

If we act now, we can still secure future: IPCC report

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There are multiple, feasible and effective options to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to human-caused climate change, and they are available now, said scientists in the latest Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report released on Monday.

“Mainstreaming effective and equitable climate action will not only reduce losses and damages for nature and people, it will also provide wider benefits,” said IPCC Chair Hoesung Lee. “This Synthesis Report underscores the urgency of taking more ambitious action and shows that, if we act now, we can still secure a liveable sustainable future for all.” In 2018, IPCC

highlighted the unprecedented scale of the challenge required to keep warming to 1.5°C. Five years later, that challenge has become even greater due to a continued increase in greenhouse gas emissions.

The pace and scale of what has been done so far, and current plans, are insufficient to tackle climate change. Approved during a week-long session in Interlaken, Switzerland, the report underlined that the “10 per cent of households with the highest emissions per person contribute 34–45 per cent of all household emissions, while the bottom 50 per cent contribute just 13 to 15 per cent.” India has been emphasising the importance of mindful and deliberate utilisation of natural resources against mindless and wasteful consumption.

Interpol removes Choksi from Red Corner database

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In a setback to the investigating agencies like CBI and ED probing the ₹13,000 crore PNB credit fraud, the name of fugitive diamondaire Mehul Choksi wanted in the case has been reportedly removed from the Interpol database of Red Corner Notices on the basis of his plea to the Lyon-headquartered agency.

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), the National Central Bureau (NCB) for Interpol in India, remained tight-lipped on the development.

The Red Corner Notice is the highest form of alert issued by the 195-member country-strong Interpol to law enforcement agencies worldwide to locate and provisionally arrest a person pending extradition, surrender, or similar legal action. The Interpol had issued the Red Notice against Choksi in 2018, nearly 10 months after he fled from India in January

that year to take refuge in Antigua and Barbuda, where he had acquired citizenship.

Choksi had challenged the CBI application seeking issuance of Red Corner Notice against him, calling the case a result of political conspiracy. He had also raised questions on issues such as jail conditions in India, his personal safety and health, sources said.

The matter had gone to a five-member Interpol committee’s court, called Commission for Control of Files, which had cleared the RCN (Red Corner Notice) rejecting his contentions, sources said.

The CBI has chargesheeted both Choksi and his nephew Nirav Modi separately in scam. In its chargesheet, the CBI had alleged that Choksi swindled Rs 7,080.86 crore. Nirav Modi allegedly siphoned Rs 6,000 crore. The CBI is also probing a default of additional loan of over Rs 5,000 crore to Choksi’s companies.

SC clubs 3 FIRs against Cong leader Pawan Khera

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The Supreme Court on Monday clubbed three FIRs lodged against Congress leader Pawan Khera for allegedly making objectionable remarks against Prime Minister Narendra Modi and transferred them to the Hazratganj police station in Uttar Pradesh’s Lucknow.

Extending the interim bail till April 10, a bench comprising Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and Justices P S Narasimha and J B Pardiwala took note of the facts that three FIRs were lodged against Khera. Out of the three FIRs, two were lodged at the Cantonment police station in Varanasi and the Hazratganj police station in Lucknow. The third FIR was lodged in Assam.

The apex court bench directed that the three FIRs stand transferred to Hazratganj police station in Lucknow.



Khera, whose interim bail was extended till April 10, will have to appear before the court of competent jurisdiction in Lucknow to seek regular bail in the matter.

The apex court, from time to time, had been extending the interim bail of Khera who was arrested by the Assam Police on February 23 in connection with his alleged remarks against Modi made at a press conference in Mumbai on February 17. The Congress spokesperson was arrested from the Delhi airport after he was de-boarded from a plane that was supposed to take him to Raipur.

LG approves critical road infrastructure, redevelopment plans in UTTIPEC meeting

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Lieutenant Governor VK Saxena on Monday chaired the 67th Meeting of the Governing Body of Unified Traffic & Transportation Infrastructure Planning & Engineering Centre (UTTIPEC). Apart from approving the minutes of the 67th Meeting and the action taken report subsequent to the last meeting held on September 26, 2022, various far-reaching projects that will help ease the traffic situation and improve mobility, transport and transit in the City were deliberated upon and approved.

In a first, the meeting also approved the logo and tagline of UTTIPEC. At the outset, the L-G stressed upon need for comprehensive prospective planning that took into account developmental projects in any area before finalizing proposals for approval of UTTIPEC.

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There was no immediate comment from San Francisco police on the incident. The incident drew sharp condemnation from Indian-Americans who demanded immediate action against those responsible for it.

“We are also appalled by the complete law and order failure in both in London as well as in SFO where a few radicalised separatists attacked India’s diplomatic missions,” Foundation for India and Indian Diaspora Studies (FIIDS) said.

Community leader Ajay Bhutoria strongly condemned the attack by pro-Khalistan protesters on the Consulate of India building in San Francisco. “This act of violence is not only a threat to the diplomatic relations between the United States and India but also an attack on the peace and harmony of our community,” he said.

In a statement, Bhutoria urged local authorities to take immediate action against those responsible for this attack and bring them to justice.

ED attaches properties of Pune edu group for money laundering

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The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Monday said it has attached four properties, including land and a school building, of the promoters of a Pune-based education group under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

The action is part of a probe into an alleged bank loan fraud against a cooperative bank in Pune. The attached assets belong to Rosary Education Group and its main partners Vinay Aranha and Vivek Aranha. A provisional order for attaching four properties has been issued under the PMLA, the agency said in a statement.

“The present market value of the attached properties is estimated to be around Rs 98.20 crore,” it said. On March 10, the ED had arrested Vinay Aranha. The money laundering case stems from a Pune Police FIR filed on the basis of a complaint made by Shivaji Vithal Kale of Cosmos Bank against Vinay Aranha and Vivek Aranha.

The complainant alleged that the accused obtained loans of Rs 20.44 crore from the bank by submitting “fake” property documents.

ED grills Kavitha for 10 hours in excise case

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The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Monday grilled BRS leader K Kavitha for over 10 hours after she appeared before the agency for a second round of questioning in the money laundering probe linked to the Delhi excise policy scam.

Kavitha entered the ED headquarters here at 10:30 AM and after making formalities like marking attendance, her questioning and recording of statement under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act began at about 11 AM and continued till about 9.30 PM, officials said.

The 44-year-old Bharat Rashtra Samithi MLC daughter of Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrababoo Naidu has been asked to appear again on Tuesday, they said.

She was first questioned in the case on March 11 for around nine hours following which she was summoned again on March 16. Kavitha had skipped the deposition last week citing her pending plea before the Supreme Court for relief against the ED action in the case. The agency, however, rejected her claims and asked her to depose on March 20. The apex court has fixed hearing on her petition on March 24.

SC directs all HCs to set up RTI portals within 3 months

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The Supreme Court on Monday directed all High Courts to set up RTI portals within three months. The apex court also asked High Courts to implement RTI portals in district judiciary also. The bench headed by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud said the apex court had also set up a portal for filing RTI applications to help people access information about the top court. The bench, also comprising Justices PS Narasimha and JB Pardiwala, was apprised that the High Courts of Delhi, Madhya Pradesh and Odisha have already set up web portals for the purpose, while in Karnataka the High Court is using the website which is being set up by the State Government.

“We are of the view that such an exercise be carried out by all the High Courts in the country no later than within a period of three months from the date of this order,” the bench said. The apex court was hearing a plea seeking direction to the registrar general of all high courts to establish and operationalise online RTI portal, both for the high courts as well as the district judiciary.

Modi’s push to make India energy atmanirbhar by 2047: US report

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All this towards a Atmanirbhar Bharat or a self-reliant India that does have to depend on imports for meeting its energy needs.

Energy independence, the report said, involves investment in renewables, electric vehicles, and green hydrogen -- generating electricity from solar and wind energy -- and will help move away from coal-based generation while use of electricity-charged batteries till cutting dependence on liquid fuel like petrol and diesel. Zero-carbon hydrogen will decarbonise Indian industry, cutting emissions and lowering dependence on imported fuel.

“This would involve installing more than 500 GW of non-fossil electricity generation capacity by 2030, an 80 per cent clean grid by 2040 and 90 per cent by 2047,” it said.

“Nearly 100 per cent of new vehicle sales could be electric by 2035. Heavy industrial production shifts primarily to green hydrogen and electrification: 90 per cent of iron and steel, 90 per cent of cement, and 100 per cent of fertilizers by 2047.”

And this could help “India achieve energy independence through clean technology by 2047,” the report said.

The transition to electric vehicles could save crude oil imports by over 90 per cent (or USD 240 billion) by 2047, while green hydrogen based and electrified industrial production would reduce industrial coal imports by 95 per cent. Lithium needed for man-

ufacturing new electric vehicles and grid-scale battery storage systems (around 2 million tonnes cumulative between 2023 and 2040) could be produced domestically using newly discovered reserves.

“Energy independence is economically advantageous,” it said. “Clean energy will reduce and inflation proof India’s energy expenditure as renewables, EV batteries, and hydrogen infrastructure are capital assets with rapidly falling costs. A shift to electric transportation will create USD 2.5 trillion in net consumer savings by 2047.”

Indian industry, to remain globally competitive, must also transition to clean technologies like green steel manufacturing, as major export markets (ex. EU) make carbon neutrality commitments, the report said, adding the clean energy transition would have minimal impacts on tax revenues.

Fossil fuel taxes, duties, and royalties contribute about 12 per cent of state and central government revenue.

Despite an aggressive clean energy transition, fossil fuel consumption and associated tax revenues will not drop below 2020 levels until the mid-2030s, it said.

The study said a rapid expansion of clean energy infrastructure will be needed. “Because of transport, industrial electrification and green hydrogen production, electricity demand could increase nearly five-fold - from 1,300 TWh/year to over 6,600 TWh/year by 2050.

This would require a massive scale-up of renewable energy deployment to 40 GW a year through 2030, ramping up to about 100 GW a year between 2030 and 2050.”

NSA slapped...

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Harjit, who officials say helped his nephew gain control over the accounts of “Waris Punjab De”, is among the five slapped with the NSA, which allows the preventive detention of anyone who could threaten national security or public order.

Harjit will be shifted to the central jail in Assam’s Dibrugarh, where the other four were brought on Sunday. They are Daljit Singh Kalsi, Bhagwant Singh, Gurmeet Singh and ‘Pradhanmantri’ Bajeka.

Punjab Inspector General of Police (Headquarters) Sukhchain Singh Gill told reporters here that specialised units are involved in the efforts to nab the preacher - who gave police the slip during a car chase in Jalandhar district on Saturday. Gill indicated that the preacher, who heads Waris Punjab De, could also be detained under the NSA.

“It can be invoked against him once he is arrested, and the rest of the facts will be made clear to you,” he said, replying to a question at the press conference. The IG said police have a strong suspicion of an “ISI angle” and foreign funding against those arrested in this case, and further investigations are underway.

The Punjab Police operation began Saturday, weeks after Amritpal Singh and his supporters stormed the Ajnala police station near Amritsar to secure the release of an arrested associate.

The episode had raised fears over the possibility of the return of Khalistani militancy to the border state.

India, Japan to boost ties...

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Modi said the two sides reviewed progress in bilateral relations especially in areas of defence, digital technology, trade and investment and health among others.

Kishida on Monday announced a new plan to promote an open and free Indo-Pacific, promising billions of dollars in investment to help economies across the region in everything from industry to disaster prevention. The plan he announced is seen as Tokyo’s bid to forge stronger ties with countries in South and Southeast Asia to counter China’s growing assertiveness there.

Kishida said Tokyo’s economic cooperation with New Delhi continues to grow rapidly and it will not only support further development of India but create significant economic opportunities for Japan.

The Japanese Prime Minister said he formally invited Modi for the G7 summit in May and that his Indian counterpart accepted the invite.

During his visit to India in March last year, Kishida announced an investment target of five trillion Yen (Rs 3,20,000 crore) in India over the next five years.

India-Japan relations were elevated to ‘Global Partnership’ in 2000, ‘Strategic and Global Partnership’ in 2006, and ‘Special Strategic and Global Partnership’ in 2014. Regular annual summits have been held between the leaders of the two countries since 2006.


Japan is a very close partner of India with which it has an annual summit and ‘2+2’ foreign and defence ministerial dialogues.

Last year, Modi and Kishida met three times. Kishida visited India for the 14th annual summit in March and Modi visited Tokyo in May for the Quad Summit and in September for the State funeral of former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.

Defence and security cooperation has emerged as one of the most important pillars of the special strategic and global partnership and an important factor in ensuring peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific region.

The bilateral trade between the two sides stood at \$20.75 billion last year, which was the largest ever. India and Japan have had a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) since 2011. The agreement covers not only trade in goods but also services, movement of natural persons, investments, intellectual property rights, custom procedures and other trade related issues.

Meanwhile, Modi gifted a sandalwood Buddha statue encased in a ‘kadamwood jali box’ to Kishida. The artwork is associated with the rich heritage of Karnataka.



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Sl. No.	Job No.	Name of Work	Tender Amount (Rs. Lacs)
1.	54/GM/SM(WC-2)/2022-23	Repair & Maintenance of Plaza footpath, drain & other misc. work at different location of Sector-18, Noida.	76.42
2.	78/SM/SM(WC-8)/ET/2022-23	M/o Road (Beautification of crossing near Police Chowki and Eldeco crossing in Sector-93B), Noida	37.85
3.	79/SM/SM(WC-8)/ET/2022-23	M/o Road (Beautification of crossing near Police Chowki, Sector-108), Noida	41.18
4.	82/DGM/SM(WC-9)/ET/2022-23	M/o Road (Repair of) Signage Boards on MP-3 road & Noida, Greater Noida Expressway CH. 0.00 km to 10.00 km), Noida	53.78
5.	56/DGM/SM(WC-2)/2022-23	M/o Road (Repair of) footpath & drain, C.C. work & other misc. work different location around DLF Mall & Sector-18, Noida	51.11
6.	57/DGM/SM(WC-2)/2022-23	M/o Road (Repair of) footpath, Central Verge, Potholes, cut patches, Painting on central verge and footpath on work Kalindi Kunj Bridge), Noida	41.94


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Clear OROP arrears by Feb..

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“Sorry sorry we will not take this sealed cover. Please take it back or read it,” said the CJL. The Bench noted that out of 25 lakh pensioners, four lakh did not qualify for the OROP scheme as they were getting enhanced pensions and the Centre proposed to pay the arrears by April 30, 2023.

Reducing the time limit to February 28 next year, the Bench gave the time schedule for payment of arrears to different groups of pensioners under the OROP scheme.

The Bench, also comprising Justices PS Narasimha and JB Pardiwala, directed that the six lakh family pensioners and gallantry award winners “shall be paid their OROP dues by April 30, 2023.” It said around four-five lakh retired servicemen aged 70 years and above shall be paid their OROP dues in one or more instalments by June 30.

The OROP dues for 10-11 lakh remaining pensioners shall be paid in three equal instalments by February 28 next year, the Bench said, making it clear that the payment of the dues “will not affect further equalisation of pension of ex-servicemen to be done in 2024.”

UK Govt, Indian...

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A day after alleged Khalistani supporters grabbed the Indian tri-colour atop the Indian High Commission, the United Kingdom Government on Monday termed the acts of vandalism as “disgraceful” and “completely unacceptable.” Britain said it will take the security of the Indian High Commission in London “seriously.” One person was arrested later in connection with the incident.

Meanwhile, officials from the Indian mission in London said the “attempted but failed” attack was foiled and the tri-

colour was now flying “grander,” with a larger tri-colour now adorning the India House facade. As regards the incident of vandalism, Scotland Yard said it was called to reports of disorder on Sunday afternoon and that a man has been arrested as its enquiries continue. “There was no report of any injury, however windows were broken at the High Commission building,” the Metropolitan Police statement said. British Labour MP Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi’s tweet, expressing concern over the ongoing action to arrest Amritpal Singh and arrest of

some alleged Khalistani elements, has received condemnation. Dhesi, an MP from Slough, tweeted, “Very worrying reports coming from #India, of the imposition of an internet blackout in the #Punjab state, with mass arrests and restrictions on gatherings. Praying that the tense situation is soon resolved and that human rights of all are respected.” Taking exception to his message, Congress spokesperson and senior advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi criticised Dhesi for “nurturing Khalistani sentiments” in the United Kingdom and said his tweet will not fetch him new votes from Slough “which has a massive chunk of Pakistan supporting population.”

Entrance...

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Reports said the local police was not able to control the mob which started gathering a couple of hours before the event was scheduled to begin.

The police reportedly advised the High Commissioner against attending the function. Maninder Gill, president of the Foundation, said, “This is a shame if even the High Commissioner cannot be protected in this country.” There were online threats to disrupt

meetings and events being attended by Indian diplomats in the country, including that of the High Commissioner. The call to the protestors asked them to “Mask up” and to leave their IDs and cell phones at home.

India’s High Commission in Ottawa had already sought upgraded security for its missions in the country for the foreseeable future. The High Commission faced a protest by members of the Shiromani Akali Dal - Amritsar in Ottawa on Sunday afternoon, though that passed without incident unlike events in London, which saw the High Commission in

the British capital vandalized. Reports said Indian officials there have called for more security from the nodal law enforcement agency, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police or RCMP, on a continuing basis as more protests are expected. Request for security also pertains to the High Commission in the Canadian capital as well as the Consulates in Toronto and Vancouver.

A public meeting “to discuss Bhai Amritpal Singh’s Arrest” was organised at Sikh Spiritual Center in the town of Brampton in the Greater Toronto Area or GTA by Ontario Gurdwara Committee.

Delhi Budget stalled by Centre: Kejriwal

Centre has sought clarification over high allocation for ads, lesser funds for infra, say MHA sources

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Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal claimed that the Centre has put on hold the presentation of the Delhi Government's budget for 2023-24 in the Assembly on Tuesday, in signs of a fresh round of confrontation between the AAP dispensation and the Union Government.

Sources in the Delhi Government said the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has stopped the Kejriwal Government's budget and it will not be tabled in the Assembly on Tuesday.

As the Chief Minister lashed out at the Centre, sources in the MHA said the Ministry has sought clarification from the AAP Government as its budget proposal had high allocation for advertisement and relatively low funding for infrastructure and other development initiatives.

"The AAP Government has so far not responded to our queries," one of the MHA sources said.

However, AAP



Government sources denied the charges. The total budget size was Rs 78,800 crore, out of which Rs22,000 crore was earmarked for expenditure on infrastructure and just Rs 550 crore on advertisements, they said. The allocation for advertisement was the same as in last year's budget, they said.

Speaking to a news channel on Monday, Kejriwal charged that the Centre was resorting to "gundagardi" and that it was for the first time in the history of the country that a budget of a Government was put on hold. A video clip of his speech was tweeted by the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP).

According to sources in the Lieutenant-Governor's office,

the LG approved the Annual Financial Statement for 2023-2024, with certain observations on March 9, and sent the file to the Chief Minister.

The Government of Delhi, thereafter, sought the approval of the President as mandated by law by sending a letter to the Home Ministry.

The Home Ministry conveyed its observations to the Delhi Government on March 17. The LG office is awaiting for the file to be sent to it from the Chief Minister.

There was no clarity yet on when the budget will be presented in the Assembly. The ongoing budget session of the Assembly is scheduled to conclude on March 23.

Higher than national average, city's per capita income up by 14.18% Delhi Economic Survey reveals that Government's tax collection rose by 36%

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The per capita income of Delhi rose by 14.18 per cent to Rs 4,44,768 in 2022-23 at current prices compared to Rs 3,89,529 in 2021-22, according to the Delhi's Economic Survey tabled in the Assembly on Monday. The per capita income of Delhi has been around 2.6 times higher as compared to the national average, both at current and constant prices. It was Rs 3,31,112 in 2020-21.

The tax collection of the Delhi Government registered a "tremendous" growth rate of 36 per cent during 2021-22 (provisional) as compared to the negative growth of 19.53 per cent in 2020-21 due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the survey tabled by Delhi Finance Minister Kailash Gahlot said.

However, the AAP Government's outstanding debt rose to Rs 41,481.50 crore as of March 31, 2022, from Rs 29,608.27 crore in 2021-22, the survey stated.

"Overall economic activity in Delhi has recovered faster compared to the national level, past the pre-pandemic levels. In



the years 2021-22 and 2022-23, a sharp recovery of real GSDP of Delhi with a growth of 9.14 per cent and 9.18 per cent, respectively is based on a low base effect and inherent strengths of the economy," it said.

The advance estimate of Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) of Delhi at current prices during 2022-23 is likely to attain a level of Rs 10,43,759 crore, showing a growth rate of 15.38 per cent over 2021-22.

The Advance Estimate of GSDP of Delhi at constant prices during 2022-23 was recorded at Rs 6,52,649 crore, showing a growth rate of 9.18 per cent over 2021-22, it said.

The city's economy is predominantly service sector-ori-

ented with its share of contribution to Gross State Value Added (at current prices) at 84.84 per cent during 2022-23 followed by the contribution of the secondary sector at 12.53 per cent and the primary sector at 2.63 per cent.

Delhi has maintained its revenue surplus that increased to Rs 3,270 crore during 2021-22 (provisional) as compared to Rs 1,450 crore in 2020-21, stated the economic survey. Delhi's revenue surplus was 0.36 per cent of GSDP during 2021-22 and 0.73 per cent during 2022-23 (budgetary estimate), it said.

Delhi government has been working with an aim to transform Delhi to a world-class city and to fulfil the aspiration of its citizen by making it an inclusive, equitable and livable global city, said the report.

The transport sector has been allocated a major share of about 20 per cent of the total budget allocation of schemes, programmes and projects, followed by Education, 17 per cent on water supply and sanitation, 15 per cent and medical and public health, 13 per cent, in 2022-23, it added.

'Capital's budget percentage for edu highest in India'



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The Delhi Government has the highest budgetary allocation for the education sector among all states, with 20.5 per cent of the budget estimates earmarked for the department, according to the Economic Survey of Delhi 2022-23.

The survey also mentioned that the Delhi Skill and Entrepreneurship University increased its intake capacity to 7,933 (during 2022-23) as compared to 6,258 during 2021-22.

It further mentioned that the government schools recorded a pass percentage of 98 per cent in class 12 and 97 per cent in class 10 during the academic session 2021-22.

The survey also said that 32,406 students got admission via centralised online draw of lots for admission under

Economically Weaker Section and Disadvantaged Group (EWS & DG) category for the academic session 2022-23.

Meanwhile, the Delhi government's outcome budget which was also presented in the assembly on Monday, said that more than 90 per cent of government schools have been marking the attendance of their students online every day.

CCTV Cameras have been commissioned in 83 per cent of Delhi government schools and 11 new Schools of Specialised Excellence (SoSE) have been added to the existing schools during 2022-23, it said.

The Business Blasters programme provided seed money of Rs 2,000 each to 2 lakh students and generated 41,000 new business ideas in 2022-23, according to the outcome budget.

96% unauthorised colonies have regular water supply

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About ninety-six per cent of unauthorised colonies here have regular water supply and around 93 per cent households access to piped water supply, according to the Delhi Economic Survey 2022-23.

The report, which was tabled in the Delhi assembly by Finance Minister Kailash Gahlot on Monday, said since January 2014, around 21.39 lakh consumers have benefited from free water of up to 20 kilolitres.

"In a remarkable achieve-



ment, GNCTD (Delhi government) has been able to provide regular water supply to unserved and under-served

areas, and has covered unauthorised colonies, which is about 96 per cent of total unauthorised colonies in Delhi

and efforts have been made to cover remaining unauthorised colonies," the survey noted.

"The Delhi government ensured free lifeline water up to 20 kilolitres to every household having metered water connection and around 21.39 lakhs consumers have been benefited under this scheme since its inception," the Delhi Economic Survey (DES) said.

The priority areas of the Arvind Kejriwal government in the water and sanitation sector is to augment water supply from sources outside Delhi such as Renuka Dam in

Himachal Pradesh and Kishau Dam and Lakhwar-Vyasi Dam in Uttarakhand, getting underground water from Yamuna floodplains by way of recharging ponds, and augmenting internal sources, including through recycling of water, water harvesting, plugging leakages of water, reducing non-revenue water through proper water accounting and installation of bulk meters, according to the survey.

The Delhi Jal Board (DJB) has improved its governance and undertaken a number of measures for proper demand-

side planning, efficient management of water distribution, water audit and accounting, and a transparent tanker water distribution system using GPS and GPRS, it said.

"About 93 per cent households of Delhi now have access to piped water supply. Water production during summer season is being maintained at 956 MGD per day consistently. Water is supplied through existing water supply network comprising 15,383-km long pipelines and more than 117 underground reservoirs (UGRs)," the DES said.

Delhi accounted for 40% of foreign tourists in India

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Delhi is one of the key arrival destinations for both foreign and domestic travellers and around 6.06 lakh Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTA) was recorded in the Capital during 2021, according to Economic Survey 2022-23. According to the report, Delhi has also secured 3rd rank in Total Foreign Tourist Visits in 2021 with a total share of 9.50 per cent as per India Tourism Statistics at a Glance-2022.

"The Capital of India is one



of the key arrival destinations for both foreign and domestic tourists. The state is among the top tourist destinations in the country. Approx 6.06 lakh (39.70 per cent) FTAs in Delhi has been recorded during 2021 as per India Tourism Statistics at a Glance-2022," the economic survey stated.

OUTCOME BUDGET

Health dept performs badly, Edu, PWD well

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Finance Minister Kailash Gahlot on Monday presented the Outcome Budget of the city in the Assembly. The Outcome Budget was introduced in 2017-18 as a tool linking the budget with outcomes to capture the progress of various schemes, programmes and projects; and final deliverables from the citizens' perspective.

The Outcome Budget for 2022-23 showed that out of 124 critical indicators of the Department of Health and Family Welfare, only 54 per cent were "on track". For the transport department, out of 88 indicators, 69 per cent were on track, while 68 per cent out of 37 critical indicators of the Public Works Department were doing fine, it showed.

Gahlot said in the education sector, Delhi saw commendable results in both classes 10 and 12 in CBSE boards and out of 78 indicators for assessment, 67 per cent were on track. Government schools recorded a pass percentage of 98 at the 12th



FM Gahlot checks the Outcome Budget.

Ranjan Dimri/Pioneer

level and 97 per cent at 10th level for academic session 2021-22.

However, with just 54 per cent indicators "on track", health, a focus area of the Arvind Kejriwal dispensation, was one of the poor performers among key Delhi government departments, according to 2022-23 Outcome Budget data. The Outcome Budget said that out of 124 critical indicators of the health and family welfare department, 54 per cent were "on track. Against a target of 1,000 Aam Aadmi

Mohalla Clinics (AAMCs), 518 have become operational during the nine-month period ending December 31, 2022. A total of 1.5 crore patients were treated at these clinics, it said.

Mohalla clinics are one of the flagship initiatives of the Kejriwal government to boost the primary healthcare system in Delhi. As for poor performers, 53 per cent out of 19 indicators for assessment were on track for the urban development and housing sector.

Majority of WCD schemes are on track, says Gahlot



STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

A majority of schemes under the Women and Child Development Department are on track, according to the Delhi Government's Outcome Budget for 2022-23 presented in the Assembly on Monday.

Out of 63 indicators for assessment, 71 per cent were on track, it said, adding that last year, out of 69 indicators for assessment, 80 per cent were on track. About 3.47 lakh women in distress were given monthly financial assistance in 2022-23 against 3.12 lakh women in dis-

tress in 2021-22, it said.

About 2,060 poor widows were given financial assistance (Rs 30,000) for marriage of their daughters.

As many as 31,743 girls were enrolled (at birth stage + school stage) under the Ladli scheme till December 2022.

The report also said that 21,336 maturity cases have been paid till the third quarter of year 2022-23. About 6.38 lakh children and pregnant/nursing mothers are accessing services of nutrition, vaccination and health services, it said.

AAP's attempt to deceive, hide failure, Opp parties slam data

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi BJP and the Congress on Monday termed the Delhi Government's Outcome Budget an "attempt to deceive" the people and "hide their failure".

Leader of Opposition in Delhi Assembly Ramvir Singh Bidhuri alleged that a "white lie" has been presented in the name of Outcome Budget.

"The AAP Government has not fulfilled its promise to provide 20 lakh jobs in Delhi, yet no action plan was presented for this.

"They (AAP) did not fulfil their promise to rejuvenate five markets of Delhi and generate employment," Bidhuri said.

He further alleged that the government "lied" about the pass percentage of class 10 and class 12 in its Outcome Budget.

"The Delhi government had announced to bring 15,000 buses on the roads of the capital, but 250 electric



buses were brought in a year. The marshals in the buses have been removed due to non-payment of salaries.

"The Ashram flyover has been described as an achievement, while its work has not yet been completed, nor has it been fully operational," he alleged. "The AAP government deceived the people of Delhi through its outcome budget," Delhi BJP said.

The Delhi Congress alleged that the AAP "wrongly presented the statistics to

mislead people".

Party's president Anil Chaudhary alleged the AAP government's Delhi model of education and health care was a "mere stunt".

"The AAP government is misleading the public by presenting wrong statistics in their outcome budget. Such models do not exist at the ground level," he alleged.

"The Outcome Budget was a ploy to hide the failures of the AAP government," Delhi Congress said.

Farmers urge Govt to fulfil 'written commitments' as they descend on Ramlila Maidan

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Just five kilometres away from Parliament, thousands of farmers wearing turbans of different colours and styles gathered at the iconic Ramlila Maidan here on Monday demanding that the government fulfil the "written commitments" it made to them in December 2021.

The farmers have converged under the banner of the Samyukta Kisan Morcha (SKM), a grouping of farmer unions, that led around a one year-long agitation at Delhi borders and forced the government to withdraw the farm laws.

The farmers' demands include a legal guarantee on the minimum support price (MSP), withdrawal of cases registered against farmers, compensation to families of farmers who died during the protest, pension, debt waiver, and withdrawal of the Electricity Bill.

Avik Saha, national president, Jai Kisan Andolan said the central government has failed to meet the demands of farmers despite written commitments.

"Thousands of cases against farmers remain pending. More than 750 farmers lost their lives during the protest and compensation to their



Farmers under the banner of SKM during Kisan Mahapanchayat at Ramlila Maidan

Ranjan Dimri/Pioneer

families are unpaid. And there are several other demands which have not been met," he

said.

SKM said it will be forced to launch another protest if the

government does not fulfil its demands, including a law on MSP, debt waiver and pension.

A 15-member SKM delegation met with Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar at Krishi Bhawan in the afternoon and submitted a demand charter, farmer leader Darshan Pal said.

"There are several unresolved issues and these demand another 'andolan'. We will convene another meeting on April 30 in Delhi. I ask all farmers unions to take out rallies in their respective states and hold panchayats in the run-up to the meeting," he said, addressing the farmers who gathered at the Ramlila Maidan here.

"We do not want to protest daily but we are forced to do it. If the government does not

heed our demands, we will launch another andolan which will be bigger than the protest against the farm laws," he said.

Pal said the demands included a law for MSP, complete debt waiver, pension, crop insurance, withdrawal of cases registered against farmers and compensation to families of farmers who died during the protest against now-repealed farm laws.

The farmers also demanded the dismissal and incarceration of Union Minister of State for Home Ajay Mishra and compensation for crop damage due to hail storm and unseasonal rains.

Baldev Singh, a 47-year-old

farmer from Moga district of Punjab, said some members of the SKM had "gone astray" due to different reasons and the mahapanchayat also aims at bringing them together.

Majinder Shah, part of a farmers' group which reached Delhi from Bihar's Vaishali district, claimed farmers across the country are living a pitiful state. "The rich is becoming richer while the farmers who provide food to all have nothing to eat. Only 5 per cent of the Indians own most of the country's wealth. On the other hand, farmers are required to sell their land to bear the expenses of the marriage of their children," he said.

India vital for stability in Indo-Pacific: Kishida



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida on Monday said India is indispensable for peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific and no country should use force or coercion in trying to drive their territorial claims, after unveiling his plan for the region. These observations were in apparent reference to Russia and China.

Delivering the 41st Sapru House lecture, Kishida also strongly condemned Russia's aggression against Ukraine and said global principles of respecting sovereignty and territorial integrity must be adhered to in every corner of the world.

On the Ukraine conflict, Kishida also noted Prime Minister Narendra Modi's

message to Russian President Vladimir Putin that 'today's era is not of war'.

The Japanese prime minister delivered the lecture in the presence of a gathering of top diplomats, envoys and strategic affairs experts, hours after holding wide-ranging talks with Prime Minister Modi on further strengthening the India-Japan 'Special Strategic and Global Partnership'. "India is indispensable," Kishida said while elaborating on his vision for a free and open Indo-Pacific. The Japanese prime minister also said Tokyo will collaborate closely with New Delhi in contributing to stability in the South Asian region.

"Free and Open Indo-Pacific (FOIP) is a vision gaining traction. The FOIP is a visionary concept. It is to

defend rule of law and freedom," he said.

Kishida said countries must follow the United Nations principles of respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity and peaceful resolution of disputes.

"Peace is paramount. The principles such as respect for sovereignty, territorial integrity and opposition to unilateral changes to status quo by force must be followed. The principles should be adhered to in every corner of the world," Kishida said.

His comments came amid increasing global concerns over the Russian invasion of Ukraine and China's military muscle-flexing in the Indo-Pacific. Kishida said states should not use force or coercion in trying to drive their claims at sea.

Stalemate over Adani, Rahul continues in Parl

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Parliament was adjourned for the day on Monday without transacting any business as the deadlock continued between the ruling and the opposition parties over Rahul Gandhi's alleged 'anti-India' remark in Loonoo and a demand for a Joint-Parliamentary Committee (JPC) probe into the charges of share manipulation against the Adani business Group.

Both the houses of Parliament have not conducted any business since the start of the second-leg of the budget session on March 13.

In a repeat of scenes of the earlier days, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla again asked agitating members to come to his chamber to discuss issues and find a way out.

"You come, sit and discuss. Both the ruling side and opposition come to the chamber and discuss. We will find a solution and run the House. We will discuss your topics and issues also," he said after the house resumed proceedings for the day and members of the treasury benches raised the issue of Rahul's remarks.

Countering the treasury benches, opposition members, including those from the Congress, also shouted slogans demanding a JPC probe into alleged stock manipulation by the Adani Group.

"Sit down. Let the Question Hour continue... Nation wants to watch the House proceedings. This House belongs to you," Speaker Birla said in an



effort to bring the House in order. He also assured the members that they will get adequate opportunity to speak as per rules after the Question Hour.

The Speaker also objected to Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) member Harsimrat Kaur Badal showing a placard from her seat, saying it was not allowed in the House.

"Please allow Parliament function" was written on one side of the SAD member's placard while "save democracy" was written on the other side.

As the members refused to relent, the Speaker adjourned the proceedings till 2 pm. It was adjourned for the day after it resumed in the afternoon.

Rajya Saba too was adjourned for the day in the afternoon after its proceedings remained derailed in the morning session.

As soon as the Upper House reassembled for the afternoon session, after being adjourned in the morning session, Deputy Chairman Hariyansh asked Sujat Kumar (BJD) to raise a discussion on the working of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship amid sloganeering by the treasury bench and the opposition members.

Even as Kumar tried to speak, the slogan shouting continued, forcing the deputy chairman to adjourn the House for the day.

Earlier, as the House assembled for the day, the ruling and opposition parties traded barbs over Rahul's remark in London and the demand for the probe into allegations against the Adani Group.

During the morning session, as the ruling BJP and the opposition parties kept shouting slogans, Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar had adjourned the proceedings till 2 pm.

Dhankhar said he had received notices under rule 267-9 from Congress members, including Pramod Tiwari, Rajneet Ranjan, Kumar Ketkar, Syed Nasir Hussain, Ameer Yajnik, AKHilesh Prasad Singh, Neeraj Dang and Mukul Wasnik, to discuss the failure of the government to constitute a joint parliamentary committee (JPC) to look into allegations of accounting fraud and stock market manipulation against the Adani Group.

Opp accuses Govt of stalling Parliament, diverting attention from demand for JPC on Adani group



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Several opposition parties on Monday accused the government of stalling Parliament and finding ways to divert attention from the opposition demand for a Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) into the Adani issue.

Leaders of opposition parties, including those from the Congress, DMK, RJD, CPI-M, CPI, NCP, JDU, AAP, and Shiv Sena, met in the chamber of Leader of Opposition Mallikarjun Kharge in Parliament House complex and coordinated their strategy on the demand for a JPC into the Adani issue.

Speaking to reporter outside Parliament House, Congress deputy leader in Rajya Sabha Pramod Tiwari claimed nothing happens in the

BJP without the directions of the prime minister. Despite several attempts our demand for a JPC is not being accepted, he said.

"Why is the government shying away from JPC... The BJP is running away from JPC and is finding ways to divert attention and is not allowing Parliament to function. We have pledged that till the time JPC is not constituted, we will not budge and continue with our struggle. This is not for leaders, but for the people," Tiwari said.

"You may carry on with 'police Raj', it is indicative of dictatorship. This seems just a trailer of dictatorship and the real dictatorship is yet to come," he charged.

Ram Gopal Yadav of the Samajwadi Party said if a JPC probe is held then the real culprits will come out and the BJP will stand "exposed".

Form No. 3
[See Regulation-15 (1)(a)]/16(3)
DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL
CHANDIGARH (DRT 2)
1st Floor, SCO 33-34-35,
Sector-17A, Chandigarh
(Additional space allotted on 3rd & 4th Floor also)

Case No.: OA/644/2020
Summons under sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, read with sub-rule (2A) of rule 5 of the Debt Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993
Exh. No. 12460

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SAJIT NATH MENON

TO,
(1) SAJIT NATH MENON
D/W/O. MR. BHASKARAN
KARUTHE DATH MR. SAJIT
MENON S/O. MR. BHASKARAN
KARUTHE DATH, R/O. FLAT NO.
1203, TOWER NO.2, OMAXE
THE NILE, SECTOR-49, SOHNA
ROAD, GURGAON-122001
HARYANA GURGAON,
HARYANA
(2) MRS. SWATI MENON
W/O. MR. SAJIT NATH MENON
R/O. FLAT NO. 1203, TOWER
O.2, OMAXE THE NILE,
SECTOR-49, SOHNA ROAD,
GURGAON-122001 HARYANA
ALSO AT.

2ND ADDRESSEE
RESPONDENT NO. 1 & 2
R/O. FLAT NO. G-03, GROUND
FLOOR, TOWER-E RESIOZONE
RESIDENCY, MAYUR VIHAR,
SAHASTRDHARA,
DEHRADUN-248001
(3) M/S. RESIZONE BUILDWELL
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SUMMONS
WHEREAS, OA/644/2020
was listed before Hon'ble
Presiding Officer/Registrar on
05/09/2022.

WHEREAS this Hon'ble
Tribunal is pleased to issue
summons/notice on the said
Application under section
19(4) of the Act, (O.A.)
filed against you for recovery
of debts of Rs. 8,02,98,01/-
(application along with copies
of documents etc. annexed).

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

(ii) to disclose particulars of
properties or assets other than
properties and assets specified
by the applicant under serial number
3A of the original application;
(iii) you are restrained from dealing
with or disposing of secured
assets or such other assets and
properties disclosed under serial
number 3A of the original
application, pending hearing and
disposal of the application for
attachment of properties;
(iv) you shall not transfer by way
of sale, lease or otherwise, except
in the ordinary course of his business
any of the assets over which
security interest is created and/or
other assets and properties
specified or disclosed under serial
number 3A of the original
application without the prior
approval of the Tribunal;

(v) you shall be liable to account for
the sale proceeds realised by sale
of secured assets or other assets
and properties in the ordinary
course of business and deposit
such sale proceeds in the account
maintained with the bank or
financial institutions holding
security interest over such assets.
You are also directed to file the
written statement with a copy
thereof furnished to the
applicant and to appear before
Registrar on 22/03/2023 at
10:30 A.M. failing which the
application shall be heard and
decided in your absence.

Given under my hand and the
seal of this Tribunal on this date:
08/09/2022.

Signature of the Officer
Authorised to issue summons

MHA for CBI enquiry against Harsh Mander's NGO for flouting FCRA

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has recommended a CBI inquiry against activist Harsh Mander's NGO 'Aman Biradari'. MHA officials on Monday said a CBI inquiry has been recommended against the NGO for violation of various provisions of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act. Mander, who was a member of the Sonia Gandhi-led National Advisory Council during the erstwhile UPA Government, founded Aman Biradari -- "a people's campaign for a secular, peaceful, just and humane world".

All NGOs receiving foreign funding have to mandatorily register with the Home Ministry under the FCRA. According to Mander's website (https://harshmander.in), he is the "founder of Aman Biradari, a people's campaign for a sec-



ular, peaceful, just and humane world, established after the Gujarat communal carnage of 2002".

"Aman Biradari works closely with other people's organisations and groups for the defence of secularism; for public compassion; and for promoting the values of the constitution," it states. In October 2022, the MHA had cancelled the FCRA registration of the Rajiv Gandhi Foundation (RGF) and the Rajiv Gandhi Charitable Trust (RGCT) -- two NGOs headed by Congress leader Sonia Gandhi -- for alleged violation of laws.

Rahul writes to Speaker, seeks permission to speak over London democracy remarks

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

With the ruling party continuously mounting pressure, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Monday wrote to Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla to allow him to speak in the Lok Sabha over his democracy remarks made in London. Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said time has been sought for Rahul Gandhi to speak in the Lok Sabha on Tuesday and he will make his statement if allowed. He has not made any public statement about his London remarks yet.

Kharge also slammed the Modi government over the Delhi Police team reaching Rahul Gandhi's residence on Sunday to inquire about his "women are still being sexually assaulted" statement made during the Bharat Jodo Yatra. "This is an attempt to target and harass. They want to weaken us by intimidation, but we will not get scared or be weak-



ened," Kharge said.

Party general secretary Priyanka Gandhi too attacked the Centre over the Delhi Police's notice to her brother Rahul Gandhi and said the people of the country are watching all the exploits of "the corrupt BJP government" and will reply when the time comes.

BJP has launched a major offensive against him and has been stalling both houses of Parliament while demanding an apology from him. The ruling party has accused the Congress leader of seeking foreign intervention as "democracy in India is under threat". The former Congress chief has



however defended his statement at a meeting of the Parliamentary Consultative Committee for External Affairs and has claimed that he has never insulted the country.

Rahul Gandhi had met Birla last week after his return from the UK and on the same day told the Press that he

requested the Lok Sabha presiding officer to allow him to speak in the House. Congress leaders said that Rahul Gandhi wants to speak in the Lok Sabha to clarify his remarks made in London, over which the BJP is demanding an apology from him after accusing him of insulting the country and its institutions on foreign soil.

In a tweet message Priyanka Gandhi said, "Notice is being given to Mr Rahul Gandhi as to why did you raise the voice of women, dalits, tribals, poor, farmers and youth who were suffering from atrocities?" "PM's friend Gautam Adani accused of having business relations with 38 shell companies abroad, no notice. Infiltration of fake company in defense sector through Adani, no notice. The government itself is accused of changing the rules to benefit Adani, not even discussed in the Parliament," the Congress general secretary said.

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Approx. Cost of work	Rs. 7722.79 lakhs
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Earnest Money to be deposited	Rs. 40, 11,400/-
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Date : March 21, 2023

Place : Delhi NCR

Authorized Officer

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Pets may pass multi-drug resistant organisms to sick owners: Research

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Healthy dogs and cats could be passing on multidrug-resistant organisms (MDROs; bacteria that resist treatment with more than one antibiotic) to their hospitalized owners, and vice versa, according to new research being presented at this year's European Congress of Clinical Microbiology & Infectious Diseases (ECCMID) in Copenhagen, Denmark to be held next month. However, the researchers have also clarified that "we identified only a handful of cases suggesting



that neither cat nor dog ownership is an important risk factor for multidrug-resistant organism colonization in hospital patients."

The study of over 2,800 hospital patients and their companion animals is by Dr. Carolin Hackmann from Charité University Hospital Berlin, Germany, and col-

leagues. "Our findings verify that the sharing of multidrug-resistant organisms between companion animals and their owners is possible," said Dr. Hackmann.

The role of pets as potential reservoirs of MDROs is a growing concern worldwide. Antimicrobial resistance happens when infection-causing microbes (such as bacteria, viruses or fungi) evolve to become resistant to the drug designed to kill them. Estimates suggest that antimicrobial resistant infections caused almost 1.3 million deaths and were associated with nearly 5 million

deaths around the world in 2019.

In this case control study, researchers wanted to find out whether pets (ie, cats and dogs) play a role in the infection of hospital patients with MDROs.

They focused on the most common superbugs in hospital patients—methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA), vancomycin-resistant enterococci (VRE), 3rd generation cephalosporin-resistant Enterobacterales (3GRE) and carbapenem-resistant Enterobacterales (CRE), which are resistant to multiple antibiotics including penicillin and cephalosporins.

Only Lord Krishna can crack layers of WB job scam: ED

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Only Lord Krishna can crack the multi-departmental and multi-layered recruitment scandals.” That was how an advocate representing the Enforcement Directorate on Monday put his case before a designated court in Kolkata while demanding custody of Ayan Sil a builder and a latest fish netted by the Agency presently investigating the multi-crore school level recruitment scam in Bengal.

The arrest of Sil a close aide of jailed Trinamool Congress leader Shantanu Banerjee has opened a new dimension in the recruitment scandal, ED told the court adding his arrest has unveiled a parallel scam in the municipal department.

A 38-hour raid in Sil’s house has yielded incriminating documents and hard discs which are a “data mine,” and have brought to the surface illegal appointment of at least 5,000 civic employees in 60 municipalities out of which seven are in North 24 Parganas

bordering Kolkata only, the ED told the court.

For the first time the Agency has stumbled upon a detailed “rate chart” for jobs at Sil’s residence. According to this rate chart Group D employees including the sweepers, drivers etc were charged Rs 4 lakh per job while for Group C jobs including assistant teachers and typist an aspirant had to cough up Rs 7 lakh, the ED referring to the hard discs and documents said.

The Agency has also recovered several hundred original OMR sheets apparently referring to the 2012 Teachers’ Eligibility Test (TET) exams, sources said. Besides, like Shantanu Banerjee and Anubrata Mondal, the senior TMC leader of cattle smuggling fame, Sil too had taken recourse to at least 50 fake accounts to channelise his black money, sources said.

Earlier after arresting Banerjee, a TMC leader from Hooghly district the ED had told the court that they had struck a “gold mine” adding

how the CDR or call data recorder of his two mobile phones had yielded the names of some topmost politicians of the State.

“The names cannot be revealed in the open court considering its political sensitivity and hence they have been listed in the case diary,” the ED officials said leading the Opposition parties to immediately demand interrogation of such “senior most” leaders based in South Kolkata.

In Sil’s case too, the ED said the CDR has revealed the names of 4-5 “influential persons,” who played an important role in money transaction and functioning of the multi-departmental and multi-layered job racket, sources said.

The ED officials pointed out that apart from SSC and municipal job scam, the “data mine” recovered from Sil’s residence could also lead to a parallel recruitment scandal in Fire Brigade department too, adding the data were being studied in that respect.

Reacting to the Monday’s arrest Bengal Opposition

Leader Suwendu Adhikari said he was contemplating a Public Interest Litigation seeking revelation of the educational certificates of the employees appointed in the past one decade.

“The TMC’s organized job syndicate has left no department untouched ... I want someone to file a PIL so that the certificates based on which these people have obtained their jobs ... most of these jobs were given to the close aides of the TMC leaders, MLAs, MPs, councilors etc,” he said.

When contacted, Bengal Municipal Affairs Minister Firhad Hakim said that he would soon order an internal inquiry to ascertain whether there were people who had obtained their jobs illegally.

Last eight months have seen recovery of cash and property worth several hundred crores and arrest of a number of senior ministers, MLAs, leaders, party strongmen and senior government functionaries including vice chancellors and secondary board chairmen.

Cong sounds K’taka poll bugle

Gives 3 poll guarantees — 200 units of free power, ₹2,000 monthly assistance to Gruha Lakshmi, 10 kg rice free to every BPL family member

PTI ■ BELAGAVI

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Monday called on party leaders in the state to fight the BJP with unity, as he exuded confidence of “sweeping” the forthcoming Karnataka Assembly polls with absolute majority.

He also announced unemployment allowance for the youth, as the party’s fourth poll guarantee, on coming to power. The Congress has already announced three poll ‘guarantees’ — 200 units of free power to all households (Gruha Jyoti), Rs 2,000 monthly assistance to the woman head of every family (Gruha Lakshmi), and 10 kg of rice free to every member of a BPL household (Anna Bhagya).

Addressing a public rally at Belagavi in northern Karnataka, Gandhi hit out at the BJP-led Central government, saying “this country belongs to everyone, does not belong to two to three select, it is not Adani’s”. “Select people, who are BJP’s friends, are getting all the benefits. It is



Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge with party leader Rahul Gandhi and others during the 'Yuva Kranti Samavesh', in Belagavi, on Monday PTI Photo

leading to corruption,” the Wayanad MP alleged. Gandhi and AICC President M Mallikarjun Kharge, who hails from the state, said an unemployment allowance of Rs 3,000 per month would be given for graduates and Rs 1,500 for diploma holders for two years in the event of the party gaining power in the State, where Assembly elections are due by May. Gandhi attacked the Basavaraj Bommai government

in Karnataka, dubbing it as the “most corrupt government”. “It is a 40 per cent commission government,” he claimed. The Congress, on coming to power, will fill up all the government job vacancies in Karnataka, he asserted. Exuding confidence in the party winning the Assembly election, Gandhi said: “All Congress leaders will fight the Karnataka Assembly election united, Congress will sweep this election.”

I cannot be intimidated by police, cases: Rahul Gandhi

PTI ■ WAYANAD (KERALA)

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Monday said he cannot be intimidated by the repeated political attacks on him, police being sent to his house numerous times or the many cases lodged against him as he believes in the truth and always stood with it.

Gandhi’s remarks came in the wake of a Delhi police team reaching his residence on Sunday to inquire about his “women are still being sexually assaulted” statement made during the nationwide Bharat Jodo Yatra.

“Many people may be scared of the Prime Minister, BJP, RSS and the police, but I am not. I am not scared of them in the least and that is their problem.

Mamata on alliance hunt; to meet Naveen

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ KOLKATA

After holding talks with Samajwadi Party chieftain Akhilesh Yadav, Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee is likely to visit Odisha later this week apparently to meet her counterpart Naveen Patnaik. Banerjee who will visit the Puri Jagannath Temple will also “call on Navin Babu” at Bhubaneswar, senior leaders in the Trinamool Congress said not ruling out political talks between the two leaders.

Banerjee — a devotee of Lord Jagannath — who seems to have been facing one of the worst crises of her political career in the wake of the multi-departmental recruitment scam exploding the her government’s face sending a number of her close aides including Partha Chatterjee and Anubrata Mondal to jail will offer special prayers at the Jagannath Temple, sources said.

Banerjee had performed a yagna or special prayers at her residence ahead of the 2021 Assembly elections that saw her coming out with flying colours



routing the BJP by many miles.

Though Banerjee is likely to raise a dialogue on a possible non-BJP, non-Congress alliance the Biju Janata Dal chief who too has maintained equi-distance from the two national parties is unlikely to join the alliance being contemplated by Banerjee, Yadav et al, sources said reminding Patnaik had hardly been in any political meeting which was staunchly anti-Narendra Modi.

Earlier this week like Banerjee, SP chief too had said that they were not contemplating any Congress-led alliance against the BJP adding however that they would definitely try to stitch together an alliance keeping the two bigger parties out.

BJP not ready to face electors, says Omar

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

Former Jammu & Kashmir chief minister and National Conference vice-president Omar Abdullah on Monday observed that his party machinery was still intact and flourishing in the plain areas of Jammu region against all odds.

Sporting a white headgear Omar, in his inimical style, also lashed out at the ruling Bharatiya Janta Party (BJP) for not showing raw courage to hold the much-awaited Assembly polls in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K). Omar while addressing his first public meeting, after the Abrogation of Article 370, in Bajalta area of Jammu also



charged that BJP was not ready to face electorate and that’s why they were running away on one pretext or the other from holding elections. First they said it is necessary to complete delimitation of Assembly constituencies then they said summary revision of electoral rolls should also be completed. Then they talked about weather not being conducive but now they have no justification to further delay the polls. Abdullah said the weather is getting pleasant, they have only two reasons for delaying the polls further, one could be the worsening security situation which they claim has improved and the second being that they are afraid to face the voters. “If they had been brave, they would have gone for the elections.

After today’s public rally, some people (among the BJP) who were supportive of early elections will also feel jittery,” he said in an apparent reference to former legislator Devender Singh Rana who resigned from the post of NC provincial president and joined the BJP in October 2021.

Abdullah said the public meeting has proved beyond any doubt that the NC is alive both in Kashmir and the Jammu province.

“People come and go but those who have love for the organisation and are not linked to any particular individual will stay back because they are with the party’s principles, flag and agenda,” he said. The NC will show its real strength during the assembly elections, Abdullah asserted. “They will try to

polarise the situation as they are doing elsewhere in the country. We have to frustrate their attempts by standing united,” he said.

The former chief minister said for the first time he is witnessing a government which “feels happiness in inflicting difficulties on the people. It will be better to get rid of this government as soon as possible”.

“They are only engaged in propaganda, drama and showoff... Sometime back, we heard of an outside company making an investment in Srinagar but it proved much ado about nothing,” the NC leader said referring to the Emaar group of United Arab Emirates laying the foundation of a mega mall project worth Rs 500 crore on Sunday.

He said his party was accused of being an obstacle in the path of development and job creation, and asked what happened over the past three years. “There is no new project, and recruitment for government jobs was cancelled owing to scams,” Abdullah said.

Those who celebrated the abrogation of Article 370 in Ladakh and Jammu are equally sad, he claimed. “We were angry from day one but there were some people who celebrated it with a hope of ‘New J&K’.

The people in Jammu suffered economically because of the stopping of the darbar move and anti-encroachment drive, while Leh people are openly expressing that they were happy to be part of J&K” the NC leader said.

Digital platforms have potential to meet universal health targets

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Digital health is a great enabler in delivery of health care services and has the potential to support overall universal health coverage targets, Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Health Minister on Monday said and added a two-pronged approach has been adopted in this regard with a focus on digital health through policy framework and by creating a digital ecosystem for path breaking interventions.

These focus on not just availability, accessibility, affordability but also equity of health services, said the Minister at the inaugural of the two-day conference here co-hosted by the Ministry and the WHO South-East Asia Regional Office.

“It is time to move from ‘silos to systems’ with collaboration of all countries for enhanced coverage and quality of healthcare services,” he said in his virtual address at the ‘Global Conference on Digital Health - Taking Universal Health Coverage to the Last Citizen’, a co-branded event under India’s G20 Presidency organised by WHO - South-East Asia Region in collaboration with the Ministry.

Reiterating India’s commitment towards Universal Health Coverage, the Minister cited digital interventions have become the foundations of many crucial health pro-



grammes such as reproductive child healthcare, Ni-kshay, TB control programme, integrated disease surveillance system, hospital information system, among many others.

Addressing the event, Dr Poonam Khetrapal Singh, Regional Director, WHO South-East Asia Region, said digital health can significantly improve the quality, accessibility, affordability and sustainability of person centric health services and effectiveness of disease management. “Digital health is a critical imperative today as it can democratize healthcare and fast track what our Region has been working intensely towards since 2014 - the universal health coverage,” she said.

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has particularly highlighted the importance of the application of digital technologies to health and its potential to strengthen health systems, prevent disease and enhance service delivery at the global, national and sub-national level, she said.

‘NCP would not support any policy to punish relatives of terrorists’

Jammu: National Conference Vice President Omar Abdullah Monday claimed his party would not support any policy to punish relatives of terrorists as it is against natural justice.

Omar also clarified no terrorist was given government jobs by previous dispensation in J&K. Interacting with reporters after addressing a public rally Omar Abdullah also raised issue of “misuse of police against civilian population”.

“No terrorist was given a (government) job but we did not punish people because they were relatives of terrorists. Is it fair for me to punish you for the crime committed by your father or a son? Tomorrow, if God forbid a close relative of (Lt Governor) Manoj Sinha Sahab commits a crime, should he be sent to jail?” the former chief minister said. PNS

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2	52/DGM(E&M)/Sr.M(E&M-I)/E.T/2022-23	Development of village providing lighting arrangement and installation of new lights in some streets and internal electrification in Govt. Primary School, Junior High School in village - Gejha Tilptabad and Hazipur, Noida	93.24
3	53/DGM(E&M)/Sr.M(E&M-I)/E.T/2022-23	Augmentation of street light installation in parks and internal roads of Shramik Kunj Sector-110, Noida	76.59

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1.	M/s. Sanjeev Fruit Agency/ Vinod Kumar Sharma/ Hari Om Sharma/ 042305000845	House No. 98, Block- F, Pocket-1, Sector-11, Rohini, Delhi, 110085/ March-17, 2023	November 10, 2022 Rs. 30,62,046.00/-	Delhi
2.	Prashant Zippers/ Prashant Jain/ Surinder Kumar Jain/ 4019550000110	Plot No 33, Ff Pocket G- 17, Sec 15, Rohini, Delhi North Delhi - 110085/ March-17, 2023	November 11, 2022 Rs. 56,12,247.00/-	Delhi

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Date : March 21, 2023
Place : Delhi/NCR

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LIFE INSURANCE UNDER THE NEW I-T SCHEME

What to do with the insurance policies already taken, is the big question



S KALYANASUNDARAM

The Union Budget presented for the next fiscal year has provided the necessary incentive for taxpayers to switch to a new income tax scheme. Individual taxpayers are free to choose the old scheme or the updated scheme as per his/her convenience. Under the old scheme, tax payers were claiming deductions based on different savings, expenses and loan repayments as per provisions of the IT Act. The revised scheme does not allow any such deductions and immediately provides a higher exemption limit. Therefore, individuals opting for the new scheme need not continue with their savings.

The situation provides an opportunity for individuals to continue or discontinue endowment policies (and also similar life cover instruments like Money back policies, ULIP etc.). Though ideally term insurance will be the best option for life coverage, many have contracted for endowment policies on the perception that it is also a saving instrument. If they have taken the insurance only as a saving measure, they now have the option to discontinue it. The following options are available when choosing a new tax scheme for endowment policies (and similar policies).

Surrender the policy

It is possible to surrender the insurance policy to the issuer. This means no more premium is payable on this and the life cover will also lapse. The insurance company will return what is called the surrender value. Surrender value is the amount the policyholder will get from the life insurance company if he decides to exit the policy before maturity. Surrender value varies from policy to policy and it is printed on the policy itself.

Do not surrender but stop paying premium

This would not be the only option available. One need not surrender the policy but simply stop paying further premiums. When one continues with the policy without paying any further premium, the policy will have what is called "Paid up Value". In other words, the paid up value is the value payable at maturity of the discontinued policy (of premium payment).



Generally, a life insurance policy with an investment value earns some paid up value after at least 3 years in force (5 years for ULIPs). This means that policies like money-back endowment will have paid-up value after 3 years and ULIP will have market value after 5 years. To calculate the paid up value, multiply the number of premiums paid by the sum assured by the total number of premiums. This method will offer continuing life coverage at a reduced amount (paid up value) and maturing.

Allow it to lapse

By not paying premiums further, one can allow the policy to lapse if it has no surrender value. The premium paid will be a loss. But cash outflows for many more years in the future will be a big saving.

Taxation

The surrender value of a life policy is allowed as a tax-free benefit only if it fulfils some conditions with regard to the number of years premium paid. But as the surrender value eligibility matches this, the surrender value will be tax free. (Only if the policy was issued between 1st April 2003 and 31st March 2012, there are additional conditions). There is no change in the deductions allowed in earlier years on account of premium payment. For paid up value, the amount received on maturity will be tax free.

Takeaway

The revised income tax regime allows the discontinuation of insurance policies taken with intent to save. This should not be confused with the necessity of life insurance. One may need life insurance protection, and it may be appropriate to have term insurance for the amount of coverage required. The decision of surrendering, continuing the policy without further premiums, or letting it lapse depends on the individual's determination of opportunity cost.

(The writer is a retired banker)

Inflation management needs salutary changes



SUMET BHASIN

The Reserve Bank of India's MPC will meet in the first week of April. The stakeholders are concerned if it will emerge wiser from recent global experiences



Vietnam became the first country to break ranks with the global community to cut the policy rates. The Central bank of Vietnam surprised the global economists to cut the benchmark interest rate. The East Asian nation was wary of the fact that the blind-walking alongside the US Federal Reserve to keep raising the interest rates would have surely taken its economy into fast downturn.

Europe remains hawkish with rate hikes, increasing the policy rate by 50 basis points last week. Jerome Powell, the head of the US Federal Reserve, has come under intense fire within his country. He is being accused of walking the US economy to the doorsteps of a deep recession. He has been dogged in pursuit of higher interest rates despite fellow members cautioning him of risks associated with hawkish measures.

Within a span of a few days, three banks in the US have come to their knees, with one collapsing in 48 hours. The US and Europe are now battling the worst fears of economists of banks failing the high interest regime. The monetary policy meeting (MPC) of the Reserve Bank of India will meet in the first week of April. The concerned stakeholders are watching out with intense curiosity to see if the MPC of the RBI will be wiser from the immediate global experiences of following a hawkish path.

Inflation indeed is a cause of concern. The poor suffers the most from an uncontrolled inflation. Therefore, there is an unequivocal understanding that inflation must be tamed with all the policy might available at the RBI and the government.

But it must not be ignored that high interest rates may be suicidal for the economy, as a number of factors make it less effective at controlling inflation, while harmful economic growth more. High interest rates drive away capital, which may exacerbate inflation further, while harming emerging economies more by putting pressure on their currencies. Several studies and reports have taken



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note of the creditstress, harming small businesses and low-income households, who are most sensitive to changes in interest rates, while being at loan repayments risks when rates are high. Also, economic growth naturally takes the blows of high interest rate regime, as private investment and private consumption take backseat in the economy.

Furthermore, increasing interest rates may not address the underlying causes of inflation, which can be caused by a range of factors, including rise in the money supply, high production costs, or changes in consumer demand. For instance high cereal costs in India is driving inflation high. Indeed, core inflation is also staying above six per cent. But cereal and fruits are making the management of inflation a daunting task. India indeed needs to take steps to work on post-harvest management with the participation of the private capital to ensure that the cereals, fruits and vegetables don't march on high price trajectory to give fresh legs to inflation.

Thus, it's incumbent upon the policymakers to consider targeted interventions to address specific drivers of inflation. The government has done well by proactively asking the Food Corporation of India (FCI) to auction the public wheat stock in the open market. The four rounds of the auctions of the wheat stocks have shown sobering impact on the wheat prices, which have significantly cooled down in the last few days.

Similar interventions are needed to cool down the prices of the specific drivers stepping up the inflation. The price stabilization fund, which is a mechanism created by the Centre, to deal with the volatility in the prices of food items needs effective utilization. This has

to be done by the state governments with effective utilization of the market intelligence architecture. It will be worthwhile to explore if there could be a mechanism to incentivize the states for better performances on the price stabilization front.

Failures among banks, including Silicon Valley Bank (SVB), have been attributed to a variety of factors, with high-interest rates bring the principal culprit, which has proven to be unsustainable and even disastrous. Banks resort to offer high-interest rates to attract depositors in pursuit of rapid growth. But the banks tend to gain customers who are primarily interested in the rate, leading to a higher concentration of risky or unstable deposits. This makes banks becoming host to hot money, which can make a sudden flight from the first sign of stress, as had been the case with Silicon Valley Bank and other regional banks in the US.

By all accounts the RBI will not be able to meet the projected inflation rate of 5.7 per cent for this fiscal. This will be possible only if inflation crashes by over 230 points in the last month of the financial year. This will call for the RBI to explain why it failed in the inflation management as mandated by Parliament. We already know that couple of the members of the MPC had opposed the Repo Rate hike in the last meeting. Therefore, it will be desired that the RBI embraces a course correction in the light of the fresh developments globally.

Pausing the rate hike trend will be most desired by the stakeholders. Cut in the rate hikes will, however, be the demand of the prevailing situations. Also, the fact that India had not resorted to printing of currencies to deal with the sit-

uations arising out of the Covid-19 pandemic may be factored in since the market is not flush with cash that requires to be sucked out. Indeed, the US and the European nations had excessively printed their currencies to deal with the economic crises due to the pandemic. They may require flushing out the excess cash from the system to control the inflation. This is surely not the case in India.

But it must not be forgotten that India has paid a heavy price for such quick-fix approach of the government to deal with the situations arising out of the economic crisis. The UPA government led by Manmohan Singh, former prime minister, had done exactly the same thing, of giving cash in the hands of the people in its bid to find an easy way out of the economic crisis, which India faced in the wake of the 2008 global crisis. This had led India to double-digit food inflation for the remainder of the term of the UPA government. It was only when Narendra Modi took charge of the country as the prime minister that the Central government could tame the runaway food inflation with agile policy making.

The weather scientists have warned that India may have to face El Nino this year. There may be a risk of weather pattern disruptions, which could also have bearing on prices of several items, which constitute the retail inflation basket. This also calls for the RBI to elicit wider participation in the process of the inflation management, since some of the solutions may lie in the domains of the Centre and the state governments.

It must be understood that working in silos is an ailment that made India suffer the most. The RBI must make sure that it's not working from silos.

Reforming Parliament: Charity begins at home

It is high time that parliamentary reforms are undertaken to make the House more effective and in sync with the changing times

Just as we need reforms in many other areas, Parliament needs reforms urgently. Right now, both Houses remain paralysed. The Opposition is looking for public and media attention to embarrass the Government, while the Government is also in an aggressive mood.

The BJP opposed the earlier Congress Governments precisely as the Congress is following now, everything which could attract the public and media attention. The direct TV telecast also makes members play to the gallery.

The face-off between the adamant Treasury Benches and the belligerent Opposition continues over two controversial issues. The first concerns Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's recent alleged defam-



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atory comments about the Modi government in the U.K. Strangely, the treasury benches are demanding, "Rahul Gandhi *sadan mein aao, sadan mein aakar maafi mango* (Rahul Gandhi come to the House and apologise)."

The second comes from the Opposition, which demands a Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) probe into the Adani-Hindenburg issue. The Adoni issue had been simmering for some time, but the Government has been unwilling to discuss it in the House.

The second half of the budget session opened on March 13. The row has become intense now, with the Opposition taking to the streets. The Congress also gave a privilege notice against Prime Minister Narendra

Modi in Lok Sabha.

Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal said, "A member of this House (meaning Rahul Gandhi) went abroad and made defamatory comments. He has to tender an apology. And how these people (some Opposition MPs) who are protesting and carrying placards in the House should be acted against; in my opinion, they should be suspended."

This brings us to the larger question of Parliament's functioning. There are enough checks and balances. Parliament's liberal framework provides many opportunities for vigorous debate, discussion, and dissent. Political parties must replace disorder, disruption and delay in legislation with debate, discussion, and decision in a democracy. The

adage is while the Opposition should have its say, the Government should have its way.

Historically, there was a degree of homogeneity in both Houses in the fifties and sixties. Many members like Piloo Modii enlivened the House with their repartees, humour, and healthy debates while maintaining the dignity and decorum of the House.

Congress shrank since the eighties while others, including regional parties, grew, leading to coalition politics. Another area for improvement is the duration of sittings. Most state legislatures sit for barely 30 days a year. In some, like Haryana and Punjab, the average is about a fortnight. The Parliament spends less time on legislative business

resulting in lawmakers spending less time on law-making.

The first three Lok Sabhas sat for an average of 120 DAYS a year. The Lok Sabha spent less than 10 minutes to pass a law, and the Rajya Sabha less than half an hour.

The National Commission to Review the Working of the Constitution recommended that Lok Sabha should have at least 120 and Rajya Sabha 100 sittings. A single minute in Parliament leads to an expenditure of Rs. 2.5 lakhs approx to the exchequer.

The former chief justice N.V. Ramana recently lamented how Parliament passed laws without deliberation and debate. The judiciary interprets the law and always looks for the discussion before passing the law. The presiding officers

of both Houses have time and again urged the members to maintain the dignity of the House in mind.

There should be a complete revamp of the rules to make clearing legislation and discussion on issues open, transparent, and outcome-oriented. Secondly, political parties should choose eminent men and women as members.

Thirdly, new members should be given adequate time to participate in the proceedings.

Fourthly, the party leaders should focus more on Parliament's functioning as they are also stakeholders.

Fifthly, Question Hour should not be disturbed as that is when Government answers many questions. The cancellation of Zero Hour and

Question Hour indicates that parliamentary reforms are urgently needed.

Sixthly, presiding officers should be given more teeth.

Seventhly, accommodation and negotiations should be part of the conduct of the House.

Eighthly, new members should be trained to understand the House's rules and regulations.

The parliamentary committees have gradually decreased their number of sittings. The Government also only refers some pieces of legislation to the committee.

A healthy democracy needs a fit functioning Parliament. Indian democracy has matured over the years, and it is time to make some necessary corrective issues.

Anti-graft body summons Imran’s wife

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

Pakistan’s anti-corruption watchdog on Monday summoned Imran Khan’s third wife Bushra Bibi in a corruption case, a day after police registered a terrorism case against the ousted premier and over a dozen leaders of his party for indulging in vandalism and creating unrest outside the judicial complex here.

Clashes erupted outside the Islamabad Judicial Complex on Saturday when Khan, the chief of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party arrived in Islamabad from Lahore to attend a much-awaited hearing in the Toshakhana case. However, due to the violence outside the judicial complex, the judge allowed Khan to return home after signing a register.

The National Accountability Bureau (NAB) team arrived at Khan’s Zaman Park residence in Lahore and issued notice to Bushra, according to The Express Tribune newspaper.

She was summoned on Tuesday, the report said.

Earlier, the NAB summoned Khan and his wife to their Rawalpindi office on March 9 to question them on the Toshakhana case.

TOSHAKHANA CASE



Bushra Bibi

The hearing in the Toshakhana case was adjourned till March 30 as the judge observed that the situation was not conducive for holding the hearing.

Khan, 70, the former prime minister, has been in the crosshairs for buying gifts, including an expensive Graff wristwatch he had received as

the premier at a discounted price from the state depository called Toshakhana, and selling them for profit.

He was disqualified by the Election Commission of Pakistan in October last year for not sharing details of the sales. The election body later filed a complaint with the district court to punish him, under criminal laws, for selling the gifts he had received as prime minister of the country. Khan has vehemently denied those charges.

Lahore Police on Sunday booked Khan and over 1,000 PTI workers under terrorism charges. Khan, the cricketer-turned-politician was ousted from power in April last year after losing a no-confidence vote, which he alleged was part of a US-led conspiracy targeting him because of his independent foreign policy decisions on Russia, China, and Afghanistan.

Since his ouster, he has been demanding early elections to remove what he termed an “imported government” led by prime minister Shehbaz Sharif.

Sharif has maintained that elections will be held later this year once the parliament completes its five-year tenure.

Khan’s nephew, supporters held

Islamabad (PTI): Pakistan police arrested Imran Khan’s nephew and a number of his supporters on Monday for their alleged involvement in the attacks on the security personnel outside a court here over the weekend where the ousted premier arrived from Lahore to appear in the much-awaited hearing in a corruption case.

The raft of arrests was the latest amid the mounting cases filed against Khan, the chief of the main opposition party, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI). Monday’s arrests bring the total number of Khan’s followers detained in Islamabad to 198 since Saturday.

Among those arrested also include Hassan Niazi, Khan’s nephew.

The details of the other arrests were not known immediately. His supporters threw firebombs and hurled stones at the officers as riot police wielded batons and fired tear gas. More than 50 officers were injured and a police

checkpoint, several cars and motorcycles were torched.

Lahore Police on Sunday booked Khan and over 1,000 PTI workers under terrorism charges in two cases. The number of cases against Khan has climbed up to 97. Police also claimed to have recovered rifles, Kalashnikovs, bullets, marbles and petrol bombs from his house during the search operation.

Khan, 70, who arrived in the federal capital from Lahore on Saturday, appeared at the gates of the district court in the much-awaited corruption case. However, due to the violence outside the judicial complex, the judge allowed Khan to return home after signing a register.

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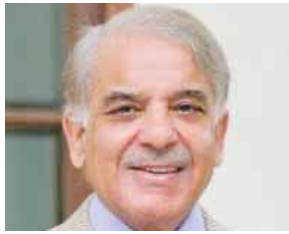
Shehbaz Sharif condemns smear campaign against Army Chief

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Monday strongly condemned the “disturbing” smear campaign against Pakistan Army chief General Asim Munir and other institutions by his predecessor Imran Khan and urged Pakistanis living abroad to raise their voices against it. Khan, the chief of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party, has accused Gen Munir of orchestrating the crackdown against him last week by the country’s security personnel in a corruption case.

“The campaign against the Army chief is intolerable and a continuation of the conspiracy against the institutions,” Prime Minister Sharif was quoted as saying by the PM Office. In a tweet, Sharif directly held Khan responsible for the campaign against Gen Munir.

“PTI’s disgusting smear campaign against Chief of the Army Staff General Asim Munir at the behest of Imran Niazi is deserving of the strongest condemnation,” he tweeted. “This man (Khan) is stooping to unprecedented lows in his desperation for power & going to the extent of damaging the country &



undermining our armed forces & their leadership,” he said in another tweet.

Prime Minister Sharif said the campaign against Gen Munir, who he said was the “first army chief to be appointed on merit in Pakistan,” could only be the agenda of the enemies of Pakistan. Gen Munir, who served as chief of the Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI), replaced Gen Qamar Javed Bajwa as the Chief of Army Staff in November last year.

Sharif said “toxic politics” was being spread, as he urged patriotic Pakistanis living abroad to raise their voices against the “foreign-funded campaign.”

The Pakistan Prime Minister also blamed Khan for dragging heads of state institutions for his dirty politics, which he said was against the Constitution. “Strict legal

action should be taken against those who instigate chaos, riots and rebellion in Pakistan,” the premier warned. Pakistani police on Sunday registered a terrorism case against Khan and over a dozen PTI leaders for indulging in vandalism, attacking security personnel and creating unrest outside the judicial complex here ahead of a court hearing in a graft case involving the ousted premier.

Clashes erupted outside the Islamabad Judicial Complex on Saturday when Khan arrived in Islamabad from Lahore to attend a much-awaited hearing in the Toshakhana case. Khan has been in the crosshairs for buying gifts, including an expensive Graff wristwatch he had received as the premier at a discounted price from the state depository called Toshakhana, and selling them for profit. Established in 1974, the Toshakhana is a department under the administrative control of the Cabinet Division and stores precious gifts given to rulers, parliamentarians, bureaucrats, and officials by heads of other governments and states and foreign dignitaries.

IMF denies tying economic bailout to compromise on Pak’s nuclear prog

Islamabad (PTI): The IMF on Monday rubbished claims that it has attached nuclear-programme-related strings for the revival of Pakistan’s much-anticipated bailout programme that has been stalled for months, a media report said. Cash-strapped Pakistan is awaiting a much-needed USD 1.1 billion tranche of funding from the Washington-based International Monetary Fund (IMF), which was originally due to be disbursed in November last year. The funds are part of a USD 6.5 billion bailout package the IMF approved in 2019, which analysts say is critical if Pakistan is to avoid defaulting on external debt obligations.

Pakistan, currently in the throes of a major economic crisis, is grappling with high external debt, a weak local currency and dwindling foreign exchange reserves enough to shore up for barely one month’s imports.

Esther Perez Ruiz, IMF’s resident representative in

Islamabad, has denied attaching any strings to the External Fund Facility (EFF), according to Geo TV.

“Regarding recent speculation that programme discussions with the authorities for the ninth review under the IMF-supported programme may have covered Pakistan’s nuclear weapons programme, I want to be categorical that there is absolutely no truth to this or any insinuated link between the past or current IMF supported programme and decision by any Pakistani government over its nuclear programme,” the report said, quoting the official.

The IMF chief said discussions have exclusively focused on economic policies to solve Pakistan’s economy and balance of payments problems, in line with the Fund’s mandate for promoting macroeconomic and financial stability. It comes days after Pakistan’s Finance Minister Ishaq Dar assured Parliament that the federal government

would not make any compromise on the country’s nuclear and missile programme despite tough economic conditions and hurdles to secure a loan from the IMF. “Let me assure you that nobody is going to compromise anything on the nuclear or the missile programme of Pakistan — no way,” Dar told Parliament last week. Dar also indirectly held Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party and its chief Imran Khan responsible for the delay in the IMF funding as he blamed the then government of Imran Khan for agreeing on tough conditions to get the funding.

Separately, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said that Pakistan’s nuclear programme was being “jealously guarded by the state.”

Pakistan has been hosting the IMF mission since early February to negotiate the terms of the deal, including the adoption of policy measures to manage its fiscal deficit ahead of the annual budget due around June.

‘No such thing as Palestinian people’

Tel Aviv (AP): A firebrand Israeli minister claimed there’s “no such thing” as a Palestinian people as Israel’s new coalition government, its most hard-line ever, plowed ahead on Monday with a part of its plan to overhaul the judiciary. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s coalition said it was pushing a key part of the overhaul — which would give the coalition control over who becomes a justice or a judge — before the parliament takes a monthlong holiday break next week.

The development came a day after an Israeli and Palestinian delegation at a meeting in Egypt, mediated by Egyptian, Jordanian and U.S. officials, pledged to take steps to lower tensions roiling the region ahead of a sensitive holiday season. It reflected the limited influence the Biden administration appears to have over Israel’s new far-right government and raised questions about attempts to lower tensions, both inside Israel and with the Palestinians, ahead of a sensitive holiday season. As the nego-

tiators were issuing a joint communique, Israeli Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich delivered a speech in Paris saying the notion of a Palestinian people was artificial. “There is no such thing as a Palestinian nation. There is no Palestinian history. There is no Palestinian language,” he said in France late Sunday. He spoke at a lectern draped with what appeared to be a map of Israel that included the occupied West Bank and parts of Jordan. Palestinian Prime Minister Mohammad Shtayyeh said Smotrich’s remarks were “conclusive evidence of the extremist, racist Zionist ideology that governs the parties of the current Israeli government.”

A far-right settler leader who opposes Palestinian statehood, Smotrich has a history of offensive statements against the Palestinians. Last month, he called for the Palestinian town of Hawara in the West Bank to be “erased” after radical Jewish settlers rampaged through the town in response to a shooting attack that killed two Israelis.

Amazon to lay off 9,000 more employees

New York (AP): Amazon plans to eliminate 9,000 more jobs in the next few weeks, CEO Andy Jassy said in a memo to staff on Monday.

The job cuts would mark the second largest round of layoffs in the company’s history, adding to the 18,000 employees the company said it would lay off in January.

In the memo, Jassy said the second phase of the company’s annual planning process completed this month and led to the additional job cuts. He said Amazon will still hire in some strategic areas. “Some may ask why we didn’t announce these role reductions with the ones we announced a couple months ago. The short answer is that not all of the teams were done with their analyses in the late fall; and rather than rush through these assessments without the appropriate diligence, we chose to share these decisions as we’ve made them so people had the information as soon as possible,” Jassy said.

Top Af Taliban leader issues decree against nepotism

Islamabad (AP): The supreme leader of the Taliban has issued a decree against nepotism, barring officials in Afghanistan’s Taliban administration from hiring relatives in government positions. The shadowy leader, Mullah Hibatullah Akhundzada, also ordered all Taliban officials to sack their sons and other relatives who are already working in their administration. The decree was posted late on Saturday on the Taliban government’s Twitter account.

“It is an order to all officials in the ministries, departments and independent authorities that no one is allowed to appoint family members or relatives in government positions,” the decree said. The tweet did not elaborate on the reasons behind the decree but it followed rumours that many Taliban officials have appointed their sons and

relatives in high-ranking government positions rather than professionals or those with experience needed for the posts Taliban government spokesmen were not immediately available on Monday to elaborate on the order or provide further details. The Taliban seized power in Afghanistan in mid-August 2021 amid the chaotic departure of U.S. and NATO troops after 20 years. Despite initial promises of a more moderate stance, the Taliban gradually reimposed their harsh interpretation of Islamic law, or Sharia, as they did during their previous rule of Afghanistan from 1996 to 2001. Girls are now barred from school beyond the sixth grade and women are banned from working, studying, travelling without a male companion, and even going to parks, gyms or bath houses.

Kenya Opp leads anti-Govt protests

AP ■ NAIROBI

At least three Kenyan legislators and several protesters have been arrested in protests in Kenya’s capital, Nairobi, organised by the opposition demanding the resignation of President William Ruto. Hundreds of demonstrators spread across the city have not managed to reach the designated meeting point in the central business district as police dispersed them with teargas through the morning. The opposition called for protests against Ruto who they say was not validly elected in the August 2022 elections. They are also blaming Ruto’s administration for the rising cost of living. Nairobi police boss Adamson Bungei said those arrested in the protests would be released after paying cash bail. Bungei had over the weekend said police had denied the opposition permission to hold their protests and that any congregation would be illegal. Opposition leader Raila Odinga



on Sunday insisted that protests would proceed as planned and demonstrators would march to

State House, the official residence of the president. Odinga said Kenyan citizens have a con-

stitutional right to demonstrate and the role of the police is to protect them after they issue a notification in advance. Police have been heavily deployed to State House with motorists and pedestrians being stopped from accessing the road there. Most shops in Nairobi’s central business district closed on Monday as business owners feared looting.

The leaders who have been arrested include the senate minority leader Stewart Madzayo and members of parliament Opiyo Wandati and Amina Mnyazi. Other legislators who had turned up at the designated meeting point in the city were dispersed by the police with teargas.

They retreated to parliament buildings where they announced that protests would continue through the afternoon. Kenya’s opposition has in the past held violent demonstrations in which people have died.

Archeologists uncover ‘oldest pearling town’ in UAE

Siniyah Island: Archaeologists said Monday they have found the oldest pearling town in the Persian Gulf on an island off one of the northern sheikhdoms of the United Arab Emirates. Artifacts found in this town on Siniyah Island in Umm al-Quwain, likely once home to thousands of people and hundreds of homes, date as far back as the region’s pre-Islamic history in the late 6th century. While older pearling towns have been mentioned in historical texts, this represents the first time archaeologists say they have physically found one from this ancient era across the nations of the Persian Gulf.

“This is the oldest example of that kind of very

specifically Khaleeji pearling town,” said Timothy Power, an associate professor of archaeology at the United Arab Emirates University, using a word that means “Gulf” in Arabic. “It’s the spiritual ancestor of towns like Dubai.” The pearling town sits on Siniyah Island, which shields the Khor al-Beida marshlands in Umm al-Quwain, an emirate some 50 kilometers (30 miles) northeast of Dubai along the coast of the Persian Gulf. The island, whose name means “flashing lights” likely due to the effect of the white-hot sun overhead, already has seen archaeologists discover an ancient Christian monastery dating back as many as 1,400 years.

The town sits directly



south of that monastery on one of the curling fingers of the island and stretches across some 12 hectares (143,500 square yards). There, archaeologists found a variety of homes made of beach rock and lime mortar, ranging from cramped quarters to more sprawling homes with court-

yards, suggesting a social stratification, Power said. The site also bears signs of year-round habitation, unlike other pearling operations run in seasonal spots in the region.

“The houses are crammed in there, cheek by jowl,” he added. “The key thing there is permanence. People are living

there all year around.”

In the homes, archaeologists have discovered loose pearls and diving weights, which the free divers used to quickly drop down to the seabed while relying only on their held breath.

The town predates the rise of Islam across the Arabian Peninsula, making its residents likely Christians. Islam’s Prophet Muhammad was born around 570 and died in 632 after conquering Mecca in present-day Saudi Arabia.

Umm al-Quwain’s Department of Tourism and Archaeology, UAE University, the Italian Archaeological Mission in the emirate and the Institute for the Study of the Ancient World at New York

University all took part in the excavation. Umm al-Quwain, the least-populated emirate in the UAE, plans to build a visitor’s center at the site. Today, the area near the marshland is more known for the low-cost liquor store at the emirate’s Barracuda Beach Resort. In recent months, authorities have demolished a hulking, Soviet-era cargo plane linked to a Russian gunrunner known as the “Merchant of Death” as it builds a bridge to Siniyah Island for a \$675 million real estate development. Authorities hope that development, as well as other building, will grow the emirate’s economy. However, even this ancient site bears lessons for the Emirates.



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PSU banks' gross NPA declines to 5.53%, profit of ₹70,167 cr in April-Dec made

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The government has taken various reforms following which asset quality of public sector banks has improved significantly with gross NPA ratio declining from the peak of 14.6 per cent in March 2018 to 5.53 per cent in December 2022, Parliament was informed on Monday.

All PSBs are in profit with aggregate profit being Rs 66,543 crore in 2021-22, and that further increased to Rs 70,167 crore in first nine months of current financial year, Minister of State for Finance Bhagwat K Karad said in a written reply to Lok Sabha.

At the same time, resilience has increased with provision coverage ratio of PSBs rising from 46 per cent to 89.9 per cent in December 2022, he said, adding capital adequacy ratio of PSBs improved significantly from 11.5 per cent in March 2015 to 14.5 per cent in

December 2022.

Total market cap of PSBs (excluding IDBI Bank, which was categorised as private sector bank in January 2019) increased from Rs 4.52 lakh crore in March 2018 to Rs 10.63 lakh crore in December 2022, he said.

Karad also said banks, earlier placed under Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) framework by RBI, have made significant improvement.

Talking about various measures taken to improve the financial health of PSBs, Karad said, the government implemented a comprehensive 4R strategy of Recognising NPAs transparently, Resolution and recovery, Recapitalising PSBs, and Reforms in the financial ecosystem.

Major banking reforms undertaken by the government over the last eight years addressed credit discipline, responsible lending and improved governance, besides adoption of technology, amalga-



mation of banks, and maintaining general confidence of bankers, he said.

In reply to another question, Karad said, as per the information provided by Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH), the total estimated vehicle fleet is 30.48 crore (excluding data from Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and Lakshadweep), of which 16.54 crore vehicles are uninsured.

Replying to another ques-

tion, Karad said the government since 2016 has given 'in-principle' approval for strategic disinvestment of 36 cases of public sector enterprises (PSEs) and/or subsidiaries/ units/ joint ventures of PSEs/ banks.

Of the 36 cases, 33 are being handled by Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) and 3 cases are being handled by the respective Administrative Ministry/Department, he said.

"Out of the 33 cases being handled by DIPAM, strategic disinvestment transactions have been completed in 10 cases; 5 PSEs are under consideration for closure; 1 case is held up due to litigation, 1 case is under Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process (CIRP) in NCLT and 2 transactions are under review for feasibility," he said, adding, remaining 14 transactions are at various stages.

In other PSEs, where the government continues to retain control, disinvestment through minority stake sale is carried out through various SEBI-approved methods such as initial public offer (IPO), offer for sale (OFS), buyback of shares etc. From time to time based on prevailing market conditions and investor interest, he said.

The modernisation and capacity expansion of PSEs are taken up by the respective boards of PSEs under the administrative control of different ministries, he added.



Nine Adani group stocks end lower; snaps 2-day winning streak

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Nine out of ten listed companies of the Adani group closed with losses on Monday, snapping two-day of gains amid an across-the-board sell-off in the broader market.

While some Adani stocks hit their lowest circuit prices, flagship Adani Enterprises Ltd declined 3.84 per cent to close at Rs 1,805.10 on BSE. The flagship commanded a market capitalisation of Rs 2.05 lakh crore. The stock was the second biggest loser among Nifty stocks, dropping by 3.44 per cent.

Adani Total Gas plunged 4.99 per cent to end at Rs 853.10, Adani Power tumbled 4.83 per cent to close at Rs 190.30 and Adani Transmission went lower by 1.49 per cent to settle at Rs 1,009.60 per share. The three stocks hit their lower price bands on the exchange before recovering some ground.

Shares of Ambuja Cements nosedived 3.37 per cent to close at Rs 365.50, Adani Wilmar fell 3.16 per cent to end at Rs 413.85, NDTV dived 3.11 per cent to settle at Rs 199.30 and ACC declined 1.84 per cent to end at Rs 1,697.05 on the BSE.

Also, shares of Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone (APSEZ) fell 1.96 per cent to end at Rs 666.75 apiece on the bourse.

However, Adani Green Energy climbed 3.91 per cent to settle at Rs 848.75 per share. The

company's market valuation rose to Rs 1.34 lakh crore.

The BSE Sensex benchmark plunged 360.95 points or 0.62 per cent to settle at 57,628.95 points. The broader NSE Nifty fell 111.65 points or 0.65 per cent to close at 16,988.40.

On Friday, seven Adani group companies had settled higher.

Last week, NSE and BSE announced that two Adani group stocks — Adani Green Energy and NDTV — will be moved to the first stage of the long-term additional surveillance measures (ASM) framework from Monday.

The move also comes close on the heels of the two exchanges excluding Adani Enterprises, Adani Power and Adani Wilmar under the short-term ASM.

After taking a beating on the bourses, following the report by US-based short seller Hindenburg Research, many of the group stocks have recovered some lost ground. However, amid sluggish broader market trends, the group's stocks have declined in the last few trading sessions.

The report had made a litany of allegations, including fraudulent transactions and share-price manipulation, against it. The group has dismissed the charges as lies, saying it complies with all laws and disclosure requirements.

PSUs asked to issue LoCs based on their financial strength



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Finance Ministry has asked central public sector undertakings (CPSUs) to issue letters of comfort (LoCs) on the basis of their own financial strength so that no liability devolves on the Government of India.

The Office Memorandum dated March 20, 2023, has been issued following a request from some CPSUs in the oil and power sector seeking relaxation with regard to the issuance of LoCs.

"In view of requirements, it has been decided that CPSUs may issue LoCs on its own financial strength and all such LoCs shall only be issued after specifically inserting the following clause — under no circumstances, the liability under this Letter of Comfort shall devolve on the Government of India," the memorandum said.

Under the provision of the fiscal responsibility law, the budget requires to provide details of guarantees given by the government.

It further clarified that ministries and departments will not issue any letters of comfort as specified under the Office Memorandum dated March 31, 2022 on behalf of the Government of India.

Issuance of LoCs based on own financial strength is a part of regular business practice.

It enables these entities to raise resources at competitive rates for their capex or working capital needs as well as furthering the business interests of their joint ventures or subsidiaries or Group companies.

Credit Suisse, UBS shares plunge after takeover announcement

AP ■ GENEVA

Shares of Credit Suisse plunged 63 per cent in Searly trading Monday after the announcement that banking giant UBS would buy its troubled rival for almost USD 3.25 billion in a deal orchestrated by regulators to stave off further market-shaking turmoil in the global banking system.

UBS shares were down 14 per cent in early trading on the Swiss stock exchange.

Swiss authorities urged UBS to take over its smaller rival after a plan for Credit Suisse to borrow up to 50 billion francs (USD 54 billion) failed to reassure investors and the bank's customers.

Shares of Credit Suisse and other banks plunged after the failure of two banks in the US raised questions about other potentially shaky global financial institutions.

Credit Suisse is among 30 financial institutions known as globally systemically important banks, and authorities worried about the fallout if they were to fail.

The deal was "one of great breadth for the stability of international finance," Swiss President Alain Berset said as he announced it Sunday night. "An uncontrolled collapse of Credit Suisse would lead to incalculable consequences for the country and the international financial system."

Switzerland's executive branch, a seven-member governing body that includes Berset, passed an emergency ordinance allowing the merger to go through without shareholder approval.

Markets remain jittery despite the best efforts of regulators to restore calm. Global stock markets sank Monday, with Hong Kong's main index sliding more than 3 per cent. Market benchmarks in Frankfurt and Paris opened down more than 1 per cent. Shanghai, Tokyo and Sydney also declined. Wall Street futures were off 1 per cent. Oil prices plunged more than USD 2 per barrel.

Credit Suisse Chairman Axel Lehmann called the sale to UBS "a clear turning point."

"It is a historic, sad and very challenging day for Credit Suisse, for Switzerland and for the global financial markets," Lehmann said, adding that the focus is now on the future and on Credit Suisse's 50,000 employees, 17,000 in Switzerland.

Following news of the Swiss deal, the world's central banks announced coordinated moves to



stabilize banks, including access to a lending facility for banks to borrow US dollars if they need them, a practice widely used during the 2008 crisis.

Three months after Lehman Brothers collapsed in September of 2008, such swap lines had been tapped for USD 580 billion. Swap lines also were rolled out during market turmoil in the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Today is one of the most significant days in European banking since 2008, with far-reaching repercussions for the industry," said Max Georgiou, an analyst at Third Bridge. "These events could alter the course of not only European banking but also the wealth management industry more generally."

Colm Kelleher, the UBS chairman, hailed "enormous opportunities" from the takeover and highlighted his bank's "conservative risk culture" — a subtle swipe at Credit Suisse's reputation for more swashbuckling gambles in search of bigger returns. He said the combined group would create a wealth manager with over USD 5 trillion in total invested assets.

UBS officials said they plan to sell off parts of Credit Suisse or reduce the bank's size.

Swiss Finance Minister Karin Keller-Sutter said the council "regrets that the bank, which was once a model institution in Switzerland and part of our strong location, was able to get into this situation at all."



Sensex, Nifty close lower amid global equity rout on banking crisis worries

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Benchmark Sensex declined by 360 points while the Nifty closed below the 17,000-level on Monday due to a sell-off in financials, IT and capital goods shares amid a global rout in equities on lingering worries over the banking crisis.

Snapping its two-day gaining streak, the 30-share BSE Sensex declined by 360.95 points or 0.62 per cent to close at 57,628.95 as 23 of its stocks ended in the red. The index tanked more than 900 points to touch a low of 57,084.91 before recovering some losses at the day end.

The broader Nifty of the NSE plunged by 111.65 points or 0.65 per cent to close below the 17,000-level at 16,988.40. As many as 40 Nifty stocks declined while 10 advanced.

Analysts said investors fretted over the US banking crisis even as Federal Reserve and other central banks took efforts

to ease a fast-growing banking crisis.

Investors were also concerned ahead of a Federal Reserve meeting to decide on more possible interest rate hikes.

"The fear of contagion of the financial crisis has kept investors away from the equity markets as the global market faces numerous hurdles. Despite Swiss regulators' intervention to protect the global financial system, investor sentiment remained shaky," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services.

Banking giant UBS is acquiring crisis-ridden Credit Suisse for around USD 3.25 billion in a deal arranged by Swiss regulators to avoid further turmoil in the global banking system.

The move failed to calm jittery investors as Credit Suisse tanked 63 per cent and UBS sank 14 per cent on Swiss bourses. Credit Suisse is among 30 institutions known as globally systemically important banks.



Samsung to invest in smart manufacturing capabilities, research and development in India

PTI ■ BENGALURU

Korean electronics major Samsung will invest in setting up smart manufacturing capabilities at its mobile phone plant in Noida to make production more competitive, the company's global head for mobile business said here on Monday.

Samsung Electronics President and Head of Mobile eXperience Business T M Roh, in response to a PTI query on the company's investment plan in India, said that the company will continue to invest in research and development facilities in the country.

"We will continue our investment to bring the optimised or smart factory to the Noida facilities. We will continue our investment there. I believe that our investment for the smart factory will bring competitiveness in the production," Roh said.

The company started a manufacturing and R&D centre in India in 1996 and now has close to 70,000 employees in the country. Samsung now has its second

biggest manufacturing facility in the world at Noida and biggest research and development centre at Bengaluru in India.

The company this year started manufacturing its premium Galaxy S23 series in India.

"Samsung India has been focussing on make in India, make for India. We are not only meeting the domestic need but also use it as a hub for export," Roh said.

He said the company is collaborating with local vendors in India for mobile chargers and components like mechanics.

"It could not have been possible to be competitive without collaboration with local partners. The technology collaboration will continue with local partners. We have products for export, which are done in close collaboration with local vendors. In the case of OLED display manufacturing, we have been closely working with local vendors," Roh said.

Samsung has around 10,000 employees at its R&D centres across India, out of which the largest base of close to 3,500 is located at its Bengaluru centre.

Toxic work culture, excessive pressure main reason of quiet quitting for most Gen Z: Report

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Nearly half of Gen Z respondents consider toxic work culture and excessive work pressure as the trigger for quiet quitting, a report said on Monday.

Over 48 per cent of Gen Z, those born in mid-to-late 1990s and the early 2010s, attribute toxic work culture as the primary cause for quiet quitting, while a mere 6 per cent believe it to be a result of extended office timings, according to a report - Quiet Quitting and its Effect on Organisational Work Structure - by Kolkata based staffing firm Genius Consultants.

Notably, it revealed that 23 per cent of the respondents

blame office politics and excessive work pressure for the issue.

Quiet quitting is a term which is used for those employees who put no more effort into their jobs than absolutely necessary.

According to the report 'Quiet Quitting' has led to a new trend - Bare Minimum Mondays, where the employees specially the Gen Z tend to put in bare minimum efforts on the work front on the first day of the week.

The report, Quiet Quitting and its Effect on Organisational Work Structure, is based on an online survey among 1,928 employees across sectors.

It further revealed that over



54 per cent of India Inc are aware of the term 'Quiet Quitting' and 74 per cent of the respondents believed that the quiet quitting culture is distressing the work environment.

In current times, the work-

force perceives their job as more than just a means to an end, namely a source of income, said the report.

"Given the current situation, both the 'quiet quitting culture' and the 'Bare Minimum

PE/VC investments nearly halve in Feb 2023: Report

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Investments by private equity and venture capital funds declined by 44 per cent to USD 3.7 billion in February compared to the same period a year ago, a report said on Monday.

The bets by the long-term investors were 13 per cent lower when compared to the investments in the preceding month of January, the report by industry lobby Indian Venture and Alternate Capital Association and consultancy firm EY, said. "...rising global recession

concerns, increasing cost of capital and mismatch in valuation expectations between sellers and investors are turning out to be major impediments in the deployment of capital," EY's partner Vivek Soni said.

He added that the recent events in the global financial world after the failure of SVB and the contagion spreading to other mid-market US banks catering to the technology sector has added to the overall uncertainty, and "may discourage investors from making bold bets in the immediate term".



The venture investing industry poured in USD 6.6 billion into companies in February 2022, while the same stood at USD 4.314 billion in January 2023.

In volume terms, the number of deals dropped by 60 per cent in February with 55 trans-

actions getting recorded as against 139 in the year-ago period, the report said, adding that there were 75 deals in January 2023.

From a sectoral perspective, real estate led by bagging USD 2.4 billion of the overall USD 3.7 billion in investments with the USD 1.9 billion funding announcement by an arm of CDPQ and Temasek to set up an investment platform for office properties in India being at the top.

There were only nine large deals of USD 100 million or

more announced in February, aggregating to USD 3 billion in overall such commitments.

February 2023 recorded 11 exits worth USD 731 million compared to USD 1.4 billion recorded in February 2022 across 13 deals, and USD 898 million recorded across 20 deals in January 2023, it said.

Funds dedicated to India raised USD 881 million as compared to USD 347 million in the year-ago period, it said, adding that Kotak Alternate Assets' USD 590 million for a data centre fund was the largest.

Clasico Brands UK Issues trademark infringement notice to Third Unicorn Ltd

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Clasico Brands UK Ltd. Recently issued a legal notice to Third Unicorn Private Limited and its shareholders with respect to infringement of the trademark MINISTRY OF CRICKET, which is owned by Clasico in various countries, including India.

Clasico Brands is a global company having its roots in all 5 continents of the world and operates in the personal and home care category with self-owned brands as well as global license franchisees. It owns production facilities are located across Europe, Asia, Middle East & Latin America. Third Unicorn is a tech start-up by Ashneer Grover. Madhuri Jain Grover and Aseem Ghavri are the Co-founders of Third Unicorn.

BACKGROUND TO MINISTRY OF CRICKET

Mr. Ajay Bindroo, the founder of Clasico Brands, had conceptualized and adopted the brand MINISTRY OF CRICKET as far back as the year 2014, and had begun to take steps to register this trademark around the world from the year 2019. Clasico is about to launch business operations under the brand MINISTRY OF CRICKET in the very near future under the entrepreneurship of Bindroo.

Barca snatch Clasico win over Madrid

AP ■ BARCELONA

Barcelona snatched a 2-1 Clasico win over Real Madrid with Franck Kessie's late goal Sunday to move 12 points clear at the top of La Liga. The victory dents Madrid's ambitions of retaining the title and leaves the Catalans close to lifting the trophy for the first time since 2019.

Carlo Ancelotti's Real took the lead through a Ronald Araujo own goal but Barcelona pulled level when Sergi Roberto tucked home just before half-time. Both sides had chances to win the game and Marco Asensio struck for Madrid, but the goal was ruled offside by VAR, before Alejandro Balde set up Kessie in the 92nd minute.

"We came from a Marco Asensio goal that we didn't know was offside and from losing, we scored Franck's goal, and the truth is it tastes a bit better, winning like that in the last minute," Sergi Roberto told Movistar.

"There are a lot of games left and you can never give Madrid up for dead. 12 points is a tricky distance to have to go, but it's up to us, and that is good."

The build-up to the match was overshadowed by Barcelona's corruption charge in the "Caso Negreira" refereeing scandal.

Madrid joined Spanish prosecutors' complaint against Barcelona last week and their president Florentino Perez snubbed the game for the first time in over 20 years, amid rising tensions between the two Spanish giants.

That fed the match's intensity, both on and off the pitch, in Xavi's sixth Clasico as Barcelona coach but only his first at Camp Nou.

Xavi asked fans to make the stadium a pressure cooker and they responded, selling it out, whistling Madrid in possession and conjuring one of the best atmospheres of the season.

Madrid did not manage a single shot on target in their Copa del Rey semi-final first leg defeat by Barcelona earlier in March, but Karim Benzema



stung Marc-Andre ter Stegen's palms inside the first minute.

Robert Lewandowski responded at the other end by testing Thibaut Courtois as the veteran marksmen exchanged shots. When Barcelona conceded the opening goal of the game, it was friendly fire. Araujo deflected Vinicius' cross in at the near post, with Ter Stegen helpless.

Araujo, playing at right-back to counteract the Brazilian, has enjoyed his duels with Vinicius in the past but this time the winger triumphed, albeit fortuitously. Barcelona supporters became enraged by his emphatic celebration in

front of them. It was the first goal from open play Barcelona have conceded at Camp Nou in La Liga all season long, and only the second strike at home and ninth overall.

COMEBACK CHARGE

Barcelona complained defender Nacho, already booked, should have been sent off for a hand-off on Raphinha.

The hosts did not get their wish, but were building up steam and found the breakthrough just before half-time, from an unlikely source.

Selected in place of injured mid-

fielder Pedri, Sergi Roberto was in the right place at the right time to control a loose ball in the box and arc it beyond Courtois.

Barcelona had significantly more possession than in their cup win over Madrid and significantly more chances.

Lewandowski sent a deflected piledriver narrowly wide as Madrid wobbled, prompting Carlo Ancelotti to roll the dice and bring on Rodrygo and Ferland Mendy.

It almost paid instant dividends as Madrid robbed Sergio Busquets and Rodrygo lashed inches over the bar.

Madrid substitute Asensio fired

home what might have been the winner but the goal was ruled out for offside after a nervy wait for VAR instruction.

Barcelona seemed content with the draw but Kessie's last-gasp strike sparked wild celebrations at Camp Nou.

Asked if Madrid's hopes of defending the title were over, Courtois told Movistar: "Yes, we have to be honest, we will keep fighting until the end but it's (12 points) now, we have the better head-to-head, but they have to lose four games and we have to win them all."

"Nothing is impossible but it's very difficult."



Leverkusen shock Bayern to keep Dortmund top

AP ■ BERLIN

Argentina's World Cup winner Exequiel Palacios struck twice from the spot as Bayer Leverkusen blew the Bundesliga title race wide open with a shock 2-1 win over Bayern Munich on Sunday.

With a little help from VAR, Leverkusen came from behind to hand coach Xabi Alonso a famous win on his first reunion with former club Bayern and keep the champions from regaining top spot.

"It's an unbelievable feeling. I'm so proud of the way we played today," said Alonso, who played for Bayern from 2014 to 2017.

Bayern are a point behind leaders Borussia Dortmund and the two sides set to meet in the next round of games on April 1.

"That is now a must-win game for us, because it will be very difficult to win the title otherwise," said Bayern coach Julian Nagelsmann.

"It was a deserved defeat today. Apart from the last 10 minutes, they were the better team," he added.

Bayern sporting director

Hasan Salihamidzic was scathing in his criticism of the performance.

"We let ourselves be over-run by a team who played in midweek. That's not what it means to be Bayern Munich," he said.

"VAR was a lifesaver today and it was a perfect example of how the system should work," said referee Tobias Stieler.

The win also kept Leverkusen afloat in the race for Europe, with Alonso's side now just three points adrift of sixth.

Elsewhere, Union Berlin gave their Champions League hopes a boost as a rare goal from Rani Khedira helped them to a 2-0 win over Bundesliga top-six rivals Eintracht Frankfurt.

Khedira — the brother of 2014 World Cup winner Sami — stabbed in the opener to score only his seventh goal in 194 Bundesliga appearances and lift Union back into third place.

"It's also my first goal for Union so I am very happy," Khedira told Dazn. "Today was much more about mentality than about tactics."



Rennes cut PSG's lead in Ligue 1

AP ■ PARIS

Paris Saint-Germain's march towards another Ligue 1 title was slowed on Sunday as they went down 2-0 at home to Rennes, a result that allowed Marseille to close the gap on the leaders to seven points with 10 games remaining.

Kylian Mbappe had an effort disallowed for offside before Karl Toko-Ekambi put Rennes in front with a magnificent strike right on half-time. Arnaud Kalimuendo made it 2-0 three minutes after the restart against his former club, as PSG — faced with a defensive injury crisis — slumped to a first home league defeat of the campaign.

It is the Parisians' fourth Ligue 1 loss this season, all of them in 2023, and the second time they have been beaten by Rennes. They also lost when the teams last met in Brittany in January. Marseille responded by winning 2-1 away to Reims later, with Alexis Sanchez scoring twice.

"A defeat is always upsetting. Obviously I can't be happy with the way the match went but in the context, with the number of

players we had out, we knew we were going to have difficult moments in defence," said PSG coach Christophe Galtier.

PSG only have a ninth Ligue 1 title in 11 seasons left to play for after being knocked out of the Champions League in the last 16 by Bayern Munich.

Galtier has insisted that the prospect of what would be a French record 11th top-flight title is sufficient motivation for his team, but their performance indicated otherwise.

"The objective is to win the league. Will this defeat mean the board will consider my future? Maybe. But everything needs to be put into context," Galtier added when asked about his position. "There are no excuses but there are reasons for it."

The result allowed Rennes to reclaim fifth place from Lille in the fight for European qualification.

"To beat Paris twice in the same season says something about us. If we are capable of taking six points out of six against such a team, it means we have progress to make so we can do that in 90 percent of our matches," said Rennes coach Bruno Genesio.

Alcaraz routs Medvedev for Indian Wells title

AP ■ INDIAN WELLS

Spain's Carlos Alcaraz swept past Daniil Medvedev 6-3, 6-2 on Sunday to win the Indian Wells ATP Masters 1000 and secure his return to number one in the world.

US Open champion Alcaraz ended Medvedev's 19-match winning streak, denying him a fourth title in as many tournaments to ensure he will supplant Australian Open champion Novak Djokovic atop the rankings.

"It feels amazing to lift the trophy here, to recover the No. 1," Alcaraz said. "I would say this has been the perfect tournament."

Serbia's Djokovic, barred from entering the United States because he hasn't been vaccinated against Covid-19, sat out Indian Wells and will miss the Miami Open starting this week, where Alcaraz is the defending champion.

Alcaraz, 19, who became the youngest world number one ever after his triumph at Flushing Meadows last year, claimed his third Masters 1000 title and joined compatriot Rafael Nadal as the only players to win at least three as a teenager. Nadal won six before turning 20.

He was unstoppable on Stadium Court, breaking through what he'd called the "wall" of Medvedev's formidable defenses.

Medvedev, coming off titles in Rotterdam, Doha and Dubai, could find no answer as Alcaraz fired winners from all over the court, defying the windy conditions.

"Daniil obviously didn't play at his best level, but I'm very happy for my performance and how I played this tournament."

He said the big change in him since a semi-final defeat to Nadal last year at Indian Wells was his comfort level on the game's biggest stages.

"I think my tennis didn't improve so much since last year. What I improve a lot is to not take the pressure, just to play relaxed. That, for me, is the most important thing."

"That's why I show a great level, because I feel like I have no pressure. I enjoy."

Medvedev certainly wasn't able to



RYBAKINA BEATS SABALENKA TO WIN WOMEN'S TITLE

AP ■ INDIAN WELLS

Wimbledon champion Elena Rybakina edged Aryna Sabalenka 7-6 (13/11), 6-4 on Sunday to win the Indian Wells WTA title and avenge her loss to the Belarusian in the Australian Open final.

Kazakhstan's Rybakina, the world number 10 who ousted top-ranked defending champion Iga Swiatek in the semi-finals, followed up with her first victory over second-ranked Sabalenka in five career meetings.

Rybakina, projected to rise to seventh in the world, handed Sabalenka just her second defeat of the year, denying her a third title to go with a win in Adelaide that presaged her first Grand Slam triumph at Melbourne.

"It's actually the first time it goes my way," Rybakina said as she accepted the trophy, a smiling Sabalenka leaning to the microphone to interject, "I will make sure it was the last one."

"We'll see next time," Rybakina laughed.



ratchet up the pressure on him.

A stinging backhand winner gave Alcaraz an early break in the opening set as he raced to a 3-0 lead.

He gave himself a set point with a sharply angled forehand volley and sealed it with an unreturnable serve, then won the first 10 points of the second set on the way to a 4-0 lead.

He didn't face a break point as he polished it off in one hour and 11 minutes, a diving volley winner giving him match point that he converted with another service winner.

"I expected a tougher match," he said. "Against him is always a tactical match, and I did perfect today. That's why it looks easy — but it wasn't."

Alcaraz has returned to number one despite a late start to the year. Injury forced him to miss the Australian Open, where Djokovic claimed a record-equalling 22nd Grand Slam title.

Since launching his season in February Alcaraz has won a title in Buenos Aires and reached the final in Rio de Janeiro.

But to stay at the top he'll have to successfully defend his Miami title over the course of the next two weeks.

Medvedev, a former world number one and US Open winner himself, was disappointed that he didn't play his best, but pleased to get past the fourth round at Indian Wells for the first time, despite twisting his ankle in a win over Alexander Zverev and cutting his thumb in another tumble against Alejandro Davidovich Fokina.

"Why didn't I play my best? I don't know. Maybe it was his ball. Maybe it was the wind, was pretty windy today, and for him it was easier to go through this wind, and that's normal."

"But the week was amazing," added Medvedev never a fan of the slow hard courts of Indian Wells.

"I had a pretty toxic relationship with the courts here," he said during the trophy ceremony as he reeled off a long list of those to thank.

"I would like to thank this court. I was giving a hard time to it, so it gave me a hard time also, rolled my ankle, but it gave me the chance to finish the tournament so thanks a lot to this court."

Perez leads Red Bull sweep in Saudi Arabian GP

AP ■ JEDDAH

Red Bull's Sergio Perez flexed his street circuit muscles with dramatic effect on Sunday by storming to victory ahead of team-mate Max Verstappen at the Saudi Arabian Grand Prix.

While the top two were clear cut, the next two places remained in confusion long after the race had finished with Fernando Alonso first stripped of third place and then reinstated in the early hours of Monday morning.

Perez, a 33-year-old Mexican, came home 5.355 seconds clear of the defending double world champion as Red Bull reeled off a masterful one-two triumph, the Dutchman having stormed through the field from 15th on the grid.

Verstappen also clocked the fastest lap of the race on the final lap to retain his lead of the embryonic drivers'

championship, snatching it back from Perez as they duelled at high speed.

It was Perez's fifth career win having previously triumphed in Monte Carlo and Singapore to earn his reputation as a 'street fighter'.

"It turned out to be tougher than expected," he said. "The safety car tried to take the victory from us again here, but not this year! The team did a great job. Now we must keep pushing."

Verstappen was eliminated from qualifying after a drive-shaft failure.

"It wasn't easy to get through the field," he said. "We settled for second so it's a good recovery in the end."

Two-time world champion Alonso finished a stirring third on track for Aston Martin to claim a 100th podium finish on his record-extending 357th start.

That place was initially taken from



him. He had received a five-second penalty for starting outside his grid position. When he tried to serve it during a pit stop, stewards ruled a jack had touched the car too soon and they hit Alonso with a 10-second penalty.

George Russell rose to third for Mercedes.

But Aston Martin requested a review and showed stewards videos of similar incidents that went unpunished. Stewards accepted that it was not clear the offence had broken Formula One rules and lifted the punishment.

Alonso was back to third followed by the two Mercedes cars of Russell and Lewis Hamilton.

Next were the Ferraris of Carlos Sainz and Charles Leclerc, who started 12th. Esteban Ocon and his Alpine team-mate Pierre Gasly occupied the next two places.

Alcaraz reclaims world No 1 ranking, Nadal out of top 10

AP ■ PARIS

Carlos Alcaraz returned to the top of the ATP rankings on Monday after his Indian Wells triumph, while Rafael Nadal dropped out of the top 10 for the first time in 18 years.

Spanish teenager Alcaraz cruised past Russian Daniil Medvedev in Sunday's final to retake top spot from Novak Djokovic who was missing Indian Wells due to being unvaccinated against Covid.

American Taylor Fritz dropped five spots to world number 10 after his title defence ended in the quarter-finals.

Nadal, who has been out injured since a second-round exit



at the Australian Open, fell to 13th place. The 22-time Grand Slam champion had previously been inside the top 10 since April 2005.



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