said Shyam Wati Chathli has also expired and now said Promila Sabharwal, Rita Chathli, Kunika Chathli, Neelu Chathli, Sudesh Pal Chathli & Rakesh Pal Chathli beiren the onky leand heir (inight).

Pal Chathli, being the only legal heirs (jointly has agreed to sell the said Property to Vipi Kumar and Mrs. Romila Gupta And Said Vipi Kumar and Mrs. Romila Gupta has agreed t

create a mortgage in favour of our clients Axis Bank Ltd., Axis House, Sector 128 Noida

Bank, any person's having claim against branch, any person's having claim against the said Property, or any part thereof, by way of sale, exchange, mortgage (equilable' registered or otherwise), gift, frust, inheritance, lien or otherwise howsoever, are hereby infinited to actif the access in writes

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Vishal Diwan (Advocate

For Diwan and Company LLP

Advocates and Solicitor

Date : 14.06.2023 Place : NEW DELHI

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PUBLIC NOTICE **PUBLIC NOTICE** Notice is hereby given that my client **Sarar** Equipments and Engineers Private Limited is in process to avail the loan facility with the KMBI NOTICE is hereby given that the Certificate for 1100 Equity Shares, Folio No. 1005406. against the land admeasting Will her Kinbu failing under Khata no. 272 Khasra no. 155 admeasuring 0.1850 Hectare and Khata no. 271 Khasra no. 160 admeasuring 0.1610 Hectare situated at Village Madapur Musifabad pargana Dense their Underson Will Herry LIN Certificate No. -1748690 & 101813 and Distinctive No.-6412308263-6412308362 & 29961496-29962495 of ICICI BANK LIMITED standing in the name of R D Dasna tehsil Dholana Distt. Hapur, UP, wherea MALHOTRA & SANTOSH MALHOTRA have beside of the following original document/s pertaining to the said property although they have also lodged a complaint in lieu of that on dated been lost or mislaid and the undersigned have applied to the Company to issue duplicate Certificate for the said shares. Any person 1.Sale Deed dated 29.08.2008 executed b who has any claim in respect of the said Rambhroshe Rinkuand Somwati in favour shares should write to our Registrar, KFin Karuna Rani (doc.no. 11713)
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Ltd., through Mohammad Minhaj Alam and other 32, Gachibowli, Financial District, Hyderabad-(doc.no. 5008) 500032 within one month from this date else anyone found please handover the same the company will proceed to issue duplicate

tioned address. Kamai Kant Gupta (Advocate) Unit No. FF-2, First floor, Mahaluxmi Metro Towe Sec-4, Vaishali, Gzb., U.P., Mob. 9810063351 Date: 21-06-2023 SANTOSH MALHOTRA

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE is hereby given that Promila Sabharwal, Rita Chathli, Kunika Chathli

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REG. NO. DL1MA1863-YOM-2018 MINIMUM RESERVE PRICE-435688.2 UNDER HYPOTHECATION WITH

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APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to rule 8 (6)]

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DY-Chief Engineer/ Headquarter (Procurement Cell-3) GGSSTP Roopnagar invites E-Tender ID No. 2023_POWER_104264_1 for the work

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Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Property

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

lotice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described Immovable Property mortgaged to Indiabulls Housing Finance Ltd. [CIN: 1.65922DI 2005PI C136029] ("Secured Creditor") the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer o the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "as is where is", "as is what is" and "whatever there is" basis on 10.07.2023 from 02.00 P.M. to 04.00 P.M., for recovery o Rs. 11.03.585/- (Rupees Eleven Lakh Three Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Five only) pending towards Loan Account No. HHEEOK00156527, by way of outstanding principal, arrears (including accrued late charges) and interest till 14.06.2023 with applicable future interest in terms of the Loan Agreement and other elated loan document(s) w.e.f. 15.06.2023 along with legal expenses and other charges due to the Secured Creditor from SANJAY MATHUR and PREETI MATHUR The Reserve Price of the Immovable Property will be Rs. 29,00,000/- (Rupees

Twenty Nine Lakh only) and the Earnest Money Deposit ("EMD") will be Rs. 2,90,000/- (Rupees Two Lakh Ninety Thousand only) i.e. equivalent to 10% of the Reserve Price.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

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Date 15 06 2023 Authorized office Indiabulls Housing Finance Limited Place : GHAZIABAD

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Retail inflation for farm, rural workers eases in May

PTI NEW DELHI

Retail inflation for farm workers and rural labourers eased to 5.99 per cent and 5.84 per cent, respectively, in May. Point-to-point rate of

inflation based on the CPI-AL (consumer price index-agricultural labourers and CPI-RL (rural labourers) stood at 6.50 per cent and 6.52 per cent respectively in April 2023 and 6.67 per cent and 7.00 per cent respectively during the corre-sponding month (May 2022) of the previous year, a labour bureau statement said.

It stated that food inflation stood at 6.31 per cent & 6.07 per cent in May 2023 compared to 6.67 per cent & 6.52 per cent respectively in April 2023 and 5.44 per cent & 5.51 per cent respectively during the corresponding month of the previous year.

The All-India Consumer Price Index Number for Agricultural Labourers and Rural Labourers for the month of May 2023 increased by 6 & 5 points to stand at 1186 points and 1197 points respectively.

The CPI-AL and CPI-RL were 1180 points and 1192 points respectively in April 2023.

The major contribution towards the rise in general index of Agricultural State.



Tamil Nadu with 1360 and Rural points topped the index table whereas Himachal Pradesh with 968 points stood at the bottom. Amongst states, the max-

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chillies dry, garlic, ginger, vegetables & fruits, etc. The rise/fall in index varied from State to State. In case

of Agricultural Labourers, it recorded an increase of 2 to 17 points in 11 States and a decrease of 1 to 5 points in 8 States while it remained stationary for Himachal Pradesh State. Tamil Nadu with 1371 points topped the index table whereas Himachal Pradesh with 918 points stood at the

bottom. In the case of Rural Labourers, it recorded an increase of 1 to 17 points in 12 States and a decrease of 1 to 5

Labourers came from food group to the extent of 5.29 & 4.72 points respectively mainly due to increase in prices of rice, pulses, milk, meat goat, imum increase in the Consumer Price Index Numbers Agricultural Labourers and

Rural Labourers was experienced by Andhra Pradesh State (17 points each) mainly due to rise in the prices of rice, jowar, ragi, pulses, green/dry chillies, onion, vegetables & fruits, etc. On the contrary, the maximum decrease in the

Consumer Price Index Numbers for Agricultural Labourers was experienced by Assam State and for Rural Labourers by Odisha State (5 points each) mainly due to fall points in 7 States while it in the prices of rice, ragi, mustard-oil, fish-fresh, onion, remained stationary for Kerala

IIFL Securities to move SAT against Sebi order on clients

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IFL Securities is planning to move to the Securities Appellate Tribunal (SAT) against market regulator Sebi's order that banned the broking house from onboarding new clients for two years.

The order does not affect the company's existing business with the existing clients, IIFL Securities, earlier known as India Infoline Ltd said in a filing to stock exchanges.

The statement comes after the capital markets regulator Sebi on Monday barred IIFL Securities from onboarding new clients for two years for alleged mis-utilisation of client funds.

In its order, Sebi found that IIFL has misused the funds of its credit balance clients for settlement of its proprietary trades as well as the trades of its debit balance clients from April 2011 to June 2014, and the said violations were again noticed during March 2017 inspection for the period of FY 2015-16 and 2016-17.

"IIFL had acted in complete disregard of the legitimate interests of its credit balance clients and has not only benefitted itself but also provided benefits to its debit balance clients at the cost of its credit

Sensex rebounds 159 pts,

Nifty closes above 18,800



tle its own proprietary trades as well as the trades of its debit balance clients to the tune of hundreds of crores of rupees,' Sebi had stated.

The order came after the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) conducted multiple inspections of the books of account of IIFL for the period April 2011 to January 2017.

In a response to Sebi's order, IIFL, late night on Monday, said it is in the "process of preferring an appeal against the said order before Securities Appellate Tribunal". Further, the company said it has always met all its oblig-

ations towards exchanges and clients on time. It has always followed a "compliance first approach and carried out business in full compliance in letter and spirit with extant laws and regulations".

India Inc feels time ripe for next phase of GST reform, says Deloitte Survey

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 $T_{\rm the\ Indian\ industry\ feels}^{\rm he\ Indian\ industry\ feels}$ unleash the next phase of reforms in GST administration to enhance ease of doing business and called for an amnesty scheme for resolving existing tax disputes that have tied up business capital and government revenue, according to a

survey. The GST administration has undergone tremendous transformation since its introduction on July 1, 2017, a Deloitte survey said on Tuesday.

The survey found an increased acceptance of the simplified tax regime amongst businesses, with 88 per cent of MSMEs reporting a reduction in goods and services costs along with optimised supply chains.

According to the survey, 80 per cent of business leaders expressed that the time is ripe for the next phase of GST regime reforms for enhanced ease of doing business and sectoral growth in the next few years. Respondents to the survey acknowledged the need for introducing an amnesty scheme, essential for resolving existing tax disputes that had tied up business capital and government revenue, the survey said.

Further, it added that 70 per cent of business leaders



regime.

beneficiary of the simplified tax

authorities have struggled to

gauge the complexity of the law,

align internal systems, and

train professionals, leading to

deliberate on introducing a

one-time amnesty scheme to

resolve existing disputes, many

of which have arisen due to

interpretation issues or minor

non-compliances during the

initial years of the GST regime,"

from 612 senior leaders across

industries and companies and

tracks the impact of GST across

industries, including consumer,

technology, media and telecommunications, energy

resources, financial services, life

sciences, and government and

The survey has responses

Jaising said.

inadvertent slippages.

However, taxpayers and

"The government could

have reaffirmed their positive reliance on evolving aspects of GST law -- a 10 per cent increase from the preceding

Mahesh Jaising, Partner and Leader - Indirect Tax at Deloitte India, said India Inc is quite positive towards the changes facilitated by the GST regime and the increasing supply-chain efficiencies.

"The 22 per cent YoY (Year-on-Year) growth in GST revenue is testimony to the overall economic development and tax-payer-centric administration. About 88 per cent of MSME respondents have acknowledged the reduced cost of goods and services, attributing it to the improved uniformity of the GST regime," Jaising said

The survey indicates a positive impact on businesses of all sizes with Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

Govt appoints Janakiraman **RBI DG**

public services.



PTI NEW DELHI

The government on Tuesday appointed State Bank of India (SBI) managing director Swaminathan Jankiraman as Reserve Bank Deputy Governor (DG).

According to an official notification, the appointment is for a period of three years from the date of joining the post of Deputy Governor or until fur-

ther order. A Cabinet Secretary-headed panel interviewed shortlisted candidates on June 1 for the post of RBI Deputy Governor e of MK n, complet ing his extended tenure on Tuesday. One post of Deputy Governor is reserved for a commercial banker. According to the RBI Act, 1934, the central bank should have four deputy governors -two from within the ranks, one commercial banker and an economist to head the mone-





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Nandan Nilekani, co-founder and chairman of Infosys and the founding chairman of UIDAI, has donated Rs 315 crore to the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay. This builds on his previous

grants of Rs 85 crore to his alma mater. The donation will help foster world-class infrastructure, stimulate research in areas of engineering and technology, and nurture a deep tech startup ecosystem at the famed institution. The donation, which is one of the largest donations made by an alumnus in the country, will serve as the anchor for IIT-B's vision to become a global leader among engineering and technology institutes and contribute significantly towards nationbuilding, a joint statement from the institute and Nilekani said on Tuesday.



The tech leader joined IIT-B in 1973 for a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering.

"IIT-Bombav has been a cornerstone in my life, shaping end at 18,816.70. my formative years and laying the foundation for my journey. Tata As I celebrate 50 years of my association with this esteemed institution, I am grateful to give forward and contribute to its future. This donation is more than just a financial contributhat has given me so much and Bajaj Finance, Bajaj a commitment to the students Finserv, Mahindra Mahindra, UltraTech Cement, who will shape our world tomorrow," Nilekani said. IndusInd Bank and State Bank of India were the major lag-The donation will significantly accelerate the growth of gards. "The Indian market IIT-B and will firmly set it on a path of global leadership, said opened cautiously due to weak global cues, with heightened IIT-B director Prof Subhasis Chaudhuri. Nilekani's contriconcerns over the Chinese bution will catalyse philaneconomy following their decithropic contributions towards sion to cut interest rates after advancing research & devela 10-month pause. opment at universities in the



utilities shares. The 30share BSE Sensex settled higher by 159.40 points or 0.25 per cent to 63,327.70. The index traded in negative territory for the most part of the session and hit a low of 62,801.91. The NSE Nifty advanced 61.25 points or 0.33 per cent to

From the Sensex pack, Motors, HCL Motors,

Technologies, Power Grid, Tech Mahindra, NTPC, Axis Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Larsen & Toubro, Wipro, Nestle, Tata Geojit Financial Services. Consultancy Services and Infosys were among the major

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Among the indices, power gained 1.02 per cent, utilities possible rate hike by the US Fed in its July meeting, with jumped 0.94 per cent, auto (0.85 per cent), IT (0.78 per investors eagerly awaiting Powell's testimony. However, the indices managed to recovcent), teck (0.67 per cent) and er smartly, led by upside in IT metal (0.63 per cent). and auto stocks," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at

and industrials were the laggrads. In Asian markets, Tokyo

Markets settled higher in a volatile trading session, in conended in the green, while Seoul, and Hong Kong set

Rupee falls 18 paise to end at 82.12 against US dollar

PTI MUMBAI

The rupee depreciated by 18 paise to close at 82.12 (provisional) against the US dollar on Tuesday amid fresh foreign capital outflows and rising crude prices in the interna-

At the interbank foreign exchange, the domestic unit opened weak at 82.03 and touched the intra-day low of 82.17

The domestic unit settled at 82.12 (provisional) against the US dollar, registering a loss of 18 paise over the previous

close On Monday, the rupee settled at 81.94 against the dollar.

The decline in the rupee can be attributed to the recovery in the dollar index and an e in crude oil prices



ple of weeks, the rupee witnessed profit booking ahead of

the significant speech. However, the overall trend for the rupee remains positive as long as it holds above 82.40," Trivedi added.

Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was down 0.07 per cent at 102.45.

Crude oil price benchmark

tional market.

Services, oil & gas, energy

Global worries were amplified by concerns of a

trend, Ajit Mishra, SVP -Technical Research, Religare Broking Ltd.

"Among the sectoral pack, financials, ĬT and auto-posted decent gains while defensive viz. Pharma and FMCG traded subdued. Amid all, the broader indices managed to gain nearly half a per cent each," Mishra said.

In the broader market, the BSE midcap gauge climbed 0.47 per cent and smallcap index advanced 0.40 per cent.

tled in the negative territory. Equity markets in Europe were trading mostly lower.

The US markets were closed on Monday on the observance of the Juneteenth holida

Global oil benchmark Brent crude climbed 1.22 per cent to USD 77.02 a barrel.

Foreign institutional investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth Rs 1,030.90 crore on Monday, according to exchange data

which put pressure on the rupee, said Jateen Trivedi, VP Research Analyst at LKP Securities.

He said market participants were eagerly awaiting US Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell's upcoming speech, "as it is expected to provide important insights".

"In the short term, the rupee is expected to trade within the range of 81.70 to 82.25. After experiencing a strong rally over the past cou-

cent to USD 76.79 per barrel. In the domestic equity market, the 30-share BSE Sensex climbed 159.40 points or 0.25 per cent to settle at 63,327.70, while broader NSE Nifty went up 61.25 points or 0.33 per cent to close at

18,816.70. Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) were net sellers in the capital markets on Monday as they sold shares worth Rs 1,030.90 crore, according to exchange data.

tary policy department. The other three deputy governors are Micĥael Debabrata Patra, M Rajeshwar Rao and T Rabi Sankar.

Instructions on compromise settlements rationalise regulatory norms, says RBI

country, he added.

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The RBI on Tuesday said its recent instructions on 'compromise settlements and technical write-offs' have rationalised the existing regulatory guidance to banks and tightened some of the related provisions to ensure greater transparency

As part of the bi-monthly monetary policy, the RBI on June 8 issued a comprehensive regulatory framework governing compromise settlements and technical write-offs covering all regulated entities.

In a follow-up, the central bank on Monday issued FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions) related to the June 8 circular.

Bank unions AIBOC and AIBEA have opposed the Reserve Bank's move to allow lenders to settle loans of wilful defaulters under compromise settlement

On whether the RBI has introduced a new clause permitting lenders to enter into compromise settlement with borrowers classified as fraud or wilful defaulters, the central bank's FAQs said "No".

"The said provision enabling banks to enter into compromise settlement in ulatory framework, it enables



respect of borrowers categorised as fraud or wilful defaulter is not a new regulatory instruction and has been the settled regulatory stance for more than 15 years," the FAQs

said It also replied in negative to a question about whether the circular dilutes the penal measures applicable to borrowers classified as wilful defaulters or fraud.

The FAQs further said that as a disincentive to both the lenders and the borrowers, the circular introduces the concept of a "cooling period" for normal cases of compromise settlement during which the lender undertaking settlement shall not take any fresh exposure on the borrower entity. "By providing a clear reg-

other regulated entities, particularly cooperative banks, to undertake compromise settlements as part of the normal resolution efforts," it said. It provides clarity on the

definition of technical writeoffs and provides broad guidance on the process to be followed by the regulated entities for technical write-offs, which is a normal banking practice, the RBI added.

It also said restructuring in general entails the lenders having a continuing exposure to the borrower entity even after restructuring and hence, in case of borrowers classified as fraud or wilful defaulters, permitting lenders to continue their credit relationship with the borrower entity would be fraught with moral hazard.

Apparels to have Indian 'standard body sizes'

PNS NEW DELHI

ndians will now not have to fit-in to western apparel sizes as the country will "soon' have its own 'standard body sizes' for the apparel sector.

Giving this information in the BJP headquarters here on Tuesday , Ûnion Textiles Minister Piyush Goyal said after a nation-wide survey of body -cuts and sizes final touches are being given to the findings

The exercise undertaken National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) to standardize the Indian footwear size will take some time, said the minister .

"The faculty members of the National Institute of Fashion Technology, who conducted the survey (after) travelling to every state, have done very good work.

A presentation (of the survey) was made before me a few days ago," Goyal said during a press conference at the BJP headquarters.

"We will give it a finishing touch and implement it across the country once it is approved," he added.

About a standard Indian



size for footwear, the minister said it will take "a little more time". "But it will also come soon.'

Goyal who was addressing Press conference on the 'achievements ' of the Modigovernment in last nine-years, also blamed the congress government of allowing trade deficit between India and

China during the decadelong UPA regime, beginning 2004He said in last year of the

Vajpayee government in 2004 the deficit was only minimum which jumped manyfold during the Congress regime that followed it.

Answering another question, the Minister also said the Centre has refused to provide

rice to several states from its stocks to ensure that the price of the grain does not increase in the open market and people continue to get it at affordable rates. Goyal's comment came amid a political row over the refusal of rice supply to Karnataka. A committee of secre-

taries decided that the stock of rice at central reserves be kept to "serve 140 crore people of the country" and states can purchase the rice from the market if they need, Goyal who is also the Union Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution said when asked for his comment on protests in Karnataka over the supply of rice.

CCI OK's acquisition of stake by HDFC in Life and ERGO

PTI NEW DELHI

ompetition watchdog CCI Oon Tuesday granted its approval to mortgage lender HDFC to acquire a certain stake in HDFC Life Insurance Company and HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company.

The nod will help pave the way for the merger of HDFC into HDFC Bank, expected to be finalised by the third quarter of this financial year.

In April, the Reserve Bank also allowed HDFC Bank or HDFC to increase shareholding in HDFC Life Insurance Company and HDFC ERGO General Ínsurance Company to

The Competition

Sleep Company's store in Delhi-NCR

New Delhi: Sleep Company, leader in SmartGRID tech for peaceful sleep, has opened its fifth store in Delhi-NCR to meet high offline and online demand. Orthopaedic surgeon Dr Gourav Thakral inaugurated the store. Pioneers of omnichannel model, the 1200 sqft store offers immersive SmartGRID experience. "We understand the importance of touch-and-feel when it comes to purchasing mattresses and comfort products," said Priyanka Salot, co-founder of the firm.

over 50 per cent prior to the effective date of the merger. of the two insurance companies, according to CCI.



HDFC of certain additional shareholding of HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company

Commission of India (CCI), in

a statement said it has approved

the proposed combination

involving acquisition of addi-

tional shareholding of HDFC

Limited. In both cases, the merged entity HDFC Bank (after the effective date of the proposed amalgamation) will hold over 50 per cent of the shareholding



MBAPPÉ ECLIPSES FONTAINE AS FRANCE BEATS GREECE left side of his head. Griezmann

✔ylian Mbappé's twicetaken penalty moved him one goal behind Michel Platini on France's all-time scoring list as Greece was beaten 1-0 in European Championship qualifying.

Platini won the Ballon d'Or three straight times from 1983 85 during his heyday with Juventus and France, for which the gifted playmaker scored and created goals with a casual brilliance that became his trade-

mark. "It's huge when you know what Michel Platini represents for France," Mbappé said. "He's

a legend." The win was a fourth straight for World Cup runnerup France without conceding a goal in Group B — all with Mbappé as the new captain.

"Let's hope it lasts. I'm learning every day," Mbappé said. "It's an enriching experience to have this responsibility.

Mbappé also reached 54 goals over the season combined for France and Paris Saint-Germain to beat the overall mark set by the great Just Fontaine in the



1957-58 season - the year Fontaine set an individual scoring record with 13 goals at the '58 World Cup. Mbappé almost turned provider when his cross from the left was headed wide by Randal Kolo Muani midway

through the first half.

That allowed the Greeks to settle easier on a humid night at Stade de France, and coach Gus Poyet's side started to look comfortable bringing the ball out from the back.

AP ROME

Another fluffed chance from the French saw defender was bleeding below his ear but smiled as he had thick strapping placed around his head like a rugby player.

Mavropanos was issued a yellow card. For the penalty kick, Mbappé looked tense in his runup and goalkeeper Odysseas Vlachodimos guessed the cor-rect way — to his right - for a comfortable save.

But referee Antonio Mateu Lahoz ordered a retake, seemingly for a Greece player encroaching before the kick, and Mbappé made no mistake as he curled it into the right corner for his 40th goal for France.

Mavropanos, who fouled Griezmann, was shown the red card for hauling down Kolo Muani in the 70th.

France missed further chances, not least when Mbappé and Ousmane Dembélé broke from midfield with only Vlachodimos to beat. But Mbappé passed up the chance and tried to give Dembélé a tap-in, only to put too much power on his pass

Ireland beat last-placed eran forward Antoine Griezmann took defender Konstan-Gibraltar 3-0 in Dublin in the tinos Mavropanos' boot to the other group game.

Joselu delight at 'dream' return to Real Madrid

AFP MADRID

Spanish international Jose Luis Mato, known as Joselu, said Tuesday it was a "dream" come true to return to Real Madrid, 11 years after he left. "I've been dreaming of this moment since the day I left, I'm very excited," Joselu, 33, told a press confer-

ence in the Spanish capital. The forward has scored three goals in four appearances for his country and arrives from Espanyol on a year-long loan with option to buy to help Madrid reinforce a depleted attack.

Karim Benzema, Eden Hazard, Marco Asensio and Mariano Diaz have left, leaving room for major reinforcements. 'We all know Karim's level

at this club, but I'm here to do a different job," he said.

"I'm going to give my all for this club, it's the club of my life, when you step onto the pitch, especially at the Bernabeu, you want to score goals.

Joselu is the club's fourth signing after midfielder Jude Bellingham, defender Fran Garcia and the return of Brahim Diaz

The journeyman striker, who has played for 10 clubs in Spain, Germany and England, previously played for the Real

Rudi Garcia massive challenge at Napoli

mate FLY BETTE

Madrid B team and has one La Liga appearance for Los Blancos, in the 2010-11 season, without managing to break into the first team

This season Joselu finished as La Liga's third top goalscorer with 16 goals despite Espanyol's relegation, earning him a call up to the national team squad for the Nations League final four. The targetman scored a last-minute winner in the semi-final against Italy and appeared from the bench again in the final against Croatia on Sunday as Spain triumphed in the Netherlands

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Messi set for July 21 debut

AFP 📕 MIAMI

Inter Miami are targeting a July 21 debut for superstar signing Lionel Messi as the club plans to bolster the squad with as many said. as five new players, owner Jorge Mas said. In an interview with the Miami Herald published Tuesday, Mas said Messi was likely to play his first game for Inter against Mexican side Cruz

a before and after Messi when Azul in the regional Leagues we talk about the sport in the United States " Mas

results with Cristiano Ronaldo

at Saudi Arabian club Al Nassr, Rudi Garcia is facing an even bigger challenge as the new coach of Italian champion Napoli. Garcia was hired to replace Luciano Spalletti, who is taking a

Thable to achieve the desired

year off from soccer after guiding Napoli to its first Serie A title since the days when Diego Maradona played for the club.

"Any coach who sits on Napoli's bench next season knows that it's a difficult job. Because when you win the title, in order to improve you need to repeat, and that won't be easy," Garcia said on Monday at his presentation at the Capodimonte national museum

"There are no categories or on a hill overlooking Naples. anything that is being changed to incorporate Lionel Messi "The players know they need to make an even bigger effort," Garcia added. "I'm not going to revolutiononto Inter Miami's roster," he

Mas said Messi's arrival in MLS would prove to be a "seminal moment" for the history of football in the United States. "I think there will always be

ize everything but I'll make my imprint. For instance, the 4-3-3 seems to fit this team like a glove. But you also need to know how to change during games. I want intelligent players who can without relying only on Plan A. ... The good thing about this team is that everyone runs. I've got to make sure they keep running - with and without the ball.'

Iules Koundé volley straight at

the goalkeeper from Kingsley Coman's cross on the stroke of

Early in the second half, vet-

halftime

Garcia signed a two-year contract with an option for a third sea-son. The 59-year-old Frenchman is no stranger to Italian soccer, having coached Roma from 2013-16.

"It's destiny. I was replaced by Spalletti at Roma and now I'm following him after his great season at Napoli," Garcia said.

Garcia left Al Nassr by mutual agreement in April after failing to secure first place despite Ronaldo's arrival in January.

Napoli fans have just as high expectations, as demonstrated



when Garcia was greeted by a large banner from Napoli's hard-core "ultra" supporters that read: "Benvenuto in vetta Monsieur. Difen-diamola" — "Welcome to the top Monsieur. Let's defend it." Garcia said the fans have every

right to think that way.

When I arrived in the city and saw all the banners, I realized how proud the fans and the city are for their team," Garcia said. "And I hope that happens in the future, too.

Known for employing similar tactics to Spalletti with a heavy emphasis on speedy wingers — see Gervinho and Mohamed Salah at Roma — Garcia appears to be the perfect fit for a Napoli team that likes to work through Georgia dribbling wizard Khvicha Kvarat-skhelia on the left wing.

"I hope so," Garcia said. "I'm not a chef but I've got to keep this group going on the fire."

India to open ACT campaign against China PTI CHENNAI summit clash will take place on

The Indian men's hockey



August 12. The Indian men's hockey team (2011, 2016 & istan (′ & 2018) have both won three titles each, and are the most decorated nations in the history of the tournament We are absolutely delighted to be hosting the Hero Asian Champions Trophy Chennai 2023 and announcing the schedule is a landmark day, as it sets the ball rolling for the tournament," Hockey India President Dilip Tirkey said. "While I would surely love to see the Indian Men's Hockey Team come out on top, I am certain that all the nations will put their best foot forward and treat us with exceptional hockey during the tournament," he added.



Argentina captain Messi confirmed on June 7 that he plans to head to Major League Soccer after ending a two-year stint with Paris Saint-Germain.

The deal has yet to be finalized, but the Herald, citing a source with knowledge of the negotiations, said Messi was joining on a two-and-a-half-year deal worth up to \$60 million a year

The deal also included an equity stake in Miami "upon the end of his playing days," the Herald report said

Mas, meanwhile, told the paper that Messi's contract would conform to MLS roster

'I have a very, very strong held belief that we can create in North America and the United States if not the greatest league, one of the top two leagues in the world. I cannot over-emphasize the magnitude of this announce-

ment "Having the world's greatest player here is something that is significant for our league, and for

the football ecosystem in the United States. Lionel Messi is coming to this country to win cups and make a difference.

"I think it's incumbent upon myself and my partners in the league, the other owners, to seize the moment.

Champions Trophy campaign against China on day one of the tournament, to be played here from August 3 to 12 Hosts India and China will

face each other in the last match of the opening day of the tournament at the Mayor Hockey Radhakrishnan Stadium

After China, India will play Japan on August 4. The hosts will then cross swords with Malaysia on August 6 followed by the game against Korea a day later, as per the schedule released by the Asian Hockey Federation on Tuesday

India will then take on arch-



rivals Pakistan in the final league stage match on August 9.

The six-team tournament will see South Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, Japan, China, and India battle it out for top honours. All the teams are part of one pool and the positions on

the points table will be decided by a league system.

Defending champions South Korea will clash against Japan in the tournament opener

The semifinals are scheduled for August 11 while the

Indian announces tennis squad for Asian games

PTI NEW DELHI

Doubles specialist Rohan Bopanna will once again be India's flag-bearer in the tennis event at the Asian Games as All India Tennis Association (AITA) on Tuesday announced a 12member squad for the continental quadrennial games.

The Asian Games will begin in Hangzhou on September 23. Sumit Nagal — who made

his Asian Games debut in the 2018 edition competing in doubles alongside Ramkumar Ramanathan — and Sasikumar Mukund are the likely singles players in the side for the Games.

The 43-year-old Bopanna will most probably pair up with Ramkumar. Yuki Bhambri and Saketh Myneni, the other two players in the squad, are already playing as a pair on the ATP

Tour. The women's contingent will be led by 2018 Asian Games bronze medallist in singles, Ankita Raina.

The other members are inform Karman Kaur Thandi,

IHFF took Delhi by storm

PNS DELHI

The International Health, Sports, and Fitness Festival (IHFF), second in the series and Asia's biggest event in the fitness world which concluded recently here at Pragati Maidan was a huge draw particularly among the fitness enthusiasts.

Legendary American body-builder Flex Wheeler, body-

Rututaj Bhosle, Sahaja Yamla-palli, Vaidehi Chaudhari and Prarthane Thombare. India had won a gold and

two bronze medals at the 2018 Asian Games in Jakarta, where the Bopanna-Divij Sharan pair had defeated Kazakhstan's Alexander Bublik and Denis Yevsevev to clinch the doubles gold. In the men's singles Prajnesh Gunneswaran had won

bronze in men's singles. Former India player Rohit Rajpal has been named captain of the men's squad while Ankita Bhambri will be the captain of the women's team.

The core of the Indian contingent in both men's and women's sections largely remains the same, with Ramanathan, Nagal and Bopanna also featuring in the side that competed in the Jakarta Games. Among women, four play-

ers who competed in Jakarta five years back — Ankita, Karman, Ruturaj and Prarthana – are also in the current side, while Sahaja and Vaidehi are the new

additions



Satwik-Chirag rise to career-best World No. 3

IANS NEW DELHI

India's star men's doubles pair Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy achieved their new career-high ranking on Tuesday after their historic BWF Super 1000 title at the Indonesia Open.

The duo toppled the reigning world champions Aaron Chia and Soh Wooi Yik in the final to win India's maiden BWF Super 1000 on Sunday.

Satwik and Chirag have enjoyed a remarkable 2023 thus far, emerging victorious in two world tour tournaments which include the Swiss Open, and Indonesia Open along with securing a gold medal at the Badminton Asia Championships. In men's singles, Kidambi Srikanth climbed three places to enter the top 20 with world rank of 19 while Lakshya Sen jumped two places to be ranked 18.

HS Prannoy, the highestranked Indian men's singles player in the world, retained his position at number 9 in the world rankings following his semifinal run at the Indonesia Open

Additionally, emerging talent Priyanshu Rajawat achieved a career-best ranking of 30, making him the fourth Indian



player to enter the top 30 rank-

In the women's singles, two-time Olympic medallist PV Sindhu climbed two places to secure the 12th position in the world rankings. Despite her limited participation in tournaments, Saina Nehwal also managed to advance by one place, now occupying the esteemed position of world number 31.

Women's doubles pair Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand maintained their position in 16th spot in the rankings. On the other hand, Ashwini Bhat and Shikha Gautam experienced a slight decline, moving down two positions to settle at 41st place. In mixed doubles, Rohan . Kapoor and Sikki Reddy climbed two places to be world number 33. Tanisha Crasto and Ishan Bhatnagar slipped one place and are now world numoer 38

Rohan Kapoor and Sikki Reddy made an ascent in the mixed doubles category, rising by two places to secure the 33rd spot in the global rankings. Conversely, Tanisha Crasto and Ishan Bhatnagar experienced a minor setback, slipping down one place to reach the world number 38 position.



AUSTRALIA GO 1-0 UP

Hosts Zimbabwe produced a sec-ond big chase in succession to continue their fine start to the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup Qualifier 2023 in Harare.

Sikandar Raza's unbeaten century caAustralia won a thrilling Ashes opener by two wickets at Edgbaston on Tuesday as captain Pat Cummins' six-smashing 44 not out and Usman Khawaja's patient 65 combined to give England's "Bazball" cricket revolution a lesson from Down Under

Cummins hit two sixes and four fours, and he shared a match-winning ninth-wicket partnership of 55 with Nathan Lyon (16 not out) in the last hour of the final day.

Chasing 281 to win, Cummins hit the winning boundary against Ollie Robin-son and Australia finished on 282-8 to disappoint a raucous crowd that sensed another memorable victory at the Birmingham ground after a two-run win in the second Ashes test in 2005. Khawaja, who hit his first test cen-

tury in England in the first innings, faced 197 deliveries as he anchored most of Australia's successful run chase before being dismissed by England captain Ben Stokes. Australia needs 98 more runs to win the Ashes opener after reach-ing tea at 183-5 on Tuesday as the cricket thriller heads into its final session on the last day at Edgbaston.

Usman Khawaja is patiently moving Australia toward its winning target of 281. The opener, who scored his first test century in England in the first innings, has so far hit 56 runs from 159 balls. Allrounder Cameron Green is 22 not out in a 40-run partnership that England needs to end quickly. Forced to leave the field the day before with a painful blistered finger, England spinner Moeen Ali (1-50) returned earlier to give England a key wicket of third-ranked batter Travis Head (16). The 36-year-old bowler was hugged by joyful teammates after Head edged to slip fielder Joe Root. That left Australia at 143-5 before Khawaja and Green came together.

The morning session was lost to rain and players took an early lunch at the



Birmingham ground. The umpires have given the teams a total of 67 overs for the day. There are 38 overs left and the test is now unlikely to end in a draw.

Australia earlier resumed on 107-3 with Khawaja and nightwatchman Scott Boland at the crease. With fielders up close, Boland ducked Broad's bouncer in the eighth over of the day before nicking the next ball behind to Bairstow with Australia at 121-4.

BEN STOKES COMMENTS

Very proud of the team to take it till the end, go through all those emotions. That's another great game we have been part of, I'll be very surprised if we haven't kept people at the edge of their seats

throughout this Test. Good reason for more people in England and Australia to follow the Ashes.

A loss is a loss, we said we are going to keep playing this way. This is the way we will continue playing, going hard at Australia, taking certain decisions that feel right. (On declaration regrets) Not at all, I saw it as a chance to pounce on Australia. Never easy for someone to go out and bat 20 minutes. Who knows? Maybe Root and Jimmy could have got out and we would have been in the same place. (On Root) Magnificent, the way he played yesterday was massive.

The bravery he showed in the first half an hour was unbelievable. Credit for Australia for sticking through the game

throughout. The efforts that Broad and Robbo put in was incredible, running in with the three lions on your chest always gives you extra motivation

12 years in Test cricket and KHAWAJA, PLAYER OF THE MATCH So heart-wrenching. When you're

Definitely one of my favourite Test matches. I couldn't watch it with the guys. Was too much nervous energy there. Was watching in the change room on the delayed feed. Personally for me, even now, I've never felt like this. The ebb and flow of the whole game. It was no one's Test match until it was won. Last Test series was pretty tough work for the batters in general unless you were Steve Smith..

IANS NEW DELHI Indian batting stalwart Virat Kohli on Tuesday completed

expressed his gratitude with a short post on social media. The former India captain made his Test debut on June 20, playing you're fine. Hard to watch.

2011, against West Indies at Kingston and since then played 109 Tests scoring 8,479 runs at an average of 48.72 including 28 hundreds and the same number of half-centuries, breaking numerous records along the

Taking to Twitter, the 34-

year-old commemorated his completion of 12 years in Test cricket and wrote: "12 years in Test cricket today. Forever grateful.

commemorates completing

12 Years in Test Cricket

He was handed over the Test reigns as India's Test captain after M.S. Dhoni announced his retirement from the longest format. During his captaincy tenure of 68 matches, Kohli guided the team to an impressive 40 victories, while experiencing 17 losses and 11 draws with a commendable win percentage of

Under his leadership, India reached the Test rankings sum-

mit and also won its first-ever Test series Down Under in 2019 and also registered big Test wins in England and South Africa

However, his scoring rate dropped drastically in the past few years as he went century-less for 41 innings since scoring a hundred against Bangladesh in 2019. After a wait of 1205 days, Kohli finally registered a Test

century, bringing up three figures during the fourth Test of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy against Australia in Ahmedabad earli er this year.

WORLD CUP QUALIFIER Raza was spectacular with the bat in his 54-ball knock

ZIM MAKE IT TWO FROM TWO

AS NEPAL GET ON THE BOARD Hosts Zimbabwe produced a second big chase in succession to continue their fine start to the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup Qualifier 2023 in Harare. Sikandar Raza's unbeaten century

carried his team to a six-wicket victory over the Netherlands as Zimbabwe successfully chased down the target of 316 set by the Dutch. That follows an opening victory over Nepal in Group A, leaving

Zimbabwe in a good position in the race for a spot in the Super Six. Nepal bounced back from that oss to record their firs



Netherlands' fine batting effort with Raza again the man to find the breakthrough, removing Singh, on the way to figures of four for 55.

Richard Ngarava (2/40) chipped in with a couple of useful wickets, includ-ing the skipper, but Saqib Zulfiqur's 34 not out off 31 balls ensured the Dutch went into the interval feeling good.

Zimbabwe needed to start quick-ly and they did just that, Ervine and Joylord Gumbie (40) putting on 80 for the first wicket before the captain was

removed by Singh. Gumbie and Williams then added another 62, and while Shariz Ahmed ket of the for as Wessly Madhevere, Zimbabwe were comfortably keeping up with the asking rate. Raza joined Williams and the pair added 84 in ten overs to ease any ten-sion, and while Williams eventually departed, it was left to his partner to complete a magnificent all-round performance to see the side home.

with the ball to restrict the Americans to 207, before Bhim Sharki carried Nepal home with seven overs to spare.

Karan was sensational early on after Nepal had chosen to bowl first, taking four wickets in the first ten overs to reduce the USA to 18 for four.

Sushant Modani (42) and Gajanand Singh (26) started to rebuild, adding 47 before the latter edged Dipendra Singh Airee to slip.

That brought keeper Shayan Jahangir to the crease and he counterattacked in style, making 100 not out from just 79 balls as wickets continued to fall at the other end.

Gulsan Iba (3)

match Test series, the South Dakistan will travel to Sri 342 to register the best run chase at the ground and win the first Test by four wickets. The hosts pounced back in the second Test to level the series with a 246-run win as the series resulted in 1-1 draw.

Sri Lanka in 2022 for the two-



the campaign, as they beat the USA by six wickets

Bhim Sharki was the star of the show, making 77 not out, as Nepal chased down 211 against the US, who have now lost twice in as many match-

ZIMBABWE BATTERS STEP UP IN CHASE AGAIN

Two days after chasing down 291 against Nepal, Zimbabwe found themselves with an even bigger target to achieve against the Netherlands

But an unbeaten 102 from Sikandar Raza saw them home in comfortable fashion, reaching 319 for four with 55



balls remaining

Raza reached his century off just 54 balls, the fastest ever by a Zimbabwean in ODI cricket.

Raza was spectacular with the bat smashing eight sixes in his 54-ball knock as he carried on the good work of skipper Craig Ervine (50) and Sean Williams (91).

The Dutch had looked in good

position at the halfway stage, making 315 for six as Vikramjit Singh (88) and Scott Edwards (83) gave them a dream

start to their tournament. Singh and Max O'Dowd (59) put on 120 for the first wicket before Raza bowled O'Dowd, before getting Wesley Barresi out in the same way.

A 96-run partnership between Singh and Edwards continued the

In an extraordinary move, the

It is learnt that the PCB offered

no specific reason to the ICC for the

request, but an internal note accessed

by ESPNcricnfo says the venue swap

would "make" Pakistan "favourites"

Australia in Chennai.

NEPAL UP AND RUNNING WITH **US SUCCESS**

Having suffered the same fate as the Dutch against Zimbabwe, Nepal were in need of a win against the USA, and got it by six wickets.

Karan KC (4/33) did the damage

with an over to spare, rattling through the tail to leave Nepal with 208 to win, despite Jahangir's maiden ODI centu-

Despite Aasif Sheikh falling leg before to Saurabh Netravalkar for 12, that total never looked like being enough, Kushal Burtel (39) and Sharki adding 49 for the second wicket.

Skipper Rohit Paudel and Kushal Malla both made starts before falling, leaving Nepal on 137 for four as Airee joined Sharki.

Any danger of a collapse was quickly averted though as the pair added 74 to carry Nepal to a comfortable win.

Lanka for the two-match Test series, starting from July 16, Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) said on Tuesday. The first Test will com-

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SL to host Pak for

two-match Test series

mence at the Galle International Cricket Stadium on July 16 with Singhalese Sports Club in Colombo hosting the second Test from July 24-28.

Babar Azam's side will arrive in Sri Lanka on July 9 and will play a two-day warm-up game on July 11. The venue for the warm-up fixture is yet to be confirmed, as per PCB release. During Pakistan's tour of

Pakistan last played a Test at the Singhalese Sports Club, Colombo in 2014. They have played six Tests at the ground, winning one, losing one with four matches ending in a draw. The Sri Lanka series will be

Pakistan's first assignment in the 2023-25 cycle of the ICC World Test Championship.

Najam pulls out of race to be next PCB chairman

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 $P_{\rm chief}^{\rm akistan}$ Cricket Board's interim Chief Najam Sethi on Tuesday said he will not seek a permanent position in the PCB after pulling out of the race to be its next chairman.

Sethi said he didn't wish to be the "bone of contention" between the country's top political leaders --Pakistan Peoples Party president Asif Zardari and Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif.

The announcement clears the way for Zaka Ashraf to again take over as PCB chairman.

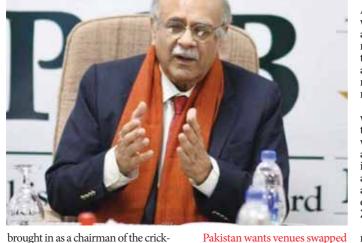
In a late night tweet, Sethi said: "Salaam everyone! I don't want to be a bone of contention between Asif Zardari and Shehbaz Sharif. Such instability and uncertainty is not good for PCB. Under the circumstances I am not a candidate for chairmanship of PCB. Good luck to all stakeholders.

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The development could have implications on the upcoming Asia Cup and the ICC World Cup.

The PCB found itself in a spin in recent times because both the parties in the ruling coalition govern-ment at the centre -- Pakistan Muslim League Nawaz and Pakistan Peoples Party -- wanted their nominees as chairman of the board.

The PPP has been pushing for Ashraf pointing out that Sethi was



brought in as a chairman of the cricket management committee to run for World Cup matches PCB affairs and hold fresh elections and restore the 2014 constitution. Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has They said it would be a conflict of requested the ICC to swap venues for interest if he contested the elections, two of their league matches in the

while Sharif had indicated Sethi 2023 ODI World Cup. Pakistan are currently scheduled to play Australia would continue Sharif who belongs to the PML in Bengaluru on October 20, and N, in fact, recently twice held meetthen Afghanistan in Chennai on October 23 but they have asked for ings with Sethi which indicated Zaka would not be nominated by change where they play Afghanistan in Bengaluru and the Premier for the chairman's

elections Ironically both Sethi and Zaka had also faced off in court in 2013/14 for the hot seat when both were backed by their parties with Sethi eventually winning the battle.

"Australia in Bengaluru and Afghanistan in Chennai are the two which we should look to get changed as much as possible," the PCB's inter-

in both matches.

nal note said. "Ideally, we can switch these around. Australia in Chennai and Afghanistan in Bengaluru would make us obvious favourites in both matches.

It could not be confirmed whether the ICC had responded to the PCB request, or, whether it would even consider it. Pakistan are also scheduled to play Afghanistan in one of their warm-up matches, and it is learned that the PCB has asked the ICC if they could play one of South Africa, England, New Zealand or Australia instead.

Normally, security is the primav reason for a venue change at an ICC event. For example, during the 2016 T20 World Cup, the original schedule had the India-Pakistan match on March 19 in Dharamsala, but in the absence of a water-tight security assurance from the from Indian government, the match was moved to Kolkata.

There is no mention of a security threat in the PCB's internal note, which was prepared as part of an assessment of the grounds where they will be playing during the World Cup. It suggests looking into changing the venue for all but three of Pakistan's matches, including the one against India on October

Ashraf nominated for PCB's Board of Governors

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 $F_{(\text{PCB})\,\text{chairman}\,\text{Zaka}\,\text{Ashraf}\,\text{along}}^{\text{ormer}}$ with Supreme Court lawyer Mustafa Ramday, has been nominated by the country's Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday to join the PCB's Board of Governors (BoG)

The development, which comes after the PCB interim Management Committee chairman Najam Sethi pulled out of the race to become the board's next chief, is a significant step for Ashraf, as it brings him one step closer to regaining the chairmanship of the PCB.

Announcing his withdrawal on Twitter, Sethi said: "I don't want to be a bone of contention between Asif Zardari and Shehbaz Sharif. Such instability and uncertainty are not good for PCB. Under the circumstances, I am not a candidate for the Chairmanship of PCB. Good luck to all stakeholders.

As per reports, Sethi and Ashraf have a history of competing for the PCB's leadership. In 2013 and 2014, they were embroiled in a protracted legal battle over the position.

In Pakistan cricket, the Prime Minister's appointment to the PCB board of governors is typically the person who usually becomes the board chairman for a three-year term and

Ashraf is the favourite to be elected to the position.

The two nominations would complete the 10-member BoG with the remaining eight members of the body almost decided with four representatives each from regions and departments.

The body will vote for the PCB's new chairman and put an end to the tenure of the board's interim Management Committee, which took charge in December last year after the ouster of former chief Ramiz Raja to revoke the 2019 constitution of the board and replace it with the 2014 charter, according to a report in Pakistan's leading daily Dawn.

Madushanka. Wellalage, Arachchige added to SL squad as injury covers

Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) on Tuesday announced that Dilshan Madushanka, Dunith Wellalage, and Sahan Arachchige will fly to Zimbabwe to join the squad as stand-by players for the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup Qualifier.

The three players will join their team on June 23, the day Sri Lanka takes on Oman in their second game of the event.

Madushanka and Wellalage are capped international players with a combined experience of 23 games for Sri Lanka. The uncapped Arachchige is a top-order left-hand batter who can also contribute a few handy overs of right-arm offbreak.

The 27-year-old Arachchige has played nearly eight years in domestic cricket, scoring 1454 runs at an average of 29.67 in 66 List-A games while also picking up 38 wickets.

Sri Lanka are looking to shore up their options after their pace spearhead Dushmantha Chameera missed their opening match with a shoulder injury.