

When India grows stronger so does world, Modi tells US entrepreneurs PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI/WASHINGTON

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has emphasised that the relationship between India and the United States (US) is not based on convenience but on conviction and compassion. Speaking at the US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) in Washington on Friday, during the final day of his state visit to the US, Modi described Indian-Americans as "pillars" in the development of the US, adding, "All of you have made America reach great heights with your hard work." Following his address, Modi departed for Egypt on a state visit.

In his hour-long address, the Prime Minister urged the Indian diaspora and US cor-porate to make full use of the growing India-US partnership and seize the moment. Modi was joined on stage by U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken, USISPF Chairman John Chambers, and USISPF



CEO Mukesh Aghi. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and India's US Ambassador Taranjit Singh Sandhu were among those in the audience. Technology handshake

held at the White House today is a direct message to the companies, businesses, manufacturers and innovators of both the countries - This is the moment. India and US Governments have done the groundwork for you. But now, the responsibility to grow on this ground is yours. The one

who plays will flourish. I'm sure that you'll not let this opportunity slide," Modi said.

He also attributed 'India's tremendous success' to the aspirations of people in the country.

Encouraging American entrepreneurs to invest in India, he said, "Ease of doing business is a promise of our Government. Whenever India has grown stronger, the whole world has benefited. During his farewell address

to a gathering of the Indian

American diaspora on the last day of his four-day historic visit to the US, he said meeting them all was like "having a sweet dish after a meal."

In his speech at the Ronald Reagan Centre, the Prime Minister thanked the Indian community for turning up in large numbers and said, "I can sense a mini-India converging here. I thank you all for coming here. I have received unprecedented love and affection during my stay in the US." **Continued on Page 2** 

Demands the removal of CM Biren Singh PNS NEW DELHI

In an all-party meeting con-vened by Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday, several Opposition parties demanded the imposition of President's Rule in violence-hit Manipur and called for

the immediate removal of Chief Minister N Biren Singh. The meeting, which lasted for over three hours at the library hall of Parliament, saw Opposition parties seeking an all-party delegation visit to the State. However, the Government remained non-committal on this demand, stating that it was making efforts to restore normalcy in Manipur, according to officials.

"The Congress and some other parties also demanded that an all-party delegation be sent to Manipur, and we hope that the Prime Minister will hold a similar meeting after his return from the foreign trip,' said an official, reflecting the Opposition's request for a visit by an all-party delegation.

"Peace is not possible under the present State Government headed by Chief Minister N Biren Singh. He needs to be replaced immediately," stated



PTI regarding the ongoing violence in Manipur

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A group of people set on fire Manipur Minister L Susindro

at Chingarel in Imphal East dis-

trict, reducing it to ashes, police

said on Saturday. An attempt

was also made to torch anoth-

er property of the Consumer

and Food Affairs Minister and

his residence at Khurai in the

same district but timely inter-

al rounds of tear gas shells till

midnight to prevent the mob

from gheraoing the Minister's

Khurai residence, police said.

Security forces fired sever-

vention prevented it.

Okram Ibobi Singh, former Manipur Chief Minister from Mob torches Min's the Congress, expressing his dis-satisfaction with the current godown, tries to burn down house leadership.

"The entire Opposition said in the meeting that the people have no trust in the person heading the State Government, and you cannot have peace if that person is in charge,"empha-sised RJD MP Manoj Jha, reflecting the sentiment expressed by the Opposition.

SP's Ram Gopal Yadav and few other leaders went a step further and sought the imposition of President's Rule, alleging the failure of the State Government in maintaining peace. "The State Government has failed to control the situation. The administration has collapsed," remarked Yadav, suggesting a need for central intervention.

No casualty was reported in the Continued on Page 2 incident.

Narendra Modi, a step that will recognise India's leadership on fintech and will support small and large businesses in India, the US and around the world. Pichai also announced the opening of Google's global fintech operation centre in the Guiarat International Finance Tec-City in Gandhinagar. P6

#### NOW, PILLAR OF NHAI BRIDGE FALLS IN BIHAR

Kishanganj: Barely three weeks after an under-construction bridge over the Ganga collapsed in Bihar's Khagaria district, a portion of another bridge being constructed by the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) in Kishanganj district caved-in on Saturday. In the incident, which took place around 400 km from Patna, a pillar of the bridge over river Mechi collapsed. said Arvind Kumar, project director NHAI. The State Government said that the structure was part of a central project and the authority to take action rested with the NHAI

FLOOD HITS 4.88 L PEOPLE IN ASSAM

Guwahati: The flood situation in Assam remained grave on Saturday with over 4.88 lakh people affected so far, an official report said. Major rivers remained in spate across the State with the met department warning of more rainfall and thunderstorm. A Central Water Commission report said the Brahmaputra was flowing over the danger level in Jorhat and the Puthimari and Pagladiva rivers have breached the red mark

# Modi first Indian PM in Egypt after 26 years

Visit will boost ties between New Delhi. Cairo says PM; to meet El-Sisi todav



Mercenary chief's forces advance towards Moscow



# India to launch Passport Seva 2.0 soon

PNS 📕 NEW DELHI

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Saturday announced that India will soon launch the second phase of the Passport Seva Programme (PSP-Version 2.0), which includes new and upgraded e-passports. He made this announcement on the occasion of Passport Seva

He called on passport-issuing authorities in India and in foreign countries to join him in renew-

ing the pledge to provide passport and related ser vices to people in a "timely, reliable, accessible, transparent and efficient manner." The minister also said, "In line with the Prime Minister's vision of enhancing the 'Ease of Living' for citizens, these initiatives will usher in a new paradigm of 'EASE": E: Enhanced passport services to citizens, using a digital eco-system A: Artificial Intelligence-powered service delivery: Smoother overseas travel using chip-enabled e-passports E: Enhanced data security." Continued on Page 2

#### PNS/AGENCIES NEW DELHI/ CAIRO

Relations between India and Egypt are set to get a major boost during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Cairo beginning Saturday. It is Modi's first visit to Egypt after becoming the Prime Minister.

Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi was the chief guest at this year's Republic Day parade in Delhi. The two leaders also inked a 'Strategic Partnership.' Incidentally, it will also be the first bilateral visit by an Indian Prime Minister in 26 years as the last one was in 1997.

In a special gesture, Modi was welcomed at the airport here by Egypt's Prime Minister Mostafa Madbouly with a warm embrace. He was accorded a ceremonial welcome and a Guard of Honour upon his arrival.

"I am confident this visit will strengthen India's ties with Egypt. I look forward to talks with President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi Prime Minister Narendra Modi being received by Egyptian Prime Minister Mostafa Madbouly upon his arrival in Cairo, Egypt on Saturday.

and attending other pro-grammes," Prime Minister Modi Indian community welcomed the Prime Minister to chants of "Modi, Modi" and "Vande tweeted after landing in Cairo. "I Mataram" when he reached the thank Prime Minister Mostafa Madbouly for the special gesture hotel here. Modi will hold talks of welcoming me at the airport. with El-Sisi on Sunday to discuss May India-Egypt ties flourish ways to give further impetus to and benefit the people of our nations," he said. Waving the the strategic partnership between the two major nations. Continued on Page 2 Indian Tricolour, members of the

Putin promises punishment for rebels: Ukraine sees chance to take back territory AP MOSCOW

Russian President Vladimir **K**Putin on Saturday vowed harsh punishment for the organisers of an armed rebellion spearheaded by mercenary chief Yevgeny Prigozhin, who led his troops out of Ukraine and advanced toward Moscow. Putin denounced the uprising as "a stab in the back" in an address to the nation. It was the biggest threat to his leadership in over two decades in power

As Prigozhin's forces rolled toward the capital, military trucks and armoured vehicles were seen in several parts of Moscow. On its southern edge, troops erected checkpoints, arranged sandbags and put up



machine guns. Authorities declared a "counterterrorist regime" in the capital and its surrounding region, enhancing security and restricting some movement. Moscow Mayor Sergei Sobyanin urged residents not to drive and said key city services were on high readiness. He declared Monday to be a non working day for most residents except public servants and some industrial enterprises.

Crews also dug up parts of highways in an apparent bid to slow the march of the Wagner mercenary army. Access to Red Square was closed, two major museums were evacuated and a park was shut.

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# Navy does Navigability Assessment of Yamuna Work Boat makes maiden voyage from Signature Bridge to ITO Barrage

#### STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

¬he ongoing efforts of Delhi Lieutenant-Governor (L G) VK Saxena towards the rejuvenation of the Yamuna River received a significant boost on Saturday. In a groundbreaking development, the Indian Navy successfully conducted a Navigability Assessment of the Yamuna River in Delhi, using a Work Boat that had recently been brought from Kochi. The boat made its maiden voyage from the Signature Bridge to the ITO Barrage, covering a distance of 11 kilometers. Previous attempts to conduct such trials were hindered by various chal-



lenges associated with the Chairman of the National Green Tribunal (NGT)-Yamuna, including insufficient appointed HLC, a naval Work depth, floating debris, and Boat was brought to Delhi to unhygienic bank conditions. However, under the initiative of facilitate this assessment. the L-G, who also serves as the

cate for citizen participation in the cleaning of the Yamuna and has implemented several initiatives to bring the residents of Delhi closer to the river.

The concept of utilising the Yamuna as a mode of transportation, with boats plying in limited stretches, was envisioned as part of these efforts.

After successfully completing the physical cleaning of the river and its floodplains between the Signature Bridge and ITO Barrage, and conducting a personal inspection, the L-G decided to undertake this venture by officially requisitioning a Navy Boat.

The L-G has been an advosuring 11 meters in length

placement of approximately 12 tons, and a cruising speed of 14 knots, was transported by road from Kochi on June 3 and docked at the Signature Bridge Jetty. A specialized naval team from Karwar and Dehradun conducted a detailed hydrographic survey, revealing certain sections of the river where the depth fell below the

with a draft of 1.7 meters, a dis-

required 1.7 meters. To address this, locallyavailable amphibious desilting equipment was deployed to desilt the identified patches, creating a channel approxi-mately 30 meters wide by June 20

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# **Cop suspended for part** in honeytrapping gang

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#### STAFF REPORTER GURUGRAM

A policewoman was suspended for allegedly being in cahoots with a man-woman gang which honeytrapped people through dating apps, police said on Saturday. The matter was registered at Farrukhnagar Police Station and the woman was under an investigation by a special team

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Police had earlier arrested Binita Kumari, the kingpin of the gang, along with her associate Mahesh Phogat, an NGO operator. Binita trapped men through online dating apps like Tinder and Bumble. She would set a date to meet them at a hotel room, where she would accuse them of rape and call police. Binita and Phogat were arrested while accepting Rs 50,000 extortion money from a victim. Both were booked in two cases at Farrukhnagar Police Station and were taken on a production warrant



by the SIT. The SIT also seized Rs 2.15 lakh in cash found in their possession at the time of the arrest. During investigation, one of Binita's victims accused Assistant Sub-Inspector Munesh Devi of being hand in glove with the two accused. He alleged that after he met Binita at a hotel in Farrukhnagar on May 14, Munesh Devi called him and said there was a complaint against him. Later, she asked him to strike a compromise with Binita.

# Navy does Navigability Assessment...

By June 22, the channel received the finishing touches. Taking advantage of favourable conditions and the initial success, the trial run was conducted in the early hours of June 24. Initially planned for a three-kilometer stretch between the Signature Bridge and Boat Club, the decision was made on the spot to extend the trial run to the ITO Barrage. The Work Boat has now been successfully moored at a specially- constructed jetty at the ITO Barrage. From there, further detailed navigability trials will be carried out in the Yamuna to determine

proper channels for future boat transportation of passengers and goods. This landmark achievement marks a significant step forward in the rejuvenation of the Yamuna River, as mandated by the Supreme Court and the NGT, and opens up new possibilities for transportation and engagement with this important waterway.

# India to launch Passport Seva...

services in 2022, marking a rise

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He noted that this day is an occasion to take stock of what has been achieved and to reaffirm India's resolve to strive to attain the highest standards in the delivery of passport services Ministry of External Affairs

(MEA) after the Covid-19

Form No. INC-26 [Pursuant to Rule 30 the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014] Advertisement to be published in the newspaper for change of registered office of the company from one state to another BEFORE THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT

#### **REGIONAL DIRECTOR, NORTHERN REGION, NEW DELHI**

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

In the matter of Mist Properties Private Limited having its registered office at 136/11, Khasra No.126/70, Begumpur, New Delhi, South Delhi, Delhi - 110017, India

#### Mist Properties Private Limited, Petitioner

Notice is hereby given to the General Public that the Company proposes to make application to the Central Government (power delegated to Regional Director) under section 13 of the Companies Act, 2013 seeking confirmation of alteration of the Memorandum of Association of the Company in terms of the Special Resolution passed at the Extra Ordinary General Meeting held on 16th day of June, 2023 to enable the Company to change its Registered Office from the "State of NCT of Delhi" to the "State of Haryana"

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pandemic rose to address the of 63 per cent from 2021. Jaishankar said while in 2014, there were 77 Passport Seva Kendras (PSKs) in the surge in demand for passportrelated services by increasing the number of daily appointments and organising special drives country, this number has over the weekends, Jaishankar increased 7-fold and stands at said. He noted that the Ministry 523 today. "In the context of POPSKS, processed a record 13.32 million passports and miscellaneous I would like to acknowledge the

role of the Department of Posts and state police authorities as esteemed partners," he added.



#### CHANGE OF NAME

I, Nagma Bano, W/o. Gayoor Alam, Resident of C-215/3, Fazal Enclave-II, Abul Shaheen Bagh, Jamia Nagar, New Delhi-110025 have changed my name to Nazma for all future purposes.

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I, Majida Bano W/o. Late Ahsanullah, Resident of C-215/3, Abul Fazal Enclave-II,

## stone for 'Balidaan Stambh' in Srinagar PNS SHILLONG



MOHIT KANDHARI 📕 JAMMU

Union Home Minister Amit Shah Saturday laid the foundation stone of the 'Balidaan Stambh' (martyr's memorial) at Pratap Park in the close vicinity of iconic Lal Chowk in Srinagar.

The memorial will be developed under the Srinagar Smart City project.

Accompanied by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, Home Minister Amit Shah arrived at the venue of the simple ceremony under tight security arrangements and went around the construction site. He was briefed about the

Opp seeks

President's...

#### project by the Commissioner of the Srinagar Municipal Corporation and CEO of Srinagar Smart City Limited, Athar Aamir Khan. Before returning to New

Delhi, the Union Home Minister in a tweet said, 'Jammu and Kashmir is the land of indomitable courage and bravery of nation's Bravehearts. To immortalize the valour of such heroes, the foundation stone of the Balidan Stambh' was laid at Pratap Park in Srinagar, today. The Stambh will inspire patriotism among the youth by immortalizing the memory of the martvrs.

# Shah lays foundation NEC committed to adopt future tech for speedy development

Under the lead of North Eastern Council, Ministry of DoNER, a modest event took place at Pasighat, Arunachal Pradesh on June 22. This rather low profile event is a turning point ushering in the 4.0 industry and deployment of 5G Health Care Use Cases by effectively employing Artificial Intelligence (AI). Some of the useages are Augmented Reality/Virtual Reality Anatomy Learning models deployed at Government Nursing college, Pasighat, 3D AI imaging analysis, AI-based cataract analysis, Device for diabetic retinopathy, Mobile AI ECG device, Wound infection assessment solution, Respiratory Assessment

Solution through AI and AI drip monitoring system. Alo Libang, Health Minister, Arunachal Pradesh graced the function as Chief Guest. MLAs Ninong Ering and Kaling Mayong, K. Moses Chalai, Secretary, NEC and Sh. Hage Tari, Secretary, Industries, Arunachal Pradesh



were, also, present on the occasion along with officers from local District Administration and Health Department. The team also visited the 5G lab being set up at Agriculture College of CAU. The project is part of the 5G Applications funded and conceived by NEC which is being implemented by AMTRON, Government. of Assam, Guwahati as the hub and in all the eight NER States as Spokes.

The event that took place at Pasighat is for the Arunachal Pradesh chapter only. The full launch will happen soon with all components of health use cases, agriculture, computing, cane and bamboo. This will take place at AMTRON HQ, Guwahati.

The team was very happy to see the benefits of the deployments happening very fast with results coming in at speed and efficiency either instantly or in just few minutes in most cases or experts have to certify first from another location through cloud/internet for 2 cases. Chief Guest and the dignitaries are convinced that this should be taken across to all parts of the state at the earliest with their own

International Day of Yoga at the UN Headquarters. "You get delighted with every

achievement of India. You feel

proud that such a large number of countries of the world come together at the UN HQ for

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American companies had

invested over 16 billion dollars

in India in the past two years.

Explaining that India has the

biggest solution to a problem of

the future - aging, Modi said, "India is the world's youngest

nation. We have the youngest

talent pool in the world. Hence,

countries collaborating with

thousands, displaced millions

and reduced cities to rubble.

Ukrainians hoped the Russian

infighting would create

opportunities for its army to

take back territory seized by

Volodymyr Zelenskyy said

Moscow is suffering "full-scale

weakness" and that Kyiv was

protecting Europe from "the

spread of Russian evil and

the actions by Prigozhin, whom

he did not mention by name, a

In his speech, Putin called

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He also noted that

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Sisi's visit, Modi said.

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Indian Ambassador to

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'The Trinamool Congress demanded an all-party delegation be sent to the violence-hit state within a week. We question the government's for the United States. handling of the situation and wonder if they are trying to turn Manipur into another Kashmir," raised concerns Derek O'Brien from the Trinamool Congress.

During the meeting, Home Minister Amit Shah reassured the attendees that all efforts were being made to restore peace in Manipur as instructed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. "Since the violence began, there has not been a single day when I did not speak to PM Modi on the and senior members of the situation or when he did not give instructions," revealed Shah, highlighting the continuous communication partnership," he said. between him and the Prime

Minister. The opposition parties attending the meeting included BJP, Congress, Trinamool Congress, Samajwadi Party, DMK, AIADMK, Aam Aadmi Party, and the Left. The meeting aimed to address the prevailing situation in Manipur, where more than 120 people have lost their lives and over 3,000 have been injured since the outbreak

"They have of ethnic violence on May 3. participating for many years in "The government has joint exercises, training

"I am excited to pay a state On the strategic partnership visit to a close and friendly between the two countries, country for the first time," the Gupte said, "There is a great friendship between the people of Prime Minister had said in his both countries, but there was no departure statement in New Delhi on Tuesday before leaving special status to the relationship. Naturally, the term strategic

"We had the pleasure of partnership is only used in a very receiving President Sisi as the limited and restricted manner to Chief Guest at our Republic signify countries with whom that Day celebrations this year," he country wants to have very noted. These two visits in the special relations." span of a few months are "a On Egypt's invitation as a reflection of our rapidly-evolving guest country for the G20, Gupte partnership" with Egypt, which was elevated to a Strategic said, "We have invited nine

guest countries and Egypt is one Partnership' during President of them. Egypt is the most populous Arab country and is "I look forward to my located in a very strategic place. discussions with President Sisi "It has a lot of influence in

Rajasthan," he said.

the Arab world. And Egypt is Egyptian Government to impart therefore a very significant regional player and it reflects the further momentum to our aspirations of the developing countries. So that is why we feel that Egypt's participation in the Cairo, Ajit Gupte told PTI, "We G20 will be very useful," Gupte are very much looking forward said.

During his stay here, the to the visit of Prime Minister Modi to Cairo from 24th to 25th Prime Minister will also be visiting the Heliopolis War of June. The visit is a very Memorial. This is a memorial historic occasion because the last bilateral visit by an Indian Prime which has been erected by the Minister was as far back as Commonwealth but it is a 1997." Ambassador Gupte said memorial for 3,799 Indian soldiers who laid down their that Egypt and India have had lives in various battles in Egypt been during the First World War. They were essentially defending Egypt from attacks from the He will also visit the 11th century Al-Hakim mosque, restored with the help of the Dawoodi Bohra community. The mosque was built during the Fatimid dynasty. The Bora community in India actually originated from the Fatima dynasty and they have renovated the mosque from 1970s onwards. "Also, there is a memorial for 600 Indian soldiers who laid down their lives in Yemen in the First World War so it is a very moving moment when Prime Minister will visit and he will be acknowledging the sacrifices made by Indians for international peace," Gupte added.

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## Conviction, compassion...

From Page 1 Stating that the India-US partnership will be beneficial in the 21st century, Modi said, 'You all play a crucial role in this partnership.... meeting you all is like having a sweet dish after a meal."

During his address, the Prime Minister said, "new US consulates will be opened in Bengaluru and Ahmedabad and also it has been decided that the H1B visa renewal can be done in the US itself."

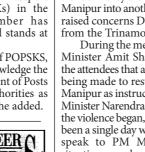
He said, "people from India need no longer go outside the US to renew H1B visas," which he said will majorly help IT professionals.

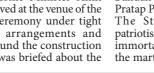
The Prime Minister also lauded the role played by the Indian community in deepening the ties between the US and India.

He said, "it is a matter of pride for the Indians to see Made in India products in the US and witness India's talented individuals leading global companies," and observe the world dance to the tune of the Oscar-winning song 'Nattu Nattu'.

Modi also appreciated the huge footfall witnessed on the

#### Mercenary chief's forces... since World War II rom Page I that has killed tens of





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ammes, etc. But last two years, our Defence cooperation has grown from strength to strength, and I'm happy to convey that 30 Indian Defence delegations have visited Egypt in the last two years while from Egypt about seven Dfence delegations have gone to India," he said.

For the first time ever, there were joint exercises between the fighter aircraft of the air forces of India and Egypt. "From Egypt, we were very happy to have received an Egyptian military convention, which led the Republic Day Parade this year... We also had for the first time ever, joint exercises between our Special Forces in the desert in

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to ensure the safety of the population," said regional Governor Igor Artamonov, via Telegram. He did not elaborate. The dramatic

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"betrayal" and "treason." "All those who prepared the rebellion will suffer inevitable punishment," Putin said. "The armed forces and other Government agencies have received the necessary

orders." Russia's security services, including the Federal Security Service, or FSB, called for Prigozhin's arrest Friday night after he declared the armed rebellion.

Prigozhin said his fighters would not surrender, as "we do not want the country to live on in corruption, deceit and bureaucracy."

"Regarding the betrayal of the motherland, the President was deeply mistaken. We are patriots of our homeland," he said in an audio message on his Telegram channel.

Prigozhin's private army has been fighting alongside regular Russian troops in Ukraine. His goals weren't immediately clear, but the rebellion marks an escalation in his struggle with Russian military leaders, whom he accused of botching the war in Ukraine and hobbling his forces in the field.

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# Forget differences, move forward: Kejriwal to Rahul

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## 'Kejriwal spoke directly to Rahul on ordinance'

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#### STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

A mid confusion over the Congress' stance on the Centre's Delhi ordinance, AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal told Rahul Gandhi to forget the differences and move forward together at the Opposition meeting in Patna but he did not show any interest in his request. On the other hand,

Congress leader and former Union Minister Ajay Maken sought to remind Kejriwal of his support for the BJP Government's decision to strip Jammu and Kashmir of similar powers in 2019. AAP sources said, "Arvind Kejriwal spoke directly to Rahul (on the ordi-



is any issue, they can resolve it over tea. In the opposition meeting on Friday, Kejriwal said there is a need to forget the differences and move forward Given the situation, he said

the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) is yet to decide if it will attend the opposition parties' next meeting scheduled in Shimla. The plan of action is expected to be formulated at another meeting to be chaired by Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge, tentative-

together".



nance matter) and said if there ly on July 10 or 12, in Shimla. According to AAP Sources, Rahul reportedly told AAP leaders "Your eagerness for the meeting appears mischievous. Taking a dig at Kejriwal, Congress leader Ajay Maken said Kejriwal is doing all this to

avoid going to jail. "The AAP party, which has only 1 Lok Sabha member out of 542, also wanted support from the Congress- And Kejriwal ji was saying good and bad to its leaders as well? Is this the way to ask for support? Kejriwal is doing all this to avoid going to jail, the people of the country have already come to know about it! But when corruption has been committed, then the punishment has to be meted out, this is the rule of law!,"Maken tweeted after the press state-

AAP sources claimed that West Bengal Chief Minister Mamta Banerjee at the meeting intervened and said Gandhi and Kejriwal should sit together for lunch so that all the issues get addressed.

But insiders said West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and others to calm tempers when Congress and the AAP, which went into the meeting with a pre-condition for a grand alliance, had a heated exchange over the Centre's controversial Ordinance aimed at clipping the Delhi government's hold over its own bureaucracy.

# 2 stabbed in Brijpuri; forces deployed to prevent communal flare-up

#### STAFF REPORTER MINEW DELHI

A<sup>20</sup>-year-old youth was stabbed and his cousin sustained injuries by his neighbour following a quarrel in Delhi's Érijpuri area on Friday night. Paramilitary forces have been deployed in the area to prevent any communal flare-ups.

According to police, the accused, identified as Mohammed Zaid (20), got into an argument with the two victims, identified as Rahul (19) and his cousin, Sonu, over a petty issue. Their argument soon turned into a heated one, and the accused allegedly took out a knife and attacked Rahul.

According to police, the accused, Zaid, allegedly stabbed him in his lower abdomen, the victims told the police in their complaint. Sonu also sustained injuries in the fight as tried to intervene and save Rahul, the victims told police in their complaint. On Friday around 10 pm, Rahul from Brijpuri had gone to have ice cream with his cousin Sonu, 19, after dinner near Shibban School, a senior police officer said. There Rahul had an encounter with a 20-yearold Mohammad Zaid who lives in the same street as he does, and got into fight with him, during which Zaid stabbed Rahul in the lower abdomen, the officer said. Sonu also got knifed in hand

The investigation so far has revealed that the two had some ego clash. Zaid works as a car-



penter with his father, while Rahul supplies chips and other edibles, and his father sells candy.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (northeast) Joy Tirkey said, "It was a trivial issue that led to a scuffle between them. Zaid, who was alone that time, was having a sharp object most likely a knife and attacked Rahul. When Sonu came to his rescue, he also received injury in his hand. Efforts are being made to nab him."

Zaid, absconding, has been booked under IPC section 307 (attempt to murder) and 324 (voluntarily causing hurt by dangerous weapons or means) at Dayalpur Police Station, the officer said. Rahul is currently admitted in the ICU ward of GTB hospital. Ram Swaroop, Rahul's father, said he had gone to have ice cream when the incident took place.

"Rahul and his cousin Sonu had gone to have ice cream after dinner. There they had an argument with a person who was having noodles. We heard that a fight broke out between them and he stabbed Rahul. When Sonu intervened he too was knifed.

#### 'Proposed canine hospital for pets and not strays' STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

Flagging the issue of stray dogs, former Union Minister Vijay Goel on Saturday said the proposed hospital for canine in Vasant Kunj will cater to only pets and

not the street dogs. He also said this effort is like peanuts adding he will hold a meeting on Sunday at the Lodhi Garden to discuss the problem of dog attacks.

Thanking Lieutenant Governor(LG) Vinay Kumar Saxena for allotting land in Vasant Kunj, Goel expressed concern over the safety of stray dogs in Delhi.

He also questioned when the land allocation will take place and which organization under the "PPP Model" will be responsible for its implementation, and by what time will the construction and operation of the center begin. Goel claimed there was no clarity on these matters. Goel said until then, thousands of stray dogs would continue roaming the streets.



# **Capital can expect** first monsoon showers tomorrow, says IMD

#### STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

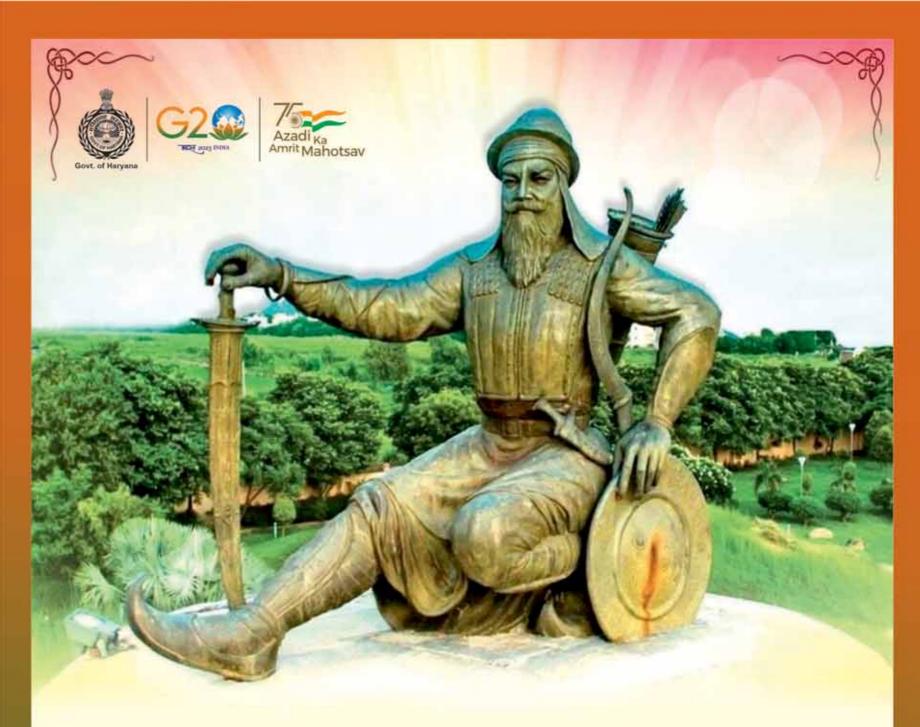
 $B_{\mathrm{from \ the \ sweltering \ heat,}}^{\mathrm{ringing \ relief \ to \ millions}}$ the India Meteorological Department (IMD) on Saturday announced Delhi can expect its first showers of the monsoon season by Monday. Normally, the rainbearing system reaches the capital by June 27.

After a sluggish start, the monsoon has progressed swiftly and has covered many parts of Maharashtra, entire Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, northeast India, West Bengal, harkhand.

Mumbai, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh, more parts of Haryana, including Chandigarh, Delhi, some parts of Gujarat, east Rajasthan and Punjab, during next two days," the IMD said.

The monsoon embraced the capital on June 30 last year, July 13 in 2021, June 25 in 2020, July 5 in 2019 and June 28 in 2018, according to IMD data. The city had recorded the most-delayed monsoon arrival on July 26 in 1987. The earliest it arrived in Delhi was on June 9, 1961.

On 20 occasions, the mon-



Bihar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, most parts of Himachal Pradesh and some parts of Haryana, an IMD official said.

"Conditions are favourable for the further advance of the monsoon over most parts of Maharashtra, including

before June 27. Only four times since 1960 it has covered Delhi after July 13. In 2002, the monsoon arrived in Delhi on July 19. In 1982 and 1991, the wind system made an onset over Delhi on July 14, according to IMD data

BJP leaders stage dharna at DJB HQ over shortage of drinking water in city



lew Delhi: The Delhi BJP, led by its chief Virendra Sachdeva and Leader of Opposition in Delhi Assembly Ramvir Singh Bidhuri held a protest at the Jal Board headquarters on Saturday over a "shortage" of drinking water in the city.

Many of them held placards with messages in Hindi demanding "clean water or resignation" as they protested at the 'Varunalaya', the headquarters of the Delhi Jal Board. Various other senior BJP leaders such as MPs Ramesh Bidhuri, Pravesh Sahib Singh, Leader of Opposition in Delhi Municipal Corporation Sardar Raja Iqbal Singh, senior leader Pawan Sharma, MLA Vijender Gupta, Praveen Shankar Kapoor and Kuljeet Singh Chahal also joined in the stir. According to the police, around 10 to 12 protestors were detained for some time. "Today,

at the Delhi Jal Board head quarters, a protest was held against the Kejriwal government regarding the shortage of drinking water in Delhi," Sachdeva tweeted with pictures from the protest site.

Delhi's water situation has become "so bad that even in the posh Civil Line area where Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal lives, taps are dry and the water that comes is not potable," he alleged in his tweet în Hindi.

"Shame on such a Chief Minister who builds a Sheeshmahal for himself but is not even able to provide clean water to the people of Delhi. In same way, we will continue to fight for interests of people and will continue to expose the incompetent and corrupt Kejriwal government. #WaterCrisisInDelhi," Delhi BJP president wrote on Twitter.

# **Tributes to the Great Warrior Baba Banda Singh Bahadur Ji**

# on his Martyrdom Day

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# India-US working on wider range of issues: Blinken

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U<sup>S</sup> Secretary of State Antony Blinken emphasised the vital nature of the relationship between India and the United States, stating that the two countries are collaborating on a wider range of issues than ever before.

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Blinken highlighted the deepening cooperation between India and the US, extending from semiconductors to space exploration and from education to food security. He underlined the indispensability of this partnership, emphasising the growing closeness and joint efforts between the two nations on multiple fronts

Meanwhile, a White House official said Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the US was not about leveraging India to be a "counterweight" to China but to deepen ties, including defence cooperation, between the largest democra-



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Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Vice President Kamala Harris and Secretary of State Antony Blinken at the luncheon, at the Department of State in Washington, on Friday

a luncheon hosted in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's honour at the White House on Friday, Blinken said "During the last two and a half years, we have transformed the relationship between our countries.

cies of the world. Speaking at We are working closer together on more issues than ever before. From semiconductors to space, from education to food security. The energy, ambition, and potential of our cooperation is boundless, Blinken said. "The US and

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it is more than that."

White House.

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India have become, as the prime minister has put it, indis-pensable partners," he said and added that this "partnership, President Biden has said, is the defining relationship of the 21st century".

Together the countries are promoting greater peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific region and around the globe, combating disease, responding to natural disasters, strengthening maritime security and standing up for the principles at the heart of the United Nations Charter, he said.

The secretary of state also said the cutting-edge research that India and the US are jointly advancing, from quantum to artificial intelligence, is helping to sustain technological edge and shaping a digital future that safeguards democratic values.

On the China angle, John Kirby, Coordinator for Strategic Communications at the National Security Council in the White House, said "This state visit was not about China. Look, India has challenges

BSF shoots down

with China as well, right on their doorstep, but also more broadly in the region. And, clearly, the challenges presented by the People's Republic of China to both our nations were on the agenda yesterday, no question about that."

But this was not about leveraging India to be some sort of counterweight. India is a sovereign independent state. They have their own foreign policy that they have to manage. And they live in a tough neighbourhood," he told reporters at a news conference Washington late Friday. in Kirby said India is becom-

ing an increasing exporter of security, which the US welcomes. "You can see a lot of that our desire to improve the defence cooperation on hand yesterday in some of the deliverables, whether it's the co-production of jet engines, whether it's their purchase of MQ-9 drones. There is a lot we can do in the security front together, and that's really what we're focused on," Kirby said in

response to questions.

He said Modi's visit was about sending a message to the American and Indian people about how important this bilateral relationship is to people around the world. "India has challenges with China on their own. And they address those challenges largely on their own," he said. "I will add that they are a

member of the Indo-Pacific Quad and have been a terrific contributor through that multilateral forum. It's not a formal alliance. It's not a military organisation. They have legitimate concerns in the Indo-Pacific that they're addressing through their own vehicles as appropriate," Kirby said.

In his address to the joint meeting of the US Congress for second time on Thursday, Modi said the "dark clouds of coercion and confrontation" are casting their shadow on the Indo-Pacific, in a veiled attack on China amid its aggressive military manoeuvring in the strategically vital region.

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approved mRNA-based vac-

developed with funding sup-

port from the Department of

Biotechnology (DBT) and

Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council

A few days ago, this vac-cine got the nod from the

office of the Drug Control

General of India (DCGI) for

Emergency Use Authorization

(BIRAC), a statement said.

The vaccine has been

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cines.

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"The dark clouds of coercion and confrontation are casting their shadow in the Indo-Pacific. The stability of the region has become one of the central concerns of our partnership," he said in the backdrop of the prolonged stand-off between the armies of India and China in eastern

Ladakh. The prime minister talked about a region where all nations, small and large, are free and fearless in their choices, progress is not suffocated by an impossible burden of debt, connectivity is not leveraged for strategic purposes, and where all nations are lifted by the high tide of shared pros-

perity. His comments came amidst the economic crisis in countries such as Sri Lanka and Pakistan, where China has made huge unviable infrastructure investments.

The two South Asian countries are currently facing an unprecedented economic crisis. We share a vision of a free,

booster vaccine launched

open and inclusive Indo-Pacific, connected by secure seas, defined by international law, free from domination, and anchored in ASEAN centrality," Modi said.

"Our vision does not seek to contain or exclude, but to build a cooperative region of peace and prosperity. We work through regional institutions and with our partners from within the region and beyond. Of this, QUAD has emerged as a major force of good for the region," he said.

Kirby also said President Biden is satisfied that he had the opportunity to discuss concerns over human rights in India with Prime Minister Modi.

"And in the end, he did, as he always does. We don't shy away from discussing human rights with foreign leaders. And one of the reasons you have partnerships and friendships is so that you can be honest and direct. But I think he addressed that pretty well in his

answer to you guys," he said. Omicron-specific mRNA-based

# PM's US trip reaffirms his stature as global leader: Min pointed to the 'rousing recep-tion' accorded to Modi at the

Modi's visit has enhanced prestige of India globally: Puri

#### PNS NEW DELHI

Prime Minister con-A<sup>s</sup> Prime Minister con-cluded his US visit and left for Egypt, Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri on Saturday described Narendra Modi's maiden State visit to the United States as a "significant landmark" that "reaffirmed his stature as a global leader"

Addressing a Press con-ference here at the BJP headquarters, Puri said the India-ÚS partnership is driven by conviction and compassion and also has "bipartisan support."

He also appealed to the Opposition to objectively see the success of the Prime Minister's US visit which he said has enhanced the prestige of India in the world commu-



Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri addresses a press conference at BJP headquarters in New Delhi on Saturday

nity. He claimed that barring few world leaders, including British premier Winston Churchill and South African leader Nelson Mandela, no other politician received such welcome in America as Modi did in his just concluded visit to Washington.

"I have been a career diplomat over so many years and looking back at our history, I can say that there have rarely been more significant and landmark visits than this one, the Union Minister said with reference to Modi's US visit. The senior BJP leader also

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headquarters of the United The Border Security Force (BSF) on Friday shot down Nations in New York City on a drone in the Punjab Sector Modi led a special Yoga and targeted another one in the Rajasthan Sector.

session, featuring participants across nationalities, at the UN The security forces recovheadquarters to mark the 9th ered two kilograms of narcotics International Yoga Day. Puri reminded how the following the interception of the latter UAV. On the evening members of the US Congress, of June 23, 2023, at approxiincluding the presiding officer mately 9:12 PM, the BSF and the House Speaker, "lined detected the movement of a up" to take Modi's autograph suspected drone near TJ Singh as he arrived to address a spevillage in Tarn Taran district, Punjab. Adhering to estabcial joint session in his honour. "He met with business leaders, lished protocols, the BSF thought leaders, and other immediately responded to dignitaries during his highintercept the drone, according profile visit", Puri said, adding, to a statement issued by the That is a testament to his paramilitary force.

stature as a global leader. But "Furthermore, a joint search operation was conduct-Also during his maiden State visit and the sixth overed with the Punjab Police. During the search, at around 8:10 AM, a damaged drone was all, Modi met top Indian and American CEOs at a ceremorecovered from a farmland adjacent to Lakhana village in nial dinner hosted in his hon-Tarn Taran district," the stateour by US President Joe Biden and First Lady Jill Biden. ment revealed. He also received a cere

The recovery of another Pakistani drone was also achieved through the combined efforts of the BSF and



Punjab Police in the Ferozepur Sector. The retrieved drone has OM booster vaccine, India's been identified as a Quadcopter first mRNA vaccine developed belonging to the DJI Matrice using the indigenous platform 300 RTK series. technology by Gennova.

In a separate incident occurring in Rajasthan, BSF troops deployed in Bikaner along the Indo-Pak international boundary (IB) in Rawla detected the buzzing sound of a drone originating from the Pakistani side. The troops fired in the direction of the sound and subsequently discovered two packets of suspected narcotics weighing two

kilograms at the location. The incident took place during the night between Friday and Saturday. Drones deployed by the Pakistani military-ISI complex have become a significant concern, facilitating illicit gunrunning and narcotics supply to fund terrorist activities in Jammu and Kashmir.



Union Minister of State (I/C) Science & Technology Jitendra Singh at an event to launch the GEMCOVAC-OM Omicron-specific mRNA-based booster vaccine for COVID-19, in New Delhi on Saturday

and BIRAC under Atmanirbhar Bharat 3.0 package of the government for accelerated development of Covid-19 vaccines. Singh said this 'future-ready' technology platform can be used to make other vaccines in a relatively shorter time.

"This innovation makes it easy for last mile deployment in our country.

The existing supply chain

adding, "Its unique feature is that this vaccine can be administered without a needle injection.

The clinical outcome demonstrates the need for variant-specific vaccines for desired immune response, it said.

Suraksha implemented by DBT

GEMCOVAC-OM is the fifth vaccine developed with support from Mission COVID infrastructure is sufficient to deploy this vaccine," said Singh,

The vaccine is delivered intra-dermally using a needlefree injection device system and in study participants it generated significantly higher immune responses, the statement said.

# Joha rice effective in diabetes management, say researchers



#### PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELH

Scientists at the Institute of Advanced Study in Science and Technology (IASST), an autonomous institute of the Department of Science and Technology (DST) have found that aromatic Joha rice cultivated in Northeastern States has the nutraceutical properties effective in diabetes management.

Joha is a short-grain winter paddy known for its significant aroma and noteworthy taste. The traditional claims are that the consumers of Joha rice have a low incidence of diabetes and cardiovascular diseases, but these needed scientific validation, the ministry further said.

Towards that direction, Rajlakshmi Devi along with Paramita Choudhury from the IASST in their research explored the nutraceutical properties of aromatic Joha rice.

Through in vitro laboratory analysis, they detected two unsaturated fatty acids viz., linoleic acid (omega-6) and linolenic (omega-3) acid. These essential fatty acids (which humans cannot produce) can help maintain var-

ious physiological conditions. Omega-3 fatty acid prevents several metabolic diseases such as diabetes, cardiovascular diseases, and cancer. Joha has also proved to be effective in lowering blood

glucose and preventing diabetes onset in diabetic rats, the research found. Not only this, the

researchers also found that scented Joha has a more balanced ratio of omega-6 to omega-3 in comparison to the widely consumed non-scented variety.

The ratio of omega-6 to omega-3 essential fatty acids (EFA) required by human beings for maintaining the proper diet is around one. They have used this Joha rice to make rice bran oil, a patented product that they claim to be effective in diabetes management.

Besides, Joha rice is also rich in several antioxidants, flavonoids, and phenolics. Some of the reported bioac-

tive compounds are oryzanol, ferulic acid, tocotrienol, caffeic acid, catechuic acid, gallic acid, tricin, and so on, each with reported antioxidant, hypoglycaemic and cardioprotective effects, as pre the scientists

# 'Ecological tipping points brought forward by extreme weather events'

New Delhi: Extreme weather events such as wildfires and droughts will accelerate changes in ecosystems already stressed from factors such as unsustainable land use, agricultural expansion and climate change, leading to their quicker collapse, researchers have found. In some systems, the added

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pressure of new extreme events on top of ongoing stresses brought the tipping points, beyond which collapse was inevitable, closer to the present by as much as 80 per cent, the researchers found

The team of researchers, including those from the University of Sheffield, UK, looked at four threatened ecosystems, two lake and two forestry, to work out the factors

that might lead to tipping points of collapse using computer modelling. One of these ecosystems included the historic collapse of the Easter Island (Rapa Nui) civilisation, widely thought to have been the result of over-population combined with unsustainable exploitation of tree cover.

Running the computer models over 70,000 times for each ecosystem, up to 15 per cent of collapses were found to occur from new stresses or extreme events, even as the main stress was kept constant.

This finding suggests that despite sustainable management of these ecosystems by keeping main stress like deforestation levels constant, new stresses like global warming and extreme

weather events, which have increased since 1980 and will continue to do so even at 1.5 degress Celsius warming, could sill bring forward a collapse.

"All four of the ecological systems we looked at showed the same overall outcomes," said Gregory Cooper from the University of Sheffield's Institute for Sustainable Food and coauthor of the study published in Nature Sustainability.

"This has potentially pro-found implications for our perception of future ecological risks. "While it is not currently possible to predict how climateinduced tipping points and the effects of local human actions on ecosystems will connect, our findings show the potential for

# T Min seeks MGNREGA-like job scheme for urban poor

New Delhi: Telangana Minister and BRS working president K T Rama Rao demanded an MGNREGA-like job guarantee scheme for the urban poor in his meeting with Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri here on Saturday.

Rao said the central government should announce such a scheme in the next budget to safeguard the interests of the urban poor, especially to pro-tect their livelihoods and raise income. "I am of the firm view that meeting the needs of India's rising urban population is and will continue to be a critical strategic policy matter for each to reinforce the other. **PTI** | all the national, states and city



governments...," he said in a representation to the Central Government. "I would like to request the minister to consider introducing a National Urban Employment Guarantee Scheme (NUEGS) on the lines of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) to help the urban poor in the country," he added. With the support of such an employment guarantee scheme, the state government can provide job cards to the urban poor and take their services in city-level green action plan and in basic infra works such as laying pavements, Rao said.

Among other key demands, Rao sought early approval for Hyderabad Metro Rail project works of Phase-II (B) and extension of corridor-3 of phase-I from Nagole to LB Nagar, Rs 800 crore fund sup-port for the construction of missing link roads", and Rs 400 crore fund under the Swachh Bharat Mission for implementation of a solid waste management project in Greater Hyderabad.

# Installation of flue gas desulphurisation slowly progressing: CSE

#### ARCHANA JYOTI NEW DELHI

The installation of flue gas desulphurisation (FGD) systems, which are crucial air pollution control devices for reducing sulphur dioxide emissions, is progressing at a sluggish pace among coal-fired power plants in India, according to a recent analysis by the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE), an environmental think tank.

Despite multiple deadline extensions, only 5 percent of coal-based power plants have implemented these eco-friend-

ly technologies. The CSE analysis is based on the updated FGD status report released by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA), the technical arm of the Ministry of Power, in April. In December 2015, the Union environment ministry set emis-



sion norms for coal-based power plants. However, these norms have been diluted for various parameters, and deadlines have been repeatedly extended. Initially, thermal power plants were required to install FGD units by 2017. The deadline was later revised with varying timelines for different

Last year, it was further extend-FGDs to control sulphur dioxide (SO2) emissions include 9,280 MW of commissioned FGD capacity and an additional 1,430 MW claiming to be

SO2 compliant. The lack of information on on-ground inspections by regulatory bodies raises doubts about the accuracy of these claims, stated Anubha Aggarwal, pro-gramme officer at CSE's industrial pollution unit.

The installation of FGD systems typically takes around two years, followed by temporary shutdowns for necessary adjustments. The CSÉ researchers assessed the likelihood of power plants meeting emission norms based on their compliance stage and the remaining time until the dead-

The analysis revealed that 43 percent of capacity within a 10 km radius of Delhi-NCR or cities with a population of 1 million or more (Category A), 11 percent of capacity within a 10 km radius of critically polluted areas (Category B), and 1

percent of the remaining capacity (Category C) are unlikely to meet the norms by the latest deadlines of 2024, 2025, and 2026, respectively.

However, the report noted a slight improvement compared to the previous assessment, attributing it to deadline extensions and increased clarpreviously unreported by the CEA.

The researchers found that only 0.81 GW of newly commissioned capacity is compliant with norms, approximate-ly 13 GW is likely to comply due to deadline extensions, around 23 GW is exploring FGD feasibility, and approxi-mately 2.47 GW has been identified for decommissioning.

The CSE report also criti-cized the lackadaisical approach of power generation companies and highlighted the

National Electricity Plan's justifications for delays, such as dependence on the external market for FGD components, the novelty of the technology in the Indian market, and the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic

The report emphasized the importance of compliance and highlighted that power plant emissions can contribute to air pollution beyond their imme-

diate surroundings. According to the latest order, power plants failing to comply with sulphur emission norms by the end of 2027 will

be forcibly retired. Plants located near populous regions and the capital, New Delhi, will face penalties for operation starting from the end of 2024, while utilities in less-polluted areas will be penalized after the end of 2026, as stated in the order.



Indian-origin man,

# **Court acquits Nawaz Sharif** in 37-year-old 'bribe' case

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#### PTI LAHORE

Pakistani court on A Saturday acquitted former prime minister Nawaz Sharif in a 37-year-old case related to him allegedly transferring a "precious state land" to one of the country's leading media house owner as a "bribe".

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The court ruling came days after the federal government led by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, the younger brother of Nawaz Sharif, made crucial amendments to laws to lift the life-long ban on politicians.

Nawaz Sharif was disqualified in 2017 by the Supreme Court. In 2018, he became ineligible to hold public office for life after a Supreme Court verdict in the Panama Papers case.

"An Accountability Court in Lahore acquitted three-time premier Nawaz Sharif in a case related to illegal transfer of 54kanal (6.75 acres) precious state land to Jang/Geo media group owner Mir Shakil-ur-Rehman in Lahore while he was the chief minister of Punjab 37 years ago," a court official told PTI.



"Judge Rao Abdul Jabbar acquitted him after the country's anti-graft body (National Accountability Bureau)

informed the court that after recent amendments to its law (by the Shehbaz Sharif-led coalition government) the case does not fall in its preview," the official said.

The court has already acquitted Mir Shakil-ur-Rehman in this case. NAB's earlier charge sheet

accused Nawaz Sharif, who was also the chairman of Lahore Development (LDA) in 1986, of misusing his authority and rendering undue ben-efit to Rehman by approving

Nepal PM likely to visit China in Sept

Kathmandu (PTI ): Nepal's Prime Minister ister's visit to the northern neighbour, and the

out giving details.

the exemption of 54 precious plots measuring one kanal each in a single block (compact form) situated at canal bank H-Block of M A Jauhar Town, Lahore. Nawaz Sharif, the ruling Pakistan Muslim League-

Nawaz (PML-N) supreme leader, has been living in selfexile in the United Kingdom since November 2019. Before his departure to London on a four-wheel bail by

the Lahore High Court on medical grounds, Sharif was serving a seven-year jail term in the Al-Azizia Mills corruption case. Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf

(PTI) chief and ousted prime minister Imran Khan alleged that former army chief Gen Qamar Javed Bajwa had manoeuvred Sharif's ouster from jail and later struck a deal with him.

The PML-N says its supreme leader will return to Pakistan once the date of the general elections is announced. Elections in the country are due in October after the tenure of the incumbent government

ends on August 13

exact date is yet to be fixed, Saud added, with-

Ministry of Foreign Affairs here is currently busy

fixing the date and itinerary of the prime min-

ister's visit. Prachanda has conveyed to the

Chinese leadership his willingness to visit

China through a senior leader of the CPN-M.

high-level talks in Delhi, CPN-M leader and for-

mer Speaker of the House of Representatives

Agni Prasad Sapkota, who led a party delega-

tion to China, conveyed to the Chinese leader-

ship about Prachanda's intention to visit Beijing.

lockdown.

award on behalf of his father,

who died last year aged 97. "We

felicitate two very distinguished

friends of India; honouring

them for their friendship and

the long years of service to the

friendship between our peoples

and to fostering greater under-

standing," said Indian High

Commissioner to the UK

Vikram Doraiswami, addressing

the gathering at the High Commission of India in London

on Friday evening. "Unfortunately, the awards

of 2020 and 2021 were during

the COVID pandemic. So,

unfortunately, a large number of

dignitaries could not actually

travel to be suitably honoured.

as it should have been by the

President of India in the presi-

dential palace in Delhi. That,

however, gives us the opportu-

nity to offer this simple cere-

mony," he said. Gardiner, 66,

who founded and was the chair

of the Labour Friends of India

group for many years, spoke of

his great affinity for India as he

accepted his Padma Shri.

While the prime minister was holding

According to foreign ministry sources, the

India: Sunak's ex-deputy PTI LONDON

One of British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's close allies and former deputy prime minister, Dominic Raab, on Saturday called on the British Indian leader to up the government's game to reap the full dividends of a closer partnership with India.

Dominic Raab, who led Sunak's leadership campaign and served as his Foreign Secretary before being forced to resign amid bullying allega-tions, wrote in 'The Daily Telegraph' that more can be achieved within the bilateral relationship with the UK's first Prime Minister of Indian heritage now in charge at Downing Street.

He pointed to India's "particular comparative advantage in tech" against the backdrop of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's high-profile visit to the US this week during which

mega deals were struck. "With the UK's historic ties to India, and our first UK Prime Minister of Indian heritage, are we doing enough to maximise the rewards from this critical relationship," questions Raab.

"With Rishi Sunak as Prime Minister, Britain remains uniquely placed to reap the dividends of a deeper friend-ship with India. To do so, we'll need to up our game across the whole of government," writes the Conservative

Party MP He notes that India as the world's fifth largest economy predicted to overtake the Eurozone within 30 years, offers "enormous" trade opportunities as investor sentiment warms with investment in roads, and a large well-educated local talent pool to draw

# Boost ties with US, UK, France request UN probe into Russian use of Iranian drones

#### AP UNITED NATIONS

The United States, Britain and France demanded on Friday that the United Nations urgently investigate Russia's reported use of hundreds of Iranian-provided drones in the war in Ukraine, which would violate UN sanctions. But it's unclear whether the UN will do so in the face of strong opposition from Russia.

Russia denies using the Iranian drones, despite widespread evidence that they have been used to attack Ukrainian cities. US Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield noted that the US this month released further information documenting Iran's provision of hundreds of unmanned aerial vehicles, known as UAVs or drones, as well as equipment that can be used in their production. Ukraine and the UK also submitted evidence to the United

Nations of Iranian drones these UAVs in recent weeks to recovered by the Ukrainian military, she said.

'This is a matter of life or death for the Ukrainian people," the US ambassador told the UN Security Council after delivering the statement calling for an investigation, which also was signed by Albania and Ukraine.

The five countries accused Russia of violating the Security Council resolution endorsing the 2015 nuclear agreement between Iran and six major powers, not only by procuring hundreds of Mohajer and Shahed drones by also by working with Iran to produce drones inside Russia.

The 2015 resolution prohibits all countries from transferring such weapons from Iran without advance Security Council approval, which was not given, the statement said. Russia has been using

strike Kyiv, destroy Ukrainian infrastructure, and kill and terrorize Ukrainian civilians," the US and its allies said. "The United Nations must respond to growing calls from the international community to inves-

tigate these violations." UN deputy spokesman Farhan Haq said the UN Secretariat, which is headed by UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, is still analysing information it received regarding "the alleged transfer of uncrewed aerial vehicles by Iran in a manner inconsistent" with the 2015 resolution.

He said a report expected soon from Guterres will be discussed this month by experts on the committee monitoring implementation of the resolution, and by the 15-member Security Council in July. Russia is one of five permanent members with veto power.

nephew jailed for leading drug gang London (PTI): An Indianorigin man and his nephew who led a gang found guilty of supplying more than 100 kg of Class A banned drugs across the West Midlands region of England have been sentenced to a total of 32 years impris-

onment by a UK court.

Kamaljit Singh Chahal, 52, and Bhipon Chahal, 25, were given 14 years at Leicester Crown Court on Thursday, when eight other gang members were also sentenced for operating a West Bromwich Organised Crime Group (OCG) supplying mainly cocaine and heroin during 2020 at the height of the COVID pandemic, with records showing they made over GBP 1.5 million during that period. A third Indian-origin man, Sandeep Johal, 32, was ordered to serve 11 years for his role with the gang.

# Israeli forces kill Palestinian gunman

#### AP JERUSALEM

A Palestinian assailant opened fire at an Israeli military checkpoint in the West Bank on Saturday before being shot and killed, Israeli police said. Elsewhere in the occupied territory,

settlers rampaged through a Palestinian vil-lage, throwing stones and setting fire to homes

The Palestinian gunman approached Israeli troops stationed at the Qalandiya checkpoint outside Jerusalem early in the morning, pulled out an M16 rifle and opened fire, the Israeli police said.

Israeli security forces said they shot back, killing the suspected assailant. According to the Israeli rescue service, two security guards in their 20s were hospitalised with minor wounds - at least one from bullet fragments. There was no immediate word on the attacker's identi-



Later on Saturday, residents of the Palestinian village of Umm Safa said that at least 50 Israeli settlers armed with rifles and flammable liquid stormed through the streets and tried to set fire to at least five homes with people inside.

Palestinian rescue teams said they evacuated small children who were suffocating and trapped inside a burning Some settlers also opened fire at civil-

ians and medics. A local station, Palestine TV, said settlers fired at Mohammed Radi, its correspondent covering the attacks, shattering his camera. The Palestinian Red Crescent said that one of its medics was wounded by gunfire.

Another two medics were wounded when settlers threw a large rock at an ambulance, which crashed through the windshield

Israeli settlers also shot and killed a horse, said resident Ibrahim Ebiat. "This is pure terror," he said. "People are terrified and angry?

Young Palestinians threw threw rocks at Israeli security forces who opened fire and unleashed tear gas at them, reports said.

The events capped a bloody week in the West Bank that left 16 Palestinians and four Israelis dead.

#### WORLD BRIEFS

#### SUICIDE BOMBER KILLS COP IN PAKISTAN

Pushpa Kamal Dahal "Prachanda" is planning

an official visit to Beijing in September, Foreign

Minister NP Saud said on Saturday, a bid by the senior Maoist leader to strike a balance in rela-

after assuming the office in December last year.

Earlier, the 68-year-old Communist Party of

Nepal-Maoist (CPN-M) leader visited India as

his first foreign trip after assuming office for the

"Prachanda will pay an official visit to China

Preparations are going on for the prime min-

This will be Prachanda's second foreign trip

tions with both China and India.

in September," Saud told PTI.

third time.

QUETTA: A suicide bomber struck in southwestern Pakistan on Saturday, killing at least one police and wounding five others in an attempt to target a paramilitary convoy, an official said. Authorities recovered the remains of a female bomber following the explosion in the southwestern city of Turbat, said Bashir Ahmed, a top administrative officer. Ahmed said the bomber had targeted a convoy of the paramilitary Frontier Corps but the main thrust of the blast hit a police vehicle. He said a Frontier Corps vehicle was slightly damaged and a female police officer was among the wounded. No one immediately claimed responsibility but similar attacks in the past were claimed by Baluch separatist groups. Southwestern Baluchistan province has been the scene of a low level insurgency by Baluch separatists under the umbrella group of the Baluchistan Nationalist Army.

#### INDIAN MAN IN SINGAPORE DIES AS WALL COLLAPSES

SINGAPORE: An Indian national allegedly died when a concrete wall of a building collapsed on him at a worksite in Central Business District. The incident tool on June 15 when he was walking along a path outside the site where he was working, the Workplace Safety and Health (WSH) Council said on Friday. The body of the construction worker, Vinoth Kumar, was recovered from the rubble after a nearly fourhour-long effort, it said. The 20-year-old from Tamil Nadu, working on the site, was reported missing at about 2 pm on the day of the collapse at the site where the Fuji Xerox Towers building was being demolished in the Tanjong Pagar area. He was found pinned under a collapsed reinforced concrete structure at about 6 pm. He had no pulse and was not breathing. "On June 15, 2023, a wall segment at the second storey of a building under demolition collapsed," the WSH Council said.

#### swelters in record Beijing **AUTHORITIES** ASK PEOPLE TO Administration. STAY INDOORS

AP TAIPEI

 $B^{\text{eijing}\,\text{and}\,\text{parts}\,\text{of}\,\text{northern}}_{\text{China}\,\,\text{are}\,\,\text{experiencing}}$ record temperatures, with authorities urging people to limit their time outdoors.

The Nanjiao observatory in southern Beijing on Saturday On Thursday, Beijing expe-Other countries in Asia have experienced deadly heat for the first time recorded temrienced its second-hottest day peratures above 40 degrees on record - with temperatures waves in recent weeks, which soaring to 41.1 C (106 F). It was scientists say are aggravated by Celsius (104 degrees ahrenheit) for a third con also the highest temperature rising global temperatures,

secutive day, according to the China Meteorological

In nearby Hebei province and the port city of Tianji, temperatures have also soared above 40 C over the past few days, prompting authorities to issue "red" alerts for extreme

weather. In China's four-tier weather alert system, the red indicates the most severe conditions.

#### ever recorded in China's capital during the month of June. Beijing's all-time high of

41.9 C (107 F), since modern records began, occurred on July 24, 1999. Chinese meteorologists say

the current heat wave has been caused by warm air masses associated with high-pressure ridges in the atmosphere and compounded by thin cloud covers and long daylight hours around the summer solstice.

caused partly by the burning of fossil fuels.

heat

In China, the heat wave has coincided with a three-day public holiday, the Dragon Boat Festival, devoted to eating rice dumplings and racing boats propelled by teams of paddlers

Beijing's weather authorities urged residents to avoid exercising outdoors for long periods and take measures to shield from the sun.

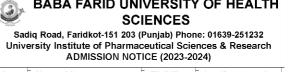
Temperatures in the capital are expected to drop to around 34 C (93 F) on Monday before rising again later next

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#### **11 PASSENGERS INJURED AFTER JET ABORTS TAKEOFF**

TAIPEI: A Cathay Pacific jetliner aborted its takeoff at Hong Kong International Airport early Saturday, and 11 passengers were injured while evacuating the aircraft, the airline said. Flight CX880, bound for Los Angeles, returned to the gate after a "tech-nical issue" caused the crew to abort the takeoff and "a precautionary passenger evacuation" was initiated, the airline said in a statement. It said those on board used five escape slides to exit the plane. Cathay Pacific gave no details on the problem. Public broadcaster RTHK reported one of the plane's tires had overheated, causing it to burst, citing police. The flight was carrying 293 passengers and 17 crew members. "We understand that 11 passengers are being treated at the hospital with injuries sustained during the evacuation process," Cathay Pacific said. "Our priority is to look after all affected passengers and crew."

#### INDIAN CHEF JAILED FOR MOLESTING TEENAGE GIRLS

SINGAPORE: A 44-year-old chef from India has been sentenced to three months and four weeks' jail for molesting two teenage girls in Singapore Sushil Kumar pleaded guilty to two charges of molesting the victims, reported TODAY newspaper on Friday. Just about three months after he first molested a teenage girl in broad daylight near a subway train station, he targeted another girl whom he touched without consent and declared his "love" for her even though she did not know him. On both occasions, Kumar spent an inordinate amount of time hugging, kissing or touching the girls. The court heard that on the afternoon of August 2 last year, the victim, who was 14 years old then, was walking home from Boon Keng train station when Kumar stopped in front of her to speak to her. Unable to understand him, the victim thought that he was asking her for directions to the station. Deputy Public Prosecutor (DPP) Delicia Tan said the girl pointed towards the station and the convict responded by wrapping his arms around her shoulders and coming into body contact with her without her consent.

#### HIMALAYAN AIRLINES RESUMES KATHMANDU-BEIJING FLIGHT

KATHMANDU: The Himalayan Airlines, a joint venture between Nepal and China, on Saturday resumed its direct flight between Kathmandu and Beijing after a three-year interval caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, according to an official statement. Bishnu Pukar Shrestha, Ambassador of Nepal to the People's Republic of China, flew to Beijing in the resumed first direct flight of the Himalayan Airlines, according to a press release issued by the Nepal Embassy in Beijing. "We are pleased to announce that Himalaya Airlines (H9) is re-launching its flight operation between Kathmandu- Beijing- Kathmandu every Saturdays starting from June 24, 2023, which was on halt due to COVID-19 Pandemic," said the statement issued by the Himalayan Airline.

#### Gardiner, Brook TITANIC SUBMERSIBLE IMPLOSION receive Padma Shri S, Canada begin probe award in London

#### London (PTI): British member AP WASHINGTON of Parliament Barry Gardiner

Authorities from the US and Canada began the process and late British theatre director Peter Brook were formally conferred their Padma Shri awards of investigating the cause of the at a special ceremony at India fatal Titan submersible implo-House in London. Gardiner, an sion even as they grappled Opposition Labour Party MP with questions of who was responsible for determining for Brent North in London, was conferred one of India's prestihow the tragedy unfolded.

gious civilian honours in 2020 A formal inquiry has not for his contributions to the yet been launched because field of public affairs but could maritime agencies are still busy not receive his award from the searching the area where the vessel was destroyed, killing all President due to the COVID five people aboard, the US Theatre director Peter Brook. Coast Guard said on Friday. best known in India for his epic Debris was located about adaptation of 'The Mahabharata', was conferred 12,500 feet (3,810 meters) underwater, several hundred his award for contributions to feet away from the Titanic the field of art in 2021. His son, wreckage it was on its way to Simon Brook, collected the explore.

The US Coast Guard led the initial search and rescue mission, which was a massive international effort that likely cost millions of dollars.

It was not entirely clear vided to the agency's senior Friday who would have the management by Coast Guard officials, and the NTSB has authority to lead what is sure to be a complex investigation joined the investigation.

involving several countries. The Coast Guard has not OceanGate Expeditions, the confirmed that it will take the lead. Coast Guard headquarters company that owned and said the Coast Guard First operated the Titan, is based in the US but the submersible was District in Boston will discuss future operations and plans, but OceanGate is based in did not say when.

The First District did not Everett, Washington, but closed respond to phone and email when the Titan was found. Meanwhile, the Titan's mothmessages seeking comment on er ship, the Polar Prince, was Friday

from Canada, and those killed Meanwhile, the Transportation Safety Board of were from England, Pakistan, Canada said Friday that it is launching an investigation into National Transportation Safety Board the Polar Prince. Seventeen said on Friday that the US crew members and 24 others were on board the ship during Coast Guard has declared the loss of the Titan submersible to the Titan's journey.

The deep-sea investiga be a "major marine casualty' and the Coast Guard will lead tions promise to be long and the investigation. NTSB painstaking, as is the nature of spokesperson Peter Knudson investigations in the murky depths of the ocean. said that information was pro-

## US prosecutes Chinese firms for fentanyl trafficking

registered in the Bahamas.

France, and the US.

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#### AP NEW YORK

The US Justice Department filed criminal L charges on Friday against four Chinese com-States and Mexico.

The three separate indictments unsealed in tocurrency and shipped them to drug traffickers including Mexico's Sinaloa cartel.

"When I announced in April that the

Justice Department had taken significant enforcement actions against the Sinaloa Cartel, I promised that the Justice Department would never forget the victims of the fentanyl epidemic," Attorney General Merrick Garland said in a news release.

Garland said those actions include stopping Chinese chemical companies from "supplying the cartels with the building blocks they need to manufacture deadly fentanyl?

An indictment unsealed in Manhattan federal court charges the China-based chemical company Hubei Amarvel Biotech Co. as well as three company executives with fentanyl trafficking, precursor chemical importation and money laundering.

Prosecutors said Amarvel Biotech used deceptive practices to evade authorities, such as advertising that it could disguise its products as dog food, nuts or motor oil to ensure "safe" delivery to the United States and Mexico.

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NND invites RFP for Selection of Agency for conducting IEC/BCC Activities in 50 wards under NCAP/SBM in Dehradun from eligible bidders having experience as indicated in the RFP document. Interested bidders are requested to download the RFP document from e-tender portal, Government of Uttarakhand from 27.06.2023, 02:00 PM onwards. Prebid meeting is scheduled on 06.07.2023 at 11:00 AM. Any Addendum/Corrigendum including date of extension will be uploaded only on www.uktenders.gov.in. The last date & time for online submission of bids is 20.07.2023 up to 2:00 PM.

**Municipal Commissioner** Letter No. 418/IEC/SBM-NCAP/2023-24 Nagar Nigam Dehradun

#### Form No. INC-26

[pursuant to Rule 30 the companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014] Advertisement to be published in the newspaper for change of registered office of the company from one state to another **BEFORE THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT** REGIONAL DIRECTOR, NORTHERN REGION, NEW DELHI In the matter of sub-section(4) of Section 13 of Companies Act, 2013 and clause (a)

of sub-rule (5) of Rule 30 of the Companies (Incorporation)Rules, 2014 AND

In the matter of Vinayak Services Private Limitedhaving its registeredoffice at 136/11, Khasra No.126/70, Begumpur, New Delhi, South Delhi, Delhi - 110017, India

#### Vinayak Services Private Limited, Petittioner

Date 24.06.23

Date: 25 th June. 2023

Place: New Delhi

Notice is hereby given to the General Public that the Company proposes to make application to the Central Government (power delegated to Regional Director) under section 13 of the Companies Act, 2013 seeking confirmation of alteration of the Memorandum of Association of the Company in terms of the Special Resolution passed at the Extra Ordinary General Meeting held on 16 th day of June, 2023 to enable the Company to change its Registered Office from the "State of NCT of Delhi" to the "State of Haryana".

Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change of the registered office of the company may deliver either on the MCA-21 portal (www.mca.gov.in) by filing investor complaint form or cause to be delivered or send by registered post of his/her objections supported by an affidavit stating the nature of his/her interest and grounds of opposition to the Regional Director, Northern Region, New Delhi at the address B-2 Wing, 2nd Floor, Pt. Deendayal Antyodaya Bhawan C.G.O. Complex, New Delhi - 110003, Delhi, India within fourteen days of the date of publication of this notice with a copy of the applicant company at its registered office at the address mentioned below

"136/11, Khasra No.126/70, Begumpur, New Delhi, South Delhi, Delhi – 110017, India" For and on behalf of Vinayak Services Private Limited

Aditya Kumar Mohta Director DIN: 02395522

panies and eight individuals for allegedly trafficking the chemicals used to make the highly addictive painkiller fentanyl in the United

federal court in New York represent the first prosecutions to charge China-based chemical companies and Chinese nationals with illegally selling the chemicals used to make fentanyl, which has been blamed for a deadly overdose crisis. Federal prosecutors said the companies marketed the fentanyl precursor chemicals on their websites and social media accounts, advertised that they accepted payment in cryp-

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# Google investing \$10 bn in India's digitisation fund: Pichai tells PM

#### PTI WASHINGTON

Internet giant Google is investing USD 10 billion in India's digitisation fund, its CEO Sundar Pichai has told Prime Minister Narendra Modi, a step that will recognise India's leadership on fintech and will support small and large businesses in India, the US and around the world.

Pichai met Prime Minister Modi here on Friday and also announced the opening of Google's global fintech operation centre in the Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT) in Gandhinagar.

"It was an honour to meet Prime Minister Modi during the historic visit to the US. We shared with the Prime Minister that Google is investing USD 10 billion in India's digitisation fund," Pichai said.

"We are announcing the opening of our global fintech operation centre in GIFT City, Gujarat. PM's vision for Digital India was way ahead of his time I now see it as a blueprint that other countries are looking to do," he added.

"Google today announced that it will open a Google



country with thousands of tal-Fintech Global Operations Center in GIFT City, Gujarat, ented employees. We currentwith teams working on spely have offices in Bangalore cialised operations supporting (Bengaluru), Hyderabad, Gurgaon - Delhi NCR, Mumbai and Pune, the GPay and other product operations at Google," a Google spokesperson told PTI. spokesperson said. This recognises India's

In 2020, deepening its leadership on fintech and will commitment to India and a support small and large busireflection of its confidence in nesses in India, the US and India's growing role in the global technology arena, Google announced the Google around the world," the spokesperson said after the meeting between Pichai and for India Digitisation fund, a commitment to invest USD 10 billion (approximately Rs

Google has been operating 75,000 crores) focussing on in India since 2004, with offices four areas. in five key cities across the

First, enabling affordable access and information for every Indian in their own language. Second, building new services that are relevant to India's unique needs. Third, empowering businesses as they empowering businesses as they embark on digital transforma-tion. Fourth, leveraging tech-nology and Artificial Intelligence (AI) for social good.

Towards the end of last year, Google also announced support for Early Stage Startups with a particular focus on women-led startups under the India Digitisation fund.

Using AI to further India's digital transformation journey, Google AI Research Center in Bengaluru is building models to support over 100 Indian languages, and working with the Indian Institute of Science to support open sourcing of speech data through India's Bhashini project.

It has also partnered with IIT Madras to establish a multidisciplinary Center for Responsible AI.

With a focus to support businesses and governments to run on Cloud, Google Cloud has been playing a pivotal role

in bringing innovative cloud technologies to India and being a part of India's digital transformation journey.

India's biggest enterprises and unicorns like Jio, Adani, Mahindra Group, Sharechat, HDFC Bank, Glance Roposo and hundreds of others are today benefiting from Google Cloud and AI offerings. To support this growing demand, Google Cloud now has 2 cloud regions in Delhi NCR and Mumbai respectively, a media release said.

Tapan Ray, MD & Group CEO, GIFT City, said that Google's decision to establish its global fintech operations center in GIFT City is a testament to India's growing prominence in the fintech landscape.

"The strategic announcement made during Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's US visit by Google CEO Sundar Pichai is a winwin proposition. It will go a long way in realizing our Hon'ble PM's vision of making GIFT City a truly global fintech hub. We look forward to host-

ing Google at GIFT City," he said.

**Rajasthan's** 

exports surge to

# Amazon CEO says committed to invest \$26 bn in India by 2030

#### IANS WASHINGTON

E-commerce giant Amazon CEO Andy Jassy on Saturday said that the company is committed to invest \$26 billion in India by 2030, after he met Prime Minister Narendra Modi here.

Amazon has invested about \$11 billion in India so far and has plans to invest nearly \$15 billion more by 2030.

"Productive meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Discussed Amazon's commitment to invest \$26 billion in India by 2030, Jassy tweeted after meeting PM Modi who concluded his three-day state visit to the US on Friday

"Working together, we will support startups, create jobs, enable exports, and empower individuals and small businesses to compete



globally," the Amazon CEO added.

India is a key market for Amazon, where it has invested over \$6.5 billion in ecommerce in the last decade.

In May this year, Amazon Web Services (AWS), the Cloud arm of e-commerce giant Amazon, announced plans to invest Rs 1,05,600 crore (\$12.7 billion) into cloud infrastructure in India by 2030 to meet growing customer demand for cloud services in the country.

in 2016, and the AWS Asia Pacific (Hyderabad) Region, launched in November 2022. The company estimates that its overall contribution to the GDP of India between 2016 and 2022 was more than Rs 38,200 crore (\$4.6 billion), and the investment sup-

AWS has two data centre

the AWS Asia Pacific

infrastructure regions in India

(Mumbai) Region, launched

ported approximately 39,500 obs annually in Indian businesses.

# Govt eases policy for export of drones meant for civilian end-use

the Prime Minister.

are subject to specific regula-

tions due to their potential

dual-use nature -- meaning

they can have both civilian and

military applications. Also,

44% feel e-shopping better for quality fruits,

for export of such items.

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 $T_{makers to access larger}^{o facilitate Indian drone}$ markets and compete on a global scale, the government has simplified and liberalised the policy for export of drones or unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) meant for civilian end uses.

Accordingly, the Special Chemicals Organisms Material Equipments and Technology (SCOMET) policy of drones meant for civilian use has been amended by the Directorate General of Foreign Trade

(DGFT). This decision has been taken in line with the emphasis laid on India's foreign trade policy 2023 on facilitating export of high-tech items, which include promotion of exports of drones manufactured in India for civilian end use and taking into consideration India's international obligations on non-proliferation.



Prior to the amendment, the industry was facing challenges to export drones with all types of drones were restricted for export in the category 5B limited capability which are of the SCOMET list under only meant for civilian use. classification of import and Therefore, based on the export items. This list deals wider consultations held with with the category of items that

all the stakeholders, the SCOMET policy of drones meant for civilian use has been amended to simplify and liberalise the policy for export of drones.

SCOMET licence was required The export of drones not covered under the specified categories in SCOMET list and Owing to requirements,

capable of range equal to or less than 25 km and delivering a payload of not more than 25 kg (excluding the software and technology of these items) and meant for only civilian end-use, will now be subject to 'General Authorisation for Export of Drones' (GAED), a one-time general licence valid for three years.

This policy change will not require drone manufacturers or exporters with GAED Authorisation to apply for SCOMET license for every similar export shipment meant for civilian purpose, within the validity period of three years, subject to post reporting and other documentary requirements, thus reducing the compliance by the industry to apply for SCOMET licence every time they have to export any kind of civilian drone.

This move is expected to facilitate drone manufacturersAto export drones with ease and thus promoting export from India.

#### ₹77K cr in FY23 PTI 📕 JAIPUR

Exports from Rajasthan have increased by around Rs 31,000 crore in the last six fiscal years to Rs 77,771 crore in 2022-23. According to an official

statement, shipments from Rajasthan were Rs 46,476 crore in 2017-18, which increased to more than Rs 77,771 crore in last fiscal year.

Exports were Rs 51,178.41 crore in 2018-19; Rs 49,946.10 crore in 2019-20; Rs 52,764.31 crore in 2020-21; Rs 71,999 crore in 2021-22 and Rs 77,771.37 crore in 2022-23. The successful implementation of industrial poli-

cies, export promotion pro-grammes and campaigns of the state government have given impetus to exporters and exports, the statement said.

The state government's 'Export Promotion Process



and Documentation Training Program Scheme' has contributed significantly in the increase in exports.

Started in 2012, under this scheme, entrepreneurs who wish to make a career in the export sector are given information about export process and documents and world markets in training programmes.

The statement said that under the export-related schemes of the state government, in the last two years, more than 10,000 new exporters have been trained and made international-level exporters.

WB approves \$255.5 mn loan for better

wages of Coal India non-exec employees PTI KOLKATA

Govt nod for hike in

The Coal Ministry has said L it approved a wage revision agreement that was reached with trade unions for nonexecutive employees of Coal India Limited.

The agreement provides for a 19 per cent of minimum guaranteed benefit from July 1, 2021, on emoluments - basic, Variable Dearness Allowance (VDA), Special Dearness Allowance (SDA) and attendance bonus - besides a 25 per cent increase in allowances.

In a communication to Coal India, the ministry said, "The MoA (memorandum of agreement) for NCWA-XI as signed by Coal India Limited, Singareni Collieries Company Limited and trade union representatives, has been confirmed."

The agreement was reached in May by the Joint Bipartite Committee for the Coal Industry (JBCCI)-XI con-

sisting of representatives of CIL management, Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL), five central trade unions - BMS, HMS, AITUC, CITU and Indian National Mine Workers' Federation (INMF).

The agreement will benefit around 2.81 lakh employees of CIL & SCCL who were on the rolls of the company as on July 1, 2021.

CIL has made a provision of Rs 9,252.24 crore for a period of 21 months effective July 1, 2021, to March 31, 2023, for this effect. The company's net profit declined 18 per cent to Rs 5,528 crore in Q4 of FY 2023 due to increased provisions towards wages

#### vegetables; 56% believe offline superior: Survey technical education in Govt-run institutions

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m early}$  44 per cent of respondents feel that quality of fresh fruits and vegetables is better on online shopping platforms while 56 per cent think offline is superior, according to a survey.

Agritech startup Otipy, which sells fresh fruits and vegetables along with groceries in Delhi-NCR and Mumbai, has conducted an online survey of more than 3,000 people during May to find out the changing shopping behaviours of consumers, the company said in a statement

On affordability, the survey findings revealed that 50 per cent of respondents feel offline is cheaper while the remaining 50 per cent believe that rates are lower on online platforms.

Regarding weightage, around 50 per cent feel both online and offline modes are accurate, while nearly 30 per cent feel online is better

Among other findings, 71 per cent of respondents expressed preference for online shopping. Around 36 per cent respondents want instant delivery of fresh fruits and vegetables and the remaining within 12-hour.



Convenience and time saving are two main factors for choosing online shopping of fruits and vegetables

Furthermore, the survey sheds light on the increasing demand for healthier and sustainable options, as 43 per cent of participants opt for organic or hydroponic fruits and vegetables.

Additionally, 51 per cent of respondents consider certification and traceability as highly important.

Nearly 77 per cent are willing to pay up to 15 per cent more for organic and hydroponic fruits and vegetables.

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Varun Khurana Founder and CEO of Otipy said, "We are pleased to see the strong preference for online platforms, which validates the convenience and time-saving benefits online platforms offer."

Moreover, he said the findings emphasise the importance of quality and accurate weight measurement in the online grocery shopping experience. "We will continue to

leverage these insights to

enhance our offerings and ensure we meet the evolving needs of our valued customers," Khanna said.

Otipy, operated by Crofarm Agriproducts, was launched in 2020.

Our revenue is estimated to reach Rs 160-170 crore in the 2022-23 fiscal year from Rs 70 crore in the previous year," Khurana had said in February.

The bulk of revenue comes from fruits and vegetables

Otipy has raised USD 45 million so far and plans to raise more funds to expand business.

#### PTI NEW DELHI

The World Bank has approved a USD 255.5 million loan for improving the quality of technical edu-

institutions in India. Over the next five years, the project will support around 275 government-run technical institutions in selected states across the country, benefitting more than 350,000 students each year.

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The Multidisciplinary Education and Research Improvement in Technical Education Project will sup Executive Directors have port improving student skills and employability by focusing approved a USD 255.5 million on better research, entrepreloan to help India improve the neurship, and innovation; and quality of its technical edu-

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nical institutions. career opportunities to stu-As part of the project, students," the US-based multidents will get access to upgraded curricula including

emerging technologies in



India has been growing communication and climate resilience. They will also bensteadily from 29 million enrolled students in 2011-12 efit from better internship and placement services, to 39 million enrolled students across 40,000 instituincluding opportunities to network with professional tions in 2019-20. associations, World Bank said. "World Bank's Board of

While India's tertiary education sector is among the largest in the world, recent studies note increased gaps in both technical and non-technical skills such as reasoning, interpersonal communication, and conflict resolution, the World Bank said.

"India has one of the largest and fastest-growing the world.

The project will support Government of India's National Education Policy 2020, which calls for modernizing this critical sector to better prepare students for emerging jobs and business opportunities," said Auguste Tano Kouame, the World Bank's Country Director for India. "Improving female participation in technical education will receive special attention.

The project will support participating institutions to organize outreach programmes providing prospective female students, parents and guardians with more and better information on technical education programme options, build sensitivity to gender issues, and address misconceptions about women's capabilities in the science, technology, engi-neering and math (STEM)

lateral institution said in a statement. Tertiary education in tertiary education systems in fields

# ₹100 cr TCS job scam can lead to HR clean-up in big IT companies

#### IANS CHENNAI

The reported over 'Rs 100 **L** crore<sup>\*</sup> bribe for jobs scam uncovered in the Tata Consultancy Services Ltd (TCS) not only impacts its reputation, it would also have an Indian IT industry wide impact and some cleanup has to happen, said experts.

The TCS bribe for jobs scandal would also create doubts not only in the minds of its clients but in the minds of other clients of Indian IT majors about the quality of the people working on various projects, said experts.

The scam will also help in the cleaning up of the human resource recruitment system as the staffing companies black-

listed by TCS are major suppliers to many big Indian IT companies, they added.

Simply put, some employ-ees of TCS accepted bribes from staffing companies and hired personnel -- bribes for jobs. According to a news report, the scam has been going on for some time and the amount involved is as high as about Rs 100 crore.

The scam amount involved is possible given the size of the company, said an industry official

"For a \$1 billion turnover IT company nearly 60 per cent will be the manpower cost, that is \$600 million. And 15 per cent of the personnel would be contract employees at a cost of

about \$90 million a year. Even



Be that as it may, TCS in a a one per cent bribe on the above amount is a sizable one," regulatory filing said on receipt of the complaint (from a whis-Aditya Narayan Mishra, Managing Director and CEO, tle blower as per a news report) CIEL HR Services Pvt Ltd told it had launched a review to examine the allegations in the complaint. The Bengaluru-based CIEL HR Services is one of the lead-

Based on the review: (1) this does not involve any fraud by or against the Company and

no financial impact; (2) the issue relates to breach of Company's Code of Conduct by certain employees and vendors providing contractors; and (3) no key managerial person of the Company has been found to be involved," the

company said while skirting the issue of action taken against the employees and the vendors.

According to reports, the company has blacklisted a couple of its human resource vendors and sacked some employ-

"Some staffing company names are going around as blacklisted by TCS. The vendors supplying people to TCS also provide people to other major Indian IT companies. Those IT companies will have

to check their hiring process," Mishra said.

According to him, the underhand dealings are generally done by small time human resources companies in respect of middle level contract or short duration employment.

cation and provide more

"Companies go for short duration hiring due to (1) skill sets not available inhouse and (2) the job itself is of short duration. Big companies will have about 10-20 per cent on contract," Mishra said.

In the wake of the TCS job scandal, the Indian Staffing Federation (ISF) with over 120 members in a statement said it has a robust due diligence process that precedes the acceptance of any staffing company as our member."

"We urge all stakeholders, including corporates and the Government, to consider engaging staffing companies that prioritize ethical employment practices and regulatory compliance," the ISF said.

The job scandal in TCS may be a major one but inducements to HR officials of corporates by private educational institutions has been there for a long time.

"It is true some second rung educational institutions do entice HR officials of corporate to send their teams for campus placement," Mishra said

Be that as it may, TCS has to manage the damage to its reputation owing to the bribe for a job scandal.

"The value of bribe as indicated in this particular case if true seems to suggest that it is certainly that of a major corporate governance aspect issue as well that needs to be fixed as part of brand reputation redressal," a reputation consultant told IANS.

'This scandal hurts not only TCS but casts a slur on the entire ecosystem of HR recruiters and agencies that are used. Old whispers that have prevailed in corporate corridors are today solid testimonials. This is not a TCS issue alone. TCS has made it public. Let's respect the transparency here," Harish Bijoor, brand expert and founder of Harish Bijoor Consults Inc, had told IANS

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# **INDIA CONTINUES TO GARNER MEDALS AT SPECIAL OLYMPICS** ry, Prince Solanki won bronze,

PTI BERLIN

n a rainy day that led to cancellations and post ponement of almost all outdoor events at the Special Olympics World Games, India's roller-skaters won plenty of medals here.

"In the roller-skating arena the Indian contingent added nine medals to the tally (3 gold, 5 silver, 1 bronze).

"Among the gold medallists were Md Nissar (30m slalom) and Aryan and Abhijit, who are part of the 2x100m relay.

"Roller skating has proven to be among the most fruitful of arenas for the Indian contingent and despite the downpour, they did not disappoint.

"Judo proved to be another happy hunting ground for India on Friday. A day before, Suhalia Parveen's silver had helped India open its medal account in the sport. She was joined by two more medallists on the mat, 24 hours later.

"In the male Level 2 catego-

# Chikka 28th at Korea Open, two Indians make cut

#### PTI CHEONAN

Tndia's S Chikkarangappa L carded six-over 75 to slip to Tied-28th after the third round of the Kolon Korea Open at the Woo Jeong Hills Country Club

here on Saturday. "Chikka (69-73-75), who began the week with a two-under 69 to be in Top-5 after the first day, is one of the two Indians to make the cut out of the five golfers who started the

tournament. "The other one is Honey Baisoya (73-72-75) at 7-over and Tied-41st.

"Meanwhile, Seungsu Han continued his impressive run shooting a one-over-par 72 for a six-under-par tournament total, to maintain the lead for the third day in a row.

'The Indians who missed the cut were Viraj Madappa (74-76), SSP Chawrasia (74-76), Karandeep Kochhar (80-



71), Ajeetesh Sandhu (77-76) and Rahil Gangjee (76-77).

"Leader Han has a oneshot advantage over fellow Korean Jaekyeong Lee on a hot and sunny day on the stunning but exacting Woo Jeong Hills track

"Lee carded a 70 in what was a two-horse race all day, with Australian Junseok Lee (68) and Ian Snyman from South Africa (72) the next best placed, tied for third, four

back from Han. "Only six players are under par after three rounds at the event, which is part of The Open Qualifying Series.

# "In the 93kg category, Anurag Prasad won three golds (squat, deadlift, combined) and one silver in the bench press. By the end of action on Friday, India took their medal tally to 96 (Gold: 33; Silver: 37; Bronze: 25). Aditi closes with birdies on last two to make cut

#### PTI SPRINGFIELD

India's Aditi Ashok produced a birdie-birdie finish in the second round to stay on for weekend action at the KPMG Women's PGA Championship at Baltusrol here.

"Aditi, who shot 75 in the first round, went back further as she was two-over through 16 holes in the second round with the cut looking likely at threeover or four-over.

"Aditi, who is playing her 24th Major, birdied the two closing Par-5s and ensured action over the weekend. The cut ultimately fell at five-over and Aditi at three-over is tied-41st.

"Overall 79 players made the "Ireland's Leona Maguire birdied four of her final six holes for a three-under 68 to take a one-shot lead over three players

on Friday at the halfway point of the tournament. "Aditi opened her second



round bogey-bogey on the first and second. She had bogeyed the same two holes a day earlier when she shot 75.

"So within two holes on the second day, Aditi was five-over for the tournament. She birdied the Par-5 seventh and then bogeyed the 13th before bogey

ing 14th. "Aditi again picked a birdie on 15th at which point she was 5-over with three holes to go, but she produced those two birdies at the end to survive the cut.

"Maguire, 28, looking for her second LPGA Tour title, had five birdies and two bogeys in shooting her seventh straight round in the 60s. At five-under 137 at Baltusrol, Maguire, now

12th in the world, has her first halfway lead in a major. "Mel Reid (67) of England, Xiyu Lin (71) of China and rookie Celine Borge (69) of Norway were tied for second, a shot ahead of first-round leader Lee-Anne Pace (73) of South Africa and fifth-ranked Miniee

herself into the hunt for the second major with a 67.

course of four matches,

Alivelamma dropped just one

game, to dominate her way to

lifting extended to another day, with four more medals added to

India's brilliance in power-

the gold medal.

the tally

The Lower Course at Baltusrol has been really tough with only 15 players under par. Some of the biggest names in women's golf will not be around for the weekend as they missed the cut.

"Among those in con-tention are first-time winner Ruoning Yin of China at 2 under, two-time major winner Brooke Henderson of Canada and top-ranked Jin Young Ko of South Korea and Celine Boutier of France, along with Americans Gina Kim, Ällisen Corpuz Mina Harigae, all at one-under.

"Among those who missed the cut were No. 2 Nelly Korda, No. 4 Lilia Vu, No. 6 Atthaya Thitikul of Thailand and No. 9



#### India to begin FIH junior while Muskan won gold in the female Level 3 category. The lat-ter won both her bouts compreter won both her bouts compre-hensively to bring home the country's first gold in judo. "In table tennis, three medals were confirmed. In an all-Indian final, in the U21-D3, Vighnesh Lokeshwar Naik beat Gunocean Singh Bedi 3-1 to take home the gold. "In the women's singles 30-WC campaign against Korea on December 5

#### "In the women's singles 30-D3, Alivelamma Gujjala ran through the field unbeaten to take home the gold. Over the PTI KUALA LUMPUR

India were on Saturday hand-Led a relatively easy draw for the 2023 FIH men's hockey junior world cup and will start their campaign against South Korea in a Group C match on December 5, the opening day of the marquee event.

"The tournament will conclude on December 16, with the matches taking place at the National Hockey Stadium Bukit Jalil

"Besides Korea, India, who finished fourth in the last edition in 2021 having turned out as tournament hosts in Bhubaneswar, have drawn Spain and Canada.

"India will take on Spain on December 7 and end their group stage engagements with a game against Canada on December 9.

"The tournament was offi-cially launched on Saturday during a ceremony at the Mercure Living Hotel in

Putrajaya. "Hosts Malaysia are in Group A with Argentina, Australia, and Chile, while

Germany, France, South Africa, and Egypt are in Group B. "The Netherlands, Belgium, Pakistan, and New Zealand form Group D.

"The pools were established on the basis of the first FIH junior world rankings, the sport's apex body said in a press release.

"As many as 16 teams from around the world will be vying for the coveted championship

title. "India's Uttam Singh expressed confidence about

doing well in the tournament. ""With victories at the Sultan of Johor Cup and the Junior Asia Cup, the Indian team is brimming with opti-mism and is confident of a podi-um finish at the Junior World Cup in Malaysia.

""The passionate Malaysian spectators add an extra level of excitement to the event, and we

can't wait to go there and do our "Argentina trumped six-time champions Germany in the final to win gold at the last edi-

tion, while France and India finished third and fourth, respec-

tively. Each player competing in the junior hockey world cup must be below 21 years of age in the December of the year preceding the tournament.

"First held in 1979, the men's junior world cup was initially a 12-team tournament which has since increased to 16 since the 2001 edition (though 20 teams played in 2009).

With two titles, in 2001 and 2016, India are the only team, besides Germany and Argentina, to win the tournament on more than one occasion

"Through its 'athletes first' approach, mentioned in the new Empowerment and Engagement strategy that was recently launched, FIH has made youth a strong focus going forward. The FIH Junior World Cups play a crucial role in this regard," Tayyab Ikram, the president of the apex body, said in a mes-sage delivered through a video

recording. "Furthermore, as one of my priorities as FIH president is to highlight the powerful contributions hockey can make outside of the sport itself for individuals, community and society with the important topic of sustainability being an integral part of this ambition. I look forward to seeing the ways this will

be realised in this event. ""Special thanks to the Hockey Malaysian Confederation as they will, as we know it, put together a fantastic show for this 13th edition of the FIH Hockey Men's Junior World Cup."

Lee of Australia, who pushed to four-over.

birdies late in her round to get

Georgia Hall of England. "Lexi Thompson, ranked No. 9, needed four straight

# Gandas makes cut in Germany; Shubhankar misses out

#### PTI MUNICH

Manu Gandas slipped in the second round at the BMW International Open as he carded 2-over 74 but still managed to make the halfway cut. Gandas with 69-74, was one-under for 36 holes and tied-41st. "Shubhankar Sharma was unable to survive the cut following rounds of 75 and 73 as the cut fell at oneover. "Gandas, who earned playing rights on the DP World Tour by topping the

PGT India Tour in 2022, has been having mixed results this season. Faced with new courses each week, Gandas has often struggled but in between he has shown sparks that augur well for the future.

"In his second round, Gandas had one birdie on the ninth and three bogeys. "Daniel Hillier posted a five-underpar round of 67 to grasp the 36-hole lead at the BMW International Open. The Kiwi carded a blemish-free second round to reach nine-under par and set the pace

at the top of the leaderboard, one shot clear of Denmark's Rasmus Neergaard-Petersen, who is making his DP World Tour debut this week.

"Hillier, who graduated from the European Challenge Tour last year, made the turn at two-under par after teeing off the 10th but caught fire as he headed for home, reeling off a trio of birdies from the sixth to set what proved to be an unassailable target. "Neergaard-Petersen graduated from Oklahoma State University

last month and has been impressive after receiving a late invitation to this week's event at Golfclub München Eichenried. The 23-year-old lies second after posting a round of 67, one stroke clear of Joost

Luiten, from the Netherlands. "Marc Hammer and Marcel Schneider are the leading German players after round two, sharing fourth place alongside South Africa's Jayden Schaper, Frenchman Adrien Saddier and Finn Sami Välimäki on six under par.

# Vinit Rai signs one-year contract with Mumbai City FC

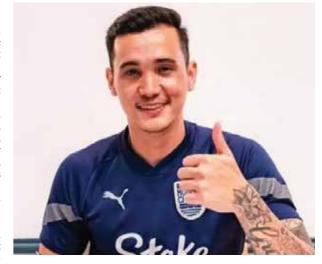
#### PTI 📕 MUMBAI

Mumbai City FC on Saturday announced the **IVI** Saturday announced the permanent signing of Vinit Rai following his loan spell. The 25-year-old midfielder has inked a one-year contract with the MCFC. "Rai, born in Assam and having attended the Tata Football Academy, had joined Mumbai City FC in January 2022 on a loan from Odisha

2022 on a loan from Odisha FC and made 14 appearances for the club across all competitions, including the 2022 AFC Champions League cam-

paign. "The club had loaned Rai for another year, which kept him at MCFC for the 2022-23 season, wherein he played a crucial role in the club's recordbreaking ISL Shield win, featuring 11 times and scoring two against Chennaiyin FC and NorthEast United FC.

"Rai has so far played 90 games in the ISL starting in the 2016 season, featuring for Kerala Blasters, now defunct Delhi Dynamos, and Odisha FC before he joined the



Mumbai City FC.

"Rai was quoted as saying in a release from Mumbai City FC, "The learning and experiences I've had in my time here have helped me grow a lot. Coach Des, his staff and everyone here has supported me wholeheartedly and I am determined to help the club achieve success just like we did last season.

"Vinit has shown his qualities with us over the past two seasons and will be an important player for us going into next season. He has been patient and worked extremely hard and learned how we want him to play and is an extremely positive player in our environment," said Mumbai City FC head coach Des Buckingham.

not the best thing to do, for sure. But again, it is legal. He can hit the ball where he

""It just gave me fire in the belly to beat him even more.

wants to.

matches

## REC, BAI enter partnership for 2-week training camp ahead of Asia Junior C'ships

#### PTI NEW DELHI

 $R_{\text{lic}\,\,\text{infrastructure}\,\,\text{finance}}^{\text{EC}\,\text{Limited},\,\text{a}\,\text{leading}\,\text{pub-}}$ company, has entered into a partnership with the Badminton Association of India (BAI) for a two-week training camp ahead of Asia Junior

Championships. "Currently, REC Limited's support is utilised to provide valuable assistance to the 18member Indian squad who are preparing for the junior continental championships to be held in Indonesia from July 7

to 16. "The players are undergo-ing an extensive two-week training camp at the Tau Devi Lal Stadium in Panchkula as part of REC Limited's support. "I would like to express my

utmost appreciation for this exceptional collaboration between REC Limited and BAI. The commitment demonstrated by REC Limited and the Sports Authority of India (SAI) for facilitating this collaboration will bolster the development of badminton remarkably in India," said BAI General Secretary Sanjay Mishra.

"I am confident that with such able and committed stake-holders, BAI will be able to create a strong pathway and future excellence for the game in the country that will go a long way in producing talents and build a strong ecosystem for badminton in India."

"Through this partnership, REC Limited will extend its support to boost development and training programmes as well as help in achieving excellence while driving grassroots projects and necessary support system.

"Vivek Kumar Dewangan, CMD REC Limited, said, "We are proud of our CSR partnership with National Sports Development Fund (NSDF) aimed to promote excellence in badminton, athletics and boxing in India.

"Through this partnership, REC Limited will also help BAI to fuel the badminton ecosystem by holding training programs for coaches, support staffs and other ancillary programmes for junior athletes to receive technical, scientific and psychological support, and gain necessary exposure for international competitions.

## Wolves captain Neves joins Saudi Arabia exodus after \$59.7m Al-Hilal move

AP WOLVERHAMPTON (ENGLAND)

Wolverhampton Wanderers captain Ruben Neves has become the latest high-profile player to move to Saudi Arabia after joining Al-Hilal for a trans-fer fee of £47 million pounds (\$59.7 million).

'The fee is a record for English Premier League team Wolves.

"The 26-year-old Portugal midfielder follows in the footsteps of Karim Benzema and N'Golo Kante, who completed

free transfers to Al-Ittihad earlier this month, while Cristiano Ronaldo moved to Al-Nassr in December.

"Neves, who scored 30 goals in 253 appearances during six seasons with Wolves, wiped away tears in an emotional video posted on the club's Twitter account, saying he had made "thousands of memories which will last forever".

"Sporting director Matt Hobbs told the club's website: "Ruben is the embodiment of everything you look for when trying to bring players into a

football club: a leader, a humble man and an extremely talented footballer who took Wolves to a different level.

""He was part of a great era for this club and will go down as one of our best-ever players. We are grateful for everything he has done for Wolves and wish him and his family the very best for the future.

"Neves, who had one year remaining on his contract, was part of the Wolves team which won the Championship second-tier title in 2018 following his move from Porto.

Alcaraz puts down Dimitrov and joins Rune in Queen's Club semifinals wants," Rune said. "I mean, it's

#### AP LONDON

Top-seeded Carlos Alcaraz reached his first ATP semifinals on grass when he defeated former champion Grigor Dimitrov 6-4, 6-4 at the Queen's Club

Championships. "Dimitrov, the 2014 win-ner who came through qualifying this year, was his own worst enemy. He had a better first serve and more break chances but hurt himself with 16 unforced errors and seven double faults.

"Grigor is a top player on 6-4, 7-6 (1).

any surface, but especially on grass. But I played really well from the beginning to the last ball," Alcaraz said.

"I'm a guy who learns quite fast and I'm feeling really comfortable playing on grass.

"Alcaraz also improved to 8-0 this year in quarterfinals. "In the semifinals, he'll

face Sebastian Korda, into his first grass semifinal as well. Korda became the first American to reach the Queen's semis in 11 years after beating Cameron Norrie



"The exit of Norrie, the 2021 runner-up and a Wimbledon semifinalist last year, meant Britain has no

year, meant Britain has no player in singles or doubles in the weekend at Queen's for the first time in 11 years. "Second-seeded Holger Rune will meet seventh-seed-ed Alex De Minaur of Australia in the other semifi-nal on Saturday nal on Saturday.

"Rune topped Lorenzo Musetti 6-4, 7-5 and said he wasn't fazed when the Italian hit him with an overhead smash.

"He can do what he Frenchman.

I'm super happy to manage to beat him in two sets. It feels good. I'm in the semifinal, he's not.' "De Minaur won against unseeded Adrian Mannarino 6-4, 4-6, 6-4 in their first meeting on grass, giving him

against the

a fourth win in five career

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# **GAVASKAR SLAMS SELECTORS** PTI 📕 NEW DELHI

Former India captain Sunil Gavaskar has lashed out at the national selectors for making Cheteshwar Pujara the "scapegoat" and ignoring prolific domestic scorer Sarfaraz Khan for the two Tests in the West Indies next month.

month. "Referring to Sarfaraz's non-selection, Gavaskar questioned the logic behind having the Ranji Trophy if performance in the coun-true's premier domestic try's premier domestic tournament is not looked into while picking the Indian red-ball teams instead of taking into account the players' record in the

IPL. ""Sarfaraz Khan has been scor-ing at an average of 100 in all past three seasons. What does he have to do to be picked in the squad? He might not be in the XI, but you pick

him in the team," Gavskar said of the Mumbai batter to Sports Today. ""Tell him that his performances

are being recognised. Otherwise, stop playing Ranji Trophy. Say, it's of no use, you just play IPL and think you are good enough for the red-ball game as well." "With the help of three cen-

turies, Sarfaraz amassed 556 runs in six games at an average of 92.66 in the 2022-23 Ranji Trophy. "The 25-year-old right-handed

batter had scored 982 runs at an average of 122.75 in the 2021-22 Ranji season, including four hundreds

"In all, Sarfaraz has scored 3,505 runs in 37 first-class match-es at an average of 79.65, including 13 centuries.

"As far as Pujara is concerned, his absence from the Indian Test team for the Windies tour has been one of the talking points.

"He said not having millions of followers on social media platforms, like some of the other India stars such as Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma, is no reason to drop any-

""Why has he been made the scapegoat for our batting failures? He has been a loyal servant of



Indian cricket, a quiet and able achiever. But because he doesn't have millions of followers on whatever platforms who would make a noise in case he gets dropped, you drop him? That is something beyond understanding," said

Gavaskar. ""What is the criteria for drop-ping him and keeping the others who failed. I don't know because nowadays there is no media interaction with the selection committee chairman or whoever where you could actually ask these questions," he added. "The highly promising and in-

form Yashasvi Jaiswal could be tak-ing up the No.3 spot that Pujara made his own over the last decade. "Continuing, the batting great said that age should not be a cri-

said that age should not be a chi teria for selecting players. ""Yes he has been playing County cricket, he knows what the red ball is all about," said Gavaskar

about Pujara. "Nowadays players can play till they are 39 or 40, there is nothing wrong with that. They are all very fit and as long as you are pro-

ducing runs or taking wickets, I don't think age should be a factor. ""Clearly only one man has been singled out while the others also failed. To me, the batting failed (in WTC final). Apart from Ajinkya Rahane, there was nobody who got any runs. So why Pujara has been made the fall guy is something the selectors need to explain," he said.

# Pujara does batting practice day after being dropped from Indian Test team

For dropping Pujara, ignoring Sarfaraz for two Tests in West Indies next month

#### PTI 📕 NEW DELHI

The doughty Cheteshwar Pujara hit the ground run-ning and batted in the middle a day after being dropped from the Indian Test team for the upcoming West Indies tour, taking the axing in his stride. "Pujara uploaded a nine-minute video clip of him bat-

ting in a ground and playing few shots.

"The senior Indian batter was on Friday dropped from the Indian Test squad travelling to the West Indies for a twomatch series next month.

"Pujara was subjected to harsh criticism after his under-

whelming performance in the recently concluded World Test Championship Final at The Oval in London. "With Pujara being dropped from the Windies

dropped from the Windies tour, it is being speculated in certain sections that the India veteran may have played his last Test

"However, Pujara's father and coach Arvind said his son can make a comeback to the national side and has already started his preparation for the

Duleep trophy. ""He is mentally very strong. I can't comment about selection. But from what I have seen, he is batting at his best.

In fact, he was working hard in the nets the same day post the WI team announcement," he said.

"He has started preparing for the Duleep trophy and will continue playing on the county circuit. As a father and coach, there is no reason for me to believe why he can't comeback

"After the India No.3's omission, legends such as Sunil Gavaskar slammed the selec-tors for their decision to drop the 35-year-old Pujara. "Gavaskar had said Pujara

had been made a scapegoat for the batter's failure in the WTC final

""Why has he been made the scapegoat for our batting fail-ures? He has been a loyal servant of Indian cricket, a quiet and able achiever. But because he doesn't have millions of followers on whatever platforms who would

"What is the criteria for dropping him and keeping the others who failed. I don't know because nowadays there is no media interaction with the selection committee chairman or whoever where you could actually ask these questions.

# Sergio joining ex-Barcelona at Inter Miami

#### AP MIAMI, JUN 24

Sergio Busquets is joining for-mer Barcelona teammate unbeaten 118, and the home side could have easily scored a few Lionel Messi at Inter Miami, the more, which could have given team's second major addition in them a psychological advantage. less than a month.

'The team confirmed the was criticised by several experts move Friday in a video posted on Twitter. Inter Miami disand Australia went on to win the thrilling Test by two wickets. played the phrase "Busi," referto isquets' nic name

spoke first and he says; 'Lads, I am immensely proud of the effort you put in. We have made the game what it was. We were so close to pulling off an unbelievable victory. We played all the cricket in the played all the cricket in the game. If it wasn't for us the Australians wouldn't have even had a chance to win'.

to declare on 393'

PTI MELBOURNE

 $F_{\text{bowler Brett Geeves believes}}^{\text{ormer Australian pace}}$ 

England's ultra-aggressive approach is likely to backfire during the Ashes, adding that the declaration on day one of the

first Test at Edgbaston was a sign

of "wild arrogance" on the part

of Ben Stokes' side. "England had declared their

first innings on 393 for eight

despite Joe Root batting on an

'The decision to declare

"Geeves, who has played

ODI and two T2

Australia. ""It (Bazball) sets them

(England) up to fail and to me it kind of feels like 'even if we

lose we're playing the best crick-

et and we have won anyway,'

Geeves told Sen Radio on

Particularly against Australia in the Ashes," opined the 41-year-

"That's not how it works.

"He said it was "disrespect-

"There was (an) article

Saturday

"It is just a really disrespect-ful approach to the perfor-mances of Pat Cummins and the performance of the run chase and their ability to hold England to 276 in the best batting conditions of the game."

"Australia škipper Cummins scored an unbeaten 44 and partner Nathan Lyon struck 16 not out, when the chips were down, to take the visitors to the winning target of 282 set by

# I have to keep things simple, maintain discipline, says Jaiswal after call-up

#### AP MUMBAI $F_{\rm 2030}^{\rm IFA's}$ search for the men's World Cup hosts was

 $F_{\text{his maiden call-up in the}}^{\text{or Yashasvi Jaiswal, who got}}_{\text{India Test side on Friday when}}$ the BCCI announced the squad for the upcoming two-Test series in the West Indies, it was the culmination of a journey he had embarked on almost a decade

"Having left his home in Bhadohi, Uttar Pradesh, spending early teenage years at a tent lan doing hard yards in Maximum City under his coach Jwala Singh, an India cap wasn't everything for the 21-year-old batting prodigy, but the only thing he aspired for.



interacted a lot with Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli and Ajinkya

Rahane. "Jaiswal said he would not keep any batting position as preference while approaching the West Indies tour. "It depends on the situations in the match, how it goes and what is happening, we will have to see. I can only figure that out once we go

there, cannot speak about it at this moment," he said. "The left-handed batter said lia coach Rahul

make a noise in case he gets dropped, you drop him? That is something beyond understand-ing," said Gavaskar. 'It was wild arrogance on part of England



"with the bidding process to be officially launched thereafter.'

postponed after failing to agree

on rules for bid campaigns and

a date for the final vote. "The vote by about 200 FIFA member federations was

moved to the last quarter of 2024

instead of a previously expected

meeting in September next year.

tled on at a FIFA council meet-

ing before the end of October,

"Bid rules will aim to be set-

**FIFA delays** 

drive, vote

men's 2030

WC hosts

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to pick

"FIFA did detail basic needs for the 48-team, 104-game tournament: 14 stadiums, of which only seven can be new construc tion projects; "explicit public commitments" to human rights and climate action; worker protections; and "non-interference with journalists and human rights defenders" involved in work related to the World Cup.

"One speculated project for2030 appeared to drop out this week when media in Greece reported a Saudi Arabia-led cohost bid that included Egypt will not go ahead. Saudi Arabian soccer offi-

cials had not publicly confirmed what would have been an unprecedented three-continent hosting plan in line with the kingdom's aggressive big-spend-ing ambitions in global soccer. A bid for the 2034 World Cup has been seen as a more likely target. "Still, Saudi involvement could yet be revived even if it would mean bringing the World Cup back to Asia just eight years after Qatar hosted in 2022, and likely again in November-December in the middle of the European club season.

"Europe has long committed to bidding for the 2030 World Cup with Spain and Portugal, and that project has added near-neighbor Morocco from Africa. Ukraine also is involved in that bid.

"South America also wants to host the centenary World Cup, with original 1930 host Uruguay in a four-nation bid with Argentina, Chile and

Paraguay. "Even if the South American bid loses, Uruguay could still be honored as the inaugural host by being given some of the 104 games to stage at the same Estadio Centenario in Montevideo.

"FIFA said on Friday it wanted "additional consultation with all key stakeholders (for the 2030 World Cup) which will mark the centenary of men's football's showpiece tournament.'

"It was never about how he would get there but when. On Friday afternoon the news came, and there was pure joy and elation in equal measure for the stylish southpaw.

"The young batter told PTI in an exclusive interview that he was both nervous and excited over the possibility of his call-up to the India Test side, a dream that turned into reality after putting in splendid perforto the Indian Test team on mances across formats in Friday "Jaiswal was among the reserve players for the World domestic cricket as well as in the

IPL ""My father started crying (when he got to know)," said Jaiswal, adding that he would head to the National Cricket Academy (NCA) in Bangalore perhaps in a couple of days to prepare for the West Indies

tour. "Having returned recently "I am excited but at the same time I just want to go out

and express myself," he added. to his home here, Jaiswal

"Jaiswal, who got the backrevealed he had a busy day on ing of Rajasthan Royals coach Friday, as he was out for a training session followed by a Kumar Sangakkara, teammates shoot -- which is when he got to Trent Boult and Joe Root as well as India captain Rohit Sharma learn about his India selection. "The 21-year-old Jaiswal, who lit up the IPL this year with that he was ready for interna

tional cricket, said he was nersensational batting that followed vous till the time he saw his dominating performances with name in the squad announced by the BCCI. the red ball in the domestic circuit, received his maiden call-up "I was a little nervous, till

the time you do not get to know that your name is there in the team, there are butterflies. But it is a good feeling.

"My preparations have been going good and I got to Test Championship final earlier this month and a call-up for the West Indies tour for two interact a lot with the senior Tests was inevitable after provplayers. The conversation has been very simple - to focus on "I am feeling good, I will try my work. I learned from them that in the end 'it is all about you, how you take it going forward',' said Jaiswal, adding that he has

message has been for him to keep doing things that work for him.

"It has just been about keeping my focus on the right things and keep doing what I have been doing all this while. I have to keep things simple and maintain discipline, these are very easy things to say but are really important (in applica-tion)," Jaiswal said.

"It was a good feeling to learn that I am now a part of the Indian team, but it is also a fact that I try to control myself (emotionally) as much as I can. I know that there are both good and bad sides of things, I try to keep myself stable on both these aspects," added Jaiswal, for whom being grounded is one of the qualities that stand out.

"Jaiswal's coach Jwala Singh was an elated man too - he had travelled to London on Friday having met the player in the morning, and got to know about his selection only upon landing in the UK.

accompanied by quotes from various soccer stars

"On the field, he's alwavs No. 5, but in reality as a player and a person, he's a 10," Messi wrote in Spanish.

The 35-year-old Messi announced on June 7 that he was joining Miami. He is expected to make his Major League Soccer debut in a home game on July 21, the team confirmed Tuesday Owner Jorge Mas told selected outlets on Monday that his club and Messi have agreed to terms and are finalizing paperwork and a visa.

"After nearly two decades old with Barcelona, Busquets announced last month that he ful" on the part of England coach would not return to the club. His Brendon McCullum to tell his contract expires at the end of players that he was proud of June. Busquets arrived at them despite the defeat. Geeves Barcelona in 2005 and has opined, the coach was underplayed 722 matches for the club, mining the efforts of the putting him third all-time Australians by saying this. behind Xavi and record-holder that I was reading that quotes Messi. One of the best defensive midfielders Barcelona has had, Brendon McCullum in terms Busquets has scored 18 goals and of their loss, they're in the had 40 assists. changer rooms and Brendon

Australia and has been a success-"Geeves indicated Australia ful first-class bowler, said have a few tricks up their sleeve 'Bazball' -- the term coined for and they will continue to improve as the five-Test series England's overly aggressive and result-oriented style of play -- is unlikely to work against

"Australia's still got some improvement. They'll get a little bit more out of their batting list as the series progresses and strategically if they can get their mindset right from a fielding and strategy standpoint, I think

they are going to do very well. ""In particular if England have this mindset of wild arro-gance and that's what that declaration was. It was wildly arrogant to think that (8/393) was enough in the first innings on a very flat wicket.

"And yes, absolutely, they (Australia) won the game on the back of the English's ridiculously dumb declaration. There is no doubt that England played a part in their win.

"He said that had England not declared and scored another 50-60 runs, they could have batted Australia out of the contest.

# Diksha builds 5-shot lead, Pranavi lands two eagles on front 9 in Czech Ladies

#### PTI BEROUN (CZECH REPUBLIC)

Diksha Dagar produced a stunning bogey free 7-under 65 to build a five-shot lead after two rounds in the Czech Ladies Open here. "Diksha moved to 10-under 134 with rounds of 69 and 65 as was five clear of Spain's Ana Pelaez Trivino (70) and English duo of Cara Gainer (68) and Gabriela

Cowley (67), who were now 5under 139 with one more round to go. "Diksha, who won the Women's South African Open

in 2019, is seeking her second title on the Ladies European their second round were

Tour. A win for her will mean a second LET win for Indians, as Aditi Ashok earlier in the season won the Kenya Ladies Open. "Another Indian, Pranavi Urs, who like Diksha did well on her home Tour - the WPG Tour earlier - had two eagles on the front nine after starting late in the second round.

ing himself across formats.

to do my best," Jaiswal said.

"Pranavi was 5-under for the front nine despite a bogey. Pranavi eagled the Par-5s on the fifth and seventh and added a birdie on the third and ninth, while dropping a shot on Par-3 fourth. At 5-under through 27 holes, Pranavi was Tied-15th. "Additionally, yet to finish



Ridhima Dilawari, who after a first round 74 was even through 15 holes in the second to 2-over for the tournament with three holes left and was tied-53rd.

"Amandeep Drall (74-76) and Vani Kapoor (76 and 20-over through 10 in the second) looked likely to miss the cut.

"Diksha, who started the day in tied-second, started on the 12th, 15th and 18th to turn in three-under 33 by which time she was already in the lead.

which is the front side of the Royal Beroun Golf Club, Diksha did not take her foot off the pedal and hammered in birdie

on the third and the fifth, and then landed an eagle on Par-5

"In 36 holes, Diksha has just dropped one shot in the first

"In a tournament where low scoring has been the norm, Diksha has done well on the five Par-5s that are there on the course. She has scored well on

the Par-5s and is seven-under for them, despite a bogey on one of them on the first day.

"Last week, Diksha was in contention but finished tiedthird at the German Masters and before that, she was tied-eighth at Helsingborg Open and tiedsixth at Belgian Ladies Open.

seventh for a 4-under 32.

round on Par-5 fifth.

"Into the second nine,



# HIS CONTROLS O OR DIE FOR THE OPPOSITION

With as many as 17 political parties and three dozen leaders in attendance, the Patna conclave marks a significant breakthrough in the effort to bring together the majority of Opposition parties on one platform against the BJP, writes NAVIN UPADHYAY

he June 23 meeting of the Opposition in Patna has set the trajectory of Indian politics, heralding the advent of a make-or-break battle for both the Opposition and the BJP in the upcoming 2024 Lok Sabha election. {Pushed into a corner by the onslaught of probe agencies, the Opposition is determined to confront the BJP directly in a minimum of 400 constituencies. This gathering represents a pivotal moment as the majority of influential Opposition leaders, with the exception of Arvind Kejriwal from the AAP, have chosen to set aside their political divergences and embark on negotiations aimed at ending Prime Minister Narendra Modi's tenure next ten months. The primary objective of the meeting was to foster unity among opposition parties and devise a comprehensive strategy to challenge the ruling party in the upcoming elections. Discussions also revolved around crucial national issues, including economic policies, unemployment, healthcare, agrarian distress, and social justice. Electoral alliances, seat-sharing arrangements, and campaign coordination were also key topics on the agenda. With as many as 17 political parties and three dozen leaders in attendance, the Patna conclave is a significant breakthrough that indicates a promising development in the opposition's unity. This positive momentum is expected to continue with the reconvening of these leaders in Shimla in the second week of July, further strengthening their joint platform against Modi. Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has already laid the groundwork and proposed a formula for seat adjustments, which could serve as a starting point for future negotiations, testing the sincerity of these leaders in forging a united front. However, the absence of Janata Dal (Secular), Bhartiya Rashtriya Congress, Biju Janata Dal, and YSR Congress at the meeting highlights the limited scope for Opposition unity in South India. The Congress and Left parties, who were present at the Patna conclave, are also political rivals in Kerala. Since the BJP's influence in Kerala is relatively low, these parties see no need for seat adjustments in the state. Likewise, the Congress is prepared to contest elections independently in Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, and Odisha, while maintaining its existing alliance with the DMK in Tamil Nadu. Therefore, the main focus of the opposition's unity efforts will primarily be in North and Western India, particularly in states such as Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Jammu and Kashmir, Delhi,

Punjab, Bihar, Jharkhand, and Maharashtra. In addition, the Congress will also contest elections on its own in Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Uttarakhand, and Himachal Pradesh. A Congress and Trinamool Congress alliance in Bengal and Tripura may still be possible, but finding common ground between the Left and Mamata Banerjee's TMC presents challenges.

If the opposition does manage to unite in North and West India, it could result in direct contests in nearly 400 seats. Some states where multi-cornered contests might occur include Uttar Pradesh (because of the Mayawati factor). , Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Punjab, and Delhi. Out of these 400-plus seats, the Congress is expected to contest around 310-320 seats, sharing the electoral space with the Shiv Sena-led by Uddhav Thackeray, TMC, DMK, SP, RJD, JD(U), NCP, and NC and PDP. Considering the current scenario, if the Opposition manages to unite in North and West India, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi is likely to be seen as a prominent candidate for the prime ministerial role. Even if the alliance doesn't officially project him as such, the party's cadres and workers are likely to see him in that role, which could energize the party base but also considerably clear the confusion among the public about the potential leader of the nation after Modi. While BJP leaders repeatedly claim that a contest t between Rahul and Modi will be a one-sided affair, favoring the Gujarat stalwart, undoubtedly, Rahul has gained popularity following his successful Bharat Yatra. If the Congress leader undertakes a second round of Bharat Yatras from west to east, Rahul could further capitalize on his growing popularity among the masses. The Congress hopes that the appeal of leaders like Rahul Gandhi, Priyanka Gandhi among the middle class and the poor voters, and Kharge among Dalit and Muslim voters will lead to a resurgence of the party, which aims to win at least 100-plus seats. This could be the best-case scenario in the Opposition's effort to end the Modishah era. The Opposition's desperation to join forces stems from two critical factors that drive their motivation. Firstly, they have faced relentless targeting by probe agencies in the past and fear that if Modi returns to power, their political aspirations may be further thwarted. This fear adds urgency to their efforts to unite against the ruling party. Secondly, they believe that since nearly 62 percent of voters cast their ballots against the BJP in 2019, their



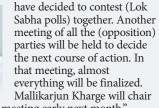
collective strength could make it extremely challenging for the BJP to retain power. However, politics is not a simple equation, and the Opposition will need more than just numerical superiority on their side.

To truly win over the electorate, the Opposition must offer stability, strong leadership, and a compelling economic vision that convinces the nation they are united not only to oust Modi but also to formulate a comprehensive plan addressing the socio-economic divide that they talk about day and night. In addition to leadership and joint campaigns, a significant portion of the middle class, upwardly mobile, and educated voters yearn to see a clear blueprint from the opposition. They seek a convincing demonstration that the Opposition has a well-thought-out strategy to deliver on the promise of "acche din" (good days) if they were to assume power. The Patna event, with its lively discussions, idea exchanges, and shared commitment to democratic values, exemplified the determination of opposition parties to shape the future political landscape through collaboration. Leaders from major opposition parties across the country converged in Patna, representing diverse political ideologies and backgrounds. The presence of influential figures such as Mamata Banerjee, Sharad Pawar, Akhilesh Yadav, Uddhav Thackeray and Sitaram Yechury added gravitas to the proceedings. The meeting showcased a remarkable spirit of unity and collaboration among opposition parties. Leaders set aside their ideological differences and focused on the shared goal of strengthening the democratic framework and safeguarding the rights and welfare of citizens. They recognized that only by joining forces could they present a credible alternative to the ruling party. Central to the discussions was the formulation of a common minimum program, a guiding document that would outline the alliance's shared principles, goals, and policy framework. This program aimed to provide a cohesive roadmap for the opposition coalition in effectively addressing the nation's challenges. While the opposition parties in Patna demonstrated unity and determination, they also acknowledged the formidable challenges that lie ahead. The ruling party's massive electoral machinery, widespread support, and incumbency advantages cannot be underestimated. Furthermore, managing ideological differences within the opposition alliance will require adept handling to maintain a united front. To overcome these challenges,

# Who said what?

#### Here are the statements in chronological order:

**Bihar Chief Minister Nitish** Kumar stated, "We had a good meeting, and several leaders expressed their views during the meeting. Seventeen



FROM TWO CRITICAL FACTORS THAT DRIVE THEIR MOTIVATION. FIRSTLY, THEY HAVE FACED RELENTLESS TARGETING BY **PROBE AGENCIES IN** THE PAST AND FEAR THAT IF MODI **RETURNS TO POWER** THE SUN WILL FOREVER SET DOWN ON THEIR POLITICAL FUTURE. THIS FEAR ADDS URGENCY TO THEIR EFFORTS TO UNITE AGAINST THE RULING PARTY. SECONDLY, THEY **BELIEVE THAT SINCE NEARLY 62 PERCENT** OF VOTERS CAST THEIR BALLOTS AGAINST THE BJP IN 2019, THEIR COLLECTIVE STRENGTH COULD MAKE IT EXTREMELY CHALLENGING FOR THE BJP TO RETAIN POWER. HOWEVER, POLITICS IS NOT Á SIMPLE EQUATION, AND THE OPPOSITION WILL NEED MORE THAN JUST NUMERICAL SUPERIORITY ON THEIR SIDE



parties have decided to work together and contest the Lok Sabha elections unitedly. Very

positive talks were held today, and we that meeting early next month."

National Conference leader Omar Abdullah, after the joint opposition meeting in Patna, said, ".17 parties from Kashmir to Kanyakumari have come together not for power, but for principles. We have met to save the country from

devastation and to bring democracy



NCP chief **Sharad Pawar:** "Just like JP movement, our united front will get the blessings of the public."

West Bengal Chief Minister and Trinamool Congress supremo Mamata Banerjee asserted that all the Opposition parties will unitedly fight against the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in the upcoming Lok Sabha election. Addressing the media after the Opposition leaders' meeting in

leaders stressed the importance of grassroots mobilization, direct voter engagement, and addressing citizens' concerns. Efficient resource management, encompassing financial and human resources, was also a key topic of discussion.

The meeting of opposition parties in Patna marks a crucial step towards forging a stronger alliance, driven by the objective of providing an alternative vision for the country. The leaders displayed an unwavering commitment to democratic values and principles, setting aside their differences to work collectively for the

back. Mehbooba Mufti and I belong to that part of the country where democracy is murdered...Yesterday in America there were discussions about democracy in the White House...why this democracy

doesn't reach Jammu and Kashmir ...



Rahul Gandhi: "It is a

battle of ideologies.

Indeed, there will be

differences among us,

but we have decided

to work together and

protect the ideologies

shared by us.'



Tamil Nadu Chief Minister and DMK supremo MK Stalin said that no decision was taken on the PM candidate at the Patna opposition parties' meeting.

Patna, Mamata Banerjee said, "We are united, we will fight unitedly... history started from here (Patna), BJP wants that history changed. And we want history should be saved from Bihar. Our objective is to

speak against this fascist government...

betterment of the nation. While challenges lie ahead, the meeting highlighted the determination and resolve of the opposition parties to build a formidable coalition. The unity demonstrated in Patna sends a clear message to the electorate that the opposition is prepared to challenge the ruling party's dominance and present a viable alternative. As the political landscape evolves in the coming months, the true impact of this meeting will become evident, potentially shaping the course of Indian politics and democracy for years to come.





YOU ONLY LIVE ONCE, BUT IF YOU DO IT **RIGHT, ONCE IS ENOUGH** - MAE WEST

New Delhi, June 25, 2023

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Every year, world over on June 21, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Day is observed to create awareness about this progressive neurodegenerative disease which has no cure or definitive treatment. People with ALS lose the

ability to initiate/ control muscle movement, which often leads to total paralysis and death. The average life span after diagnosis is two to five years. Inclusion of ALS in the national rare disease policy would send a strong message of inclusivity and support for those living with this disease, experts tell The HEALTH PIONEER

 magine a scenario where your mind is razor sharp but you are unable to control your muscle movement. So much so that you gradually lose the power of mobility and speech, the ability to swallow or chew and even breathe. Ultimately, the patient needs permanent ventilator support. This is ALS, the rarest of



rare diseases," Dr Nirmal Surva , leading neurologist and chairman of the Indian Academy of Neuro rehabilitation makes the case for the ALS for its inclusion in the Rare Disease category.

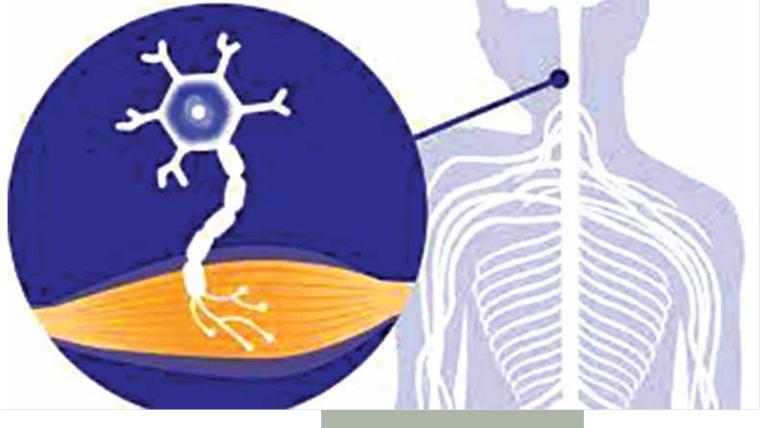
ALS affects an estimated 450,000 people worldwide, with an average survival rate of just two to five years. Every 90 minutes someone is diagnosed with ALS and as many minutes someone passes away from this disease. In India alone, it is estimated that around 75,000 to 100,000 people live with ALS.

Professor M Gourie Devi,



senior consultant neurologist, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital points out that in Western countries, people developed ALS in their 60s while in India it was observed that nearly one-third of patients were younger in the age group of 40 to 50 years.

In fact, a study, "The profile of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis Western Himalayas



swallowing and breathing die early. "By integrating ALS into the policy framework, we can

enhance awareness among med-

ical practitioners, thereby

enabling early and accurate

diagnosis, access to affordable

treatment options and assistive

devices, and supportive thera-

pies that can improve the qual-

ity of life and extend the lifes-

pan," she said, echoing the views

ALS presents unique challenges,

requiring comprehensive and

multidisciplinary support,

including exorbitant specialised

The progressive nature of

of Dr Surva.

services.

ALS, is a nervous system (neurological) disease that causes muscle weakness and impacts physical function. ALS is often called Lou

What is ALS?

Gehrig's disease, after the famous baseball player who was diagnosed with it. ALS is a type of motor neuron disease that causes nerve cells to gradually break down and die. In the United States, ALS is

sometimes called motor neuron disease. In most cases, doctors don't

know why ALS occurs. A small number of cases are inherited. ALS often begins with

medical care, assistive devices, muscle twitching and weakness and access to palliative care in an arm or leg, or sometimes Being a debilitating condiwith slurring of speech. tion, ALS not only poses Eventually, ALS can affect your ability to control the muscle nmense financial burden but needed to move, speak, eat and breathe. ALS can't be cured and eventually leads to death.

often include increasing muscle weakness, especially involving the arms and legs, speech, swallowing or breathing.

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When muscles no longer receive the messages from the motor neurons that they require to function, the muscles begin to atrophy (become smaller).

Limbs begin to look "thinner" as muscle tissue atrophies.

What are the effects of ALS? • The body has many kinds of nerves. There are those involved in the process of thinking, memory, and of detecting sensations (such as hot/cold, sharp/dull), and oth-

other bodily functions.

affected when you have ALS are

the motor neurons that provide

voluntary movements and

muscle power. Examples of

#### • The heart and the diges-

muscle but a different kind, and their movements are not under voluntary control. When your heart beats or a meal is digesttary.

while you cannot stop your heart, you can hold your breath - so be aware that ALS may eventually have an impact on breathing

## head up or keeping a good pos-

#### What are the treatment options for motor neuron disease or ALS?

\*There is no definitive cure for motor neuron disease in India or in any country. Medications and therapy can lower motor neuron disease progression which can be considered as a form of MND cure in India. There are some medications in the market which have proven to slow the disease considerably and should be taken as advised by the specialist. Undergoing surgery should be avoided as much as possible and only to be approached as

#### Notable individuals who have been diagnosed with ALS include:

- Baseball great Lou Gehrig
- Theoretical physicist, cosmologist and author Stephen Hawking Hall of Fame pitcher Jim "Catfish" Hunter
- US Senator Jacob Javits
- Actor David Niven
  - "SpongeBob SquarePants" creator Stephen Hillenburg
- "Sesame Street" creator Jon Stone
- Jazz musician Charles Mingus
- Singer/songwriter Kim Shattuck (The Muffs)
- Bassist Mike Porcaro (Toto)
- Musician Huddie Ledbetter (Lead Belly)
- Theatre producer Jenifer Estess
- Boxing champion Ezzard Charles
- NBA Hall of Fame basketball player George Yardley Entertainer Dennis Dav
- Former U.S. Vice President Henry A. Wallace
- NFL football player O.J. Brigance
- NFL football player Tim Shaw

#### **RAY OF HOPE** SCIENTISTS ENVISION POSSIBLE CURE USING GOLD NANOPARTICLES

A mit Dubey, a former researcher at Allahabad University, along with researchers from the Shoolini University of Himachal Pradesh and Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology Graduate University, Japan, have found evidence that "self-therapeutic gold nanochaperon treatment" holds a potential role in the restoration of motor neuron

The research results

have been published in the

prestigious New Journal of Chemistry, Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC), UK.

also identified the pharma-

cological potential of a syn-

(PolyEthylene Glycol) — a

compound derived from

petroleum with many appli-

cations - like nanoconju-

gate in transgenic mice and

the mechanism through

which it could help in the

and a key research team member said, "We have

reported the restoration of

motor neuron processivity

upon gold nano-chaperon

treatment in vitro. We eval-

uated the pharmacological

potential of a synthesised

Dubey, an AU alumnus

treatment of the disease.

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Gold-PEG nanoconjugate in transgenic mice. found differences in the detection of the onset of symptoms and the progression of the disease upon Gold-PEG treatment when assessed using behavioural tests, such as rotarod and walking tests."

Dubey said histopathology of the gastrocnemius muscle (large posterior muscle of the calf of the leg) showed notable alteration upon Gold-PEG administration.

'The therapeutic potential of the nanoconjugate was found to be notable, with additional survival for mice, and improved rotarod (rotating rod with forced motor activity being applied) per-formance," he said.

Current findings suggest that gold nanoparticles can increase the survival of ALS-suffering mice for nearly seven days on average compared to a control. Also, significant improvements were seen in the probability of onset and the mean age at onset as determined via rotarod testing and other examinations. Gold-PEG-treated ALS mice also showed a lower extent of motor neuron degeneration, he added.

#### **STUDY** OMEGA-3 FATTY ACIDS LINKED TO SLOWER DECLINE IN ALS

People with ALS who eat more foods high in certain omega-3 fatty acids like flaxseed oil, walnuts, canola oil and pumpkin physical decline from the disease and may have a slightly extended survival. The study, which looked at the survival of people with ALS over the course of 18 months, was published in Neurology, a medical journal of the American Academy of Neurology. Researchers also found an omega-6 fatty acid may be beneficial. The study does not prove that these omega fatty acids slow decline of ALS or extend survival; it only shows an association. "The link our study found between diet and ALS is intriguing and suggests, but does not prove, that people with ALS may benefit from incorporating more omega-3 fatty acids into their diet," said Kjetil Bjornevik, of Harvard University in Boston, Massachusetts, and member of the American Academy of Neurology. "It will now be important to conduct addi-

tional research looking specifically at the plantbased omega-3 fatty acid alpha-linolenic acid in people with ALS to further

# tive system are also made of

ed, it all happens automatically. Therefore, the heart and digestive system are not involved in ALS. Breathing also may seem to be involun-

• Remember, though,

What are the early signs and a last resort. symptoms of ALS?

Hospital-based cohort study," appeared in the Journal of Neurosciences in Rural Practices uphelds Devi's view. The study was conducted in Himachal Pradesh in 2018.

It too found that ALS patients from India are younger at disease onset and show longer duration of symptoms compared to patients from western countries.

Besides genetic mutations, which have been associated with the familial and sporadic forms of ALS, environmental factors, including smoking, viral infections, and exposure to toxins, metals, solvents, pesticides, radiation and electromagnetic fields have also been linked to the disease

"About 50% of ALS patients survive for three to five years after the onset of symptoms, while 30 % beyond five years and around 20% may survive longer as it depends on site of onset, rate of progression and availability of assistive devices," Devi maintains, adding that patients having difficulty in

also adversely impacts the physical, emotional and social well-being of the affected individuals and their families. The inclusion of ALS in the national rare disease policy would send a strong message of inclusivity and support for those living with rare neurodegenerative diseases in the

country, as per the ALS Care & Support Foundation. It has identified a few key actions that can make a substantial difference- regular awareness campaigns, financial support, national registry of ALS patients, research and trials in India, multidisciplinary ALS clinics, insurance coverage, and access to global therapies, drugs, supplements and assis-tive devices.

"However, it is also true can lead a productive life. Early intervention, comprehensive and committed care

and support, and advancements in research can significantly enhance the quality of

#### What are the symptoms of ALS?

As motor neurons degenvoluntary movements are your erate, they can no longer send making the effort to reach for impulses to the muscle fibers the phone or step off a curb; that normally result in muscle these actions are controlled by movement. the muscles in the arms and

Early symptoms of ALS legs



that a person living with ALS disease," said Satvinder Kaur, co-founder of the ALS Care & Support Foundation. "Focussed attention on the

needs of the ALS community aligns with international best practices in rare disease managelife for those affected with the ment. Many countries recognize Sciences and Neurologist.

the significance of ALS and have implemented policies that priortises the unique needs of ALS patients," asserted Prof Rajinder K Dhamija, Director of the Delhi-based Institute of Human Behaviour and Allied

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• Weakness in your leg, feet or ankles • Hand weakness or clumsiness

• Slurring of speech or trouble swallowing

• Muscle cramps and twitching in your arms, shoulders and tongue • Difficulty holding your

According to the ALS Association, about 20 percent of people live five years after their diagnosis, 10 percent live 10 years after their diagnosis and 5 percent live 20 years or more. Probably well known physicist, cosmologist and author Stephen Hawking who managed to survive till 70 years of age was from the 5 per cent category.

Besides, factors such as genetics and age at diagnosis may play a role in a patient's survival times.

Most people with ALS die from respiratory failure, which occurs when people cannot get

or delayed with early detection?

Unfortunately, the answer is no, for the time being. However, this situation may change with the new development of therapeutic genome editing. In the future, it the mutation may be corrected before the onset of the disease, which will offer a fundamental cure for the disease.

enough oxygen from their lungs into their blood; or when they cannot properly remove carbon dioxide from their blood, according to NINDS. In ALS, this happens because the disease can eventually lead to paralysis of the muscles that control breathing, according to the Mayo Clinic.

In the late stages of ALS, it becomes hard for patients to exhale carbon dioxide. "High levels of carbon dioxide in the body cause low levels of consciousness, leading patients to sleep for long periods. Often, patients with ALS die very peacefully while sleeping," as per The ALS Association

lore this possibilit The study involved 449

people who had ALS with an average age of 58, who were followed over 18 months. Of the total participants, 126 or 28%, đied by the end of the study.

Researchers looked at levels of omega-3 fatty acids in participants' blood. They divided them into four groups based on lowest to highest amounts.

Participants took a test to assess their disease progression and severity of symptoms. The test measured 12 aspects of physical function including swallowing, speaking, chewing, and the ability to use muscles in the hands, arms, legs and torso, as well as respiratory function. Each category was scored from zero, meaning no ability, to four, meaning normal ability. Total scores ranged between zero to 48, with higher scores indicating better function and less severe symptoms.

# Eat Gut-friendly Food For Healthy You

In view of the increasing number of patients of gastro-intestinal diseases globally, World Gastroenterology Organisation has selected the theme for the year 2023 as 'Your Digestive Health: A Healthy Gut From the Start'. After all, good digestive health allows the body to duly breakdown the ingested food and absorb nutrients to keep the body healthy, says Dr RP PARASHER

The second Digestive Health Day may have gone, having been observed on May 29, but we must know that ensuring good gut health is a daily affair. For, 'A healthy gut is a healthy you.'

Everyone wants to consume a well balanced diet and quality food for better immunity and endurance but all of us are not lucky enough to digest all the ingested food due to a weak digestive system.

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Good digestive health allows the body to duly break down the ingest-ed food and absorb nutrients to keep the body healthy.

Enzymes and chemicals secreted by the liver, pancreas, intestine, etc. as well as microbes present in the gut are responsible for quality of digestion. Ingredients of ingested food are equally responsible for good digestion. Food, environment and medicines also affect the gut bacteria.

Anti-tubercular and anti-cancer

drugs, antibiotics and some other categories of medicines prove harmful for the gut bacteria which aid in digestion. It harms not only the digestive process, but also affects assimilation and absorption of food in the body adversely. Ås a result we are neither benefited by the nutrients present in the ingested food, nor are the level of immunity improved. It is clear that selection of foods along with medicines is beneficial for

health as well as immunity. Ayurvedic medicines like Ashwagandha, Shatavari, Kutki, Punarnava, Kalmegh, Bhringraj,



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Giloy, Haldi, Aloe vera, and bhasmas of Gold, Silver, Diamond, Copper, Iron, etc. are quite safe for gut microbiomes and highly effective to cure the diseases.

Millets and whole grains like grams, ragi, bajara, jwar, barley, maize, beans, pulses, green vegetables banana, mango, fruit juices contain proteins, high fibre, vitamins are gut microbiomes friendly and are easy to digest.

They also reduce the level of sugar and bad cholesterol without harming the good cholesterol. Milk, yoghurt buttermilk and fermented

foods like jalebi are also useful for digestive health. Foods containing high quantities of fat, salt and sugar are harmful for the digestive system as well as for overall health. From the Ayurvedic perspective, the human body is made, developed and grown by the seven dhatus- Rasa, Rakta, Mans, Meda, Asthi, Majja & Shukra which refers to the tissues plasma, blood, muscles, fat or adipose tissue, bone, bone marrow & the seminal fluids respectively. All the seven dhatus or tissues have their own Agni or the fire element which is responsible for metabolism. Agni of the rasa

dhatu is responsible for proper digestion, assimilation and absorption of the food ingested. When agni or the fire element is low, it affects the quality of digestion as well as formation of the next dhatus adversely. So it is advisable to select foods which aid to keep the level of agni high and formation of all the dhatus properly.

Living a stress-free and peaceful life is also essential as hormones like cortisols reduce the level of agni which brings down the metabolism and level of immunity. It is also important to avoid smoking, alcohol, and excessive caffeine.





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# A sigh of relief to wilful defaulters!

banking system. The increased loss to the banks affects every citizen of the nation because the deposits in the banks belong to the citizens of the country. Banks run their business by giving loans to the money that we deposit. In the meantime, the June 8 release of a circular by the RBI titled "Framework for Compromised Settlement and Technical Write-off" has several consequences that may affect the Indian banking system because it allows compound settlement for accounts that have been deemed fraudulent, which is a violation of justice and accountability. Fraudulent businesses or wilful defaulters may be eligible for a fresh loan after completing 12 months (mini-

mum period) of settlement. A wilful defaulter is someone who has resources but refuses to make payments, according to the 2015 RBI Master Circular. Because a company is a separate person under the law and promoters' personal assets cannot be seized if they have not personally guaranteed the loan, such agreements are acceptable for small loans (such as home and auto loans) and to some extent even with significant wilful defaulters

The circular dated June 8, 2023, now addresses settlements with fraudulent borrowers, which were not addressed in the 2015 circular. How can a bank settle with someone who defrauded the bank?

The circular refers to the settlement of the loan. In such

The foundation of any agreements, the bank receives a portion of the outstanding loan balance plus interest that is agreed upon by both parties. Its drawback is that it raises the banks' non-performing asset (NPA) levels. On the other hand, a wilful defaulter has an advantage because he is exempt from paying back the full amount plus interest.

Neeraj Singhal, the managing director of Bhushan Steel Limited, was recently detained by the Enforcement Directorate in connection with a ₹56,000 crore fraud committed by defrauding more than 36 banks. It was revealed to be the biggest banking fraud in the nation in 2018. Neeraj committed this bank fraud by scam of ₹56,000 crore from more than three dozen banks. To show multiple entries, the loan amount was transferred from one shell company to another after creating dummy or shell companies for the loan. In the name of his company and business, Neeraj obtained loans from banks, but he used the

money for himself. The unique aspect is that Neeraj continued to take out loans without repaying the original ones, and the banks prepared for this. From 2007 to 2014, this game was ongoing. There are numerous bank frauds in front of us, including Neeraj Singhal-Bhushan Steel (₹56,000 crore), DHFL (₹35,000 crore), ABG Shipyard (₹23,000 crore), Nirav Modi and Mehul Choksi scam in PNB scam (₹11,400 crore),

Liquor businessman Vijay Mallya (₹10,000 crore) banks, Andhra Bank Fraud (₹8,100 crore), PMC scam (₹4,355



crore), Rotomac Pen Scam (₹3,695 crore), Videocon Case (₹3,250 crore), Allahabad Bank Fraud (₹1,775 crore), Syndicate Bank Scam (₹1,000 crore), Bank of Maharashtra scam (₹836 crore), Kanishk Gold Bank Fraud (₹824 crore), IDBI Bank Fraud (₹600 crore), RP Info Systems Bank Scam (₹515 crore) to name just a few.

According to Reserve Bank of India data, just 312 major defaulters account for more than 76 per cent of total bad loans. According to Banks' reports, 16,044 borrowers had wilful defaulted on loans totaling ₹346,479 crore as of December 2022.

Large loan advance frauds are not common, but they do happen occasionally when large lenders, bank officials, or sometimes even third parties like lawyers or chartered accountants (CAs) are involved. The amount stuck in

the wilful default category has increased by 41 per cent or over ₹1 lakh crore in the last two years from ₹2,45,767 crore. When the farmer is unable to pay back the loan, the bank sells his land at auction and makes a profit. However, when it comes to

business owners or industrialists, the same banks become paralyzed and learn about these NPAs much later.

Ironically, there are no spe-

cific skills required to become a banker in an Indian bank, despite the fact that banking is regarded as a clerical occupation in India. It is necessary to categorise the banking industry as a skill-specific industry, particularly its lending division. When providing loans to Indian businesses that have taken out sizable loans abroad, banks should exercise caution. The banks' internal and external audit systems must be

strengthened immediately.

It's crucial that employees in the loan department rotate quickly. A rigorous internal rating agency should be established to evaluate major projects. Implementing a strong management information system (MIS) is necessary to monitor early warning signs regarding business projects.

In order to conduct a forensic audit, RBI lacks the necessary supervisory capacity, which needs to be strengthened with both human and technical resources. The use of artificial intelligence to monitor financial transactions can significantly reduce the incidence of financial fraud. Additionally, the branch's input on the borrowers' backgrounds and other pertinent ground realities should be given the appropriate weight. Creating a "bad bank" is not the real solution because these steps only assist when a loan defaults and do not prevent defaults in the first place.

The RBI should strengthen its loan recovery procedures rather than keeping large corporate bad loans from being written off. In order to prevent problems from occurring, the government, RBI, and banks will need to exercise more supervision over credit man-

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## PERSPECTIVE

# Joshimath disaster cries for ethical development

The man-made

Arguably, or it goes without any argument, the manmade disaster at Joshimath reflects on India's development journey sans ethics. Following

mised with economic values,

justification provides a descrip-

tive ground based on the

approachable norms to demon-

strate why economic values

cannot be considered absolute

and thus makes a case for the

rationale of considering other

values and interests to an equal

extent. To put it in a broader

perspective, such an argument

entails that development is

meant for a certain end -

any development projects, it is

essential to understand the

term "development" and focus

Thus, before implementing

human well-being.

In this context, legitimate

among others.

on the basic requirements, including the desires, expectations, and aspirations of people, as well as the cultural, social, and environmental values of the area where the project aims to be implemented. The harmony between the objective of a development activity and the requirements of the local people proves authentic praiseworthy development and can prevent undesirable anti-development legacies and disasters. However, such a desirable and inclusive model of development is only possible through a deliberative democratic procedure of decisionmaking that includes the freedom of the local people and enables their participation in the developmental policy-making process. On the contrary, a justificatory reason for ignoring the Mishra Committee seems to be that the suggestions made in this report do not promote the commercial interests of the state and the state-supported private actors. Consequently, immense construction work resumed in the name of development in this fragile area. But the question remains unanswered: should we call it ethical, all-inclusive, and praiseworthy development in which the economic benefit of the state and some private individuals overshadow the suffering and vulnerabilities of the local people? As Danis Goulet says, "societies are more human or more developed, not when men and women 'have more' but when they are enabled 'to be more'." Unfortunately, the development activities carried out, in general and in and around environmentally fragile areas, are neither inclusive towards critical evaluation nor capable of providing legitimate justifications and thus fail to withstand ethical and moral scrutiny.

disaster in Joshimath reveals an unethical approach to development. **Factors like** location, geological faults, and construction projects contributed to the disaster. Ethical analysis involves environmental and development ethics, prioritising the environment and local wellbeing. Ignoring recommendations for commercial interests undermines ethical development, neglecting the needs of the locals

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the massive cracks identified in the buildings in Joshimath town and the subsequent evacuation of people from the area, it has once again raised the discussion around the dire need for ethical (also environmentally friendly) development activities.

The natural and anthropogenic reasons for the disaster highlight several factors, including the location of Joshimath in a seismic zone, reactivation of geographical fault, landslides caused by the undercuts by Alkananda and Dhauliganga, and the construction of large-scale development projects such as NTPC's 520 MW Tapovan-Vishnugad Hydroelectric power project and Char Dham project-road expansion activities.

Warning about such a disaster, a previous study on Joshimath, the Mahes Chand Mishra committee-1976, observed that "Joshimath is a deposit of sand and stone — it is not the main rock — hence it was not suitable for establishing a township".

Both the natural and anthropogenic reasons for the Joshimath disaster merit further (re)thinking and require action on development activities so that a balance can be struck between the environment, native people, and larger developmental interests. Accordingly, such man-made

sis from an ethical perspective. Ethical analysis in this context includes two dimensions (which should not be seen as binaries): environmental ethics and development ethics. Considering humans as

part of the environment, environmental ethics engages with man's moral relationship with the environment and its nonhuman constituents, including the moral status of the environment. The natural reasons



show that the environment of the Joshimath area is already naturally fragile and thus needs special attention and care. Consequently, any deviation disasters warrant critical analyfrom taking special care gives rise to environmental ethical concerns, questioning humans' responsibility towards protecting and sustaining the environment.

Arguably, the successive governments' apathy and negigence of the Mishra committee report-1976 have adverse effects on the Himalayan environment, including the natives of the regions. Thus, the charges on the successive governments and the agents of

development being unethical are not only on the eco-centric ground — which attributes moral standing to the envi-ronment and claims its protection for the environment itself - but also on the anthropocentric ground - which claims that the environment needs to be protected merely for the well-being of humans.

Furthermore, when talking about development ethics, it deals with the moral justification that is grounded in any developmental policy or pro-ject(s). It mainly has two perspectives: a cost-benefit utilitarian account and an anticost-benefit holistic account.

According to the former, development is justified since it maximises benefits over costs. This justification underpins the traditional Western notion of development that primarily considers economic development. Hence, undertaking developmental actions, including large-scale infrastructure projects, is justified since all these actions can improve the economic standard of the locals as well as the State.

However, considering that humans are endowed with multiple needs and flairs (social, political, economic, and cultural, to broadly cite),

"development ethics should not be divorced from the hope, expectations, and aspirations of ordinary people."

In the context of developmental actions, concerning morality, fundamental questions arise: development for whom, by whom, and, most importantly, at the cost of what? Accordingly, development ought to be inclusive of critical evaluation and legitimate justification to strengthen itself. For example, there is a need to critically reflect on how far economic values and interests need to be emphasised and whether environmental concerns should be compro-

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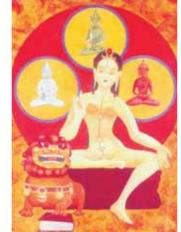
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# ΥXISSAMANX MARK



#### ARIES March 21-April 19

You are a winner who is proud of your achievements. The week begins on a high note. There is acknowledgment, acclaim, and victory over your opponents. People at work will understand and respect you. Your potential is diverse. You bring fresh ideas, new technologies, and inventive inventions that people will embrace and admire. By mid-week, you may run across an old friend, a former customer, or a cousin. You might also go back to your hometown, where you spent your childhood. This is a wonderful time in your life, and you should enjoy it. A lot of time will be spent with family members. By the end of the week, you will be fatigued and worried. But you are determined and will confront life's problems. Lucky number 2 | Lucky colour Red Lucky day Tuesday



#### LEO July 23-Aug 22

This week, you may experience creative energy, a growing relationship, or family growth. You have exceptional intuition and can see problems before they arise. You have the skill of a counsellor or healer and appear to have the perfect answer to difficulties with home, friends, and love. Midweek, you will be flooded with feelings, a fresh hope, a possibility, and a course of action to take. This is a time when your buried ambitions and aspirations will have a chance to come true. Financial stability and happiness are also on the cards. By the end of the week, you will be thinking too much about the past. Put your past behind you and appreciate the time God has given you. Lucky number 1 | Lucky colour Purple Lucky day Sunday

#### VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

The week is filled with travelling, running around, and enjoyment. There is a possibility that you may be assigned a new project, new duties, or a task. You will need to spend time ensuring that the project is completed effectively. After achieving your goals, you will throw parties, celebrations, and gatherings over the middle of the week. There may be weddings, anniversaries, and community events. For the time being, even while life's issues continue, you may take a break from them and enjoy the company of your friends and loved ones. By the end of the week, you may experience rivalry or harsh competition at work. Conflicts and disagreements may cause stress. The ideal strategy is to not act too quickly; otherwise, your efforts would be in vain. Lucky number 9 | Lucky colour Green Lucky day Wednesday

#### LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

This week offers wealth, monetary benefits, strong financial foundation, as well as assurances of security and comfort. You will be self-disciplined and have the right to be proud of what you've done; others will recognise your accomplishment as well. This is an excellent moment to start a new business or a new relationship. Partnership concerns will be handled effortlessly since you understand your cofresh and flawless perception, you should be able to

#### SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

that may occur this week. On very short notice, you are asked to join an organisation or a firm. There are other possibilities that may challenge vou if vou are uncertain. A final decision must be taken. A fresh adventure begins, and the conscious mind is renewed. This voyage has come to an end, but the next adventure on a higher level of existence is on its way. This is the moment to leave the past behind and move forward. Now is the time to take decisive action By the end of the week, you will have a good balance between your heart and mind and will be able to tackle the problem with a focused insight that will be extremely advantageous in your profession Lucky number 4 | Lucky colour Maroon Lucky day Tuesday



The week begins on an unpleasant note but ends on a positive note. There will be difficulties, blunders, and disputes that will demoralise you. There will be a fresh beginning, but it will be accompanied by difficulty. You must improve your mental talents. You will be preoccupied with child-related matters towards the middle of the week. Admission to a reputable institution or a successful career will be a top priority that requires your immediate attention. It will be your function that is most important. By the end of the week, there will be joy in the family, and you will feel warmth and compassion for yourself. Your aspirations will be accomplished, and you will be in the best of health. Children will bring joy to the family.

SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 21

Lucky number 1 | Lucky colour Yellow Lucky day Thursday

#### **CAPRICORN** Dec 22-Jan 19

This week, you are quiet and patient. You desire to attain your goals, yet your approach is quite gentle. You trust in fate rather than karma. You may be pleased with your financial situation by mid-week. There is strong growth, and the company will thrive. Money will come from a variety of sources. This week might be filled with several entrepreneurial endeavours. Rituals and spiritual activities will also pique your curiosity. Many aspects of your life have been successful. You are in good health, your children are doing well, money is raining on you, and you have strong relationships with family and friends. However, by the end of the week, you will have reached the pinnacle of your imagination in the land of illusion, where everything appears to be flowers and no thorns. Lucky number 1 | Lucky colour Brown

Lucky day Saturday

#### AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

The week begins with some unresolved issues that are causing you stress. There is loneliness, clouds of despair loom big. You are perplexed and trying to figure out how to get out of this problem. However, no solution has vet been found. So, look at where you've been and where you're going. This mental clarity will also help to smooth the path ahead, making the transition from negative to positive as easy as possible. Instead of suppressing your emotions, acknowledge them and their power in your life and use them to your benefit. Great things may be accomplished when the body and mind are in equilibrium. However, the end of the week brings significant changes to your life, and you find little relief in your emotional condition

Lucky number 8 | Lucky colour Turquoise Lucky day Wednesday

#### PISCES Feb 19-March 20

There will be travel. There will be meetings or seminars, and you will attend each one. There may be times when you encounter a difficult journey or a rivalry at work. Be cautious in your emotional



#### TAURUS April 20-May 20

This week holds a happy message for you. A reputable firm will either contact you for an interview or raise your compensation to a decent level. Those who have just married may be hoping to learn of a pregnancy. Travel is also on the agenda. In terms of money, this excursion may be highly rewarding. However, be cautious when travelling since some theft or fraud is predicted. You are being watched by some evil eves. By the end of the week, you feel comfortable and content. Your family will be supportive and cooperative. You will experience nostalgia and recall your childhood. You will get gifts, and the flow of money will be beneficial to those in business. Money borrowed will be returned to you.

Lucky number 1 | Lucky colour Earthly colors Lucky day Friday



#### **GEMINI** May 21-June 20

There are some unexpected financial rewards. The week begins with a lucrative and exciting job strategy that will be really advantageous. It may result in recognition of your concept. You would be able to enjoy all materialistic pleasures. By God's grace and blessings, you advance up the success ladder with courage and persistence. There is also a spiritual spark this week that will encourage you to undertake religious rites or engage in spiritual activities such as yoga, communal chanting, or charity work. By the end of the week, a fresh opportunity will present itself to you, or one for which you have been waiting for a long time. Put your heart and soul into achieving your goals. God is kind enough to give you what you deserve. Lucky number 8 | Lucky colour Green Lucky day Wednesday

CANCER June 21-July 22

This week, you're having second thoughts. You lack

mental and emotional steadiness. There are several

difficulties that require quick attention. To act in life.

certain crucial decisions must be made. However, you



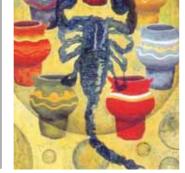
wisdom, and satisfaction. There are signs of a workers' techniques and concerns. By the end of the week, mental compassion had given way to bewilderment. Haste, rage, and hostility can only make matters worse. So let it go and enjoy the mental clarity and calm that it brings. With that see your way out of any situation. Lucky number 2 | Lucky colour Pink Lucky day Friday

You are accelerating the changes in your life

# your inner voice will be active in your life, and



are plagued by mental turmoil. You want to accomplish everything at once, which makes it tough to get what is needed and prioritise. Maintain your concentration. Spiritualism, meditation, and yoga will help improve mental equilibrium. A reunion with an old classmate or friend is also indicated. These nostalgic events in your life will make you happy. Your father or a father-figure figure will encourage you and provide useful advice. You will find the journey easy. and it will go without interruption. You will feel stability, security, and prosperity (both financially and emotionally) by the end of the week. Lucky number 3 | Lucky colour Blue Lucky day Mondav





affairs as well since rejection or separation may cause you stress. Take care of your health and don't take it too seriously because this is only a passing phase. There will be equilibrium and order by the end of the week. You sense that things are mproving. The love of a mother may make you feel safe or make you feel like a mother in a positive way, patient, caring, giving, and generous. If you want your new romance, job, business, or creativity to thrive, you must pay attention to all of them. Everything needs time to evolve and grow. Lucky number 5 | Lucky colour Sea Green Lucky day Thursday

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preconditioned mind keeps flirting with indwelling desires **M**and those excited by environmental influences. Caught up in this tug of war - shadow of the past and tempting influences of the seeming world - our wandering mind does not allow scope to discriminate between "what one wants, and what is right". One, thus, fails to reason out whether the desires are worth it. Also, it does not allow us to explore how well we are equipped to pursue them to their logical end either. Ordinarily, we do not care to visualise and get geared up to intelligently take on the challenges likely to be posed by contrarian circumstances. In the process, we often fail to figure out whether the pursuant desire is within our achievable limit. Nevertheless, we get tempted to make them our dream destination, and wish to passionately pursue them blindfolded. And the desires persistently keep chasing within our minds.

The paradox, however, is that once the targeted destination is set, the focus shifts to fruits of the desires pursued. One then gets into dream mode. There is nothing wrong in nursing a

dream, as it offers you something to look forward. Also, it motivates you to tirelessly work towards that end – a productive initiative that may involve and benefit many others who need to be involved in the process. The problem, however, arises when one begins speculating on the expected fruits, and the comfort level likely to be gained thereby. That leads to unnecessary brooding and contemplation. Often it also gives rise to assumed fear: "What if it does not happen?" We thereby end up dissipating our vitals just attending to assumed thoughts. Mindspace, thus, gets unnecessarily clouded. Eventually, we are left short of energy and mind-space necessary to objectively weigh the desired-aspirations and fail to articulate our actions intelligently. Consequently, we are unable to put in wholesome efforts towards the desired destination, and with obvious consequences.

When we fail to make it to our dream destination, often we begin questioning ourselves: "Why me? On my own part, I have put in my best". Seldom does one realise that what looks to him/her the best possible

# Success calls for wholesome quality effort



effort put in, has been evaluated by self-set standards. Caught up in this dilemma, it doesn't occur in mind that their endeavour doesn't justify callings

of quality efforts needed. When no plausible answer is forthcoming, often one tends to take refuse in the call of destiny

We seldom realise that our expectations get belied only when we fail to strive sufficiently to make best use of our indwelling empowerment tools and put in quality effort. Just physical effort would not suffice, we need to put in quality efforts. Our failure often disturbs our emotional balance, leaving us unnecessarily mulling over the issue again and again. And we stretch on the issue much beyond their due. In the process, our mind-space gets further clouded, and our vitals get drained out. Consequently, we often end up mentally and otherwise fatigued, and lose our nerves.

Those unprepared, and particularly the weaklings, are unable to withstand mental pressure if any. Many of them go through great ordeal, mentally, emotionally, and otherwise. Some of them get caught up in a negative bind, develop pessimism, lose self-esteem, and confidence level becomes low. Often that leads to stress and depression

Of late, as the expectation level of people has been growing, stress and depression seems to have taken wild proportion, and which doesn't know

any age barrier. No sooner a person comes under stress, the sense of reasons takes a back seat, and then they begin to conduct unmindfully. The societal dynamics are day-by-day becoming so complex that very few would be spared of stress, and quite a good majority of them would be mentally sick. The irony, however, is that seldom do most of them realise that they need remedial intervention. If unattended for long, in some cases, this malady takes serious turn, when the very thought process becomes incoherent, calling for medical intervention. What is even more worrisome is that even school going children, ordinarily supposed to be happy go lucky type, they too come under stress. So much of pressure is being put on them to score that they do not get time even to play, something vital to their holistic growth.

It is exactly in this spirit that Bhagwada Gita exhorts to sincerely put in efforts and leave aside the fruits of actions. Purposely to unnecessarily avoid dissipating one's energies and clogging the mind-space just speculating on future-prospects.