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Shah promises jobs, compensation for riot victims, deployment of more forces in Manipur

PTI ■ CHURACHANDPUR/IMPHAL

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday visited Churachandpur, the scene of some of the worst rioting in the recent ethnic conflict which broke out in Manipur earlier this month, and held talks with Kuki civil society leaders. He also held a series of discussions with different Meitei groups, women groups and prominent personalities earlier during the day in Imphal before flying to the headquarters of the hill district by the same name.

Among others, Shah who was accompanied by Intelligence Bureau (IB) chief and Union Home Secretary, met political and social leaders from the Kuki community to understand their grievances and find ways to bring peace to the northeastern state, which has witnessed a series of clashes between Meiteis and Kukis.

He held three rounds of talks with various groups such as Indigenous Tribal Leaders' Forum (ITLF), Kuki Students' Organisation (KSO) and other civil society organisations. He also met five Kuki MLAs from the BJP.

"We demanded total separation from Manipur — both political and geographical. We also sought President's Rule as the law and order has totally collapsed in the State," ITLF secretary Muan Tombing told PTI. The Home Minister on his part, requested the Kuki soci-



Union Home Minister Amit Shah with Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh chairs a meeting with a delegation of leaders from various political parties, in Imphal, on Tuesday

PTI

ety to maintain peace for the "next 15 days" with an assurance of sending more security personnel for the safety of common people, he added. Asked why Shah mentioned only "15 days", Tombing said, "He told us that the CBI will be entrusted with carrying out a detailed probe to find out the reasons behind this prolonged clash. Besides, a judicial enquiry will also be announced."

Earlier in the day, the Government announced it will provide a compensation of Rs 10 lakh to the next of kin of those who died in the ethnic conflict and a job to a family member. The compensation amount will be borne equally by the Centre and the State, an official release said. The decision was taken at a meeting between the Union Home minister and Chief Minister N Biren Singh in the presence of the Council of Ministers on Monday night.

Let SC judge-led panel probe riots: Cong to Prez

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Top Congress leaders on Tuesday met President Droupadi Murmu and sought her intervention in helping bring normalcy in violence-hit Manipur, and called for the constitution of a high-level enquiry commission headed by a serving or retired Supreme Court judge to probe the incident.

A delegation of Congress leaders led by party Chief Mallikarjun Kharge met the President and handed over a memorandum to her seeking her urgent intervention and handed over a 12-point charter of demands to be taken immediately to help bring peace and normalcy in



the north-eastern State. "Though there were several lapses in the management of the situation at the early stages of violence, leading to the present imbroglio. Now it is not the time to point fingers, but to act. If the suggestions above are implemented in earnest, peace can perhaps be restored once again."

CDS: Challenges in Manipur have not disappeared

PNS/AGENCIES ■ NEW DELHI/PUNE

In the backdrop of tension prevailing in Manipur, Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan on Tuesday said challenges in the State have not disappeared, but expressed hope that things will settle down in some time. He also noted that the situation in the north-eastern State now is not related to insurgency.

These observations by him came as the death toll due to ethnic clashes in Manipur which began on May 3 went up to 80 and Home Minister Amit Shah who is now on a visit to the State held talks with various groups.

The CDS was in Pune on Tuesday to review the passing out parade of 144th course of National Defence Academy (NDA). Asked about situation in Manipur, he told reporters that, "The Army, Assam Rifles were deployed in Manipur before 2020. Since the challenges of northern borders were far more, we were able to withdraw Army. Since insurgency situation had normalised, we were able to do that."

The situation now in Manipur is "not related to insurgency". It is a clash between two ethnicities and a situation of law and order, he said. "We are helping the State Government with the problem," the CDS said.

UWW hits out at detention of grapplers, threatens WFI ban

Khap, farmer leaders convince wrestlers not to immerse medals in Ganga river

PTI/PNS ■ HARIDWAR/NEW DELHI/CORSIER-SUR-VEVEY (SWITZERLAND)

On a drama-filled Tuesday, some of India's best wrestlers accompanied by hundreds of supporters gathered on the banks of the Ganga, threatening to immerse their World and Olympic medals in the holy river but refrained after being convinced by Khap and farmer leaders who sought five days to address their grievances.

Meanwhile, in evidence of growing support to the grapplers the global governing body for wrestling, United World Wrestling (UWW), issued a statement on the grapplers' protest, saying that events of these last days are even more worrying, and the legendary Anil Kumble on Tuesday said he is "dismayed" by the treatment meted out to the protesting wrestlers at Jantar Mantar where they were manhandled and detained by police for trying to march towards the new Parliament building and hold a 'Mahila Mahapanchayat'.

Earlier, Olympic champion shooter Abhinav Bindra, Indian football captain Sunil Chhetri and former India all-



rounder Irfan Pathan too had expressed solidarity with the grapplers. On a day that India's top wrestlers like Rio 2016 bronze medallist Sakshi Malik, Tokyo 2020 medallist Bajrang Punia and world championship medallist Vinesh Phogat almost immersed their medals in the Ganga river, the UWW, came out with a strong statement condemning the "treatment and detention of the wrestlers".

"For several months, United World Wrestling has followed with great concern the situation in India where wrestlers are protesting over allegations of abuse and harassment by the President of the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI)," the statement said before adding: "UWW will request further information about the next elective general assembly from the IOA and the Ad-hoc Committee of the WFI."

The 45-day deadline that was initially set to hold this elective assembly shall be respected. Failing to do so may lead UWW to suspend the federation, thereby forcing the athletes to

compete under a neutral flag. It is reminded that UWW already took a measure in this situation by reallocating the Asian Championship planned in New Delhi earlier this year."

SKM calls for June 1 nationwide dharna in support of grapplers

New Delhi: Farmers' outfit Samyukta Kisan Morcha on Tuesday called for nationwide demonstrations on June 1 in support of wrestlers who have been demanding the arrest of BJP MP and WFI chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, accused of sexually harassing women grapplers.

The Samyukta Kisan Morcha, in a statement, said it has given the call for the nationwide agitation "to secure democratic right to protest by the Indian wrestlers" and all other sections of society and to "demand the arrest of Brij Bhushan Saran Singh". **PTI**

Forest Guard murder: 2 more held from J'khand

Total 26 involved in crime; 7 nabbed so far: SP UBACHAK MOHANTY ■ BALESWAR

In connection with the alleged killing of a Forest Guard of Simlipal Biosphere on May 22, two more accused involved in the case were apprehended on Monday night by the Odisha police in coordination with their Jharkhand

counterparts.

Following tip-off raids in Musabani area under East Singhbhum district the accused were arrested, informed Baleswar SP, who is also in-charge of Mayurbhanj, Sagarika Nath. With this the number of arrests went up to seven and one of the three prime accused was nabbed in the latest raid, she informed the media.

She said while initially it was presumed that the number of

miscreants could be at least 10 but after detailed investigation, 26 persons had been identified by name. They all belong to the three to four villages in the foothills of Simlipal Tiger Reserve. Patrolling Forest Guard Bimal Jena (40) was allegedly shot at and killed by poachers while they were returning with a live barking deer and stopped by Jena. A case was registered under Sections 302 and 34 of IPC along with 25 and 27 of Arms

Act in the Bangiriposhi police station. The police had begun a manhunt to nab the poachers and earlier in two phases five had been arrested.

"19 more accused involved in the case are yet to be apprehended. During raids, 13 firearms besides other poaching devices including daggers, axes and cycle balls were seized," she said, adding three dedicated teams are working to bring other accused at large to book.

Bribery: Karanjia Tehsildar sent to jail

PNS ■ CUTTACK

Karanjia Tehsildar Charles Nayak, who was arrested in a Vigilance case of May 23 on the allegation of demanding and accepting Rs 12 lakh bribe from a complainant in order to release land acquisition award of Rs 51,75,810 in his favour, was forwarded to court on Tuesday. He was remanded in jail custody till June 9.



Following the registration of the case against Nayak, simultaneous searches were conducted at the official chamber, Government official quarter at Karanjia and his residential house located at Nayabazar, Back side of Bhadrak Government Medical, Bhadrak town. His movable and immovable assets unearthed include one triple storeyed building at Naya Bazar, Bhadrak Town

worth Rs 71 lakh, bank, postal and insurance deposits worth Rs 1.25 crore, one four-wheeler (Hyundai Creta) worth Rs 12.37 lakh, gold jewellery, one two wheeler and household articles worth lakhs. Nayak had joined in Government service as an ORS officer on October 20, 2010 and was promoted as an OAS Officer in the year 2015. Investigation of the case was in progress.

Monsoon arrival depends on low pressure

Temp to rise further from June 2 in State

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

Advancement of the south-west monsoon into eastern and southern India would depend on a likelihood of development of low pressure areas over the Arabian Sea and east central Bay of Bengal on June 6, Siksha 'O' Anusandhan's Centre for Environment and Climate (CEC) here said on Tuesday.

The advancement of the south west monsoon would depend on the intensity and direction of both the low pressure systems, CEC director. SC Sahu said.

There is a possibility of rise of day temperature between June 2 and 9 and the probability of occurrence of sporadic thunderstorms with rains in Odisha during this period, Sahu said.

Meanwhile, the existing weather pattern in the State with day temperature of less than 42 degree Celsius in in-

terior parts of the State and below 40 degree in the coastal plains would continue up to June 1. Sporadic nor'wester, also known as 'Kalabaisakhi', could occur across the State because of anticyclone over north Arabian Sea and the breeze flowing in from the Bay of Bengal, he said.

Meanwhile, the Regional Office of the India Meteorological Department (IMD) here issued a Yellow warning and said thunderstorms with lightning and gusty surface wind with speed reaching up

to 40 to 50 kmph are very likely to occur at one or two places in the districts of Malkangiri, Koraput, Nabarangpur, Kalahandi, Kandhamal, Keonjhar, Mayurbhanj, Jajpur, Bhadrak and Baleswar on Wednesday.

Thunderstorms with lightning are very likely to occur at one or two places in the districts of Kendrapada, Cuttack, Jagatsinghpur, Puri, Khordha, Nayagarh, Ganjam, Gajapati, Sundargarh, Angul, Dhenkanal, Rayagada and Kandhamal on Wednesday.

4 new industrial units inaugurated in State

Groundbreaking for 17
Investment of Rs 3,600 cr;
jobs for 9,200

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Wednesday inaugurated four key industrial units and laid foundations for 17 projects at the 17th phase of the groundbreaking and inauguration ceremony for new industrial units in the State.



The cumulative investments for these industries are Rs 3,600 crore which can create employment opportunities for 9,200 persons.

Patnaik said Odisha now ranks second among the top

States in attracting investments.

He requested all the investors present to further expand their businesses in Odisha.

These industries are the result of the Make in Odisha

Conclave, where various companies expressed their investment intent in the State.

The groundbreaking and inauguration ceremony was held for projects spread across diverse sectors like cement, food processing, agro processing, plastics, power and renewable energy, IT & ESDM, steel downstream, textile and apparel and tourism.

The projects are spread across different districts, mainly Angul, Baleswar, Cuttack, Dhenkanal, Khordha, Puri, Jharsuguda, Sambalpur, Subarnapur and Sundargarh.

CAPSULE

RUSSIA: DRONES HIT MOSCOW BUILDINGS

Kyiv: Russian stopped eight drones converging on Moscow, officials said Tuesday, in an attack that authorities blamed on Ukraine, while Russia pursued its relentless bombardment of Kyiv with a third assault on city in 24 hours.

NAME FOR DERC HEAD SENT TO DELHI L-G

New Delhi: Arvind Kejriwal has again sent the name of Justice (retd) Rajiv Kumar Srivastava to the LG for his appointment as the new head of the power regulator Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission, or DERC, a government statement said on Tuesday.

DELHI HC RESERVES VERDICT ON ₹2K NOTES

New Delhi: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) cannot withdraw from circulation or discontinue banknotes and only the central government is vested with such powers, the Delhi High Court was told on Tuesday.

CHINA LAUNCHES NEW MANNED MISSION

Beijing: China on Tuesday successfully sent three astronauts including its first civilian into orbit as it launched Shenzhou-16 manned mission to its space station for second crew rotation, signalling another leap forward for China's space prog.

In a first Vigilance cracks bribery committed in digital mode

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

For the first time in its history, the Odisha Vigilance has cracked down bribery cases committed through digital mode of payments. The Vigilance has detected two cases of bribe taking through PhonePe and arrested the Government as well as private persons involved in the bribe cases.

With the detection of bribe cases through digital mode, the

anti-corruption wing of Odisha Government, in a tweet said, "Odisha Vigilance is committed to take strong action against bribe takers and their facilitators. Remember, you aren't safe when taking bribes through PhonePe. We will follow the digital footprints and come after you."

In all three cases, the private persons helping the Government servants by taking bribe money in their PhonePe accounts have also

been arrested.

The Vigilance has arrested Karanjia Tahsildar Charles Nayak while taking a bribe of Rs 12 lakh through two different blank cheques. This was the first case of a bribe by cheque mode and also the highest bribe amount in a case, an official said on Tuesday.

The Tahsildar demanded the bribe amount in the form of two blank cheques (without name of the payee) of Rs10 lakh and Rs 2 lakh in order to

release the compensation cheque of the complainant, he said.

Nayak has been arrested as prima facie evidence was well established against him and he was forwarded to the Court of Special Judge, Vigilance, Baripada, on Tuesday.

In another case, the Vigilance has arrested Taruna Ranjan Nayak, working in the Grievance Redressal Forum (GRF), TPCODL, Bhubaneswar, along with his

associate Sailaza Muduli while demanding and accepting bribe Rs10,000 from a complainant through PhonePe.

They found taking the bribe on the PhonePe account of Muduli for processing the grievance application of the complainant in getting a new electricity connection to his residence.

In the third case, Vigilance officials caught three officials of the Minor Irrigation

Division of Brahmapur, who were arrested for demanding bribes of Rs 24,000.

The accused are two Junior Engineers, Prasanna Kumar Padhy and Dharendra Kumar Panda, and supervisor Ajaya Patra. For processing the file for a work, Panda was taking Rs 10,000 while Patra previously accepted Rs 14,000 through Phonepe. Following the case, raids were conducted on the properties of the three officials.

Govt decides to increase Class-XII seats

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The State Government has decided to increase the number of seats for Class-XII in Higher Secondary Schools, said School and Mass Education Minister Sudam Marndi on Tuesday.

The decision has been taken in view of the significant rise in pass percentage in the Matric examinations, the results of which were declared recently. The increase in the number of seats would come into effect from the upcoming

2023-24 academic year, the Minister said.

He emphasised that the decision to raise the number of seats was driven by the need to cater to the growing demand for higher education.

In addition to the seat expansion, the Government is also preparing to establish 106 new Higher Secondary Schools across the State. This initiative aims to provide enhanced educational opportunities for students, said School and Mass Education Secretary Awasthy S.

+2 Sc, Com results today

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The results of the Odisha Plus Two Examinations-2023 for Science and Commerce streams conducted by the Council of Higher Secondary Education (CHSE) will be announced on Wednesday (May 31) at 11 am.

Students who appeared for the Class-XII examinations will be able to access their results by visiting the official website of CHSE at

www.chseodisha.nic.in.

The results of Arts and Vocational streams will be published on a later date.

Around 3.5 lakh students had appeared at the examinations under various streams this year. The CHSE had started evaluation of the answer sheets on April 10. The process of evaluating the answer sheets took place at 65 offline evaluation centres and 39 online evaluation centres.

Survey In 17 districts Infra gaps in schools; RTE Act norms not complied

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

As many as 75.86% (5,421) elementary schools in Odisha do not possess a playground, depriving students of physical activity opportunities.

Furthermore, 75.68% (5,408) of schools also require a minor or major repairing, undermining the norms and standards stipulated in the Right to Education (RTE) Act, revealed a study titled "State of School Infrastructure in Government Elementary Schools in Odisha," which was conducted by Atmashakti Trust, in collaboration with Odisha Shramajeebee Mancha (OSM) and Mahila Shramajeebee Mancha, Odisha (MSMO).

The study encompassed a comprehensive analysis of 7,146 schools from 98 blocks and one Urban Local Body (Bhubaneswar) of 17 districts in the State.

The findings of the study are alarming, highlighting a staggering non-compliance with the norms outlined in the



RTE Act. 8.7% (623) of the surveyed schools have no source of drinking water, depriving students of a basic necessity. Out of 6,523 schools, where there is a source of drinking water facility, 3.66% (239) of schools suffer from severe structural damage, thus not usable.

8.13% (581) of schools lack space for a kitchen, impeding efforts to provide nutritious meals to students. Furthermore, 5.68% (373) schools with kitchen space are fully damaged, exacerbating

the situation.

13.42% (959) of schools do not have toilets, while 18.2% (1,301) schools lack separate toilets for boys and girls. Moreover, 3,197 schools have toilets without any water facility, undermining proper sanitation practices. In addition to that, 860 toilets are fully damaged.

32.26% (2,305) of schools do not have an electricity connection, impeding the use of technology and hindering effective teaching methods. Not only that, 51.25% (3,662)

schools also do not have computer facilities. 32.66% (2,334) of schools lack a boundary wall, compromising security and safety on school premises. 29.12% (2,081) schools do not have a library which is crucial in promoting reading habits, independent learning, and research skills among students.

Not only the school infrastructure, even 55.89% (3,994) of schools surveyed do not have the required number of teachers as per the mandated PTR norms in the RTE Act.

1,500 new bridges to be built in next 5 yrs

Rs 6,000 cr to be spent under Biju Setu Yojana

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

To increase rural connectivity in the State, the Rural Development Department plans to construct 1,500 new bridges with an outlay of Rs 6,000 crore under the Biju Setu Yojana (BSY) in the next five years, informed Rural Development Minister Preeti Ranjan Ghadai during a departmental performance review meeting held by Chief Minister Naveen

Patnaik on Monday.

The department will also facilitate construction of 15,000 km of roads under the Mukhya Mantri Sadak Yojana with an expenditure of Rs 12,000 crore, he said while sharing the department's vision and roadmap for the next five years.

Presenting details of the achievements against the promises given in the election manifesto and transformational initiatives during a Press meet here, Ghadai said the department's budget has risen 25 times in comparison to the year 2000-



2001 (from Rs 305 cr to Rs 7,500 cr in 2023-24); and till date, 2,241-km roads have been constructed using green technology, 8,700 buildings like colleges, schools, multipurpose cyclone shelters, etc., have been built to augment infrastructure in

connectivity to as many as 18,161 habitations. While over 10,000-km roads have been constructed using green technology, 8,700 buildings like colleges, schools, multipurpose cyclone shelters, etc., have been built to augment infrastructure in

rural areas. Against the manifesto (2019-2024), commitment was made for 750 bridges under BSY out of which 679 have been completed and 900 will be constructed by March 2024.

Besides, 6,247-km roads have been completed under

MMSY and other State plan schemes against the commitment of 3,000 km. The department also plans to complete 6,000-km more roads by March 2024.

Ghadai said the department has been awarded at the national level for construction of maximum road length, road construction using green technology and connectivity to inaccessible habitations. It is the first department to implement WAMIS for work automation and accounts management which has been adopted by other engineering departments of the State.

CM urged for steps to ban kangaroo courts

Special laws to deal with persons involved

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The prevalence of kangaroo court incidents in many villages of Odisha, even after 76 years of independence, has become serious a concern as several poor families are being deprived of their basic rights, including access to ration, fire, and water, due to the rulings passed by these court committees. To curb such courts, Deuli-based Utkalmani Yubak Sangha wrote a letter to Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik for steps against such courts.

Sangh president Goutam Behera stated that the existence of kangaroo courts is a stark reminder of the challenges that were faced in ensuring justice and equality for all. Such practices not only violate the fundamental rights of individuals and families but

also perpetuate a culture of discrimination, oppression, and abuse of power. It is imperative that immediate and decisive action be taken to address the issue and protect the rights and dignity of every citizen.

He demanded enactment of special legislation to ban the kangaroo courts in Odisha. He urged the CM to allocate additional resources and personnel to the police force in rural areas to ensure effective law enforcement against kangaroo court committees by conducting regular raids and investigations to identify and dismantle these illegal structures, apart from providing necessary training to law enforcement officials to handle such cases sensitively and professionally.

He also urged the launching of a comprehensive awareness campaign and support mechanisms to assist victims of kangaroo court incidents.

Cong to fight against BJD, BJP Govts

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The Central Government for the last nine years has only looted the country. The people were shown the dream of 'Achhe Din', but they have been burdened only with price rise, said Pradesh Congress Committee president Sarat Patnaik at a Naba Sankalp Shivir of the party here on Tuesday.

The prices of essential commodities like egg, pulses and fish have risen by 100% than what they were in 2014. More than 45 crore people of

the country are unemployed.

Odisha Congress in-charge and MP A Chella Kumar said the party organisation would be strengthened and a decisive battle would be fought against the Odisha Government which has been looting the State's natural resources for the last 23 years. Besides, a massive campaign would be launched against the Central Government's anti-people policies.

Former PCC president Niranjan Patnaik and senior party leader Narasingha Mishra also spoke.

Taladanda mishap Cuttack DM seeks report from officials

PNS ■ CUTTACK

A day after a person lost his life after his car fell into the Taladanda Canal in Cuttack, district Collector Bhawani Shankar Chayani has sought a report in connection with the mishap.

"The Roads and Building Department Superintending Engineer (SE) and the Sadar Sub-Collector have been asked to submit a report in connection with yesterday's incident," said Chayani on Tuesday.

According to the Collector, preliminary investigation

suggests that it was an accident. The driver of the car lost control of the wheels when construction work was going on at the spot.

On the allegation that no safety measures were taken at the construction site, the Collector said, "Many a time, people break the barricades and enter the spot where accident occurs."

Notably, two persons, including a woman, sustained injuries after their car plunged into the Taladanda canal on Monday. The driver of the car subsequently succumbed to his injuries.

TPCODL GRF officials held taking bribe

Company suspends a culprit

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

Taruna Ranjan Nayak, working as OAG-III, O/O Grievance Redressal Forum (GRF), TPCODL, Nayapalli, Bhubaneswar and his associate Sailaza Muduli were arrested while demanding and accepting Rs10, 000 bribe on Monday.

They received the money from the complainant through the Phonepe number of Muduli for processing his grievance application in getting a new electricity connection to his residence.

Nayak demanded the bribe in order to register a case at GRF/Ombudsman TPCODL, assuring to pass favourable orders for new electricity connection to his house.

The complainant reported the matter to the Vigilance which laid a trap and nabbed

the duo. It is suspected that Nayak was habitually taking bribe via PhonePe through his associate Muduli. Later, simultaneous searches were launched on the residential house of Nayak at Pandara, Mancheswar, Bhubaneswar and his house at native village Chandol, Kendrapada.

The TPCODL in a statement said, "We have been made aware of the arrest of an officer by the Odisha Vigilance Directorate in connection with an alleged bribery case related to new electricity connections. The reported conduct goes against the company's code of conduct and work ethics." "We have taken immediate action by suspending the officer in question and initiating an internal inquiry into the matter. Once the investigation report is available, the strictest measures will be taken against the individual found responsible," it added.

Impact of Artificial Intelligence on human resources



SOURAJEET PRADHANI

The advent of Artificial Intelligence (AI) has raised a number of questions in the minds of human beings. Since early 2010, smart algorithm has made an impact in our daily lives. Search engines, online shopping, traffic management are some of the examples. The launch of ChatGPT has put the topic of artificial intelligence into the public discourse.

Human resources, outside the realm of technology, have grown sceptical to the rise of ChatGPT and its benefits. ChatGPT has allowed any user to visit its interface and ask any question. The platform can write poetry, motivational speech, essays, etc., as per the choice of the user. In the coming days, ChatGPT can analyse reports and draft legal as well as technical documents.

The Internet has played an important role to bring substantial transformation in the business landscape as well as in our standards of living. But many fear that this tool will eventually lead to structural unemployment. Hence, the job market as well as the society must be prepared to tackle the issue of inevitable structural unemployment.

Firstly, we all need to agree and accept the fact that technology will be the major tool for social, economic and financial transformation. It cannot be subdued or suppressed. Societies, which are ready to accept artificial intelligence, will experience exponential benefits while those who fail to accept it will be left behind.

The basic requirements of the society do not change. But the way these requirements are met keep changing. Let's consider communication. Earlier, letters were delivered by postmen. They were also expected to read the letters to the recipients. Letters were then replaced by emails. Now, emails are replaced by the most advanced form of telecommunication.

Similarly, cash transactions

were replaced by online payments and subsequently digital wallets. In terms of investments, FDs were replaced by equity and bonds and, finally, crypto currencies. In a nutshell, we can see that while the basic requirements remained the same, the way the requirements are met have undergone substantial changes.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) will create new jobs. But the nature of these jobs will be difficult to visualise at this point of time. Today's security guards may be tomorrow's cyber security experts. The medical professionals will be expected to correlate technology with medicine. The modern legal systems will require lawyers and judges to be aware of the functional aspects of technology.

Narayan Murthy, the

founder of Infosys, gave a comment that ChatGPT cannot replace the analytical mind of human beings. But even he knows the inevitable impact of technology in our day-to-day lives. Hence, we need to create the resources to meet the rapidly changing societal requirements.

In India, a majority of the workforce belongs to the unorganised sector. A substantial percentage of the workforce falls outside the realm of technology. A few will benefit the technological transformation.

Countries must focus on their human resources and prepare the workforce to make the most of the AI's benefits. The public as well as the private sector must invest massively on enhancing the skill sets of their existing resources. The up-

skilling must be relevant and in sync with the imminent technological requirements.

From the country-specific perspective, a lot of focus should be on protecting the IPRs (Intellectual Property Rights), i.e., opting for patents of their innovative work. India's record in filing IPRs is well below than other countries like the US and China.

The third point is creating the required academic infrastructure. The New Education Policy has stressed upon technological curriculum like coding, but it must be backed by an adequate infrastructure as well. For an inclusive and holistic development of the society, Artificial Intelligence must be utilised to enable the workforce to meet the challenges of an evolved artificial intelligence tool like ChatGPT.

Man poisons daughter

‘Doubted wife’s chastity, didn’t hate girl child’

Admits accused before cops

UBACHAK MOHANTY ■ BALESWAR

The cops, who are investigating into Monday’s incident of a man injecting his 20-day-old infant daughter with poison, said it was not a case of female infanticide.

Accused Chandan Jena was not upset over the birth of the daughter, but he doubted his wife’s chastity and claimed that the girl was not his biological child. So, he wanted to end the infant’s life, said Baleswar SP Sagarika Nath on Tuesday.

Reports said Chandan had married Tanmayi in 2022 and a girl child was born to them. However, Chandan was looking for an opportunity to get rid of the child. Tanmayi had gone to

In Jagatsinghpur dist

Woman, daughter killed as truck hits scooty

2 other kin critically injured

PNS ■ JAGATSINGHPUR

In a tragic incident, two persons, including a minor girl, died while two others suffered critical injuries after a truck hit their two-wheeler at Chasapada Chhak in Balikuda block of Jagatsinghpur district on Wednesday morning.

The deceased were identified as Kalima Bibi and

her parental house at Singhiri village under the Nilgiri police station after delivery and the accused used to visit her there.

When Tanmayi went to take bath on the fateful day, finding an opportunity, Chandan administered poison to the infant with the

help of a syringe. However, Tanmayi rushed to her room after hearing the baby’s scream and found Chandan sitting beside the

Bhadrak: Man hangs self after killing wife

Incident fallout of domestic feud

PNS ■ BHADRAK

A man committed suicide after killing his wife over a family dispute at Mulna Sahi village under the Dhamnagar police station in Bhadrak district on Monday night.

The deceased were identified as Bhaskar Samal and his wife Sasmita.

Reports said Bhaskar and Sasmita had a heated argument over some family matter, The altercation took a violent turn as Bhaskar lost his

cool and attacked his wife with a chopper.

Sasmita succumbed to the injuries on the spot. Bhaskar later ended his life by hanging from a tree in the village.

The body of Bhaskar was spotted by villagers on Tuesday morning. Later, they found Sasmita lying in a pool of blood in the bedroom.

Getting information, the Dhamnagar police reached the spot and initiated an investigation.

The deceased couple was married for around 16 years and left behind two young sons.

child. Suspecting something abnormal, she asked Chandan about the reason behind the baby’s cry. Although initially

he refused to say anything but later he confessed to having administered poison to the child.

Naveen buys 1st ticket for Int’l Cup 2023



PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Tuesday bought the first ticket for the upcoming Intercontinental Cup 2023 to be played at Bhubaneswar from June 9 to 18.

Captain of the Indian Football team Sunil Chhetri handed the ticket to the CM.

Following the success of the FIH Odisha Hockey Men’s World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar-Rourkela, Odisha is all set to host yet another international sporting spectacle. This four-nation tournament will feature India, Lebanon, Mongolia and Vanuatu.

CM Patnaik said, "There is

a lot of love for football amongst the people of Odisha. Hosting this spectacular event is another honour for us and will undoubtedly thrill the numerous football fans across the State and India. I would like to wish the teams the best of luck and encourage the fans to turn out in huge numbers to watch the top-quality football that will unfold."

Odisha has been emerging as a major hub for football. It hosted the FIFA U-17 Women’s World Cup 2022, SAFF U-20 Championship 2022, ISL seasons, IWL 2021-22 and the Odisha Women’s League, thus providing a huge boost to the development of football ecosystem in the State.

VHP campaigns for The Kerala Story



Many youngsters watch film in Baripada

PNS ■ BARIPADI

The Baripada unit of the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) recently carried out an awareness campaign among the people, particularly youngsters, unmarried, college girls, on the necessity and importance of watching the Hindi film "The Kerala Story", which depicts the wrongdoings, anti-national activities and woman-luring tactics of fundamentalists and terrorists.

The picture is being shown in the local Roxy Cinema hall.

The campaign has created the desired impact, it is learnt. More than a thousand people, most of them college girls, have already witnessed the picture as a result of the campaign, VHP sources claimed.

While VHP and Bajrang Dal activists like Gourahari Patra, Biswajit Rana, Amit Nayak, Abhinav Bhanjdeo, Devashish Paikray, Nanigopal Das, Manas Sahu, Deepak Mallik, Rajesh Praharaj, Hemalata Das and Payal Ray led the campaign, former Minister and Mayurbhanj Maharaja Praveen Chandra Bhanjdeo, among others, helped in arranging tickets for poor girls.

ROB on Jaipur-K’jhar Rd South LC delayed

State not releasing 50% cost though Rlys released its share

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The Jaipur Keonjhar Road South level crossing (LC) No. 142 is one of the busiest LCs, located in the middle of civil township of Jaipur Road - Kalinganagar. The LC was upgraded with special category status in 2010. However, it is affecting traffic movement on road badly during its operation for train movement.

As per the norms, the special category level crossing needs a Road Over Bridge (ROB) for its smooth

operation. In the year 2012, social activist and advocate Jeetendra Pratihari had approached the State Government and General Manager, East Coast Railway for constructing a ROB and LHS (Limited Height Subway) over the level crossing for the smooth public movement and rail traffic but it has not been addressed yet.

The grievance was placed before the Chief Secretary, Collector- Jaipur, General Manager, ECoR and other officers in Engineering Department of State and Indian Railways, but no appropriate action was taken on it.

In the year 2014, a Public

Interest Litigation (PIL) was filed before the Orissa High Court and during pendency of the PIL, the Railway authority approved the ROB along with LHS on 50-50 cost sharing with the State. The Railway authority sanctioned Rs 81.78 crore for the project and a letter of assignment was sent to the petitioner regarding the status. The GAD (General Arrangement Drawing) has been approved since long, but the State Government has not taken any initiative to the development work jointly with the Railways.

Petitioner Pratihari submitted a representation to the Chief Secretary, Principal Secretary, Works Department,

Collector- Jaipur and Railway authority as per direction of the High Court on March 15, 2022.

On February 8, 2023, the Engineering Department of ECoR vide letter No. Engg/ G/I/SG-PG/2023/115 dated 08/02/2023 expressed that the Railways is prepared to execute the works and awaited the 50% share portion of the State Government. The State, however, has not responded to it. Meanwhile, the petitioner has sent a notice to the Chief Secretary, Principal Secretary, Works Department, General Manager, ECoR and Collector -Jaipur before proceeding as per law and non-compliance of High Court Order.

‘Operate new bus-stands lying defunct since 2016 in Ganjam’

BBP submits memo for CM

KRUSHNA CHANDRA PANDA ■ BRAHMAPUR

The Bhartiya Bikash Parishad (BBP) led by its president Surendra Kumar Panigrahi submitted a memorandum for the Chief Minister expressing concern over non-functioning of three new bus stands of Ganjam district built at Brahmapur, Chhatrapur and Gopalpur since 2016.

Due to poor workmanship owing to alleged transaction of huge PC money, the three bus stands are in a dilapidated condition and are lying defunct since their inauguration, thereby defeating the very purpose of construction of these bus

stands, Panigrahi alleged.

The Parishad has also alleged that Rs 26 crore from the State exchequer has been spent to build these three bus stands at the wrong advice of some bureaucrats and senior officers of the district, BeDA and BeMC who should be taken to task.

He further said that planning for these three bus stands were made in 2014 and as a result, the so-called new modern bus stand for Brahmapur was built on the side of old NH-5 at a cost of Rs 13 crore reportedly on patch of 5,000 acres of land which was inaugurated by CM in 2016. The hi-tech bus stand with a capacity to accommodate 100 buses at one go is said to have been equipped with shopping

rooms, parking space, toilets, rest rooms, garage for instant repair of buses, modern instruments, along with fans and light points. But these have now accumulated dusts and junk due to lack of maintenance and profuse leakage of water from the roof.

Similarly, the new bus stands at Chhatrapur and Gopalpur at Rs 6.44 crore and Rs 6 crore. They have been lying defunct for the last 7 years. All the three bus stands were built by BeDA authorities with the consent of the district administration which then were headed/ controlled by a band of senior IAS officers (in succession) and a senior OAS officer heading the post of Secretary of BeDA including the present

incumbent heading the district administration and BeMC.

Panigrahi alleged that, due to corrupt practices and ill advices of a band of IAS officers the State lost Rs 25 crore from the State exchequer without any use. The Government has deliberately shifted the Kanishi Tehsil office to the Brahmapur new bus stand with a view to prevent new bus stand from operation. The Parishad demanded action against the officials involved in corruption and realization of the money from them. Within 15 days, if these three bus stands are not made operational,

The BBP warned of taking to streets if the bus stands were not made operational within 15 days.

Cheligada displaced to get rehab in 3 yrs



5T Secy reviews project during Gajapati visit

PNS ■ PARALAKHEMUNDI

During his visit to Gajapati district, 5T Secretary VK Pandian among other things reviewed the Cheligada Project. An amount of Rs 936.63 crore has been sanctioned for the project.

The administration has targeted to rehabilitate 300 displaced families by 2025-26. Now 100 families have already been shifted partially. The land

oustees would be shifted from affected 15 villages and settled in seven colonies. Three colonies have already been completed under AIBP (Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Scheme).

Meanwhile, Rushikulya-Vanshadhara-Nagabali Project and Mahendratanaya Project convenor Srikant Padhy met Chief Engineer of Rushikulya-Vanshadhara-Nagabali project and submitted a 16-point charter of demands. There he demanded employment for the 300 affected families of Cheligada project.

Awareness on menstrual health, hygiene stressed

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The Odisha Health and Hygiene Alliance partners organised an event on the occasion of the Global Menstrual Hygiene Day and stressed on raising awareness on menstruation health and hygiene, accessing periods-friendly toilet while ending periods- taboo and poverty to make menstruation a real fact of life as per the global call. The guests inaugurated the event by putting periods-bracelets in their hand and showing red dots.

Secretary, Aaina, Sneha Mishra while welcoming the guests informed the significance of the day and also requested everyone to be part of the campaign and create awareness on menstrual health and hygiene in their own locality. She also introduced the music video Kaacha Kandhei made by Aaina and

partners on the issues.

Presiding over the meeting, MS Bishakha Bhanja from NAWO opined that the State policy shall be a pathfinder in ensuring the access to menstrual products, its management and also increasing awareness on the issue.

Anurag Gupta from WaterAid said that girls miss more than 50 days of school in absence of periods-friendly toilets and flagged off a campaign by inaugurating a poster developed by the alliance during the event.

Additional Director, Health and Family Welfare, Dr RR Das spoke about the services offered including RKSK by NHM. He also said that the Government is considering working on a State policy on MH.

Dr Meena Som from UNICEF spoke about ending periods- poverty.

Mahakalpada Bengali settlers demand land patta

Protest steel unit project

RAJESH BEHERA ■ KENDRAPADA

The Bengali settlers of Ramnagar, Kharanashi and Batighar gram panchayats under Mahakalpada block are determined to oppose the proposed 12-MTPA mega integrated steel plant of Arcelor Mittal-Nippon Steel India in their locality as long as the district administration does not issue land patta in their favour.

They took the decision in a meeting organised at Kharanashi recently in which hundreds of locals, including women, participated.

According to the locals, they have been residing at

Ramnagar, Kharanashi and Batighar GP of Mahakalpada block for more than five decades but the Bengali families are yet to get the land records in their names thanks to the nonchalant revenue administration.

The locals alleged that during 1971-1978, several Bengali speaking people and Bangladeshi refugees began settling at 17 villages of seven GPs under three Revenue circles of Mahakalapada tehsil by encroaching the forest and revenue lands, after obtaining K-form (interim order receipt) from the local administration.

Later, the much required record correction for the land was not made by the Revenue Department. The K-form holders were later allowed to pay land revenue and other



taxes in the concerned RI offices.

But in 2013, the Mahakalapada tehsil office suddenly stopped collecting the land revenue from the K-form holders. On inquiring, the villagers came to know that the land allotted to them had been converted to jungle

kissam for which no revenue was collected from them. Though they approached the Revenue authorities several times, their grievances were not addressed.

Earlier on a writ petition by the aggrieved villagers, the Orissa High Court in 2019 had directed the then district

Collector, Kendrapada to take step to re-convert jungle kissam land into homestead land, issue fresh RoR in place of K form patta and also collect land revenue from the settlers. But the court order was not carried out.

The villagers claimed that their protest against the steel

plant project was justified as the project would lead to large scale displacement and the displaced people without land record would be deprived of any rehabilitation benefits. Earlier, the locals had opposed and stopped the soil test by the company.

Notably, the proposed steel plant is going to be set up in 10,441 hectares of land at the proposed sites. In the first phase, 4,441 hectares of land is going to be acquired and in the second phase 6,000 hectares of land will be acquired for the project. More than 30,000 people are likely to be displaced.

Meanwhile, district Collector Amrit Raturaj has fixed July 1st week to resolve the problem by making a final hearing on the issue.

Will keep working harder, says Modi

Every decision was guided by desire to improve people’s lives: PM on Govt’s 9 yrs

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said his every decision was guided by the desire to improve the lives of people, as his government completed nine years in power.

“Today, as we complete 9 years in service to the nation, I am filled with humility and gratitude. Every decision made, every action taken, has been guided by the desire to improve the lives of people. We will keep working even harder to build a developed India,” he tweeted.

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has planned a month-long campaign from Tuesday to celebrate the ninth anniversary with various mass



connect programmes, with Modi himself scheduled to address a rally in Ajmer in Rajasthan on Wednesday.

Senior BJP leaders, including Union ministers and chief ministers, had on Monday highlighted the government’s achievements in a nationwide outreach.

From India’s “rising”

global stature to emphasis on national security, welfare measures like housing and toilets for the poor, boost to piped water supply, infrastructure growth and efforts to ramp up the manufacturing sector, were among the initiatives cited at the press conferences they held in every state of the country.

‘US accorded depth of friendship, strategic partnership to India’

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The US has accorded a “depth” of friendship and strategic partnership to India that is unmatched in the world and it is set to expand further during Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s visit to Washington next month, US Ambassador Eric Garcetti said on Tuesday.

In an interview to PTI, Garcetti suggested that the two countries are working on certain agreements to bolster defence cooperation and they are likely to be firmed up when Modi visits the US or President Joe Biden comes to India in September for the G20 summit.

On challenges being faced by India from China along its land border as well as in the maritime domain, he said New Delhi can depend on Washington as it stands for respecting borders, sovereignty and the rule of law.

“We will protect and



defend these principles. If one country thinks that it can unilaterally change the status quo, that is unacceptable to all of us. We also want to deter action. We would like to see a more peaceful relationship with China for both India and the United States,” he said.

At the same time, Garcetti asserted that “bullying” by anybody would not be acceptable.

He said India-US partnership has assumed greater significance for the world in the context of the current geopolitical situation, asserting that the partnership is not only beneficial for the two countries but also for the globe.

India, Cambodia discuss capacity building, defence

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

India and Cambodia on Tuesday reviewed the entire spectrum of their ties during talks here between Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar and Cambodian King Norodom Sihamoni. They also held discussions on key areas like capacity building, defence and parliamentary cooperation here, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said.

Earlier in the day, King Sihamoni was accorded a ceremonial welcome by President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan. Prime Minister Narendra Modi was also present to greet the King at the forecourts of Rashtrapati Bhavan.

Modi later tweeted, saying, “Delighted to welcome King HM Norodom Sihamoni of Cambodia. Our nations share deep historical and cultural ties, and we look forward to strengthening our friendship and cooperation even further. May his visit mark a new chap-



President Droupadi Murmu with Prime Minister Narendra Modi attends the ceremonial reception of the Cambodian King Norodom Sihamoni at Rashtrapati Bhavan, in New Delhi on Tuesday PTI

ter in India-Cambodia relations.”

In a tweet, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said he was honoured to call on King Sihamoni. “His visit, as our two countries celebrate 70th anniversary of our diplomatic relations, reaffirms the strong civilisational bond between us. Today that is expressed in cooperation in heritage conservation, demining, water conservation and socio-economic projects.”

Discussions between Dhankhar and the Cambodian King “covered multiple areas of bilateral relations, including

capacity building, conservation of architectural monuments, defence cooperation, including de-mining, parliamentary cooperation,” MEA spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said. In a separate tweet, the Vice President Secretariat said Dhankhar recalled the warm welcome and good discussions during his visit to Cambodia for India-ASEAN and East Asia Summits in 2022.

“They had wide-ranging discussions on bilateral relations and other issues of mutual interest,” it said.

The visiting dignitary on Tuesday morning paid tributes to Mahatma Gandhi at Raj Ghat. The Cambodian King arrived here on Monday on a maiden state visit. He is accompanied by a 27-member high-level delegation, including the minister of the royal palace, minister of foreign affairs and other senior officials.

The state visit marks the culmination of the celebrations of the 70th anniversary of diplomatic relations between India and Cambodia.

India to host SCO annual meet virtually

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

India will host the annual summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) in the virtual format on July 4. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) announced this on Tuesday but it did not cite reasons for holding the summit in virtual mode.

Last year, the in-person SCO summit took place in the Uzbek city of Samarkand that was attended by all top leaders of the grouping including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Russian President Vladimir Putin and his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping.

India assumed the rotating chairmanship of the SCO at the Samarkand Summit on September 16 last year.

“Under India’s first-ever chairmanship, the 22nd sum-

mit of the SCO Council of Heads of State will be held in the virtual format on July 4, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi,” the MEA said in a statement. India hosted the foreign ministers of the SCO at a two-day conclave in Goa earlier this month. All the SCO member states — China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan — have been invited to attend the summit, the MEA said.

“In addition, Iran, Belarus and Mongolia have been invited as observer states. As per SCO tradition, Turkmenistan has also been invited as the guest of the chair,” it said.

The SCO is an influential economic and security bloc and has emerged as one of the largest trans-regional international organisations.

India major player in world, says UN peacekeeping chief

PNS/AGENCIES ■ NEW DELHI/UNITED NATIONS

Appreciating the role of India in various United Nations (UN) peacekeeping missions, the UN peacekeeping chief has said India is a “major partner” in the UN’s strategy for the digital transformation of peacekeeping. He lauded the country’s commitment and engagement through key initiatives such as ensuring accountability for crimes against the Blue Helmets.

India is currently the third largest contributor of uniformed personnel to UN Peacekeeping, with over 6,000 military and police personnel deployed to Abyei, the Central African Republic, Cyprus, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Lebanon, the Middle



UN Under-Secretary-General for Peace Operations, Jean-Pierre Lacroix PTI

East and Western Sahara.

“India is a major player in the world, in the UN, in multilateralism, and it’s a major player in peacekeeping as well, including but not only through the importance of its contribution in terms of troops and police. We’re also supported in many other ways, including in terms of the initiatives that we take to improve peacekeeping,” Under-Secretary-General for Peace Operations Jean-Pierre Lacroix told PTI in an exclusive interview.

The UN peacekeeping

chief highlighted the “important role” played by peacekeepers from India, one of the significant troop and police-contributing countries to UN peacekeeping.

Lacroix said India’s “engagement and commitment” in support of peace operations is critical, both politically through its contribution and in support of the department’s initiatives.

He further underlined the “role of India in supporting our initiative to make sure that peace operations will be up to speed in terms of digital technologies because this is absolutely critical. We have a strategy for the digital transformation of peacekeeping.”

The UN marked 75 years of peacekeeping and commemorated the International Day of UN Peacekeepers on May 29 with this year’s theme of “Peace begins with me”.

Three Indian peacekeepers, who lost their lives serving under the UN flag last year, were honoured posthumously with the prestigious Dag Hammarskjöld Medal at a solemn ceremony last week.

Rajnath attends swearing-in of Nigerian President, meets Indian diaspora in Abuja

Becomes first Indian Def Min to visit African nation

PNS/AGENCIES ■ NEW DELHI/ABUJA

Underlining the country’s fast expanding economy and progressive government actions, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh highlighted India’s growing importance due to these factors. He made this assertion while interacting with the Indian diaspora in Abuja, the Nigerian capital.

He arrived in Abuja on Sunday on a three-day visit, marking the first-ever visit of an Indian defence minister to the African country.

Rajnath represented India at the swearing-in ceremony of Nigerian President Bola Ahmed Tinubu on Monday.

Later on Monday, the defence minister interacted with the Indian diaspora in Nigeria at an event organised by the Indian High Commission in Abuja, an official statement said on Tuesday.

He emphasised the government’s focus on ‘Aatmanirbharta’ and the significant progress made in defence exports in recent years towards achieving the objective of ‘Make in India, Make for the World’, it said.

Rajnath highlighted India’s growing importance on the world stage owing to its fast-expanding economy.

The event was attended by members of the Indian community not just from Abuja, but also from other cities of Nigeria such as Lagos.

He appreciated the positive contributions made by the Indian community in Nigeria.

He also interacted with the senior Nigerian



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh attends the swearing-in ceremony of Nigerian President-elect Bola Ahmed Tinubu, in Abuja on Monday PTI

dignitaries, including the Chief Justice and Acting Minister of Defence, at a dinner hosted by the Indian High Commissioner.

Nigeria is home to more than 50,000 Indians. Indian-owned or operated companies and businesses are among the largest employers in the country.

ED raids locations in probe against J’Khand MLA case

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate on Tuesday conducted searches at various locations in Jharkhand linked to Congress MLA Pradeep Yadav and others as part of a money laundering probe.

The five-term legislator from the Poraiyahat seat of the State is presently the deputy leader of the party in the State Assembly. Sources said about a dozen locations linked to the MLA in the State were searched as part of a probe being conducted against him and others under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

In 2022, the Income Tax Department had searched the premises of Yadav, and another party legislator as part of a tax evasion probe against some business groups engaged in coal trading and other illegal trading activities in Jharkhand.

Ludhiana court blast case: Supplementary chargesheet filed

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The NIA has filed a supplementary chargesheet against two persons in the Ludhiana court complex bomb blast case, in which one person was killed and six others injured on December 23, 2021.

One of the chargesheeted accused, Lakhbir Singh alias Rode of Moga district of Punjab, is reportedly in Pakistan from where he had smuggled IEDs into India for triggering explosions across Punjab. He is Chief of banned outfits, Khalistan Liberation Force (KLF) and International Sikh Youth Federation (ISFY).

The other accused chargesheeted in the case on Tuesday, Harpreet Singh alias Happy Malaysia of Amritsar district, was arrested in December 2022 from the Indian Gandhi International Airport (IGIA), Delhi.

One can’t malign judicial officers by using social media, says SC

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

One cannot malign judicial officers by using Social Media, the Supreme Court observed on Tuesday while dismissing a plea challenging a Madhya Pradesh High Court order that sentenced a man to 10 days in jail for making corruption allegations against a District Judge. A vacation bench of Justice Bela M Trivedi and Justice Prashant Kumar Mishra said it was not inclined to interfere in the matter.

“Just because you don’t get a favourable order doesn’t mean that you will malign the judicial officer. Independence

of (the) judiciary doesn’t just mean independence from (the) executive but also from outside forces. This has to be a lesson for others also.

“He should have thought twice before casting any aspersions on the judicial officer. He maligning the judicial officer. Think of the damage done to the judicial officer’s image,” Justice Trivedi observed orally. The apex court was hearing a plea filed by Krishna Kumar Raghuvanshi, challenging the High Court judgment in a suo motu criminal contempt case initiated against him for making allegations of corruption against a District Judge.

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Statement of Audited Financial Results for the quarter and year ended 31 March 2023					
(Amounts in INR millions, except share and per share data, unless otherwise stated)					
Particulars	Quarter ended 31 March 2023	Quarter ended 31 December 2022	Quarter ended 31 March 2022	Year ended 31 March 2023	Year ended 31 March 2022
	(Audited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)	(Audited)
Total Income from Operations	99	85	85	719	835
Net Profit / (Loss) for the year (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	(65)	(42)	(39)	223	209
Net Profit / (Loss) for the year before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	(65)	(42)	(39)	223	209
Net Profit / (Loss) for the year after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	(86)	(10)	(20)	149	171
Total Comprehensive Income for the year [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(86)	(10)	(20)	149	171
Paid up Equity Share Capital	153	153	153	153	153
Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	1,726	1,813	1,577	1,726	1,577
Securities premium	1,366	1,366	1,366	1,366	1,366
Net worth	1,879	1,966	1,730	1,879	1,730
Paid up Debt Capital / Outstanding Debt	2,639	2,827	3,002	2,638	3,003
Debt Equity Ratio	1.54	1.66	1.77	1.54	1.77
Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)					
1. Basic :	(5.64)	(0.63)	(1.32)	9.73	11.20
2. Diluted :	(5.64)	(0.63)	(1.32)	9.73	11.20
Debt Service Redemption Reserve	151	276	296	151	296
Debt Service Coverage Ratio*	5.88	1.49	0.09	2.49	0.98
Interest Service Coverage Ratio*	0.65	0.92	0.98	2.26	2.00
Current ratio*	2.55	2.87	2.50	2.55	2.50
Long Term Debt to Working Capital*	1.76	1.68	2.04	1.76	2.04
Current Liability Ratio*	0.23	0.21	0.21	0.23	0.21
Total Debts to Total Assets Ratio*	0.52	0.54	0.58	0.52	0.58
Debtors Turnover Ratio*	0.22	0.12	0.11	1.41	1.05
Inventory Turnover Ratio*	107.63	134.04	–	781.73	–
Operating margin (%)	0.12	(3.82)	(0.07)	0.51	3.91
Net profit margin (%)	(0.87)	(0.11)	(0.24)	0.21	1.52
Disclosures pursuant to Regulations 52(4) and 52(7) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.					
1. Ratios have been computed as follows : - Earning per share = Profit after Tax / Weighted average number of equity shares - Debt Equity Ratio* = Debt (Amount due to Debenture Holders) / Equity (Equity share capital, share premium, loan from Related party and excluding unamortized fees) - Interest Service Coverage Ratio* = Profit before interest, tax and depreciation / Total Interest Expense. - Current Ratio*= Current Assets/ Current Liabilities - Long Term Debt to Working Capital*= Non- Current borrowing including current maturities of Non-current borrowings/ (Current Assets - Current Liabilities excluding current maturities of Non-Current borrowings) - Bad debts to Accounts Receivable ratio*= Bad debts / Average Trade receivables and Average unbilled Revenue. - Current Liability Ratio*= Current Liabilities/ Total Liabilities - Total Debts to total Assets* = Total outstanding debts/ Total Assets - Debtors turnover= Revenue from operation/ Average trade receivables and Average unbilled Revenue - Inventory Turnover: The company does not generate revenue from selling of inventory, hence this ratio is not applicable. - Operating margin(%)= (Profit before tax + Finance costs - Other income+ Carbon credit (net of expenses))/ Revenue from operations + Income from carbon credits - Net Profit Margin (%) = Net profit after Tax/ Revenue from Operations - Debt Service Coverage Ratio* = (PAT based on Project Revenues realised (excluding non-cash adjustments, if any) + Depreciation + Interest (Interest, Guarantee Fees, other financing costs payable under Debenture and Project Documents)) / (Interest + Principal Repayment+Guarantee fee).					
2. The above is an extract of the detailed format of quarterly financial results filed with the Stock Exchange(s) under regulation 52 of the Listing Regulations. The full format of the quarterly financial results is available on the website of National Stock Exchange of India Limited and the listed entity (URLs : https://www.nseindia.com & https://renewpower.in/renew-wind-energy-limited-jath/)					
3. For the other line items referred in Regulation 52(4) of the SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015, the pertinent disclosures have been made to the National Stock Exchange of India Limited and can be accessed on the URLs https://www.nseindia.com & https://renewpower.in/renew-wind-energy-limited-jath/					
4. The statement has been prepared in accordance with recognition and measurement principles laid down in accordance with the Indian Accounting Standard 34 “Interim Financial Reporting” (Ind AS 34) as prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 (“the Act”) read with Rule 3 of the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 and relevant rules issued thereunder and other recognized accounting practices and policies.					
5. The company is in the business of development and operation of wind power. There is only one segment (business and/or geographical) in accordance with the requirements of IND AS - 108 “Operating Segments”.					
6. The financial results for the year ended March 31, 2023 have been approved by the Board of Directors in their meeting held on 30-May-2023.					
7. India Ratings and Care Ratings has assigned long term issuer rating and rating for the outstanding non-convertible debentures of the Company to “IND AA (CE)” with negative outlook and “CARE AA (CE)” with stable outlook, respectively.					
8. Previous period figures have been re-grouped / re-classified wherever necessary, to conform to current period’s classification in order to comply with the requirements of the amended Schedule III to the Companies Act, 2013 effective from 1 April 2021.					
For and on behalf of the ReNew Wind Energy (Jath) Limited (Sd./r) Balram Mehta Managing Director, DIN : 06902711					
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EXTRACT OF AUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2023
(Rs. In Lakhs)

S. No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended			Year Ended	
		March 31, 2023	December 31, 2022	March 31, 2022	March 31, 2023	March 31, 2022
		(Audited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)	(Audited)	(Audited)
1.	Total Income from Operations	4293.80	2074.97	1457.12	9751.16	6550.24
2.	Net Profit for the period (before tax & exceptional items)	(3178.95)	538.76	696.81	(2470.76)	1137.43
3.	Net Profit for the period before Tax (after exceptional items)	(3178.95)	538.76	696.81	(2470.76)	9492.32
4.	Net Profit for the period after Tax (after exceptional items)	(3127.95)	538.76	728.81	(2419.76)	9524.32
5.	Total Comprehensive income for the period [Comprising Profit for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(3127.95)	538.76	728.81	(2419.76)	9524.32
6.	Paid-up Equity Share Capital (Face Value of Rs. 10/- per share)	5787.29	5787.29	5787.29	5787.29	5787.29
7.	Earnings Per Share					
i)	Basic in Rs.	-5.40	0.93	1.26	-4.18	16.46
ii)	Diluted in Rs.	-5.40	0.93	1.26	-4.18	16.46

Notes:-

1. The above audited results were reviewed by the Audit Committee and thereafter approved by the Board of Directors at its meeting held on Tuesday, May 30, 2023. The results have been audited by the Statutory Auditors of the Company and they have issued unmodified report.

2. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly / Annual Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly / Annual Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange BSE Limited (www.bseindia.com) and the Company Website (www.himalayafoodcompany.com).

3. Additional information on standalone financial results is as follows:

S. No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended			Year Ended	
		March 31, 2023	December 31, 2022	March 31, 2022	March 31, 2023	March 31, 2022
		(Audited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)	(Audited)	(Audited)
1.	Income from Operations	4293.80	2074.97	1457.12	9751.16	6550.24
2.	Profit before tax	(3178.83)	538.76	696.81	(2470.64)	9492.32
3.	Profit after tax	(3127.83)	538.76	728.81	(2419.64)	9524.32

4. The financial results have been prepared in accordance with the Indian Accounting Standard (Ind AS) prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 as amended from time to time.

5. During the 1st quarter ending 30th June 2022 the Company had fire in their Gujarat plant. Stocks of around Rs. 16.21 crore have been burnt. The Company is expecting to receive the Insurance claim of around Rs. 28 crore against the fire lost stocks & the loss of building & plant & machinery around Rs. 52.14 crore is submitted to the agencies deployed by the Insurance Company. The depreciation charged during the FY 2022-23 has been an old block before the fire and post after the fire.

For and on behalf of the Board

Sd/-

Man Mohan Malik

Director

Date:- 30.05.2023

Place:- Gujarat

(DIN: 00696077)

‘Will return awards if Manipur’s territorial integrity compromised’

PTI ■ IMPHAL

International and national award-winning sportspersons from Manipur Tuesday said that they will return the prizes given to them by the government if the state’s territorial integrity is compromised. Eleven of them will submit a memorandum to Union Home Minister Amit Shah on the issue during his ongoing s tour of the state.

L Anita Chanu (Dhyana Chand awardee), Arjuna awardees N Kunjarani Devi (Padma Shri), L Sarita Devi and W Sandhyarani Devi (Padma Shri awardees) and S Mirabai Chanu (Padma Shri and Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna awardee) are among the 11 sportspersons. “If Amit Shah does not give us an assurance about the protection of the integrity of



Manipur, we will return our awards given by the Indian government,” Anita Chanu said at a press conference here.

If the demand is not met, then the sports persons will not represent India in the future nor will they train any budding talent, she added.

The 11 sportspersons went to submit a memorandum to Shah addressed to Prime Minister Narendra Modi but could not do so as the union

home minister had left for Churachandpur to meet Kuki victims and organisations.

“We have submitted a copy of the memorandum to Chief Minister N Biren Singh. He has assured us of arranging a meeting with Shah in the evening after his return from Churachandpur. We will hand-over the memorandum to him then,” Chanu said.

The memorandum is also signed by other Arjun awardees

from the state. They are Oinam Bembem Devi (also Padma Shri), N Soniya Chanu, M Biojit Singh, Y Sanathoi Devi, L Shushila Devi and M Suranjoy Singh.

In the memorandum, the sportspersons questioned the central security forces in controlling the violence despite “Kuki terrorists challenging the integrity of Manipur” by killing people and burning houses.

“We condemn such attacks on unarmed civilians, specially in the peripheral areas of the valley districts,” they added.

The sportspersons demanded revocation of the Suspension of Operation (SoO) agreement with Kuki militant groups, restoration of peace and normalcy at the earliest and protection of unity and integrity of Manipur.

“The demand to disintegrate Manipur is not acceptable under any circumstances,” the memorandum said and demanded deportation of all illegal immigrants.

The sports personalities also urged the government to lift the blockade on NH 2 as it has led to skyrocketing of prices of essential commodities.

The highway runs from Dibrugarh in Assam to Tuipang in Mizoram. It passes through Assam, Nagaland, Manipur and Mizoram.

“Meiteis are allowed to settle only in the valley which constitutes just about 10 per cent of the total geographical area of Manipur. Where will they settle after some years if the present system is allowed to continue? So, allow Meiteis to settle in the hills of Manipur,” the memorandum added.

Mamata destroyed political culture of Bengal: Congress

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

The Congress has slammed Mamata Banerjee for destroying the political culture of Bengal by indulging horse-trading which was hitherto unknown to the State.

A day after the lone Congress MLA in the State Assembly Byron Biswas joined the Trinamool Congress barely three months after winning a by-election from minority dominated Sagardighi Assembly constituency,

Pradesh Congress president Adhir Chowdhury on Tuesday slammed the Chief Minister for polluting the political culture of the State.

“There has been political differences, there has been violence but never had there been horse-trading and defection like this ... this massive



drop in political has taken place during Mamata Banerjee’s time ... she has destroyed the political ethics of the State by engineering defections either with the help of ill-gotten money power or muscle and administrative power ... this dirty culture was unknown before Mamata Banerjee came to power in Bengal,” Chowdhury in whose parliamentary constituency Sagardighi is an Assembly segment said.

Biswas, a Left-backed Congress candidate, had won

the Sagardighi seat by a margin of more than 22,000 votes. The seat was won by the Trinamool Congress by 53,000 votes in the 2021 Assembly elections. “The Left-backed Congress candidate had won by 22,000 votes but in reality we had extracted a win by more than 70,000 votes,” said the Congress leader saying the people of Murshidabad district of which Sagardighi is a part would never forgive the TMC.

“The TMC has once again proved its conduct ... the anti-Congress and pro-BJP approach that became apparent in Goa, Meghalaya and Tripura where engineered defections in the Congress and then cut the Congress votes to help the BJP ... the people of Bengal are taking note of this ... they will give a reply in days to come,” Chowdhury said.

Didi seeks Centre’s permission to visit Manipur

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA



Close on the heels of accusing the BJP for trying to foment “Manipur-like” conflicts in her own State, Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has written a letter to the Centre expressing her willingness to stand by the people of the north-eastern State in their hour of need.

“I want to be with the people of Manipur ... I have no intention to breach any protocol but wish to be with the peace-loving people of the state,” Banerjee said.

Quoting Banerjee a senior official too said, “the Chief Minister has been closely following the situation in Manipur and ... if the permission is granted permission then she may visit that State to stand by the people there.” The Chief Minister had been quite concerned about how the situation in Manipur was unfolding, he added.

Banerjee’s party had one MLA, Tongbram Robindro, in the Manipur Assembly, who had later had joined the BJP before the 2022 elections.

Incidentally, Banerjee had attacked the BJP in Bengal for trying to foment clashes in her State among various groups. Her statement came hours after a groups of alleged Kurmi protesters attacked the convoy of TMC national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee who was touring Jhargram district in the Jangalmahal areas of the State.

In the attack the car of Bengal minister and the Government’s tribal face Birbaha Hansda was shattered. Her driver, apart from some other TMC supporters were also injured in the attack leading the TMC to promptly take their sides saying the BJP was inciting the Kurmis to foment unrest between the tribals and the Kurmis in the Jangalmahal area.

Young man killed in cold blood in Anatanag, leaving behind wife, parents, impaired brother

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ THIAL

Deepu Kumar, an expectant father, working in a temporary amusement park set up by a private player in Janglat Mandi area of South Kashmir’s Anantnag district, was killed in cold blood by the two motor-cycle borne terrorists minutes after he stepped out to get some milk and bottled water before breaking bread with his wife late Monday night.

He leaves behind his pregnant wife, ageing parents, an elder brother with impaired eyesight and his family of four members including two children.

The Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha has approved an ex-gratia of Rs. 5 lakh for the next of kin of Deepu.

A little-known outfit, Kashmir Freedom Fighter, believed to be a shadow outfit of the banned Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba, has claimed responsibility for the killing.

Sharing her last interaction



with her husband, Sakshi, who travelled in an ambulance along with her husband’s dead body, told reporters in village Thial, “after bringing food Deepak stepped out to get some milk and water. While he was returning I heard sounds of gunshots. I rushed out and saw he was lying there with his face towards the ground. Weeping inconsolably, she said, “We shifted him to the hospital but he succumbed”. Sakshi could not respond to a few more questions raised by the reporters to piece together the sequence preceding his killing near their camping site.

“Minutes before Deepu

was killed in cold blood he had also transferred a sum of Rs 3000”, confirmed his elder brother Raju while waiting to receive his mortal remains in his native Thial village of Majalta in Udhampur district.

Deepu Kumar was working in the circus for the last couple of years. According to local villagers in the area, Deepu Kumar’s family, was living in the village for almost one decade after relocating from their native Kathua district.

Sitting outside the mud-house with two rooms, one reserved for the kitchen and livestock, Mashu Ram, Deepu’s father, holding a passport size

photo, asked, “What was his fault? He was there to earn a livelihood for the family.” We want justice.

Abhi Sharma, the circus owner, said they were in the Janglat Mandi area for the past two months and planned to move to another destination within a day or two when the incident occurred. “The incident happened outside our camping site, which was well protected... We have our own private security,” Sharma said, demanding adequate compensation and a job for Kumar’s wife.

Soon after the mortal remains of Deepu arrived in his village a large number of local residents in the area raised anti-Pakistan slogans. The last rites of Deepu Kumar were performed in the presence of local villagers. Several local politicians and senior officers of the district administration and police officers offered floral tributes to Deepu Kumar before bidding adieu to an obedient son.

NCP slams Tendulkar for failure to bat for wrestlers

T N RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

On Tuesday when the Maharashtra government appointed him as its ‘Smile Ambassador’ for its ‘Swachh Mukh Abhiyan’, the Opposition NCP took a pot-shot at legendary cricketer Sachin Tendulkar for his failure to stand up for Indian wrestlers protesting against Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) president and BJP MP Brij Bhushan Singh over sexual harassment allegations.

Hours after the Maharashtra government signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with him appointing him as its ‘Smile Ambassador’ for its ‘Swachh Mukh Abhiyan’ in the presence of chief minister Eknath Shinde and deputy



chief minister Devendra Fadnavis of the BJP, the NCP’s national spokesperson Clyde Crasto took to twitter to question the ‘silence’ of the Master Blaster over the wrestlers’ ongoing protests against Brij Bhushan Singh.

Wondering sarcastically if the Maharashtra government’s newly-appointed “Smile Ambassador” knew the BJP MP’s continued support to



Brij Bhushan Singh “who has “Snatched the Smile” of our wrestlers”, the NCP’s national spokesperson asked Tendulkar to “speak up for wrestlers and be their ‘Smile Ambassador’ too” “Dear @sachin_rt, good to know that you are being appointed by BJP led Maharashtra government as ‘Smile Ambassador’ for the State’s Swachh Mukh Abhiyan’ But do you know that

@BJP4India, to support their MP #BrijBhushanSharanSingh, has “Snatched the Smile” of our wrestlers?,” Crasto asked.

“The wrestlers are seeking justice but BJP is turning a blind eye to protect their MP. Just like you, the women wrestlers of our country are our pride too. As a sportsperson it is your duty to support your fraternity. Hope you speak up and be their “Smile Ambassador” too,” the NCP spokesperson said.

The NCP’s sarcastic dig at Tendulkar came on a day when the wrestlers reached Haridwar to throw their Olympic medals in the river Ganga in line with the manner in which greatest boxer Muhammad Ali threw his Olympics medal in the Ohio River after 1960 games to protest against the racial abuse he had gone through.

However, the Indian wrestlers deferred their plans, saying that they were giving five days to the Government to respond to their protests and if there was no response from the Government in the stipulated period, they would go ahead with their plan of throwing their medals into the River Ganga.

It may be recalled that the Indian Olympians like Vinesh Phogat, Bajrang Punia, and Sakshi Malik and 500-odd others were dragged, lifted and put into their vans by the Delhi police while they were heading towards the new Parliament building on Sunday. The wrestlers were detained on the ground that they were violating law and order.” The wrestlers and other protesters were released from detention on Sunday night.

Niti Aayog appreciates ‘Black rice’ initiative in Chandauli

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Government’s premier policy think tank, Niti Aayog, has appreciated the ‘Black rice initiative in Chandauli, Uttar Pradesh’ noting that the unique innovation in the agriculture sector has enhanced the income of the farmers of the aspirational district.

Because of the huge demand for black rice in the domestic as well as global market, the farmers’ earnings have also shot up. “Income per hectare for farmers engaged in black rice cultivation has gone up from Rs 54,532 to Rs 2,55,500,” said the think tank.

However, at the same time, it pointed out that despite high returns, farmers were facing



problems in marketing the black rice in the absence of its GI (geographical indication) tag.

Presently, Manipur is the only State in the country which has been awarded the GI tag for black rice in 2020.

In its report ‘Best practices in social sector: A compendium 2023’ released recently, the Niti Aayog said that though black rice as such is not native to the area and is produced in

high quantities in Manipur, the UP district administration in 2018 started the experiment by promoting the product initially among a small group of 300 farmers.

The aim was to reap revenue benefits from the increasing demand in the global markets. “And since, black rice farming does not require any type of chemical fertilizer, now it is cultivated in all the blocks of the district with the help of Agriculture Department Chandauli.”

The district is already known as the “rice bowl of Uttar Pradesh”, where two-thirds of the population is engaged in agricultural sector, providing ideal conditions for the production of all types of paddy.

BJP to begin Maha Jansampark Abhiyan from May 31

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) will begin its Maha Jansampark Abhiyan, a month-long campaign, on Wednesday, during which it will reach out to 1,000 eminent persons from every Lok Sabha constituency, a party leader said on Tuesday. Talking to reporters, the party’s national general secretary Vinod Tawde said the campaign, which will begin on May 31, will continue till June 30.

“We have prepared a list of 1,000 persons from every Lok Sabha seat in the country, who have won civilian awards such as Padma or president’s medals during their service. With 543 seats in Lok Sabha, the cumulative figure comes to 5.5 lakh people in the country, who will be visited by the BJP’s union ministers or senior party functionaries during the reach-out campaign,” Tawde said. The visits



will be about the achievements of Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led government in the last nine years, he said.

“We will also apprise people about various developmental works undertaken or completed in the respective Lok Sabha constituency,” the BJP leader said. Apart from this, some public functions can be held near the development projects, which have been completed, such as highways and railway stations among others, he said. The BJP has also prepared a list of beneficiaries of 10 key Union

government schemes and has decided to organise gatherings for them, Tawde said.

The party plans to reach out to 80 crore people in the country in one month, and around 227 leaders, including union ministers, party functionaries and state-level leaders, will participate in the drive, he said. The party has also mandated all elected representatives to spend the last 10 days of June in their respective constituencies and have door-to-door interaction with people, Tawde said. At least 12 rallies of Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be organised in three to four constituencies. Senior leaders J P Nadda, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari and Women and Child Development Minister Smriti Irani among others will also hold similar rallies, he said.

₹2K notes withdrawal a setback for Naxalites: Maha police

PTI ■ NAGPUR

The Reserve Bank’s announcement of withdrawal of Rs 2,000 currency notes has come as a setback for Naxalites as their funds collected by way of extortion are mainly in this denomination, a senior police official in Maharashtra claimed on Tuesday.

The police in the Naxal-affected Gadchiroli district are on alert as Naxalites have become active to exchange the Rs 2,000 notes lying with them, he said.

Notably, two persons were last Thursday arrested in Bijapur district of neighbouring Chhattisgarh with Rs 6 lakh in Rs 2,000 currency notes allegedly belonging to a Naxalite commander, as per the police.



The police in the Naxal-affected Gadchiroli police have got intelligence inputs that Naxalites have become active to exchange the Rs 2,000 notes lying with them, he said.

This has come to the fore from some of the recent incidents in Chhattisgarh, he said.

22 MLAs and 9 MPs from Shinde Shiv Sena could quit party, claims rival Shiv Sena (UBT)

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena (UBT) on Tuesday claimed 22 MLAs and nine MPs from rival Shiv Sena were feeling suffocated due to “step-motherly treatment” by the BJP and could quit the group led by Maharashtra Chief minister Eknath Shinde.

Latching on to Shiv Sena MP Gajanan Kirtikar’s remark that his party was getting step-motherly treatment, an editorial in Shiv Sena (UBT) mouthpiece ‘Saamana’ dubbed the Shinde group MLAs and MPs as “hens and cocks” imprisoned in the Bharatiya Janata Party’s (BJP) coop and that it cannot be said when they could be slaughtered.

It said Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena (then undivided) severed ties with the BJP (in 2019) due to the same “step-motherly treatment” which became unbearable,

and also for its safety and self-respect.

The Thackeray-headed Shiv Sena exited the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) in 2019 and joined hands with the Congress and Nationalist Congress Party to form a government in Maharashtra. After the split in the Sena last year, Shinde joined hands with the BJP to become CM.

Kirtikar, the Lok Sabha member from Mumbai, on Friday said, “We are part of the NDA.... So our work should be carried out accordingly, and (NDA) constituents should get a (suitable) status. We think we are being given step-motherly treatment.”

The editorial in Saamana on Tuesday said reports are that Shinde group’s “22 MLAs and nine MPs are feeling suffocated because of step-motherly treatment by the BJP and they have developed the mindset to quit the group.”

Confident Congress

The party hopes to reconcile the differences between Gehlot and Pilot

Victory, John F Kennedy said, has a thousand fathers. All of them nourish it further, making it grow strong, resilient and confident. The landslide mandate that the Congress received in the recently-concluded Assembly election in Karnataka seems to have galvanised the grand old party in more than one way. It has certainly broken the toxic mix of sloth and inertia on fratricide in Rajasthan. On Monday, the high command summoned Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot and his political rival and former deputy Sachin Pilot to Delhi. The duo had four-hour-long discussions with Rahul Gandhi and party president Mallikarjun Kharge. “Both leaders have unanimously decided to work together and left the decision on the high command,” senior party leader KC Venugopal reportedly said after the meeting without divulging any details. On the face of it, this was an anodyne statement, but GOP leaders must have heaved a sigh of relief that the two desert warriors sat together after a long time. This is important as the Assembly election in Rajasthan is due later this year, especially as the State is known for changing government every five years. As it is, the no-holds-barred fight between Gehlot and Pilot has hurt the party’s image in the State. Some time ago, the party may have feared a repeat of Rajasthan in Karnataka. Now, having reconciled the differences between Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and State party chief DK Shivakumar, the GOP would like to do a Karnataka in Rajasthan.



It may not be easy, though, for the Congress. The fight between Gehlot and Pilot was quite intense in which many red lines were crossed. Gehlot had made several uncharitable remarks about Pilot. Pilot, on his part, had been denouncing the Gehlot Government over inaction on alleged corruption during the previous BJP government under Vasundhara Raje. The big question is: would Gehlot and Pilot be willing to bury the hatchet? It is not just the GOP leadership but the entire Opposition would like them to, for if that happens, not only the Congress would be in a stronger position to take on the Bharatiya Janata Party in the forthcoming State polls but also in the 2024 general election. Further, as an upshot, the entire Opposition would gain strength. Many Opposition leaders are trying to forge an alliance against the Bharatiya Janata Party. Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar will be holding a meeting in Patna in a few days; Nationalist Congress Party leader Sharad Pawar is working towards that end. All these attempts, along with the Congress’ newfound confidence, can make arithmetic favourable for the Opposition, but that may not be enough. As we mentioned earlier, Prime Minister Narendra Modi is not the BJP’s solitary trump card; the saffron party has also been able to entrench its narrative in political debate—the narrative of muscular nationalism, Hindutva, and unprecedented infrastructure development. The Opposition doesn’t have a viable alternative to that.

PICTALK



Devotees take a holy dip in the Ganga to mark Ganga Dussehra at Har Ki Pauri, in Haridwar

Indo-Nepal ties will flourish on trust

Political engagement between the countries is missing for some time now. The historicity of bilateral relations will depend on Prachanda’s longevity as PM

PM Pushpa Kamal Dahal Prachanda will finally arrive today on a four days visit. Prachanda’s first visit was a state visit when he came after the 10 April 2008 Constituent Assembly elections to 575 elected seats (out of 601) after the monarchy was dismantled and Nepal declared a federal democratic, secular republic. Prachanda who won peace after ten years of civil war, became Nepal’s charismatic leader and beloved hero, his party winning 227 seats more than Nepali Congress (110)and CPN UML (103) combined.

It was a rude shock for India which had put its money on Nepali Congress. Still, it tried to adjust to Maoist ways to give Prachanda a grand welcome with the expectation that he would be sensitive to India’s concerns and national interests. That hope was belied as Prachanda had ideas of a People’s Republic chasing which he was forced to resign. The rest is a legend. In the second CA elections in November 2013, Maoists won 81 seats. Prachanda’s second visit was in 2016-17 when he switched to NC from UML for power-sharing with NC PM Sher Bahadur Deuba. After the 2017 elections, Maoists won 53 seats and were forced to join the Left alliance which won a nearly two-thirds majority but Prachanda’s hopes of becoming Prime Minister in a power-sharing deal with PM KP Oli never materialised.

In November 2022 elections his party slumped to 32 seats but all through the electoral cycles, CPN (Maoist Centre) even with declining numbers, remained the number 3 party – the kingmakers – with NC and UML alternating as the single largest party. Prachanda’s reduced strength and power had not dimmed his ambition to be the prime minister. He demonstrated political dexterity in switching coalitions earlier this year to remain PM. Nepal’s mixed electoral system makes a single-party majority unlikely. People

frustrated with the non-performance of older parties, voted TV anchor, Rabi Lamichhane, as leader of the fourth largest Rashtriya Swatantra Party (22



seats) and the rapper Balen Shah, Mayor of Kathmandu humbling NC, UML and Maoists.

The three by-polls held in April in which RSP won two seats with overwhelming numbers including one from an NC stronghold have rung alarm bells for all political parties. Prachanda wants to revive the fortune of Maoists with India’s help. That is why Prachanda wants to make his present visit historic and a game changer in India-Nepal relations for which he has to win back India’s trust and most of all, the trust of the people of Nepal. He is now part of the eight-party coalition led by NC, along with CPN (Unified Socialist), Janata Samajwadi Party, Loktantrik Samajwadi Party, Janmat Party, Nagarik Unmukti Party and Rashtriya Jan Morcha. It is a different Prachanda who as Prime Minister leads the coalition and his party. He has to undo the pro-China image that he shed long ago that went unnoticed by New Delhi’s political elite. This will not be easy in a Left-Right coalition.

Prachanda has to remould his party with a makeover of leadership. India should be impressed that Prachanda unlike in 2008 when he went to China first, has this time declined Beijing’s invitation for the Boao Forum in March and declared his intention to



AT A POWER SUMMIT HELD IN KATHMANDU IN APRIL, NEPALESE POWER TRADERS COMPLAINED THAT INDIA HAD NOT PROVIDED FULL ACCESS TO POWER MARKETS AS PER THE MoU OF 2014

visit India first despite the scheduling and cabinet formation difficulties. New Delhi has not sent the right signals by failing to give an earlier date for his visit. It would have added to the credibility and stability of the coalition government. During the last Prime Ministerial visit of Mr Deuba last year, no major agreements were signed. Wait, watch and act after the November 2022 elections were India’s policy. Mr Dahal has proved his nimbleness by securing three votes of confidence, signing two Common Minimum Programmes and getting the budget passed last Monday. He is also seen to be acting against corruption.

One of the key expectations of Nepal is a more fair and liberal power trade agreement. At a power summit held in Kathmandu in April, Nepalese power traders complained that India had not provided full access to power markets as per the MoU of 2014. New Delhi has so far permitted the sale of 452.6 MW whereas Kathmandu wants to sell 1000MW of power. There are other restrictions to the sale of power especially from projects with any connection with Chinese companies or Chinese contractors. Besides trade with India, it wants to diversify – sell to Bangladesh also. Connectivity

is the other big expectation.

The DPR of the 136 km Raxaul-Kathmandu railway project spurred by an earlier Chinese proposal of a Railway from Kirung to Kathmandu has to be progressed. It is estimated to cost USD 2.5bn for which Nepal wants a grant. Nepal is also interested in India setting up a fertilizer plant and\ or a pipeline similar to the petroleum pipeline from Birgunj to Amlékghunj. The Pokhara international airport built by the Chinese with a China Eximbank loan remains confined to domestic use because of Indian reservations. Another issue that may come up is Agniveer due to which Gorkha’s recruitment from Nepal is in suspended animation. Overall 12 MOUs are to be signed which is historic.

Political engagement between leaders missing for some time now requires restoration. The historicity of bilateral relations will depend on the stability of the coalition and Prachanda’s longevity as PM. In some ways they are interdependent.

(The writer, a retired Major General, was Commander, IPKF South, Sri Lanka, and founder member of the Defence Planning Staff, currently the Integrated Defence Staff. The views expressed are personal)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Innovative ways to beat the smoking urge

Owing to increasing consumption of tobacco across the world, the WHO dedicated May 31 to commemorate ‘World No-Tobacco Day’ in 1987

Consumption of tobacco is injurious to health. Everyone around is aware of this fact, however, for the majority of tobacco users, the allure of tobacco and the cravings it evokes can be overpowering.

Owing to the increasing consumption of tobacco among individuals worldwide, WHO dedicated 31st May to commemorate World No-Tobacco Day every year since 1987. However, the urge to indulge in smoking is mostly irresistible to tobacco users and thereby to battle those urges, it is crucial to bear in mind that it will typically subside within 10 minutes, regardless of whether or not you succumb to the temptation. Let us explore some innovative and effective methods that can aid you in fending off the urge to smoke or utilize tobacco when cravings strike.

- **Embrace Nicotine Replacement Therapy:** This therapeutic approach encompasses various options, such as prescription of nicotine administered via nasal spray or inhaler, Over-the-counter nicotine patches, gum,



and lozenges, or prescription of non-nicotine cessation medications like bupropion (Wellbutrin SR, Wellbutrin XL, etc) and varenicline. These swift-acting treatments are generally safe to use alongside long-acting nicotine patches or non-nicotine cessation medications.

- **Steer Clear of Triggers** – One must be aware of the triggers that prompt one to smoke. It is most likely that the potency of tobacco urges gets most pronounced in settings where one habitually smokes or chews tobacco. For instance, parties, bars, moments of stress, or while savouring a cup of coffee are likely scenarios. Identify your triggers and devise a plan to avoid them.
- **Social networking:** The formation of social networks by persons who

have successfully quit smoking, and their motivation for persons in the process of quitting may help psychologically.

- **Employ the Power of Delay-** When struck by tobacco craving, challenge yourself to postpone its enchantment by an additional 10 minutes. During this time, engage in activities that successfully divert your attention. Consider venturing into a smoke-free zone within your vicinity. Employing these simple but effective tactics might be sufficient to surmount the craving.
- **Channel Your Chewing Impulses-** Offer your mouth an alternative activity to ward off tobacco cravings. Chew on sugarless gum or relish a piece of hard candy or else savour the crunch of raw carrots, nuts, or sunflower seeds for distraction.
- **Beware of the Illusion of "Just One"-** The allure of succumbing to the illusion of satisfying a smoking craving with a single cigarette is compelling. However, do not deceive yourself into believing that

stopping at one will suffice. More often than not, indulging in a solitary cigarette will lead to another.

- **Harness the Power of Physical Activity-** Physical exertion possesses the capacity to divert your attention away from tobacco or smoking cravings. Even brief bursts of activity, such as ascending and descending stairs several times, can successfully reduce the craving, or a brisk walk or jog.

Quitting smoking is one of the best things you can do for your health with these innovative ways depending on the individual’s preferences. Some people find success with nicotine replacement therapy, while others prefer to quit cold turkey. Several support groups can aid avid smokers in quitting. No matter which method you choose, it is important to be patient and persistent because quitting smoking is not easy; however, it is certainly worth it, for your health.

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AMBARISH JOSHI

ELECTIONS IN J&K

Sir — A couple of days back, Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar dropped hints for the Jammu & Kashmir going to polls in the not-too-distant future even as Democratic Progressive Azad Party president Ghulam Nabi Azad, at a Party function in Akhnour Sector on Sunday said that if his DPAP comes to power, he will see to it that no elements disturbing the brotherhood and communal harmony in the Valley rears head. Simultaneously, Mr Azad also emphasized that people should rise above personal aggrandisement and also promised to fight for the restoration of Kashmir’s Statehood and the rights of the land and jobs for Kashmiri people.

Notably, former Congress stalwart Mr Azad parted ways with his former party following his differences with the leadership getting deepened following the latter’s indifference towards the former even forcing him to float his outfit DPAP. Interestingly, an AAP state leader Ratan Lal along with his supporters joined the DPAP welcoming whom Mr Nabi said that there is no room for those who are against the communal harmony and brotherhood in J&K, in his party.

Azhar A Khan | Rampur

JAGAN’S FOUR YEARS AT THE HELM

Sir — The YSRCP-led Government, with Jagan Mohan Reddy at the helm in AP, has completed four years of rule this day. The tenure has affected greater strides in the welfare sector even in the trying times of corona. The focus on education and public health sectors has remained its key characteristic. The creation of new districts, Village level secretariat system, and the employment of volunteers to help the beneficiaries to get the benefits at their doorsteps in every village are some innovative steps in its endeavour to bring the rule to the masses. That ninety-eight per cent of promises in the party’s manifesto got

Humiliating wrestlers is shameful



One of the most enduring images was not the temple of democracy being inaugurated by our PM but that of the wrestlers being pinned down by the group of Delhi police. When the PM was inaugurating the New Parliament building and giving a discourse on democracy the daughters who brought laurels to the country by winning medals were dragged by police to the ground. While PM carried the Sengol in one hand and worked the impression that the Sengol would now guide Government with morality and judiciary and on the other side our National flag was crushed to the ground. The most distressing matter is the wrestlers were carrying the tricolour in their hands, while police dragged them on the road and the tricolour was fallen on the ground- the same tricolour flag had been hoisted on the foreign soil by these wrestlers when they brought home their laurels. The ill-treatment met to the daughters of this country is a sad development and police calling the plays

realised in four years of rule is no small fete and is commendable.

DVG Sankararao | Vizianagaram

STATISTICAL JUGGLERY

Sir — If the attainment of the statistical jugglery of "Century of Centuries" by a certain "God" had at last allowed every Indian to afford "peaceful sleep" at night (as learned from the tweet of a Bollywood star) despite billions of them cruelly banished from minimum basic amenities of food attire shelter medicine and livelihood with little children languishing in labour market instead of getting educated in schools; then there lies no doubt to the fact that the New Parliament building that was

as anti-national activities is wrong the brutality done to our players proves that democracy is in peril.

The arrogance of the BJP Government by mercilessly trampling the voices of our women players under its boot is grossly wrong and condemnable. By opening the new Parliament building PM says Naya Joshi, Nayi Umang, Naya Safar, Naya Soch, Nayi Disha, Nayi Drishti and Naya Sankalp but another side he is maintaining stoic silence when there are tears in his eye sportspersons who won laurels for this country.

The police are protecting the oppressors and harassing the daughters of the country. The champion wrestlers are agitating for one month against the Bahubali of BJP Party Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, demanding his arrest for the alleged sexual harassment of several women grapplers, including a minor and it is a matter of great shame that the Government is safeguarding him. The accused is openly roaming around and is seen in the New Parliament building. What a pity that a rapist is invited to the opening of a new Parliament building and the head of the Constitution the President of this country is not invited?

The sports persons have made our country proud on several occasions and now they don’t deserve this treatment.

Zakir Hussain I Kazipet

recently inaugurated in New Delhi will also make every Indian "proud"!

Also, it is very easy to dedicate this extravaganza of several thousands of crore to the poor, but it is a wonder how can such a "dedication" arrive as a "messiah" of the billions of the downtrodden and eradicate their woes and unfathomable burning problems plaguing them day in and day out! However, if you are not "anti-national"; then such assertions should be necessarily treated as "true" as it is being repeated long, loud and convincingly enough!

Kajal Chatterjee | Kolkata

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BE MINDFUL OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS

Mindfulness can be practised by anyone irrespective of any faith or religion

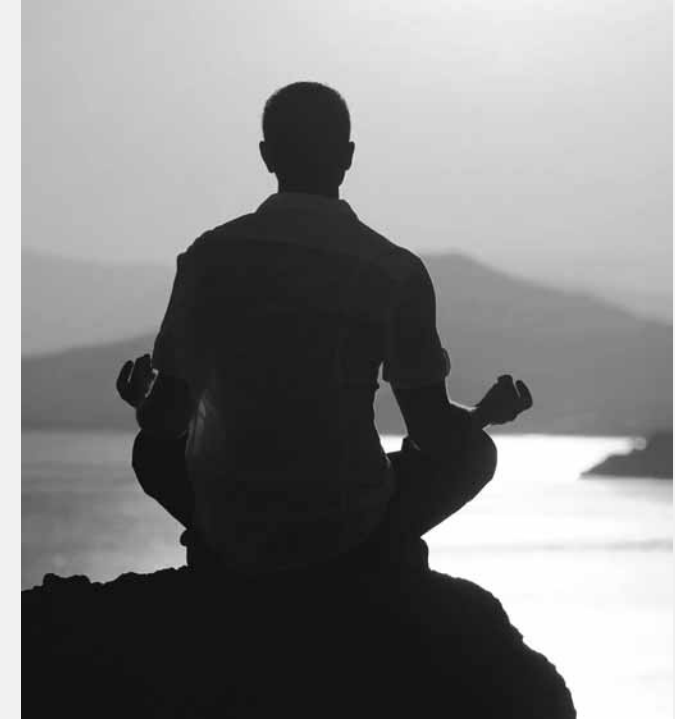


SAKSHI SETHI

A beautiful life is not stumbled upon rather it is built. It not only allows many alternative views to how one looks at an experience but also allows the individual to go beyond the capabilities of someone who is mindless. Mindfulness is the key to having an adventurous and exciting life. Mindfulness in its simplest form means being able to pay attention to the present moment, without judgment and criticism. Life without mindfulness is no life at all.

The origin of mindfulness is rooted in Buddhist philosophy and practice tradition which is more than two and a half thousand years old. However, this does not mean it is only for monks or priests rather it is a way of connecting with the natural quality of awareness and presence which all human beings have. Mindfulness can be practiced by anyone irrespective of any faith or religion and involves training the mind and doesn't enforce any religious belief system. When an individual gets blinded by their success it begins to change their perspective on their relationships with their peers, friends and families. The individual develops a false impression that their circle needs them more than they do.

Mindfulness means non-judgemental awareness i.e., knowledge of what is going on inside and outside ourselves, moment by moment. Various research has shown that meditation is a type that encourages mindfulness and can improve many aspects of individuals' lives. Some people just live on autopilot when in reality there are so many amazing things in our daily surroundings that are meant



to be noticed. Being mindful and becoming more aware of the present moment means noticing the sights, smells, sounds and tastes that one experiences as well as the thoughts, feelings and sensations that occur from one moment to the next. A strong impact is made on health and overall well-being by what and how an individual thinks and feels, how they talk to themselves and what views they take about what's happening in and around them.

Mindfulness is the practice of purposely focusing an individual's attention on the present moment and accepting it without judgment. It is today, one of the most talked about developments in human psychology and innumerable researches are being undertaken across the globe to understand its positive effects and implications.

What mindfulness does is that it allows an individual to reduce their stress and anxiety related to issues in the past or anticipated issues in future? It helps to recognize that it is the present - 'the now' that is more important than any other moment. Remember, a person becomes what he surrounds himself with. Energies are contagious. So, one should choose carefully as it's the individual's chosen environment that makes or destroys them.

(The writer is an educator)

Modi and his ‘India First’ governance

The ‘India First’ policy has also been guiding the nation on the path of expansion of economy. PM Modi has given special focus to infrastructure



TARUN CHUGH



Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given India First governance in the last nine years. In each area of governance, India First has been the guiding principle. India's national interests guide the governance. In the last nine years, PM Modi has shown a 'Yes, we can do it' approach. This has worked wonders.

India is now the fifth-largest economy. The developed world wants India on its side. Developing countries want India to be their voice. The poor nations look at India with hope. The small island nations in the Pacific, Indian Ocean, Caribbean, and elsewhere have seen India as their saviour. African and Latin American nations have seen Indian healing touch when the Covid-19 pandemic wreaked havoc with death tolls.

It was PM Modi who went to Australia in 2014, after a gap of 28 years, to deepen the bond between the two nations. Now, India and Australia are strategic partners. There are several countries, including Papua New Guinea, where PM Modi's visits were the first in several years. This approach with 360-degree foreign policy has helped India in gaining several friends and well-wishers all across the globe. Now, Indians in any part of the world are warmly received. The Indian passport has weight at the immigration offices. Indian tricolour is well recognized. This was made possible by PM Modi's India First policy and also by putting into practice the ancient philosophy of 'Vasudhev Kutumbkam'.



PM MODI HAS ALSO FREED THE ENTREPRENEURIAL POWER OF THE YOUTH OF THE COUNTRY. THIS HE DID BY PUSHING THE 'INDIA FIRST' POLICY IN THE SPHERE OF THE ECONOMY

(Author is the BJP national general secretary)

PM Modi has also freed the entrepreneurial power of the youth of the country. This he did by pushing the India First policy in the sphere of the economy. The GEM (Government e-Marketplace) portal has eliminated the scope for middlemen. This has helped the businessmen without any bias and hindrance to bid for the procurements by the government departments. It brought much-needed confidence among the businessmen that they can take part in economic activities without paying bribes.

The spread of confidence touched the youngsters. Over one lakh startups were founded in recent years. More than 100 are now unicorns, gaining a valuation exceeding \$1 billion. One such startup from Hyderabad even launched a small satellite. PM Modi's India First policy saw the government opening the space sector to private companies. Now, hundreds of startups are working in the space sector by taking advantage of the opening up of the sector.

The India First mantra brought the 'Panch Pran of Amrit Kaal' - The goal of developed India; to remove any trace of colonial mindset; take pride in our roots; unity among all Indians; and a sense of duty among citizens.

The five guiding principles were backed by actions, and they are showing results. India improved its ranking in the ease of doing business, by moving from 142 in 2014 to 63 in 2019, which now has moved to 43. Several offences in the Companies Act were decriminalized to instil confidence among businessmen.

The India First policy has seen unemployment declining to 6.5 per cent in January 2023 from 7.2 per cent in January 2020. The skilling of the youth has gained pace. Bilateral agreements with a few developed countries for skilling the youth to their requirement has added more momentum. The state governments have also now realized that they must dedicate their resources to the skilling of the youth.

This again is the result of the India First policy of PM Modi. India has emerged as the second largest manufacturer of mobile phones. India has also taken a huge stride in the automobile sector. India's First policy guided in policy thrust to gain self-reliance in the manufacturing of chips. Two big-ticket FDIs have come to Gujarat and Karnataka to help India achieve self-reliance in the manufacturing of chips.

India's First policy again was in action when PM Modi

launched the Atmanirbha campaign for the defence sector. Several of the weapons, ammunition, equipment and others which were imported in the past have to be compulsorily manufactured within India. This shift has created a vibrant private sector working in the defence area. Also, a number of startups have joined the Atmanirbha campaign. The linkages with the research and development agencies of the government with the private sector as part of the hand-holding exercise have helped in creating competitive firms, that are competing with the best in the world.

The India First policy has also been guiding India on the path of expansion of the economy. PM Modi has given a special focus on infrastructure. PM Gati Shakti Scheme has become a key intervention.

India is also looking to become a top global destination for tourists. With the G20 presidency, PM Modi has brought the positive image of India to several countries. Now, the people in several countries are curious about India. It is to the credit of the India First policy of PM Modi that the policy attention has been given to sectors that were never paid attention to and they are now giving new dimensions to the economy.

Children with disabilities need robust policies for support

The National Family Health Survey must include specific questions about disabilities to help formulate appropriate policy

India has 2.68 crore persons with a disability, according to the 2011 Census. However, with the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, of 2016, now recognizing 21 types of disabilities, this number is expected to increase manifold. A robust policy is critical to encompass their aspirations and ensure all persons with disability achieve their full potential and play an active part in nation-building.

This is why the recent decision to drop questions related to disability from the sixth National Family Health Survey (NFHS), scheduled to begin on July 1, 2023, is inexplicable. The NFHS, conducted every three years, collects data on a gamut of development indices vital to inform policy and programmes.



SWAPNA MAJUMDAR

(The writer is a senior journalist. The views expressed are personal)

This survey, which covers approximately seven lakh households across the country, is an important tool to gather data on whether people with disabilities have access to basic amenities and other government programmes.

However, at a time when the need to ensure no one gets left behind is doubly important considering the ravages caused by Covid, the exclusion of questions on disability is an opportunity lost to gather disaggregated disability data.

An Opportunity Lost

According to the Disability Rights India Foundation (DRIF), a non-profit working for disability rights, disability disaggregated data is the cornerstone for disability-relevant services. Instead of sharp-

ening its questionnaire related to disability, NFHS has reversed the process by removing disability-related questions altogether.

Considering that India is a signatory to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), this regressive move contradicts its principle of "leaving no one behind" under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016. In India, PwDs experience an average loss of 10-17 years in life expectancy. Creating pathways to change this and make health services disability inclusive requires access to comprehensive health data which NFHS could have provided.

Children with disabilities are disadvantaged on most

measures of child well-being. In comparison to children without disabilities, children with disabilities are 24% less likely to receive early stimulation and responsive care; 42% less likely to have never attended school; 32% more likely to face corporal punishment; 47% more likely to be out of primary school, 33% more likely to be out of lower secondary school and 27% more likely to be out of upper secondary school; 51% more likely to feel unhappy and 41% likely to feel more discriminated against.

Now consider the fact that

one-third of disabilities in children are preventable if detected early and empowered with timely interventions. A roadmap based on accurate data to reach about 20.42 lakh children in the 0-9 age group with some form of disabilities, either congenital or acquired, could be life-changing.

It is no secret that existing disparities were exacerbated by Covid. In the context of education, data shows that before the pandemic, more than 4.1 million girls were not going to school across India. The closure of 1.5 million schools during the pandemic impacted over 247 million children enrolled in elementary and secondary schools, including 37 million with disabilities.

A 2020 survey by Swabhimana, a community-

based organization working for the rights of persons with disability, in Odisha, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Tripura, Chennai, Sikkim, Nagaland, Haryana and J&K found about 43% of children with disabilities planned to drop out due to hardships in online education.

It is not just the lack of access to educational aids that impedes the well-being of a PwD. They have little or no access to health services as information about disease symptoms and prevention, is not provided in accessible formats such as print materials in Braille, sign language interpretation, captions, audio provisions and graphics.

Women with disabilities are doubly marginalised on account of their disability and

their gender and face greater social barriers, discrimination and isolation. Moreover, women and girls with disabilities are three times more likely to experience gender-based violence compared to non-disabled women.

The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, emphasises prevention of disability through appropriate awareness measures, investigation, and research. Article 31 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities mandates collection of appropriate information on PwDs to enable the formulation and implementation of policies. Can there be a better mechanism than the NFHS to gather data to understand the prevalence and pattern of disabilities?

Khan appears before anti-terrorism court

PTI ■ LAHORE

Pakistan's former prime minister Imran Khan on Tuesday appeared before an anti-terrorism court in four cases, including the attack on Lahore Corp Commander House, and submitted surety bonds in connection with his pre-arrest bail till June 2.

"Khan appeared before the ATC Lahore judge Ijaz Ahmad Buttar and submitted surety bonds worth PKR 100,000 each in the four terrorism cases in which he had already been given pre-arrest bail till June 2," a court official told PTI.

As the 70-year-old chairman of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party appeared in the court amid high security, a group of lawyers chanted slogans in his favour.

Khan's counsel also challenged the search warrants of the former premier's Zaman Park Lahore residence in the anti-terrorism court. The judge summoned the Punjab



police DIG (operations) for next hearing and directed him to submit a reply.

On May 9, violent protests erupted after the arrest of Khan by paramilitary Rangers in Islamabad. His party workers vandalised over 20 military installations and government buildings, including the Lahore Corps Commander House, Mianwali airbase and the ISI building in Faisalabad. The Army headquarters (GHQ) in Rawalpindi was also attacked by the mob for the first time. Khan was later released on bail.

Sharif: Anarchists don't qualify for dialogue

Islamabad (PTI): Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday hinted that his government was unwilling to talk with Imran Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party, saying the "anarchists and arsonists" who wear the garb of politicians and attack the symbols of the state do not

Law enforcement agencies have arrested over 10,000 workers of Khan's Pakistan party across Pakistan, 4,000 of them from Punjab. Police put the death toll in violent clashes to 10 while Khan's party claims 40 of its workers lost their lives in the firing by security personnel.

Meanwhile, two lawyers of Khan appeared before a joint investigation team probing

qualify for a dialogue. Khan, 70, who was ousted via a vote of no confidence in April last year, said he is ready to speak to "anyone who is in power" after his party's top leaders began to quit the party following the May 9 riots in which sensitive military installations were attacked.

the attack on Corps Commander House known as Jinnah House in Lahore.

The joint investigation team - formed by the Punjab interim government to probe arson attacks on Jinnah House and the Askari Corporate Tower in Lahore on May 9 - had summoned Khan for Tuesday to record his statement but he sent his lawyers instead.

JIT summons ex-Pak PM

Lahore (PTI): A joint investigation team probing the violent attack on the historic Corps Commander House or the Jinnah House here on May 9 has summoned former Pakistan prime minister Imran Khan on Tuesday. Khan, the chief of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party, has been asked to appear before the JIT at 4 pm at the Qilla Gujjar police headquarters in Lahore. He has been called for questioning in a case registered with the Sarwar Road police station against the attack. Jinnah House (Corps Commander House) was torched by arsonists following the anti-government protests against the arrest of Khan on May 9. A large number of PTI party workers May 9 stormed the Jinnah House and set it on fire after vandalising it.

No meeting between US, Chinese defence chiefs, says Beijing

AP ■ BEIJING

Prospects for a renewed high-level military dialogue between China and the US remain dim, with Beijing saying their defense chiefs will not hold a bilateral meeting while both are attending a weekend security conference in Singapore.

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning on Tuesday blamed the US, saying Washington should "earnestly respect China's sovereignty and security interests and concerns, immediately correct the wrongdoing, show sincerity, and create the necessary atmosphere and conditions for dialogue and communication between the two militaries." Mao gave no details, but tensions between the sides have spiked over Washington's military support and sales of defensive weapons to self-governing Taiwan, China's assertions of sovereignty to the contested South China Sea and its flying of a suspected spy balloon over the US.

US Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin is scheduled to address the Shangri-La Dialogue on Saturday, while Chinese Defense Minister Gen. Li Shangfu will speak at the gathering on Sunday.

Austin met privately with Li's predecessor, Wei Fenghe, at last year's Shangri-La Dialogue, which appeared to do little to smooth relations between the sides. In his address to the forum, Wei accused the US of seeking to contain China's development and threatening to assert its claim to Taiwan by military force.

Chinese leader Xi Jinping and U.S. President Joe Biden met on the sidelines of the Group of 20 meeting of large economies in November in Indonesia, but contacts have proceeded only sporadically since then, with only side meetings on neutral territory.

Secretary of State Antony Blinken canceled a visit to Beijing in February after the US shot down a Chinese spy balloon that had crossed the United States.

He later met with the Communist Party's senior foreign affairs adviser Wang Yi in Austria.

China refused to take a phone call from Austin to discuss the balloon issue, the Pentagon said.

China launches first spaceship with civilian

Beijing/Jiuquan (PTI): China on Tuesday successfully launched the Shenzhou-16 manned spaceship, sending three astronauts, including the first civilian to its space station combination for a five-month mission.

The spaceship, atop a Long March-2F carrier rocket, blasted off from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre in northwest China at 9:31 AM (Beijing Time), according to the China Manned



Space Agency (CMSA).

About 10 minutes after the launch, Shenzhou-16 separated from the rocket and entered its designated orbit. The crew members are in good shape and the launch is a complete success, the CMSA declared, it said. The astronauts are expected to dock with the station's Tianhe core module about 400km above the ground – after a journey of less than seven hours.

For the first time, China has included a civilian in its rotating crew for the space station which otherwise remained a domain of the military personnel. Gui Haichao, a professor at Beihang University in Beijing regarded as a payload specialist was among the three astronauts.

The other two are mission's commander Jing Haipeng, who is also making history by becoming the first Chinese astronaut to go into space for a record fourth time.

The astronaut flight engineer Zhu Yangzhu is also making his first journey into space.

The Shenzhou-16 will be the first crew mission after China's space station programme entered the stage of application and development, Lin Xiqiang, deputy director of the CMSA told the media on Monday. The trio will stay in orbit for about five months, he said.

Once ready, China will be the only country to own a space station as the International Space Station (ISS) of Russia is a collaborative project of several countries. The ISS station is also set to be decommissioned by 2030.

The significant feature of China's space station is its two robotic arms, especially the long one which has the ability to grab objects, including satellites from space. After entering orbit, the Shenzhou-16 spaceship will make a fast, automated rendezvous and docking with the space station combination.

Musk meets Chinese FM

Beijing: China's foreign minister met Tesla Ltd. CEO Elon Musk on Tuesday and said strained US-Chinese relations require "mutual respect," while delivering a message of reassurance that foreign companies are welcome.

US-Chinese relations are especially tense after Washington shot down a Chinese balloon believed to be gathering intelligence and warned Beijing against supplying arms to Russia for its war against Ukraine. The Wall Street Journal reported China has rejected a request for its defense minister to meet the U.S. defense secretary when both are in Singapore this weekend.

"We need to keep the steering wheel in the right direction of mutual respect, peaceful coexistence and win-win cooperation," Qin Gang told Musk, according to a ministry statement. The two sides should "avoid dangerous driving," Qin said. He gave no details of steps to improve relations.

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EXTRACT OF STANDALONE AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND YEAR						
ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2023						
(₹ in lakhs)						
Sl. No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended			Year Ended	
		31.03.2023	31.03.2022	31.12.2022	31.03.2023	31.03.2022
		Audited	Audited	Unaudited	Audited	Audited
1	Total Income from operations	4,147.68	4,211.61	3,952.51	15,318.31	13,701.06
2	Net Profit for the period before Tax	11.94	99.26	48.48	90.50	250.90
3	Net Profit for the period after tax	0.68	96.32	53.35	68.05	192.01
4	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	3.67	116.93	53.35	71.04	212.30
5	Equity Share Capital	416.10	416.10	416.10	416.10	416.10
6	Other Equity				4,239.43	4,168.39
7	Earnings Per Share (of ₹ 10 each)					
(a)	Basic (₹)	0.02	2.31	1.28	1.64	4.61
(b)	Diluted (₹)	0.02	2.31	1.28	1.64	4.61

Notes :-

1 The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchange under 33of theSEBI(Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly/ Annual Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange Websites (www.bseindia.com/corporates) and on the Company's website www.cosco.in.

2 The above results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors of the Company at meeting held on May 30, 2023.

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for Cosco (India) Limited
Devinder Kumar Jain

Managing Director and CEO
DIN : 00191539

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Date : 30.05.2023

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(E-mail : eecdunjnramnagar@gmail.com, Phone: 05947-251259)		
Letter No. 818 / Vividh-14 / 47	E-Tender Notice	Date:- 29-05-2023
E-tenders are invited through single bid system for the construction work of OHT, Rising main, providing, laying & jointing of distribution system and appurtenant works for the following drinking water schemes of Kotabagh and Ramnagar blocks of Nainital district under Jal Jeevan Mission Programme with supply of all materials, labour and T&P etc complete including testing, commissioning & handover etc. of the following schemes under Jal Jeevan Mission Programme.		
Name of Schemes:-		
1- Mohanpur Rautela W/S Scheme, Block- Kotabagh, Period of Completion of work- 10 Months		
2- Sobanpur MVS (Tubewell) W/S Scheme, Block- Ramnagar, Period of Completion of work- 10 Months		
3- Gumanpur MVS (Tubewell) W/S Scheme, Block- Ramnagar, Period of Completion of work- 10 Months		
4- Devipur Muliya GOV W/S Scheme, Block- Ramnagar, Period of Completion of work- 10 Months		
5- Basai SVS W/S Scheme, Block- Ramnagar, Period of Completion of work- 10 Months		
1	Date of Calling of tenders	29-05-2023
2	Date of Online publication	05-06-2023 at 17:00 hrs.
3	Document download : Start Date / End Date	06-06-2023 at 11:00 hrs. / 20-06-2023 at 17:00 hrs.
4	Pre Bid Meeting	12-06-2023 at 13:00 hrs.
5	Bid Submission : Start Date / End Date	14-06-2023 at 11:00 hrs. / 20-06-2023 at 17:00 hrs.
6	Offline submission of documents (Cost of bidding document, Bid Security, Original Affidavits & all the Supporting Documents in support of qualification)	21-06-2023 upto 17:00 hrs.
7	Date of Single Bid Opening	22-06-2023 at 15:00 hrs.
Note:- For full details of the tender, corrigendum and cancellation etc., please log-in to the website www.uktenders.gov.in		
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₹ (in Lakh, except per share data)											
Sr. No.	Particulars	Standalone				Consolidated					
		Quarter ended		Year ended		Quarter ended		Year ended		Quarter ended	
		31.03.2023	31.12.2022	31.03.2022	31.03.2022	31.03.2023	31.12.2022	31.03.2022	31.03.2022	31.03.2022	31.03.2022
1.	Total income from operations	106.03	101.93	72.92	391.94	109.63	105.16	76.12	405.12	229.35	
2.	Net Profit for the period (before Tax and exceptional items)	86.78	69.45	35.67	289.44	90.32	72.58	38.85	302.33	174.52	
3.	Net Profit for the period (before Tax, after exceptional items)	87.23	69.45	36.29	2,119.00	90.77	72.58	39.46	2,131.89	4,577.31	
4.	Net Profit for the period after Tax (after exceptional items)	73.27	50.22	133.45	1,692.68	76.34	53.00	136.31	1,704.05	3,739.47	
5.	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit for the Period after Tax and Other Comprehensive Income after Tax)	72.76	50.35	133.50	1,692.59	75.83	53.13	136.35	1,703.96	3,740.03	
6.	Paid-up equity share capital (Face Value ₹ 5/- each)	540.00	540.00	540.00	540.00	540.00	540.00	540.00	540.00	540.00	
7.	Earnings Per Share (of ₹ 5/- each)										
	(Not Annualised)	0.67	0.47	1.24	15.68	0.70	0.49	0.22	15.78	34.63	
	Diluted	0.67	0.47	1.24	15.68	0.70	0.49	0.22	15.78	34.63	
Notes :-											
1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of quarter/annual financial results filed with the stock exchanges under regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and other Disclosure requirements) Regulation, 2015. The full format of the quarter/annual financial results are available on the websites of the stock exchange. (URL- www.bseindia.com) and Company website: http://www.addiindustries.com .											
2. The above results were reviewed and recommended by the Audit Committee and then approved by the Board of Directors at their meeting held on May 30, 2023. The financial results for the quarter and year ended March 31, 2023 have been limited reviewed by the Statutory Auditors of the Company.											
3. There is no change(s) in accounting policies which have impact on net profit / loss, total comprehensive income or any other relevant financial item(s).											
4. Exceptional items adjusted in the Statement of Profit and Loss in accordance with Ind-AS Rules.											
For and on behalf of Board of Directors											
Addi Industries Limited											
Sd/-											
Chaman Lal Jain											
Managing Director, DIN: 00022903											
Place : New Delhi											
Date : 30.05.2023											

INBREW BEVERAGES PRIVATE LIMITED											
CIN : U99999DL1972PTC318242											
Regd. Office: 406 Kusal Bazar 32-33 Nehru Place New Delhi, 110019, South Delhi											
Website: www.inbrew.com. E-Mail: info@inbrew.com, Ph: 011 410 70148,											
EXTRACT OF STATEMENT OF AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR											
THE QUARTER AND YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023											
₹ (in millions, except per share data)											
Sl. No.	Particulars	Three Months Ended				Year Ended					
		31.03.2023	31.12.2022	31.03.2022	31.03.2023	31.03.2023	31.12.2022	31.03.2022	31.03.2022	31.03.2022	31.03.2022
		(Audited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)	(Audited)	(Audited)	(Audited)	(Audited)	(Audited)	(Audited)	(Audited)
1	Income Revenue from operations	23,775.31	22,648.34	601.86	48,953.20	3,489.43					
2	Loss before tax	(130.80)	(176.20)	(192.26)	(532.94)	(292.74)					
3	Net loss for the period/year	(130.80)	(176.20)	(192.26)	(532.94)	(292.74)					
4	Total other comprehensive income (net of tax)	(5.63)	0.03	1.71	(4.40)	1.71					
5	Total comprehensive income for the period/year	(5.63)	0.03	1.71	(4.40)	1.71					
6	Paid-up equity share capital (face value of ₹ 10 each)	53.38	53.38	37.47	53.38	37.47					
7	Reserve (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	(3,674.05)	(3,737.62)	(3,336.72)	(3,874.05)	(3,336.72)					
8	Security Premium Account	5,314.59	5,314.59	4,057.32	5,314.59	4,057.32					
9	Other Reserves	2,759.63	2,896.06	1,247.33	2,759.63	1,247.33					
10	Paid-up Debt capital/ Outstanding Debt	7,987.77	8,020.90	386.63	7,987.77	386.63					
11	Outstanding Redeemable Preference Shares										
12	Net Equity/Share Capital	2.89	2.77	0.31	2.89	0.31					
13	Earnings per share (face value of ₹ 10 each) (not annualized)										
14	(i) Basic	(13.61)	(19.63)	(37.47)	(73.25)	(51.93)					
15	(ii) Diluted	(13.61)	(19.63)	(37.47)	(73.25)	(51.93)					
16	Capital Redemption Reserve										
17	Debiture Redemption Reserve										
18	Debt Service Coverage Ratio	1.02	1.02	(2.35)	0.97	(0.52)					
19	Interest Service Coverage Ratio	0.20	0.40	(21.48)	(0.01)	(9.27)					
1) The above is an extract of the detailed format of Audited financial results for quarter and year ended 31 March 23 filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 52 of SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the financial results are available on stock exchange website www.bseindia.com and website of the company website (www.inbrew.com)											
2) The above results have been reviewed by the audit committee and approved by the Board of Directors at their meeting held on 23 May 2023.											
3) The impact on net profit/ loss, total comprehensive income or any other relevant financial items(s) due to change(s) in accounting policies shall be disclosed by means of a footnote.											
4) During the current quarter, the Company conducted an operational efficiency review for the return of bottles which has resulted in change in the estimated useful life and classification of the returnable bottles. Basis the industry practice and assessment made by the management regarding the return trend of bottles, the estimation of useful life estimated to be 3 years. The Company has estimated that the future economic benefits from bottles will flow to the company over the period of 3 years and the cost of the term can also be measured reliably. This change has resulted into change in the classification of the bottles from the 'Inventories to Property, plant and equipment'. These changes have been considered as change in the estimate as per Ind AS 8 'Accounting policies, Change in Accounting Estimates and Errors) and have been accounted prospectively from 1 st January 2023. The impact of above change for the year ended 31 st March 2023 is as follows:											

Russia: Moscow buildings lightly damaged, while Kviy bombarded

AP ■ KIVY

A rare drone attack jolted Moscow early Tuesday, causing only light damage but forcing evacuations as residential buildings were struck in the Russian capital for the first time in the war against Ukraine.

The Kremlin, meanwhile, pursued its relentless bombardment of Kyiv with a third assault on the city in 24 hours.

The Russian Defence Ministry said five drones were shot down in Moscow and the systems of three others were jammed, causing them to veer off course.

President Vladimir Putin called it a “terrorist” act by Kyiv. The attack, causing only what Moscow Mayor Sergei Sobyenin called “insignificant damage” to several buildings, brought the war home to civilians in Russia’s capital.

Two people received treatment for unspecified injuries but did not need hospitalisation, he said in a Telegram post, adding that residents of two high-rise buildings damaged in the attack were evacuated.

Andrei Vorobyov, governor of the wider Moscow region, said some of the drones were “shot down on the approach to Moscow.”

Ukraine made no direct comment on the attack, which would be one of its deepest and most daring strikes into Russia since the Kremlin launched its full-scale invasion of Ukraine more than 15 months ago.

Putin said Moscow’s air defense “worked in a satisfactory way,” but added it is “clear that our task is to plug the gaps” in the system.



A police officer walks through a parking lot with damaged cars in front of a multi-story apartment building which was damaged during Russian attack in Kyiv, Ukraine, Tuesday

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University of Edinburgh ties up with Indian Consulate for Hindi course

LONDON (PTI): The University of Edinburgh’s Climate Change Institute has announced its first open access course in Hindi developed through a partnership with the Consulate General of India in Edinburgh, Scotland.

The Climate Solutions course is available in English, Arabic and Hindi, with versions focused on Egypt, the UAE, India and the UK.

It is designed and delivered by award-winning climate change experts, including Executive Director of the Edinburgh Climate Change Institute (ECCI) Professor Dave Reay, the university said.

“It has been a real pleasure working in partnership with the India Consulate – with whom we have an excellent link – to develop this new open access climate change course,” said Professor Reay.

“Huge thanks to the online course development team here at Edinburgh, and to the wonderful translation work led by our colleagues in the India Consulate, in bringing this important new course to life,” he said.

9 hurt in shooting near beach in Hollywood



Police investigate a shooting near Hollywood Beach on Monday in Hollywood.

HOLLYWOOD (US): Nine people were injured Monday evening when gunfire erupted along a beach boardwalk in Hollywood, Florida, sending people frantically running for cover along the crowded beach on Memorial Day.

Several of the victims were taken to a children’s hospital, police spokesperson Deanna Bettineschi said. However, authorities have not yet released the ages of the victims.

The nine victims included six adults and three children, according to Yanet Obarrio Sanchez, a spokesperson for Memorial Healthcare System. All of the victims were in stable condition, she said.

A preliminary investigation shows that an altercation between two groups resulted in gunfire, police said. One person has been detained and another suspect is being still being sought.

The shooting happened about 6:30 p.m. on the boardwalk near a convenience store, a Ben & Jerry’s ice cream store and a Subway sandwich shop.

Alvie Carlton Scott III said he was on the beach when all of a sudden he heard numerous gunshots go off. He said he hid behind a tree and then fled the area after a police officer told people to run.

Jamie Ward, who was also on the boardwalk, said several young men were fighting in front of the stores when one pulled a gun and started shooting. Videos posted on Twitter on Monday evening showed emergency medical crews responding and providing aid to multiple injured people.

“The Kyiv regime ... attempts to intimidate Russian citizens and strikes at civilian buildings,” he said at a public event, responding to a question from the head of a Kremlin-allied think tank.

“It is, of course, a clear indication of terrorist activity,” Asked by The Associated Press whether there is high-level concern that the invasion of Ukraine is endangering Russian civilians, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said only that attacks on Russia reinforce the need to prosecute the war.

Russian political analyst Tatiana Stanovaya, a senior fellow at the Carnegie Russia Eurasia Center, said the Kremlin’s policy is to play down the attacks.

“You ask, why is Putin behaving like this, does he really not understand and fear the consequences?” she wrote in a Telegram post.

Crucial days ahead as debt ceiling deal goes for vote

Biden calls lawmakers for support

AP ■ WASHINGTON

President Joe Biden says he “feels good” about the debt ceiling and budget deal negotiated with House Speaker Kevin McCarthy as the White House and congressional leaders work to ensure its passage this week in time to lift the nation’s borrowing limit and prevent a disastrous US default. Biden spent part of the Memorial Day holiday working the phones, calling lawmakers in both parties, as the president does his part to deliver the votes.

A number of hard right conservatives are criticising the deal as falling short of the deep spending cuts they want-

ed, while liberals decry policy changes such as new work requirements for older Americans in the food aid programme.

A key test will come Tuesday afternoon when the House Rules Committee is scheduled to consider the package and vote on sending it to the full House for a vote expected Wednesday. “I feel very good about it,” Biden told reporters Monday as he left Washington for his home in Delaware.

“I’ve spoken to a number of the members,” he said, among them Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell, a past partner in big bipartisan deals who largely sat this one out.

“I spoke to a whole bunch of people, and it feels good,” Biden said. To those progressive Democrats raising concerns about the package, the president had a simple message: “Talk to me.”

As lawmakers size up the 99-page bill, few are expected to be fully satisfied with the final product.

But Biden, a Democrat, and McCarthy, a Republican, are counting on pulling majority support from the political centre, a rarity in divided Washington, to join in voting to prevent a catastrophic federal default. Wall Street will open early Tuesday morning delivering its own assessment, as the US financial markets that had been closed when the deal was struck over the weekend show their reaction to the outcome.

McCarthy acknowledged the hard-fought compromise with Biden will not be “100% of what everybody wants” as he leads a slim House majority powered by hard-right conservatives. Facing potential blowback from his conservative ranks, the Republican speaker will have to rely on upwards of half the House Democrats and half the House Republicans to push the debt ceiling package to passage.

‘UN watchdog closes two lines of inquiry on N-programme’

Tehran (AP): Iran’s state-run news agency claimed Tuesday that international inspectors had closed off two lines of inquiry they had over Tehran’s nuclear programme ahead of a scheduled quarterly report by the United Nations’ nuclear watchdog.

The Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency, however, did not respond to questions over the report published by Iran’s state-run IRNA news agency.

Citing “knowledgeable sources,” IRNA said that the IAEA had closed off its inquiry over the recent discovery of traces of uranium enriched up to 83.7 per cent purity. A quarterly IAEA report in March said inspectors found the particles in Iran’s underground Fordo nuclear site, further raising nonproliferation concerns as weapons-grade material is enriched to 90 per cent.

Sunak clamps down on free vapes for children

PTI ■ LONDON

“My daughters are 10 and 12, and I don’t want the way vapes are marketed, promoted and sold to be attractive to them,” British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak said on Tuesday as he launched a crackdown to protect children from “rogue companies and online crooks”.

Announcing the new set of measures aimed at curbing under-age vaping, Sunak said expressed his shock at reports of illicit vapes containing lead getting into the hands of schoolchildren.

Taking to Twitter, the father of schoolgirls Anoushka and Krishna said: “My daughters are 10 and 12, and I don’t want the



Britain's Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, right, visits a lab testing vaping products at Kent Scientific Services in West Malling, England on Tuesday.

way vapes are marketed, promoted and sold to be attractive to them.” “That’s why I am launching a new crackdown today to protect children and go

after the rogue companies and online crooks who are putting vapes into their hands,” he said. A loophole that allows retailers to give free samples of vapes to

children in England is set to be closed under the new plans. While selling vapes to under 18s is illegal in the country, businesses have been found to be targeting children with colourful packaging of free samples. The UK government has also announced that there will be a review into banning retailers selling “nicotine-free” vapes to under-18s. “I am deeply concerned about the sharp rise in kids vaping and shocked by reports of illicit vapes containing lead getting into the hands of school children,” Sunak said in a statement. “Our new illicit vape enforcement squad – backed by GBP 3 million – is on the case, but clearly there is more to do.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST



Punjab Infrastructure Development Board
And
Department of Industries & Commerce,
Investment Promotion and IT



DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF HOTEL, CONVENTION CENTRE AND EXHIBITION CENTRE AT LUDHIANA ON PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP (PPP) BASIS

Dated: 31st May, 2023

Punjab Infrastructure Development Board (PIDB) on behalf of Department of Industries & Commerce, Govt. of Punjab invites Expression of Interest from eligible applicants for **Development and Operation & Maintenance of Hotel, Convention Centre and Exhibition Centre at Ludhiana on Public Private Partnership (PPP) basis**.

EOI Availability: Expression of Interest (EOI) can be downloaded from e-procurement portal <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from **31st May, 2023 onwards**.

Proposal Due Date: **26th June 2023 upto 1500 hours**

The interested applicants shall have to get themselves registered at the website <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> and obtain the mandatory Digital Signature as per the requirement for e-tendering. For clarifications on e-tendering, please contact E-procurement helpdesk or PIDB. For any subsequent corrigendums, addendums and clarifications, please refer to the websites <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> / www.pidb.org.

PIDB reserves the right to accept or reject any application and to annul the selection process at any time, without incurring any liability and without assigning any reason thereof.

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NA/12/16707/2023/24476 Dated CHD - 5/29/2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that my client R. Amrith Sharma is in process to avail the loan facility with the HDFC Bank Ltd. against his Flat bearing No. 7469, on Second Floor, Pocket 7, Sector D, Situated in the layout plan of Vasant Kunj, New Delhi, whereas he has lost the following document/s pertaining to the said property although he has also lodged an online FIR in lieu of that on dated 30/5/2023.

1. Original Allotment Letter dated 15.06.1989 issued by DDA in favour of Rajiv Prabhakar

2. Original Possession Letter issued by DDA in favour of Rajiv Prabhakar

3. Original GPA, ATS and Will dated 01.05.2000 executed by Rajiv Prabhakar in favour of R. Amrith Sharma

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

Kamal Kant Gupta (Advocate)
Unit No. FF-2, First floor, Mahalaxmi Metro Tower Sec-4, Vashi, Gzb., U.P., Mob. 9810063351

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that my client **M/s Dr. Madhus Ultrasound Clinic** is in process to avail the loan facility with the KMBL against the Property Bearing No. 30, Area Measuring 100 Sq. Yds., Situated at Mall Road, Kingsway Camp, Delhi (Except Ground and First Floor), whereas they have lost the following document/s pertaining to the said property although they have also lodged an online FIR in lieu of that on dated 29/5/2023.

Original Conveyance Deed dated 15.10.2015 executed by POI in favour of Vijay Kataria, Veena Kataria and Chander Parkash Kataria (Doc. No. 15999)

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that my client **M/s Dr. Madhus Ultrasound Clinic** is in process to avail the loan facility with the KMBL against the Third Floor with roof rights of property bearing No. 33, area measuring 100 Sq. Yds., Situated at Mall Road, Kingsway Camp, Delhi, whereas they have lost the following document/s pertaining to the said property although they have also lodged an online FIR in lieu of that on dated 29/5/2023.

Original Conveyance Deed dated 21.10.2010 executed by DDA in favour of Rajeshwar Nath Gupta HUF, Anil Goyal & Sunil Goyal (as doc no. 17360).

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

To be known to all that I, NARESH KUMAR S/o Ram Chander, Cont. 9518081391, Email: - tdj208415@gmail.com, R/o, Ward No-18 Old Anaj Mandi Salidon Jind Haryana, have lost my all original documents of shop area measuring 34 sq yards (18'x17') with roof rights out of Khana No 639, Situated At Main Road Siraspur Delhi 110042, i.e. General Power Of Attorney, Agreement To Sell, Payment Receipt, Possession Letter, Affidavit, Will, Special Power Of Attorney somewhere at Libasapur Road Bahli Delhi. An F.I.R to this effect has been lodged in police station on dated 23/05/2023. Any person(s) claiming any right, having any objection or found in possession of original document may write/ contact with above named person at above address within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice & can personally contact to me.

Parvash Kumar (Advocate)
Kapur, S/o Late Sh. N. Kapur, Cont. 9998866551, Email: - mkapoor1980@gmail.com, R/o, DDA MIG Flat No 37 Ground Floor Block-D Pocket-10 Sector-7 Rohini Delhi, has applied for the conversion of aforesaid property. The original documents like Demand Cum Allotment Letter, DDA Possession Letter, Water And Electric NOC, Site Possession Slip issued by DDA, of aforesaid property have been lost somewhere in DDA Market Rohini Delhi. An F.I.R to this effect has been lodged in police station on dated 26/05/2023. Any person(s) claiming any right, having any objection or found in possession of original document may write/ contact with above named person at above address within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice & can personally contact: Deputy Director (LAB Rohini) C-block, 3rd floor, Vikas Sadan, INA, New Delhi.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public at large is informed that my clients **Shri Rajpal son of Late Shri Babir Singh & Smt. Sumitra Devi** wife of Shri Rajpal both residents of House No.648, Type-3, New Complex, Tihar Jail, New Delhi-110054, have discovered their son namely **Mr. PRADEEP and his wife Mrs. Anika** from their all moveable and immovable properties due to their disrespectful behavior, out of control, and my clients have severed their relations with them for all intents and purposes with immediate effect. My clients and their other family members will not be liable for their acts, whatsoever done by them to anybody in future.

Ashok Kumar Tyagi & Associates
Advocates
A-3, Main Hajejgarh Road,Opp. Metro Pillar No.659, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059

PUBLIC NOTICE

To be known to all that I, Neeru Kapoor And Manish Kapoor, S/o Late Sh. N. Kapoor, Cont. 9998866551, Email: - mkapoor1980@gmail.com, R/o, DDA MIG Flat No 37 Ground Floor Block-D Pocket-10 Sector-7 Rohini Delhi, has applied for the conversion of aforesaid property. The original documents like Demand Cum Allotment Letter, DDA Possession Letter, Water And Electric NOC, Site Possession Slip issued by DDA, of aforesaid property have been lost somewhere in DDA Market Rohini Delhi. An F.I.R to this effect has been lodged in police station on dated 26/05/2023. Any person(s) claiming any right, having any objection or found in possession of original document may write/ contact with above named person at above address within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice & can personally contact: Deputy Director (LAB Rohini) C-block, 3rd floor, Vikas Sadan, INA, New Delhi.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My self Abhishek Jain owner in possession of Property (0.1762 hectare) Kharsa No. 389 Village Masuri, Ghaziabad want to Set up a Business/CNG Station on my Share of said property. If Any Other Land Holder is having any Objection Related to above subject, Please Register Your Objection on the below Email id With Proof of Documents Within Seven Days of This Notice. Otherwise, It Will Be Understood That No one have Any Rediffmail.com, mohd.akhlad@igtl.co.in

Bhagwati Prasad (Advocate)
Ch. No.-742, Civil Court, Raj Nagar, GZB

GURU NAK DEV UNIVERSITY, AMRITSAR
Directorate of Sports

Sealed quotations are invited from the firms of higher quality track suits and uniforms i.e. Adidas, Nike and other similar quality products firms for the purchase of track suits and uniforms of University teams / Indian International teams.

Closing date & time **14.06.2023 upto 4.00 pm**.

For details lo: onto www.gndusports.org

Note : Any corrigendum / Addendum to quotation notice shall be published on the above website only.

NA/12/16730/2023/24503 Dated CHD - 5/30/2023

LOGIX BUILDTECH PRIVATE LIMITED
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ANNEXURE I
(Regulation 52(8), read with Regulation 52(4), of the SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015
Statement of Audited Standalone Financial Results for the quarter and year ended March 31, 2023
(All amounts in INR lakhs, unless otherwise stated)

S. No	Particulars	Quarter ended		Year ended	
		31.03.2023	31.12.2022	31.03.2022	31.03.2023
		Audited	Unaudited	Audited	Audited
1	Total Income from Operations	2,647.32	2,444.67	1,990.92	10,417.47
2	Profit / (Loss) before tax, exceptional items	(2,978.24)	(3,486.13)	(3,845.86)	(13,883.90)
3	Profit / (Loss) before tax & after exceptional items	(2,978.24)	(3,486.13)	(3,845.86)	(13,883.90)
4	Profit / (Loss) after tax, exceptional items	(2,219.47)	(1,847.71)	(1,605.19)	(10,446.85)
5	Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year (net of tax)	(2,222.34)	(1,846.49)	(1,601.65)	(10,446.07)
6	Paid up Equity Share Capital	2,054.75	2,054.75	2,054.75	2,054.75
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	6,074.67	8,297.00	16,520.73	6,074.67
8	Net Worth	8,129.42	10,351.75	18,575.48	8,129.42
9	Paid up Debt Capital/Outstanding Debt	117,720.00	117,960.00	120,000.00	117,720.00
10	Outstanding Redeemable Preference Shares	-	-	-	-
11	Debt Equity Ratio	14.48	11.40	6.46	14.48
12	Earnings per equity share				
	(i) Basic (in INR)	(10.80)	(8.99)	(7.81)	(50.84)
	(ii) Diluted (in INR)	(10.80)	(8.99)	(7.81)	(50.84)
13	Capital Redemption Reserve	-	-	-	-
14	Debt Redemption Reserve	-	-	-	-
15	Debt Service Coverage Ratio	0.21	0.18	(0.01)	0.21
16	Interest Service Coverage Ratio	0.32	0.23	0.18	0.23

Notes:

a) The above is an extract of the detailed format of annual financial results filed with the Stock exchange under Regulation 52 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the annual financial results are available on the website of the Stock Exchange (www.bseindia.com) and the listed entity (www.logixgroup.in).

b) For the items referred in Regulation 52(4) of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the pertinent disclosures have been made to the Stock exchange (BSE India) and can be accessed on the URL (www.bseindia.com) and website (www.logixgroup.in)

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors
Sd/-
Shakti Nath
Director
DIN: 00017090

Place:- Noida
Date:- May 29, 2023

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EXTRACT OF AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH, 2023.
(Rs. In Lacs)

S. No.	Particulars	Standalone Results		Consolidated Results	
		Quarter Ended	Year Ended	Quarter Ended	Year Ended
		31.03.2023	31.03.2022	31.03.2023	31.03.2022
		Audited		Audited	
1	Total Income from Operation	449.24	1152.8	3235.76	3304.07
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	-314.33	31.58	-325.81	194.27
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	-314.33	31.58	-325.81	194.27
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	-286	38.53	-345.54	183.97
5	Share of Profit / (Loss) of Associates	-	-	-	10.79
6	Net Profit/(Loss) after share of Profit / (Loss) of Associates	-286	38.53	-345.54	183.97
7	Equity Share Capital	494.82	494.82	494.82	494.82
8	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserves as shown in the Balance Sheet of previous year)	-	-	1229.75	1575.28
9	Earnings per equity share (EPS) (of Rs. 10/- each) (a) Basic and Diluted (In Rs.)	-5.62	0.78	-6.72	3.26

NOTES: The above is an extract of the detailed format of Financial Results filed with Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Financial Results is available on the Company's website at www.rampurfert.com and the same has been also sent to stock exchanges to upload on their websites i.e. www.cse-india.com and www.mseil.in respectively.

By order of the Board
Sd/-
Anshuman Khaitan
(Managing Director)

Place : Rampur
Date : 30.05.2023

India’s growth momentum to continue in FY24: RBI

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The Reserve Bank on Tuesday said that India's growth momentum is likely to continue in 2023-24 even as it made a case for pushing structural reforms to deal with the geopolitical developments and also to achieve sustained growth in the medium-term.

The Reserve Bank's annual report flagged slowing global growth, protracted geopolitical tensions and a possible upsurge in financial market volatility as possible downside risks to growth.

The report notes that volatility has ebbed in global financial markets and risks to financial stability from the failure of banks in some advanced economies (AEs) in March 2023 have eased. Resolute policy actions have stemmed the tide of confidence runs for now.

"Amidst strong global head-



winds, the Indian economy is expected to have recorded a growth of 7.0 per cent in real GDP in 2022-23," it said.

A sustained recovery in discretionary spending, particularly in contact intensive services, restoration of consumer confidence, high festival season spending after two consecutive years of COVID-19 induced isolation and the government's thrust on capex provided impetus to the growth momentum. In the second half of the year, however, the pace of year-on-year growth moderated because of unfavourable base effects, weakening private consumption demand caused by high inflation, slowdown in export growth and

sustained input cost pressures, it said.

"On the back of sound macro-economic policies, softer commodity prices, a robust financial sector, a healthy corporate sector, continued fiscal policy thrust on quality of government expenditure, and new growth opportunities stemming from global realignment of supply chains, India's growth momentum is likely to be sustained in 2023-24 in an atmosphere of easing inflationary pressures," the report said.

Slowing global growth, protracted geopolitical tensions and a possible upsurge in financial market volatility following new stress events in the global financial system, however, could pose downside risks to growth.

"It is important, therefore, to sustain structural reforms to improve India's medium-term growth potential," the 311-page report said.

RBI working on light weight, portable payment system for critical transactions during catastrophic events

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Reserve Bank of India is working on a light weight and portable payment system, a "bunker equivalent in payment systems", that can be used for critical transactions during catastrophic events like natural calamities and war.

The proposed Light weight and Portable Payment System (LPPS) will be independent of conventional technologies and can be operated from anywhere by a bare minimum staff, according to the central bank.Existing conventional payment systems like RTGS

(Real Time Gross Settlement), NEFT (National Electronic Funds Transfer) and UPI (Unified Payments Interface) are designed to handle large volumes while ensuring sustained availability. These systems are dependent on complex wired networks backed by advanced IT infrastructure.

However, catastrophic events like natural calamities and war have the potential to render these payment systems temporarily unavailable by disrupting the underlying information and communication infrastructure, RBI said in its latest annual report released on Tuesday.

CBDC pilot expanded; to include more banks, locations: Reserve Bank

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The Reserve Bank on Tuesday said the scope of the Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) pilot is being expanded gradually to include more banks and locations.

The first pilot in the Digital Rupee - Wholesale Segment (e rupee-W) commenced on November 1, 2022. It was followed by the first pilot for retail digital rupee (e rupee-R) was announced on December 1, 2022.

Retail digital rupee offers features of physical cash like trust, safety and settlement finality in digital mode.

It can be held or used to carry out transactions, similar to how currency notes can be used in physical form, the RBI said in its annual report.

The pilot was launched in Mumbai, New Delhi, Bengaluru and Bhubaneswar,



comprising participating customers and merchants in a closed user group (CUG).

Other locations, including Ahmedabad, Chandigarh, Gangtok, Guwahati, Hyderabad, Indore, Kochi, Lucknow, Patna and Shimla are also being added to the pilot in phases.

The pilot began with four banks -- State Bank of India, ICICI Bank, Yes Bank and IDFC First Bank -- while four other banks -- Bank of Baroda, Union Bank of India, HDFC Bank and Kotak Mahindra Bank have joined subsequently.

Hardening interest rates, geo-political risks impacting FDI inflows: DPIIT Secy



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Hardening interest rates globally and worsening geo-political situation have impacted the foreign direct investment (FDI) inflows into India in 2022-23, a top government official said on Tuesday.

Secretary of the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) Rajesh Kumar Singh said that the department would analyse the reasons for the contraction in FDI in five important sectors like computer hardware and software; construction, education, automobiles and metallurgical industries.

"I cannot think of any other reason. It is not as if our FDI policies have become protectionist. On the contrary, we have kept it very very liberal ... The decline is combination of hardening of interest rates along with geo-political risks going up around the world. In general the appetite may be less," Singh told PTI in an interview.

These five sectors had a share of USD 30 billion in India's total FDI in 2021-22 and in the last fiscal year, overseas inflows have almost halved.

"Why exactly in those sectors (FDI) has come down is to be analysed. We will have to analyse," he added.

FDI equity inflows into India declined by 22 per cent to USD 46 billion in 2022-23. The investments during the January-March 2023 quarter plunged by 40.55 per cent to USD 9.28 billion.

Though the computer software and hardware sector attracted the highest inflows of USD 9.4 billion during the last financial year, these inflows are down as compared to USD 14.5 billion in 2021-22.


Similarly, FDI in the automobile industry dipped significantly to USD 1.9 billion in 2022-23 as compared to about USD 7 billion in 2021-22.

However, the secretary added that the government is doing investment promotion on a large scale and the inflows would start recovering.

The secretary added that sectors which have received healthy inflows include information and broadcasting, agri machinery, railway-related components, medical appliances, defence industries and scientific instruments.

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FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2023								(Rs. in million)	
S. No.	Particulars	Standalone				Consolidated			
		Quarter ended		Year ended		Quarter ended		Year ended	
		31-Mar-23 Unaudited	31-Mar-22 Unaudited	31-Mar-23 Audited	31-Mar-22 Audited	31-Mar-23 Unaudited	31-Mar-22 Unaudited	31-Mar-23 Audited	31-Mar-22 Audited
1	Total Income from Operations	4,360.56	6,375.39	17,657.62	25,486.65	4,479.40	6,525.14	18,318.99	26,420.63
2	Net profit/(loss) for the period/year (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	673.23	1,817.80	97.07	1,894.47	399.50	1,839.35	(76.74)	2,250.33
3	Net profit/(loss) for the period/year before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	673.23	1,817.80	(1,186.78)	1,894.47	399.50	1,839.35	(1,360.59)	2,250.33
4	Net profit/(loss) for the period/year after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	673.23	1,817.80	(1,186.78)	1,894.47	392.14	1,828.83	(1,408.38)	2,168.01
5	Total Comprehensive income/(loss) for the period/year [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period/year (after tax) and other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	674.17	1,823.56	(1,178.99)	1,907.93	398.46	1,823.30	(1,454.34)	2,165.46
6	Paid up Equity Share Capital	1,693.87	1,693.87	1,693.87	1,693.87	1,693.87	1,693.87	1,693.87	1,693.87
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	(36,830.20)	(35,651.22)	(36,830.20)	(35,651.22)	(34,141.89)	(32,937.56)	(34,141.89)	(32,937.56)
8	Net Worth	(35,136.33)	(33,957.35)	(35,136.33)	(33,957.35)	(35,136.33)	(33,957.35)	(35,136.33)	(33,957.35)
9	Paid up Debt Capital / Outstanding Debt	77,412.87	65,560.88	77,412.87	65,560.88	77,412.87	65,560.88	77,412.87	65,560.88
10	Outstanding Redeemable Preference Shares	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11	Debt Equity Ratio	(2.06)	(1.82)	(2.06)	(1.82)	(2.28)	(2.02)	(2.28)	(1.88)
12	Earning / (Loss) Per Share (in Rupees) (Basic & Diluted)	3.97	10.73	(7.01)	11.18	2.32	10.64	(8.25)	12.37
13	Capital Redemption Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
14	Debtenture Redemption Reserve	738.13	738.13	738.13	738.13	738.13	738.13	738.13	738.13
15	Debt Service Coverage Ratio	1.07	1.16	0.12	0.54	0.95	1.17	0.12	0.56
16	Interest Service Coverage Ratio	1.43	2.23	0.83	1.32	1.26	2.25	0.81	1.38
Notes:									
1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of financial results filed with stock exchange under regulation 52 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosures Requirements) Regulation, 2015. The full formats of financial results are available on the website of the stock exchange www.bseindia.com and on the Company's website www.in.emaar.com.									
2. For the other line items referred in regulation 52 (4) of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosures Requirements) Regulation, 2015, pertinent disclosures have been made to the Stock Exchange and can be accessed on the website of stock exchange www.bseindia.com.									
3. The above financial results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors of the Company at their meeting held on May 29, 2023.									
For and on behalf of Board of Directors of Emaar India Limited									
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Jamal Majed Khalfan Bin Theniyah									
Director									
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EXTRACT OF FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND YEAR ENDED 31STMARCH, 2023											
(Fig. in Lacs unless otherwise stated)											
Sl No	Particulars	Standalone						Consolidated			
		Quarter Ended			Year ended			Quarter Ended		Year ended	
		31.03.2023	31.12.2022	31.03.2022	31.03.2023	31.03.2022	31.03.2023	31.12.2022	31.03.2022	31.03.2023	31.03.2022
		Audited	Unaudited	Audited	Audited	Audited	Audited	Audited	Audited	Audited	Audited
1	Total Income	1,204.43	983.40	963.54	3,925.58	4,388.52	4,686.74	3,548.64	4,554.16	16,241.95	18363.19
2	Net Profit before exceptional items and tax	340.42	378.33	24.39	921.48	1,202.04	2,719.55	2,679.10	2,253.54	10,679.22	12,771.24
3	Net Profit after exceptional items before tax 340.42	378.33	24.39	921.48	1,202.04	2,719.55	2,679.10	2,253.54	10,679.22	12,771.24	
4	Net Profit after tax	279.95	310.93	(32.05)	777.50	932.79	1,883.11	2,052.49	1,562.43	8,130.42	9,597.07
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Net of Tax)	278.73	311.96	(33.77)	779.38	936.92	1,180.30	2,799.39	2,226.47	7,687.45	10,896.28
6	Equity Share Capital (Face Value Rs. 5/- per share)	584.68	584.68	584.68	584.68	584.68	584.68	584.68	584.68	584.68	584.68
7	Other Equity	-	-	-	20,900.75	20,121.37	-	-	-	1,10,358.31	1,02,670.86
8	Earnings Per Share (Face Value Rs. 5/- per share)										
	- Basic (Rs.)	2.40	2.67	(0.27)	6.67	8.00	16.15	17.67	13.40	70.07	82.79
	- Diluted (Rs.)	2.40	2.67	(0.27)	6.67	8.00	16.15	17.67	13.40	70.07	82.79
NOTES: 1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of the Standalone and Consolidated Financial Results for the Quarter and Year ended 31stMarch, 2023 filed with the Stock Exchange (BSE Ltd.) under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Standalone and Consolidated Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange website (www.bseindia.com) and company's website www.istindia.com.											
By order of the Board For IST Limited											
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Extract of Audited Financial Results for the Quarter and Year Ended 31st March 2023

(Rs. in Lakhs)

S.No.	Particulars	Standalone			Consolidated		
		Year ended 31.03.2023	3 Months ended 31.03.2022 (Refer Note No. 3)	3 Months ended 31.03.2022 (Refer Note No. 3)	Year ended 31.03.2023	3 Months ended 31.03.2023 (Refer Note No. 3)	3 Months ended 31.03.2022 (Refer Note No. 3)
		Audited	Audited	Audited	Audited	Audited	Audited
1	Total Income from Operations	11,182.95	2,030.73	3,070.99	11,049.10	2,126.05	3,168.18
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax,Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	975.86	0.37	550.55	948.33	51.10	566.43
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	975.86	0.37	550.55	948.33	51.10	566.43
4	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	697.69	(5.42)	386.77	668.21	45.00	401.07
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	693.58	(9.53)	380.80	604.20	17.63	386.49
6	Paid-up equity share capital (Face value Rs. 10/- each)	1,025.48	1,025.48	1,025.48	1,025.48	1,025.48	1,025.48
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the previous year	5,147.07			4,574.21		
8	Earnings Per Share (after extraordinary items) (of Rs. 10/- each)						
	(a) Basic (Rs.)	6.80	(0.05)	3.77	6.52	0.44	3.91
	(b) Diluted (Rs.)	6.80	(0.05)	3.77	6.52	0.44	3.91

Notes:

- The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly/Year ended Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly/Year ended Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange websites. (www.bseindia.com) and the Company's website (www.sunilhealthcare.com)
- As the Company's business fall within a single primary business segment viz. sale of capsule, the disclosure requirement of Indian Accounting Standard (Ind AS-108) "Operating Segments" prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with the relevant rules issued thereunder, is not applicable.
- The figure for the quarter ended March 31, 2023 and March 31, 2022 are the balancing figures between audited figures for the full financial year and the published year to date figures for the nine months ended.
- The figures for the previous periods have been regrouped/ rearranged, wherever considered necessary, to conform current period classifications.
- The above results were reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors in their respective meetings held on May 29, 2023.

Place : New Delhi

Date : 29.05.2023

Anil Khaitan
(Chairman cum Managing Director)
DIN 00759951

Jadeja proved fairy tales exist in sport: Fleming

PTI ■ AHMEDABAD

Stephen Fleming doesn't believe in fairy tales in sport but Ravindra Jadeja's near-improbable heist that took Chennai Super Kings to its fifth IPL trophy might come closest to it.

With 13 needed to win in the final over against Gujarat Titans, CSK managed only three runs off the first four balls before Jadeja smashed Mohit Sharma for a six and a four off the last two deliveries to literally snatch the Cup from Chennai's grasp.

"They say there are no fairy tales in the sport, but it was a pretty good one today. It has been a bit difficult 18 months where, as the captaincy was difficult, the injury was difficult, it took a bit of time from out of the game for him to come back into and be reintegrated into the Test side, and then re-integrate into CSK," Fleming told the media after Chennai defeated Gujarat Titans in the IPL final here.

In fact, Fleming had in his mind conceded defeat before final two deliveries were bowled by Mohit and the Jadeja turned it all.

"We have lost finals on the last ball which is an absolute heartache. I was gearing up myself for another heartache when Jaddu hit one for six and there could have been more heartache or more joy, I was not sure.

"But when I saw the ball go down, finally there was pure joy. This competition takes you to emotional levels that you cannot imagine," the Kiwi added.

Fleming was all praise for Jadeja's firepower.

"He plays a great role with the ball, but we have got so much fire power, that some ways we use him down the order, but something has to give. MS (Dhoni) has been very supportive and proactive in getting him up there and today he repaid that faith," Fleming added.

The former New Zealand skipper explained Jadeja's shot selection.

"The six, I think, in particular of the ball which was pretty close to being perfect, was defining, and then left-handed drive to the fine leg. It was a great way to finish it. I could-



n't be more happy for him. There has been some frustration at times, but he is our gun player, he is a No 1 ranked player and today he delivered," Fleming added.

The CSK coach said his side was poor in the field in the first half, but kept getting better and confident as the rain-affected match panned out.

"215... I thought it was an excellent score but the rain came and we

had to change the momentum. We felt with the moisture around on the pitch, it was gettable. It was going to take a lot of batting.

"The start was really important because we were still shell-shocked from the fielding. The first four or six overs started to give us the belief and once we got a little bit of taste for it, it is that type of ground where it is very hard to defend, so we knew we

had a chance. It was going to be high octane all the way through," Fleming added.

Fleming praised Gujarat Titans bowlers Mohammad Shami and Mohit Sharma for taking the contest into the final ball of the match.

"The last couple of overs were very tight. Shami and Sharma bowled well, Mohit Sharma in particular has been very good," he said.

Cricket has always been a game of fine margins, believes Fleming, who has been CSK coach for a decade and half now.

"I think I said it a couple of days ago that this tournament is being defined by fine margins. I think the last couple of balls summed that up — if you just missed a yorker or go down the leg side.

"We have talked about that all the

Only you could do a miracle: Srinivasan tells Dhoni

PTI ■ CHENNAI

The thrilling last ball win by Chennai Super Kings in the IPL final against Gujarat Titans "is a miracle" and only the legend Mahendra Singh Dhoni could pull off such a show, noted industrialist and India Cements Vice Chairman N Srinivasan said on Tuesday.

Chennai-based India Cements Ltd is the principal sponsor of the Indian Premier League team Chennai Super Kings.

Srinivasan spoke to the CSK captain on Tuesday morning and congratulated him and his team for the 'great victory'.

Srinivasan's message to Dhoni was exclusively shared with PTI.

"Fantastic captain. You have done a miracle. Only you can do it. We are proud of the boys and the team," Srinivasan told Dhoni.

He advised Dhoni to take rest following the back-to-back match schedule over the past few days, and invited him to visit Chennai along with the team to celebrate the victory.

"This season has been one where the fans have demonstrated how much they love M S Dhoni. So do we," Srinivasan, who was overwhelmed by the affection shown by CSK fans, said.

way through, that if you can just get on the right side of those moments, then we can stay in and it was one of those days," Fleming said.

PRaise for RAHANE

Fleming heaped praise on senior India batter Ajinkya Rahane, who turned out to be one of the success stories for the CSK side with an incredibly successful season with the bat. What changed was Rahane's philosophy of not trying to be an anchor batter.

"My understanding is that we got rid of the tag of being the guy you bat around or bat through. I think that maybe hung over his head a little bit too much and didn't allow him to be the player that he can be.

"And once that tag was gone, when I turned up halfway through the preseason training, I saw a guy who was in magnificent form," Fleming said.

Fleming said that Rahane didn't feature in their initial plan.

"He wasn't in our initial thoughts, but the game in Mumbai was really defining. It was one of our best wins in the tournament and he was the big

catalyst behind it, so he cemented that No. 3 spot.

"He has been unwavering the whole way through he's been nothing but positive, his nets have been positive. Anytime he's been caught on the boundary or out playing a big shot, we've just reinforced how good he's playing. So a little bit of belief and just sheer ability — he's been a wonderful player for us this year," he said.

'RAYUDU WOULD LEAVE A BIG HOLE'

The former New Zealand captain said Ambati Rayudu, who announced his retirement after this IPL final, will leave a big hole in their side.

"Ambati Rayudu has been an absolute legend. I rate him so highly as a batter and those three balls against Mohit Sharma today proved against one of the most in-form bowlers... to hit him for 6, 4 and 6 was sheer class.

"Rayudu will leave a hole, there is no doubt about it, but the game keeps moving. Doesn't it? We expected that for him to go out like that was pretty emotional within the group and for him as well," Fleming said.

It will be a big challenge for India to come out of T20 mould and play WTC final: Gavaskar



PTI ■ AHMEDABAD

Legendary cricketer Sunil Gavaskar feels emerging from the IPL T20 mode will be the biggest challenge for the Indian players when they take on Australia in the World Test Championship (WTC) final against Australia next week.

Rohit Sharma's India will play the WTC final at The Oval from June 7 with a majority of the players having come through the rigours of IPL, which concluded on Monday with Chennai Super Kings lifting the trophy for a record-equalling fifth time.

"The biggest test will be the fact that just about everybody will be coming out of a T20 for-

mat, and Test cricket is a longer format. So, I think that's going to be the big challenge," said Gavaskar on Star Sports on Tuesday.

He added that among all the India players only veteran batter Cheteshwar Pujara was well acclimatised to the longer format as he has been playing county cricket.

"They (India) have only Cheteshwar Pujara who has been playing in the English County Championship, so he will be the only guy who has played the longer format in these conditions, so that's going to be the big challenge for them."

On Ajinkya Rahane, who after a long form slump has come back strongly in the IPL and helped CSK win the title this season, Gavaskar said the 34-year-old's experience of English conditions will be beneficial to the side.

"He's got a lot of experience having played in England, having scored runs in England. So, yes, I think he is going to be crucial down at number 5. And yes, I do believe he has a point to prove. I still feel he has got plenty of cricket left in him, and this is a wonderful opportunity for him."

Hard thing would be to work hard for nine months and try to play another IPL: Dhoni



PTI ■ AHMEDABAD

Chennai Super Kings' triumphant captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni has not yet ruled out playing in the IPL next year but said his body will have to hold up to feature in yet another season.

Under the 41-year-old Dhoni's leadership, CSK won a record-equalling fifth IPL title with a five-wicket victory over Gujarat Titans in the summit

clash here on Monday.

"Circumstantially, this is the best time to announce my retirement. But the amount of love I have received all over, the easy thing would be to walk away from here, but the harder thing would be to work hard for nine months and try to play another IPL," Dhoni said after the final.

Dhoni has been the cynosure of all eyes ever since the Indian Premier League began this year and in a fitting end to

the finale, the captain finished with a record-levelling fifth trophy. His fans from across the country went to the venues in large numbers to cheer for him, chanting his name wherever CSK have played this season.

"It would be a gift from me, won't be easy on the body. You

do get emotional, the first game at CSK everyone was chanting my name. My eyes were full of water, I needed to take some time off in the dugout.

"I realised I need to enjoy this. I think they love me for what I am, I don't try to portray something I'm not. Just keep it

Destiny had this written for him: Hardik on Dhoni leading CSK to fifth IPL title

PTI ■ AHMEDABAD

Gujarat Titans skipper Hardik Pandya paid rich tributes to his mentor and rival captain MS Dhoni, saying "destiny had this written for him" to lead Chennai Super Kings to a record-equalling fifth IPL title in what could be his last season in the lucrative league.

CSK beat GT by five wickets in a thrilling rain-affected summit showdown with Ravindra Jadeja smashing a six and a four off the last two balls to chase down a revised target of 171 in 15 overs here on Monday.

"I'm very happy for him (Dhoni). Destiny had this written for him," Pandya said after

the heartbreaking loss.

"If I had to lose, I don't mind losing to him. Good things happen to good people and he's been one of the best people I know. God has been kind, God has been kind to me as well but today was his night," added the India white-ball all-rounder who led GT to title triumph in 2022.

Dhoni himself has not yet ruled out playing in the IPL next year but said for that to happen, his body will have to hold up.

Jadeja, who remained not out on 15 off just six balls, dedicated the title win to his skipper Dhoni. "I would like to dedicate this win to a special member of the CSK side, MS Dhoni," Jadeja said.

simple," Dhoni said.

Speaking about the final, Dhoni said, "Every trophy is special, but what is special about IPL is every crunch game you need to be ready. There were lapses today, the bowling department didn't work, but it was the batting department that took the

pressure off them today.

"I do get frustrated, it is human but I try to step into their shoes, every individual deals with pressure differently. Ajinkya (Rahane) and a few others are experienced, so you don't worry. If anyone is confused, then can always ask."

Satwik-Chirag pair achieves career-best ranking



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India's top doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty gained a place to achieve a career-best ranking of world number 4 in the latest BWF rankings issued on Tuesday. The Satwik-Chirag pair, which claimed the Commonwealth Games gold medal and French Open Super 750 crown last year and won the Swiss Open Super 300 title this season, now has 74,651 points from 12 tournaments.

Fresh for his maiden BWF World Tour title at Malaysia Masters last week, HS Prannoy jumped one place to regain the world number 8 ranking, while Kidambi Srikanth climbed three positions to get his place back in the top 20. He is 20th. Lakshya Sen, however, slipped a place to world no. 23 after an early exit from the Malaysia Masters. In women's singles, double Olympic medalist PV Sindhu remained static at 13th spot, while Treasa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand also stayed at the 15th position in women's doubles.

Sameer, Kiran, Ashmita enter main draw of Thailand Open

PTI ■ BANGKOK

Indian shuttlers Sameer Verma, Kiran George and Ashmita Chaliha notched up straight-game wins over their respective opponents in the qualifying round to progress to the main draw of the singles event at the Thailand Open Super 500 badminton tournament here on Tuesday.

On a comeback trail, former world number 11 Sameer, who won the Slovenia Open recently, beat Malaysia's Yeoh Seng Zoe 21-12, 21-17 after getting two walkovers — Indonesia's Christian Adinata and Spain's Luis Enrique Penalver in the previous rounds.

The 28-year-old from Dhar, who had won three titles in 2018, will face Denmark's Magnus

Johannesen in the opening round of the main draw. Kiran, the 2022 Odisha Open winner, outwitted fellow Indian Kartikey Gulshan Kumar 21-14, 21-18 and then defeated Korea's Jeon Hyeok Jin 21-10, 21-14 to make it to the main draw. He will face third seed Chinese Shi Yuqi on Wednesday.

In women's singles, Ashmita Chaliha, who recently topped BAT's selection trials to make it to individual events of the upcoming Asian Games, saw off fellow Indian Unnati Hooda 21-16, 13-21, 21-19 before beating Estonian Kristin Kuuba 21-19, 21-11 in the second match.

The girl from Assam will meet compatriot Malvika Bansod, who was promoted to the main draw.

Hardik could have been valuable addition for India in WTC final: Ponting

PTI ■ DUBAI

Batting legend Ricky Ponting feels that India should have picked Hardik Pandya in their squad for the World Test Championships final against Australia in London, saying his all-round abilities could have turned out to be the deciding factor in the one-off game.

Pandya has not played a Test since 2018 and he has opted sit out of the five-day format due to ongoing fitness concerns.

But Ponting felt Pandya could have played in the winner-takes all clash at The Oval from June 7-11. Primarily because he has bowled in more or less every game in the just-concluded IPL for Gujarat Titans which he captains.

"...I thought about the other day for India in this game is how valuable someone like Hardik Pandya could be in a one-off Test match," Ponting wrote for



the ICC Review.

"I know he is on record saying that the Test match game is probably a little bit hard on his body. But for a one-off game... He's been bowling every game through this IPL and he's bowling quick."

The former Australia captain, also the head coach of Delhi Capitals in the IPL, said Pandya

could have been the X-factor for the Indian team in the WTC final beginning on June 7.

"He (Pandya) could be that X-factor there just to pick in a one-off game, come in and see what he can do with bat and ball. He could be the difference between the two teams."

The 29-year-old Pandya has played in 11 Tests till now after making his debut in 2017, scoring 532 runs at an average of 31.29 with one hundred and four fifties. He has taken 17 wickets at an average of 31.05.

In the 74 ODIs he has played so far, Pandya has scored 1584 runs at an average of 33.00 and taken 72 wickets. In the T20Is, he has scored 1271 runs from 87 matches and scalped 69 wickets.

Pandya led Gujarat Titans to maiden IPL triumph in 2022 but lost to Mahendra Singh Dhoni's Chennai Super Kings in this season's final on Monday.

MEDVEDEV OUT OF FRENCH OPEN

AP ■ PARIS

World number two Daniil Medvedev was knocked out of the French Open in the first round on Tuesday, losing in five sets to 172nd-ranked Thiago Seyboth Wild of Brazil.

Seyboth Wild, who came through the qualifiers and had never previously won a Grand Slam match, triumphed 7-6 (7/5), 6-7 (6/8), 2-6, 6-3, 6-4. It was Medvedev's fifth loss in the opening round at Roland Garros in seven appearances.

"I have watched Daniil play in my junior years. It's a dream come true to beat these kinds of players on this court," said the 23-year-old Brazilian who unleashed 69 winners past the Russian.

"I just wanted to get my angles right, get to the net as much as possible and use my forehand as much as possible against his — I guess it worked pretty well." He added: "I was cramping in the second set and couldn't really serve the way I wanted to but I tried to play my best tennis. I'm really happy with the way I played."

Seyboth Wild, without a win on the main tour since February 2022, had squandered two set points which would have given him a two-sets lead.

Medvedev made him pay, levelling the tie and then claiming a double break in the third set.

But the Brazilian hit back, a double break of his own in the fourth set levelling the clash as a fractious Medvedev bickered with the crowd.

In the final set, Seyboth Wild twice saw breaks retrieved by the Russian before he finally backed up a third break with a hold for 5-3.

He held his nerve to clinch the four-hour 15-minute match courtesy of two giant forehands and will face either Guido Pella or Quentin Halys for a place in the last 32.

Medvedev arrived in Paris buoyed by winning his first ever clay court title at the pres-



tigious Italian Open last week for his fifth trophy of 2023.

But he has endured a bitter-sweet relationship with the French Open, losing in the first round in his first four visits. He ended that streak with a run to the quarter-finals in 2021.

ZVEREV WINS

Alexander Zverev made a winning return to Roland Garros on Tuesday with a straight-sets win over Lloyd Harris in the French Open first round, 12 months since suffering a serious ankle injury in the semi-finals.

The German had to retire injured from a dramatic last-four

clash with Rafael Nadal last season after twisting his ankle and did not play again in 2022.

That match had already reached three hours and was locked at 6-6 in the second set after Nadal won a first-set tie-break when Zverev suffered torn ankle ligaments and had to be taken off Court Philippe Chatrier in a wheelchair.

Zverev, who was the third seed last year, is only seeded 22nd this time around after struggling to recapture his best form since returning to the ATP Tour.

But the former US Open finalist had enough to beat South African Harris 7-6 (8/6),

7-6 (7/0), 6-1.

"It's nice to be back. I've marked this day in bold on my calendar since last year," Zverev said.

"I was obviously very disappointed with how that tournament ended for me (last year).

"That's why I think I appreciate even more when I play in a full stadium and the crowd is behind me."

Zverev went out in the first round in 2017 and needed five sets to win his opening tie at Roland Garros in both 2019 and 2021.

"No (not happy with his performance). But I'm happy that I won in three sets. Normally I

start with five-set matches so I'm happy to win in three."

Zverev will next face Slovakia's Alex Molcan as he tries to reach the third round for a sixth

straight year.

He came back to the Tour at the start of 2023 but has since slipped from 12th to 27th in the rankings.

Zverev, who has won three of his five Masters titles on clay, failed to reach the quarter-finals in each of Monte Carlo, Madrid and Rome this season.

"Get some more wins. Get six more wins in the next two weeks," said the Olympic champion when asked what he wants to improve.

EAST COAST RAILWAY
Tender No. ELOP-T-03-2023

Name of Work: MECHANIZED CLEANING OF MEMU COACHES AND DEPOT PREMISES OF MEMU CAR SHED, KHURDA ROAD FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS.

Advertised Value: ₹ 1,00,38,277.58, **EMD:** ₹ 2,00,200.00, **Tender Document Cost:** ₹ 5,900/-, **Period of Completion:** 731 Days.

Bidding Start Date: 01.06.2023, **Date & time of tender closing:** At 1130 hrs. on 15.06.2023.

Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored.

Complete information including e-tender documents are available in website : <http://www.irops.gov.in>

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (OP),
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EAST COAST RAILWAY
Tender Notice No. SBP-ELECT-2023-T-162

Name of the Work: COMPREHENSIVE MAINTENANCE OF DIESEL GENERATOR SETS OF RATING 15 TO 250 KVA INSTALLED AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS OVER SAMBALPUR DIVISION FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS.

Approx. Cost of Work: ₹ 13,47,825.98, **Earnest money / Bid Security:** ₹ 27,000/-, **Completion Period for the work:** 36 (Thirty Six) Months from the date of issue of LOA.

Tender closing date & time: at 1630 hrs. of 07.06.2023.

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Complete information including e-tender documents of the above e-tender is available in website <http://www.irops.gov.in>

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Superintending Engineer
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PERFECT MIX OF LOOKS, SAFETY & NATURE CARE

Advait couldn't have been more off the mark. At this Saturday's brunch, he was boasting to his Paso Doble class buddies they would miserably fail to find themselves an exquisite India-made car that was consummate, leave alone in convincing him that the virtues of solid safety, sleek design and care for the environment could be married together into one four-wheeler.

Soon after, the friends moodily took off and started checking various car showrooms. They didn't have to roam around much before a radiant KIA EV6 entranced Advait and his gang. The good thing was that the premium sporty electric vehicle handily met his pretty rigorous and specific demands, too: An avid trekker on most weekends and during his biannual vacations, the top honcho liked to zoom off along with his partner to faraway sylvan surroundings. He was quite zealous about his individualism as well as possessions making a style statement without disturbing nature.

The EV6 was unlike any other electric vehicle Advait had seen before. It had a unique design (for example, viewing it from the front and back projected it as a different entity) with a sporty stance. But of course, based on KIA's new design philosophy, 'Opposite United', the EV6 left a distinct impression on every onlooker's mind.

Looks apart, the car successfully neutralises range anxiety with an ARAI certified, whopping 708 km/charge which was perfect for Advait's outings. Another important superior feature is EV6's fast-charging capability. It comes with a long-range 77.4 kWh battery pack with 800-volt ultra-fast charging capability; a 10-80 per cent charge taking barely 18 minutes with a 350-kW charger, making it perfect for long drives.

The car's powerful all-electric motor effortlessly churns out 605 Nm of torque. Its low centre of gravity makes EV6 a sporty handling experience, powering the vehicle to 0-100 in just 5.4 seconds. The EV6 also has the latest generation of KIA's Smart Regenerative Braking System that recuperates kinetic energy to



KIA EV6 ENCOMPASSES SOLID SAFETY, A SLEEK DESIGN AND CARE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT. ITS UNIQUE DESIGN, BASED ON 'OPPOSITE UNITED' PHILOSOPHY, AND AN ARAI-CERTIFIED JAW-DROPPING 708 KM/CHARGE RANGE IS BOLSTERED BY ULTRA-FAST CHARGING CAPABILITY AND A HOST OF ADVANCED SAFETY FEATURES

maximise driving range and efficiency. It comes equipped with four regenerative braking levels, where-in 'i-PEDAL' driving mode allows the car to harvest the maximum amount of energy from brakes and enables the driver to bring the vehicle to a gentle halt without needing to push the brake pedal.

KIA EV6 is one of the safest EVs available in India, with eight airbags, all-wheel disc brakes, ABS, ESC, HAC, MCBA, BAS, VSM, ESS, front and rear parking sensors, besides the ISOFIX child anchor. It also has advanced driver assistance systems (ADAS) such as Forward Collision Avoidance Assist (FCA) for car, pedestrian, cyclist, and

junction turning, Lane Keep Assist (LKA), Blind-spot Collision Avoidance Assist (BCA), Rear-cross Traffic Avoidance Assist (RCTA), Safe Exit Assist (SEA), Lane Follow Assist (LFA), Blind Spot Detection (BSD), Driver Attention Warning (DAW), and Smart Cruise Control (SCC) with Stop & Go Functionality.

Advait couldn't have been happier at being proved wrong. In the bargain, he found everything he wanted but didn't hope to find in an Indian electric vehicle - sporty design, long range, fast charging and advanced safety and driver assistance features. Now he can't wait for his next getaway in his new KIA EV6!

