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# Rahul disqualified from LS UK's security

**WORLD 9** 

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IN SYRIA

## Cong to launch nationwide strike, Opp rallies around Rahul, accuses BJP of doing 'vindictive politics'

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi was on Friday disqualified from the Lok Sabha, nearly 24 hours after a Surat court convicted him in a 2019 criminal defamation case over his "all thieves have Modi as the common surname" remark.

The disqualification will bar the 52-year-old former Congress president, a fourtime MP, from contesting elections for eight years unless a higher court stays his conviction or lowers the sentence to below two years.

Soon after Rahul's disqualification, the Congress leadership got into a huddle at the party headquarters and deliberated on the way forward.

Late on Friday evening, the Congress announced a nationwide agitation against Rahul's disqualification, alleging that the Government has acted at lightning speed to "gag" him, and called for taking forward the efforts for the Opposition unity in a systematic manner.

Announcing Rahul's disqualification, the Lok Sabha

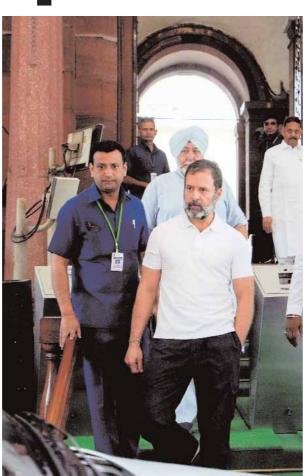
Secretariat in a notification said following his conviction by the court of Chief Judicial Magistrate, Surat, Rahul, Member of the Lok Sabha representing the Wayanad constituency of Kerala stands disqualified from the membership of the House from the date of his conviction i.e. March 23,

The Congress said it will fight the matter politically and legally. Hitting out at the Government, the Congress said it is "a black day for Indian democracy" and alleged that the action was driven by "political vendetta".

Hours before the notification was issued, Rahul attended the Lok Sabha proceedings in the morning session.

Before the proceedings commenced, he also participated in a meeting of party MPs in Parliament complex. Rahul said he is fighting for the voice of India and is ready to pay any price, hours after he was disqualified from the Lok

Later, Rahul tweeted, "I Congr am fighting for the voice of Friday



Congress leader Rahul Gandhi leaves Parliament House complex in New Delhi on

India. I am ready to pay every

However, the disqualification ostensibly has come as a blessing in disguise for the ragtag unity in Opposition, including TMC, AAP, SP, BRS which have been toeing a different line. On Friday, the echoed concern over the vindictive kind of politics and alleged that the Rahul was not

given 30 days appeal space. Some of them who had quit the Congress and are now part of other outfits too expressed their solidarity with

Rahul is the second member of the Lok Sabha, after Lakshadweep MP PP Mohammed Faisal of the NCP, to have been disqualified in the recent past following convic-

The Kavaratti sessions court in Lakshadweep had sentenced four persons, including Mohammed Faizal, to 10 years in jail after they were found guilty in an attempt-to-murder case. Following the conviction, Faizal was disqualified.

However, the Kerala High Court later suspended his conviction and sentence. According to the MP, the Lok Sabha Secretariat is yet to issue a notification revoking his dis-

## Lies, slander part of Rahul's politics: Nadda

PNS NEW DELHI

BIP president JP Nadda on Friday claimed Rahul Gandhi has a habit of levelling fabricated allegations having no connection with facts while alleging the Congress leader has a "huge arrogance but little understanding".

In a series of tweets amid a political fight between the

BJP and the Congress following Rahul's conviction in a defamation case, Nadda alleged that "lies, personal slander and negative politics is integral" to his politics.

People's "punishment" to him will be more severe in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls than in 2019 when he lost in Amethi and the Congress was routed nationally, the BJP leader said.
He said, "By comparing
OBC communities to thieves,

Rahul has shown a pathetic and casteist mindset. However, his latest tirade is not surprising. For the last many years, he has always reduced levels of political discourse."

# obligations not met: Jaishankar

## We want action, not assurance: **EAM; UK MPs** slam Khalistanis for vandalism

PIONEER NEWS
SERVICE/AGENCIES NEW DELHI/LONDON

In the first high-level strong reaction by India to the attack on its High Commission in London by alleged Khalistan supporters, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Friday said it is the responsibility of that country to provide security and "these obligations were not met".

A day after UK Foreign Secretary James Cleverly con-demned vandalism AT the Indian High Commission in London, the issue was raised in UK Parliament with MPs demanding action against "Khalistani hooligans". They also called for safety of India's diplomatic staff.

Taking exception to the attack on the Indian High Commission, Jaishankar when asked about the security of Indian Missions following van-dalism in the UK said, "It is the obligation of the receiving country to provide security for a diplomat to do their work, to ensure embassy or High Commissions's premises are respected. These obligations



tus." He made these observations at an event in Bengaluru. Echoing similar views, Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said here on Friday, "We hope host Governments provide full and adequate protection to our Missions and to the personnel working there...We are not interested in just assurances, I think we would like to

other people's security. We will

not accept this differential sta-

see action." He also said "at least in London and San Francisco, we have strongly taken up the matter of vandalisation. You would have also seen the statements that we have put out in this regard. We expect that host Governments will take action to identify and prosecute all those involved and also take necessary actions to prevent the recur-

rence of such incidents.



## <u>CAPSULE</u>

**K'TAKA ABOLISHES 4% QUOTA FOR MINORITIES** Bengaluru: The Karnataka Government on Friday announced its decision to scrap

the four per cent quota for minorities and added it to the existing quota of two dominant communities of the poll-bound HC SETS ASIDE DELHI BJP MLA'S HOUSE BAN

### New Delhi: The Delhi High Court on Friday set aside the

one-year suspension of BJP MLA Vijender Gupta from the permitted him to attend the remaining Budget Session of the Assembly while directing him to maintain the dignity of the House.

### COVID RELIEF OVER, NOW SURRENDER, ORDERS SC New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Friday directed that all

convicts and undertrial prisoners, who were released during the Covid-19 pandemic in a move to decongest jails, to surrender within 15 days

## TAXPAYERS WITH INCOME OVER ₹7L TO GET RELIEF New Delhi: In a relief to

taxpayers opting for new tax regime, individuals earning marginally higher income than no-tax ceiling of ₹7 lakh will pay tax only on the differential income after the Government amended the Finance Bill. The Finance Bill 2023, passed by the Lok Sabha on Friday, has proposed a marginal relief to taxpayers under new tax regime

# Mere membership of banned outfit makes persons criminal: SC



Tn a significant verdict having Lwider ramifications, the Supreme Court on Friday reversed its 12-year-old verdict of two-judge bench and said that mere membership of a banned organisation will make a person criminal and liable to be prosecuted under provisions of UAPA.

The top court said its three verdicts of 2011 pronounced by two-judge benches, which held that mere membership of a banned organisation will not incriminate a person unless he resorts to violence or incites people to violence and does an act intended to create disorder or disturbance of public peace by resorting to violence, "is not

a good law". It restored Section 3(5) of Activities (Prevention) Act,

1987 and Section 10(a)(i) of the UAPA, 1967, which made the membership of a banned outfit an offence, liable to be punished with two years imprisonment along with fine.

A bench of Justice MR and Justice Sanjay Karol allowed the petitions filed by the Centre and the Assam Government seeking a review of the three 2011 verdicts of the apex court on the ground that it will impact the sovereignty and integrity of the country.

'We hold that the view taken by this court in the cases of State of Kerala versus Raneef, Arup Bhuvan versus Union of India and Indra Das versus State of Assam (all 2011 verdicts) taking the view that under Section 3(5) of Terrorists and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act, 1987 and Section 10(a)(i) of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967... and reading down the said provisions to mean that over and above the membership of a banned organisation there must be an overt act and/or further criminal activities and adding the element of the Terrorists and Disruptive mens rea are held to be not a good law", it said

# Pak hecklers shown door at Kashmir event in US



PNS/ AGENCIES ■ NEW DELHI/

Ccores of Pakistanis tried to Sdisrupt a discussion on Kashmir in prestigious Washington DC National Press Club and some of them were later forcibly removed from the venue. The incident took place late on Thursday. The same day India slammed Pakistan for raising the issue of Kashmir in the United Human Rights Council (UNHCR).

Six separatist lovalists were forcibly removed from the National Press Club in Washington as Pakistanis tried to heckle and repeatedly interrupt the discussion in the Press

The panel discussion titled "Kashmir: From Turmoil to Transformation" was held on Thursday. It was moderated by columnist Se Hoon Kim and addressed by president of the

Jammu & Kashmir Workers Party Mir Junaid, and Touseef Raina, president of the Council of Municipal

Baramulla. "The whole audience has seen your real face today. What we have seen in Kashmir, we saw in Washington today, and thank you for showing the world how cruel, and indecent these people are. You have seen it all," Junaid said as the separatist sympathisers were taken out of the room.

They tried to disrupt the discussion while Junaid was responding to a question on the reasons why the Kashmiri Hurriyat leaders were in jail.

They (Hurriyat leaders) are in jail because of their mistakes. They misled the people of Jammu & Kashmir for their vested interests and gains. They spoiled our ecosystem of education. They were the spoilers of our economy. They were

glorifying terrorism. They are in jail for their hate speech. They are in jail for their war crimes," Junaid said.

Referring to the disruption caused by the protesters, Raina said all these years this is what the separatists sponsored by Pakistan have been doing in Jammu & Kashmir.

What these gentlemen did, the same thing they did in Kashmir. Whosoever was right, or for t ple, was silenced by the gun," he said. "I wish I get a chance to visit Pakistan. Ī want to meet the policymakers to stop funding terrorism," said the Baramulla Municipal Council

# 45 Defence JVs with foreign firms OK'd for faster weapons production

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

With the objective of faster development and production of weapons to maintain operational readiness of the armed forces, the Government has given approval to "45 companies/joint ventures" operating in the defence sector with foreign OEMs (original equipment manufacturers)

Minister of State for Defence Ajay Bhatt informed this to the Lok Sabha on Friday.

The Centre has taken several policy initiatives in the past few years and brought reforms to encourage indigenous design, development and manufacture of defence equipment in the country, thereby reducing dependency on imports in coming years, he said.

'These initiatives, inter

alia, include according priority to procurement of capital items from domestic sources under Defence Acquisition Procedure (DAP)-2020; notification of three Positive Indigenisation Lists (PILs) by the Department of Defence Production (DDP), Ministry of Defence, with a timeline beyond which they will only be procured from the domestic

# India's first ropeway transport in Varanasi: Modi sets project in motion

## 'UP rising from hopelessness and moving towards hope, aspirations'

PNS VARANASI

 $P_{\text{Modi on Friday gifted his}}^{\text{rime Minister Narendra}}$ parliamentary constituency, Varanasi, 28 projects — including the first of its kind 3.75kilometre ropeway transport that will ease traffic congestion in the city

He laid the foundation of Rs 645-crore ropeway project adding a new chapter in the history of public transport in

India. "The ropeway project will take the city's internal connectivity to a new level. It will further increase the economic opportunities as well as the stay of visitors and their spending here," Modi said while address-

ing a public meeting after laying the foundation stone of nine projects and inaugurating 19 development projects.

The ropeway will covering the distance between Varanasi Cantt Railway station and Kashi Vishwanath Dham in a few minutes. The ropeway system will have five stations and facilitate the ease of movement for tourists, pilgrims and

The Prime Minister praised the the Yogi Adityanath Government for turning Uttar Pradesh from hopelessness towards a state of hope and aspiration. "Uttar Pradesh is rising from hopelessness and moving towards hope and aspirations. Where security and

## e Prime Minister



Convention Centre, in Varanasi, on Friday. Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath is also seen

facilities are made available, prosperity is certain," Modi said, appreciating the efforts of Yogi who completes the first year in office in his second term on Saturday.

During a programme at the Sampurnanand Sanskrit University ground here, Modi termed himself a "sewak (servant)" and said, "The development of Kashi is being discussed all over the country and

the world.' "Whoever is coming to Kashi is taking new energy from here. Nine years ago, people had apprehensions that there would be no change in Banaras, nothing would happen in Kashi. But the people of Kashi proved every apprehension wrong with their hard

Today, in Kashi, both the old and the new forms are under the Namami Gange

work," he said.

simultaneously seen," he said. Modi added that people in India and abroad appreciated the development of the Kashi Vishwanath temple corridor and the Ganga ghat.

In the past one year, over seven crore tourists visited Varanasi and brought employment opportunities for the local residents, Modi said. He also announced that a

big campaign to promote natural farming would start on both sides of the Ganga. "A big campaign is going to start on both sides of the Ganga river. Natural farming will be encouraged on 5km on both sides. Arrangements have been made in the Budget for this," he said.

Modi also laid the foundation stone of a 55 MLD (million litres per day) sewage treatment plant at Bhagwanpur

scheme. The project will be built at an estimated cost of ₹300 crore. Under the Khelo India

dation stone of the Phase 2 and Phase 3 redevelopment work of Sigra Stadium. He also dedicated 19

drinking water schemes that will benefit over three lakh people in 63 panchayats under the Jal Jeevan Mission.

Earlier, while addressing the "One World TB Summit' on World TB Day, Modi said India's ideology of "Vasudev Kutumbakam" is giving the modern world an integrated vision and solutions.

Launching a series of initiatives to eliminate tuberculosis in India, Modi said the country is working to eliminate the disease by 2025 against the global target of 2030.

## **J&K lithium to** make India top in EV making, says Gadkari scheme, Modi laid the foun-

industry," the Minister said.

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Union Minister Nitin Gadkari on Friday said that if India can use recently discovered reserve of lithium in Jammu & Kashmir, it can become world's number one automobile manufacturer in electric vehicle segment. The road, transport and

highway minister said there is a need to encourage public transport, and electric buses are the future. "Every year, we import 1,200 tonnes of lithium. Now, in J&K, we got lithium. (If) we can use this lithium ion, we will be the number one automobile manufacturing country in the world," he said.

## 'Ladli Bahna Yojana' will change the lives of women: CM

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hief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has said that the Mahayagya for the service of Matri Shakti (mother power) is starting from March 25 in the state. Receiving of applications will begin from March 25 under the Mukhya Mantri Ladli Bahna Yojana implemented for women empowerment.

This is not a simple work but a mission to change the lives of women. All the people's representatives and officersemployees should join wholeheartedly in mission mode in the implementation of the scheme. The success of implementing the scheme lies in the fact that we receive applications from women without any hassle and difficulty. For this, arrangements should be made to

receive applications with sensitivity in every village and ward. Activities should be carried out with detailed and micro planning in advance at the district level. Wide publicity should be given about the camps to be organised in the villages and the

Chief Minister Chouhan was having a virtual dialogue with all ministers, MPs, MLAs and commissioner-collectors regarding the implementation of the Ladli Bahna Yojana. Finance Minister Jagdish Deora, Chief Secretary Iqbal Singh Bains, Principal Secretary Women and Child Development Deepali Rastogi and other officers were present in the meeting held at Samatva Bhawan at Chief Minister's residence.

Chief Minister Chouhan



ment for doing e-KYC. If any person asks money for doing e-KYC, strict action should be taken against him by filing FIR immediately.

It should be clearly written on the centres set up for e-KYC that e-KYC will be free of cost. There is no need to pay any money to anyone for this, the money for doing e-KYC is being given by the state government.

The Chief Minister said said that funds are being made available by the state govern- there is difficulty in doing e-

KYC due to network problems. district administration should arrange vehicles and take them to other centres for e-KYC. publicise it through pamphlets, folk songs and public announcements, to ensure cent percent application in the scheme. The provisional list will be pasted at public places in the villages and Chief Minister Chouhan

said that there should not be any problem in the implementation of Mukhya Mantri Ladli Bahna Yojana, for this the responsibility is being entrusted to the officers of the CM's Office for necessary coordination along with continuous monitoring. A phone number will be issued by the Women and Child Development Department, which can be contacted for resolving the prob-

In the presentation given on the scheme, information related to necessary documents for the application, e-KYC, Aadhaar link and Samagra ID were given. While obtaining information about the ongoing preparations in the districts for the implementation of the scheme, it was informed that the applications will be received from March 25.

The last date for receipt of applications will be April 30. The provisional list will be released on May 1, on which objections will be received by May 15 and will be resolved by May 30. The final list will be released on May 31. The amount will be transferred to the accounts of the beneficiaries under the scheme on June 10. In forthcoming months also, 10th of every month will be fixed for



National Student Union of India (NSUI) activists stage a protest against Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, School Education Minister Inder Singh Parmar and Medical Education Minister Vishwas Kailash Sarang over the issue of MP Board exam paper

## 31-year-old CEO of LED bulb company ends life

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ BHOPAL

company is in debt. There is no **⊥**point in living my life anymore. Because of me my family is not able to survive. I don't want to see my family upset. Can't give any answer. My business was not successful. My God! Take care of my family Please forgive me if I have made any mistake" was written in suicide note of woman CEO of a company manufacturing LED products who committed suicide by hanging with the ceiling at Piplani area on Friday.

Swati Dangi (31), a resident of Balaji Nagar, Ayodhya Bypass, was the CEO of Samartha Industries, which manufactures LED products. She was alone in the house at around 4.30 pm on Thursday. His brother Dhanveer was in

Meanwhile, Dhanveer's

### CEO of Samartha **Industries, which** manufactures **LED** products. She was alone in the house at around 4.30 pm on Thursday

wife calls him to inform that Swati has committed suicide. Dhanveer immediately reached home and took her to hospital in an unconscious condition where the doctor declared dead. Swati Dangi was the CEO of LED product maker Samartha Industries.

Dhanveer said that many loans were taken in the name of Swati. Often bank people would call. All the money that was generated in the business would go towards the bank loan. Due to this the business also started going into loss. Due to these reasons

she started getting worried. Company manufactures many electrical products.

Meanwhile, a class 9 girl student jumped from the 7th floor at Regal Paradise Campus in Awadhpuri area of Bhopal.

No suicide note was found at the spot, the reason for the suicide was not revealed. However, the police said that the student had left home for coaching on Thursday. When she did not reach home till late, the family members went to the coaching center to find out and found that she had not turned up today.

Later she reached home at around 8.15 pm. The family questioned her which angered her and she jumped from the seventh floor . She fell into the water tank from a height of about 90 feet. The relatives took him to the hospital. The girl died during treatment on Friday morning.

### CM to assist 1500 new **MSMEs**

Bhopal: On March 27, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan will transfer Rs 400 crore as grant amount into the accounts of entrepreneurs in 2000 cases of 1500 micro, small and medium enterprises of the state with a single click.

The programme will be held at the Samatva Auditorium of the Chief Minister's residence office from 11:30 am. MSME Minister Omprakash Sakhlecha will also attend. Representatives of industrial organisations of the state and beneficiary entrepreneurs will also participate through video conferencing.

Secretary MSME P Narhari informed that the programme will also be telecast live on Doordarshan, regional news channels and various social media platforms. He said that in the MSME policy implemented in the year 2021 for the development of micro, small and medium enterprises, there is a provision to give various types of grants.

## SISTec-R begins its annual signature event

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agar Institute of Science and Technology, Ratibad (SISTec-R) began its annual signature event Sagar Euphoria with great fervor at its campus. Inspired by the national pride, the students have organized this Euphoria on the theme "G-20" Presidency to

In the context of "W-20", SISTec presented Tejomay Awards 2023 to 20 Eminent Women of Bhopal who outshined in their respective fields at National/International Level with a command to lead.

Sagar Euphoria was inaugurated by Sudhir Kumar Agrawal Founder & Chairman Sagar Group in presence of SISTec Tejomay Awardees, Jyoti Deshmukh Group Director SISTec and Principal Manish Billore. SISTec Tejomay Awards were conferred to Anu Sapan (Poetry), Archana Singh

(Science & Technology), Chitra Singh (Literature), Drishti Gupta (Badminton), Padmashree Durgabai Vyam (Tribal art), Jyoti Ratre (Mountaineering), Kalpana Shrivastava, IAS (Public Administration), Ms. Muskan Raghuwanshi (Cycling), Preeti Mishra (Higher Education), Priva Chittawar (Health Services), Priyanka Paliwal (Technical Education), Priva Singh (Entrepreneurship), Ms. Anadi Tiwari (FM Radio

Broadcasting), Ravisha Merchant (Architecture), Reenu Yadav (Fashion), Richa Jain (Police), Shibani Ghosh (Social Work), Smita Nagdev (Sitar), Soumya Tiwari (Cricket), Umang Shridhar (Entrepreneurship), Vijaya Sharma (Kathak) for their owing contribution in their respective fields rising from a phoenix to outshine with their

The other attraction of Sagar Euphoria was a series of competitions, Tech Expo and SISTec Fete which engrossed students.

Tech Expo's main attraction was a showcase of real-life models of - Electric Tillage Machine, e-rickshaw, e-bicycle, Highway Designs, smart transportation, earthquake resistant design, IOT Based Smart Battery Charging Station, Fire Fighting Robot, Automatic Drone Delivery, Solar Power Vaccine Refrigerator, Solar operated Pesticide sprayer, AI & IoT based smart agriculture drone, AI-based city surveillance automatic unwanted activity detection etc. The Tech competitions Summer of code on coding, Junk-yard making best from waste, online gaming, problem-solving model creations, attracted students to showcase their talent in their hard work, commitment and respective branches

Winners of the sports events felicitated

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IIMS Bhopal organized a felicitation ceremony A today at LT-4, Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel Medical College Building to honor the winners of the sports events conducted by the Resident Doctors' Association (RDA). The program commenced with Saraswati Vandana by Dr. Dipra and was anchored by Dr.

Snehashish. The ceremony was graced by the presence of Executive Director Prof. (Dr.) Ajai Singh and DDA Col. Dr. Ajit Kumar, who felicitated the winners of the various sports events. In the three-day-long box cricket tournament, Surgical Strikers emerged as the winners, and Pulmo Crusaders were the runners-up. Dr. Moorat received the award for the best batsman and faculty, while Dr. Siddharth was awarded the best bowler. Dr. Aman was honored as the best female

In the Late Chinmaya R Kamat Memorial Table Tennis Tournament, Dr. Aniket, Dr. Bhavya, Dr. Shekhar, Dr. Sumit, and Dr. Kenam emerged as the winners. In the Late Anchal Tripathi Badminton Tournament, Dr. Gunjan Chouksey, Dr. Javanthi Yaday, Dr. Moli Kiran, Dr. Smriti, Dr. Pushpendra, Dr. Brijesh, Dr. Harshita, Dr. Pooja, and Dr. Pranita emerged as the winners.

The sports events were organized by Dr. Manish Gupta, Dr. Raghvendra, Dr. Swastik, Dr. Divyabhushan, Dr. Devesh, Dr. Rishiraj, Dr. Prince and Dr Sibi

emphasized the importance of sports and encouraged all the resident doctors and faculties to take an active interest in sports and physical fitness. He stated that participating in sports can not only help maintain a healthy lifestyle but also promote teamwork, discipline, and mental well-being.



and staff members of the insti-On the first day, the session started bright and early at six-thirty in the morning and Yoga practices from Mysore, conducted by Ms. Niharika. kriya" of yoga. She also led a discussion on the benefits of yoga, emphasizing

can be eradicated by "Jal-neti attended by students of the institute, who received training of Surya Namaskar. Throughout the three-day session, Ms. Niharika will provide training in various activities of

The workshop was also ancient practice of Ashtanga Ashtanga Yoga every day.

gested that yoga could be a Ashtanga Yoga is considered Vijayakumar, Dr Rishabh. solution to many health prob- essential for preventing physbody's main eight organs. In conclusion, the Indian Institute of Management's three-day yoga workshop, led by Niharika, was a great success, with participants gaining valuable knowledge and training in the



Muslim devotees offer prayers on the first Friday at the beginning of the holy fasting month of Ramadan at Moti Masjid in Bhopal on Friday

Tata Steel hires 12 transgnder | HealthPlix raises

are unaffected by physical

appearance, biological sex, or

medical procedures. LGBTQIA+ are emerging from the margins to fight for an equal place in society.

Nowadays corporate and gov

ernment are continuously tak-

ing numerous steps for inclu-

sion of LGBTQIA+ at work-

place.
These companies have also busted the myth that by open-

ly supporting the LGBTQIA+

community, they would lose

out on customers. However,

amidst this great progress,

there is more work to be done.

ing professional, work is stress-

ful on its own. But the people

of LGBTQIA+ community

carries an additional emo-

tional weight of denial and

suppression to one of the most

important fundamental

aspects of who they are; their

gender identity, because it

doesn't conform with soci-

ety's norms regarding gender

organization to ensure that the

person who works hard and

contributes to an organization's

success should never feel stig-

matized and fearful of coming

It is essential for every

expression.

to work each day.

For majority of the work-

crane operators at its plant

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The term "Transgenderor LGBTQIA+" refers to people whose gender

identification and/or gender

expression varies from the sex

they were given at birth. The

transgender community does

not exist in a vacuum.

Transgender people have a

wide range of sexual orienta-

tions, gender expressions and gender transgender employees have been hired as crane

operator trainees by Tata Steel

KalinganagarTata Steel has

hired 12 transgender crane

operator trainees at its

Kalinganagar plant as part of

its ongoing effort to expand its

Division had previously hired

14 transgender people as Heavy Earth Moving

Machinery (HEMM) opera-

tors at its mines in December

2021. Menstrual leave, equi-

table benefits for LGBTQ+

partners, gender neutral

parental leave, and support for

gender confirmation are

among the company's other

having a diverse workforce of

25% by 2025.identities, which

Tata Steel has set a goal of

D&I efforts.

Tata Steel's West Bokaro

transgender workforce.

## DGP Sudhir Saxena to inaugurate 2day seminar on cops sensitisation

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Additional Director

General of Police (AJK)Rajesh Gupta said that

more than 90 police officers

of the state from Inspector

Superintendent of Police

level will participate in this

training webinar which is

going to be held on March

27 and 28. On the initiative

of the Police Headquarters,

this state-level webinar is

being organized on the topic

"Sensitivity towards Scheduled Castes and

Scheduled Tribes".

Additional

ealthPlixTechnologies-India's most trusted and irector General of Police Sudhir Saxena secure doctor software will inaugurate a brand today announced the clotwo-day training webinar by sure of \$22million funding in the Police Headquarters to Series C led by Avataar Venture increase the sensitivity of police personnel towards Partners, SIG Venture Capital Scheduled Castes and The funding round marks Scheduled Tribes and effecthe firsthealth-tech growth stage tive implementation of the investment done by venture caplaw on March 27 at 11 in the morning at Police Headquarters Conference italists in 2023. The proceeds

be used to ramp up doctor first product innovation, enhance the technologystackandscaleuseracquisitionefforts. Asignificantpercentageofthe Indianpopulationsuffersfromchr onicdiseasesandseveralhealthtechstartupshave emerged to

from thisround of funding will

USD 22 million

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and existing investors.

serve their needs. Leading the health-techsegment, HealthPlix's unique approach puts doctors first and solves for their pain points. HealthPlix currentlyempowers 10K+ doctors who treat 2.5 percent of the entire Indian population and is advancingnational health missions, such as Ayushman Bharat Digital

Mission (ABDM). By 2024, the rapidlygrowingdoctor base on Healthplix will include 25K+ doctors treating 15 percent of the entirepopulation.

On the initiative of the Police Headquarters, this state-level webinar is being organized on the topic 'Sensitivity towards **Scheduled Castes** and Scheduled **Tribes**'

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ing the importance of pure air

and food. She recommended a

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al cereals and fruits, and sug-

and retired director, D.K. Satpathy will discuss the conservation of the crime scene and the collection of physical evidence.

On the second day of the webinar, Law Officer, AJK Police Headquarters. Vijay Kumar Bansal, will give information about the errors in writing and inter-pretation of the First Information Report and the provisions of the Act, and the Superintendent of Police, Cyber Cell, Bhopal, Vaibhav Śrivastava, on the compilation of scientific evidence (interpretation) in cyber crimes., in the context of missing) will discuss in detail.

On the first day of the webinar, Assistant Inspector This webinar will con-General of Police Training clude on March 28 at 01:00 Police Headquarters. Malay PM in the hospitality of Jain, sensitivity towards Additional Director General SC/ST people – a necessity of Police AJK Rajesh Gupta.



Social activists perform a street play to bring attention to the effects of climate change and switch off lights at working places and homes to save power, on the eve of environmental campaign World Earth Hour Day, at new market in Bhopal

## Dr Divyabhushan of AIIMS Bhopal awarded fellowship

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Divyabhushan Senior Resident in Department of Forensic Medicine and Toxicology, AIIMS Bhopal has been awarded the Fellowship for the training of young scientists at the 38th Young Scientist Congress held from March 17 to 19,

2023, at Samrat Ashok Technological Institute, organized by the M.P council of Science and Technology. The Fellowship was awarded based on the research and academic achievements of young scientists who participated in the congress. Executive Director Prof. Dr. Ajai Singh congratulated Dr. Divya Bhushan for this

The Fellowship comes with various benefits, including a fully-funded training program for young scientists, which will help to enhance research skills and knowl-

achievement.

edge. This will not only benefit our department but will also contribute to the growth and development of the scientific community.

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# More than one lakh govt recruitments by August 15: CM

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hief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has said ✓ that every youth in the state will be provided employment according to his qualification. Employment opportunities will be made available to every youth through government recruitment, self-employment and learn and earn scheme.

Under the Mukhya Mantri Yuva Kaushal Kamai Yojana, youths will be given training in various professions along with an honorarium of Rs. 8,000 per month. By August 15, the recruitment process for 1 lakh government posts will be completed. Under the Mukhya Mantri Udyam Kranti Yojana, loans and grants ranging from Rs. 1 lakh to Rs. 50 lakh are being made available to the

youths for employment. Today, Rozgar Diwas (Employment Day) is being celebrated in every district of the state and loans are being distributed to the youths for self-employment.

Chief Minister Chouhan participated in the State Level Rozgar Diwas programme in Neemuch today. He distributed loans worth Rs. 2779 crore to 2 lakh 31 thousand 760 youths under various self-employment schemes. The Chief Minister also dedicated and laid the foundation stone of various development works. These include the laying of foundation stone of Neemuch's new medical college and Gandhi Sagar-2 group drinking water supply project and the dedication of mandi complex Dunglawada Changera.

Chouhan interacted virtually with young entrepreneurs every 1000 boys. I took a pledge

Rohit from Betul, Vivek Soni from Guna and Jitendra Mishra from Satna, who received loans for self-employment under the Mukhya Mantri Udyam Kranti Yojana and obtained information regarding setting-up of employment and also extended

his best wishes. The Chief Minister said that I see the form of a goddess in every sister, daughter and mother. Our culture says that gods reside there, where women are worshipped. The respect of women is highest in Madhya Pradesh. Chief Minister Chouhan announced development of Bhadwa Mata Temple and construction of corridor.

Chouhan said that there used to be discrimination against women in Madhya Pradesh. Earlier, 900 girls were born for

tion against daughters on the land of Madhya Pradesh and that they will be considered a boon. Ladli Laxmi Yojana was launched

Today, there are 44 lakh 50 thousand Ladli Lakshmis in the state. 956 daughters are being born for every 1000 sons. I will keep making efforts in this direc-tion until 1000 daughters are born on 1000 sons. The Chief Minister said that the Ladli Bahna Yojana launched in the state is a plan to change the lives of women and the condition of their families. The forms for the scheme will start filling from March 25.

For this, camps will be organised in every village and ward. EKYC for the scheme will be filled at Common Service Centre, Ration Shop and MP Online Kiosk. No fee will be

Crime branch nabs drug peddler,

Youth rapes neghbouring minor girl

student in Chhola area, arrested

application will be filled by the

A complaint can be registered on 181 if anyone demands money. Strict action will be taken against the concerned. From June 10, money will start coming into the accounts of the

Chouhan said that intoxication is a social evil, it should be removed. The government has decided that from April 1, all liquor vends will be closed in the

state. Drinking alcohol in public places will be prohibited.

Chouhan said that the damage caused by the recent hailstorm will be adequately compared by the convergence. pensated by the government. Farmers whose crops have suffered more than 50 percent damage will be given compensation at the rate of Rs 32,000 per



Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan goes through an exhibition after its inauguration during the State level Rozgar Divas programme in Neemuch, Madhya Pradesh on Friday.

Pioneer photo

Bhopal: Madhya Pradesh High Court Jabalpur has refused to constitute a special bench in the matter of 27 percent reserva-tion for OBCs. The High Court has rejected the petition demanding a special bench.

special bench

HS refuses to constitute OBC/SC/ST Ekta Manch had demanded not to include OBC and General category judge in

In the petition on behalf of OBC/SC/ST Ekta Manch for a fair hearing of all 65 cases related to OBC reservation, Ed. Uday Kumar, on behalf of Lokendra Gurjar, had filed an application for formation of a

Special bench. On March 20, 2023, the case was reserved for order on this application by the bench of Justice Sheel Nagu and Justice Virender Singh.

It has been clarified in the order passed by Sheel Nagu on January 24 that no personal allegations have been made against any judge of the batch in this application.

# recovers 2 kgs of Cannabis **STAFF REPORTER** ■ BHOPAL The crime branch has

arrested the drug peddler and have recovered 2 kg of Cannabis from his possession, accused was standing near 108 office waiting for the customer. Police have found that the accused has been booked for several criminal cases in the past.

DCP Shailendra Singh Chauhan said that information was received that a boy was standing near 108 office at Mandir Road Shahjahanabad. He is carrying a black colored bag. Cannabis is kept in the bag. Waiting for someone to sell drugs. Acting on information regarding a person carrying Cannabis in a plastic sack on a Pulsar motor-bike near Dhobi Ghat to sell it nearby areas.

**Bhopal:** A minor girl student was

raped by her youth in Chhola

Mandir police station area,

accused sexually assaulted the vic-

itm by locking in her own house

accused identified as Aniket Rai

of Salamatpur, Raisen and is a col-

year-old girl living in the area studies in class 10th. Two years

ago she went to her grandmoth-

er's house. During this, he became

friends with Aniket Rai. The two

started to talk and became

ing the victim. The girl came to

grandparents house to her par-

ents. But, the accused did not stop

chasing him. He came to Bhopal

from Salamatpur on January 31

2023. He reached the girl's house

At this time the girl was alone in

accused locked him in the room

After he was pressurizing her to

marry him. After the incident, the

girl remained depressed. Then the

family asked her the reason for

her condition. The girl kept hid-

ing the atrocity for many days.

Recently she narrated an incident.

police registered a case and

Based on the complaint

Finding him alone, the

The young man started lov-

Police have arrested the

According to the police, a 17-

by threatening to kill her.

lege student.

the house.

to a person around noon was caught. The nabbed person was frisked and from his belongings a bag carrying some substance was recovered which was found to be Cannabis.

During the search of his bag, 2.1 kg of Ganja was found in a plastic packet.

The accused has been identified as Pankaj Sen(19) of Rahul Nagar near Sharda Temple. Police have registered a case under section 8 and 20 of the NDPS Act and started further investigation.

The source from where the accused brings the drug and where does he dispose is under investigation. The accused used to find the retail customers by bringing drugs at cheap prices and selling it in small quantities in Bhopal and

nabbed the accused who was on

the run. The accused confessed

that he sexually exploited the vic-

tim and threatened her of life. The

## कार्यालय अधिष्ठाता बुन्देलखण्ड चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय, सागर

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दिनांक 15.03.2023

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police registered a case under section 376 and 506 of the IPC बुन्देलखण्ड चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय against the accused. G-24897/22 सागर (म.प्र.) **ALL INDIA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES** 



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ASSISTANT CONTROLLER (EXAMS.)



Youth Congress supporters stop a train during a protest over Rahul Gandhi's disqualification from Lok Sabha, marked as Black

Day for Indian Democracy, at Rani Kamlapati Railway Station in Bhopal on Friday.

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there has been a tremendous

increase in building construc-

tion activities. The increase in

population in urban areas is

also leading to an increase in the number of new houses. It

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apart from causing hindrance

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said that 100 percent manda-

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permits of all under-construc-

tion/built buildings above 5000

square feet in urban areas and

it should be ensured that the

construction work is done

Form no INC-26
[Pursuant to rule 30 the Companies
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Advertisement for the Shifting of Registered
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of Madhya Pradesh to the State of Maharashtra.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013, SECTION 13(4) OF COMPANIES ACT, 2013 AND RULE 30 OF THE COMPANIES (INCORPORATION) RULES, 2014 AND

IN THE MATTER OF
NKJA MINING PRIVATE LIMITED
(CIN: U10100MP2012PTC027609)
HAVING ITS REGISTERED OFFICE AT 301,

RAJNIGANDHA GREEN GARDEN ESTATE NEAR S. P OFFICE, CITY CENTRE, GWALIOR MP-474011 .....APPLICANT

Notice is hereby given to the General Public that the company proposes to make an application before the Regional Director under Section 13 of the Companies Act, 2013 seeking

approval of alteration of the Memorandum o

Association of the Company in terms of the

Association or the Company in terms of the resolution passed at the Extra ordinary general meeting held on Wednesday, 22nd March, 2023 to enable the company to change its Registered office from the State of Madhya Pradesh to the State of Maharashtra i.e. within the jurisdiction of Registrar of Companies Maharashtra at Mumbai.

Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change of the registered office

by the proposed change of the registered onto of the company may deliver 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 concerned Regional Director, North Western Region, Ahmedabad within fourteen days from

the date of publication of this notice with a copy to the petitioner company at its registered office at the address mentioned below:

Current registered office of the Company
NKJA MINING PRIVATE LIMITED

301, Rajnigandha Green Garden Estate, Nea S. P Office, City Centre Gwalior, MP-474011

Date: 22.03.2023 Director
Place: Madhya Pradesh DIN: 09166632
Add.: 43, Sadhana Subodh CHS, Flat No. 5
Subway Road No. 1 TPS VI, Santacruz West

For and on behalf of the Applicant NKJA MINING PRIVATE LIMITED

Vinayak Madhav Nayak

The Principal Secretary

cities.

pounded as per rules and action should be taken to remove illegal constructions on those cases which are not eligible for compounding. Existing properties and new properties are being idenurban bodies. Information of charge / building permission inall the properties is available on charge / encroachment in-

permission for all the properties/buildings found in the survey has been taken and the construction work has been done according to the granted building permission. At present, it has been

seen that most of the cases of compounding/compounding (Type-2) have been done by the citizens by applying automatically under the ABPAS Software operated for building permission. The process of compound-

ing / mitigation has been greatly reduced by identifying illegal buildings through the building permission / encroachment related activities of the body Mandloi said that all civic bodthe base map of the body in the charge to identify illegal consurvey. Therefore, the bodies structions and take action for should ensure that the building compounding / mitigation.

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For The Federal Bank Ltd., Associate Vice Preside

# Rahul's case echoes in UN



**SERVICE/AGENCIES** ■ NEW **DELHI/UNITED NATIONS** 

Averdict sentencing Congress Aleader Rahul Gandhi to jail for two years echoed in the United Nations (UN) and it said the international body was aware

When asked whether UN Secretary General Antonio democracy" in India, Farhan Haq, deputy spokesperson for Secretary General, said late on Thursday, "I can say we're aware of the reports regarding

the case of Rahul Gandhi. We understand that his party does plan to appeal the decision. That's as much as I can say on that at this stage."

Rahul was sentenced to two years in jail on Thursday by a Surat court in a 2019 criminal defamation case over his 'Modi surname" remark.

He took to Twitter to give his initial reaction by quoting Mahatma Gandhi in Hindi "My religion is based on truth and non-violence. Truth is my God, non-violence, the means to get it. — Mahatma Gandhi,"

# String of initiatives launched to eliminate TB by 2025 in India

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW

Asserting that "it's difficult to accomplish new outcomes with old approaches," Prime Minister Narendra Modi on World TB Day on Friday launched a string of innovative initiatives like TB-Mukt Panchayat, official pan-India rollout of a shorter TB Preventive Tractment and Family contricts. Treatment and Family-centric care model for TB.

He said this would help India achieve TB elimination target by 2025, five years ahead of the global stipulated time.

The Prime Minister said the new initiatives to fight against the bacterial infection is in addition to a multi-pronged approach being already followed, including measures to enhance nutrition, increase people's participation, treatment innovation, integration of technologies and disease prevention through programmes like Fit India, Yoga and Khelo

"These could become the



Under 'TB Mukt Panchayat Abhiyan' members of the local bodies are sensitised and trained about the disease, with them aiding the government's implementation of the programme and achieving TB free status while the nation-wide rollout of a 3-month preventive treat-

ment for those at risk of developing TB aims to reduce the course of treatment from the previous six months and replace the daily pills with a once-aweek medicine regimen.

Stating that 80 per cent of TB medicines are made in India, Modi lauded the role played by the pharma industry and said it is a big strength to the world's fight against TB. "I wish that fruits of each and every endeavour of India, campaign of India, innovation of India reach to the whole world...as we are committed towards the Global Good!," he said at an event organised by the Union Health Ministry along

The Prime Minister credited people's participation for the great work that India has done in the fight against Tuberculosis. After the government's appeal, about 10 lakh TB patients were adopted across

with the Stop TB Partnership

organisation..

the country by people, including children of 10 to 12 years of age. Financial help to a TB patient under the programme has reached up to one thousand crore rupees.

This addresses the challenge of nutrition for TB patients along with the government's direct benefit transfer scheme started for TB patients in 2018. Approximately Rs 2 000 crore have been direct. Rs 2,000 crore have been directly transferred into their bank accounts for their treatment, with 75 lakh TB patients benefiting from this. "Ni-kshay Mitras have now become a new source of energy for all TB patients," he said.

drew the world's attention to the integration of technology in the programme, with the Ni-kshay portal that can track all those with an active infection. He also said that ICMR has developed a new method for sub-national disease surveillance that has made India, apart from the WHO, the only country to have this kind of model.

The Prime Minister also

# Houses adjourned again amid uproar



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The deadlock
Parliament's second-leg of ¬he deadlock the Budget session is unlikely to be found before the end of the second-leg of the Budget session on April 6 as both the Houses were again adjourned for the day amidst heavy uproar even while the Lok Sabha managed to pass the Finance Bill with the Opposition members trooping into the well and shouting slogans "Modi-Adani Bhai Bhai".

The battle-lines have turned sharper as the Congress member from Waynad, Kerala, Rahul Gandhi has been disqualified from his Lok Sabha membership following his conviction by a Surat court

Slogans like "Modi-Adani Bhai Bhai" and "We want JPC" raised by the opposition when the house resumed its proceedings at 1200 after being adjourned in the morning.

The Finance Bill, 2023 tabled by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in Lok Sabha saw its passage amid heavy noise by Opposition MPs demanding a JPC inquiry into the Adani Group issue. The ruling party members too sought apology from Rahul for his comments against the Indian

# Delhi Police registers case in violence at Indian High Commission in London

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■

Taking note of the incidents of violence targeting the Indian High Commission in London on Sunday last, the Delhi Police has registered a case in connection with the The case was registered by

the special cell under the Indian Penal Code, Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act and the Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act as it involves unlawful activities carried out by certain people holding Indian nationality abroad, a senior police officer said here on Friday. It was done after the

Ministry of Home Affairs directed the Delhi Police to take appropriate legal action on the receipt of a report from the Ministry of External Affairs over the incident at the Indian High Commission March 19.



flying atop the Indian High Commission in London was grabbed at by a group of protesters waving separatist Khalistani flags and chanting pro-Khalistani slogans, leading to an arrest related to the violent disorder.

Officials from the mission said "attempted but failed" attack had been foiled and that the tricolour was now flying "grander". The Metropolitan Police said two members of security staff sustained minor injuries which did not require hospital treatment. An investigation has been launched.

India on last Sunday night summoned the British deputy high commissioner and demanded an explanation over the complete "absence of security". In a strongly-worded statement, the Ministry of External Affairs said India finds "unacceptable" the indifference of the UK government to the security of Indian diplomatic premises and personnel in the UK.

## 'Financial help being provided to States, UTs for promotion of film tourism' yet the state of the last-mile

The Ministry of Tourism issued guidelines in 2012 for extending financial support to state governments and Union territory administrations for promotion of film tourism, and a financial assistance of up to Rs 2 lakh per film is provided under it, the government has informed a parliamentary panel.

This was mentioned in a report on "Action Taken by the Government on Recommendations/Observatio ns of the Committee contained in its Three Hundred Twenty Sixth Report on the subject 'Role of Indian Missions Globally for the growth of Tourism in India" tabled in Lok Sabha on Friday.

The committee in its report has also said that it had observed that many of the tourist spots and places of religious importance are located near the national highways

connectivity from the nation al highways to the tourist spot "leaves much to be desired".

"The Committee feels that good quality last-mile connectivity is important to ensure a positive experience for tourists visiting a tourist destination in the country, which in turn, helps attract more tourists through word-ofmouth publicity. "The Committee therefore

recommends that the ministry may examine the state/quality of last mile connectivity roads at all such tourist spots near the National Highways at the earliest and ensure their construction and maintenance with the concerned Ministries/agencies to make the tourist places more accessible to tourists, both domestic and international, which will invariably increase the number of tourists visiting such places," the panel had

## Rahul may have to vacate bungalow unless higher court stays conviction, say experts PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Friday stood disqualified from contesting Lok Sabha and Assembly elections for eight years unless a higher court stays his conviction, an expert on electoral laws said.

Now following his dis-qualification as an MP, Rahul Ĝandhi may have to vacate his official bungalow in Lutyens' Delhi within a month if he does not get relief from a higher court in the criminal defamation case, an official said on Friday. Rahul Gandhi was allotted the 12, Tughlaq Lane bungalow after his election as a Lok Sabha MP in

"As he has been disqualified from Lok Sabha, he is not entitled to a government accommodation. According to rules, he will have to vacate his official bungalow within a month since the date of dis-

of the Union Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry said.

Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra had to vacate her official Lodhi Estate bungalow in July 2020 as she was no longer eligible for it after her security cover had been downgraded. This was Rahul Gandhi's

fourth Lok Sabha term. First elected to Lok Sabha in 2004 from Amethi, he represented that constituency for two more terms. In 2019, he lost the Amethi seat to Smriti Irani but managed to win from Wayanad.

Incidentally, the Congress-led UPA government, in 2013, had attempted to circumvent a Supreme Court ruling to set aside an RP Act provision under which a person sentenced to imprisonment of two years or more shall be disqualified "from the date of such conviction" and remain disqualified for another six years after serving time. Rahul Gandhi himself had opposed the ordinance at that time and tore the ordinance in a press conference as a token

Rahul Gandhi is the sec-

ond member of Lok Sabha, after Lakshadweep MP P P Mohammed Faisal of the Nationalist Congress Party, to have been disqualified in the recent past following conviction. The Kavaratti sessions court in Lakshadweep had sentenced four persons, including Mohammed Faizal to 10 years in jail after they were found guilty in an attempt-to-murder case.

## Def Min signs contract with BEL for 'Project Himshakti'

In a boost to indigenous production of weapon systems, Ministry of Defence on Friday signed a contract with Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), Hyderabad for procurement of two Integrated Electronic Warfare Systems 'Project Himshakti' at an overall cost of approximately Rs 3,000 crore. Giving details of the con-

tract, officials said here the project is under the Buy {Indian -(Indigenously Designed Developed and Manufactured)} category comprising contemporary and

'Project Himshakti' will encourage participation of Indian electronics and associated industries, including MSMEs, which are sub vendors of the BEL. It will generate employment of approximately three lakh man-days over a period of two years. The project is a significant leap forward in developing indigenous capabilities making the country 'Aatmanirbhar', in consonance with the Make-in-India initiative of the government.

niche technologies.

## SC directs convicts released during Covid emergency to surrender in 15 days

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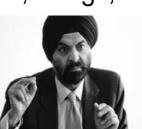
The Supreme Court on I Friday directed that all convicts and undertrial prisoners, who were released during the COVID-19 pandemic in a move to decongest jails, to surrender within 15 days. A bench of Justices MR Shah and CT Ravikumar said undertrial prisoners, who were released on emergency bail during the pandemic, can move for regular bail before competent courts after their surrender.

# US pick for WB, Banga, cancels India meetings after tests Covid +

Indian origin US nominee for World Bank president Ajay Banga, scheduled to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman here has tested positive for Covid-19. Hence, his meetings to take place on March 23 and 24 were cancelled.

According to a Finance Ministry statement, Banga's meeting with Nirmala Sitharaman would not happen as he is in quarantine. "During routine testing,

Ajay Banga tested positive for COVID-19 but remains asymp-



guidelines, he is quarantining in isolation," the statement said.

Besides meeting with the Union finance minister, Banga was scheduled to meet Prime Minister Modi and External Affairs Minister Jaishankar and top officials during his two-day

Banga's New Delhi visit is the final stop on his three-week

before progressing to Europe, Latin America, and Asia to drum up support for his candidature for the World Bank's top

In a statement on Wednesday, the US Treasury Department had said, "While in India, Banga will meet with Prime Minister Narendra Modi as well as the Minister of Finance Nirmala Sitharaman and the Minister of External Affairs S Jaishankar.

These discussions will focus on India's development priorities, the World Bank, and global economic development challenges," it said.

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before progressing to Europe, Latin America, and Asia to drum up support for his candidature for the World Bank's top

India endorsed Banga's candidacy soon after his nomination was announced in February. Since then, a diverse coalition of governments has expressed their support for Banga, including Bangladesh, Côte d'Ivoire, Colombia, Egypt, France, Germany, Ghana, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Saudi Arabia, the Republic of Korea, and the United Kingdom.

During his global listening tour, Banga met with senior government officials, stake-holders, business leaders, entre-

Along the way, he built continuous momentum for his candidacy, gaining the support of advocates, academics, develop-

ment experts, executives, Nobel Laureates, and former government officials. If elected to serve, Banga will draw from his experience living and working in emerging mar-

kets and his expertise in forging public-private partnerships to mobilise investments and action to confront long standing chal-

That includes his efforts at Mastercard to successfully bring 500 million previously unbanked people into the digital economy, as well as its support for 50 million small businesses

## NIA chargesheets gangsters, criminals linked with pro-Khalistani terror outfits

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The National Investigation ▲ Agency (NIA) on Friday filed a chargesheet against notorious gangsters/criminals, Lawrence Bishnoi and Goldy Brar, along with 12 others have ing links with the proscribed Babbar Khalsa International (BKI) and several other pro-Khalistani terrorist outfits, in the second of the three terror-gangster nexus cases it is investigating. The latest action takes the total number of accused chargesheeted by the NIA so far in these cases to 26.

The chargesheet has exposed the linkages between members of criminal syndicates and drug smugglers with BKI and pro-khalistani outfits.

Lawrence Bishnoi, in custody since 2015, has been operating his terror-crime syndicate from jails in different States, along with Canada-based Goldy Brar, who is an accused in the killing of Pradeep Kumar, a Dera Sacha Sauda follower, in Faridkot in November 2022.



The Lawrence Bishnoi terror-crime-extortion syndicate was also responsible for providing killers for the RPG attack case on Punjab State Intelligence HQs (headquarters) at Mohali, which was carried out on directions of Harwinder Singh alia Rinda, a Pakistan-based BKI terrorist, NIA investigations have revealed, the NIA alleged.

Goldy Brar was found to have direct links with Lakhbir Singh alias Landa, another BKI operative working closely with Rinda, as revealed in NIA investigations so far, it said.

Lakhbir Singh is also an accused in the Mohali RPG attack, as well as the December 2022 RPG (rocket propelled grenade) attack on Police Station Sirhali in Tarn Taran,

Investigations against Landa and three others are continuing. "All the 14 accused have been charged with criminal conspiracy to unleash a wave of terror and carry out targeted killings of well-known social and religious leaders, movie stars, singers and businessmen," the NIA said in a statement.

Besides having links with conspirators in Pakistan, the accused were also in contact with pro-Khalistani elements based in Canada, Nepal and other countries, NIA investigations have further revealed.

NIA has seized a huge cache of nine illegal and sophisticated weapons, 14 magazines, 298 rounds of ammunition and 183 digital devices and other incriminating material in raids across 74 locations in Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Chandigarh and Delhi

# ED attaches ₹252.17 cr property in PMLA case

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has Enforcement attached immovable property in the form of commercial asset Ambience Tower at Shalimar Bagh locality here worth Rs 252.17 crore belonging to Ambience Towers Pvt. Ltd, a company of Ambience Group, promoted by Raj Singh Gehlot in connection with a money laundering investigation.

The ED initiated Investigation on the basis of an FIR and subsequent chargesheet filed by Anti-Corruption Bureau, Jammu and Kashmir under the Provisions of Ranbir Penal Code and Prevention of Corruption Samvat Act.

its promoter director Raj

Singh Gehlot was sanctioned

PMLA investigation revealed that Aman Hospitality Pvt. Ltd through



Banks led by J&K Bank to part finance its hotel project in Shahdara, Delhi. The loan amount later

turned into a non-performing asset (NPA). "During investigation, it

was revealed that Raj Singh Gehlot had diverted loan funds and layered the same through a web of bank accounts belonging to his relatives and Ambience Group a term loan facility of Rs 810 companies. In addition to

also found that Raj Singh Gehlot had diverted materials to the other project sites of Ambience Group," the ED said in a statement.

In line with the probe findings, Gehlot was arrested on July 28, 2021. His wife, Sheela Gehlot and other directors of Ambience Group Companies, Amit Gehlot, Shamsher Singh and Pawan Singh were arraigned as accused in the Prosecution Complaints (chargesheets in police parlance) filed by the

The ED has already filed Prosecution Complaints dated September 24, 2021 and November 17, 2022 in the present case before the PMLA Court, Patiala House Courts here for commission of money laundering offences.

The PMLA court took cognizance through its order dated September 27, 2021 and November 30, 2022.

## Ayush Min, Def Min ink pact to integrate Ayurveda in ECHS Polyclinics



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Union Ministry of Ayush and Department of exservicemen Welfare/ECHS under Union Ministry of Defence on Friday inked a pact to integrate Ayurveda in ECHS Polyclinics as an OPD service for five years period. These will be established at 10 polyclinics based at Ambala, Mysore, Ranchi, Nagpur, Bhopal, Bhubaneshwar, Chennai, Meerut, Danapur, and Allepey (Alappuzha).

Ayurveda centres are already in place in 37 cantonment Hospitals, 12 military hospitals of AFMC and Ayurveda OPD in AH R&R,

ECHS polyclinics. The MoU was signed by Dr Manoj Nesari, Adviser (Ayurveda) on behalf of the Ayush Ministry and Maj Gen NR Indurkar, Ex-servicemen Contributory Health Scheme on behalf of the Defence Ministry. According to this MoU Ayush Ministry will provide

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technical guidance from time to time and will empanel Ayurveda doctors and pharmacists for their engagement and provide list of essential Ayurveda medicines and any other technical support as may be required while the Defence Ministry will provide logistic and locations in the respective polyclinics.

# **AFSPA** extended in parts of Arunachal, Nagaland

¬he Union Home Ministry The Union Home Ministry on Friday extended for six months the "disturbed area" status in parts of Arunachal Pradesh and Nagaland under the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958.

According to two separate notifications, the decisions have been taken after review of the law-and-order situation in both the states. The AFSPA gives armed forces personnel, operating in disturbed areas, sweeping powers to search, arrest, and to open fire if they deem it necessary for "maintenance of public order".

The home ministry said the central government in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 3 of the AFSPA 1958 (28 of 1958) had declared the Tirap, Changlang and Longding districts in Arunachal Pradesh and the areas falling within the jurisdiction of Namsai and Mahadevpur police stations in Namsai district of Arunachal Pradesh, bordering the state of Assam as 'disturbed area' on September 30, 2022.

One more police station



area has been brought under the ambit of the AFSPA through the fresh notification.

"And whereas a further review of the law and order situation in the state of Arunachal Pradesh has been undertaken. Now, therefore, Tirap, Changlang and Longding districts in Arunachal Pradesh and the areas falling within the jurisdiction of Namsai, Mahadevpur and Chowkham police stations in Namsai district of Arunachal Pradesh, bordering the state of Assam, are declared as 'disturbed area' under Section 3 of the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 for a period of six months with effect from April 1, 2023, unless withdrawn earlier," one of the notifications said.

the home ministry said the central government in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 3 of the AFSPA, 1958 (28 of 1958) had declared nine districts and 16 police stations in four other districts of Nagaland as 'disturbed area' for a period of six months with effect from October 1, 2022. It said, now, the disturbed area status will be applicable in eight districts and 21 police stations areas falling under five other districts.

"And whereas a further review of the law and order situation in the state of Nagaland has been undertaken. Now, therefore, Dimapur, Niuland, Chumoukedima, Kiphire, Noklak, Phek and Peren districts in Nagaland and the areas in Nagaland falling within the jurisdiction of i) Khuzama, Kohima North, Kohima South, Zubza and Kezocha police stations in District; ii) Mangkolemba, Mokokchung-I, Longtho, Tuli, Longchem and Anaki 'C' police stations in Mokokchung District... are declared as 'disturbed area," the notification said.

## RAHUL'S DISQUALIFICATION FROM LS Opp leaders main target in Modi's new India: Didi

**SAUGAR SENGUPTA** ■ KOLKATA

Days after calling Rahul Gandhi the "biggest asset" and "biggest TRP" of the BJP, Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Friday took a uturn this time slamming the Narendra Modi Government for getting the tallest Congress leader disqualified from the Lok Sabha in a defamation

Moments after Gandhi's disqualification from the House, Banerjee said the Opposition leaders were the main target of in the new India led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

While Bengal Opposition parties—save the BJP — would not exhibit much of enthusiasm over Banerjee's statement saying she was more concerned about the rising popularity of "Under PM Modi's New

India, Opposition leaders have become the prime target of BJP," Banerjee who is also the president of Trinamool Congress wrote in her Twitter post. Condemning the kind of treatment meted out to the Congress leader she said



West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee speaks during a meeting, in Kolkata, on Friday

"Today, we have witnessed a new low for our constitutional democracy." Attacking the BJP government for pursuing double standards she said while on one side saffron leaders with criminal records were made ministers and on the other leaders of the opposition parties were made victims of political speeches. She said, "While BJP leaders with criminal antecedents are inducted into the cabinet, Opposition leaders are disqualified for their

Her nephew and TMC national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee wrote that "Democracy" in today's India sounded oxymoronic. Though

speeches.

he would not refer to the Rahul Gandhi issue he wrote, "Democratic India is an oxymoron now." TMC MP Shantanu Sen called it a "black day" wondering whether BR Ambedkar would have relished such a huge drop in Indian democratic standards This is a Black day for the

Indian democracy. Had the father of our Constitution BR Ambedkar been alive he would have literally cried," Sen said wondering "how a ruling party with such a brute majority in Parliament can stoop such low to script such a dirty game." Gandhi was disqualified from being a Member of Lok Sabha hours after he was sentenced to two years of imprisonment by a Surat court in a caste defama-

The Left too, hit out at BJP government for its "vindictive attitude" saying "plot to dis-qualify Gandhi was hatched divert attention from burning issues like corruption, unemployment" etc. Reacting sharply on issue senior counsel and CPI(M) MP Bikash Ranjan Bhattacharya said.

# Cambodia mountain to be home to Indian tigers

**ARCHANA JYOTI** ■ NEW DELHI

 $A^{ ext{technical committee comprising officials from the}}$ National Tiger Conservation of Authority (NTCA) and Wildlife Institute of India (WII) is on the job to advise their counterparts in Cambodia to help them execute dreams of bringing Indian big cats in their land under the world's first ambitious translational tiger programme conceived

On its part, Cambodia has already identified 90 acres of forest land at its Tatai wildlife sanctuary in the Cardamom Mountain to be the home to the Indian tigers whenever they

SP Yadav, Head of the NTCA told The Pioneer, "We have constituted a technical support group which is advising Cambodia to achieve certain levels of standards with respect to staffing, prey base, habitat and protection. Once these are achieved, further action will be taken."

He said hence it is too early to talk about the numbers of big cats proposed to be shifted to Cambodia. No tiger has been spotted in Cambodian forests for the last 15 years. The



in the eastern highlands of Cambodia in 2007. The country is now committed to have the tigers, which is included in the IUCN Red List of Endangered Species, back to its

Though Yadav was noncommittal when the translocation will happen, Cambodia is pinning hopes that the tigers may arrive by the year-end, as has also been stated by Suwanna Gauntlett, founder and CEO of Wildlife Alliance, as per reports.

Officials in the Union Environment Ministry said that before the Indian big cats lands on the foreign land, it is necessary that ground and field works be done to ensure they are safe and get the conducive environment to settle down properly to make the translocation successful in the long

# 4 yrs ordeal of 5 Indian sailors jailed in Iran ends

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

In an emotional homecoming, five Indian sailors — who had been arrested, jailed, acquitted and grounded after they were stranded in Iran in June 2019, returned home on Friday after suffering four years of ordeal.

The five sailors — Aniket S. Yenpure (31), Mandar M. Worlikar (28), both of whom are from Mumbai, Pranav A. Tiwari (23) from Patna, Naveen M. Singh (30) from New Delhi and Thamizh R. Selvan (33) from

whelmed as they bowed and touched the Indian soil after they arrived at the city airport from Iran by an Iran Air Tehran-Mumbai flight this

The sailors were accorded a moving reception by their relatives and friends, who cheered vociferously, hugged and lifted them in the air and celebrated the quintet who shed tears of happiness."We have never been so happy as we are today. Nearly 45 months of nightmare has

ended today. We underwent lots of hardships like being arrested, thrown into jails there, fighting legal battles, getting acquitted and obtaining necessary permissions to fly back to India.

Finally we are back in a country to which we belong, Aniket Yenpure said. "For the next one month, we will rest and be with our families," Yenpure said. Naveen (New Delhi), Tiwari (Bihar) and Selvan (Tamil Nadu) will stay with Mumbai-based Yenpure and Worikar for the next few days,

before returning to their home cities. Aniket thanked the Indian Embassy in Tehran which arranged for the emergency travel papers and air tickets for him and his fellow sailors and also a few Iranian lawyers who fought their case for more than six months and got them released from the jail and ensured their return to India. "The authorities in Iran

seized our passports and

Certificate (CDC)-cum-

Seafarer's Identity document.

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## Water warriors to be honoured Bihar, Andhra Pradesh, Assam,

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At least 50 water warriors from across the States and various walks of life will be felicitated on March 29 at an event here for their works in water conservation, harvesting, rejuvenation, restoration of water bodies and water crisis management among others aimed to save the precious item.

At the Jal Prahar Samman Samaroh 2023, one water saviour each from states like Delhi,

Chattisgarh, Gujrat, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu, Jharkhand, Punjab, Tripura, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Telangana etc. and two water saviour each from Haryana, Karnataka, Uttarakhand have been selected for the honour, said a state-

Union Jal Shakti Minister, Gajendra Singh, Union Minister of state for Jal Shakti, Prahlad Patel and MPs Manoj Tiwari and Unmesh Patil will be present as chief guests on the

Along with them ambassadors of many countries including Netherland, Finland, Malta, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan will be present to grace the occasion.

Convenor of the ceremony, Anil Singh said that the National Water Mission, UNOPS, CWC are the participants of the programme and Jal Praharis include many schools, colleges, universities, district officials, non govt organisations and private institutions.

The ceremony is being held under the joint aegis of Jal Shakti Ministry, Jal Jeevan Mission, Chief Operating officer of the programme, Ameya Sathe said, adding that that 11 water conservationist from Uttar Pradesh, 8 from Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh and 10 water conservationist from Maharashtra will be honoured.

India has 18 per cent of the world's population, but only 4 percent of its water resources, making it among the most water-stressed in the world.

## Probe defamation plea filed by Union Min against Raj CM, court directs Delhi Police

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi court on Friday Adirected the Delhi Police to probe the criminal defamation complaint filed by Union Minister Gajendra Singh Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot over his remarks on the alleged Sanjivani co-operative scam.

Additional Metropolitan Magistrate Harjeet Singh Jaspal directed the Joint Commissioner of Police concerned to "investigate the matter either himself or through an officer not below the rank of an Inspector" and file the investigation report on April 25.

"...Keeping in mind the facts and circumstances and also keeping in mind the legislative mandate...(considering the fact that the accused is residing outside the local jurisdiction of this court), this court directs an investigation into the matter. through Delhi Police. Keeping in mind the sensitivity of matter, it is directed that Joint Commissioner concerned shall monitor investigation," the judge said. The judge further said that investigation should endeavour to find answers to three questions —whether complainant Shekhawat was



addressed as "an accused" in the Sanjivani scam by accused Gehlot, whether Gehlot stated that the allegations against Shekhawat stand proved in the Sanjivani scam and whether Shekhawat or his family members have been arrayed as "an accused" in investigation of the scam. Union Jal Shakti Minister Shekhawat had filed complaint on March 4. The complaint alleged that Gehlot, a senior Congress leader, defamed the BJP leader by alleging his role

in the scam. "There is irreparable damage caused to his (Shekhawat) reputation," the complaint claimed. The complaint alleged that Gehlot has been making defamatory remarks, trying to tarnish Shekhawat's image and affect his political career. In Sanjivani Credit Cooperative Society Ltd, thousands of investors allegedly lost Rs 900 crore. Rajasthan Police's Special Operations Group (SOG) has been investigating case since

# Thieves, scamsters running freely while **Rahul punished: Uddhav**

TN ■ RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

The Opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) on Friday dubbed the disqualification of as a Lok Sabha member, as a "murder of democracy" and said that "it's now a crime to call a thief a thief" in the country.

The Lok Sabha Secretariat's decision to issue a notice to Gandhi disqualifying him an MP a day after he was convicted and sentenced to two years in jail in a defamation case evoked strong reaction from the MVA constituents in the state — Congress, NCP and Shiv Sena who said that the Congress leader is being punished for 'exposing" the Narendra Modi government.

Maharashtra's former chief minister and Shiv Sena (UBT) president Uddhav Thackeray said Gandhi's disqualification as an MP was nothing but a "a murder of democracy" "It's a crime to call even a thief a thief in the country," Uddhav said.

The thieves and scamsters are running around freely while Rahul Gandhi has been punished for calling a thief a thief... This is a blatant murder of democracy. All institutions are



under pressure. Whatever is happening of the is beginning of end of democracy in the country. We need to take our fight against the Modi government to a new level to restore democracy in country," Uddhav said.

Coming down heavily on Lok Sabha Secretariat's decision over Gandhi's disqualification, NCP chief Sharad Pawar tweeted, "The disqualification of Mr Rahul Gandhi and Mr Faizal a few months ago as MP's of Lok Sabha are against the basic tenets of the constitution, where democratic values are being curtailed. This is condemnable and against the very principles on which the constitution is

"Our Constitution guarantees right of each Individual to fair justice; liberty of thought; equality of status and opportunity and fraternity assuring dignity of each Indian," Pawar



at the national level. Speaking in the poll-bound State, he appealed to people of Karnataka not to give a "half and incomplete government", and to form a BJP government with full majority and thereby strengthen the hands of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Basavaraj

state its ATM and fill its coffers

Bommai. "Congress party is degenerating across the country, the Congress people don't have any state with them that can fill the Congress' central treasury, they want an ATM.... They want Karnataka to become Congress' ATM, and the corrupt Congress' eyes are now set



Corrupt Cong wants to make K'taka

Union Home Minister Amit Shah during the foundation laying ceremony of Sahakar Samriddhi Soudha and the inauguration of various development works of the Department of Cooperation (Karnataka), in Bengaluru, on Friday

on Karnataka," Shah said. Addressing a beneficiaries' meet organised by Karnataka Cooperative department and other departments, he asked people whether they will form a BJP government under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership in Karnataka or a

Congress government with Rahul Gandhi at the helm. "Wherever the Congress has formed the government, their history is corruption, humiliation of Dalits, OBCs and Adivasis, and strengthening anti-national forces," he alleged. Bommai, veteran BJP leader B

S Yediyurappa, Karnataka Co-Operation Minister S T Somashekar among others were present at the event.

Highlighting that the Modi government banned Popular Font of India (PFI), Shah said, ernment (earlier), used to withdraw cases against PFI, but Narendra Modi government by banning PFI has secured the entire South India, and also the entire country." Claiming credit for the construction of Ram Mandir in Ayodhya, he said, the Congress party was "delaying, obstructing and misleading" for 70 years, but Modi has laid the foundation for the temple and it will be ready very

He also said that PM Modi, by abrogating Article 370, has put a bridle on terrorism in the entire country. "Modi's mission is to make the entire country prosperous, take forward every state including Karnataka."

## **CBI** arrests Joint DGFT in bribery

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The CBI on Friday arrested a Joint DGFT of Directorate General of Foreign Trade for allegedly accepting a bribe of Rs 5 lakh.

The Central Bureau of Investigation has arrested a Joint DGFT, Directorate General of Foreign Trade, Rajkot (Gujarat) for demanding and accepting a bribe of Rs Five Lakh from the Complainant.," the agency said in a statement.

The CBI arrested Jawri Mal Bishnoi, Joint DGFT in the corruption case, officials said. A case was registered against the officials on the allegations of demanding undue advantage to the tune of Rs 9 lakh from the complainant.

It was further alleged that complainant had submitted six files containing all required documents of periodical export of food cans to DGFT, Rajkot to issue no objection certificate (NOC) so as to release their bank guarantee of around Rs 50

# SC to hear Opp parties plea over misuse of CBI, ED

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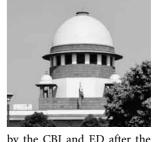
The Supreme Court on ■ Friday agreed to list for hearing on April 5 a plea by 14 opposition parties, led by the Congress, alleging arbitrary use of central probe agencies against political opponents.

A bench headed by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud took note of the submissions of senior advocate Abhishek Singhvi, appearing for the Opposition parties, and said the plea would be taken up for hearing on April 5.

"I am asking for the guidelines for the future. This is a remarkable convergence of 14 parties against the misuse of the agencies, both CBI and ED," Singhvi said, and claimed that 95 per cent cases of the Central Bureau of Investigation(CBI) and the Enforcement Directorate(ED) are against the leaders of opposition. The

senior lawyer referred to the

rise in the number of cases filed



by the CBI and ED after the NDA government came to power in 2014. "Second statistics, pre-2014 and post-2014. There is a humongous jump in cases. The rate of conviction is four to five per cent. We are asking for pre-arrest guidelines and post-arrest bail guidelines," Singhvi said.

Sources close to the deliberations which led to the filing of the common plea by 14 political parties said Delhi Chief Minister and AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal played an important role in persuading other opposition leaders for moving the top court jointly.

The plea alleged there is an alarming rise in the use of coercive criminal processes against opposition political leaders and other citizens exercising their fundamental right to dissent.

"Investigating agencies such as CBI and ED are being increasingly deployed in a selective and targeted manner with a view to completely crush political dissent and upend the fundamental premises of a representative democracy," a statement issued on behalf of a petitioner alleged.

The plea filed through lawyer Shadan Farasat cited some statistics and said they demonstrated a "shocking and unconstitutional state of affairs".

Besides the Congress, other

parties who are part of the joint move are the DMK, RJD, BRS, Trinamool Congress, AAP, NCP, Shiv Sena (UBT), JMM, JD(U), CPI(M), CPI, Samajwadi Party and the J&K National Conference, the state-

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 $\mathbf{I}$ ndia's two mega and important conservation focused projects involving tiger and elephants are completing their 50th and 30th years of existence

respectively this year which the

Government has plans to cel-

ebrate with much fan-fare next

month.

President Droupadi Murmu will inaugurate a twoday "Gaj Utsav" on April 9 in Assam's Kaziranga National Park to commemorate the successful completion of 30 years of Project Elephant while Prime Minister Narendra Modi will launch a three-day mega event on April 7 in Mysuru in Karnataka to mark the completion of 50 years of Project



2-day Gaj Utsav from April 9

tiger conservation success globally, officials said on Friday. The Prime Minister will also release the latest tiger census data, the government's vision for tiger conservation during 'Amrit Kaal' and a commemorative coin, said S P Yadav, member secretary, National Tiger

(NTCA). India launched Project Tiger on April 1, 1973 to promote tiger conservation. Initially, it covered nine tiger reserves spread over 18,278 sq km. At present, India has 53 tiger reserves covering more than 75,000 sq km (approximately 2.4 per cent of the country's geographical area) of tiger habitat. With a current population

Conservation Authority

of about 3,000 tigers, India is home to more than 70 per cent of the global wild tiger population and their number is increasing at six per cent per annum. The tiger reserves are repositories for biodiversity conservation in the country. These ensure regional water security and carbon sequestration and thus contribute in

change mitigation targets. Similarly, 'Gaj Utsav' a two-day event to commemorate Project Elephant which was launched in 1991-92 as a centrally-sponsored scheme to protect elephants, their habitat and corridors, prevent human-elephant conflict and to ensure the welfare of captive elephants in India, will be inaugurated by the President at Kaziranga National Park on April 9, Minister of State for Environment Ashwani Choubey told reporters here.

accomplishing India's climate

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# **Inconsistent**

ONDC is making a foray into the city transport sector but its very existence is problematic

pen Network Digital Commerce (ONDC) has entered the city transport sector by tying up with a Bengaluru-based ride-hailing company. The objective is to check the market dominance of aggregators like Uber and Ola. ONDC, a Governmentrun protocol on the lines of UPI, is also reportedly negotiating with more companies in the sector in several other cities. While well-intended, there are fundamental flaws in the idea of ONDC. When it was launched in September last year, it was claimed that it would check the monopoly of global e-commerce giants like Amazon and Walmart. "After UPI, another game changing idea to democratise commerce - ONDC soft launch today to select consumers, sellers and logistics providers. Get ready for a world of choice, convenience and transparency," Commerce & Industry Piyush Goyal tweeted the day ONDC was launched. But isn't checking monopolistic practices the duty of the Competition



Commission of India (CCI)? The Competition Act, 2002, was passed by Parliament in 2002, to which the President accorded assent in January 2003. It was subsequently amended by the Competition (Amendment) Act, 2007. In accordance with the provisions of the Amendment Act, the Competition Commission of India and the Competition Appellate Tribunal were established. The CCI is now fully functional with a Chairperson and six members, according to the CCI's website. The provisions of the Competition Act relating to anti-competitive agreements and abuse of dominant position were notified on May 20, 2009.

"It is the statutory duty of the Commission to eliminate practices having adverse effect on competition,

promote and sustain competition, protect the interests of consumers and ensure freedom of trade carried on by other participants, in markets in India as provided in the Preamble as well as Section 18 of the Act," says the CCI website. The commission is also mandated to give its opinion on competition issues to government or statutory authority and to undertake competition advocacy for creating awareness of competition law, it adds. Against this backdrop, the very idea of the Ministry of Commerce & Industry setting up a body for the same purpose is duplication of work. Besides, it also militates against the principle Prime Minister Narendra Modi has stated more than once: the government has no business to be in business. It is in pursuance of this principle that the Government has been privatising public sector undertakings. But, by launching ONDC, the Ministry of Commerce & Industry will be ensuring government interference in the economy — something that is not in tune with the Modi Government reformist agenda. On the face of it, ONDC's new forays may seem impressive but in reality these don't appear to be consistent with the newly emerging policy framework. Instead of zealously promoting ONDC, the Ministry of Commerce & Industry should focus on boosting manufacturing.



omen in traditional dresses celebrate Zangtri as part of three-day Navreh (Kashmiri New Year) festival

# Myanmar nightmare continues unabated



It's been more than two years since the coup, yet the low-intensity civil war raging on in our neighbouring country is set to last for a long time

ore than two years have passed since the coup in Myanmar on February 1, 2021, which prevented the elected members of the National League for Democracy, which had won 396 seats out of 476 in the Lower House of Parliament in the country's November 2020 elections, from assuming office. The junta that perpetrated the coup arrested Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, NLDleader and iconic symbol of the country's struggle for democracy, and leaders of her party. It unleashed a vicious repression campaign.
The Government continues

to face growing countrywide resistance with murderous violence. Volker Türk, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, told the 52nd session of the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva on March 6, 2023, that, overall, the military's airstrikes against civilian locations increased by 141 per cent in the second year of its takeover, and its shelling of communities, including hospitals schools and places of worship, by over 100 per cent. During the same period, incidents in which homes and neighbourhoods were set on fire rose by 380 per percent. This led to an estimated 1,200 per cent increase in the number of homes destroyed. He further stated that reports continued to be received daily, particularly from the Sagaing region, north-west of Mandalay, of ongoing incidents, with soldiers reportedly moving from village to village, looting and setting fire to homes and farms.

Türk cited his UN colleagues as saying 39,000 structures had been burned in villages and towns by the military since the coup. Overall, credible sources verified that at least 2,947 civilians, including 244 children, had been massacred by the military and its affiliates during this period. More than one third of these confirmed deaths occurred in military custody. The actual number of civilians killed is far higher. He further said that, besides those killed in military or police action, detainees across Myanmar as saying that the military does had reported severe beatings; mock executions; suspension country, and is incapable of

water; electrocution; and acts of sexual violence as well as squalid detention conditions.

The question is, how long will Myanmar groan under the Tatmadaw's—as Myanmar's army is called-iron heel? Despite the savagery of the generals' repression, the country, to all appearances, is slipping out of their control. Ranged against them is the National Unity Government (NUG) formed by some NLD leaders, activists and representatives of several insurgent ethnic organisations and minor parties, on April 16, 2021. Its armed wing, the People's Defence Force (PDF), was established on May 5, 2021. According to a report by Richard R Paddock in The New York Times of 6 June, 2022, it had a total strength of 60,000. As indicated by the latest reports, it now comprises 300 battalions with over 250,000 soldiers.

A report in Mizzima (A Burmese multi-media news organization) on September 9, 2022, cites a brief by SAC-M, released on September 5, 2022 not effectively control the from ceilings without food or governing it. According to



HOW LONG WILL MYANMAR GROAN UNDER THE TATMADAW'S MYANMAR'S **ARMY IS CALLED** — IRON HEEL? the report, the National Unity Government (NUG) is the legitimate government of Myanmar and is at the centre of a democratic revolution shaped by organisations opposed to Myanmar's military junta. These organisations are the de facto authorities over more of Myanmar's population and territory than the junta, which has stable control over only 72 out of the country's 330 townships, which comes to only 17 per cent of Myanmar's land area, because many are small urban townships. In an article published on September 29, 2022, in The Interpreter, brought out daily by the Lowy Institute, an Australia-based independent think tank, Adam Simpson cites a report by the SAC-M, saying that the NUG and ethnic resistance organisations effectively controlled over 52 per cent of Myanmar's territory. Twenty-three per cent were contested and the junta dominated 17 per cent.

The Tatmadaw suffered from low morale and desertion. The latter rate has fallen recently because of tough action to curb it. Tatmadaw's other weaknesses remain. Its weaponry is more suitable for conventional warfare than anti-guerrilla operations; its younger generation lacks combat experience. On the other hand, the People's Defence Force lacks numerical strength besides heavy artillery, tanks, and aircraft. This is essential for winning large battles in the

What seems likely in the foreseeable future is a stalemate, with the Junta controlling the capital Nay Pyi Taw and some other towns and strips of territory and the NUG and the armed forces of the ethnic minorities controlling the rest. The Junta is being attacked even in townships where the Tatmadaw is present, and may lose control over them. That it is apprehensive and struggling to hold on to these is clear from the imposition of martial law in 37 newly formed towns on February 2 and three more on February 22, bringing the total number of townships under martial law to 50 out of 330. Even these moves may not help. It is difficult to reverse the now when the against you.

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# Are you contributing to electronic waste?



E-waste is a growing concern not only in India but also globally. With the launch of newer devices, our greed leads us to buy the latest ones

hristian Lous Lange says "technology is an ✓effective servant but a dangerous master". There is no denying everyone is addicted to technology in some way or another. Everyone has seen the transition from a wired telephone to the first cell phones followed by the latest, lighter and better version of cell phones. However, have we ever thought that today's technology will be obsolete someday? Today, technology has affected almost every aspect from advancements in education, medicine or transport to easy access to socialization, food, healthcare and productivity.

Every year, big tech companies come up with new versions of their devices. This leads to the market to shift to its updated version. As a result, many individuals replace their phones or gadgets with new ones, causing a lot of E-waste. Today, almost 10 billion people have smartphones, and in 3-4 years without access to repair these devices will add to an enormous amount of e-waste that already exists.

Though buying latest gadgets keeps an individual

updated, in the long run their constant use will affect our planet's health severely. According to a research, India is the 3rd largest E-waste producer after China and the USA. E-waste or electronic waste is the fastest growing waste stream in the world. It includes discarded electronic devices such as mobile phones, tablets, notepads, computers, radios and televisions. Computer devices account for nearly 70% of ewaste, followed by the telecom sector, medical equipment

and electrical equipment. Unfortunately, these devices end up in landfills, where they release hazardous gases into the atmosphere. The toxic components so released affect human health in terms of skin irritation, lung infections, kidney problems, nausea and others. They also contribute to soil conta-

mination, polluting the envi-

ronment and most importantly harm and threat to wildlife. According to a recent study, E-waste has reached alarming levels with 5.3 billion phones thrown away every year. Since the last 5 years, waste has grown by 21% and is expected to reach 74.2 MT by 2030. If not recycled or disposed of properly, heavy metals in e-waste emit toxic substances causing seri-

ous environmental concern. At the individual level, there are several solutions that can help reduce e-waste such as considering repairing a smartphone instead of buying a new one or preferring to donate old devices such as laptops, computers or notepads to schools or charitable organisations that can find a use for the product. Educating high-school students about e-waste's harmful effects has a greater impact on stopping its spread. Adopting changes in technology such as cloud computing and the internet of things can even help with dematerialization. In India, many e-waste recycling startups such as Cashify, Attero recycling,

Namo E-waste, Binbag and

many more have come up

with the objective of conserving resources by adopting economical and responsible disposal techniques of ewaste.

These startups are working day and night to create opportunities to transfer waste into socially and industrially beneficial raw materials such as valuable metals, plastics and glass. They are using simple, cost-efficient and environmentally friendly technologies suitable for Índian conditions. As climate change effects grow, it becomes the responsibility of its citizens to help the planet and prevent e-waste issues. Also, with the 5G revolution, it is imperative to recycle old smartphones. It is important to understand that a difference can only be made at the individual level.

E-waste is a growing concern not only in India but also globally, as the moment electronic devices get introduced, an individual's greed leads them to buy the latest one while the old ones take space in the cupboard drawers. We need a safe channel for recycling obsolete equipment.

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## **KANGAROOS HAVE A STRONG TAIL**

Sir — Australians have come through a difficult phase and defeated Team India in their own den. This is a very rare occasion as we count on home wins in series after series. Team India struggled to tackle pace in the first two outings and succumbed to spin in the decider and won the series. The writing is on the wall in the ODI world cup this year. This is the second time India has lost a bilateral ODI series against Australia. And what's in common between their 3-2 loss in 2019 and the 2-1 defeat in this series is the fact that the Men in Blue were ahead on both occasions.

They led the 2019 series 2-0 before losing three in a row. Rohit Sharma and coach Rahul Dravid have a lot of work to do as they aim to regain the trophy later this year. For now, the Aussies will relish regaining the top spot in the ODI rankings. They will also fly back home with the ODI series trophy as a consolation after losing out on the Border-Gavaskar Trophy earlier in the trip. For Australia, the tail wagged, the spin did the trick and Aussie batsmen pulled up their socks to make a match of it.

CK Subramaniam | Mumbai

**LEAST PAINFUL DEATH PENALTY?** Sir — What is the most efficient method of death penalty enforcement? The Supreme Court sparked such a debate by asking the government to hold a discussion on the issue on Tuesday. However, this is a complicated issue because determining the method of capital punishment is considered the responsibility of the legislature rather than the judiciary. Perhaps therefore the Supreme Court has stated unequivocally that it will not issue an order addressing the method of applying the death penalty. However, this question is necessary to determine whether the current method of imposing a death sentence meets legal and constitutional requirements. The current hanging method was last upheld by the Supreme Court in 1983, but the issue must be revisited considering scientific and technological advances

## **Blessing in disguise**

THE EDITOR

ahul Gandhi's conviction in the defamation Rease can prove blessings in disguise to strengthen democracy. Rahul Gandhi was convicted in a defamation case by the Surat court and sentenced to two years' punishment. Bail was also granted to appeal in the upper court. Rahul Gandhi's conviction can strengthen Indian democracy. Just a few days ago Congress spokesperson also uttered unwanted words against Modi and had to approach the supreme court for bail. With Rahul Gandhi's conviction in the 2024 Parliament elections no unhealthy

we look at the situation in other countries around the world.

Whether the current hanging process is considered the least painful or any other method after considering all aspects—the principle of dignity of death is bound to be vindicated. If another method is found to be superior, the current method will be ruled unconstitutional. The revised method can then be ratified by the legislature. In today's era, when the discussion of direct encounters with criminals appears to be gaining traction in our country for a variety of reasons, it is expected that the apex court's initiative will make us more aware of justice criteria.

Abhijit Roy | Jamshedpur

### **HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT**

Sir — The US State Department releases its annual Human Rights Report every year. In those countries, human rights are violated indiscriminately. If the names of those countries are mentioned in this report even after evidence of human rights violations, since then. This need is confirmed when will those countries accept those strong

language will be used and electioneering will be pleasant without filthy language. This will automatically strengthen the democratic struc-

ture of the country.

At present, there is pandemonium in both houses of the parliament due to undesirable utterances by Rahul on foreign land. The ruling party demands an apology from Rahul. It is expected that Rahul Gandhi will learn a lesson from this conviction. This is the first time that Rahul has been convicted for the first time, but he is habitual of using undesirable and unwanted language. In the last election, his slogan "Chowkidar chor hai" became very famous and was directed at Modi. In the last Parliament elections, he had to apologise before the supreme court for misinterpretation of supreme court orders. Let us hope that Rahul Gandhi's conviction may prove a blessing in disguise to strengthen democracy in India.

Yash Pal Ralhan I Jalandhar

allegations? They will reject outright and say that America has no right to interfere in our internal affairs. As India will now bluntly tell the US State Department. Because in the just-released report, it has been said for India that there are 'cases of human rights abuses and people from minority communities, critics of the gov-

ernment and journalists are targeted. In Monday's report, US Secretary of State Antony Blinken said he was closely monitoring developments in India "including increasing human rights abuses in the country" in the presence of Foreign Minister S Jaishankar and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh. There is no need to look for distant events. A day after the publication of this report, Kannada actor Chetan Kumar was arrested for a tweet criticising a Hindu nationalist ideology. Therefore, the US State Department's allegation has some substance.

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## **FIRST COLUMN** NOW THE GOVT DECIDES WHAT WE EAT

Unlike the days of yore, Govts need to incentivise crops which suit modern life



n the early human civilisations, it was geography and weather that decided what crops were to be grown in any region. The same crop was consumed by the people of that area. Exports were tough and risky. But, in modern civilisation, Governments directly or indirectly control the food consumed.

Government subsidies are offered in various ways. It can be direct transfers to farmers by cash transfer (DBT) or by providing them with subsidized electricity, water, diesel, pesticides, fertilizer etc. Subsidies have also been provided in the form of MSP (minimum selling price) for certain agricultural products. Subsidies given to small and big enterprises are to set up export-oriented units or food processing units, cold storages, warehouses, or to set up SEZs or food parks to enhance the production of a particular cereal crop, fruit, vegetable, fish, meat products or certain packed products/processed food (dairy, apiculture) etc. By giving subsidies to farmers, the government incentivizes farmers to grow a particular crop, which can become a mass consumption item as government subsidies make it really cheap to produce and reduce the price of the products, and these crops when subsidized can change the dietary habits of not only millions but billions of people. A remarkable example of such action is the USA subsidizing corn and corn-related products which have flooded not only



the American market but also the world market with products like corn flour, cornstarch, corn syrup etc. Another remarkable example is from India. Government subsidy on rice and sugarcane has made India one of the largest producers of this agricultural produce. It has also made India one of the biggest exporters of these both commodities and flooding not only the Indian market but also the world market with it. Also, the Indian government gives rice and sugar subsidised to public distribution centres.

Well, there is nothing wrong in giving incentives to farmers to produce more to get good rates for their produce, but in the case of India, the biggest problem that we are facing is, that both these crops are highly water-intensive crops and a country of 1.4 billion is already facing a lot of trouble with its groundwater and water irrigation. Exporting these crops is like exporting water from the country. Rice cultivation also produces a large amount of methane, which is a harmful greenhouse gas (GHG). Another problem is that both these crops are high in carbohydrates and combined with an unhealthy lifestyle can lead to diseases such as obesity, diabetes, high blood pressure and other heart-related issues. Governments across the world should, before incentivising a certain crop, consider that incentivizing one crop can really impact the consumption patterns of the masses. It can have a detrimental effect on the health of millions of people.

Another remarkable example is from the industrialization period in Europe and America. Potatoes were made a mass-consumed vegetable as the labour working in the factories needed high calories and carbohydrates to function in the long shifts of the factories. This dietary habit continued even after the industrialization era ended. For the generations after that, potatoes still remained the go-to vegetable as it was a cheap vegetable and people ate it in the past, hence the generations copied the same eating habits even after changes in working and lifestyle.

Today's lifestyle requires less physical work and more mental effort, which requires crops and dietary habit changes. This change can benefit generations to come. For example, eyesight weakness and malnutrition are common problems children face these days. To curtail these problems vital vitamins like vitamin A and C-rich fruits and vegetables can be incentivized by the government. Less water-intensive cereals like Bajra, Jau, and Ragi can be incentivized to become part of the daily meal plan. The year 2023 has been declared the millet international year by the United Nations. This is "as it consumes 70% less water than rice and needs 40% less energy in processing and is climate-friendly and environmentally friendly."

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# Empower 'Divyangs' with skills, inclusion



There is no dearth of opportunities for Persons with Disabilities, provided they are equipped with the right set of skills. The Govt is working in this direction



ivyangjan or persons with disabilities (PwDs) are a significant social group but are rarely provided with the right kind of opportunities, skills and platforms to showcase their talent and productive potential. It is unfortunately presumed that PwDs cannot make any meaningful contributions to our economy's growth, which is wrong. People with disabilities have immense potential to contribute significantly to the economy but they need skills that are best suited to them. It is an irony that PwDs, who account for more than 2 per cent of our total population, have not been allowed to be a part of mainstream discourse and pursuits aimed at empowerment through

Unfortunately, the employability rate for PwDs is very low. It is estimated that only 36 per cent of India's 26 million PWDs are working. As per a report by the Union Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation on PWDs, nearly 64 per cent of persons with disabil ities in India don't have jobs. More disabled men than women have jobs. As per an assessment of market intelligence, Unearth Insight, only 34 lakh out of almost 3 crore PwDs are employed but 1.3 crores are employable. Most of them are employed in organised and unorganised sectors, government entities or selfemployed. It is therefore necessary to ensure that most PwDs get gainful jobs but

In order to ensure that persons with disabilities lead a dignified life independently, they must be provided with highquality education. This is so that they have the freedom to choose their careers and have equal employment opportunities. There are several examples where Divvang people have achieved impressive feats in many fields thanks to their indomitable courage, talent and determination. If provided with the right environment, opportunities and skills, they can excel in every field. Education, in particular skillbased education, is the key to empower-



AS PER A REPORT BY THE UNION MINISTRY OF STATISTICS **PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION** ON PwDs, **NEARLY 64** PER CENT OF THEM DON'T HAVE JOBS. MORE DISABLED MEN THAN WOMEN HAVE JOBS

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ment for everyone, including those with disabilities.

There is no dearth of jobs for PwDs, provided they are equipped with the right soft and practical skills. Some of the most valuable soft job skills for adults with disabilities that employers look for: attention to detail; communication skills; conflict management skills; problem-solving skills; teamwork skills; time management skills; and enrichment and life skills. Similarly, some hard job skills for PwDs include accounting, engineering, technical writing, computer-related jobs, healthcare, career counseling, customer service, insurance agent, massage therapist, telemarketer, photographer in a wheelchair, desktop publisher, graphic designer, web developer, bank teller, receptionist, financial analyst, landscaper or groundskeeper.

National Education Policy 2020 also underlines the importance of enabling arrangements in providing equal opportunities for quality education for children with disabilities. The conversion of NCERT textbooks for Classes I to VI into Indian Sign Language for hearing-impaired children is complete. It is a crucial initiative to include hearing-impaired students in mainstream education. It is heartening indeed to note that the Government is taking several steps to empower Divyangjan. Inculcating self-confidence among Divyangjan is very important to empower them for which they need skills. There are talents and abilities in people with disabilities; in some cases, these are greater than those found in normal people. Inclusive growth, development and confidence must encompass PwD aspirations.

It is worth noting that the However, they need a dedicated

Government enacted the Right to Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, which came into effect on April 19, 2017. It provides for 4 per cent reservation in government jobs for disabilities. The Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan, Accessible India Campaign, was launched by the Central Government on December 3, 2015. It provides universal accessibility for persons with disabilities so that they can live a mean-ingful life with dignity. Public buildings, transport systems and information and communication technology are included in this campaign. Keeping in view the problems related to accessibility faced by the masses, a mobile app has been developed to address accessibility problems in a quick

and systematic manner. up the Indian Sign Language also certified in disability orienta-Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC) to promote hearing-impaired persons' empowerment and to create sign language in the country. The institute, among other things, is continuously preparing sign language dictionaries that have so far included more than 10,000 words. The Government is also implementing a Unique Disability Identity Card (UDID) project to create a National Database for Persons with Disabilities. So far, over 84 lakh UDID cards have been prepared in 713 districts of all states and Union Territories.

The Disability Sports Centre is being established at Gwalior and the National Institute of Mental Health and Rehabilitation at Sehore, both Madhya Pradesh. Divya Kala Shakti is organised to showcase Divyang youngsters and children's talent and skills.

programme to equip them with employable or gainful skills. The process of skilling and creating job opportunities for crores of youth through Skill India Mission and Kaushal Rozgar Kendra cannot exclude PwDs. Their needs require a specific and targeted approach.

We have the Skill Council for Persons with Disability (SCPwD) as a national body to fulfill the mission of mainstreaming PwDs through skill training to enable them to earn a livelihood and lead a life of dignity in the mainstream society and in turn contribute to the growing economy of the country. Skill training is also imparted at accredited training centres through trained and certified trainers. Trainers are trained on NSQC-approved job roles aligned The Government has also set to a specific disability. Trainers are tion and sensitisation.

As of now, we haven't been inclusive in our approach to skilling people in any way. A few sectors' artisans received some attention, while many classes of artisans such as carpenters, iron smiths, sculptors, masons and others that are an integral part of society have been adapting to the changing times to fulfil; the needs of society that were ignored.

PwDs were rarely discussed in relation to their skill set. Empowering every section of society is essential to our country's development journey. I totally agree with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's argument that they should get easy loans, skilling, technical support, digital empowerment, brand promotion, marketing and raw material. Development of traditional artisans and craftsmen while preserving their rich

# Innovative approaches are galvanising livestock economy

A conclave in Hyderabad recently brought more than 100 startups, 50 CII members and the fast-growing livestock sector together

**⊣**he livestock sector, besides contributing to the national economy, plays a key role in providing livelihood to 80 million rural households and is growing at a high and consistent rate in the country, with a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 7.93 per cent between 2014-15 to 2020-21 (at constant prices), which is much higher than the general agriculture sector.

India currently ranks third in unicorns and has a thriving startup ecosystem. It is estimated that 15 per cent of the world's agri-tech startups are based here. Modern technical breakthroughs have impacted almost every component of India's dairy and livestock value chain. This is due to Government initiatives to encourage investments, ease of



Animal husbandry and dairying have more than 700 startups registered with the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade. This proves that there is more room for technology deployment and monetisation of interventions in the related sectors. Startup conclave

doing business and innovation.

A recent startup conclave in Hyderabad on February 28 included showcasing of a 100 select startups, a pitch fest, a buyer-seller meet, and a workshop for startups to train the early-stage startups operating in the animal husbandry and dairying sector in pitching, building the main business pillars, and their story of impact. Beside more than 100 startups, 50 members from the Confederation of Indian efited greatly from the expo as

Industry also participated in the event, searching for creative solutions to the key issues facing the livestock sector. Startups' exhibition

Startups showcased their goods and innovations, including cosmetics made of camel milk and donkey milk (they offer a mind-boggling rate of Rs 1,200 per kg of donkey milk to the owners of donkey farms), building products and panels made of cow dung, innovations in animal feed and insect feed, platforms for online livestock trade, platforms that connect farmers with embedded digital finance options, new yoghurt flavours, breed improvement technology for cattle, intelligent dairy automation solutions, and cold chain solutions. Startups benit gave them access to investors, dairy cooperatives, and government partners. Pitch fest & shoring capacity

A special pitching event

with a panel of investors, including venture capitalists and angel investors, was organised for 10 startups. With innovative products and services, the startups represent the animal husbandry and dairy industries. These products and services include artificial insemination equipment, cattle reproduction solutions, traceability, heat detection, frozen semen thawing, veterinary care, nanotechnology, polymer chemistry, vaccines, and diagnostics, among others.

A concurrent workshop was held for early-stage startups to guide them in the art of pitching and developing products.

primary business pillars/story of impact, problem-solving, and government-e-marketplace. The speakers delved into investor psychology and expectations to help the audience understand what is required to have the highest chance of acquiring investment from a venture capital fund and PE and angel investors.

On the finer elements of pitching, term sheet preparation, legal rights, value, etc., the experts gave enlightening advice. The buyer-seller meeting was a fascinating session of the conclave that drew enthusiastic involvement from both sides. Of the prominent dairy cooperatives and enterprises participating in the event, ten start-ups delivered a sales pitch to market their

Technological advancements will lead to significant improvements in day-to-day operations and lower business The Government employs numerous cutting-edge breeding techniques in the animal husbandry industry to maximise local bovine herd production. Startups are crucial for making such a system selfsustaining.

The growth of startups has improved this ecosystem's development, organisation, and resilience, mostly to the benefit of its most significant stakeholder—the Indian farmers-who make up the agriculture sector, which includes the livestock industry and forms the backbone of the

nation's economy. Innovative approaches to cient) India.

the problems of animal health, online marketplaces, improved supply chains, products with value-added, mobile apps, drones, and other investments are not only empowering producers or entrepreneurs but also improving the market, making resources more available, preventing waste, maximising profits, creating scalable businesses, and removing bottlenecks. The support that the

Government gives to startups shows the importance and impact of startups in the Indian economy. The livestock industry in India is poised to grow and will continue to be crucial in advancing our Hon'ble Prime Minister's goal of building an Aatmanirbhar (self-suffi-

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# Russian strikes in Ukraine kill 10 civilians N Korea tests radioactive

 $R^{ussian\ long\text{-}range\ strikes\ killed\ at}_{least\ 10\ civilians\ and\ wounded\ 20}$ others in several areas of Ukraine on Friday, Ukraine's presidential office said, as a senior Moscow official warned that the Kremlin's forces were prepared for an expected Ukrainian counteroffensive in the coming weeks.

Five people died in Kostiantynivka, a town in eastern Ukraine's Donetsk province, when a Russian missile hit an aid station. Ukrainian authorities last year established hundreds of so-called "points of invincibility", where residents hard-pressed by the war could warm up, charge their cellphones and get

Local prosecutors said the Russians attacked Kostyantynivka with S-300 anti-aircraft missiles. The civilians who died were refugees, according to Donetsk Gov. Pavlo Kyrylenko. As the mostly artillery war of the recent winter months stretched into its second spring, Russian forces also used airlaunched missiles, exploding drones and gliding bombs in their attacks on several regions early on Friday, Ukrainian air force spokesman Yurii



nine were wounded in the Sumy province town of Bilopillia by a nighttime rocket and artillery barrage and air strikes, the administration of the northeast region said. In the southern Kherson region, which Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy visited on Thursday, Russian shelling killed one person in the main city, also called Kherson, and killed another person and wounded four others in the town of Bilozerka.

On Wednesday, a Russian drone attack struck a high school and dormitories south of Kyiv, killing at least nine people. Kyiv's forces are poised to use t said. the improved spring weather and the Two civilians were killed and arrival of modern weapons supplied by

its Western allies, including tanks, to launch a counteroffensive aimed at dislodging Russian troops from occupied areas of Ukraine.

But Dmitry Medvedev, Russia's former president and now the deputy head of Russia's Security Council chaired by President Vladimir Putin, said the Russian military was ready to repel a counterattack. "Our General Staff is assessing all that," Medvedev said. He also said that a Ukrainian attempt to seize Crimea, which Russia annexed in 2014, could trigger a nuclear response from Moscow. "An attempt to split part of the state away means an encroachment at the very existence of the state," he said.

# of Russian POWs and Ukrainians

Kyiv (AP): UN human rights monitors have documented dozens of summary killings of Ukrainian and Russian prisoners of war, as well as the use of torture, human shields and other abuses against POWs since Russia invaded its neighbour that could

amount to war crimes, according to a report released Friday.

The first full look by the U.N. human rights office's mission in Ukraine at the treatment of POWs was released along with an update of human rights violations overall from a six-month period that ran through January. The report was based on interviews with about 400 POWs, half of them Ukrainians who were released and the other half Russians held captive in Ukraine.

The team said it had no access to POWs held in Russia or Russia-occupied parts of Ukraine where it identified 48 internment sites.

# UN decries killing tsunami weapon at sea

eastern coast Thursday, AP/PTI

of a five-day joint aerial drill with the United States that began Monday and concluded

on Friday above waters off South Korea's western coast, which included live-fire

demonstrations of air-to-air

cise, which involved various

South Korean fighter jets and at

least one US A-10 attack plane,

was aimed at verifying precision

strike capabilities and reaffirm-

ing the credibility of Seoul's

"three-axis" strategy against

North Korean nuclear threats

sources of attacks, intercepting

incoming missiles and neutralizing the North's leadership

preemptively striking

The air force said the exer-

and air-to-ground weapons.

North Korea claimed on Friday to have tested a nuclear-capable underwater drone designed to generate a gigantic "radioactive tsunami" that would destroy naval strike groups and ports. Analysts were skeptical that the device presents a major new threat, but the test underlines the North's commitment to raising nuclear threats. The test this week came as the United States reportedly planned to deploy aircraft carrier strike groups and other advanced assets to waters off the Korean Peninsula.

Military tensions are at a high point as the pace of both North Korean weapons tests and US-South Korea joint military exercises has accelerated in the past year in a cycle of tit-fortat responses.

Pyongyang's official Korean Central News Agency said the new weapon, which can be deployed from the coast or towed by surface ships, is built to "stealthily infiltrate into operational waters and make a super-scale radioactive tsunami through an underwater explosion" to destroy enemy naval strike groups and ports.

The report came hours before South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol pledged to make North Korea pay for its "reck-less provocations" as he attendouring 55 South Korean troops killed during major clashes with the North near their wested the biggest protests in the ern sea border in past years.

The testing of the purported "nuclear underwater attack drone" was part of a three-day exercise that simulated nuclear attacks on unspecified South Korean targets, which also included cruise missile launch-

KCNA said the North's latest tests were aimed at alerting the United States and South Korea of a brewing "nuclear crisis" as they continue with their "intentional, persistent and provocative war drills." It said

and key military facilities. the tests were supervised by North Korean leader Kim Jong

This photo provided by the North Korean government, shows what it says is an

underwater blast of test warhead loaded to an unmanned underwater nuclear attack

craft "Haeil" during an exercise around Hongwon Bay in waters off North Korea's

The North Korean drone Un, who vowed to make his is named "Haeil," a Korean word meaning tidal waves or tsunamis. The North's Rodong rivals "plunge into despair." The US and South Korea completed an 11-day exercise on Sinmun newspaper published Thursday that included their photos of Kim smiling next to biggest field training in years, a large, torpedo-shaped object and are preparing another round of joint naval drills that at an unspecified indoor facility, but didn't identify it. will reportedly involve a US air-Other photos published with the same article showed craft carrier. Hours after the North Korean report, South Korea's air force released details

sea-surface tracks supposedly caused by the drone's underwater trajectory and a pillar of water exploding up into the air, possibly caused by what state media described as an underwater detonation of a mock nuclear weapon carried by the drone. KCNA said the drone was deployed on Tuesday off the North's eastern coast, traveled underwater for nearly 60 hours, and detonated a test warhead at a target standing for an enemy port. It said the test verified the operational reliability of the drone, which it said the North has been developing since 2012 and tested more 50 times in the past two years, although the weapon was never mentioned before in state

# Israeli AG: Netanyahu broke law on conflict of interest

Ierusalem (AP): Israel's attorney general on Friday warned Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu that he has violated the Supreme Court's conflict of interest ruling, which barred him from direct involvement in his government's divisive plans for a judicial overhaul. Netanyahu's far-right govern-ment has barrelled ahead with plans to weaken the Supreme Court and grant politicians less judicial oversight in their policymaking despite massive protests from across Israeli society — including an uproar among business leaders, top legal officials and military reservists. On Thursday, just hours after his coalition passed a law that would protect the Israeli leader from being

Large asteroid

coming close,

but zero chance

of hitting earth

Cape Canaveral: An asteroid big enough to wipe out a city will zip harmlessly between Earth and the moons orbit this

weekend, missing both celestial

bodies. Saturday's close

encounter will offer

study a space rock from just

over 100,000 miles (168,000

kilometers) away. That's less

than half the distance from

here to the moon, making it

visible through binoculars and

common, NASA said it's rare

for one so big to come so close

about once a decade.

Scientists estimate its size

somewhere between 130 feet

and 300 feet (40 meters and 90

the asteroid known as 2023

DZ2 will pass within 320,000 miles (515,000 kilometers) of

the moon on Saturday and, sev-

eral hours later, buzz the Indian

Ocean at about 17,500 mph (28.000 kph). AP

Discovered a month ago,

While asteroid flybys are

small telescopes.

meters).



An Israeli activist dressed as a clown runs with border police as Israelis protest against plans by Netanyahu' in Tel Aviv. Israel on Thursday

Saudi Arabia, Syria

may restore ties

of a conflict of interest, Netanyahu defiantly pledged to proceed with the overhaul. Netanyahu contended that stripping the attorney general the rift" in the polarised nation.

Saudi Arabia is in talks with Syria to reopen its embassy

in the war-torn nation for the

first time in a decade, state tele-

vision in the kingdom report-

ed late Thursday, the latest

diplomatic reshuffling in the

region. The announcement on

mediated talks in Beijing saw

Saudi Arabia and Iran agree to

reopen embassies in each oth-

ers' nations after years of ten-

sions. Syrian President Bashar

Assad has maintained his grip

on power in the Mediterranean

nation rocked by the 2011 Arab

Spring only with the help of

Iran and Russia, which made a

historic call earlier in the day to

sion aired a report late

Thursday, quoting an anonymous official in the country's

Foreign Ministry, acknowledg-

ing the talks between the king-

Foreign Affairs revealed to Al-

Ekhbariyah that ongoing dis-cussions have begun with the

"A source in the Ministry of

dom and Damascus.

Saudi Arabian state televi-

deemed unfit to rule because of of the power to remove him his corruption trial and claims from office was necessary to clear the way for him to participate in the negotiations on the judicial overhaul in spite of her instructions, and try to "mend

Syrian Ministry of Foreign

Affairs, commenting on what

was circulated by some interna-

tional media," an anchor said on

air. "Discussions are underway between officials in the king-

dom and their counterparts in

Syria about resuming the pro-

Arabic-language media had

detente in recent days ahead of

the Saudi state TV announce-

ment. The Wall Street Journal,

quoting anonymous Saudi and

Syrian officials, attributed the

talks to reopen the countries'

embassies to Russian media-

immediately acknowledge the

talks. Officials in both Saudi

Arabia and Syria did not imme-

diately respond to requests for

comment from The Associated

President Vladimir Putin called

Oman's Sultan Haitham bin

Tariq, which the Kremlin called

the "the first high-level bilater-

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Press early Friday.

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## Demonstrators protest Netanyahu's visit to UK

London: British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak welcomed Benjamin Netanyahu at his official residence in London on Friday as protesters shouting "Shame!" In Hebrew demonstrated against the Israeli leader's right-wing policies and his plans to overhaul the country's judiciary. Netanyahu had to pass by

hundreds of protesters waving Israeli flags and waving signs calling for the defense of Israeli democracy as he arrived for talks that are expected to focus on concerns about Iran's nuclear programme.

"We are Israelis and Jews living in the UK demonstrating against Prime Minister Netanyahu, who is leading a judicial coup turning Israel into a dictatorship," one placard

Netanyahu arrived in London as protesters in Israel

blocked roads and clashed with police over his right-wing ed a remembrance service hongovernment's plans to overhaul the judicial system. The proposals have ignit

country's history amid rare dissent from people throughout Israeli society, including military reservists, navy veterans, high-tech businesspeople former officials. Netanyahu's proposals would give his government more es on Wednesday. control over judicial appointments, weaken the Supreme Court by limiting judicial review of legislation and allow Parliament to overturn court decisions with a simple major-

# Protests continue as Paris reels under violence

British King's visit postponed

Protesters angry at French President Emmanuel Macron's pension reforms continued with scattered actions on Friday amid slowed train traffic, rows of trucks blocking access to Marseille's commercial port and debris still littering the Paris streets following the previous day's mass demonstrations. Over 450 protesters were arrest-Paris and beyond on Thursday as some 300 demonstrations drew more than a million people nationwide to protest against unpopular pension

Interior Minister Gerald Darmanin said Friday that some 441 police and gendarmes were injured as violence marred some marches. He added that 1,000 trash bins were set on fire in the French capital during the previous day's action. Amid a weekslong refuse collectors strike, trash bins have become a symbol of the protest.

Polls say most French oppose Macron's bill to increase the retirement age from 62 to 64, which he says is necessary to keep the system afloat. The supply of fuel to Paris by the large Gonfreville-L'Orcher refin-



Friday after police intervened, according to Energy Transition Minister Agnès Pannier-Runacher. At the Fos-sur-mer oil terminal near Marseille, however, protesters were meeting to plan future oil refinery block-

Fearing disruptions in coming days as actions continue, France's Civil Aviation Authority has requested that a third of Macron's pension reforms continued with scattered actions on Friday, as the unrest across the country led officials visit by Britain's King Charles Although protests were planned on Friday, train traffic was slowed, rows of trucks blocked access to Marseille's commercial port and debris still littered the

> vious day's mass demonstra-Over 450 protesters were

> Paris streets following the pre-

unauthorised demonstration.

The mayor of Bordeaux, Pierre Hurmic, said Friday he had "difficulty understanding the interest of such acts of vandalism." Hurmic said that he hopes Charles' visit to his city next week will not be cancelled. "I hope that we do not give this gift to the thugs," he said, although he acknowledged that

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to postpone a planned state Darmanin said on Friday that some 441 police and gendarmes were injured as vio-

He added that 1,000 trash bins were set on fire in the French capital during the previous day's action. Amid a weeks-long refuse collectors strike, trash bins have become a symbol of the protest. Macron's office announced that a state visit by the British king was postponed.

arrested in Paris and beyond

a tram ride with the king may

now be off the cards. The protests have drawn support from beyond France's borders. In Greece, hundreds of protesters gathered outside the French Embassy in Athens on Thursday to show solidarity. Protesters chanted slogans and held placards that read "Macron, your democracy hangs on nine votes" and "From Greece: victory for

the workers of France".

## **Report on Leicester clashes** warns of ethnic enclaves in UK

**AP** ■ LONDON

(28,000 kph).

fact-finding report into Athe violent clashes between groups of men on the streets of Leicester following an India-Pakistan Asia Cup cricket match in Dubai last year has warned of ethnic enclaves or ghettos of migrants in the eastern England city as a key factor behind communal tension.

The Delhi-based Centre for Democracy, Pluralism and Human Rights (CDPHR) think tank, which launched its report at a Committee Room in the House of Commons on Thursday, sheds light on the events that took place in August-September last year and their human rights implications. In its 'Fact-finding report on Leicester Violence 2022 - The rise of territorial majoritarianism Hinduphobia, the think tank calls for immediate action to address the underlying issues

that led to the Leicester vio-

ism and hate speech. There were two kinds of stories circulating around the violence that occurred, which is the motivation behind this fact-finding report," explained Rashmi Samant of the ATMAH non-profit organisation and one of the co-authors of the report."What we found was that different religious groups in east Leicester, ground zero of the unrest, are living in ethnic enclaves – with some ethnicities clubbed up in some spaces more than others. This phenomenon is not common in the United Kingdom but we found it continues to happen in Leicester because of the spillover effect involving migrants from countries like Pakistan and Bangladesh," she

The report claims that the presence of these ethnic enclaves gave rise to territorial tensions and localised majoritarianism, which were

witnessed both before and during the unrest in east Leicester the ethnic enclave of the Muslim community residing in Leicester with a minority presence of the Hindu community.Conservative Party MP Bob Blackman, chair of the India (Trade and Investment) All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG), said at the launch event that "fake news" spread on social media has been identified as a major factor behind the escalation of the clashes."Lessons must be learnt. There was a false narrative being spread to create divisions within the communities. In Leicester, people of all religions have lived alongside each other

> The findings of the report say that the attackers attempted to undermine the fundamental principles of democracy and pluralism, including freedom of expression by spreading misinformation.

Blackman.

for many, many years," said

## Jamaican cleric gets 18-year sentence in NY terrorism case

New York: A cleric arrested in his native Jamaica and extradited to New York to face state terrorism charges on accusations of recruiting support for the Islamic State group was sentenced on Thursday to 18 years

Abdullah el-Faisal was convicted in January in state Supreme Court in Manhattan on counts including soliciting or providing support for an act of terrorism. The state law he was prosecuted under was put in place after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, and prosecutors said his case was the first state-level trial on terrorism charges.

El-Faisal was extradited to New York City in 2020 after being arrested in Jamaica in 2017. Beginning in 2016, authorities said an undercover officer in New York City posed as a would-be jihadist and started communicating with the cleric. The cleric was accused of giving out infor-

mation to help the officer ultimately connect with the Islamic State group, as well as trying to do things like act as a conduit for a marriage between the officer and a member of the militant group. Prosecutors said el-Faisal had supported

the Islamic State organization for several

## Starbucks CEO to work as barista

20 per cent to be cancelled on

Monday. Unions have called

for new protests and strikes on

Tuesday, when Britain's King Charles III is scheduled to visit

Bordeaux on the second day of

his trip to France. The heavy

wooden door of the elegant

Bordeaux City Hall was

destroyed by fire Thursday night

by people taking part in an

New York: Starbucks' new Indian-origin CEO Laxman Narasimhan has said he will work as a barista once a month in stores to stay close to the company's culture, customers, challenges and opportunities. Narasimhan, 55, officially became the Seattle-based coffee giant's chief executive on Monday, taking the reins from Howard Schultz about two weeks earlier than scheduled. He was welcomed as incoming chief executive officer of Starbucks with a coffee tasting in the place where it all began - at Seattle's Pike Place market store. In a letter to the employees on Thursday, the Indian-American business executive said he will always be a "fierce advocate" for the company's partners and its culture. "With you, I've experienced every aspect of the business to learn what it truly means to wear the green apron. You've welcomed

me into our stores, trained me

in how to be a barista ... all to

help me deeply understand what we do, how we do it, and the challenges and opportuni-

ties facing us," he wrote. Barista is a person who serves in a coffee bar. "To keep us close to the culture and our cuomers, as well as to our challenges and opportunities, I intend to continue working in stores for a half day each month," he was quoted as saying by CNN.
"I thought it was very

important for me to put myself in the shoes of the partners and really understand what they do and how they do it. There were things I learned

through experience in all of this. It taught me a lot," he said in a statement.

Pune-born Narasimhan ioined Starbucks as interim CEO in October and has since spent time getting to know the company — including earning a barista certification, which requires 40 hours of training in

## Bolsonaro hands undeclared jewels to authorities

A representative of Brazil's former President Jair A Bolsonaro on Friday handed a set of diamond jewellery he had received from Saudi Arabia to a state bank, as he was ordered to do by a government

The state bank Caixa Economica Federal received the box of precious stones at one of its branches in the capital Brasilia, the bank's press office told The Associated Press. A federal watchdog on Wednesday gave Bolsonaro five days to hand over the precious stones that he had received while preslident.

Authorities are investigating whether the goods were a public gift that Bolsonaro improperly tried to prevent from being incorporated into the presidency's public collection, or a private gift that Bolsonaro tried sneak into Brazil without paying Brazilian media started reporting on the jew-

els earlier this month, along with another set that was seized at the international airport in Sao Paulo. The seized set is estimated to be worth several million dollars. Neither set was declared to tax author-

Bolsonaro, who denies any wrongdoing with the jewellery, has been in the United States since late-December, just days before the end of his presiden-

# **US carries out airstrikes in Syria**

strike on Thursday by a suspect-Aed Iranian-made drone killed a US contractor and wounded five American troops and another contractor in northeast Syria, the Pentagon said. American forces said they retaliated soon after with "precision airstrikes" in Syria targeting facilities used by groups affiliated with Iran's Revolutionary Guard, with activist groups saying the US bombing killed at least four people. The attack and the US response threaten to upend recent efforts to deescalate tensions across the wider Middle East, whose rival powers have made steps toward détente in recent days after years of turmoil.

US Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin said in a statement that the American intelligence community had determined the drone was of Iranian origin, but offered no other immediate evidence to support the claim. "The airstrikes were conducted in response to today's attack as well as a series of recent attacks against coalition forces in Syria" by groups affiliated with the Revolutionary Guard, Austin said. Iran relies on a network of proxy forces through the Mideast to counter the US and Israel,

The Pentagon said two of the wounded service members were treated on-site, while three others and the injured contractor were transported to medical facilities in Iraq.

Overnight, videos on social media purported to show explosions in Syria's Deir el-Zour, a strategic province that borders Iraq and contains oil fields. Iran-backed militia groups and Syrian forces control the area, which also has seen suspected airstrikes by Israel in recent months allegedly targeting Iranian supply Iran and Syria did not immedi-

ately acknowledge the strikes, nor did their officials at the United Nations in New York respond to requests for comment from The Associated Press. The activist group Deir Ezzor 24 put the death toll from the American strikes at four people. Deir Ezzor 24, which covers news in Deir el-Zour province, said the strikes hit the city of Deir el-Zour as well as militiamen posts near Mayadeen and Boukamal. Ît said the strikes also wounded people, including Iraqis.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, an opposition war monitor, reported that the American strikes killed six Iranian-backed fight-



ers at an arms depot in the Harabesh neighbourhood in the city of Deir el-Zour. The Observatory, which relies on a network of local contacts in Syria, said US bombing at a post near the town of Mayadeen killed two

A separate American strike hit a military post near the town of Boukamal along the border with Iraq, killing another three fighters, the Observatory said. The AP could not immediately independently confirm the activist reports. Iran's paramilitary Revolutionary Guard, which answers only to Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, has been suspected of carrying out attacks with bomb-carrying drones across the wider Middle East.

In recent months, Russia has begun using Iranian drones in its attacks on sites across Ukraine as part of its war on Kyiv. Iran has issued a series of conflicting denials about its drones being used in the war, though Western nations and experts have tied components in the drones back to

The exchange of strikes came as Saudi Arabia and Iran have been working toward reopening embassies in each other's countries. The kingdom also acknowledged efforts to reopen a Saudi embassy in Syria, whose embattled President Bashar Assad has been backed by Iran in his country's long war. US Army Gen. Michael "Erik"

itary's Central Command, warned that American forces could carry out additional strikes if needed. "We are postured for scalable options in the face of any additional Iranian attacks," Kurilla said in a statement.

Addressing the US House Armed Services Committee on Thursday, Kurilla warned lawmakers that the "Iran of today is exponentially more militarily capable than it was even five years ago." He pointed to Iran's arsenal of ballistic missiles and bomb-carrying drones. Kurilla also claimed that Iran had launched some 78 attacks on US positions in Syria since January 2021. "What Iran does to hide its hand is they use Iranian proxies," Kurilla said.

Diplomacy to deescalate the crisis appeared to begin immediately around the strikes. Qatar's state-run news agency reported a call between its foreign minister and Jake Sullivan, the US national security adviser.

locutor between Iran and the US recently amid tensions over Tehran's nuclear programme. Qatar's foreign minister

Doha has been an inter-

also spoke around the same time with Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amirabdollahian.

# Biden's Canada agenda stacked: NORAD, migration deals likely

Ottawa (AP): President Joe Biden arrived in Canada on Thursday for talks with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau on several of the world's most difficult challenges: the war in Ukraine, climate change, trade, mass migration and an increasingly assertive China. Two important agreements appeared to be in hand before Biden even departed Washington. Canada will escalate its timeline for military upgrades to the North American Aerospace Defense Command and the two nations have reached an agreement to update rules for migrants seeking asylum, according to U.S. and Canadian officials. The officials were not authorized to comment publicly and requested anonymity.

The migration deal eliminates a loophole under existing rules that will allow both countries to turn away asylum seekers at the countries' bor-

thousands of migrants annually crossing into Canada from the U.S. at a non-official checkpoint, enabling them to stay in the country as they seek asylum instead of letting the process play out while staying in the U.S. As part of the agreement, Canada is expected to announce that 15,000 migrants from the Western Hemisphere will be given slots to apply to enter the country, according to a Canadian official.

The new policy applies to people without U.S. or Canadian citizenship who are caught within 14 days of crossing the border between the two countries. The White House declined to comment on the agreement, which is expected to be formally announced Friday. The visit comes as the Biden administration has made strengthening its relationship with Canada a priority over the past two years.

diplomats outlined several

## EU leaders grapple with bank | China warns of consequences risks as economy weakens

**AP** ■ BRUSSELS

European Union leaders Egathered Friday to gauge the risk of a banking crisis developing from recent global financial turbulence and hitting the economy even harder than the energy crunch tied to Russia's war in Ukraine.The deliberations by EU government heads in Brussels follow US regulators shutting down two ŬS banks, including Silicon Valley Bank, and a Swiss-orchestrated takeover of troubled lender Credit Suisse by rival UBS. The emergency actions on both sides of the Atlantic revived memories of the 2008 global financial meltdown and the ensuing EU sovereign debt crisis, which almost broke apart the euro currency now shared by 20 European countries. "For the moment, we see no reason to be worried," Belgian Prime Minister Alexander De Croo told reporters on his way to the EU meeting. "But we monitor it really closely, almost on a daily basis, because no one knows what can happen." The European economy has been



European Commission President Ursula von der Leven, center, speaks with Presiden of the Eurogroup Paschal Donohoe during a round table meeting at an EU summit in

invaded Ukraine 13 months ago to the day, leaving the EU flirting with recession. The war has fuelled inflation by prompting cuts in supplies of previously abundant Russian oil, natural gas and coal and by denting consumer and business confidence. The European Commission, the EU's executive arm, expects economic growth in the 27-nation bloc to slow to 0.8 per cent this year

slowing rapidly since Russia from 3.5 per cent in 2022 and 5.4 per cent in 2021. A projected rebound in growth to 1.6 per cent next year depends on a sound banking sector able to lend to businesses and consumers and protect deposits. The EU has beefed up its regulation of financial institutions since the euro debt crisis, and little sign has emerged so far of broader contagion in Europe from Credit Suisse's

# over US warship's actions

**AP** ■ BANGKOK

China threatened "serious consequences" Friday after the US Navy sailed a destroyer around the disputed Paracel Islands in the South China Sea for the second day in a row, in a move Beijing claimed was a violation of its sovereignty and security. The warning comes amid growing tensions between China and the United States in the region, as Washington pushes back at Beijing's growingly assertive posture in the South China Sea, a strategic waterway it claims virtually in its entirety. On Thursday, after the U.S. sailed the USS Milius guided-missile destroyer near the Paracel Islands, China said its navy and air force had forced the American vessel away, a claim the U.S. military denied.

The U.S. on Friday sailed the ship again in the vicinity of the islands, which are occupied by China but also claimed by Taiwan and Vietnam, as part of what it called a "freedom of navigation operation" challenging requirements from all three nations requiring either advance notification or permission before a military vessel

sails by.
"Unlawful and sweeping maritime claims in the South China Sea pose a serious threat to the freedom of the seas, including the freedoms of navigation and overflight, free trade and unimpeded commerce, and freedom of economic opportunity for South China Sea littoral nations," said U.S. 7th Fleet spokesman Lt. j.g. Luka Bakic in an emailed statement. "The United States challenges excessive maritime claims around the world regardless of the identity of the claimant," Bakic added. China's Ministry of National Defense responded by accusing the U.S. of "undermining the peace and stability of the South China Sea" with its actions.

"The act of the U.S. military seriously violated China's sovereignty and security, severely breached international laws, and is more ironclad evidence of the U.S. pursuing navigation hegemony and militarising the South China Sea," ministry spokesman Tan Kefei

# **Philippines confronts Chinese** diplomats over sea disputes

**AP** ■ MANILA

Pilipino diplomats issued a slew of protests over China's aggressive behaviour in the South China Sea, including targeting a Philippine coast guard ship with a military laser, when they met Chinese officials Friday, an official said. Territorial disputes in the busy waterway have long loomed as a potential flashpoint in Asia and have become a sensitive front in the regional rivalry between China and the United States. Washington lays no

claims in the contested waters but has challenged Beijing's extensive claims including by deploying its warships and fighter jets and repeatedly warning that it would help defend the Philippines — a treaty ally — if Philippine forces, ships and aircraft are attacked. Vietnam, Malaysia, Brunei and Taiwan also have overlapping claims in the sea-way, which sits atop vast deposits of oil and gas.

A Chinese delegation led by Vice Foreign Minister Sun Weidong held two days of

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talks starting Thursday with Philippine counterparts led by Foreign Undersecretary Theresa Lazaro and reviewed overall relations. The two sides focused on their territorial disputes Friday, the Department of Foreign Affairs in Manila said. The talks opened with both sides citing an agreement between Chinese leader Xi Jinping and Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos Jr., who made a state visit to China in early January, to manage the territorial conflicts amicably while enhancing economic ties and other aspects of a nearly half-century of diplomatic relations.

"We should not allow specific differences to define our bilateral relations or allow certain disputes to stand in the way of overall cooperation," Sun said in an opening speech before journalists were asked to leave the meeting room. "We need to properly deal with these issues through friendly consultations."

A Philippine official involved in the talks told The Associated Press that Filipino

incidents underscoring China's assertiveness in the disputed waters in the closeddoor talks. That included a February 6 incident when a Chinese coast guard ship aimed a military-grade laser that briefly blinded some crew members of a Philippine patrol vessel off a disputed shoal. China's representatives responded mostly by reiterating Beijing's claim of sovereignty in most of the South China Sea, where they said Philippine vessels had intruded, the official said. Some "practical cooperation agreements" were proposed to prevent a further escalation of the disputes but those still needed to be vetted by other Philippine officials, the official said without providing other details. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because of a lack of authority to publicly discuss what tran-

Marcos summoned the Chinese ambassador to Manila to express concern shortly after the laser-pointing

spired in the meetings.

# from China to get IMF bailout' Islamabad (PTI): CashPakistan and the IMF

strapped Pakistan has received a rollover of USD 2 billion in deposits for a period of one year from its all-weather ally China to help Islamabad get a muchrequired bailout from the IMF to stabilise its economy, a media report said on Friday.

The rollover, which basically is not a loan but a financial deposit to be kept at Pakistan's central bank for a period of one year, is one of the requirements of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in meeting its external financing needs in order to move towards inking the staff-level agreement, The News International reported. Minister for Finance Ishaq Dar confirmed the development ."Yes," Dar was quoted as saying in a brief response when asked about getting a rollover of USD 2 bil-

Pakistan and the IMF have been negotiating the release of a USD 1.1 billion loan since February but so far without any success due to the tough conditions by the donor which Pakistan is slow to fulfil. Pakistan is scrambling to increase its forex reserves which are estimated to be at USD 4.8 billion after China refinanced USD 500 million last week. Earlier, a Chinese bank provided USD 700 million to Pakistan.

Despite a slight improvement in the reserves, the situation is still grim as the country needs to pay USD 7 billion till June this year, making further borrowing necessary. Efforts to secure a loan from the IMF have been unsuccessful so far, which is expected to open avenues for further borrowing from the international market or getting loans from friendly countries.

## 'Pak gets \$2 bn rollover deposits | **Court grants extension of anticipatory** bail to Imran Khan in five terror cases

**PTI** ■ LAHORE

Atop Pakistani court on Friday extended till March 27 the protective bail granted to former prime minister Imran Khan in five cases related to terrorism after he appeared before a two-member bench here.

The Lahore High Court (LHC) granted the extension of anticipatory bail to Khan after the 70-year-old chief of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) appeared before it amidst tight security.Last week, Khan was granted anticipatory bail in these five cases till March 24.Of the five cases, one is related to the alleged attack on the judicial complex in Islamabad in which the government law officer objected that Khan should secure protective bail from Islamabad

## Khwaja Asif blasts Khan for 'hypocrisy'

Pakistan's defence minister Khawaja Asif on Friday seeking its help, after Khan named a top US diplomat lashed out at former premier Imran Khan's "hypocrisy" for seeking help from the United States after accusing Washington of toppling his government last year. Addressing a press conference, Asif said that the Pakistan Tehreeke-Insaf (PTI) chief's aide

Islamabad (PTI): sent a letter to the US, of plotting to oust him from power last year. This

the PTI government," Asif

that last week on his appearance before a court in Islamabad police and FC (frontier constabulary) personnel fired teargas shells at Lahore.

shows the "total sum of Imran's journey," Asif said. "His political journey started with a cypher - in which he had accused the US of conspiring against

between the PTI workers and police. Besides, a plot was hatched to kill him there and that is why he returned to

### Client Yes Bank Ltd. that Mr. Sanjay Dhawan and Mrs. Anjali Dhawan are the owners of Apartment No.PVC-15-0704 on 7th Floor, Super admeasuring 169.08 Sq. Mtrs., in Tower-15, at Pavilion Court, Situated at Sector-128, Jaypee Greens Wis Town, Noida, has lost/misplaced Sub - Lease Deed dated 30.03.2016 Registration No. 10895 executed by M/s. Jaypee Infratech Ltd. and M/s. Jaiprakash Associates Ltd in their name. All persons are bereby informed not to deal or carry transaction or is intending to do so on basis of said stated utabaction or is menining to use on basis of said stated document, kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address within 07 days of the present. Kumar & Associates (Advocates & Consultants) 200, lind Floor, 23, Shivaji Marg, Mod Nagar, N. Delhi-15 Ph: 011-41112827-28 kumarassociates advocate@gmail.com court. Khan told the LHC his car and a clash took place PARADIP PORT AUTHORITY

e-TENDER CALL NOTICE TD/TM/GEN-235(Vol-VII)/23/647, dtd. 24.03.2023 Name of the work: "Allotment of 03 (Three) nos. of Mechanical Iron Ore/ Iron Ore Pellet plots at IOHP." License Fees: Rs. 2,89,51,890/- Wharfage Fees Rs. 16,93,300/- Last date & time of submission of bid: 13.04.2023 up to 15:00 hrs Date and time of opening (technical bid): 13.04.2023 up to 15:00 hrs Refer our website for details https:// eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app & http:// paradipport.gov.in/.

Sd/-Traffic Manager **Paradip Port Authority** PPA/PR/236/2022-23 dtd.24.03.2023

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE is hereby given that my client Manoj Kumar Manchanda is in process to purchase the Property No. E-4, area measuring 113 sq. yd. out of Khasra No. 67/5, situated in the area of Village

Hastal, colony known as Sarvottam Enclave, Now known as Hastal Vihar, Ultam Nagar, Delhi-110059 from Jugmohan Sharma, who acquired the said property by virtue of regd. relinquishment deed dated 11/3/20 (Document No. 4953) executed by Buta Ram Sharma & Subhash

All person/s having any claim against or in respect of the said Property, or any part thereof, by way of sale, exchange, mortgage loy way or sale, exchange, minigage (equitable/registered or otherwise), gift, trust, inheritance, family arrangement, maintenance, bequest, partnership, possession, lease, sublease, tenancy, license, lien, charge, pledge, easement or otherwise howsoever, are hereby requested to notify the same in writing to us with supporting documentary evidence at the address. supporting documentary evidence at the address mentioned below within 7 days from the date hereof, failing which the claim or claims, if any, of such person or persons will be considered to

have been waived and/or abandoned. Kamal Kant Gupta (Advocate) Unit No. FF-2, First floor, Mahaluxmi Metro Tower Sec-4, Vaishali, Gzb., U.P., Mob. 9810063351

UNION TERRITORY ADMINISTRATION OF JAMMU & KASHMIR

GLOBAL INVITATION FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR HIRING OF INTERNATIONAL RENOWNED

CONSULTANCY FIRM FOR PROVIDING TRANSACTION ADVISORY, INVESTMENT PROMOTION FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THEME/AMUSEMENT PARK IN J&K.

The UT of J&K intends hiring of international renowned consultancy firm for providing transaction advisory, investment promotion for development of theme/amusement park in J&K. The RFP can be downloaded by interested bidders from the website of JK-tender at Jktenders.gov.in The Interested Bidders would be required to submit a Tender fee through NEFT. The last date for submission of bids is 20.04.2023 (17:00 hrs.)

Mr. Amit Kumar and Nitin Kumar is seeking a loan from M/S ADITYA BIRLA HOUSING FINANCE LTD. for the property bearing 3rd Floor and 2nd Floor without Roof Rights respectively Built Upon Plot No. WZ-39 on Plot No. 40 and 64 area measuring 66.66 sqydspart of Khasra No.1 situated at Village Nagil Jalib Colony Known as Krishna Puri, Gali No.15, Tilak Nagar, New Delhi; That, Mr. Madan Lal, Mr. Chhidha Singh and Mr. Dharam Pal Singh is the legal heirs of the Deceased Late Mr. Jai Dev Singh. That there is no other legal heirs of the said person. Now, I would like to announce to general public that any person who is having any right, tille or interest against that property/share or documents may come to our Delhi Office within seven days and render their claim with documentary valid evidence. If any, else the same would be treated as unclaimed and unrebutted and moved forth accordingly.

M/S PASS & ASSOCIATES, LLP A.233 FE Shivalik Makuya Negar

nd unrebutted and moved form accordingly. M/S PASS & ASSOCIATES, LLP A-233, F.F., Shivalik, Malviya Nagar, New Delhi-110017, Mob: 9991116006

**PUBLIC NOTICE** 

This is to inform to all concern that Mr. Shallendra Naresh Kulkarni S/o Sh. Naresh Sitaram Kulkarni S/o Sh. Naresh Sitaram Kulkarni Both R/o Challendra Naresh Kulkarni both R/o Challendra Sector-19, Noida (U.P.) had old the said property on General Power of Attorney basis to the following person(s). General Power of Attorney was executed in favour of Mr. Naresh Sitaram Kulkarni S/o Sh. Sitaram Dinkar Kulkarni R/o Flat No.6, Sapt Sarovar Apartments, Sapt Rishi Road' Sapt Rishi Ashram, Hardwar, Ultarakhand 249410 which is registered on Dt. 09/03/2023 in Haridwar and the Agreement to Sell was not registered or not executed. Because the Agreement to Sell is not registered or not Agreement to sell executed, so it is informed to all concern that the said Property No. Plot No C-148, Sector-19, Noida (U.P.) is goign to be transferred in favour of Mr. Anii Kofinala Slo Bageshwar Prasad R/o H.No. 22, Gali No.3, Building No.85, Krishna Nagar, Safdarjung Enclave, Delhi-110029, If anyone has/have any objection he/she may file his/her objection alongwith the sufficient proof in the Residential Plot Department of the Noida Authority within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice.

Naresh Sitaram Kulkarni

PUBLIC NOTICE

Principal Secretary, Industries & Commerce Departm

General public is hereby informed that Mr. Vishvakirti Sharma S/o Late Mr. Surender Kumar Sharma is the owner of the Propenty No. 70-C/2 area measuring 40 Sq. Vds. i.e. 33.444 Sq. Mfrs. out of Khasra No. 1077/481 Min. Struated at Old Tejlah Milli. Bhola klath Nagar, in the area of Village Chandravali alias Shalhdara, Illaqs Shahdara, Delhi-110032 by virtue of Relinquishment Deed dated 10 05.2022 regd at dice. No. 4395, and the same is to be financed & mortgaped with my client i.e. Prizmal Capital and Housing Finance Ltd and the legal heirs of Late Mr. Surender Kumar Sharma namely Menataskhi, Pooja Pathaniya, and Rachama S. Sharma, shall have no objection regarding mortgage of aloresaid property by Mr. Vishvakirti Sharmalt any person(s) have any objection(s) or claim in this property, then contact the undersigned within 7 days from date of this notice on below address, failing which, it will be assumed that there are no claims or issues in respect of the aforesaid property. PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the General Public on behalf of our client
Yes Bank Ltd. that Mrs. Nandnas Logua is the owner of Property
Bearing No. D-6, admessuring 370 st. yds., in the layout plan of the
allieave Board employees CHBS Ltd. Cooliny known as Arand Vibar.
Delhi, the said property , by virtue of Sale Deed dated 22.08.2008.

Debh, the said property, by virtue of Sale beed dated 22.08.2008, Registration No. 1550 executed by W. Amilt Modi, Ms. Swali Modi. The owner has tost/misplaced this deed i.e. Sale Deed dated 22.08.2008 and wants to sell the Third floor of the said property to borrower of New Sank Ltd. who is taking loan from said brank for purchase of said floor of said property. All pressurs are hereby informed not to deal or carry out any transaction with anyone on the basis of the said missing document. If anyone has already dealt or carried out transaction or is intending to do so on basis of said stated document, kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the helom mentioned address within 17.

Raghav Tiwari, Advocate Ch. 830, Patiala House Courts, New Delhi — 110001 Mob.: +91-8076188328

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Be it known to all concerned that Sh Mukesh Kumar s/o Late Sh. Mohinder Lal R/o 907, Skytec Magadh Apartment Sector-3, Vaishali, Ghaziabad, U.P. 201010, hereby evict his son Inshum Arora from his entire property and belongings citing personal reasons. He has no concern with his son **Inshum** Arora and he is not liable to pay him any

NEERAJ KUMAR (Advocate ENRL No. 3739/2014 Chamber No. F-203, Lawyers Block, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi-110032 Mobile No. 9999060802

Dated: 23.03.2023

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that my client Sachin & Raja Beti Rathore are in process to purchase the House No. 912, (New Municipal No-258-A) area measuring 115.55 sq. yds., out of Khasra No. 226, situated in the colony Known as Kailash Nagar in the area of Village Kela Pargana, Loni Tehsil & District Ghaziabad UP by availing HL with the Piramal Capital &Housing Finance Limited from Rakesh Kumar Aggarwal, who inherited the said property by virtue of regd. will dated 25/2/1981 (Document No. 3010) executed by his mother Dhanvanti by his mother Dhanvanti

by his mother Dhanvanti
All person/s having any claim against or in respect of the said Property, or any part thereof, by way of sale, exchange, mortgage (equitable/registered or otherwise), gift, trust, inheritance, family arrangement, maintenance, bequest, partnership, possession, lease, sublease, tenancy, license, lien, charge, pledge, easement or otherwise howsoever, are hereby requested to notify the same in writing to us with supporting documentary evidence at the address mentioned below within 7 days from the date hereof, failing which the claim or claims, if any, of such person or persons will be considered to

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Muslims around the world are observing Ramadan, the holiest month on the Islamic calendar, where they refrain from eating, drinking smoking, and sex from dawn to dusk

## Polish coal miners protest EU methane reduction regulations

**AP** ■ WARSAW

Polish coal miners angered by a European Union directive aiming to reduce methane emissions protested noisily on Friday before the EU office in Warsaw saying it will deprive them of their jobs.

Some 300 miners chanted "Thieves" and used smoke flares and sirens to draw attention to their protest in the downtown area of Poland's capital. Traffic was temporarily closed in the area. Protesting miners from the Solidarity 80 union

said recent climate recommendations for the 27-member EU that call for a significant reduction of methane, starting in 2027, would force most of the nation's mines to close, with the loss of tens of thousands of jobs. The majority of Poland's mines have a high presence of methane gas that gets released in the coal extraction process. That also leads to serious mining accidents as methane becomes explosive when mixed in low proportions with oxygen.

Located in the southern Silesia region, the coal mines are among Poland's major employers, offering some 77,000 jobs in the nation of 38 million.

Sensex declined 398.18 points, Nifty fell 131.85 points

quity benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty buckled under selling pressure for the second straight session to settle nearly 1 per cent lower on Friday as investors pared exposure to the metal, energy and realty stocks amid a bearish trend in Asian and European

Besides, a depreciating rupee against the US dollar and fresh foreign fund outflows also hit investor sentiments, traders said. In a volatile trade, the 30share BSE Sensex declined 398.18 points or 0.69 per cent to finish at 57,527.10. During the day, it went lower by 502.3 points or 0.86 per cent to

The broader NSE Nifty fell 131.85 points or 0.77 per cent to end at 16,945.05.

Bajaj Finserv was the biggest loser among the Sensex constituents, sliding 3.81 per cent, followed by Bajaj Finance, Tata Steel, Reliance Industries, HCL



Mahindra & Mahindra, Axis Bank and Titan.

On the other hand, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Infosys, Tech Mahindra, Power Grid, Asian Paints and Wipro were the gainers. In Asia markets, stock exchanges in Seoul, Japan, Shanghai and Hong Kong ended

European markets were also quoting in the red in the afterended higher on Thursday.

Meanwhile, the rupee declined 25 paise to close at 82.45 against the US dollar.

Global oil benchmark Brent crude dipped 1.73 per cent to USD 74.60 per barrel.

Foreign Portfolio Investors offloaded equities worth Rs 995.01 crore on Thursday after a day's breather, according to

Sensex, Nifty fall 1% amid | AMC stocks under pressure; weak global equities trend UTI AMC falls nearly 5%

Shares of asset management firms declined on Friday amid amendments to the Finance Bill changing tax treatment for debt mutual funds.

The stock of UTI Asset Management Company tanked 4.73 per cent, Aditya Birla Sun Life AMC declined 4.44 per cent, HDFC Asset Management Company fell 4.21 per cent, Shriram Asset Management Company dropped 3.21 per cent and Nippon Life India Asset Management dipped 1.29 per cent on the BSE.

The broader market also faced selling pressure as the 30share BSE Sensex declined 398.18 points or 0.69 per cent to finish at 57,527.10.

The Lok Sabha on Friday approved The Finance Bill 2023 with 64 official amendments, including providing tax relief to some taxpayers opting for new tax regime, and removing longterm tax benefit for debt mutual funds to bring them at par with other interest earning instruments.

"The asset management industry was hit hard by tax



changes and the elimination of the indexation benefit of debt mutual funds," Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services, said.

Asset managers termed amendments to the Finance Bill changing tax treatment for debt mutual funds as a "surprise", which will be detrimental to the agenda of corporate bond market development.

Late on Thursday evening, the industry came to know about the changes the government proposed, wherein tax benefits for over three year investments in debt mutual fund investments will not be available

short-term capital gains tax.

The Bill was passed by the Lok Sabha on Friday.

A Balasubramanian, chairman of MF industry lobby grouping Amfi, who also heads Aditya Birla Sun Life AMC, called the amendments as "surprising" and added that the industry will have to be ready for the changes that set in from April 1.

Consultancy firm Dhruva Advisors' partner Punit Shah said the amendment to treat gains on debt mutual funds as short-term gains will substantially diminish the attractiveness of

finance bill will have significant structural changes to the way we invest. For mutual funds to get investor interest, it'll now have to purely be on their ability to add extra "risk adjusted returns' and not because of any tax arbitrage," Srikanth Subramanian, trage, Stikanth Subramannan, CEO of wealth management firm Kotak Cherry, said. Financial advisor firm

Fintoo's founder Manish P Hingar explained that mutual funds may no longer receive indexation benefits and will be taxed at marginal rates, and added the move will also impact gold funds and international

"This move may have a negative impact on all debt funds, particularly in the retail category, as ultra-high net worth and high net worth individuals may choose to invest in safe havens like bank fixed deposits.

"We may see a shift from long-term debt funds to equity funds, and money may be directed towards sovereign gold bonds, bank fixed deposits, and non-convertible debentures in the debt category," Hingar said.



## RBI's MPC to meet 6 times next fiscal; first on April 3-6

PTI MUMBAI

The Reserve Bank's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) will meet six times in the next The Reserve Bank of India

(RBI) rate setting panel will be holding its first meeting of the next fiscal from April 3-6, the central bank said in a statement. The RBI Governor

announces the bi-monthly monetary policy after MPC's deliberations on the prevailing domestic and economic situations. The meetings are held over According to the schedule

released by the RBI on Friday, the first bi-monthly monetary policy of FY2023-24 is scheduled for April 3, 5 and 6; and next will be held during June 6-

The third, fourth and fifth meetings have been scheduled for August 8-10, October 4-6, and December 6-8.

The sixth bi-monthly meetng of the MPC is scheduled to be held on February 6-8, 2024.

Headed by the Governor, the committee has two representatives from the central bank and three external members.

The central government has asked the RBI to ensure that inflation remains at 4 per cent with a margin of 2 per cent on

# Govt to set up panel headed by finance secretary to improve NPS

PTI NEW DELHI

The government on Friday announced that a committee under the finance secretary will be set up to improve the New Pension System (NPS) with a view to take care of the concerns of employees while maintaining fiscal prudence.

While moving the Finance Bill 2023 for consideration and passage in the Lok Sabha, finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman said that the new approach to the NPS will be designed for adoption by both central and state governments.

"I propose to set up a committee under the finance secretary to look into the issue of pensions and evolve an approach which addresses the

Further delay in e-commerce

policy rollout may accentuate

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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icated e-commerce policy may

further accentuate the prevailing

issues in India's digital market,

according to a Parliamentary

urged the Centre to finalise the draft National E-Commerce

Parliamentary Standing Com-

mittee on Commerce in its re-

port on the 'Promotion and

Regulation of E-Commerce in

India' observed that the absence

of a dedicated e-commerce pol-

icy has resulted in a 'strategy vac-

uum' for the sector and 'ineffec-

said as the current regulatory

framework is restricted to pre-

vention and identification of sell-

ers who have violated rules

regarding Intellectual Property

Rights, there exist gaps in

enforcement mechanisms with

regard to provision for imposing

ex-post penalty on sellers who

have violated the relevant rules.

Department for Promotion of

Industry and Internal Trade to

"develop appropriate mecha-

nisms for enforcement of rules

related to Intellectual Property

Rights in e-commerce space in

consultation with the relevant

online sale of medicines has not

been regulated despite objec-

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reiterated its recommendation to

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It recommended the

Notably, the Committee

The report tabled on Friday

The department-related

issues in digital mkt: Par panel

platforms.

the Ministry of Health and

Family Welfare to notify E-

Pharmacy Rules and formulate

comprehensive guidelines with

regard to e-pharmacy/e-health

Noting that the Draft National E-Commerce Policy is

at the stage of inter-ministerial

consultations and could not be

finalised till date, the panel said

"any further delay in formulat-

ing and notifying a dedicated

policy may further accentuate

the prevailing issues in the fast

ved that delay in finalisation and

passage of the Competition

Amendment Bill might have 'far

reaching adverse and irreversible

implications for competition in

try of Corporate Affairs to take

concerted efforts to finalise and

get the bill enacted at the earli-

est. The panel said necessary

provisions should be incorporat-

ed in the amendment bill to

empower and enable the Com-

petition Commission of India as

well as the Digital and Markets

and Data Unit to effectively regulate the fast paced digital

market taking into account the

ment) Bill, which seeks structur-

al changes in the governing structure of the Competition Commission of India (CCI), was

introduced in the Lok Sabha in

ordered probes as well as passed

various orders with respect to

alleged unfair business practices

in the growing digital market.

The CCI has in recent times

The Competition (Amend-

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August last year.

It recommended the Minis-

digital markets in India'.

The Committee also obser-

paced digital market".

needs of employees while maintaining fiscal prudence to protect common citizens," she said.

"The approach will be designed for adoption by both the central government and state governments," she said.

The decision comes in the backdrop of several non-BJP states deciding to revert to the DA-linked Old Pension Scheme (OPS) and also employee organisations in some other states raising demand for the same. The state governments of

Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Punjab and Himachal Pradesh have informed the Centre about their decision to revert to the Old Pension Scheme and have requested a refund of corpus accumulated under the



Earlier this month, the central government informed Parliament that it is not considering any proposal to restore the OPS in respect of the central government employees recruited

 $R^{\text{evenue of private hospitals}} \\ \text{will grow 10-11 per cent in financial year 2022-23 and 2023-} \\$ 

24, supported by increasing

domestic demand and pick-up

in medical tourism, says a

Ratings report, revenue of pri-

vate hospitals will grow on the

back of healthy bed occupancy

and sustenance of high average

revenue per occupied bed

had reported an all-time high

operating profitability of 19 per

cent due to a surge in treatment

during the second wave of the

pushed up occupancy levels,

especially after Covid-19, lead-

demand together with recovery

"Growing health awareness,

elective surgeries, it said.

In FY22, private hospitals

Under the OPS, retired government employees received 50 per cent of their last drawn salary as monthly pensions. The amount keeps increasing with hike in the DA rates. OPS is

Pvt hospitals to clock 10-11% revenue

growth in FY22-23, FY23-24: Report

tributory in nature and the burden on exchequer keeps on mounting.

The total assets under management under the National Pension System and Atal Pension Yojana stood at Rs 8.81 lakh crore as on March 4, 2023. NPS has been implemented for all government employees except those in armed forces joining central government on or after 1st of January 2004. Most of the state/ Union Territory governments have also notified the NPS for their new employees.

According to the PFRDA (Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority), 26 state governments, with the exception of Tamil Nadu and West Bengal, have notified and implemented NPS for their employees. NPS has been made avail-

ue to register modest growth,

vate hospitals are seeing a grad-

ual return of medical tourism -

accounting for 10-12 per cent of

revenue pre-pandemic - that got

affected considerably during the

Lower cost of treatments,

modern facilities with well-

trained personnel, and increas-

ing air-connectivity are expect-

ed to restore revenue from med-

ical tourism to pre-pandemic

levels. This will further support

occupancy levels despite aggres-

sive bed additions, Crisil Ratings

However, the report noted

The report further said pri-

supporting revenues.

able to every Indian citizen from May 1, 2009 on a voluntary basis Further, on June 1, 2015, the Atal

Pension Yojana has been launched which has given the much required impetus to the social security schemes.

To regulate and develop the pension market, the government created PFRDA in 2003. It was initially designed for government employees exclusively, but its services were subsequently expanded to include all Indian nationals and NRIs, including self-employed persons.

PFRDA promotes, develops and regulates organised pension funds; namely National Pension System (NPS) to serve the old age income needs of people on a sustainable

# RBI Central board discusses global, domestic eco situation

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m eserve}$  Bank of India's central board on Friday reviewed the global and domestic economic situation as well as the associated challenges.

The 601st meeting of the Central Board of Directors of held at Hyderabad under the chairmanship of Governor Shaktikanta Das.

"The board in its meeting reviewed the global and domestic economic situation and associated challenges, including the impact of current global geopolitical developments," RBI said in a statement.

Further, it said, the board discussed RBI's activities during the current accounting year 2022-23. The board also approved the budget for the accounting year 2023-24.

The meeting took place in the backdrop of global concerns over failure of banks in the US

amid aggressive monetary tightening. The US Federal Reserve on Wednesday hiked interest rates by 25 basis points to tame high inflation despite the bank-Both, Bank of England and

European Central Bank (ECB) have also raised their benchmark cy makers and experts have said that the Indian banking system is in good shape. At the meeting on Friday,

directors of RBI's central board Satish K Marathe, Sachin Chaturvedi, Pankaj Ramanbhai Patel and Ravindra H Dholakia were present.

RBI Deputy Governors — Mahesh Kumar Jain, Michael Debabrata Patra, M Rajeshwar

Rao, and T Rabi Sankar were also present. Besides, Economic Affairs Secretary Ajay Seth, and

Financial Services Secretary Vivek Joshi participated in the

# POWERGRID WINS 6 PROJECTS THROUGH



Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWER-GRID), a Maharatna CPSU under Ministry of Power, has acquired six project Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs) for various transmission system projects after competing with various private sector players and emerging as a successful bidder in the Tariff Based Competitive Bidding process conducted by REC Power Development and Consultancy Limited (RECPDCL), as per the guidelines notified by Government of India.

These Project SPVs include Khavda RE Transmission Limited, KPS2 Transmission Limited, KPS3 Transmission Limited, Khavda II-B Transmission Limited, Khavda II-C Transmission Limited, Transmission Limited.

India's forex kitty CCI approves GMR Airports jumps by USD 12.8 bn to USD 572.8 bn

PTI MUMBAI

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m ndia's}$  forex kitty rose by USD 12.798 billion to USD 572.801 billion in the week ended March 17, the Reserve Bank said on Friday. In the previous reporting week, the reserves had dropped by USD 2.39 billion to a three-month low of USD 560.003 billion. It can be noted that in

October 2021, the country's forex kitty had reached an alltime high of USD 645 billion.

The reserves have been declining as the central bank deploys the kitty to defend the rupee amid pressures caused majorly by global developments. For the week ended March

17, the foreign currency assets, a major component of the reserves, increased by USD 10.485 billion to USD 505.348 billion, according to the Weekly Statistical Supplement released by the RBI on Friday.

Expressed in dollar terms, the foreign currency assets include the effect of appreciation or depreciation of non-US units like the euro, pound and yen held in the foreign exchange



bed occupancy being maintained at almost similar levels of 60 per cent (past five fiscals average) even as bed addition continues," Crisil Ratings Senior Director Anuj Sethi said.

Covid-19 pandemic, which also Sethi further noted that and, later, pent-up demand for occupancy dipped only once during this period to 53 per cent due to lockdown enforced during the first phase of the paning to increase in domestic

Healthy cash generation,

 $F^{\text{air-trade regulator CCI on}}_{\text{Friday said it has approved}}$ 

the proposed deal of GMR

Airports Infrastructure and

Aeroports de Paris SA (ADP)

under the green channel route.

involves ADP's proposed acqui-

sition of and subscription to for-

eign currency convertible bonds

(FCCB) issued by GMR Air-

ports Infrastructure Ltd, accord-

The proposed combination

external borrowing to fund higher capex (both greenfield and brownfield) will in turn help private hospitals maintain adequate debt protection metrics and keep credit risk profiles stable, Crisil Ratings added.

Further, rising insurance coverage will make quality treatment more accessible, and support demand as well, he said adding that ARPOB which grew 20 per cent in FY22, will contin-

er of GMR Airports Ltd and

GMR Infra Developers Ltd

(GIDL) with and into GMR

entities) of equity shares and

optionally convertible redeem-

Airports Infrastructure Ltd.

any resurgence of Covid-19 or intense viral cases that triggers lockdown and restricts travel, or any regulatory intervention that impedes the performance of private hospitals, will bear watching in the road ahead.

### Infra-Aeroports de Paris SA deal Airports Ltd with GIL. The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has cleared ADP is an international airport operator owned by the the deal. It has also given nod to the proposed intra-group merg-

able preference shares of GMR Also, the regulator has given Airports Infrastructure postits nod to the proposed acquisition by ADP (and its group merger, CCI said.

On March 19, GMR Airports Infrastructure Ltd (GIL) announced the merger of GMR Infrastructure.

French Government, while GMR Airports Infrastructure is a listed-entity and global infrastructure conglomerate with expertise in operating airports. It primarily operates through its subsidiary GMR Airports Ltd GIDL is a wholly-owned

subsidiary of GMR Airports

# Individual taxpayers with income marginally over ₹7 lakh to get relief under new tax regime

als earning marginally higher income than no-tax ceiling of Rs 7 lakh will pay tax only on the differential income after the government amended the Finance Bill. The Finance Bill 2023, passed by the Lok Sabha on Friday, has proposed a marINCOME TAX

what one pays should not be more than the income that

Nangia Andersen LLP Partner Sandeep Jhunjhunwala

said the amendment to Finance Bill seeks to provide a marginal relief to individual taxpayers having borderline income by proposing a deduction of income tax payable in excess of the differential income above Rs

### PTI ■ NEW DELHI the new tax regime with effect exceeds Rs 7 lakh (Rs 100 in this from April 1, if a taxpayer has annual income of Rs 7 lakh s/he case), the ministry said.

ginal relief to taxpayers under new tax regime.

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Explaining the provision,

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# 'HARDIK SIMILAR TO DHONI AS CAPTAIN'

■ aving watched both of them Having wateried both from close quarters, Gujarat Titans spinner R Sai Kishore feels that his franchise skipper Hardik Pandya is very similar to legendary MS Dhoni in terms of leadership traits.

Sai Kishore, before joining Gujarat Titans, was with CSK for a couple of years.

"Hardik and Mahi bhai (MS Dhoni) are pretty similar in the way they handle things, they both are pretty calm," Sai Kishore told the media during a virtual interaction session on Friday.

"One thing that I really admire about Hardik is his ability to handle success and failure equally - that is something very unique about him. He is a level headed guy and that works (for him)," he added. The 28-year-old said Gujarat Titans, who won the IPL last year in their debut season, will have to replicate their performances from last season in order to be successful.

"The tag of being defending champions is up to us whether to take it or not. We played well last year and that is why we won. I think if we can do that (then) the tag won't matter much," he said. Sai Kishore said the new rule of having an 'Impact Player in IPL will make it more manageable than what it was in domestic circuit.

"It is more like the super-sub

rule where we can either use a bowler or a batsman. It is basically like playing with 12 people. We have already played with this (rule) in domestic (cricket). The only change is that we can use it till the 20th over, in domestic it was restricted to the 14th over. In 20 overs, it should be a lot eas-

The Tamil Nadu left-arm spinner said he is eyeing a place in the Indian side via strong per-

ier to handle," he said.

arm spinners in India and this (IPL) is a very good opportunity but I would like to be here now in the present and play well for Gujarat. In the last five years, my skill-set has gone up and I want to keep improving. If it happens that I do very well in the IPL, I am going to play for India," he said. However, Sai Kishore admitted that he has to improve his batting to come into national reckoning.

"It is a work in progress. I have done well in domestic (cricket) also. I know the areas where I am good at and areas where I need to work on. I am trying to put in hours into my batting and fielding," he said.



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In terms of Rule 220 & 221 of General Financial Rule, it has been decided that Auction of office used items will be held at HQ 21 Corps (MT) through Public Auction on 27 March 2023 (1000 hrs to 1400 hrs). Details of items are as under :-

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NIT No.- 15-DL of 2022-23

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S. Tender No.

- The bidder shall deposit 100% of the bid value immediately on the spot in cash.
- The goods will he handed over to the successful bidder only after receiving the 100% payment. The auctioneer will notify other items and conditions at the place of auction
- The Interested parties can inspect the goods during the auction
- Bids for auction will be accepted on the spot on date and time of auction

Type of Name of work



Name and Address of Borrower / Property owner

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POSSESSION NOTICE

(Rule 8(1)) For

Immovable Property

The Undersigned being the Authorised officer of the Canara Bank Under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act. 2002, in exercise of the power conferred unde Section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued a demand notice or below mentioned date to the following Borrowers/Guarantors, calling upon them to repay the amount mentioned in the respective Notice with in 60 days from the date of receipt of said notices. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, Notice is here by given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred or him under Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 on dates mentioned below. the borrowers/Guarantors in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the properties will be subject to the charge of Canara Bank, for an amount herein below mentioned & Interest thereon. The borrower's attention is invited to provision of Section 13(8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

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// निविदा आमंत्रण //

23/11/2022

22/03/2023

निम्नलिखित कार्य के लिये ऑनलाईन निविदा प्रतिशत दर पर निविदा प्रपत्र-'अ' में केन्द्रीयकृत प्रणाली के अंतर्गत लोक निर्माण विभाग में उपयुक्त श्रेणी में पंजीकृत फर्म/ठेकेदारों से आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदा प्रपत्र एवं अन्य शर्ते http://mptenders.gov.in पर देखी जा सकती है।

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**DEMAND NOTICE** 

Inder Section 13 (2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("Act") read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 ("Rules"). Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Tata Capital Housing Finance

Limited (TCHFL) under the Act and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Rules already issued detailed Demand Notice dated below under Section 13(2) of the Act, calling upon the Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) (all singularly or together referred to "Obligors")/Legal Heir(s)/Legal Representative(s) listed ereunder, to pay the amount mentioned in the respective Demand Notice, within 60 days from the date of the respective Notice, as per details given below. Copies of the said Notices are served by Registered Post A.D. and are available with the undersigned, and the said Obligor(s)/Legal Heir(s)/Legal Representative(s), may, if they so desire, collect the respective copy from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours. In connection with the above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Obligor(s Legal Heir(s)/Legal Representative(s) to pay to TCHFL, within 60 days from the date of the respective Notice/s, the amount indicated herein below against their respective names, together with further interest as detailed below from the respective dates nentioned below in column (d) till the date of payment and / or realisation, read with the oan agreement and other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Obligor(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following Secured Asset(s) have been mortgaged to TCHFL by the said Obligor(s) respectively.

S. No.	Loan Account No.	Name of Obligor(s)/ Legal Heir(s)/Legal Representative(s)	Total Outstanding Dues (Rs.) as on below date*	Notice & Date of NPA
1	28000010	Mr. Saad Sikandar Khan (borrower)     Garden Centre Mrs. Sadia Sultan (Co- Borrower's)	Rs.18,42,907/- (Rupees Eighteen Lakh Forty Two Thousand Nine Hundred Seven Only) as on 14.03.2023	14.03.2023 & 05.03.2023

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0178860	Mr Satendra Kaur Bawa (Borrower)     Mr Gurdeep Singh Bawa     Jaspreet Singh Bawa     M/s Nikky Bawa (Co Borrower's)	Rs. 15,59,521/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakh Fifty Nine Thousand Five Hundred Twenty One Only) as on 10.03.2023

Description of the Secured Assets/Immovable Properties/ Mortgaged Properties Office Chamber No MF 102, situated on Mazine of multistoried building named Ajay tower which is under construction over plot no E-5/1 Arera Colony, Bhopal. The aforesaid office chamber is having area of 328.94 sq ft . The building and the aforesaid chamber is situated within the limits of Municipal Corporation Bhopal under Ward No 50. Bounded by: East by : MF 101, West by : MF 103, North by : Lift direct, staircase and passage South by: Road & Petrolpump

with further interest, additional Interest at the rate as more particularly stated in respective Demand Notices dated mentioned above, incidental expenses, costs, charges et incurred till the date of payment and/or realization. If the said Obligor(s) shall fail to make payment to TCHFL as aforesaid, then TCHFL shall proceed against the above Secured Asset(s)/Immovable Property (ies) under Section 13(4) of the said Act and the applicable Rules entirely at the risk of the said Obligor(s)/Legal Heir(s)/Legal Representative(s) as to

The said Obligor(s)/Legal Heir(s)/Legal Representative(s) are prohibited under the said Act to transfer the aforesaid Secured Asset(s)/Immovable Property(ies), whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of TCHFL. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the Act or Rules made thereunder

For Tata Capital Housing Finance Limited

10.03.2023

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