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UK Govt, Indian diaspora slam Tricolour disrespect

British MP rapped for batting for Amritpal

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A day after alleged Khalistani Supporters grabbed the Indian Tricolour 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 Tricolour was now flying "grander," with a larger tricolour now adorning the India House façade.

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

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 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

<u>Capsule</u>

PRESENTATION OF DELHI **BUDGET PUT ON HOLD** New Delhi: The presentation of the Delhi Government's budget for 2023-24, scheduled for Tuesday, has been put on hold, with the Arvind Kejriwal dispensation and the Central Government trading charges over allocations in various heads. But the MHA denied the

ED GRILLS KAVITHA FOR 10 HRS; QUIZ TODAY ALSO New Delhi: BRS leader K

Kavitha was grilled by the Enforcement Directorate for more than 10 hours on Monday in a Delhi excise policy-linked money laundering case and has been called again on March 21 officials said.



People from Sikh Community protest against vandalisation by Khalistani supporters at Indian High Commission in London, in New Delhi on Monday

Taking exception to his message, Congress spokesperson and senior advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi criticiand Dhaoi for "curturing and phasi for "curturing and "curturing and phasi for "curturing and "curturing and phasi for "curturing and "curturi

cised Dhesi for "nurturing

Khalistani sentiments" in the

United Kingdom and said his

tweet will not fetch him new

have a glorious track record of

serving/protecting the Nation.

Handful of jumping jacks sitting in the UK do not repre-

Congress leader Shashi Tharoor termed the incident

on Sunday at the Indian High Commission "utterly shock-

tion came after India on

Sunday evening summoned the senior-most UK diplo-mat in New Delhi to convey

"strong protest" at the actions

taken by separatist and

Indian High Commission in

Commissioner Christina Scott

was summoned to the MEA in

view of the incident as High

British Deputy High

ing" and a "major insult". The British condemna-

sent Punjab."

Entrance blocked, Indian envoy in Canada cancels visit to event

PNS ■ NEW DELHI/ BRITISH COLUMBIA (CANADA)

In an apparent fall out of the ongoing operation to nab Amritpal Singh in India, its envoy to Canada had to cancel an event in British Columbia due to security concerns as alleged Khalistani supporters blocked the entrance to the venue there.

Some of the protesters were also reportedly wielding

swords. In another incident, a 21-year-old Sikh student was

Indian envoy took place late on Sunday in front of the Taj Convention. Commissioner to Canada Sanjay Kumar Verma was scheduled to attend a reception organised by the Friends

assaulted in British Columbia. The incident related to the

of India and Canada Foundation in Surrey, British

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. "We plan to expand the embassies with the first one in makeshift security barriers cooperation of the free and

Council of World Affairs. The visit came amid the ongoing Ukraine conflict and its adverse impact on the global supply chains of energy and food. The visit also came in the backdrop of China's growing assertiveness in the strategically-crucial

open Indo-Pacific frame-

work," Kishida told the Indian

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countries in diverse areas.

nearly 27-hour visit.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Japanese PM Fumio Kishida at Buddha Jayanti Park in New Delhi on Monday

Indo-Pacific region.

dency of G20

The Prime Minister said the India-Japan special strategic and global partnership is In his media statement, Modi referred to India's presidency of the G20 and Japan based on the democratic princhairing the G7 grouping, and said it is the best opporciples and respect for intertunity to work together on priorities of both sides for global good. Modi said he briefed Prime Minister Kishida extensively about priorities of the Indian presi-

national rule of law and that it is important for the Indo-Pacific as well. Modi said both sides also discussed the importance of

reliable supply chains for semiconductors and other critical technologies.

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Consulate hit in US; India protests, summons envoy

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votes from Slough "which has a massive chunk of Pakistan A n incident of vandalism by alleged Khalistani sup-porters targeting the Indian consulate in San Francisco has supporting population."
Sharing the photograph in a Twitter post, the BJP's national spokesperson Jaiveer taken place. The perpetrators installed so-called Khalistan Shergill said, "Jhanda Ooncha Rahe Hamara-UK Govt must flag on the consulate premises. act... Punjab and Punjabis

This was the second such incident involving the Indian London on Sunday evening when the Indian tri-colour was grabbed by the protestors.

India on Monday sum-monsed the US envoy to register protest against attacks on its consulate in San Francisco. As regards the attack in

the US, raising pro-Khalistan slogans, the protesters on Sunday broke open the installed two so-called Khalistani flags inside the consulate premises. Two consulate personnel soon removed Soon thereafter, a group of angry protesters entered the

raised by the city police and

consulate premises and started hitting the door and windows with the rods.

NSA slapped on Amritpal's

Curbs on Internet

PTI ■ CHANDIGARH

The Punjab Police on Monday flagged a possible stringent National Security Act against five men linked to rad ical preacher Amritpal Singh, whose uncle and driver surrendered amid a Statewide crackdown against his "Waris

Commissioner Alex Ellis was out of Delhi, sources said. The pro-Khalistan sup-Ellis described the incident as "disgraceful" and "totally unacceptable".

and Pakistan's ISI to further his goal for a separate country for the Sikhs, officials said. While drug lords were allegedly helping the pro-Khalistan preacher financially, including gifting him a high-end Mercedes SUV, the IŠI was helping him other logistics, they said.

Government extended the suspension of mobile internet services, this time up to Tuesday noon. The Khalistan sympathiser's uncle Harjit Singh and driver Harpreet Singh gave themselves up before police past Sunday midnight.

5 aides; uncle surrenders

services extended

Punjab De" group.

porter and radical preacher has allegedly been maintaining close links with drug peddlers

Meanwhile, the Punjab

Clear OROP arrears by Feb 28; no more sealed-cover note: SC

The Supreme Court on Monday refused to accept the sealed-cover note submitted by the Defence Ministry and fixed February 28, 2024, for disbursement of "One Rank, One Pension" (OROP) arrears. The Bench, headed by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud ordered that the Centre is duty-bound to comply with its 2022 judgment on the payment sealed cover business being



of pension w o r t h
₹28,000 2019-2022.

"Sealed covers in court are against transparency, we want to end it...Please share the sealed cover with the opposite side or take him to the chamber. We want to put an end to the

followed by the SC since High Courts also follow it," said the CJI when Attorney-General R Venkataramani submitted the

details in a sealed cover.

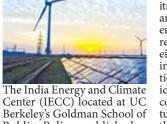
"This is about implementing the orders. What can be the secrecy here? You must give a copy to the other side. Šealed covers are completely against settled judicial principles," said CJI when the A-G insisted on submitting it in a sealed cover.

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

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Tndia, the world's fifth largest **⊥**economy, can achieve energy independence through clean technology by 2047, a report by a top US research institute said, highlighting Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Atmanirbhar Bharat push that spans from a massive renewable capacity addition to electric mobility, saving billions of dollars in imports.

Berkelev Lawrence National Laboratory, a US' federally funded research and development centre, along with



Public Policy published a report, "Pathways to Atmanirbhar Bharat", that highlights the steps taken by India towards the adoption of clean energy.

India is 80-85 per cent dependent on imports to meet its oil and coal needs. The price by 2030. The government of renewable energy capacity by 2030. The government and supply volatility in global intends to grow EV sales in energy markets, as witnessed in recent years, strain India's for-India to capture the markets eign exchange reserves, resulting in economy-wide infla-

tion. However, recent dramatic declines in clean energy costs provide India an opportunity to lower energy imports through investment in renewable energy, battery storage, EVs, and green hydrogen, the report said. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has already set a target

of 30 per cent of private cars 70 per cent of commercial vehicles and 80 per cent of two- and three-wheelers by 2030. Also, it is targeting production of 5 million tonnes of green hydrogen by splitting water using electricity from renewable sources. Abundant solar energy

and local technology will aid this and also reduce carbor emissions.

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Ladli Behna Yojana will increase dignity of women

STAFF REPORTER III BHOPAL

hief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has said taking place in Madhya Pradesh for women empowerment. Schemes like Mukhya Mantri Kanya Vivah Yojana, Ladli Laxmi Yojana, 50 percent reservation for women in local elections, reservation in police recruitment, Livelihood Mission and Sambal are being implemented successfully. Now the Ladli Bahna Yojana has been started, which will not only lead to overall development of women, but will also increase their respect and selfconfidence in the society.

Chouhan was addressing the Ladli Bahna Sammelan at Lanii in Balaghat district on Monday. He distributed benefits

women. Initially, Chouhan per-formed Kanya-Pujan and welcomed the women by showering flowers. Women presented rakhis to the Chief Minister. Chouhan handed over a cheque of Rs 10 lakh to Anjali Choure, who runs Didi Cafe under the National Rural Livelihood Mission.

The Chief Minister said that the aim of my life is the welfare of my sisters. My life will become fruitful if there is a smile on the lips of my sisters. The respect of women is highest in Madhya Pradesh. Women need not tolerate any kind of injustice, your brother is always with you. There is no need to worry for the marriage of sisters and daughters, Shivraj Mama will take care of the arrangements of their marriage.

Chouhan said that before under various schemes to the becoming the Chief Minister, also pays the fees for the edu-

me and my wife would make arrangements to get girls hailing from poor families married When I became the Chief Minister, I first started the Mukhya Mantri Kanya Vivah Yojana. The previous govern-ment did not give the benefit of this scheme to anyone. Now we have decided that under this scheme a cheque of Rs 50,000

will be given to the daughters

and Rs 6,000 to the organizing

Chouhan said that daughters are now considered a boon instead of a curse in Madhya Pradesh. In the Ladli Lakshmi Yojana, Rs 30,000 are deposited in the name of a girl child as soon as she is born, so that she gets funds from time to time for her studies etc. Today there are 44.50 lakh Ladli Lakshmis in Madhya Pradesh. Their Mama cation and higher education of the daughters.

Chief Minister Chouhan said that today a large number of sisters are representing in the panchayats. They have got political empowerment. In Madhya Pradesh, 50 percent seats in panchayats have been reserved for sisters. Women are also being given reservation in police recruitment. Self-help groups of women are formed by the Rural and Urban Livelihood Mission and financial and other assistance is provided to them for various activities. In this way their economic and social empowerment is taking place. At the same time, their self-confidence

is being boosted. Chouhan said that ever since he became the Chief Minister this time, the idea was constantly coming in his mind as to what gift he should give to the sisters. I thought of giving gifts to sisters not once but every month. Last January 28 at 4 am the concept of Ladli Bahna Yojana came to my mind and I decided that every month I will put 1000 rupees in the accounts of poor and lower middle class sisters.

The benefit of Ladli Bahna Yojana will be given to all those sisters whose family's annual income is less than two and a half lakh rupees. Sisters will not have to give any income certificate for this. Just a form has to be filled, which our employees will come to your village/locality and get it filled. Along with this, they will also get your e-KYC done.

Chouhan said that the filling of forms for Ladli Bahna Yojana will start from March 25, which will continue till April 30. Money will start coming into the accounts of the sisters from coming June 10.



Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan being presented a Rakhi by a group of women during Ladli Behna sammelan in Lanji, Balaghat district on Monday.

Bhopal all set for grand opening of Shooting World Cup

STAFF REPORTER III BHOPAL

he State capital is all set for a grand opening ceremony of a historic Shooting World Cup stage, the first ever to be held in India outside the national capital of New Delhi.

Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Hon. Chief Minister, Madhya Pradesh, will be the Chief Guest at the ceremony, to be held at the Kushabhau Thakre International Convention

Luciano Rossi, President, International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF), who arrived at the city earlier in the day, will be the Guest of Honour. Also present will be Yashodhara Raje Scindia, Minister for Sports and Youth Welfare, Government of Madhya Pradesh and Raninder Singh, President, National Rifle Association of India (NRAI).

The Chief Minister, will virtually inaugurate the brand-new Finals Hall of the MP State Shooting Academy range, venue of the ISSF World Cup Rifle/Pistol

Speaking ahead of the historic occasion, Singh said, "It is indeed a historic occasion for the country. The range in Bhopal is truly world class and I must commend the leadership of the Hon. Chief Minister as well as the effort put in by the Minister for Sports and her entire team for making this day a reality. For the sport to grow further in the country, it was important that international events such as these were taken to different parts and Bhopal has shown the way. We look forward to a mem-

orable world cup."

Besides the inauguration of the Finals Hall, the opening ceremony will also witness

the oath taking ceremony as well as a performance of Mallakhamb, an indigenous martial art sport which is gaining popularity by the day. The Hon. Chief Minister will then host a dinner in honour of the ISSF President and his

wife Ms. Laura Rossi. Close to 200 shooters from 30 countries will be taking part in the ISSF World Cup Rifle/Pistol Bhopal. Prominent names taking part will be the likes of Jean Ouisusmoois, the reigning Quiquampoix, the reigning Olympic champion in the men's 25m Rapid Fire Pistol, Rio Olympic champion in the event Christian Reitz of Germany and reigning women's air rifle world champion Alison Marie Weisz of the USA among others.

India's own reigning world champion in the men's 10m Air Rifle, Rudrankksh Patil, will also be seen in action as will the two reign-

ing Air Pistol world champions, Liu Jinyao and Lu Kaiman of China. Unofficial practice at the

M.P. Shooting Academy range was on full steam with countries like USA, China, Germany, Denmark, Maldives, Mexico, Chinese Taipei, Romania, Denmark and Saudi Arabia besides India, all testing the ranges on the day. Competitions begin on March 22, 2023, with the men's and women's 10m Air Pistol finals scheduled on the very first day. Indian and China have fielded the largest contingents with both entering 37-shooters respectively. For India, 22-shooters will be vying for medals while the others will be playing for ranking points only. The ISSF World Cup

Rifle/Pistol Bhopal, will see a total of 10 finals, all Olympic events, over five consecutive competition days.

District Collector for action on open borewell

STAFF REPORTER III BHOPAL

istrict collector Avinash Lavania issued orders of registering case against those who leave their borewell open in Bhopal district Collector Avinash Lavania

gave orders in this regard on Monday. SDM and Tehsildars have been asked to survey and find open borewell. At the same time, notices will also be glued in police stations. A seven-year-old boy had

fallen into an open borewell at village Kherkhedi near Sironj in Vidisha district. He was taken out after 24 hours of rescue. However, the child failed to survive and died. After this, once again questions started arising regarding open borewells across the state.

Collector Lavania had requested the people to cover the borewell if it is open at their place. On Monday, he issued a new

Collector and District cerned area should visit the area



Magistrate Lavania has issued an order under section 144 asking to close unused and open borewells in the district with strong iron lids with nut bolts. It has been said in the order that such borewells in which the motor has not been inserted. If the borewell has not been sealed with a cap, then the Executive Magistrate of the con-

and ensure that the arrangement

Collector Lavania has issued instructions that immediate action should be taken on this order. He has asked to put the order on the notice boards in all SDMs, revenue offices and police stations. Punishable action will be taken under section 188 for violation of the order issued above.

Postal deptt official dies of cardiac arrest while dancing

STAFF REPORTER . BHOPAL

n a shocking incident, the Assistant Director of the Department named Surendra Kumar Dixit suddenly collapsed and died while dancing at an event in Madhya Pradesh's Bhopal. Reports say the man suffered a cardiac arrest. The video of the incident has surfaced on the internet. In the video, the man can be seen dancing to the song 'Bas Aaj Ki Raat Hai Zindagi, Kal Hum Kahan, Tum Kahan...' with his colleagues, when he suddenly fell.

People around him tried to help the man but to

no avail. The Postal Department hosted the 34th All India Postal Hockey Tournament from March 13 to March 17 at the Major Dhyanchand Hockey Stadium in Bhopal. The final match was sched-uled for March 17. On the evening of March 16, a cultural programme was organised in the office premises of the department itself.

Meanwhile, a 16-year-old girl died of cardiac arrest at a school amid the cold weather conditions in Madhya Pradesh's Indore. Vrinda Tripathi, a Class 11 student, fell unconscious and died at her school in the Usha Nagar area. The girl had gone to school to rehearse for a Republic event the next day

when she collapsed. Vrinda was rushed to a hospital, where doctors tried to revive her with cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and other means but to no avail, he said. According to doctors, the girl had died before

Car of private company accountant overturns at Shyamla Hills, dies STAFF REPORTER # BHOPAL All injured Mata Mandir and then went to Qazi Camp to have food. were rushed n accountant of a A private company died after his car overturned at high speed in Shyamala Hills area late in the night on Sunday. The accident took place when five friends including the deceased had gone out. to Hamidia hospital where one of them was declared the deceased had gone out

SI Gopal Singh said that Amit Dongre (27) of PWD for dinner late at night in a Quarter Police Shyamala car and near Kamla Park, collided with the divider tant in Kunji Lal Dongre Private Company.

The people inside the Amit's father Tarun car suffered serious injuries works in Pushkar. Amit in the accident. All injured had left the house with his friends Rohit, Dipesh, were rushed to Hamidia hospital where one of them Aamir and Nitin at around was declared dead. At pre-12.30 in the night on sent, the police have hand-Sunday night after asking ed over the body to the famfor food.

All had alcohol near

The car bearing registration number MP04TA8529 was being driven by Rohit.

The five friends had reached near Kamla Park.
Then the vehicle lost control
and collided with the
divider and overturned.

Due to high speed, the car overturned twice. In which Amit suffered a serious head injury and Nitin's leg was fractured. Police have handed over the dead body to the fami-

ly members after getting PM done. At present the police are investigating the matter. Preliminary investigation has revealed that the vehicle belonged to Travels, which is attached with Satpura Bhawan.

being brought to the hospi-



Saurashtra Tamil Sangamam to celebrate links in Guj and TN

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"This is an excellent initia-

tive by the Modi govern-

ment that enables a once-in-

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gram will offer students

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added, "The program

imparts crucial lessons on oneness in our culture. In the words of PM Narendra

Modi, this is Ek Bharat,

Shreshta Bharat. The Saurashtra Tamil

Sangamam will showcase

illustrious professionals

from Saurashtra and Tamil

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nity to visit Saurashtra and

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Kunvarjibhai Bavaliya, Minister of State for Water

resources and Water supply,

Government of Gujarat, said, "Thanks to the vision

of PM Narendra Modi,

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to their Janani - Gujarat as

their mother Tamil Nadu. I

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brothers and sisters a great

experience when they arrive

in Saurashtra.'

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Dr Mandaviya further

STAFF REPORTER M BHOPAL

¬he central government announced "Saurashtra Tamil Sangamam" on the lines of the Kashi Sangamam to be held in Saurashtra from 17th April 2023 onwards. The program will rediscover, reaffirm and celebrate the over 1,000-year-old emigration and contribution of Saurashtrian Tamils.

At the press conference organized in the city, the dignitaries launched an iconic logo, theme song, and a registration portal for participants.

Over 3,000 participants will be offered a once-in-alife glimpse into the life of Saurashtrian Tamils, history, art, and the economic activities in and around Saurashtra.

The Saurashtra Tamil Sangamam is a program that highlights the oneness of India's culture by narrating untold histories of how a community emigrated to Tamil Nadu and their contributions to the country. Addressing the press con-ference, Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister

CM pays tributes to Veerangana Avantibai Lodhi

STAFF REPORTER III BHOPAL

hief Minister Shivra Singh Chouhan paid Itribute by garlanding the portrait of Veerangana Avanti Bai Lodhi on her death anniversary on Monday. Chouhan also remembered her contribution.

Rani Avantibai Lodhi was active in the revolution of the year 1857 and became the leader of the liberation movement in Rewanchal. She fought continuously with the British. The British had to bow down before her courage, due to which the state of Mandla and Ramgarh became independent. The British sent forces from Nagpur towards Ramgarh. Rani Avantibai's army was much smaller than the British army.

The British army surrounded Rani Avantibai from all sides who stayed on the front. Compelled Rani sacri-ficed her life by stabbing a dagger in her chest.

She chose the honourable option instead of dying at the hands of the British. Rani Avantibai did the work of lighting the flame of independence by sacrificing herself for the protection of her subjects. The Central Government also issued a postal stamp on March 20, 1988, in the memory of Veerangana Rani Avantibai.

CME conducted at AIIMS Bhopal on hybrid mode

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Pancreatitis is one of the most important Gastrointestinal (GI) diseases. There are two forms of pancreatitis - acute and chronic. The two most common causes of acute pancreatitis are alcohol abuse and small gall-

A multi-centric research project to estimate the burden of pancreatitis and major gastrointestinal disorders in India is going on in collaboration with departments of Surgical and Medical Gastroenterology with funding from ICMR under taskforce scheme.

A CME was conducted in hybrid mode (online & offline) as an advocacy measure to improve engagement of clinicians and hospitals involved in management of pancreatitis and other major gastrointestinal disorders.

Prof. (Dr.) Bertha Rathinam, HoD Anatomy was the chief guest. Dr. Manisha Srivastava and present.

Prof. (Dr.) Arun Kokane joined as guests of honour. Dr Rajnish Joshi (HoD Medicine) was also Sanjeev Kumar, Dr. Additional Professor, AIIMS

Bhopal

Investigator of the project) explained the current epidemiology of Pancreatitis.

He sensitized the audience on the need for patient-centered outcome 'disability adjusted life years (DALY)'. This was fol-lowed by session by Dr Saumya Jaganath Mahapatra, Assistant Professor, Medical Gastroenterology, AIIMS Delhi on the medical management of acute & chronic pancreatitis. He explained the pathway from acute to recurrent to chronic pancre-atitis. Dr. Vishal Gupta, Additional Professor & HOD of Surgical Gastroenterology explained the role of surgical interventions.

He gave emphasis on need for early care by team of critical care specialist and medical interventions when sterile inflammation is going in acute pancreatitis. He showed videos of pancreas surgery through intraab-dominal and retroperitoneal approaches.

Dr Saransh Jain, consultant medical gastroenterologist explained the diagnostic dilemma in both acute and chronic pancreatitis by comparing the differential diagnoses of characteristic abdominal pain mimicking (also Principal as acute pancreatitis.



National Cadet Corps contingents during an awareness campaign to save Sparrow on the occasion of World Sparrow

Valedictory ceremony of Glaucoma Week held

STAFF REPORTER # BHOPAL

n March 18, world marked the end of glaucoma week. AIIMS Bhopal had designed a week long campaign and conducted various activities to raise awareness of glaucoma among people, under the world glaucoma week. Today concluding ceremony program is celebrated in the presence of Director and Dean AIIMS Bhopal under the guidance of Dr. Bhavna Sharma,

ophthalmology AIIMS Bhopal in which prize was distributed to the winners of slogan, poster and photography competition to motivate the participants and to analyse the activities performed under the campaign so that all team members can do more better work from this time.

Meanwhile, Under the expert guidance of Executive Director of AIIMS Bhopal Prof (Dr.) Ajai Singh, the Video Endoscopy sys-tem has been procured and installed in the Department of Surgical Oncology AIIMS Bhopal. The demonstration and training of Upper GI endoscopy was given to related staff on the third floor modular OT and it has been now functional in Surgical Oncology Department.

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Bodhghat river valley project in Bastar not feasible: BJP

STAFF REPORTER

RAIPUR

 $T_{\mathrm{charged}}^{\mathrm{he\ BJP\ on\ Monday}}$ in the Chhattisgarh Assembly that Congress government had taken up the survey of Bastar's Bodhghat river valley project but it was not feasible.

BJP legislator Brijmohan Agrawal also alleged that a blacklisted company was given the contract for survey. The Union government

had said the project was not feasible in 2004 itself but the



state government was still going to spent Rs 41 crore in the survey, the BJP charged.

Water Resources Minister Ravindra Choubey denied the state government knew the said company had been blacklisted in any other

A total of Rs 12.50 crore had been spent on the survey till date, the Minister said.

The Minister admitted the survey work was incomplete and said the deadline for it has now been extended till August 31.

Baghel to launch Vriksha Sampada Yojana today



STAFF REPORTER

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel Chief will virtually launch the Mukhyamantri Vriksha Sampada Yojana on March 21 on the occasion of World Forestry Day.

The event will be held in village Podipa in Surguja dis-

trict, an official communication said on Monday.

Divisional Forest Officer Pankaj Kamal said plantation will be done initially in 94 acres of land of 30 farmers where irrigation facilities are available.

This will follow in remaining land during monsoon months. A total of 600 beneficiaries have been selected for plantation in 1,029 acres of land in the district.

The scheme is being launched to promote commercial tree species plantation on the land of all government, farmers, non-government,

semi-government, panchayats or autonomous institutions.

Maoists set construction vehicles on fire in Kanker



STAFF REPORTER

Agroup of Naxalites set ablaze a dozen vehicles engaged in a road construction project in Kanker district in Chhattisgarh, police said on Monday.

The incident occurred between Alparas and Gundul villages where the work is going on for the Prime Minister Gram Sadak Yojna

Kanker Superintendent of Police Shalabh Sinha said.

Naxalites stormed the construction site and set ablaze eight tractors, two JCBs and two machines, he

Nobody was hurt in the incident, he said, adding that the contractor had not informed the police before starting work there.

Four held for cheating man of Rs 7.25L

STAFF REPORTER RAIPUR

hhattisgarh Police on Monday arrested four persons from Jharkhand and brought them here for cheating a man of Rs 7.25 lakhs in Raipur.

Additional Raipur Superintendent of Police Abhishek Maheshwari identified them as Bhola Kumar Rawani, Jitendar Lohara, Devnarayan Pahar and Atul Tirkey, all from Jharkhand.

They cheated Praveen Kumar Verma last month.

The police nabbed the four from Deoghar in Jharkhand. They confessed to cheating the victim posing as Phone-Pe customer care executives.

PDS, PMAY issues echo in C'garh Assly

STAFF REPORTER RAIPUR

ssues of alleged scam in PDS rice and incomplete houses under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana again echoed in the Chhattisgarh Assembly on Monday.

Former Chief Minister Raman Singh raised the issue of PDS rice through an adjournment motion.

Leveling corruption charges totalling Rs 600 crore, Singh demanded an immediate discussion on the matter "of grave importance".

Food Minister Amarjeet Bhagat admitted that physical verification of ration shops had led to detection of irregularities in over 5,000 outlets across the state and



the stock was found less than what it should have been.

He said stern action would be taken after a report was submitted.

Amid chaos in the House by both opposition and treasury benches, the



Chair declined to accept the motion and allow a discus-

Similarly, during queshour BJP MLA Punnulal Mohile raised the issue of implementation of Pradhan



that since 2019, construction of a total of 62,336 houses were incomplete and construction of 2,36,815 houses

were vet to be started. The Minister admitted members staged a walk out.

in the house that due to lack of funds the state share in the scheme was pending and the Centre had curtailed the target for the scheme due to

it. Angry over the answer of

the Minister, the opposition

Mahtari Nyay Rath to NSS camp be symbol of national unity: VC

STAFF REPORTER BEMETARA

The Mukhyaman... Mahatari Nyay Rath was flagged off on Monday in Bemetara town Chhattisgarh to raise awareness about women's rights and laws.

Under the direction of Collector Padum Singh Alma, District Panchayat President Revati Sahu and officials from the Women and Child Development Department, the Rath was flagged off.

According to officials, the event aims to making



women aware of their constitutional rights and laws and will help in improving their

confidence.

National award-winning short films in Chhattisgarhi

dialect and Hindi language will be shown on Rath's large



STAFF REPORTER BILASPUR

The National Integration Camp 2023 should be established as an ideal symbol of national unity, Professor Alok Kumar Chakrawal, Vice-Chancellor of Guru Ghasidas Central University at Bilaspur in

Monday. He was addressing the naugural event of the sevenday National Service Scheme

Raipur

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Jain S/o Mr. Moolchand

(NSS) at the university prem-

NSS volunteers from 12 states are participating in the event organized jointly by the Regional Directorate of National Service Scheme, Bhopal, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, New Delhi, an official communication said.

He said young NSS vol-Chhattisgarh, said on unteers will get an opportunity to know and understand each other's art and culture. The spirit of discipline and dedication is inculcated at

the heart of the National Vivekanand Service Scheme.

Chancellor,

University, Bhilai, said India

कार्यालय कार्यपालन अभियंता, ग्रामीण यांत्रिकी सेवा, संभाग - रायपुर (छ.ग.)

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BJP seeks payment for Tendu leaf pluckers



STAFF REPORTER **RAIPUR**

 $T_{a\ road\ blockade\ seeking}^{he\ BJP\ on\ Monday\ staged}$ payment for Tendu leaf pluckers and transporters within 10 days in Chhattisgarh's Bijapur district. The Forest Department promised to release the pay-

ment within that period. Former Forest Minister Mahesh Gagda led BJP workers to stage the blockade of National Highway 63. The

payment has not been

released for the last one year,

he said. official said the money would | the Yubi platform. be released within 10 days.

Axis Bank, AFL partnership for co-lending through Yubi



STAFF REPORTER

Axis Bank, India's third largest private sector bank, and Autotrac Finance Ltd (AFL), a Gurgaon-based Non-Banking Financial Co, on Monday announced a strategic partnership under A Forest Department | the co-lending model through

Through this partnership,

both lenders will offer New Tractor Loans for the Agricultural and Allied activities to cater to the financial needs of the rural segment in the country.

This partnership will leverage the wide customer experience of AFL and deep financial expertise of Axis Bank to enable easy credit availability for farmers at optimal interest rates.

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Mowa Branch Raipur	Mrs.Sapna Jain(Bothra) W/o Mr. Prakash Chand Jain, Mr. Prakash Chand	All that piece and parcel of Land comprised in Part of Kh.o 511/3 and 511/1 Flat No.306 on 3rd floor Block-B having area 795 Sq.Ft of Arihant Heights Village - Lalpur (Tikrapara) Ward No51 Ravindra Nath Tagore	13.12.2022 Rs. 22,82,966.74	

511/1 Flat No.306 on 3rd floor Block-B having area 795 Sq.Ft of Arihant Heights Village - Lalpur (Tikrapara) Ward No.-51 Ravindra Nath Tagore P. H. No.- 114, Bhairo Society Near Pachpedi Naka Tehsil and District - Raipur belonging to Mrs. Sapna Jain Wo Mr. Prakash Chand Jain. Boundaries: North: Block A, South: Flat No.305, East: Common Lobby, West: Boundary Wall. 4010103 Symbolic Possession The Borrowers / Guarantors / Mortgagors in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the above mentioned property and any rallings with the property/lies will be subject to the charge of Bank of Baroda for above mentioned amount interest and other charges thereon.

The Borrower's attention is invited to provision of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. Date: 20.03.2023, Place: Raipur, Chhattisgarh Authorised Officer, Bank of Baroda

India vital for stability in Indo-Pacific: Kishida



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■

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

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 sta-bility in the South Asian

"Free and Open Indo-Pacific (FOIP) is a vision gain-ing traction. The FOIP is a visionary concept. It is to claims at sea.

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

'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

Stalemate over Adani, Rahul continues in Parl $P_{ ext{for the day on Monday}}^{ ext{arliament was adjourned}}$ without transacting any business as the deadlock continued between the ruling and the opposition parties over Rahul Gandhi's alleged 'anti-India' remark in Loonon and a demand for a Joint-Parliamentary Committee (JPC) probe into the charges of share manipulation against the Adani business Group.

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 Harivansh asked Sujeet Kumar (BJD) to raise a discussion on the working of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship amid sloga-

neering 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

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, Amee Yajnik, AKhilesh Prasad Singh, Neeraj Dangi 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.

Rahul writes to LS Speaker, seeks permission

to speak over London democracy remarks

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 gov-ernment of stalling Parliament and finding ways to divert attention from the opposition demand for a Joint Parliamentary Committee probe (JPC) into the Adani

Leaders of opposition par-ties, 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

Platform screens at Patna rly stn show porn clip, ad agency contract cancelled



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■

Aday after TV screens installed at platform number 10 at Patna railway station played a porn clip, the Railways on Monday said it has cancelled the contract of the agency responsible for relaying advertisements on the screens.

Passengers at the Patna Junction railway station were in for a shock on Sunday when platforms displayed a porn video clip. Confirming the incident, a railway official said on Monday the private operator who was given the contract has been "blacklisted" and booked in FIRs lodged separately by the RPF and GRP.

Ín a statement, Virendra Kumar, Chief Public Relations Officer, East Central Railway (ECR), said that two FIRs have been registered against the agency, one each by the Railway Protection Force (RPF) and the Government Railway Police (GRP).
"A serious note was taken

of the lapse when the matter was reported. The tender awarded to the operator concerned has been terminated forthwith and he is being blacklisted for any future contracts" said Virendra Kumar, chief public relations officer of East Central Railway zone.

"All TV screens installed by the operator have been disconnected. The RPF and GRP have registered separate FIRs in connection with the embarrassing incident. Investigations into it are on", he added.

MHA for CBI inquiry against Aman Biradari for FCRA violations

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■

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

All NGOs receiving fortorily 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 "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 registra-Foundation (RGF) and the Rajiv Gandhi Charitable Trust (RGCT) -- two NGOs headed by Congress leader Sonia Gandhi -- for alleged violation



Both the houses of Parliament have not conduct-

ed any business since the start of the second-leg of the bud-

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

Both the ruling side and oppo-

sition come to the chamber and

discuss. We will find a solution

and run the House. We will dis-

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also," he said after the house

resumed proceedings for the

day and members of the trea-

sury benches raised the issue

Countering the treasury benches, opposition members,

including those from the

Congress, also shouted slo-

gans demanding a JPC probe into alleged stock manipulation by the Adani Group.

Hour continue....Nation wants

to watch the House proceed-

ings. This House belongs to

you," Speaker Birla said in an

"Sit down. Let the Question

of Rahul's remarks.

"You come, sit and discuss.

and find a way out.

get session on March 13.

Gandhi on Monday wrote to Lok Sabha Speaker Óm 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 till being sexua ly 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 weakened,"



Priyanka Gandhi too attacked been stalling both houses of Parliamentary Consultative Police's notice to her brother an apology from him. The rul-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.

Party general secretary offensive against him and has ment at a meeting of the ing party has accused the Congress leader of seeking foreign intervention as "democracy in India is under threat". The former Congress chief has

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 eral secretary said.

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 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. InfiÎtration of fake com-Adani, no notice. The government itself is accused of changing the rules to benefit Adani, not even discussed in the Parliament," the Congress gen-

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

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

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 apexcourt 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

India records 1,50,000 road accidents deaths annually

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

While the West has seen steady fall in incidence of road traffic accidents, India continues to record higher injuries with nearly 1,50,000 deaths annually of which 25 per cent is contributed by two wheeler road mishaps, doctors flagged concerns on World Head Injuries Awareness Day on Monday. Among children particularly under

12, prominent reasons for death are a fall from a height, usually a balcony, they said. As per the Government 2020 data, 328 people died every day due to road traffic accidents.

Dr Deepak Gupta, Professor of Neurosurgery at AIIMS, pointed out that helmets reduce risk of death and head injury by 50-60 per cent. "Two times higher deaths have been noted



in non-helmeted riders, the majority of whom are women compared to helmeted riders. No doubt, helmets reduce risk of death by 50 per cent.

"With helmets, hospital deaths are reduced by 16 per cent, cervical spine injuries are lesser and facial injuries are also lesser by 12-60 per cent. New road safety rules should be followed (Six airbags in LMVs, mandatory seat belt usage for back seat riders, helmets for pillion riders) introduced by the Government," he added.

Now the doctors have launched two campaigns, 'SAHE" that aims to create awareness about safety gears like seat belts, airbags, helmets and road etiquettes while another is about 'safe balcony' as a disturbing chunk of accidents is due to fall from the balcony.

Well known neurologist Dr AK

Mahapatra pointed out that high falls contributes to 5-7% of TBI, a unique injury pattern reported from India. "Many of these are potentially preventable if one targets improved balcony/barricading/ check on new home/work place building norms," he

Similarly, over speeding and drowsy driving continues to be the greatest killer on new highways. Dr Gupta also precautionary measures was meager when compared to the cost incurred on

treatment post TBI.

To draw home his point, he said that helmets cost Rs 2500, seat belts cost Rs 1000 and expenditure incurred on car airbags is a few thousand rupees and in fact they are pre-fitted in your vehicle. But if severely injured, costs incurred can run more than Rs 10-50 lakhs in private set ups and months of stays in public hospitals. Needless to say, pain, agony and loss of bread earners of the family are priceless, he added.

Dr Deepak Jha, Neurosurgeon from AIIMS, Jodhpur talked about the government's role in enforcing the law such as mandatory seat belts for both front and rear passengers in the cars and headgears for men and women on two-

ED grills Kavitha in excise policy case

Enforcement 1 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 Chandrashekar Rao 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 the hearing on her petition on March 24.

On March 11, Kavitha was confronted with the statements made by Hyderabad-based businessman Arun Ramchandran Pillai, an arrested accused in the case who

During Monday's session,

allegedly shares close ties with her, apart from some other suspects in the case. Kavitha is said to have been physically confronted with Pillai and her former auditor

Butchibabu Gorantla, officials

The ED has been on record stating that Pillai "represented the South Group", an alleged liquor cartel linked to Kavitha and others, that paid kickbacks amounting to about Rs 100 crore to the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) to gain a larger share of the market in the national capital under the nowscrapped Delhi excise policy for 2020-21.

The "South Group" comprises Sarath Reddy (promoter of Aurobindo Pharma) Magunta Srinivasulu Reddy (YSR Congress MP from Ongole Lok Sabha seat in Andhra Pradesh), his son Raghav Magunta, Kavitha and others, according to the ED.

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

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■

 $H^{ ext{ealthy dogs and cats could}}$ be passing on multidrugresistant 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



ership 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

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 (3GCRE) and carbapenem-resistant Enterobacterales (CRE), which are resistant to multiple antibiotics including penicillin and cephalosporins

'Only Lord Krishna can crack layers of Bengal job scam'

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Only Lord Krishna can crack the mutli-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

For the first time the Agency has stumbled upon a detailed "rate chart" for jobs at detailed rate chart for jous 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

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 chanelise 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

bordering Kolkata only, the how the CDR or call data ED told the court. 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 multidepartmental 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 Suvendu Adhikari said he was contemplating a Public Interest Litigation seeking revelation of the educational certificates of the employees appointed in the past one

"The TMC's organized job syndicate has left no depart-ment 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

ongress leader Rahul Gandhi on Monday called on party leaders in the state to fight the BJP with unity, as he exuded confidence of "sweep-ing" the forthcoming Karnataka Assembly polls with absolute majority. He also announced unem-

ployment 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), anḋ 10 kg of rice free to every member of a BPL household (Anna

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 selected, it is not Adani's". "Select people, who are BJP's friends, are getting all the benefits. It is



during the 'Yuva Kranti Samavesha', in Belagavi, on Monday

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 ■

A fter 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 Bhubaneshwar, 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 multidepartmental recruitment scam exploding the her government's face sending a number of her close aides including Partha Chattaerjee and Anubrata Mondal to jail will offer special prayers at the Jagannath Temple, sources said.

Banerjee had performed a residence ahead of the 2021 Assembly elections that saw her coming out with flying colours

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Digital health is a great enabler in delivery of

health care services and has the

potential to support overall

universal health coverage tar-

gets, Dr Mansukh Manďaviya,

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

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services, said the Minister at the

inaugural of the two-day con-

ference here co-hosted by the

Ministry and the WHO South-

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ration of all countries for

enhanced coverage and quali-

ty 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 collabora-

mitment towards Universal

Health Coverage, the Minister

cited digital interventions have

become the foundations of

many crucial health pro-

Reiterating India's com-

tion with the Ministry.

"It is time to move from

East Asia Regional Office.

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Digital platforms have

universal health targets

potential to meet



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 con-templated 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 contem-plating any Congress-led alliance against the BJP adding nitely try to stitch together an alliance keeping the two bigger

grammes such as reproductive

child healthcare, Ni-kshay, TB

control programme, integrated

disease surveillance system,

hospital information system.

Poonam Khetrapal Singh,

Regional Director, WHO

South-East Asia Region, said

digital health can significantly

improve the quality, accessi-

bility, affordability and sus-

tainability of person centric

health services and effective-

ness of disease management.

imperative today as it can democratize healthcare and

fast track what our Region has

been working intensely towards

"Digital health is a critical

Addressing the event, Dr

among many others.

Omar says BJP not ready to face electors

 $F^{\text{ormer Jammu and Kashmir}}_{\text{Chief Minister and National}}$ 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

'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.



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 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

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 govern-

ment 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 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.

10-day all-India Police Commando Competition to begin in Manesar

New Delhi: The 10-day 13th all India Police Commando Competition will begin on Tuesday at the National Security Guard (NSG) campus at Manesar, Gurugram, Haryana. The 13" All India Police Commando Competition will be organised under the aegis of NSG at its Manesar Campus from March 21 to March 31.

The prestigious National Level Competition is designed to assess the Best Commando Team amongst CAPFs and State Police Forces based on their physical fitness, tactical skills, mental robustness, shooting prowess, leadership qualities and esprit-de-corps," the NSG said in a statement. In the event, 24 teams are in the fray for this prestigious annual event conducted under the aegis of All

SC clubs 3 FIRs against Cong leader Pawan Khera PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

 $T_{ ext{Supreme}}^{ ext{h}}$ 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 compris-ing 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

The Congress spokesperson was arrested from the Delhi airport after he was deboarded from a plane that was supposed to take him to Raipur. He obtained bail from a magisterial court here on February 23 after CJI-led bench granted him interim bail during an

India Police Sports Control Board. This event holds importance for participating teams since it is being held post-Covid pandemic after a gap of three years, the last such event being held at Pune in December, 2019. "During ten-day event, the teams will display their

expertise in multiple facets of Special Forces training, including precision shooting, endurance, special operations planning and execution, and special survival skills, which aptly demonstrate collective preparedness of nation to face terrorists challenges," it said. PNS



ED attaches properties of Pune edu group for money laundering

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Enforcement **I** 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. Vinay Aranha submitted "bogus" work invoices (in the guise of refurbishment of the Rosary schools) and got loans disbursed to bogus vendors which were immediately withdrawn in cash and handed back to Aranha (Vinay), it said.

The ED alleged that Vinay Aranha "diverted" the loans and got crores of rupees in cash. He also got loan amounts worth Rs 34 crore disbursed to

Paramount Infrastructure, Shabbir Patanwala, Ashwin Kamat, Deepti Enterprises and others. "All these so-called vendors have admitted that they did not do any work and returned the cash to Aranha. Despite giving repeated opportunities, Vinay Aranha has not given any account of the utili-

sation of the cash," it said.

The ED found the schools of the group "did not" maintain any account of revenue, expenditure and income since 2012 and no ITRs (income tax returns) were filed.

"All this was purposefully done to enable Vinay Aranha to siphon off funds as per his whims and fancy. He admittedly splurged large amounts on celebrities and to host gala events (in the name of Vinay Aranha Foundation) for selfaggrandisement and also purchased multiple luxury cars," the ED said.

In a separate case, the ED attached immovable properties worth Rs 20.16 crore of Bengaluru-based Injaz International represented by its partners Misbahuddin S. and Suhail Ahmed Shariff money laundering charges. The accused had allegedly acquired the 'proceeds of crime; and layered the same in the form of various immovable properties.

investigation on the basis of the FIR registered by the Wilson Garden Police Station (Bengaluru) against Injaz International and its associated group, under various sections of the Prize Chits and Money Circulation Schemes (Banning) Act, 1978, Indian Penal Code and Chit Funds Act. The 'Proceeds of Crime' in this case is Rs 80.99 crore.

The ED had initiated an

BJP welcomes Kerala Bishop Mar Joseph Pamplany's support Kerala. Freedom of Expression

'There is no freedom of expression for Bishops in Kerala

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The BJP on Monday wel-Comed Kerala Bishop Mar Joseph Pamplany's "support" to the BJP and "Church's willingness" to hold discussions with the Modi-government to "protect the interests of farm-

since 2014 - the universal health coverage," she said. The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has particularly highlighted the importance of the application of digital tech-Minister of State for External and Parliamentary nologies to health and its Affairs V. Muraleedharan hitpotential to strengthen health out at the Left parties and the systems, prevent disease and Congress "for criticizing enhance service delivery at the Bishop for supporting the cenglobal, national and subtre." "There is no freedom of national level, she said. expression for bishops in

is denied to bishops, either because they are Christians or their views favour the government of India," said the BJP leader. Addressing a press conference here, Muraleedharan said " how the Bishop of Pala was ridiculed for pointing out the dangers of Narcotic Jihad, and its impact on the Christian community.

Taking a dig at CPM and Congress he said "they say they are for minorities and freedom of speech but when a Christian bishop speaks his mind or indirectly favours the government of India - they pounce upon him, a ridiculous situation in Kerala", said the union minister adding "it exposed the double standards of Congress and CPM and Muraleedharan claimed that

these parties never cared for either farmers or minorities and "just wanted them to remain as safe vote banks and they should not be allowed to be moved away." On attacks on Churches, Muraleedharan questioned Congress's doublespeak- and reminded them of the incidents in Chhattisgarh ruled by the Congress. Speaking about the "accep-

tance" of the Christian community of BJP "and Prime Minister Narendra Modi" he mentioned that Meghalaya with over 75% Christians, Nagaland withover 80% Christians and Goa with around 25% Christians have 'reposed their trust in BJP." Besides Muraleedharan

former Union Minister KJ Alphonse and BJP Spokesperson Tom Vadakkan also attended press conference.

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

urgent hearing earlier in day.

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Asian alliance

Japanese PM Kishida's visit to New Delhi has the potential to open new vistas in bilateral ties

apanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida's visit to New Delhi Monday is important not just from the perspective of bilateral relations covering a gamut of spheres U but also a critical signal it sends to the big bullies in the international arena: democracies are joining hands like never before. The two nations are discussing a raft of issues, ranging from defence and security to trade, investment, and technology. Committing themselves to a peaceful, stable and prosperous Indo-Pacific, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Kishida vowed to expand the India-Japan global strategic partnership. This century has seen the deepening and broadening of the bilateral ties, which became 'Global Partnership' in 2000, 'Strategic and Global Partnership' in 2006, and 'Special Strategic and Global Partnership in 2014. This is of great importance against the backdrop of China's bellicosity in the region. It is serendipitous that India's pres-



idency of G20 coincides with Japan's presidency of the G7. It needs to be mentioned here that Kishida has been striving to bring the rich and poor nations of the world together. In his address to the Japanese Parliament earlier this year, he revived the term Global South. This was a favorite of the votaries of non-alignment, used to depict and highlight the North-South conflicts. But the Japanese Prime Minister resuscitated just the term, not the idea that it connoted to the pinkish non-alignment enthusiasts. He doesn't seem to be an admirer of Nehruvian principles in international matters; he would not like to act as the trade union leader of poor nations and fight against rich countries; indeed he comes from a rich country. He

wants to unite all countries, rich as well as poor, for a rules-based international order. Kishida is following the late prime minister Shinzo Abe's foreign policy, which has been called "panoramic diplomacy." It has been officially described as a "diplomacy that takes a panoramic perspective of the terrestrial globe." Gone are the days of Tokyo's pacifism. A quarter of a century ago, when India carried out nuclear explosions, Tokyo condemned New Delhi. Today, however, Japan sees an ally in India in the eventuality of a conflict with China; it is arming itself. Japan's role in strengthening the Quad is critical. It is a measure of growing proximity between the two nations that Modi and Kishida met three times in 2022. Along with defence and security cooperation between the two Asian democracies, trade is also growing. Last year, the bilateral trade was \$20.75 billion, the largest ever. The two countries signed a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement or CEPA in 2011. Now both sides emphasise reliable supply chains for semiconductors and other critical technologies. A year ago, Kishida had promised a Rs 320,000-crore investment target in India in five years. This may be the time to redeem the old promise — and make new ones. The same is true for India.



The hullabaloo over UK's refugee policy SARADINDU MUKHERJI



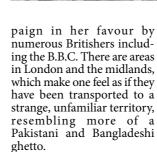
There's been a sharp increase in the number of asylum seekers to Britain. PM Rishi Sunak is trying to put a timely end to the impending danger

he outcry over the Refugee/Asylum Bill in Britain was not unexpected. The Indian media has not remained unaffectd. Incidentally, even a fraction of this "concern" is seldom seen in the latter's coverage of genuine refugees fleeing to India — victims of religious persecution from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan!

The website of the United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR) indicates that it "is profoundly concerned by the asylum Bill introduced by the UK Government in the House of Commons" . It further stated, 'The legislation, if passed, would amount to an asylum ban-extinguishing the right to seek refugee protection in the U.K. for those who arrive irregularly, no matter how genuine or compelling their claims may be". It further urged, "the Government, to all MPs and Peers to reconsider the Bill and instead pursue a more humane and practical policy solution".

Be that as it may, the ground reality is that there has been a sharp increase in the number of small boat arrivals on British shores in recent times. All of them have sought asylum in the country. In the year ending September 2022, the UK received 72,027 asylum applications. This is double the number of applicants received in 2019. Add to this the number of unresolved cases. In the critical backdrop of the UK's declining Christian population and a sudden upsurge in the Muslim population, it assumes a serious complexion. These are the real causes of concern.

Since the 1950s, there have been many legal and illegal immigrants who have settled down in English and have done well. Most of them have complied with the norms of the host community. As against them, there have been a growing number of Islamic terrorist activities, targeting the sons of the soil and their civilizational values. One voula ao well to recall, among many, the activities of the ISIS bride Shamima Begum, who had been stripped of her British citizenship and the forceful cam-



In the early 1990s, a "Muslim Parliament" had been set up in Britain and had been clamouring for absurd favours including the introduction of Sharia! This writer pointed out this emerging threat thirty years ago. ("Muslim Parliament in Secular Britain", The Pioneer, Feb 1992: "Islamic Assertion in Britain", The Pioneer, 30 June 1995) They carry with them

the medieval religious-socialpolitical norms of their original homeland that were notorious for inhumane treatment of religious minorities. Then, there are the crimes committed by the Muslim grooming gangs who have played systematic havoc with the British white girls besides many Hindu/ Sikh girls, unfortunately abetted by the British society on the pretext of multiculturalism that has generally failed. Integration of such a sizable and viciously



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IMMIGRANTS CARRY THE MEDIEVAL RELIGIOUS-SOCIAL-**POLITICAL** NORMS OF THEIR **ORIGINAL** HOMELANDS, WHICH ARE INFAMOUS FOR THEIR INHUMAN TREATMENT OF RELIGIOUS

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ungrateful segment of the population into the mainstream was a non-starter to begin with.

After all, the UK, is a sovereign nation and its political culture is shaped by the ideas of Hobbes- who had enunciated the concept of untrammeled sovereignty (Leviathan, 1561) which came to be tempered by the liberal ideas of John Lock and the subsequent political revolutions and remedial parliamentary legislations. While its claim to "civilizing mission" in its erstwhile colonies, when the Sun had not yet set on the British Empire, need not be taken seriously, it is absurd to demand that every refugee/asylum seeker entering Britain by hook or crook is entitled to stay back and enjoy all the benefits of a welfare state free of cost. Those who find this Nazi like may have to revise their knowledge of some rudimentary

Rishi Sunak, and his Conservative Party may have correctly sensed the nature of the impending danger, and are now trying to put a timely end to it. Surely, the number of their sympathisers in agency. Britain and elsewhere in the civilised world would

increase. Sunak belongs to a Hindu family that once lived in a part of undivided India which is now in Pakistan. Unlike many of India's political classes, he must be aware of the disastrous consequences of a changing religious demographic. There is still a solution to the problem in Whitehall even without

Palmerston and Disraeli. Following the mass expulsion of Asians by Idi Amin from Kenya, their rehabilitation in Britain was both legal and justified, and so is the status of the asylum seekers from Hong Kong, which had been a Crown colony till it was returned to China, and inhabitants of the Falkland islands for which the "Iron Lady" had fought with Argentina.

It is high time that the UNHCR and its parent bodies extinguish the very roots of this malady in the countries of origin — the persecution of religious minorities and their flight across boundaries. Why should they not begin with India's neighborhood? That should be a top priority for any non-political

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Memories rush back as the mangoes bloom



AMIT KANWAR

those past moments when I was at home at the beginning

of the mango bloom. A whiff

Being in the midst of nature is unmatched. To be one with nature is to live a pristine life in tune with the moment

n spring, trees bloom, turning the world into a colourful garden. One bloom that stands out is the bloom of mango trees. The trees bloom and the air is filled with a sweet scent that attracts bees, birds, and people. For me, as a child, the season of spring, which starts in February in north India and spills into the month of March, was a season of extremes. The first few days were spent studying for final exams, and the last few days were spent jovially and academically free. We played hide and seek or explored the jungle trails during the balmy, pleasant weather filled with colors and fragrances of spring. Occasionally, we sneaked into a friend's ox driven 'Belna', (country made sugarcane juice machine) where freshly prepared jaggery coming from a huge boiler, treated our taste buds.

As the weather gets warmer, the bloom starts maturing and with the onset of monsoons, the fruit is ripe and ready. During school days, the ripening of mangoes coincided with the two-



and there are so many memories associated with those mango-savouring holidays. Every tree had a folklore and history associated with itsome were planted by a revered ancestor and some took to roots by accident, some had divine powers and some were the abode of

ghosts, some bore fruits

The rain soaked days, paddy fields and trees blanketed in green, mango trees loaded with fruits, the streams filled with fresh water meandering leisurely downhill, the early morning calls of 'koel' (Cuckoo) and the com-

pany of friends made those times truly memorable ones. It was like reliving all

of fresh fragrance from our courtyard blooming mango tree transported me back in time. I savoured every day trying to hold on to those smells, sights and flavours and enjoyed every moment of spring at home. The sun rises woke me up early to witness the most spectacular sights of nature and the sunsets took me to the highest hilltop in the village, the flowing streams led me on paths less taken, the forests took me in a search of wild, I sat under trees and felt the morning breeze touching my cheeks, I roamed in wheat fields and saw the fresh dew drops kissing the tender plants, I heard the birds chirping in the silence of mornings, I sat on the bank of the rivers to feel the stillness and solitude, I met old friends and we talked late into the nights, like good old times and doing all this I understood the true meaning of living in moments. (The writer pens down sto-

ries of human interest and his travels. He also likes to click portraits)

NO RELAXATION FOR EWS MEMBERS

Sir — The rationale behind the reservation of seats in Government employment and education is often asserted to be the inadequate representation of various social groups. Due to poor implementation of government policies, sometimes even by the Government itself, the purpose of reservation in favour of reserved categories, be it OBC, SC, ST, or the newly introduced EWS, often gets defeated in other dimensions. I recently observed that the application fee for various government examinations such as Provincial Civil Service (PCS) in states like Uttar Pradesh for EWS candidates is exactly the same as for the unreserved (General) candidates. This is ironic because the very purpose behind the EWS quota is to uplift economically weaker sections as is evident from the very definition of EWS. Thus, it defeats the very purpose of reservation. This is because EWS candidates may find it difficult to fill out the forms for those exams where the application fees are very high.

Sir — According to a certain prominent leader of a poll-bound state, his party definitely needs the support of "nationalist Muslims"! However there has been no mention of asking for support from "nationalist Hindus"! Surely in his dictionary, the entire Hindu community is "nationalist" by default! After all no Hindu can afford to terrorise or work against the nation, such is their "sanskar"! Disgusting, but hardly surprising given his party's "glorious tradition" of flexing rabid religious muscle mixed with invocations of barbar-

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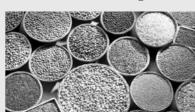
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ic Islamophobia!

Also thanks to him, we can arrive at the conclusion that loudspeakers "screaming" azan (which get performed few times a day for just a few minutes) disturb the neighborhood students and patients; but his silence upon the day/days long screams (shlokas, bhajans, mantras, drums, conch, bells) coming from loudspeakers of tem-

Millets: Superfood against hunger



he United Nations has declared the year 2023 as the International Year of Millets (IYOM) in response to a suggestion made by the Indian government to promote millets as a nutritious and climate-resilient crop. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has also voiced his support for Millets. He stated that they are the gateway to prosperity for small farmers and a key to fighting hunger, malnutrition, and poverty.

The Global Millets (Shree Anna) Conference held in Pusa, New Delhi, is a crucial event for

year prove that if sound emanates from temples, it acts as balm or honey upon ears without causing minimum disturbance to the neighbourhood students and patients! What better can be expected from such a force which treats electoral wins of their own as "Victory of democracy" but the Opposition wins are "triumph of dynasts"!

What a blatant example of hypocrisy! Kajal Chatterjee | Kolkata

CLOSING OF MADRASAS IN ASSAM

Sir — Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma's decision to shut down all madrasas is a foolish decision. It is nothing but a move to suppress the Muslim community. By closing all madrasas in the State and saying that there is a threat to our culture and tradition is against our constitution. This is because it is against the right to practice and learn his own religion. Instead of converting Madrasas into other schools why don't the Assam Government construct new modern schools? Government funding should only be stopped if they believe the Quran ples during various festivals throughout the is being taught in madrasas. Who are

the global good, highlighting India's increasing responsibility for the global good. It is a matter of great honor for India that after its proposal and efforts, the United Nations declared 2023

the International Year of Millets. Millets have been a staple in India for centuries, mentioned in some of the oldest Yajurveda texts. However, with the Green Revolution in the 1960s, millets were replaced by rice and wheat, which were considered more profitable. But now, with the promotion of millets as a superfood, their popularity is once again on the rise. The International Year of Millets is an opportunity to promote millets as a superfood and raise awareness of their benefits. The Indian government's Millet Mission is an example of the importance placed on promoting millets and their potential to fight hunger, malnu-

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these people to decide what to study and what not to study? If madrasas are closed, there will be mass dropout of female students. Is this Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao? In any madrasa, besides Islamic studies and languages such as Arabic and Urdu, general subjects and other modern Indian languages are taught to all students. Many parents who prefer their daughters to get Islamic education along with reg-ular subjects will pull them out of schools.

The Assam Government has forgotten that notable personalities such as Raja Ram Mohan Roy, Munshi Prem Chand, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, and Dr Zakir Hussain studied in madrasas. Previously the Government cited that madrasas are funded by terror activities. However, the Government could found nothing like that in the madrasas. The Assam Government should know that these madrasas were set up to fulfill a religious need rather than promote enmity with any community.

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FIRST COLUMN LIFE INSURANCE UNDER THE NEW I-T SCHEME

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



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he 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.

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.

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.

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Inflation management needs salutary changes



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



ietnam 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

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 ears 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 govern-

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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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 Índia (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

note of the creditstress, harming small businesses and low-income 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

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 prices 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 Indi to double-digit tood 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

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

ust 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

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 I.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 proceed-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, accommoda-

tion and negotiations should be part of the conduct of the Eighthly, new members

should be trained to understand the House's rules and regulations. The parliamentary com-

mittees 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.

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Xi, Putin hold talks in Moscow

China pushes plan to end Ukraine war

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hinese President Xi Jinping Cand his Russian counterpart and ally Vladimir Putin held crucial talks in Moscow on Monday amid concerted efforts by China to push for a peace deal to end the Ukraine war, weeks after Beijing successfully bro-kered a pact between Iran and Saudi Arabia to end their bitter

Xi and Putin, who met over 40 times in the last 10 years to forge close ties to oppose the US-dominated world order, held talks hours after the Chinese leader arrived in Moscow for a three-day state visit to a "grand welcome", official media on both sides reported. Kremlin aide Yury Ushakov told the media that Presidents Xi and Putin will hold face-to-face talks followed by their delegations later. They will continue their talks on Tuesday too, according to Russian official media. Ushakov said the visit would

be strictly a business visit, "there will be no additional protocol stuff, the main thing is negotiations, negotiations and negotiations." In his arrival statement, Xi said, "Our two countries have consolidated and grown the bilateral relationship on the basis of no-alliance, no-con-



frontation and not targeting any third party, and set a fine example for developing a new model of major-country relations". He said China will continue to work with Russia to safeguard the international system with the UN at its core, the international order underpinned by international law, and the basic norms of international relations based on the purposes and principles of the UN

President Putin said that Moscow has studied Beijing's proposals for resolving the conflict in Ukraine and that he will discuss it at a meeting with President Xi, state-run Tass news agency reported.

"We have thoroughly studied your proposals for resolving the acute crisis in Ukraine Putin said, addressing the Chinese leader at a meeting on Monday. "Of course, we will have an opportunity to discuss this," he stressed.

"We know that you proceed from the principles of justice and observance of the fundamental provisions of international law and indivisible security for all countries," Putin said, noting that China was taking a "fair and balanced position on most pressing international problems."

Putin stressed Russia's openness to negotiations. "Of course, we will discuss all these issues, including your initiatives, which

US to send ammunition, tanker trucks to Ukraine

poised to announce that it will send Ukraine \$350 million in weapons and equipment, U.S. officials said Monday, as fierce battles with Russian forces continue for control of the city of Bakhmut, and troops prepare for an expected spring offensive.

The latest package of aid includes a large amount of various types of amountion, such as rockets for the High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems, and an undisclosed number of fuel tanker trucks and riverine boats, according

we treat with respect, of course,"

Significantly, as Xi arrived in Moscow becoming the first world leader to meet Putin after the International Criminal Court (ICC) issued an arrest warrant against the Russian leader accusing him of committing war crimes in Ukraine, Beijing strongly criticised the Court accusing it of double standards. The ICC should uphold an objective stance, respect the immunity of heads of state from jurisdiction under international law, exercise its functions and powers prudently in accordance with the law. and avoid politicisation and double standards, Chinese

it will be announced later Monday. It comes as Chinese leader Xi Jinping arrived in Moscow on Monday, giving a political lift to Russian President Vladimir Putin against the West just days after an international arrest warrant was issued for the Kremlin leader on war crimes charges related to Ukraine. Officials said the American aid will be taken from Pentagon stocks through the presidential drawdown authority, so it will be able to be delivered quickly to

Foreign Ministry spokesman Wang Wenbin told the media in

While there is no imminent danger of Putin being arrested by the ICC, its warrant was seen as a serious image crisis for him as 123 countries are members of the Court.

Ahead of his crucial talks with Putin which were expected to focus on beefing up Beijing-Moscow close and strategic ties, Xi on Monday spoke of his peace plan to end the raging Ukraine war. Xi said his plan takes into account the "legitimate" concerns of all parties and reflects the broadest common understanding of the international community.

Countries urged to rally behind court probes in Ukraine

London (AP): Ukraine's justice officials and the prosecutor of the International Criminal Court appealed Monday to countries around the world to boost funding and support for the global court's investigations into alleged war crimes in Ukraine to ensure Russia is held accountable.

Justice ministers from over 40 countries travelled to London for the war crimes conference, jointly hosted by Britain and the Netherlands, aimed at rallying extra support for the International Criminal Court's probes into atrocities allegedly committed by Russian forces in Ukraine.

The conference came days after the global court issued an arrest warrant for Russian President Vladimir Putin, accusing him of personal responsibility in the abduction of children from Ukraine.

Friday's move was the first time the court has issued a warrant against a leader of one of the five permanent members of the UN Security Council. "We share the belief that President Putin and the wider leadership must be held to account," Britain's Justice Secretary Dominic Raab said as he opened the meeting. "Let's make sure that we back up our words with deeds, that we back up our moral support with practical means to effectively investigate these awful crimes."



Deana Uppal, a film-maker, philanthropist, entrepreneur and former Miss India UK has been honoured with the prestigious Points of Light award by the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, Rishi Sunak. The award recognises Uppal's exceptional work through her charity, the DKU Kindness Diaries Charitable Trust, in supporting poverty-stricken communities in Rajasthan, India. The Kindness Diaries Trust, founded by Uppal in 2015, has been working tirelessly to address poverty in India through a variety of initiatives. The trust provides food, clothing, and shelter to those in need, and also runs education and vocational training programs to help individuals become self-sufficient. Alongside the charity work. Deana produced and directed a documentary on the Nomadic community, Gaddia Lohars in Rajasthan: 'India's forgotten people', which can be seen on Netflix.

NYCB to buy Signature Bank New York (AP): New York

Community Bank has agreed to buy a significant chunk of the failed Signature Bank in a USD 2.7 billion deal, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. said late Sunday.

The 40 branches of Signature Bank will become Flagstar Bank, starting Monday. Flagstar is one of New York Community Bank's subsidiaries. The deal will include the purchase of USD 38.4 billion in Signature Bank's assets, a little more than a third of Signature's total when the bank failed a week ago.

The FDIC said USD 60 bil-

lion in Signature Bank's loans will remain in receivership and are expected to be sold off

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Donald Trump gets muted response to protest call

Washington (AP) Former have dampened the desire for President Donald Trump's calls for protests ahead of his anticipated indictment in New York have generated mostly muted reactions from supporters, with even some of his most ardent loyalists dismissing the idea as a waste of time or a law enforcement trap.

The ambivalence raises questions about whether Trump, though a leading Republican contender in the 2024 presidential race who retains a devoted following, still has the power to mobilize farright supporters the way he did more than two years ago before the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection at the U.S. Capitol. It also suggests that the hundreds of arrests that followed the Capitol riot, not to mention the convictions and long prison sentences, may

repeat mass unrest.Still, law enforcement in New York is continuing to closely monitor online chatter warning of protests and violence if Trump is arrested, with threats varying in specificity and credibility, four officials told The Associated Press.

Mainly posted online and in chat groups, the messages have included calls for armed protesters to block law enforcement officers and attempt to stop any potential arrest, the officials said.

The New York Young Republicans Club has announced plans for a protest at an undisclosed location in Manhattan on Monday, and incendiary but isolated posts surfaced on fringe social media platforms from supporters.

Nepal PM Prachanda wins vote of trust **PTI** ■ KATHMANDU

Nepal's Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' on Monday secured a vote of confidence in parliament, winning the second floor test within three months, an outcome he said would provide stability to his government.

Prime Minister Prachanda secured 172 votes in the 275-member House of Representatives. Other 89 lawmakers voted against him whereas one abstained. A total of 262 members of the lower house were present in the house.

The 68-year-old Maoist leader needed at least 138 votes out of 275 lawmakers. Eleven political parties including Nepali Congress, CPN-Maoist Centre, Rastriya Swatantra Party, CPN-Unified Socialist, Janata Samajwadi Party Nepal, Lokatantrik Samajwadi Party, Nagarik Unmukti Party, Janamat Party among others voted in favour of Prachanda.

Party voted against him. Nepal Workers and Peasants Party abstained. Speaking to the media after receiving the vote of confidence from the House, Prachanda said he would start discussions with the parties in the alliance. "The government will get full shape within two to four days," he said, adding that "Now the government will run smoothly."

Prachanda's victory paved the way for the expansion of the cabinet by inducting ministers from the ruling alliance including the largest party in the Parliament - the Nepali Congress, which has already announced plans to join the government.

The expansion of the cabinet is likely within the next two-three days to give a full shape to the government, according to party sources. Prachanda on Sunday exuded confidence that he will comfortably win a vote of confidence in the House of Representatives.

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"Last time, I received support from 99 per cent members of the House of Representatives, and I hope, this time

Ramsahay sworn in as Vice-President

Kathmandu (PTI): Ramsahaya Prasad Yadav, a senior Madhesi leader, was on Monday sworn in as Nepal's third Vice President, days after he comfortably defeated a candidate fielded by the CPN-UML. At a special ceremony at Sheetal Niwas, the President's Office, President of Nepal Ram Chandra Poudel administered the oath of office and secrecy to 52-year-old Yadav. Yadav, a candidate from the

Janata Samajbadi Party (JSP), defeated his nearest rival, Ashta Laxmi Shakya of the Communist Party of

I will get one hundred per cent votes," he said. Prachanda sought a vote of confidence as two parties in the seven-party alliance - Rastriya Prajatantra Party and CPN-UML - withdrew support to his government following his decision to support Nepali Congress candidate Ramchandra Paudel in the presidential

President and the first from the Madhes region, bordering India. Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal Prachanda, Speaker of the House of Representatives Devraj Ghimire, former prime ministers, ministers, and Members of Parliament were among the dignitaries present at the occasion. election. Prachanda, who was sworn in

Nepal (Unified Marxist-Leninist)

[CPN-UML] led by former prime

minister KP Sharma Oli, by a com-

fortable margin in the election for the

post held on March 17. He becomes

the Himalayan nation's third Vice

as the country's Prime Minister in December, comfortably passed the first floor test on January 10 with 268 votes after all parties except the Nepal Workers and Peasants Party and the Rastriya Janamorcha voted in favour of



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ment is facing a critical, maybe fatal, moment Monday with no-confidence motions filed by lawmakers who are furious that President Emmanuel Macron ordered the use of special constitutional powers to force through an unpopular bill raising the retirement age from 62

to 64 without giving them a

Paris (AP): France's govern-

National Assembly lawmakers are set to vote in the afternoon on two no-confidence motions, one from the far-right National Rally and the other, more threatening one from a small group that has gathered support across the left. The Senate, dominated by conservatives who back the retirement plan, passed the legislation last week. The no-confidence motions each need the backing of 287 lawmakers in the National Assembly, the lower chamber, to pass. Although the motions appear unlikely to succeed, the climate of protest that Macron's pension reforms has sparked in parliament and on the streets means the outcome Assembly is not guaranteed.

No such motion has suc-

ceeded since 1962. Macron's centrist alliance still has the most seats in the National Assembly. A minority of lawmakers from the Republicans party could stray from the party line, but it remains to be seen whether they're willing to bring down Macron's government. The tensions in the political arena are echoed on the streets. marked by intermittent protests and strikes in various sectors. from transport to energy and sanitation workers. Garbage in Paris is piling ever higher and reeking of rotting food on the 15th day of a strike by collectors. The three main incinerators serving the French capital have been mostly blocked, just like a garbage sorting centre north-west of Paris. "The goal is to support the workers on strike in Paris ... to put pressure on this government that wants to pass this unjust, brutal and useless and ineffective law," said Kamel Brahmi, of the leftist CGT union, speaking to workers with a bullhorn at the

French government | Thai Parliament dissolved. **election set for May**

AP ■ BANGKOK

Thailand's Parliament was ▲ dissolved Monday by a government decree, setting the stage for a May general election that poses an opportunity to lessen the military's influence in politics.

The dissolution, just a few days before the end of the four-year term of the House of Representatives, was initiated by Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha, who is seeking a fresh mandate in the vote provisionally set for May 7. The election will pit the popular opposition Pheu Thai party, backed by billionaire populist Thaksin Shinawatra, against parties representing the conservative establishment, closely linked to the military.

Thaksin-led and -backed parties have won the most seats in every election since 2001, but have been blocked from staying in power by military coups, unfavourable rulings by the conservative judiciary and election laws drafted to favour army-backed parties. The leading Pheu Thai candidate is Thaksin's daughter, 36-Paetongtarn Shinawatra, who is heavily favoured in opinion polls.

If elected, she would be the third member of the Shinawatra family to be prime minister in the past two decades. Her father held office in 2001-2006, and Thaksin's sister Yingluck Shinawatra in 2011-2014. Both of them were toppled by coups.

Dissolving Parliament before the end of its term allows lawmaker candidates to switch party affiliations just 30 days before the election, instead of the 90 days required if Parliament's term had merely expired. This allows candidates to shop around for parties offering them the best support, while parties can beef up their roll of potential winners by recruiting candidates with a proven record of winning votes in their local constituency. More than 52 million of the country's population of over 66 million are eligible to vote across 400 constituencies. Four hundred seats will be determined by first-past-thepost races in each constituency. A separate party preference ballot will seat the other 100

Representatives from national party lists. Prayuth, who turns 69 on Tuesday, was the sole prime ministerial candidate of Thai politics' conservative wing in the 2019 election. He first assumed the top job after staging a military coup as army commander, ousting Yingluck's elected government in 2014.

He did not run in the 2019 election but was selected prime minister by Parliament after the Palang army-backed Pracharath party formed a coalition government.

This year, however, he faces a challenge from his longtime comrade-in-arms and deputy prime minister, 77-year-old Prawit Wongsuwan, who has been named the new Palang Pracharath candidate for prime minister. Prayuth joined the recently formed United Thai Nation party in January to become its candidate, even though a court ruled last year that he can serve only two more years in office under the constitution. The party is less experienced, raising the question of whether it can win the minimum 25 seats in the lower house to put forward Prayuth as a prime minister candidate.

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AP ■ ABUJA

ecurity forces repelled an Sattack by Islamic extremists on a coalition center in northeastern Nigeria and several election officials elsewhere were kidnapped as results trickled in Sunday from the gubernatorial vote

Meanwhile, the incumbent governor in the battleground state of Lagos appeared to have secured reelection, though results from more than twothirds of the states were still

being counted. Festus Okoye, a states held elections for new spokesman for Nigeria's Independent National Electoral Commission, said Sunday it had received reports of violence and was reviewing them. Nigeria's election laws grant the electoral body the power to void the outcome of an election in certain circumstances.

"Some of our staff were abducted, some were harassed, some were intimidated, some were hospitalized and in one case killed," Okoye said. Twenty-eight of Nigeria's 36

governors on Saturday while state lawmakers were also elected for nearly 1,000 constituencies. Nigeria's constitution grants governors both enormous powers and immunity from any form of prosecution while in office, making them very influential both in their

states and at the federal level. Saturday's elections were held as the political opposition continues to reject the recent victory of President-elect Bola Tinubu, who belongs to the rul-

ing All Progressives Congress party. In the northeastern Borno state, Islamic Statebacked extremist rebels attempted to disrupt the collation of results on Sunday but were repelled by security forces who killed many of them, local officials and residents said. Babangida Ajiri, head of a

local security outfit collaborating with the military, said at least 40 of the rebels were killed with their arms recovered. "They wanted to surround the village, but the troops

engaged professionally and thwarted their mission," said Ajiri. "It was during the early morning search that we discovered most of the bodies of the killed terrorists." The ruling All Progressives

Congress' Babajide Sanwo-Olu had won 19 of the 20 council areas in Lagos state, defeating Gbadebo Rhodes-Vivour of the Labour Party. He immediately rejected the outcome, alleging that their supporters were intimidated and that the result was manipulated.

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Anti-graft body summons Imran's wife

 $P_{\text{watchdog on Monday sum-}}^{\text{akistan's anti-corruption}}$ moned 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 reg-

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 sum-

moned Khan and his wife to their Rawalpindi office on March 9 to question them on the Toshakhana case.

TOSHAKHANA CASE



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 cricketerturned-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 checkpoint, several cars and

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 muchawaited hearing in a corrup-

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

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

Prime Minister Shehbaz PSharif on Monday strongly condemned the "disgusting" 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 &



& 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

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 muchawaited 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 digni-

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

Islamabad (PTI): The IMF on Monday rubbished claims that it has attached nuclearprogramme-related strings for the revival of Pakistan's muchanticipated 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 ÚSD 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

Esther Perez Ruiz, IMF's resident representative in that the federal government around June.

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

'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 dis-

cussions 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

mise 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

Shehbaz Sharif said that Pakistan's nuclear programme was being "jealously guarded by the state"

'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 negotiators were issuing a joint com-munique, 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

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.

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For Indag Rubber Limited

Top Af Taliban leader issues decree against nepotism Islamabad (AP): The supreme

leader of the Taliban has issued a decree against nepotism, barring officials 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

the IMF mission since early manage its fiscal deficit ahead

February to negotiate the terms of the deal, including the adoption of policy measures to of the annual budget due

At least three Kenyan legis-lators and several protesters

have been arrested in protests in

Kenya's capital, Nairobi, organ-

ised by the opposition demand-

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William Ruto. Hundreds of

demonstrators spread across

the city have not managed to

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protests against Ruto who they

say was not validly elected in the

August 2022 elections. They are

also blaming Ruto's adminis-

tration for the rising cost of liv-

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 con-

gregation would be illegal.

Opposition leader Raila Odinga

Nairobi police boss

Khan for agreeing on tough conditions to get the funding. Separately, Prime Minister Pakistan has been hosting

government."

Kenya Opp leads anti-Govt protests 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 loot-

> The leaders who have been arrested include the senate minority leader Stewart Madzavo 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

University all took part in the



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-

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

Department of Tourism and Archaeology, UAE University, Mission in the emirate and the

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Archeologists uncover 'oldest pearling town' in UAE

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

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-

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

yards, suggesting a social stratification, Power said. The site

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

the Italian Archaeological Institute for the Study of the Ancient World at New York

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, Sovietera 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 development. Authorities hope that development, as well as other building, will grow the emirate's economy. However, even this ancient site bears lessons for

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

≺he 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

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

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

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-



tion, Karad said the government

since 2016 has given 'in-princi-

ple' approval for strategic disin-

vestment of 36 cases of public

sector enterprises (PSEs) and/or

subsidiaries/ units/ joint ven-

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.

Of the 36 cases, 33 are

tures of PSEs/ banks.

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 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-

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 Insolvency Corporate Resolution Process (CIRP) in NCLT and 2 transactions are under review for feasibility," he said, adding, remaining 14 transactions are at various stages.

handled by DIPAM, strategic

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 compa-nies 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 Special Economic Zone (APSEZ) fell 1.96 per cent to end at Rs 666.75 apiece on the

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

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 shortterm ASM.

After taking a beating on the bourses, following the report by US-based short 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

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

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

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 "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 fol-lowing 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 govern-

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 subsidaries 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 marketshaking 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 it 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 sevenmember governing body that includes Berset, passed an emergency ordinance allowing the merger to go through without shareholder

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 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 cri-

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 gen-

Colm Kelleher, the UBS chairman, hailed "enormous opportunities" from the takeover and highlighted his bank's "conservative risk culture" 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 sit-



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

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

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

blame office politics and exces-

sive work pressure for the issue.

which is used for those employ-

ees who put no more effort into

their jobs than absolutely neces-

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

and its Effect on Organisational

Work Structure, is based on an

online survey among 1,928

employees across sectors.

The report, Quiet Quitting

It further revealed that over

Quiet quitting is a term

to ease a fast-growing banking

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

Banking giant UBS is acquifor 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.

Toxic work culture, excessive pressure main

NoBroker enters Dubai to tap NRI's property demand; aims to help buy-sell of ₹2,000 cr Indian residential sector had

disclosure requirements.

 $P^{\text{roptech unicorn NoBroker}}_{\text{on Monday said it has}}$ opened an office in Dubai to tap demand from non-resident Indians (NRIs) and is expecting to facilitate transaction of prop-

The firm has opened the branch office in the Business Bay spread over 1,500 square feet.

Saurabh Garg, Ĉo-founder & Chief Business Officer of NoBroker, said it has hired 10 people to provide services to NRI's who are looking to buy properties in India and plans to recruit more employees.

The company has opened office to cater to the demand coming from the NRIs who are looking to purchase a property

"We are looking at doing business worth Rs 2,000 crore in the first year," Garg said.

to NRI demand from international markets such as the UAE, Singapore, Australia, and the US. Given the volumes of

queries and interest in the Indian residential sector from the NRI community, the company has decided to station its representatives closer to the customers to address the same.

"The NRI interest in the

issue further. It's imperative for

companies to address this issue

proactively to foster a culture of

engagement, motivation, and resilience in the face of adversi-

ty. We believe such surveys are

critical to gather insightful per-

spectives on ongoing issues," Genius Consultants CMD R P

despite the trend of quiet quit-

ting and layoffs, 43 per cent of

respondents believed that the

problem can be mitigated

through better employee bene-

The report found that

peaked during Covid and is still quite strong. We realised that customers feel more confident about their purchase decisions when dealing with a company representative in person," Garg

A builders and has a robust primary sales vertical.

"Buyers are comfortable using a portal for online property discovery. But before making the final purchase of a new property where the house is not already constructed, buyers have a lot of queries, and the physical presence of a company representative helps," the firm said.

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

PTI ■ BENGALURU

rorean electronics major Korean electronics 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 and 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

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 start-

ed manufacturing its premium Galaxy S23 series in India. 'Śamsung 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 ven-

dors," 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.

nvestments by private equity Land 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

 $N^{\text{early half of Gen Z respondents consider toxic work}}$

culture and excessive work pres-

sure as the trigger for quiet quit-

ting, a report said on Monday.

those born in mid-to-late 1990s

and the early 2010s, attribute

toxic work culture as the prima-

ry cause for quiet quitting, while

a mere 6 per cent believe it to be

a result of extended office tim-

ings, according to a report -

Quiet Quitting and its Effect on

Organisational Work Structure

by Kolkata based staffing firm

per cent of the respondents

Notably, it revealed that 23

Genius Consultants.

Over 48 per cent of Gen Z,

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".



54 per cent of India Inc are aware

and 74 per cent of the respon-

dents believed that the quiet

quitting culture is distressing the

In current times, the work-

work environment.

the term 'Quiet Quitting'

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

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 From a sectoral perspective,

force perceives their job as more

than just a means to an end,

namely a source of income,

both the 'quiet quitting culture' and the 'Bare Minimum

"Given the current situation,

said the report.

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

There were only nine large deals of USD 100 million or

aggregating to USD 3 billion in overall such commitments. February 2023 recorded 11 exits worth USD 731 million

Yadav said.

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 reason of quiet quitting for most Gen Z: Report infringement notice Mondays' are co-related and to Third Unicorn Ltd can have adverse effects on organisations, and when coupled PNS NEW DELHI with layoffs, can aggravate the

Näsico 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 Cläsico in various countries, including India.

Clásico 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 selfowned 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 MINISTRY OF CRICKET Mr. Aiav 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. Cläsico is about to launch business operations under the brand MIN-ISTRY OF CRICKET in the very near future under the entrepreneurship of Bindroo.

Barca snatch Clasico win over Madrid Leverkusen shock Bayern

arcelona snatched a 2-1 BClasico 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.

the lead through a Ronald Araujo own goal but Barcelona pulled level when Sergi Roberto tucked home just before halftime. 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

ing, we scored Franck's goal, and the truth is it tastes a bit better, winning like that in the last minute," Sergi Roberto told

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 scan-

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

jured since a second-round exit

at the Australian Open, fell to

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 help-

Araujo, playing at rightback to counteract the Brazilian, has enjoyed his duels with Vinicius in the past but this time the winger triumphed, albeit fortuitously. Barcelona supporters

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AJC Bose Road, Kolkata-700017

date of receipt of the said notice

March of the year 2023.

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

Karnataka Bank Ltd. 100

Appendix IV/ See Rule 8(1)
POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, undersigned being the Authorised Officer of KARNATAKA BANK LIMITED,

Interest [Act], 2002(54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12

read with [rule 3] of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued deman

notice dated 05.08.2022 calling upon the borrower/ mortgagor/ guarantors: (1) Mr. Dalpreet Singh Bhatia S/o Mr. Kulwant Singh Bhatia, (2) Mr. Amit Singh Bhatia S/o Mr.

Kulwant Singh Bhatia (3) Mrs. Mandeep Kaur Bhatia W/o Mr. Dalpreet Singh Bhatia, (4)

Mrs. Sukhneet Kaur w/o Amit Singh Bhatia, No. (1) and (3) addressed at: House No 291 Ward No. 26, Santrabadi Durg-491001 and No. (2) and (4) addressed at, House

No. 26 Ward No. 26, Santrabadi Durg – 491001, to repay the amount mentioned in the

notice being Rs. 10,44,705.52 (Rupees Ten Lakhs Fourty Four Thousand Seven Hundred Five and Paise Fifty two Only) under Term Loan Account No.

2047001600022901, along with future interest from 17.07.2022, within 60 days from the

The borrowers, mortgagors and the guarantors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers, mortgagors, guarantors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken the Possession of the property described herein below in

exercise of the powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of Act read

with Rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest Enforcement, Rules 2002 on this the 18th

The borrowers, the mortgagors and the guarantors in particular and the public in genera is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property mentioned herein below and any

dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Karnataka Bank Limited, Durg Branch, for an amount of Rs. 11,11,510.52 (Rupees Eleven Lakhs Eleven Thousand

Five Hundred Ten and Paise Fifty Two Only) under Term Loan Account No

[The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the

All that part and parcel of Residential Property measuring 1105 sqft of land and GF building of 1063 sqft. located on Khata no. 1179/209, Ph. No. 16/24, Santra Badi, Ward

2047001600022901, along with future interest from 17.02.2023, Plus Costs.

Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.]

under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Securi

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

wish, but were building up steam and found the breakthrough just before half-time, from an unlikely source.

Selected in place of injured midfielder 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 lastgasp strike sparked wild celebra-

tions 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.'

to keep Dortmund top

Argentina's World Cup win-ner 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

"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 overrun 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

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

"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

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



retake top spot from Novak

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.

13th place. The 22-time Grand Slam champion had previously been inside the top 10 since

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

Road, Kolkata 700020 CIN No: L65190GJ1994PLC021012, www.icicibank.com

Whereas
The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the belowmentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Bank Limited.

St. Name of the

Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession

Plot No.- EWS-961, Mouza- Titurdih, Durg

Ward No. 20, R.N.M. Durg-1 (Part of Aditya Nagar Housing Board), Tahasii and District Durg, Under The Municipality of Durg, Chhattisgarh, Bhilai (Admeasuring an area of 30.38 Sq. Mtr/ Date of Symbolic 16.03.2023

Khasra No.:222/83.84.85 222/371, Ph

No.35, Village- Kurud, Tehsil Kurud, Panchayat- Kurud, Ward No.15 Priyanka

Colony, District- Dhamtari Nagar, Chhattisgarh. Admeasuring an area of 1500 Sq.ft./ Date of Symbolic 16.03.2023

Plot No.43 Ward No.15 Gram Kurud, P.H. No.

29/35 Part of Khasra No.222/192, R.N.M and Block Tehsil, Kurud District Dhamatri Nagar Panchayat, Krud Chhattisgarh (Admeasuring an area of 116.12 Sq. Meter/

Being The Property Situated at Plot No. Lig I/1884 & Lig I/1903, Khasra No.583, Mouza Gram Kurud, Chhattisgarh, Ward No.16, Tahsil & District Durg, Chhattisgarh, Admeasuring an area of Measuring area Plot No. Lig I/1884 -48.60 Sq. Mt, Plot No. Lig I/1903 - 48.60 Sq. Mt./ Date of Symbolic 16.03.2023

Shop/ Office Unit No. A7 In Ground Floor in Anuvrat Plaza, Mouza Raipur Khas, P.C No. 106 A, New Pc No.46, Part of Aabadi Khasra No.641, Sadar Bazar

Ward No.39, R.i Circle Raipur, Town Raipur, Tahasil & District Raipur, Chattisgarh. (Admeasuring an area of Carpet area/ Super Built Up area 193 Sq. Ft

I.E. 17.94 Sq. Mtr and an Undivided Proportional Share/ Date of Symbolic 16.03.2023

Khasra No.136/4/K, Motihari P.H. No.46, R.N.M R No.2, Mohalla Ramnagar Ward 8, Village Motihari, Block, Janpada Panchayat Tehsil and District Rajnandangaon, Under

Iensi and District Kajnandangaon, Under Muncipal Corporation Rajnandangaon, Chhattisgarh. Admeasuring an area pf Total Area 866.44 Sq. Ft.=80.524 Sq.meter, House Built on area 669.312 Sq. Ft.=62.20 Sq. Meter./ Date of Symbolic 16.03.2023

Date of Symbolic 16.03.2023

Picici Bank Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd, Landmark Building, 4th Floor, 228A, AJC Bose Road, Kolkata 700020

TAHASIL AND DISTRICT-RAIPUR KHASRA NO. 404/1,404/2,404/3, 404/4 AND 404/5, 403, 405 SITUATED AT VILLAGE RAWA BHATA PH NO 100 RNM CIRCLE DHARSIVA-2, W. NO. 20 PT. SUNDER LAL SHARMA CHHATTISGARH RAIPUR Admeasuring an area of SUPER BUILT UP AREA 1010 SQ.FT.

We therefore, request you to please read the address as FLAT NO. A-1-302, THIRD FLOOR, D.M TOWERS APARTMENT, KHASRA NO. 65/3, 65/4, 65/5, 403, 404/1, 404/2, 404/3, 404/4, 404/5, 405, VILLAGE RAWA BHATA & BIRGAON, P.H. NO. 100 & 101, R.N.M. CIRCLE, DHARSIWA 2 & DHARSIWA 1. TAHSIL & DISTRICT RAIPUR (C.G.). W NO. 20. PT SUNDER LAL SHARMA (NAGAR PALIKA BIRGAON PIN 423221)

sincerely regret the inconvenience caused to you in this regard.

Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd, Landmark Building, 4th Floor, 228A, AJC Bose

Date: March 21, 2023 Place: Raipur

No.26, Mouza- Durg Khas, Durg 4, belonging to Mr. Dalpreet Singh Bhatia and Am Singh Bhatia. Boundaries:

Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)

November 17, 2022

11,59,794/-

October

18, 2022 Rs. 8,56,606/-

November 21, 2022

14,79,725/-

Rs. 21,85,906/-

November 25, 2022

Rs. 20,84,375/-

November 21, 2022

Rs. 17,47,449/-

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Authorized Officer ICICI Bank Limited East : House of Surjeet Singh

North: House of Gurpreet Singh

West : Road South: Road

Place: Durg Date: 18.03.2023

For Karnataka Bank Ltd Chief Manager & Authorised Officer

Karnataka Bank Ltd. 🙉 Your Family Bank, Across India. CIN: L85110KA1924PLC001128

Head Office, Mangaluru – 575 002 CIN: L85110KA1924 ASSET RECOVERY MANAGEMENT BRANCH Phone/Fax: 033-22268580 111, 1st Floor, Diamond Prestige, 41A, AJC Bose Road, Kolkata-700017

Mobile :9632026760 E-mail :kolkata.arm@ktkbank.com

Appendix IV/ See Rule 8(1)
POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, undersigned being the Authorised Officer of KARNATAKA BANK LIMITED. under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest [Act], 2002(54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12 read with Irule 31 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued deman notice dated 05.08.2022 calling upon the borrower/ mortgagor/ guarantors: (1)M/s, New Khalsa Agencies Represented by its Proprietor Mr. Dalpreet Singh Bhatia, Registered Office at, Ward No. 55, Near Sarkari School, Pulgaon, Durg - 491001 (2) Mr Dalpreet Singh Bhatia S/o Mr. Kulwant Singh Bhatia Residing at, House No. 291, Ward No. 26, Santrabadi Durg - 491001 (3) Mrs. Kuldeep Kaur Bhatia W/o Mr. Kulwant Singl Bhatia (4) Mr. Amit Singh Bhatia S/o Mr. Kulwant Singh Bhatia. (3) & (4) addressed at House No. 26 Ward No. 26, Santrabadi Durg - 491001 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs. 13,20,959.60 (Rupees Thirteen Lakhs Twenty Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Nine and Paise Sixty Only) i,e (1) Rs. 11,19,554.00 under PS Overdraft Account No. 2047000600004801, along with future interest from 01.08.2022, (2) PS Term Loan Account No. 2047001800014401, along with future interest from 01.08.2022 within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers, mortgagors and the guarantors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers, mortgagors, guarantors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken the Possession of the property described he in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of Act read with Rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest Enforcement, Rules 2002 on this the 18th

The borrowers, the mortgagors and the guarantors in particular and the public in general s hereby cautioned not to deal with the property mentioned herein below and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Karnataka Bank Limited, Durg Branch, for an amount of Rs. 14,53,762.60 (Rupees Fourteen Lakhs Fifty Three Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Two and Paise Sixty Only) ie (1) Rs. 12,38,445.00 under PS Overdraft Account No. 204700060004801, and (2) Rs.2,15,317.60 under PS Term Loan Account No. 2047001800014401 along with future interest from 01.03.2023, Plus Costs.

[The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.1

Description of the Immovable Property 1) All that part and parcel of Residential Property measuring 1105 sqft of Land and GF building of 1063 sqft located on Khata no. 1179/209, Ph. No. 16/24, Santra Badi, Ward No.26, Mouza-Durg Khas, Durg, belonging to Mr. Dalpreet Singh Bhatia and Mr. Ami Singh Bhatia. Boundaries:

East : House of Surjeet Singh West : Road North: House of Gurpreet Singh South: Road 2) All That part and Parcel of Single Storied Residential building Situated at House No. 72. STF (CGHB) Colony, Beghera, Tahsil Durg, Measuring 560 Sqft. Belonging to Mr. Kuldeep Kaur Bhatia.

Boundaries: East : Road West : Others House North: House of Dilip Soni South: House of Nirmala Sahu For Karnataka Bank Ltd Place: Durg Date: 18.03.2023

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

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

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, The Karur Vysya Bank Ltd, Raipur Branch, the constructive Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of The Karur Vysya Bank Ltd., Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 26th Ápril 2023 (26.04.2023), for recovery of Rs.36,31,399.19 (Rupees Thirty Six Lakh Thirty One Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Nine and Nineteen Paise Only) as on 28.02.2023 with further interest from 01.03.2023 onwards payable as per law due to the Karur Vysya Bank Ltd, Secured Creditor from (1).M/s. K B C Industries (Borrower), Rajendra Bhawan, 1st Floor, Near Ram Mandir, Fafadih, Raipur-492001, (2).Mr. Rajendra Kumar Jaiswal (Partner cum Guarantor), H N 906 2, Raman Mandir Ward, Fafadih Raipur Ganj, Bindrawangarh, Raipur-492009, (3).Mrs. Sadhna Jaiswal (Partner cum Guarantor), Rajendra Bhawan, 1st Floor, Near Ram Mandir, Fafadih, Raipur-492001 The reserve price for Property will be Rs.87,96,000/- (Rupees Eighty Seven Lakh Ninety Six Thousand only) and the earnest money deposit for Property will be **Rs.8,79,600**/- (Rupees Eight Lakh Seventy Nine Thousand Six Hundred Only).

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Commercial Land measuring 2690 sq.ft. and building thereon, situated at Vill-Rawabhatha, P.C.No-100, Plot No-W-2-27, Part of Kh. No-397/1, Block No-8, Dr Khoobchand Baghel Transport Nagar, District-Raipur, Chhattisgarh, standing in the name of Sri Rajendra Kumar Jaiswal.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in our Bank's/ Secured Creditor's website i.e. www.kvb.co.in/Property Under Auction also at the web portal www.indianbankseauction.com of the service provider, Canbank Computer Services Limited

Statutory 30 days' Notice under Rule 8(6) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002

The borrower/s and guarantor/s are hereby notified to pay the dues as mentioned above along with up to date interest and ancillary expenses before the date of e-Auction, failing which the Schedule property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues, if any, will be recovered with interest and cost.

Date: 18.03.2023

Authorized Officer The Karur Vysya Bank Ltd.,

Possession (As per Appendix IV read with Rule 8 (1) of

16-03-2023



KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK LTD.

Corporate identity No. L65110MH1985PLC038137). Registered office 27BKC, C 27, G Block, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai – 400 051 Corporate Office: Kotak Infinity, Zone-II, 4th Floor, Bldg. No.21, Infinity Park, Off. W.E. Highway, Goregaon, Mumbai – 400 097: Branch/Regional Office: Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd, 3rd floor Pujari chamber panchpedi naka Raipur (C.G) 492001

POSSESSION NOTICE (For immovable property)

(As per Appendix IV read with Rule 8 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002)

WHEREAS, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK LIMITED, a banking company within the meaning of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 having it's Registered Office at 27BKC, C 27, G Block, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai – 400 051, branch office KOTAK

MAHINDRA BANK 3rd floor KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK block b pujari chamber panchkhedi naka raipur CG 492001, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (2) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The Details of the Parties along with Mortgaged Property over Symbolic Possession taken by the Bank, is given below:-Name of Customer (Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s)) along Loan Account Date of Demand

(Facility Account No. BBA_WC TL No. 6397TL010000098 (CRN 254224710) and Facility Account No. BBA_WC CASE CREDIT OVERDRAFT Loan No. '5412740421 (CRN 254224710) Facility Account No. BBA_WC, 6397CL0100000005 (CRN 254224710))

. M/s. JAGDISH PRASHAD GAJANAND & CO THROUGH ITS ALL PATNERS. Havin ddress: Office at Gudhiyari near under bridge Raipur CG. 492001. Also at: R/0 Plot No. 327 Samta Cooprative Housing society Samta colony swamiatmanand, Ward No. 15 Union bank of dated 20-12-2022

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2. Mr. Santosh Kumar agrawal s/o late Mr. Jagdish Prashad Agrawal, Having address :Office at Gudhiyan near under bridge Raipur CG. 492001. Also at : R/0 Plot No. 327 Samta 2 5 4 2 2 4 7 1 0) at Gudniyan near under bridge Raipur CG. 492001. Also at: RVD Piot No. 327 Samta I 2 3 4 2 2 4 7 1 0 1 commercial proparty Cooprative Housing society Samta colony swamiatmanand Ward No. 15 Union bank of india Raipur CG. 492001. Also at: RVD Piot No. 312 Samta Cooprative Housing society Samta Clony swamiatmanand Ward No. 15 Union bank of india Raipur CG. 492001. ...Partner / Co Borrower

3. Mr . Sandeep agrawal s/o late Mr. Kailash chand agrawal, Having address: Office at Cooprative Housing Society Samta colony swamiatman and Ward No. 15 Union bank of india, Raipur Housing Society Samta colony swamiatman and Ward No. 15 Union bank of india, Raipur and eighty nine paisa (CG. 492001. ...) Samta Cooprative Housing society Samta colony swamiatman and Ward No. 15 Union bank of india, Raipur and eighty nine paisa (CG. 492001. ...) Samta Cooprative Housing Society Samta colony (Rush) (R

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6. Mrs. Hansa devi w/o late Mr. Kallash chand agrawai, Having address: Unice at Gudniyan near under bridge Raipur CG. 492001. Also at: R/O Plot No. 327 Samta CooprativeHousing society, Samta colony swamiatmanand, Ward No. 15 Union bank of india, Raipur CG.492001. Also at: R/O Plot No. 312 Samta, Cooprative Housing society, Samta colony swamiatmanand Ward No. 15 Union bank of india Raipur CG.492001. ...Property owner
7. M/s Goyal brothers Having address: Office at Gudhiyari near under bridge Raipur CG. 492001. Also at: R/O Plot No. 327 Samta CooprativeHousing society Samta colony swamiatmanand Ward No. 15 Union bank of india Raipur CG.492001. Also at: R/O Plot No. 327 Samta CooprativeHousing society Samta colony swamiatmanand Ward No. 15 Union bank of india Raipur CG.492001. Also at: R/O Plot No. 321 Samta CooprativeHousing society Samta colony swamiatmanand Ward No. 15 Union bank of india Raipur CG.492001. Also at: R/O Plot No. 321 Samta colony swamiatmanand Ward No. 15 Union bank of india Raipur CG.492001.

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lakhs ninety eight South: PLOT NO -206 thous and five & 326, East: PLOT NO hundred fifty four and -313, West: PLOTNO fifty nine paisa Only) -311

The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken posse of the property described herein below in exercise of powers confi red on him under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 9 of the said rules on the date

of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conterred on him under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 9 of the said rules on the date as mentioned above in "Date of Possession" Colum.

The Borrowers mentioned herein above in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to charge of KOTAK MA-HINDRA BANK LIMITED, for an amount as mention in this notice, along with future interest at contractual rate and substitute interest, includental expenses, costs and charges etc. due w.e.f. the very next date of the status of outstanding amount date showing in the above mention details, till the date of full repayment and/or realization. Further the borrower's attention invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets. Please note description of properties is as mentioned above. Date: 16/03/2023 Place: Raipur

Sd/- Authorised Officer, Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002. Authorized Officer ICICI Bank Limited Date: March 21, 2023

Carlo Ancelotti's Real took

up Kessie in the 92nd minute. "We came from a Marco Asensio goal that we didn't know was offside and from los-

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

CORRIGENDUM

CIN No: L65190GJ1994PLC021012, www.icicibank.com This is with reference to the captioned Notices (hereinafter referred to as 'the said Notice') towards your aforementioned Loan/ Facility Agreement No. LBRPR00003147986 with ICICI Bank Ltd. We wish to mention that inadvertently and unintentionally a typographical error has occurred in the said notices and the property address was mentioned FLAT NO A1-302 3RD FLOOR D M TOWERS BLOCK A KHASRA NO 65/3, 65/4, 65/5 SITUATED AT VILLAGE BIRGAON PH NO 101 RIC DHARSIWA1

in the above mentioned notice.

TOTAL AREA 802 SQ.FT. All other details mentioned in the said Notice dated will remain same. We

Spanish teenager Alcaraz Medvedev in Sunday's final to

Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number

Rajni Gardia/ Vinay

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Dhamtari 493663/ LBRPR00005282109

Savita Sen/ Digendra

Atang Kurud Kurud

Dhamtari Chhattisgarh Dhamtari- 493663/ LBRPR00004287608/

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LBRDG00005116721

LBRDG00004709220/

Gaganpreet Kaur/

Chhattisgarh Bhilai

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Kumar Sen/ House No.139

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