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Beijing: China on Monday announced plans to send a manned mission to the moon by 2030 for lunar scientific exploration, amid its deepening space race with the West. The announcement was made by Lin Xiqiang, Deputy Director of the China Manned Space Agency (CMSA), as China is preparing to send a third set of astronauts to its space station on Tuesday.

DELHI HC ISSUES NOTICE TO YASIN MALIK

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court on Monday issued a notice to separatist leader Yasin Malik, who is presently serving a life term, on a plea by the National Investigation Agency seeking death penalty for him in a terror funding case. A bench of Justices Siddharth Mridul and Talwant Singh also issued warrants for production of Malik before it on August 9.

BENGAL'S CONG MLA JOINS TMC

Kolkata: Lone Congress MLA in West Bengal Assembly, Bayron Biswas, on Monday joined the TMC in the presence of the ruling party's national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee in Paschim Medinipur district.

REMAINS OF OFFICER TO GO TO US AFTER 58 YRS

Kolkata: Nearly 6 decades after he died during a visit to Darjeeling, the last remains of one of America's most decorated officer, Major General Harry Kleinbeck Pickett, is being returned to US for reburial, the US consulate here said on Monday. He fought in both World War I and World War II, died in 1965 while visiting Darjeeling, a Himalayan tourist town in West Bengal, and was buried in a cemetery there, it said in a press release.

MURDER MOST FOUL ROCKS DELHI AGAIN

Girl stabbed 20 times with knife, bludgeoned in full public view in Shahbad Dairy; killer arrested

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

In a horrific murder that shook the national Capital a 16-year-old girl was stabbed over 20 times and then stoned to death in full public view in Shahbad Dairy area late on Sunday night. The accused has been arrested from Bulandshahr, in Uttar Pradesh. Identified as Sahil the 20-year-old works as a fridge and AC mechanic. The horrific attack was caught on CCTV and the video footage went viral. The video showed the girl walking down the street when she was intercepted by the accused, who stabbed her over 20 times with a knife. The act was so ferocious that

at one point the knife got stuck in the head of the victim. The accused then picked up a heavy cement slab lying nearby and started hitting her.

Shockingly, the murder took place in full view of people who can be seen passing within inches of the attacker, but no one stops or says anything as the girl falls to the ground and the attacker continues his assault. The horrific attack lasted for 90 seconds and this includes him kicking her body. The accused is seen walking away from victim in a casual manner only to turn back and again hit her with cement slab before leaving site.



Political slugfest: AAP lashes out at L-G, BJP screams 'Love Jihad'

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

A political slugfest erupted between the AAP and the BJP on Monday following the gruesome killing of a 16-year-old girl allegedly by her boyfriend in Shahbad Dairy area. While AAP convener and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind

Kejriwal sought to corner Lieutenant-Governor VK Saxena over the poor law and order situation in the national Capital, the Delhi BJP termed the brutal killing an incident of 'Love Jihad' and compared it with the Shradha Walker murder case. Taking to Twitter, Kejriwal wrote, "A minor girl

was brutally murdered in Delhi. This is very sad and unfortunate. The criminals have become fearless, there is no fear of the police. LG sir, law and order is your responsibility, do something. The safety of the people of Delhi is of paramount importance". Kejriwal's comment on Delhi LG comes

in the backdrop of the row over Centre's ordinance which limited the Delhi Government's powers. BJP MP Hans Raj Hans termed the brutal killing of a minor girl in northwest Delhi "very painful" and said youths sometimes get "carried away by emotions" and act like "fools".

Don't support AAP on ordinance: Cong men

Kharge told by Delhi, Punjab Cong leaders

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

Days after Delhi Chief Minister and AAP convener Arvind Kejriwal sought an appointment with Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and senior leader Rahul Gandhi to rally their support in his party's fight against the Modi Government's Ordinance and defeat it in the Rajya Sabha, the Congress unit of Delhi and Punjab units on Monday bluntly told the party leadership to maintain distance from the AAP.

The leaders from Delhi and Punjab have advised the party leadership not to speak about the Centre's ordinance on control of services in the national Capital or not have any alliance with Kejriwal, who is mustering support from the Opposition to oppose the ordinance.

Kharge had convened a meeting of leaders from Delhi and Punjab on seeking their opinion on the matter. Former Congress president Rahul was also present during the meeting.

The leaders from Delhi and Punjab met the leadership separately. During the meeting, Delhi Congress leaders suggested that they should not have any alliance with the AAP. Reportedly several leaders from the Congress told the leadership to not support Kejriwal, calling him a "B-team" of the Bharatiya Janata Party and claiming he harmed the Congress' interests not only in Delhi and Punjab but other States as well. The



Mallikarjun Kharge



Arvind Kejriwal

Congress leaders further advised the party leadership that either the party should remain silent or should not support Kejriwal on the ordinance issue. However, the leaders have left it to the high command to take a final decision.

Congress leaders Ajay Maken, Arvinder Singh Lovely, Harun Yusuf, Delhi Congress president Anil Chaudhary attended the meeting, with Kharge and Rahul and shared their viewpoints on the issue.

During the meeting, Delhi Congress explained to the party leadership why they should not support Kejriwal. Similar sentiments were expressed by Punjab leaders led by State unit chief Amarinder Singh Raja Warring, sources said.

The Congress leadership will also meet party leaders from other States before deciding its position. After the meeting, Punjab Congress president Warring said they have put across their views before the party high command and left the final decision to it. "All the

leaders have said the party high command will decide and we have left it to Kharge to take the final decision," Warring said. He later tweeted a resolution passed by Punjab leaders who came to Delhi against the AAP Government in Punjab for its action against a journalist.

Former party chief Navjot Sidhu said what transpired during the meeting was a secret and only the Congress chief or Rahul would divulge the details. He, however, said India's Constitution is a sacred 'granth' and he took inspiration from it.

Addressing the media at the party headquarters, Venugopal, who was also present in the meeting said, "Today we had discussion on this with Delhi and Punjab leadership.

They have given their concerns and views and certainly we will take a final call in the coming days." Asked if the party has decided on Kharge's meeting with Kejriwal on the latter's request, Venugopal said, "We will let you know once it's decided."

Gehlot, Pilot to fight Rajasthan elections unitedly, says Cong

Warring leaders agree to leave sticky issues to be resolved by High Command

PTI ■ NEW DELHI



the deliberations later which was held at Kharge's residence, he said. "In this discussion, we have decided to fight the election unitedly. Both are in agreement that the Congress party has to go together and definitely we will win the election in Rajasthan," he told reporters after the meeting.

"It is very clear that Rajasthan is going to be a strong State for the Congress party. We are going to win. Therefore, both the leaders Gehlot ji and Sachin ji have decided to go together. The Congress party will fight elections unitedly," Venugopal also said.

CBI books RR, brass for graft in Hawk jet deal

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The CBI has booked the British aerospace and defence major Rolls Royce PLC, its top executives and arms dealers in a graft case for alleged kickbacks in the procurement of Hawk 115 Advanced Jet Trainer aircraft for the Indian Air Force and Navy.

The CBI has registered a case against Tim Jones, Director Rolls Royce India, alleged arms dealers Sudhir Choudhrie and Bhanu Choudhrie, Rolls Royce Plc and British Aerospace Systems under Indian Penal Code (IPC)

sections 120-B (criminal conspiracy) and 201 (destruction of evidence besides provisions of Prevention of Corruption Act following conclusion of a 2016 Preliminary Enquiry in the related matter.

A British court order in 2017 also mentioned the alleged involvement of middlemen and payment of commission by the company for swinging the deal, officials said. It is alleged that during 2003-12, these accused in conspiracy with unidentified public servants "abused their official positions" for procurement of 24 Hawk 115 AJTs for GBP 734.21 million.

Welcome posters greet Shah in tense Manipur

Army rounds up 25 miscreants with arms; uneasy calm prevails as toll in Sunday's clashes touches five

PNS/PTI ■ IMPHAL/GUWAHATI

Posters, banners and messages came up in Manipur on Monday welcoming Union Home Minister Amit Shah on his four-day visit during which he will meet stake-holders to assess the situation and take steps to restore normalcy to the State that witnessed ethnic violence over the past few weeks.

Shah's visit came on a day when the Indian Army and para-military forces rounded up at least 25 miscreants with arms, ammunition and grenades. A spokesperson for the defence forces said a num-



ber of people were detained with weapons after fresh incidents of firing and clashes broke out in and around Imphal valley on Sunday. "During operations in Sansabi, Gwaltebi, Shabunkhol, Khunao in Imphal East, Army apprehended 22 miscreants with weapons and other war like stores.

Five 12 bore double barrel rifles, three single barrel rifles, one country made weapon with double bore and one muzzle loaded weapon were recovered," he said in a statement. On Monday, an uneasy calm prevailed in Manipur, even as the death toll from

Sunday's clashes rose to five as three more people, who were undergoing treatment in hospitals, succumbed to their injuries, officials said.

Meanwhile, Union Minister Nisith Pramanik, who is the Minister of State for Home Affairs said in Guwahati that the Centre was providing all support to Manipur and the situation was "returning to normal". Pramanik's remarks came a few hours before Amit Shah began his four-day visit to the northeastern State.

Shah will hold several rounds of security meetings to assess the situation and plan steps to restore normalcy during his first visit to the State since the ethnic clashes between the Kuki and the Meitei communities broke out on May 3.

On Monday, posters and banners were seen in Imphal and several other districts. The welcome messages were issued by several civil society organisations of Manipur, sources said.

Nitish aide confirms Opp meet in Patna on June 12

Patna: A key aide of Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Monday confirmed that the much-awaited meeting of Opposition parties is likely to be held in Patna on June 12. State Minister and senior JD(U) leader Vijay Kumar Chaudhary said most parties opposed to the BJP are likely to take part in the "extremely important meeting".

"It is now almost final that a meeting of most parties opposed to BJP will be held in Patna on June 12", he said. "Most Opposition parties share the belief that the BJP will not win the 2024 Lok Sabha elections if those opposed to it put up a united fight," the JD(U) leader said.

"It is true that the initiative has been taken by our leader Nitish Kumar but we do not wish to claim any credit. Opposition unity is becoming a reality only because we are getting support from like-minded parties".

Wrestlers won't be allowed to protest at Jantar Mantar: Cops

Protesting grapplers yet to decide next course of action

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

A day after the Delhi Police cleared the sit-in site of the protesting wrestlers, the Delhi Police on Monday said they will be allowed to demonstrate at a suitable place in the city other than Jantar Mantar.

On the other hand, released late last night from police detention, the wrestlers are still contemplating their next move even as they continued to get support from sporting fraternity after police action against top grapplers was unequivocally condemned by political and sports personalities.

"The demonstration by the wrestlers was going on smoothly at the notified place of Jantar Mantar. On Sunday, the protesters flouted the law,



ignoring our repeated requests. Hence, we cleared the site and ended the dharna," Deputy Commissioner of Police (New Delhi) tweeted in Hindi. "If the wrestlers will apply for permission to stage their sit-in again in the future, they will be allowed to do so at any suitable notified place other than Jantar Mantar," it said.

Wrestlers Vinesh Phogat, Sakshi Malik and Bajrang Punia, along with other protesters, were booked for rioting and obstructing public servant in discharge of duty on Sunday after a scuffle with security personnel who tried to stop them from marching to the new Parliament building as it was being inaugurated.

Rain plays spoilsport yet again

Showers halt CSK's chase against GT in IPL final

PTI ■ AHMEDABAD

The second innings of the IPL final between Gujarat Titans and Chennai Super Kings was on Monday affected by a strong passing shower here. Chasing 215 to win, Chennai Super Kings were 4/0 in 0.3 overs as the second innings began slightly late due to mid-innings show here at the Narendra Modi Stadium.

B Sai Sudharsan struck a 47-ball 96 and missed his maiden IPL century, but did a fine job to take his team to a daunting total with Shubman Gill (39), Wriddhiman Saha (54) and Hardik Pandya (21 not out) chipping in with vital contributions. It began with



Groundsmen cover the pitch as it rains during the IPL 2023 cricket match between Gujarat Titans and Chennai Super Kings, at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad, on Monday

PTI

the ground staff immediately rushing to the middle to cover

the centre with multiple layers of the sheet as the mid-innings

show ended, but the game began soon after as it was just a drizzle. However, a mere three balls into the second innings with CSK openers Devon Conway (0 not out) and Ruturaj Gaekwad (4 not out), the heavens opened up again. For the fans, unfortunately, it was yet another test of patience as sudden rains left them drenched, with plenty of them remaining seated while it poured heavily for about 10 minutes.

Earlier, B Sai Sudharsan led the charge with a terrific 96 as defending champions Gujarat Titans set Chennai Super Kings an imposing target of 215 in the IPL final here on Monday.

UN talks on treaty to end global plastic pollution open in Paris

PNS ■ NEW DELHI/PARIS

Even as India has decided to push for plastic recycling as "a means to spur a circular economy," a United Nations panel which met in Paris on Monday to work on what is intended to be a landmark treaty to bring an end to global plastic pollution, but there is almost no agreement yet on what the outcome should be.

The Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for Plastics is entrusted with the task to develop the first international, legally binding treaty on plastic pollution,

including in the marine environment. This is the second of five meetings due to take place to complete the negotiations by the end of 2024.

At the first meeting, held six months ago in Uruguay, some countries pressed for global mandates, some for national solutions and others for both.

Environment Minister Bhopendra Yadav, who has arrived in Paris, said India would be putting forth its experiences and lessons in tackling the plastic menace and push for recycling as "a means to spur a circular economy".

PUBLIC NOTICE

मैं प्रदीप पुत्र गम्मल सिंह निवासी गांव खरावड़, तहसील सोंपला, जिला रोहताक अपनी पत्नी पूजा से अपने सभी संबंध विच्छेद करता हूँ। भविष्य में जो व्यक्ति इससे लेन-देन करेगा, वह स्वयं जिम्मेवार होगा, मेरी व मेरे परिवार की कोई जिम्मेवारी नहीं होगी।

We, Sameer Handa s/o Late Dwarka Nath Handa and Riti Handa w/o Sameer Handa r/o Plot No. 3125, Ram Darbar, Industrial Area, Phase 2, Chandigarh declare that Sudhir Handa s/o Late Dwarka Handa is my real brother and his wife Saloni Handa is my sister-in-law and we no longer have any relation with them whether personal, professional or financial since August-2019 and we are formally separated since 04/06/2020. We do not stand guarantee for them and are not liable to meet any demands of debt on their behalf. All concerned please note.

I Smt Nirmala Devi W/o No 3187158N, Naik Late Mahender Singh (Retd), resident of VPO- Gudha, Teh- Gharuanud, Distt- Karnal (Haryana)- 132114 have changed name of my daughter from Amrita Singh to Amrita vide Affidavit dated 27-May-23 sworn in before Executive Magistrate/ Notary, Karnal.

I, Nand Kishore S/o Mathura Dass R/o Beauty Avenue Sali Road Pathankot, My Son Pankaj Vaish is Not in My Control, So I Disinherit him From My Moveable/ Immoveable Properties Anybody Dealing With Him Shall Be Responsible Himself.

I Hans Raj Gulati S/o Sh. Ishwer Das R/o H.No. 304, Mashad Mohalla, Sonipat has disowned my son Sanyam Gulati & his wife Aashna from my all movable-immovable property as they are out of my control. In future, if anybody deals with them, he/she will do at his/her own risk.

I Meena W/o Late Sh. Vijay R/o Vill. Kumapur, Teh. & Distt. Sonipat has disowned my son Harsh from my all movable-immovable property as he is out of my control. In future, if anybody deals with him, he/she will do at his/her own risk.

I Jile Singh S/o Sh. Sukmi R/o Vill. Kakroi, Teh. & Distt. Sonipat has disowned my son Kuldeep from my all movable-immovable property as he is out of my control. In future, if anybody deals with him, he/she will do at his/her own risk.

I, Ram Lubhaya Chawla S/o Harbans Lal Village Meghian, P/o Purana shalla Tehsil/ Distt Gurdaspur resident in 10th Class Board DMC of my daughter Juhi Chawla my Name is written as Ram Lubhaya. My Correct Name is Ram Lubhaya Chawla.

I, Khajian Singh S/o Harphool Singh R/o Vill. Intal Kalan Teh. & Distt. Jind (Hr.) declare that my son Rajesh Kumar and his wife Manita is out of my control. So, I disown both from my movable and immovable properties. Anybody dealing with both of them will do so at their own risk. I and my family members are not responsible.

I, Netar Pal Singh S/o Genda Lal, Flat 52, Part 2, Mauli Jagran Chandigarh. My daughter Kumkum out of my control. I Disown her from my moveable/ immovable properties. Anybody deal with her at their own Risk.

I Iqbal Singh S/O Rammehar Singh R/O #240 Ward No.2 Devi Nagar Gohana Tehsil Gohana Distt Sonipat Declare That My Son Sardeep Singh And His Wife Monika Are Out Of My Control. So I Disown Both Of Them From All My Movable Or Immoveable Properties. Anybody Dealing With Them On Their Own Risk.

I, Raj Bala Devi Dob Year 1959 (Existing Name And Dob Of Spouse As Per Service Documents Of My Husband) Spouse Of No.13859367 Y Ex.Nk (Ts) Jagdish Chander Resident Of Village Rewara Tehsil Gohana Distt. Sonipat (Haryana) Have Changed My Name From Raj Bala Devi Year 1959 To Rajbala Dob 01-01-1961 (Existing In The Civil Documents Of Spouse) Vide Affidavit Dated 29-05-2023

I Balraj S/O Sh. Ram Saroop R/O Vill. & Post Office Morni Tehsail And Distt. Panchkula Inform That My Son Kaushal Adival And His Wife Harshita Both Of Them Are Out Of My Reach. That's Why I Evict These Two From All My Movable And Immoveable Property. In Future, The Person Who Deals With These Two Will Himself Be Responsible. There Will Be No Responsibility Of Me Or Any Member Of My Family In This.

I, No 2481545p Rank Acp Nb/Sub Mohan Singh S/O Bhag Singh R/O Village Chikna, Tehsil Anandpur Sahib, District Ropar Declare That In My Army Record The Date Of Birth Of My Father Bhag Singh Is As 01-07-1943 And Mother Malkheet Kaur Is As 01-07-1948 And Mother Name Spelling Malkit Kaur Which is Incorrect. Correct Date Of Birth Of My Father Is 01-01-1943 And Mother 01-01-1948 And Correct Mother Name Is Malket Kaur

I, Service No. 139081w Rank Poaf Name Sandeep Kumar S/O Sh. Ram Bhaj R/O P/o Girawar Teh. Mehram Distt. Rohtak (Haryana) Declare That My Daughter Name Varsha Sharma Is Wrongly Mentioned In My Service Record. But My Daughter Correct & Actual Name Is Varsha (As Per Her All Documents Aadhar Card, Birth Certificate & School Records Etc). Vide Affidavit Dated 29.05.2023 Before Notary Public Rohtak.

I, Hari Singh son of Sh. Sant Singh R/o House No.153, Village Maloya, U T Chandigarh declare that my married daughters namely Baljinder Kaur, Jasbir Kaur, Surinder Kaur and my son Gurdeep Singh-married, Surinder Singh-Grandson and Ramanpreet Singh-Grandson are out of my control. I disown all of them from my all movable and immovable properties. Any person who deals with them will do so that as his/her own risk and responsibility.

I, Sangita Mother of No.15633314L GDSM Dolzake Kiran Abasaheb resident of VPO Hivargaon, Pathar, Tehsil-Sangamner, District- Ahmednagar, State- Maharashtra, Pin-422622, have changed my name from Sangita to Sangita Abasaheb Dolzake Vide affidavit No.IN-PB04518480254922V dated 29 May 2023 before notary public Pathankot.

I, Dolzake Abasaheb Khanderao Father of No.15633314L GDSM Dolzake Kiran Abasaheb resident of VPO Hivargaon, Pathar, Tehsil- Sangamner, District-Ahmednagar, State- Maharashtra, Pin- 422622, have changed my name from Dolzake Abasaheb Khanderao to Abasaheb Khanderao Dolzake Vide affidavit No.IN-PB04518001667525V dated 29 May 2023 before notary public Pathankot.

I Saagnika Tandon c/o Sanjay Shrivastav, R/o D One Pooja cooperative society sandal estate chakkar shimla urban (T) Shimla Himachal Pardesh, have changed my name and gender my previous name was Sanyam Shrivastav and now I changed my name as Saagnika Tandon. I also changed my gender male to female regarding this i have taken all approvals from conserved Govt, Authorities. That my name Considered as Saagnika Tandon and my gender female.

I, Bhart Lal S/O Sewa Ram R/o H.No. 406, Street No 4 , Near Dr Rajesh Goyal Clinic , Hira Mahal Colony Nabha (Patiala) declare that my son Hitesh Chugh is out of my control. I Disinherit him from my movable / immovable properties. Anyone dealing with him shall do so on their own responsibility.

We, Ashok Gandhi S/o Ram Saroop and Sunita Gandhi W/o Ashok Gandhi R/o 912/3, Jaura Khao, Adampur Division, Po. Adampur, Jalandhar declare that our son Jayesh Gandhi is out of our control. He left our house & living separate from us since March 2014. We disinherit him from our moveable and immovable properties. We shall not be held responsible for any of his acts, deeds and things.

I, Makhan Singh S/o Harnam Singh R/O Village Badala Pucca, Po. Khanpur Sahota, Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab That I am holder of Passport No. V8946308 issued from Chandigarh on dated 06/05/2022 valid upto 05/05/2032 I have changed my address from H.No. 7739, St.No. 3, Maya Puri, Basti Jodhewal, Ludhiana to Village Badala Pucca, Po. Khanpur Sahota, Distt.Hoshiarpur, Punjab.

I, Shilpa spouse of No.JC-462009L Sub Ganapati Mogare resident of Village- Godholi, Post- Godholi, Tehsil- Khanapur, District- Belagavi, State- Karnataka, Pin-591301, have changed my name from Shilpa to Shilpa Ganapati Mogare Vide affidavit No.IN-JC30303493431648V (May 2023 before notary public Samba (J&K).

I, Pramila Gupta is W/o Army No.-15580035W, Rank-NK Vinod Kumar R/o Vill.- Mishrauliya, Post-Padmapur, Teh-Hariyaya, Distt-Basti, State- UP 272131 declare that in my husband Service Record my Date of birth wrongly mentioned as 02-08-1987 but my Correct Date of birth is 02-08-1990. Vide affidavit -JD 0032404714, Dated-29-5-23

मैं, दलबीर सिंह पुत्र श्री लीलू राम, निवासी नं.91/26, राम नगर, रोहतक जिला, नजदीक दूरी विद्यापी, जीन्द सूचित करता हूँ कि मैं अपने लड़के अकिश कुमार व उसकी पत्नी पूजा और राहुल कुमार व उसकी पत्नी मोनी को अपनी चर्च-वर्चल संपत्ति से बेदखल करता हूँ। क्योंकि वे मेरे कहने से बाहर हैं। कोई व्यक्ति इनसे किसी प्रकार का लेन देन, व्यवहार करेगा तो उसका वह स्वयं जिम्मेवार होगा। मेरी व मेरी परिवार कोई जिम्मेवारी नहीं होगी।

CHANGE OF NAME

I Anmol Singla S/o Parshant Singla R/o H.No.1079, Sector-25, Part-02 Huda Panipat, Have changed my name from Anmol to Anmol Singla. for all future purpose.

I, Sarthak Singla S/o Parshant Singla R/O H.no.1079, Sector-25, Part-02 Huda Panipat,Have changed my name from Sarthak to Sarthak Singla. for all future purpose.

I, Seema Chhabra W/o Aneet Kumar R/o #1009, Sector-10, Panchkula have changed name from Seema Chhabra to Seema Sareen.

I, Dalraj Singh S/o Swaran Singh R/o Vill. Nangal Chorani P/O Kalewal Bhagtan Tehsil Garhshankar Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed my name from Dalraj Singh to Dilraj Singh. Concerned note.

I, Geeta Mother of No. 2514590K Rank LNK Amandeep Raja R/O Vill. Fatehpur P/O Hariana Tehsil & Distt. Hoshiarpur (Punjab) Declare that my son's Army Records my Name has been wrongly mentioned as Geeta, but my correct name is Gurmeet Kaur. Concerned Note.

I, Parteeq Dhingra S/o Varinder Pal R/o 1694, Vishnu Garden, Jagadhri, Distt. Yamuna Nagar have declare that in my daughter Kanika Dhingra's Martic certificate her Date of Birth is written as 01.11.2004, which is wrong. Her correct Date of Birth is 06.10.2005.

I, Yadvinder S/o Raj Kumar Mehta R/o 16, Double storey qtr., Labour Colony, opp I.T.I, Workshop Road, Jagadhri, Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Yadvinder to Yadvinder Kumar Mehta.

I, Saurav Chaudhary S/o Zile Singh R/o #51, Sector-17, Panchkula have changed my name from Saurav Chaudhary to Rohit Chaudhary.

I, Kamlesh w/o Mahinder Singh Village Samani, Tehsil Thanesar Distt. Kurukshetra Haryana declare that my husband name wrongly mentioned as Mohinder Singh in my passport no. F1033467, While his real name is Mahinder Singh.

I, Kuldip Kumar S/o Sh. Shankar Dass R/o VPO Domeli Tehsil Phagwara Distt. Kapurthala Punjab have changed the name of my minor son name from Harnoor to Harnoor Gangar. Concerned note.

I, Anuj Joshi s/o Sh. Rajinder Prasad R/o # 67, Near Guga Mari, Village Dhanas, UT Chandigarh have changed my name to Anuj Kumar.

I, Sunita Devi W/o Kuldeep R/o VPO Kimuch, Tehsil Thanesar, District Kurukshetra, have changed my name to Savita Devi.

I, Deepak Kumar S/O Jodh Singh # 2282, 2nd Floor, Sector 44-C, Chandigarh have changed the name of my minor Son from Bhupen Singh to Ayaan Singh.

I, Nitu Jaswal W/O Sanjay Jaiswal # 155, Kishangarh, Manimajra, Chandigarh have changed my name to Nitu Jaiswal.

I, Uma Devi W/O Prem Chand # 81-B, Railway Colony, Chandigarh have changed my name to Omi Devi.

I, Anju Bala W/o Tejpal Sachdev R/o H.No. 1658/23, PNB Colony Thanesar, District Kurukshetra, have changed my name to Anju Bala Sachdev.

I, Tripti Singla W/o Amit Aggarwal R/o H.No. 270, Sector 1, HUDA, Shahabad Markanda, District Kurukshetra, declares that I am known by two names Tripti Singla and Tripti Aggarwal.

I, Shiv Charan S/o Randhir Singh R/o Village Bhusthala, Tehsil Pehowa District Kurukshetra, Now I have change my name from Shivcharan Singh to Shiv Charan.

I, Abhinandan Kumar (D.O.B - 09/08/2004) S/o Sh. Kamlesh Chand, R/o Village Uperli Nouri, P.O. Padriakhra, Tehsil Baijnathi Distt Kangra, H.P. declare that I have changed my name from Abhinandan to Abhinandan Kumar for all purpose. Concerned note it.

It is for general information that I Vishwa Nath Surti S/o Late Bihari Lal Rank Ex – leading signalman No. 55352-A R/o H. No. 20 A Shanti Nagar, Near Shiv Shakti Durga Mandir, Model Town, Panipat Haryana 132103 declare that name of my wife Madhu has been wrongly written as Madhu Suri in the Indian Navy service records. That her actual name is Madhu (Adhar no. 832763424891) which may be amended accordingly

I, Parampreet Kaur w/o Arun Sethi, R/o # 3189, Sector 28-D, Chandigarh have changed my name after marriage to Parampreet Kaur Sethi.

I, Hom Singh S/o Mal Singh R/o Ward No.11, #173, Near Land Mortgage Bank, Barwala, Distt.Hisar have changed my name from Om Parkash Punia to Hom Singh.

I, Sumit Kumar S/o Sham Raj P/O Village Khalkharsa Taraf Narot P/O Narot Jaimal Tehsil & District Pathankot Have Changed My Name From Sumit Kumar to Subash, Please Note.

I, No. 14824995L Ex Nk (TS) Ram Saroop S/O Shri Pitam Singh R/o Vill. Khushi Nagar P/O Hardo Khundpur Tehsil Mukerian Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed the name of my daughter from Salony Devi to Saloni Devi.

I, Jyoti Batta W/o Sh. Mitesh Malhotra S/o H.No. 111-A, Aggarasain Colony, Assandh Road, Panipat, Haryana have changed my name to Jyoti Malhotra for all future purposes.

I Swati W/o Nitish Arora R/o House No. 1634, Sec-9, Panchkula, Haryana have changed my name to Swati Arora.

I, Kala Vati Rathee W/o Rajinder Singh Rathee, R/O H.No. 832/22, Narender Nagar, Sonipat have changed my name from Kalawati to Kala Vati Rathee for all Future purposes.

I, Rajesh Kumar S/o Hari Ram, R/o West Ram Nagar, Gali No.1, Sonipat declare that Rajesh Kumar and Rajesh Gahlawat both are same person name. All Concerned notes.

I, Raveen Khatoon W/o Mr. Koshar R/o Vill. Garhi Kalan Panchi Gurjan, Tehsil Ganaur, Distt. Sonipat declare that I have changed my name from Raveen Khatoon to Raveen for all future purposes.

I, Anoop Singh S/o Maha Singh, R/o Village Pughthala, Tehsil Ganaur, Distt. Sonipat have changed my name from Suman to Suman Devi for all Future purposes.

I, Suman Devi W/o Anoop Singh, R/o Village Pughthala, Tehsil Ganaur, Distt. Sonipat have changed my name from Bashira to Bashira Rani. All concerned please note.

I Amit S/o Satish Kumar R/o H.No- 1634, Sec-9 Ambala City I have changed my name to Amit Verma. All concerned noted.

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I Surinder Singh Dhiman S/O Late Sardar Bhajan Singh R/o H.No- 2868/b-12, Basant Vihar Industrial Area Ambala City have changed my name to Surinder Singh.

I, Suman Kala W/o Late Sh. Ved Parkash (Service No. : 6907495F Rank Hony N/S Unit Ordnance) R/o H.No. 1-A, Pooja Vihar, Industrial Area, Ambala Cantt do hereby declare that in my Husband's Service Record my name is wrongly mentioned as Suman Devi. My Actual name is Suman Kala. It should be corrected in my Late Husband's Service record.

I Subhash Chander S/o Sh. Krishan Lal R/O Village & P.O. Khera, Teh. Indri, Distt. Karnal have changed my name from Subhash Chander to Subhash Chand. In future I may be known as Subhash (Given Name) & Chand (Surname).

Anil Kumar Sood Aadhar No. 434793494966 S/o Sh Kundan Lal Sood, R/o 26-27, Arya Nagar, Ambala Cantt , PIN 133001, Haryana, declare that I have changed my name from Anil Sood to Anil Kumar Sood In. Future My Name Known as Anil Kumar Sood. For All Purposes.

I Sakuntala Rani W/o Dalip Kumar, R/o H.No. 676, babyal Road Dalipgarh Ambala declare that have changed my name Sakuntala to Sakuntala Rani. Plz note.

I Raj Chhabra W/o Jatinder Nath Chhabra R/o H.No- 1144/11 Milap Nagr Ambala City Raj Kumari Chandna to Raj Chhabra.

I, Uma Devi W/o Sh. Pardeep Kumar R/o Vill Muniarpur Teh. Thanesar Distt. Kurukshetra has changed my name from Uma to Uma Devi please all concerned note please.

I, Chamkaur Singh Ajji S/O Joga Singh R/O H.No- 292, Hareri Road Ward No. 1, Preet Nagar Sangrur (Punjab) Have Changed My Name From Chamkaur Singh Ajji To Chamkaur Singh.

I, Sunisha Sharma D/o Kuldeep Ram R/o #234, Near Railway Colony, Kalka, Distt.Panchkula (Haryana) have changed my name from Sunisha Sharma D/o Kuldeep Ram to Nisha Kumari D/o Kuldeep Singh.

I, Gurinder Kaur W/O Sarabjit Singh R/O Village Gagobua Tehsil And District Tarn Taran Have Changed My Name From Gurinder Kaur To Ranjit Kaur

I, Hitherto Known As Rajbinder Singh Josan Son Of Sucha Singh Residing At Village Dharar, Distt Amritsar Punjab Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Rajbinder Singh.

I, Hitherto Known As Jyoti Bala Wife Of Gagandeep Sharma Residing At Vpo Gumtala, Near Mandir, Tehsil And District Amritsar-143001 Punjab Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Jyoti Bala Sharma.

I Radhika W/O Manoj Kumar R/O H.No.171-C Gurbakshi Nagar Near Aroma Park Amritsar Have Changed My Name To Radhika Luthra

I, Massa Singh S/O Dalbir Singh R/O Kotli Nasir Khan, District Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Massa Singh To Masa Singh

I Hitherto Known As Hatinder Bahri S/O Varinder Kumar Bahri, Residing At Vpo Gumtala, Near Mandir, Tehsil And District Amritsar-143001 Punjab Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Hatinder Kumar Bahri.

I Hitherto Known As Yashpal S/O Surinder Pal, Residing At Jalandhar Road, V.P.O. Samrai, Tehsil Phillaur, Distt. Jalandhar-144032, Punjab, India Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Yashpal Kalleey.

I, Rajesh Kumar Varma S/O Prem Nath R/O H.No.205, New Ranjit Pura Chhehartta, Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Rajesh Kumar Varma To Rajesh Kumar Verma

I, Lachhman Singh Dhillon S/O Darshan Singh Vpo Dhihwan Kalan Faridkot Have Changed My Name Lachhman Singh Dhillon To Lachhman Singh

I, Balkar Singh Gill S/O Surjit Singh R/O Near Bijli Ghar New Hameedpura Naraingarh Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Balkar Singh Gill To Balkar Singh

I, Karmjit Kaur Dhillon W/O Lachhman Singh Vpo Dhihwan Kalan Faridkot Have Change My Name Karmjit Kaur Dhillon To Karmjit Kaur

I Sukhvinder Singh Son Of Tarlok Singh R/O Vill. Fatewal Wadda Teh. Ajnala Distt. Amritsar Punjab. Have Changed My Name To Sukhvinder Singh

I Meera W/o Prem Singh R/O H.No. 277, Sector-13, Near Civil Hospital, Sonipat declares that Meera & Meera Antil both are my names. In future, I will be known as Meera.

I, Sheela Devi W/o No-JC777540L. RANK SUB Name Parmendra Tiwari R/O Unit-183(I) Fild Wksp Coy EME have changed my name from Shila Devi (As Per Nok in record) to Sheela Devi.

I, Sukhvinder Singh S/o Santokh Singh R/o Village Barna, Tehsil Thanesar, District Kurukshetra, have changed my daughter's name from Khushpreet to Khushpreet Kaler.

I, Gurmeet Singh S/o Mahal Singh R/o House No. 210/12, New Karnal Road, Amargarh Gamri, Kaithal, Distt. Kaithal (Haryana) declares that I have changed my name from Gurmeet to Gurmeet Singh. In future, I will be known by the name of Gurmeet Singh. All concerned please note.

I, Rajni D/o Darshan, Village Mundha, Tehsil Nakodar, Distt Jalandhar Punjab have changed my name from Rajni to Rajwinder Kaur.

I, Sirojani W/o Tulshi Ram, House No 298- A, Small flats, Housing Board, Part 2, Mauli Jagran Chandigarh have changed my name to Bhagwati Devi.

I Raveena D/o Mahesh Chhabra R/o House No. 21/7 Ram Nagar, Near Lagan Palace Karnal Declare that I Have Changed my name From Raveena Giri to Raveena For All Future Purpose.

I, Manju Singh @ Manju Devi W/o Surender Sheoran R/o H. No. 13/2, Shijvaji Colony, Near Shiv Mandir, Azad Nagar, Hisar Haryana declare that I have changed my name from Manju Singh@Manju Devi to Manju Sheoran. In future, Call to me Manju Sheoran.

I, Yuvraj S/o Mandeep Singh R/o VPO Satrood Khurd, Distt. Hisar, Haryana 125044 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Yuvraj to Yuvraj Singh Poonia for future purpose.

I, Mandeep Singh S/o Rattan Singh Poonia R/o VPO Satrood Khurd, Distt. Hisar, Haryana-125044 hereby declare that I have changed my name from Mandeep Singh to Mandeep Singh Poonia for future purpose.

I, Ravi Kaswan S/o Sukhbir Singh R/o H. No. 1017, Near Water Supply VPO Satrod Kalan, Distt. Hisar, Haryana-125006 hereby declare that I have changed the name of my minor son from Vansh to Vansh Singh for future purpose.

I, No. 15209555Y Rank NK Name Ramdas Takale R/O VPO Mahijalgaon, Teh. Kajrat, Distt. Ahmednagar, Maharashtra-414401 have changed the name of my son in my army record from Sarthak to Sarthak Ramdas Takale vide affidavit dated 29-05-2023 before Session Court Hisar.

I, No. JC 422727Y Rank SUB Name Nimune Bhanudas Namdeo R/O Vill. Vitkhedra, PO Deogaon (Rangari), Teh. Kannad, Distt. Aurangabad, Maharashtra-431115 have changed the name of my son in my army record from Rahul Bhanudas to Rahul Bhanudas Nimune vide affidavit dated 29-05-2023 before Session Court Hisar.

I, Tulsa Bai Mother of No. JC 422727Y Rank SUB Name Nimune Bhanudas Namdeo R/O Vill. Vitkhedra, PO Deogaon (Rangari), Teh. Kannad, Distt. Aurangabad, Maharashtra-431115 have changed my name and date of birth in my son army record from Tulsa Bai (DOB 15-10-1944) to Dhurpadabai Namdeo Nimone (DOB 01-01-1941) vide affidavit dated 29-05-2023 before Session Court Hisar.

I, Smt. Varsha Devi Wife of No. 15496666N Rank DFR Name Dalip Kumar Tripathi R/O P/O Kalwalya, Distt. Satna, M.P.-485226 have changed my name in my husband army record from Smt. Varsha Devi to Varsha Tripathi vide affidavit dated 29-05-2023 before Session Court Hisar.

I, Udeyphan Malhan S/o Sh. Bhoop Singh R/O 46-B, New Richi Nagar. Distt. Hisar do hereby declare that Udeyphan Malhan and Udayphan Malhan and U.B. Malhan is same person.

I, Gurjeet Singh Johar S/O Jaswant Singh Johar, R/O #536, Phase 10, SAS Nagar (Mohali), Punjab have changed my minor granddaughter's name from Baby Nur Ruby to Ibaadat.

I hitherto known as Angreji Singh S/O Darshan Singh R/O Fatehpur Basti, Dharanokot, Moga Punjab-142042 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Angrej Singh.

I, Deep Behl S/o Parveen Sharar R/o.81, Sondhi Mohalla ward no.2, Bhikhiwind Distt Tarn Taran have changed my name to Deep Behal.

I, Sukhjait Kaur W/o Sh. Surinder Singh R/o 32A, around additional mandi, stadium road, Sirsa have changed my name to SukhJeet Kaur. All concerned note.

I, Harpal Kakkar W/O Sarvjit Singh R/O House No. 464, Shivalki City, Sector-127, Sas Nagar. I Have Changed My Name From Harpal Kakkar To Harpal Kaur Kakkar.

I, Saravjeet Singh Kakkar S/O Gurdarshan Singh R/O House No. 464, Shivalki City, Sector-127, Sas Nagar. I Have Changed My Name From Saravjeet Singh Kakkar To Sarvjit Singh.

I Mohan Lal S/O Joginder Pal R/O Vpo Rattangarh, Tehsil Shahabad Distt Kurukshetra Declare That Mohan Lal And Anant Ram Both Are My Names. I Known With Both Names.

I Aarti Devi D/O Ram Pal R/O Jaula Kalan, Sas Nagar Mohali Declare That (I Am Major) I Have Changed My Name From Aarti To Aarti Devi (Alias Aarti). In Future I Known As Aarti Devi.

I Saksham Sharma S/O Naresh Kumar R/O Flat No.3003 Tower-3, Afs Golf Meadows Lifestyle Dera Bassi Tehsil Dera Bassi Distt Sas Nagar Have Changed My Name To Saksham Nareshkumar Sharma.

I Champat Lal S/O Shri Shiv Kumar R/O House No. 1481, Morigate, Manimajra, Chandigarh, Have Changed My Name From Suresh Kumar To Champat Lal.

I, Vishal Seth S/O Late Sh. Yash Pal, R/O House No 419, Sector-8, Panchkula, Haryana Have Changed My Name Devi Rani.

I, Pushpender Tiwari H/o Rinki Tiwari R/o # 619, Near GB Public School Vill. Tilpat P/O Amar Nagar Teh./Distt Faridabad declare that in my Sevice document's my wife name written as Rinky Tiwari which is incorrect, While my wife correct name is Rinki Tiwari.

I Gurdeep Singh Dhalival S/O Tejpal Singh R/O Village Hamirgarh, Tehsil Moonak, District Sangrur Have Changed My Name From Gurdeep Singh Dhalival To Gurdeep Singh. All Concerned To Be Noted.

I, Parmjit Kaur W/O Harjinder Singh R/O # 303,Phoolan Wala Naka No 4, Malot Road, Sri Muktsar Sahib Have Changed My Name To Paramjit Kaur All Concerned Note It

I, Gurmial Singh Toor S/O Chuhar Singh R/O Village Rampura Gujran, Tehsil Moonak, District Sangrur Have Changed My Name From Gurmial Singh Toor To Gurmial Singh. All Concerned To Be Noted.

I, Rakesh Kumar father of Kunal, R/o Village Ghanauli, Tehsil and District Rupnagar, (140113) Punjab, India have changed my son's name from Kunal to Kunal Bhargav.

I, Yubraj S/o Rakesh Kumar R/o Village Ghanauli, Tehsil and District Rupnagar, 140113 (Punjab)India have changed my name from Yubraj to Yuvraj Bhargav.

I, Guddi Devi W/o Rakesh Govind Rao R/O House No. 336, Gateway City, Sector-119, Mohali, Punjab have changed my name from Guddi Devi to Pushpa Devi.

I, Dinesh Kumar S/o Bachan Chand R/O Mirthal, Pathankot, Punjab-145101. I have changed the name of my minor daughter Abigail to Abigail Joy.

I, Anjna W/O Prem Kumar R/o Vakila Wali Gali, Talwandi Bhai, Ferozepur, Punjab-142050. have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Anjna Rani.

I, Sahil S/o Ashwani Kumar R/o Vill.Atta, Po.Goraya, Distt.Jalandhar-144409, Punjab have changed my name from Sahil to Sahil as Given Name and Gagg as Surname.

I, Simarjit Singh S/o Bachan Singh R/O Village Muradpur Awana, Po. And Tehsil Mukerian, Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab have changed my name from Simarjit Singh to Simarjeet Singh.

I, Heena Bains W/o

Pb Cong leaders meet Kharge, Rahul; Urges not to support AAP on Ordinance issue

Congress leaders from Punjab, where AAP is ruling party, strongly impressed upon high command not to extend any kind of support to Arvind Kejriwal and his brigade

MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH

Punjab Congress leaders have left the party's high command in a fix over the issue of extending support to the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) in the Rajya Sabha to oppose the Centre's ordinance to create a National Capital Civil Service Authority.

The party's senior leadership from Punjab unit, during a meeting with the Congress' national president Mallikarjun Kharge, and former party chief Rahul Gandhi, along with AICC general secretary in-charge of organization K C Venugopal on Monday, has suggested that they should not back AAP on the central ordinance while maintaining that it would set a wrong narrative.

Congress leaders from Punjab, where AAP is the ruling party, strongly impressed upon the high command not to extend any kind of support to Arvind Kejriwal and his brigade. At the same time, the party leaders have left to the high command too take the final call.

Kharge called the Punjab leaders for a meeting after the Congress Legislative Party leader in Punjab Partap Singh Bajwa urged the high command to consult state unit before supporting the AAP as it had allegedly unleashed a

witch-hunt against Congress leaders in Punjab. AAP had ousted the Congress from power in Punjab in 2022 Assembly polls.

"@AamAadmiParty & @ArvindKejriwal deserve no support or sympathy from @INCIndia. @AAPunjab govt has launched ruthless witch-hunt against @INCPunjab leaders and workers and has made their lives hell by misusing the police and investigation agencies," Bajwa had tweeted.

Bajwa, in related tweet, said: "I appeal to INC high command to consult the leadership of Punjab, HP, Delhi, Uttarakhand, Gujarat & Karnataka before even considering helping AAP. It was instrumental in giving a political edge to BJP in these states. AAP is the B team of BJP and they are two sides of the same coin. Let's not protect a wolf in the sheep's clothing."

Even as none of the party leaders disclosed what actually transpired during the meeting, it has been learnt that the state leaders emphatically and plainly stated that AAP shouldn't be supported in the matter of Ordinance, while suggesting that the Congress should maintain a distance from AAP.

Majority of the state Congress leaders argued that the party top brass should not meet AAP supremo and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, arguing that the latter was trying to use the ordinance row to his political advantage.

"The ball is in the high command's court now to decide whether to support or

oppose the Centre's ordinance...We have expressed our stand...we have told them about our reservations...Now, it is on the high command to take the final decision, which they will convey to us soon," said Punjab Congress president Amrinder Singh Raja Warring, after the meeting.

Among those who attended the meeting were the AICC in-charge of state party affairs Harish Chaudhary, state Congress president Amrinder Warring, Leader of Opposition in Vidhan Sabha Partap Singh Bajwa, and other senior leaders including Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa, Rana KP Singh, Navjot Singh Sidhu, Manish Tewari, Amar Singh, Gurkirat Singh Kotli, and Bharat Bhushan Ashu.

The ordinance, which would eventually be brought to the Parliament as Bill, will give Delhi's Lieutenant Governor the final say on transfers and postings of civil servants instead of the State Government, that is currently headed by AAP. A senior party leader who attended the meeting, while talking with The Pioneer, shared that the meeting was stormy with the leaders strongly and clearly putting forth their views. "This is very unusual situation...AAP is ruling party in Punjab, and Congress is the principal opposition...We will have to maintain complete distance from AAP and also this person (in reference to Kejriwal). We have conveyed this to the high command and they will take the call," said the leader.

The senior leader added

that one suggestion was that the party should stage a walk-out when the Bill is put to vote.

As per information available, the Congress leaders contended that AAP-led Punjab Government had been hounding and persecuting the party leaders and workers, and "muzzling" free and independent media by misusing Vigilance. The mention of Punjab Vigilance Bureau recently issuing summons to the editor-in-chief of Punjabi newspaper Ajit, Dr Barjinder Singh Hamdard, was also mentioned in the meeting.

Punjab Congress' former chief Navjot Singh Sidhu refused to disclose details of the meeting. "What transpired during the meeting is a secret and only the Congress chief or Rahul Gandhi would divulge the details...India's Constitution is a sacred 'granth' and I take inspiration from it...But, I can say emphatically that the values of the Constitution are at its lowest ebb," he said while citing instances where the Centre "trampled upon" the Constitution.

When asked whether the Congress can enter into an electoral understanding with AAP for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, Sidhu said: "There cannot be an alliance when there are ideological differences." Punjab party affairs in-charge Harish Chaudhary said that the meeting was Congress' "internal issue. "This was an internal meeting...We used our right to talk to the party high command. We have told the high command," he said.

Pb to introduce reforms at tehsil level; Land record to be available online, in Punjabi



Mann underlined the need for Operation and Maintenance of Fard Kendras for citizen services related to Department

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

To facilitate the people in getting their routine administrative works done in a smooth and hassle-free manner at the tehsil level, Punjab Government will introduce comprehensive reforms, including making available all the land records online and also in simple Punjabi language.

The decision was taken by Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Monday while chairing a high-level meeting of the Punjab Land Record Society. Mann emphasized on introducing these reforms to facilitate the people. "All the records pertaining to land must be put online so that people are benefitted from it and they can get the land record in a single click. The land record must be available in simple Punjabi language so that the people do not face any sort of inconvenience in

reading it," he added.

The Chief Minister asked the officers to ensure that all the records in the state are fully digitized. "Record Rooms, both at State as well as District and Sub-Division levels, should be maintained with the highest quality. To bring transparency and efficiency in the working of the Revenue Department, the registration works and office jobs will be made faceless," he added.

The Chief Minister also reviewed the computerization projects of the Department of Revenue in the state and batted for its early completion. He said that the civil works and furniture for construction and renovation of District Administrative Complexes, Tehsil Complexes, Sub Tehsils Complexes, Modernization of Sub Registrar Offices, Patwar workstations, and Fard Kendras must also be ensured in a time-bound manner.

Mann also underlined the need for Operation and Maintenance of Fard Kendras for citizen services related to Department.

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Himachal's Pong Dam to be developed as major tourist destination: CM

Shimla: Himachal Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on Monday said the state government has allotted Rs 70 crore to introduce water sports and other activities at the Pong Dam in Kangra district to create job opportunities and develop it as a major tourist destination. The government intends to develop the dam, which has been declared a Wetland of National Importance in November 2002, by creating added infrastructure and even starting 'Shikara' in the backwaters of the lake, he said.

Punjab declares summer vacation in schools from Jun 1 to Jul 2

Chandigarh: Punjab Government on Monday declared summer vacations in schools from June 1. An order, issued by the Additional Secretary after approval from Education Minister Harjot Singh Bains, stated that all government, private government-aided, and affiliated or recognized schools across Punjab would remain closed for summer vacation from June 1 to July 2. All DEOs and school heads have been directed to ensure the order is complied with.

Nearly 15 lakh children to be covered under pulse polio immunisation drive in Haryana

Chandigarh: Nearly 15 lakh children will be covered under the first sub-national immunisation round of pulse polio 2023-24 that will take place in six districts of Haryana, according to an official statement. The six districts are Faridabad, Gurugram, Jhajjar, Mewat, Sonapat and Kaithal in which booth activity was undertaken on the first day in order to maintain the polio-free status of the state.

Chandigarh MC urges people to pay property tax well within the rebate period

Chandigarh: With 2 days left to clear the Property tax without penalty and with rebate scheme, 75,473 of the total 1.42 lakhs assesses are yet to pay the levy for the current financial year. The Municipal Corporation Chandigarh had raised bills for the assessment year 2023-24 with a provision of rebate which is valid upto 31st May, 2023. Failing to deposit the payment within this timeline will invite 25% penalty and interest @ 12% per annum from the date of issue of the bill to the date of actual payment.

Himachal CM Sukhu discusses water sharing issue with Kejriwal in Delhi

Shimla: Himachal Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu met with his Delhi counterpart Arvind Kejriwal in Delhi and discussed water sharing agreements of Renuka and Kishau hydro projects, an official statement said on Monday. In the Sunday evening meeting, various common issues between both states were discussed.

Pb CM orders completion of flood protection work, cleansing of waterways by Jun 30

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Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Monday directed the officials concerned to complete works pertaining to cleaning of drains and flood protection at vulnerable sites across the State well before June 30. Mann, chairing a meeting of the State Flood Control Board to review the ongoing flood protection works in the state, said that the total length of drains in the State was 8136.76 kilometres and that of the Dhussi bandh was 1365 kilometres.

"In 2022, Rs 34.85 crore was spent on 232 works of drain cleaning and Rs 48.32 crore on 100 flood protection works. This year, Rs 39.90 crore has been spent, so far, on flood protection works and Rs 39.43 crore on cleaning of drains," he added.

The Chief Minister said that the work is going on in all

the districts and work of the cleaning of waterways beneath bridges and removing silt lumps from waterways, besides strengthening weak points prone to frequent flooding due to rains, has already been started.

"I will regularly oversee the flood protection works being undertaken in close coordination with the Deputy Commissioners across the State," he said.

Showing concern over the colossal loss of human lives, livestock, property and standing crops due to floods, he directed the Department to take all possible steps to ensure that there was no recurrence of floods as witnessed in recent past.

"For the same, construction of check dams, planting of trees especially that of Bamboos and others, must be encouraged," he said, adding that 485 sites for construction of check dams have

already been identified, while 151 such check dams have already been constructed.

The identification of more sites for construction of dams is also going on and bamboo plantation has also been covered on 66.73 kilometres, he added.

To prevent floods in south-western Punjab, the State Government has taken several initiatives like rectifying the alignment of some drains, laying down of pipes to connect the low lying areas with canals, and remodeling of bridges, said the Chief Minister.

At the same time, he asked the officers to make sure that the work is done at the highest quality by ensuring optimum utilization of the government funds. Mann said that the State Government is committed to save the people from the scourge of floods for which no stone will be left unturned.

PM Modi an inspiring leader whose govt has taken India on path of development: Khattar

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Hailing Prime Minister Narendra Modi as an inspiring leader whose government at the Centre has taken the country on the path of development during the past nine years, Haryana chief minister Manohar Lal Khattar on Monday said nine years of his tenure has been dedicated to 'jan seva' (public service).

Speaking at a 'Samvad' event here on the occasion of completion of nine years of the Modi government, Khattar said, "The prime minister puts the country first and for him, welfare of his citizens is above everything else." He said India's global prestige has increased under the Modi government. "Leaders of big nations have now begun referring to Modi as the 'Boss'," he said in an apparent reference to Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese calling Modi 'boss'.

The Haryana chief minister also talked about several central schemes launched for the welfare of poor and weaker sections. He said after Modi became the prime minister in 2014, Modi had telephoned him expressing concern over skewed sex ratio in Haryana and said something needed to be done about it.

Later, the 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' campaign was launched from Panipat in January 2015, he said, adding that the campaign has received tremendous success. He said the central government under Modi is working on the 5S strategy - 'shiksha' (education), 'swasthya' (health), 'suraksha' (security), 'swavlamban' (self-reliance) and 'swabhiman' (self-



respect). The National Education Policy-2020, which has been put into effect across the country, aims to awaken the national spirit in children by combining new technology with traditional teaching methods, he said.


Khattar termed Modi as a "prayog karmi neta", one who does not hesitate to undertake experiments in national interest. He always puts country first, he added. "Challenges never deter him," he said.

Speaking on the occasion, Union Minister of State for Entrepreneurship, Skill Development, Electronics & Technology Rajeev Chandrasekhar said, "Seva (service), 'sushashan' (good governance) and 'garib kalyan' (welfare of the poor) have been the hallmark of nine years of the Narendra Modi government." He said the Congress-led UPA's 10-year rule between 2004 and 2014 was a "lost decade" and claimed that in 2014, "a national opinion" was formed that "divide and rule politics, slow growth.. was not needed" and people overthrew their government and brought the BJP-led government to power.


"During the last nine years, Narendra Modi changed the


political culture of this country," he said, adding, "In these nine years, countless reforms and initiatives have been successfully implemented across the country that have steered India to its current strength," he added. The Union Minister said when Modi spoke about building toilets, "it was not just about building toilets, it was about dignity, safety, health and wellness". On the occasion, state BJP president O P Dhankar said in these nine years, everyone has seen how India has emerged as a strong nation on the world stage. "It gives me immense pleasure to share that the dreams we saw at our young age are now turning into reality... Abrogation of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir, construction of Ram temple are such dreams which have come true under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi," he said.

Haryana BJP in-charge, Biplab Kumar Deb said the nine years of the Modi government rule are the most memorable ones. "The 'Swabhiman' and 'Samman' of India has enhanced under the leadership of Narendra Modi and this I term as one of the biggest achievements in these nine years," he said.



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‘PM worked hard to speed up development in 9 yrs’

PTI ■ JAIPUR

Union Minister Piyush Goyal on Monday said Prime Minister Narendra Modi has worked tirelessly and without discrimination to speed up development in the country since 2014. The PM has worked to empower the people and the country during the past nine years, he said.

Talking with reporters, Goyal said, “The full majority government has strengthened the PM’s hands so that he could transform the country, strengthen the economy, uplift the poor sections of the society and defend the country’s borders.” The PM has worked hard to speed up development, take welfare schemes to the last person in the line and empower the people of the country, he said.

BJP MP Poonam Mahajan gave a presentation on the achievements of the Modi government. “India was among the fragile five economies of the

world in 2014 and today it is the fifth largest economy in the world,” she claimed.

Meanwhile, senior BJP leaders, including Union Ministers and Chief Ministers, highlighted the achievements of Modi-led government in a nationwide outreach on Monday to mark its nine years in office, with Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur expressing confidence of its re-election in 2024.

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.

The BJP said in a statement that the country has witnessed “unprecedented” development in every sector with the mantra of “nation first” guiding Modi’s policies.

Leaders opposing Modi will face rout in LS polls, says BJP’s Ghosh

PTI ■ KOLKATA

Senior BJP leader Dilip Ghosh on Monday mocked the proposed Opposition meet in Bihar next month and said the leaders opposing Prime Minister Narendra Modi will face a complete rout and decimation in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls.

Ghosh’s comment comes in the backdrop of the proposed opposition meeting in Bihar.

According to hints that have emanated from a meeting of Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar’s JD (U), the meeting of the parties opposed to the BJP may be held in Patna on June 12.

West Bengal Chief Minister and TMC supremo Mamata



Banerjee is likely to attend the meeting, party sources said.

“We have seen such efforts in 2019, and the results are before us. The TMC tally came down from 34 to 22. And BJP’s tally across the country increased from 282 to 303 seats. The people of this country trust the BJP and Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Whoever tries to fight against

PM Modi will face complete rout and decimation in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls,” Ghosh told reporters.

Reacting to Ghosh’s comment, the TMC said the remarks reflect the “fear of defeat” that has set in the saffron camp.

“The BJP is terrified and frustrated by the efforts to forge opposition unity ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha polls. Just because it didn’t succeed in 2019 doesn’t mean it won’t succeed again,” said TMC spokesperson Kunal Ghosh, adding such comments only “reflect the fear of defeat”.

For the last one year, the opposition parties have been trying to come together in the fight against the saffron camp.

₹2K note saga cast doubts on stability of Indian currency: PC

T N RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Termining the nine-year-long rule of the Narendra Modi Government as a “complete failure on all fronts”, senior Congress leader and former Union Finance Minister P. Chidambaram on Monday ridiculed the introduction of Rs 2,000 note seven years ago and its subsequent withdrawal recently had “cast doubts on the integrity and stability of Indian currency”.

Addressing a news conference as part of the part of his party’s outreach to the people across the country to expose the Modi government’s failure on all front, Chidambaram said: “In the

first place, the people had no need for the Rs 2000 notes after the Rs 500-Rs 1000 value notes were demonetised (in November 2016).... The thoughtless — some would even say foolish — introduction of the Rs 2000 note (which the people shunned) and the mortifying spectacle of withdrawing the note have cast doubt on the integrity and stability of India’s currency”.

Chidambaram said that he didn’t agree with the RBI’s explanation that Rs 2000 note was introduced to meet the immediate requirement of people. “Within 30 days of its introduction, no one was using it. The notes didn’t come to people. It was a foolish move bringing the integri-

ty of the currency system in question. The original decision to introduce it was foolish but the government didn’t want to admit it,” the former finance minister said.

Expressing his utter disappointment over the state of economy in the country, Chidambaram said: “Key economic indicators are pointing downward and there is low confidence that the economy will reach the high-growth path. The first three quarters of 2022-23 recorded growth rates of 13.2, 6.3 and 4.4 per cent, a declining trend. The present situation is a far cry from the average of 9 per cent growth rate that marked the boom years between 2004 and 2009”

Lone WB Cong MLA joins TMC

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Days after Mamata Banerjee expressed her willingness to play ball with the Congress on condition of reciprocation and days ahead of the anti-BJP Opposition meet in Patna, the Trinamool Congress on Monday drew the Congress blood by getting its lone MLA in the State legislature Byron Biswas to join the Bengal ruling outfit.

Left-backed Congress candidate, Biswas had won the Sagardighi Assembly by-elections three months ago causing a big flutter in the State politics ahead of the next year’s general elections. Sagardighi is in Muslim dominated Murshidabad district.

Biswas who joined the TMC in the presence of its national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee however said that he was attracted by Mamata Banerjee’s developmental works and that he was not being able to work while in the Congress.

“I was unable to work in the Congress ... and there is no point being an MLA if you cannot work ... so I joined the TMC where I will get ample scope to work under the leadership of Mamata Banerjee whose welfare schemes have inspired me,”



Biswas said.

Coming against the backdrop of the multi-crore recruitment scam the Sagardighi elections had been interpreted as the beginning of the end of the Trinamool Congress rule and the rise of a new experiment in the form of Congress-Left camaraderie in Bengal.

Both the Congress and the Left drew a blank in the 2021 Assembly elections which was apparently conducted in an unprecedentedly polarized atmosphere.

The Congress immediately reacted to Biswas’ joining the TMC saying the people of Sagardighi would remember the “deceit.” Pradesh Congress president Adhir Chowdhury said, “they (TMC) may have purchased or coerced one

MLA into joining their party ... but they will not be able to purchase the people of Sagardighi ... this dishonest defection will only strengthen their result and the TMC will get a befitting reply in the next elections.”

The TMC which had allegedly engineered a large number of defections in the Bengal Congress over the past several years was actually playing with snake Chowdhury said adding “the snake-charmers finally die of snake bite.”

Referring to Chowdhury’s attack, Abhishek Banerjee who is also the nephew of the Chief Minister said, the Congress’ failure to hold back its MLA was not the TMC’s fault adding his party never engineered defections.

Jambu Zoo thrown open to public in Nagrota

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

The Union Territory Administration in Jammu and Kashmir Monday added another tourist ‘hot spot’ in the long list of local getaways by throwing open Jambu Zoo at Nagrota.

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha inaugurated the phase -1 of Jambu zoo built at a cost of around Rs 70 crores over 70 hectares of land.

The foundation stone of the project was originally laid in September 2016 by the then Forest Minister Lal Singh.

The ambitious project, aimed at attracting the rush of Mata Vaishno Devi bound pilgrims, had earlier missed several deadlines due to paucity of funds. Speaking on the occasion Lt Governor Manoj Sinha said, “the scenic beauty around the first-of-its-kind full-fledged zoo in the UT will make it a unique tourist destination and has the potential to boost tourism in the region”.

“This much awaited addi-



tion to the tourist destinations of J&K was taken up under the Languishing Project”, he added.

Referring to the successful conduct of G20 Summit, Lt Governor Manoj Sinha said , “Jammu Kashmir has entered a new era of opportunities.

It is a rare moment and the world is applauding J&K’s saga of development. We must work together to keep pace with the rest of the states and contribute to the significant task of Viksit Bharat 2047”.

The Lt Governor announced free entry for all in the Jambu Zoo for one

month. He also announced that the Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple by Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams will be dedicated to the people on 8th June.

To woo the visitors, as many as 27 famous species of animals, including Royal Bengal Tiger, Asiatic Lion, leopards, bears, crocodiles etc will be shifted from different places to Jambu zoo. An amphitheatre and park for children has also been constructed.

Visitors can also avail the facility of battery-operated vehicles to move around inside the zoo.

Congress slams BJP for removing Holkar, Savitribai statues from Maha Sadan

T N RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Hindu nationalist leader Veer Savarkar once again became a bone of contention between the Opposition Congress and ruling BJP on Monday, as the Maharashtra Congress hit out at the J P Nadda-led party for “removing” the statues of Rajmata Ahilyabai Holkar and Krantijyoti Savitribai Phule while celebrating Savarkar Jayanti at Maharashtra Sadan in New Delhi.

Describing as “outrageous” the manner in which the statues of Savitribai and Ahilya Devi were removed from Maharashtra Sadan on the Savarkar Jayanti at Maharashtra Sadan in New Delhi on Sunday, Maharashtra Congress president Nana Patole demanded a public apology from both chief minister Eknath Shinde and deputy chief minister Devendra Fadnis of the BJP for “insulting” Maharashtra’s two iconic leaders “who are a source of inspiration to the



society”.

Talking to the media persons, Patole charged that that the BJP “does not respect women and such things happen only because of their anti-women mentality”

“The BJP can do anything on the basis of its numbers, the same thing happened in Maharashtra Sadan. The BJP is trying to create a new history on the strength of numbers. What happened in Maharashtra Sadan is causing a lot of backlash and strict action should be taken against the culprits in this case,” he said.

“The world remembers Mahatma Gandhi and Buddha and BJP forgets these great men as soon as they come to power,” Patole said.

ISRO looking at testing Gaganyaan crew module mission by July

PTI ■ SRIHARIKOTA

The Indian Space Research Organisation is gearing up for a host of activities at the spaceport here, including testing of the crew module in July for its ambitious Gaganyaan mission, Chairman S Somanath said here on Monday. The secretary of the department of space said the space agency was also working for the launch of the synthetic aperture radar mission in association with National Aeronautics Space Agency (NASA).

The NISAR (NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar Mission) is a joint earth-observing mission between NASA and ISRO with the goal of making global measurements of the causes and consequences of land surface changes using advanced radar imaging.

Talking about future launches, Somanath said the next launch would be a climate and weather observation satellite called TNSAT-3Ds, which would be launched using a GSLV rocket.

“The same rocket (GSLV) is bound to take the NISAR as well. In the coming months we are going to have launches of PSLVs as well as GSLV MkIII” he said. “The SHAR (Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota) will be abuzz with activities towards all of this,” he said.

Scientists are working on conducting various tests for the ambitious Gaganyaan mission and the agency is coordinating with the Navy and others in this connection, he said.

“We will be launching a test vehicle mission now. Target is to conduct it by July. The vehicle for conducting the test is already here in Satish Dhawan Space



Centre here,” he said. This launch would demonstrate how the crew escapes in case of any accident during the Gaganyaan mission, he said.

“The vehicle will be taken to an altitude of 14 km and from there we would create a problem or try to destroy it and see how the crew module escapes. That we have to demonstrate. We are talking to various stakeholders like the Navy,” he said. This mission has to be repeated again and after that there would be an unmanned mission probably next year in which the whole crew module would be taken to orbit and return, he said.

On setting up a launch pad in Kulasekarapattinam in Tamil Nadu about 600 km from Chennai, he said ISRO was almost in the final stages of acquiring 2,000 acres of land. “We will be building a launch pad for a small launch vehicle in Kulasekarapattinam and possible rocket launches for private players in future.

Land acquisition process is almost completed and some more land is yet to be acquired” he said. Somanath said the space agency was under discussion about the launch of the next-generation launch vehicle (NGLV).

“Now is not the right time to discuss it. It is a rocket which we want to be a recoverable stage, and basically (we are) working on liquid and semi-cryogenic technology,” he said.

10 killed as car crushed in head-on collision with bus in Mysuru



PTI ■ MYSURU

Ten people, including two children, died on the spot and three persons were injured in a road accident in which a car was crushed in a head-on collision with a private bus in T Narasipura taluk here on Monday, police said.

The incident took place near Kuruburu village on Kollegala-T Narasipura main road.

According to the police, the car was completely crushed due to the impact of the accident in what seems to be a head-on collision between the

two vehicles. The injured have been rushed to hospital and are receiving treatment.

The deceased, said to be from Sanganakallu in Ballari district, were returning from B R Hills in an Innova car they had hired when the incident took place, a police officer said, adding that they had their train ticket reserved from Mysuru back to Ballari in the evening.

Two children are among the deceased, sources said. The private bus was said to be on its way towards Kollegala. The three injured, also passengers of the car, have been shifted to Chamarajanagara hospital.

CAG Murmu re-elected as WHO External Auditor

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) Girish Chandra Murmu has been re-elected as External Auditor of the World Health Organization (WHO), Geneva, for a four-year term from 2024 to 2027.

The CAG has already been holding this position in the WHO since 2019 for a four-year term. The present election was held on Monday in the 76th World Health Assembly in Geneva, where the CAG of India was re-elected with an overwhelming majority (114 out of 156 votes) in the first round of voting itself, according to a press release issued by the office of the CAG.

The CAG was personally present at the meeting. After the election, in his address to the World Health Assembly, Murmu outlined his vision as External Auditor for the WHO, emphasising on process improvement for better outcomes, transparency and professional approach.

The CAG’s appointment is recognition of the Indian institution’s standing among



the international community as well as its professionalism, high standards, global audit experience and strong national credentials, the release said. This resounding victory was made possible by the sustained support and tireless efforts of the Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations at Geneva, his officers and a special team of handicapped officers from CAG.

This is the second major international audit assignment

for the CAG this year following his selection for the post of External Auditor (2024-2027) of International Labour Organization (ILO) in Geneva earlier this year in March 2023.

Besides WHO, the CAG of India is currently the External Auditor of the Food and Agriculture Organization (2020-2025), the International Atomic Energy Agency (2022-2027), the Organization for Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (2021-2023) and the

Inter Parliamentary Union (2020-2022).

The CAG is a Member of the United Nations (UN) Panel of External Auditors. He is also a member of the Governing Boards of the International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (INTOSAI) and ASOSAI. CAG chairs the INTOSAI Knowledge Sharing Committee, its Working Group on IT Audit, and the Compliance Audit Sub-Committee.

Active women have 25% less rate of Parkinson’s disease: Study

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Women who engaged themselves in regular exercise such as cycling, walking, gardening, cleaning and participating in sports had a 25 per cent lower rate of Parkinson’s disease when compared to those who exercised the least, according to a study published in the journal Neurology.

Researchers also found that 10 years before diagnosis, physical activity declined at a faster rate in those with Parkinson’s disease than in those without,



likely due to early symptoms of Parkinson’s disease.

It found that female participants who exercised the most had a 25 per cent lower rate of Parkinson’s disease when

compared to those who exercised the least.

The finding only shows an association and does not prove that exercise lowers the risk of developing Parkinson’s disease,

a brain disorder that causes unintended or uncontrollable movements, such as shaking, stiffness, and difficulty with balance and coordination.

The study included 95,354 female participants, mostly teachers, with an average age of 49 who did not have Parkinson’s disease at the start.

Researchers from the University of Pittsburgh, US and Radboud University Medical Center in The Netherlands followed participants for three decades during which 1,074 participants developed Parkinson’s disease.

Over the course of the

study, participants completed up to six questionnaires about the types and amounts of physical activity they were getting.

They were asked how far they walked and how many flights of stairs they climbed daily, how many hours they spent on household activities as well as how much time they spent doing moderate recreational activities such as gardening and more vigorous activities such as sports.

Researchers assigned each activity a score based on the metabolic equivalent of a task (METs), a way to quantify energy expenditure.

A more intense form of exercise like cycling was six METs, while less intense forms of exercise such as walking and cleaning were three METs.

The average physical activity level for participants was 45 METs-hours per week at the start of the study.

Participants were divided into four equal groups of just over 24,000 people each.

At the start of the study, those in the highest group had an average physical activity score of 71 METs-hours per week. Those in the lowest group had an average score of 27 METs-hours per week.

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Quality education can be imparted with digital ecosystem and better resource allocation



The role of digital technology in education is increasingly becoming crucial globally, as it provides new and innovative forms of support to students, teachers, parents, and the learning process more broadly. The Covid pandemic has made this process much faster, relevant and robust. By deploying remote learning technologies through a combination of TV, radio, online and mobile platforms, a large number of institutions were able to cater to the educational needs of their students. The G20 Education Working Group Meeting on 'The Role of Digital Technologies in Education' comes as a key development in this regard, highlighting a slew of present and prospective technological measures. Identification of core areas and themes to promote possible research and academic collaboration among educational institutions in G20 member countries, is a huge development, as the group comprises some of the most developed countries of the world, who use world-class research, innovation and cutting-edge technologies in this domain.

The selection of priority areas for deliberations such as 'Foundational Literacy and Numeracy', 'Tech-enabled learning', 'Future of work' and 'Research and innovation collaboration', - broad-based discussions with enriching inputs from sectoral experts. There is little doubt that during the past few years, G20 countries have made significant progress in expanding the use of digital technologies for improving access to quality education, however, the sharing of more tangible and effective educational practices and experiences did help recognize where participating countries are and what they need to improve upon. Here, we can



collaborate to leverage technology further to achieve some common educational goals, as we still confront a lot of challenges in the process, especially when it comes to ensuring quality learning opportunities for all along with improving learning outcomes.

What the world including some of the G20 countries, need is accessible, inclusive and equitable school education, higher education and skill development. It is digital technologies that can bring parity in the quality and accessibility of education at all levels. For example, India has around 1.48 million schools, 265 million school students and nearly 9.5 million teachers, with more than 20 regional languages as medium of instruction alongside 62 educational boards of instruction across the country. Moreover, lakhs of students received their higher education in different languages. In such a case, only digital technology can be expected to provide equitable and inclusive education, as a lot of content and expert teachers are still not available in regional languages.

Hence, the union budget 2023 emphasises much on digitisation of education. The Digital India programme has received Rs 4,795.24 crore, and to boost digital infrastructure, the government has proposed initiatives like Digital Libraries and Digital Universities. States have also been urged to set up physical libraries at panchayat levels to provide infrastructure for accessing the National Digital Library resources. Digital initiatives with a focus on artificial intelligence terming it a step towards the 'digital revolution', have been hailed by all. Three centres of excellence for AI and 100 laboratories in engineering institutions for developing applications using 5G services, will only add to this process of digital revolution. Digital Universities aim to reach out to the remotest regions of the country with quality, skill-based and job-oriented courses and training. With the focus of the budget being on expanding reach, improving quality education, building capacity and strengthening the digital education ecosystem, we can now expect to have a world-class school and higher education system, which would be accessible to all.

(The writer is a senior journalist)

Nine years of inclusive progress

Prime Minister Modi has laid the ground for the 'Amrit Kaal' and his era would be remembered for putting the country in the fast lane



The ninth anniversary of the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government is an occasion to celebrate the successes of statecraft passionately demonstrated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in action with visible and verifiable impacts on the ground. PM Modi has also shown that decisive mandates deliver decisive governments. Political pundits must examine the achievements of the Modi government by dropping their coloured lenses to codify the messages for all the political parties in the larger interests of the country.

Memory will certainly not fail to recall the days of 2012-14 when a maverick activist held a kangaroo court at Jantar Mantar to accuse and abuse each and everyone in politics. The Arvind Kejriwal tribe attacked the very institution of democracy by raising doubts in the minds of the people about the political class. He poured a truckload of muck on the participants of Indian democracy.

The first task of PM Modi was to restore the trust of the people in the Indian democracy. This was done in record time, as the Jantar Mantar tribe shut their shops and also joined politics. The record turnout of the voters in the Lok Sabha and Assembly elections demonstrates that PM Modi has restored the trust of the people in the Indian democracy fully. Now, no one abuses Indian democracy. Taking inspiration from PM Modi, youngsters are quitting even high-paying jobs to join politics.

The greatest tribute to the nine years of PM Modi's achievements as head of the government will be on the count of financial inclusion of over 48 crore people in the banking system of the country. The over one-third population of the country was not seen as worthy to be part of the formal economy by the Congress-led UPA government.

These 48 crore people were pushed into the informal economy and also at the risk of losing their hard-earned money to chit funds and other financial fraudsters while also being vulnerable to the moneylenders. For the economists of the Congress pedi-



IF THE SOCIAL SECTOR GAINS FROM THE CARING TOUCH OF THE MODI MODEL OF GOVERNANCE, THE ECONOMY HAS TO LIE ON FIRM LEGS TO RUN THE GROUND FULL STEAM TO ATTAIN THE \$5 TRILLION TAG IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS AND ALSO CLAIM THE STATUS OF THE FOURTH LARGEST ECONOMY

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gree, these 48 crore people were not deserving of being part of the economy.

When they joined the Indian financial system on the call of PM Modi for their inclusion, they brought a whopping Rs1.90 lakh crores in deposits to the banking system. The Modi model of the economy must be studied by all, as the gains of financial inclusions were not limited to the beneficiaries of the Jan Dhan Scheme but even the banks, which have been reporting record profits while also meeting all norms of healthy banking norms.

PM Modi brought empathy for the poor, women and the people at large in his caring statecraft. He brought the policy attention to areas that were never paid attention to. His first term addressed the dignity of women in the country, who had for ages been going in the darkness for toilet needs. According to the topmost priority to making India a defecation-free country, more than 11 crore toilets have been built in the country.

By sanctioning over four crores of houses under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, the Modi government has brought unprecedented changes for the better in the life of the people. Shelter and sanitation have been the hallmark of the Modi model of statecraft with empathy for the vulnerable sections of society. It should be examined why the Congress-led governments never thought of addressing the basic issues that concerned the well-being of the rural and the poor people.

By ensuring sanitary napkins for Rs 1, the Modi statecraft showed that the well-being of the people is at the core of the governance. This was again seen when once in a century pandemic struck the country. PM Modi first ensured that none in

the country slept hungrily. His intervention to protect the people from hunger saw the launch of the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana for 80 crore people free of cost, and 1121 lakh metric tonnes of foodgrains were made available to the population so that they could meet the hardships caused by Covid-19 outbreak. Access to potable water is needed to safeguard the health of the people and save them from water-borne diseases. It will be a task for the economists to measure the savings for the people on their out-of-pocket expenses due to the expanding coverage of tap water in homes.

Har Ghar Jal (Jal Jeevan Mission) is another example of the Modi government thinking of the well-being of the people, as more than eight crore rural households with more than 40 crore people have benefitted under the programme.

Har Ghar Bijli (Saubhagya Yojana) also saw close to three crore households getting electrified under the scheme, covering over 99.9 per cent of the total households in the country. By March 2023, over nine crores of LPG connections were sanctioned under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana, fulfilling the promise of a 'Har Ghar Gas Cylinder'. This again bears the Modi model of economy's concerns that the policies should think of the wellbeing of the people, as it served to protect the women from kitchen smoke. Once more the women in the country because of the policy intervention of the Modi government were protected from ailments due to exposure to kitchen smoke.

Under Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY), close to 41 crore loans have been sanctioned since the launch of the scheme. Also, there has been a growth of more than 200 per cent in digital payment

volume during the last four years since 2018-19. UPI transactions alone have grown eight times in the last three years, which is 50 times in the last four years.

With over 41 crore people in India exiting poverty between 2005-06 and 2019-20 due to the committed efforts of the Modi government, we are today on track to eliminate extreme poverty by 2024.

If the social sector gains from the caring touch of the Modi model of governance, the economy has to lie on firm legs to run the ground full steam to attain the \$5 trillion tag in the next few years and also claim the status of the fourth largest economy. The economy is making good use of the extraordinary expansion of infrastructure, spanning roads, ports, waterways and airports, which hastened the making of a well-knit Indian economy with faster movements of goods.

On the security front, the Modi government has an unparalleled track record of almost terrorism-free track record. Also, India has made its border infrastructure robust with accelerated developments in states with long border regions. North-eastern states are well-connected with all parts of India. Now, there is no reason in the country, which is without being connected with major cities in the country. This has been shown to the delegates who are taking part in several meetings of the G20 all across the country.

By committing Rs 2.50 lakh crore for the railway infrastructure, the Modi government has brought much-needed energy and capacity to the national transporter, which carries the size of the population of Australia daily. It must be underlined that the Modi Era has laid the grounds for the 'Amrit Kaal' for India.

NITI Aayog must be revived for better Centre-State relations

PM Modi is facing united opposition from the non-BJP-ruled states. They have been ganging up against him despite their political differences

One of the first things Prime Minister Narendra Modi did soon after assuming office nine years ago was dismantling the Planning Commission with a legacy of 65 years and setting up the Niti Aayog in January 2015. Even as the chief minister of Gujarat earlier, Modi had some ideas for a stronger Centre-State relationship and reforms. He hoped that Niti Aayog would strengthen this relationship.

However, Modi still faces Opposition from the non-BJP-ruled states. They have been ganging up against him due to their political differences. The new chief minister's club is growing by the day as they work in tandem.

Unsurprisingly, acting as a pressure group, some non-



(The writer is a senior journalist)

BJP chief ministers had boycotted Saturday's Niti Aayog meeting addressed by Modi. The conference's theme was "Viksit Bharat @2047: Role of Team India." These chief ministers could have participated and discussed 100 issues identified for the session. Instead, they stayed away.

Nineteen Opposition parties also boycotted the inauguration of the new Parliament building on May 28. They held that President Draupadi Murmu and not Modi should have that honour. Those who boycotted included Mamata Banerjee (West Bengal), Arvind Kejriwal (Delhi), Ashok Gehlot (Rajasthan), K. Chandrabab Naidu (Telangana), Bhagwant Mann (Punjab), Nitish Kumar (Bihar), M.K.

Stalin (Tamil Nadu), Pinaray Vijayan (Kerala), and Naveen Patnaik (Odisha).

The last name was a surprise addition as Patnaik had been keeping equidistance from both Congress and BJP. He is said to have been upset that President Draupadi Murmu, hailing from Odisha, had not been invited to the inauguration of the new Parliament. K.C. Rao skipped the Niti Aayog meeting even last year. Having a running battle with the Centre, he claimed, "Chief Ministers do not get enough time to speak, and after a few minutes, a bell rings saying you should stop now."

Mamata Banerjee wanted a revival of the Planning Commission instead of Niti Aayog, which she called a "paper tiger". Other chief ministers

gave some excuses for their absence, like prior engagements. It was clear that they worked in tandem.

It is not the first time such boycotts have taken place. Even during the Indira Gandhi era, late Andhra Pradesh chief minister N.T. Rama Rao walked out of the National Development Council protesting against the Centre. Doyens like the late Jyoti Basu, Ramakrishna Hegde and others, too, had walked out of the NDC meetings. As for Saturday's Aayog meeting, should the chief ministers have shown their anger by boycotting it, or should they have participated and explained their misgivings? They could have attended the meeting and presented their grievances or worn black flags.

After all, it was a forum for interaction with other chief ministers and the Centre.

The BJP sees the boycotts of the Aayog meeting and the inauguration of the new Parliament building as part of the Opposition's "Modi hatred".

There have been several questions about the relevance of the Niti Aayog and its predecessor Planning Commission. While the Commission was seen as a White elephant, the Niti Aayog is seen as a toothless institution. The Planning Commission had two primary duties-implementation of the five-year plan and providing Finances to the states. NITI Aayog has no constitutional or statutory sanction. Its stated aim is to construct a dynamic and robust nation. Unlike the Planning Commission, it has no financial role. It is mainly the country's premier think tank. The Aayog has two hubs: "Team India Hub" and "Knowledge and Innovation Hub".

In addition to developing long-term, strategic plans for the Government of India, the Aayog supports a federal cooperative structure. Critics say that it should focus on the implementation rather than only concentrating on the recommendations of the policies.

India has emerged as a major global economy. The Aayog will be unable to transform an unequal society into a modern economy. It cannot influence public or private investment or policymaking. It needs to answer specific questions like why 90% of the workers are in the unorganized

sector. Aayog should evolve into a much stronger organization. It lacks the states' confidence, particularly from the non-BJP chief ministers. petition among the states worked well during the Covid period.

The Prime Minister held Zoom conferences and involved the chief ministers in pandemic relief. However, politics entered on Covid relief later with the non-BJP chief ministers complaining of step-motherly treatment from the Centre.

Overall, the NITI Aayog needs to evolve into a much stronger organization. If it wants to be more effective, it requires the trust of the non-BJP chief ministers and their active participation. Only then a strong centre and strong states will emerge.

HK court rejects Lai’s bid to end national security trial

AP ■ HONG KONG

A Hong Kong court on Monday rejected a jailed publisher's request to terminate his national security trial, pressing ahead with a landmark case seen as part of Beijing's crack-down on the city's pro-democracy movement. Jimmy Lai, the 75-year-old founder of the now-defunct newspaper Apple Daily, faces up to life in prison if convicted under a Beijing-imposed national security law. His lawyers earlier filed an application to halt the trial, raising concerns that his case was being heard by three judges approved by the city's leader, instead of a jury.

When Hong Kong returned to China in 1997, it was promised that trials by jury, previously practiced in the former British colony, would be maintained under the city's constitution. But in a departure from the city's common law tradition, the security law



allows no-jury trials for national security cases.

On Monday, Judges Esther Toh, Susana D'Almada Remedios and Alex Lee unanimously rejected Lai's request, saying there was no reason to believe they "would be biased, actually or apparently, against" Lai. The national security law was enacted in June 2020 following months of anti-government protests calling for an

investigation into police conduct during the unrest and universal suffrage.

It outlaws secession, subversion, terrorism and foreign collusion to intervene in the city's affairs, and has been used to stamp out dissent.

Lai is accused of conspiring with others to call for sanctions or blockades, or engage in hostile activities, against Hong Kong or China. He also faces a

charge of collusion with foreign forces to endanger national security, and a separate seditious charge under a colonial-era law that is also increasingly used to crush the opposition.

Under the security law, the secretary for justice may direct national security cases to be tried without a jury if state secrets need to be protected, foreign forces are involved, or if the personal safety of jurors needs to be protected.

In such cases, they will be heard by a panel of three hand-picked judges.

Earlier this month, Robert Pang, one of Lai's lawyers, pointed to the lack of transparency in the appointment of the judges, saying that might affect the public's confidence in the judiciary and the judicial process. Pang also alleged the executive's move to block British lawyer Timothy Owen from representing Lai could be fairly described as "persecution."

Explosions rattle Kyiv during day

AP ■ KYIV

Explosions rattled Kyiv during daylight Monday as Russian ballistic missiles took aim at the Ukrainian capital, hours after a more common nighttime barrage of the city by drones and cruise missiles. Debris from missiles intercepted by Ukrainian air defenses fell in Kyiv's central and northern districts during the morning, landing in the middle of traffic on a city road and also starting a fire on a building's roof, the Kyiv military administration said. At least one civilian was reported hurt.

The blasts unnerved some locals, already under strain after being awakened by the night attack.

"After what happened last night, I react sharply to every siren now. I was terrified, and I'm still trembling," shared Alina Ksenofontova, a 50-year-old woman who took refuge in the Kyiv subway with her dog Buklik.

The central station, Tetatralna, was crowded with sheltering locals.

Artem Zhyla, a 24-year-old who provides legal services abroad, took his laptop with him and kept working underground.

"I heard two or three explosions, went to the bathroom, and then I heard five or seven more explosions. That's when I realized something terrible was happening," he said.



People take cover at metro station during a Russian rocket attack in Kyiv, Ukraine, on Monday

Like many others in the capital, he feels exhausted and stressed. However, he has no intentions of giving up and plans to attend his yoga class to recharge. "This is certainly not enough to break us," he said.

Russia used Iskander short-range missiles in the morning attack, the spokesman for Ukraine's air force said on local television.

The missiles were fired from north of Kyiv, Yuriy Ihnat said without clarifying if he meant Russian territory. Kyiv lies around 380 kilometers (236 miles) from the Russian border.

During the previous night, air defenses brought down more than 40 targets as Russian forces bombarded Kyiv with a combination of drones and cruise missiles in their 15th

nighttime attack on the capital so far this month, said Serhii Popko, the head of Kyiv's military administration.

On Saturday night, Kyiv was subjected to the largest drone attack since the start of Russia's war. At least one person was killed, local officials said.

Kremlin's strategy of long-range bombardment has brought many sleepless nights for Ukrainians.

Over the winter, Russian forces aimed their missiles and drones at power plants and other infrastructure. The apparent goal was to weaken Ukraine's resolve and compel the Ukrainian government to negotiate peace on Moscow's terms, but Ukrainians swiftly and defiantly repaired the damage.

Russia issues arrest warrant for Lindsey

Moscow (AP): Russia's Interior Ministry on Monday issued an arrest warrant for US Sen Lindsey Graham following his comments related to the fighting in Ukraine.

In an edited video of his meeting on Friday with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy that was released by Zelenskyy's office, Graham, a Republican from South Carolina, noted that "the Russians are dying" and described the U.S. military assistance to the country as "the best money we've ever spent." While Graham appeared to have made the remarks in different parts of the conversation, the short video by Ukraine's presidential office put them next to each other, causing outrage in Russia.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov commented Sunday by saying that "it's hard to imagine a greater shame for the country than having such senators." The Investigative Committee has moved to open a criminal inquiry against Graham, and the Interior Ministry followed up by issuing a warrant for his arrest.

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Extract of the statement of Audited Financial Results for the Quarter/year ended March 31, 2023					
Sl. Particulars No.	Quarter Ended 3/31/2023 (Audited)	Quarter Ended 3/31/2022 (Audited)	Quarter Ended 31-03-2023 (Audited)	Year Ended 31-03-2022 (Audited)	Year Ended 31-03-2023 (Audited)
1 Total Income from operations	35.45	21.42	114.80	216.00	
2 Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax	-24.17	26.53	-19.67	81.73	
3 Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax	-26.34	23.14	-28.57	67.55	
4 Equity Share Capital	1303.40	1303.40	1303.40	1303.40	
5 Reserves excluding Revaluation Reserve	-	-	53.85	82.49	
6 Earnings Per Share (EPS) (of Rs. 2/- each)					
Basic Diluted			-0.04 -0.04	0.10 0.10	
Note:- The above is an Extract of the Detailed Format of Quarterly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosures Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The Full Format of the Quarterly Financial Results is available on the Website of Bombay Stock Exchange at www.bseindia.com & on Company website at www.cubicalrealtors.com .					
By Order of the Board of Directors for CUBICAL FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED ASHWANI KUMAR GUPTA MANAGING DIRECTOR DIN-00348616					
DATED : 29TH MAY, 2023 PLACE : DELHI.					

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That [Manchanda Medicos 17 A/L Market, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi] has already created the charge in 1992 on unaminated original title deed of the property. Mortgage was created on unaminated Title deed & later on lamination of the title deed was made in our presence					
Details of the relevant property [Shop No. 17 A/L Market, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi-110088]					
M/S Manchanda Medicos had already created charge since 1992 for availing a loan/credit facility from State Bank of India, SME Wazirpur industrial Estate Branch, Branch Code 05714					
The General Public is hereby notified that in case any party has any claim towards the said relevant property (ies), the same should be lodged with Manchanda Medicos / Susheel Manchanda at above mentioned address and also with the above stated branch of State Bank of India, within 15 days from publication of this notice					

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Extracts of Standalone Audited Financial Results for the Fourth Quarter and Financial Year ended March 31, 2023						
(Figures in Lakhs)						
Sl. No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended			Year Ended	
		Quarter ended March 31, 2023 (Audited)	Quarter ended December 31, 2022 (Un-Audited)	Quarter ended March 31, 2022 (Audited)	Financial Year Ended March 31, 2023 (Audited)	Financial Year Ended March 31, 2022 (Audited)
1	Total Income from Operations	17.74	15.05	9.03	56.81	33.42
2	Net Profit/ (Loss) For the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	1.73	0.56	4.39	6.63	13.68
3	Net Profit/ (Loss) For the period before Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	1.73	0.56	4.39	(5.14)	13.68
4	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	1.63	0.58	3.83	(5.30)	13.10
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period {Comprising profit/ (Loss) for the period (after tax) and other Comprehensive Income (after tax)}	10.05	0.94	(10.45)	5.22	2.07
6	Equity Share Capital	300.65	300.65	300.65	300.65	300.65
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the Previous Year	-	-	-	301.95	306.19
8	Earnings Per Share(of Rs 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations) -					
	1.Basic:	0.05	0.02	0.13	(0.18)	0.44
	2.Diluted:	0.05	0.02	0.13	(0.18)	0.44
Notes:						
1	The above is an extract of the detailed format of fourth quarter & financial year results for the period ended March 31, 2023 filed with Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirement) Regulation 2015. The full format of the Quarterly & Twelve months results for the period ended March 31, 2023 are available on the website of the Stock Exchange (www.bseindia.com) and website of the Company (www.ramsonspj.com).					
2	# Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items are adjusted in the Statement of Profit and Loss in accordance with IND AS Rules.					
By the Order of the Board Ramsons Projects Limited Sd/- Sunil Sachdeva Managing Director DIN: 00012115						
Place: Gurugram, Haryana Date:May 29, 2023						

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Extract of Audited Financial Results (Standalone) for the Quarter and Year Ended 31/03/2023					
Particulars	Quarter ended			Year Ended	
	31-Mar-23 Audited	31-Dec-22 Unaudited	31-Mar-22 Unaudited	31-Mar-23 Audited	31-Mar-22 Audited
Total income from operations (net)	1511.46	4639.95	2151.58	10371.96	9866.13
Net Profit / (Loss)for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	20.77	(147.60)	(52.69)	(515.75)	(13.17)
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	20.77	(147.60)	(52.69)	(515.75)	(13.17)
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	21.77	(144.67)	(25.81)	(503.90)	(5.56)
Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	26.84	(144.67)	(12.62)	(498.83)	7.63
Equity Share Capital	1025.98	1025.98	1025.98	1025.98	1025.98
Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve as shown in the Balance Sheet of previous year)	-	-	-	-	-
Earnings per share (before extraordinary items) (of Rs. 10/-each):					
(a) Basic	0.21	(1.41)	(0.25)	(4.91)	(0.05)
(b) Diluted	0.21	(1.41)	(0.25)	(4.91)	(0.05)
Earnings per share (after extraordinary items) (of Rs. 10/-each):					
(a) Basic	0.21	(1.41)	(0.25)	(4.91)	(0.05)
(b) Diluted	0.21	(1.41)	(0.25)	(4.91)	(0.05)
Notes: 1 The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly/ Annual Audited Financial Results (Standalone) filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly/ Annual Audited Financial Results are available on the website of the Stock Exchange (www.bseindia.com) and on Company's website (www.prakashwoollen.com)					
By Order of The Board For Prakash Woollen & Synthetic Mills Limited Sd/- Vijay Kumar Gupta Whole Time Director & CFO DIN: 00335325					
Place : Village Amhera (Amroha) Date : 29-05-2023					

Tinubu sworn in as Nigerian President

Abuja (AP): Nigeria's Bola Tinubu has been sworn in as president of Africa's most populous country at a period of unprecedented challenges, leaving some citizens hopeful for a better life and others sceptical that his government would perform better than the one he succeeded. The former governor of Lagos, Nigeria's economic hub, Tinubu, 71, was sworn in as Nigeria's president in Abuja, the capital city, in the presence of thousands of Nigerians and several heads of governments. He succeeds President Muhammadu Buhari to lead a country that by 2050 is forecast to become the third most populous nation in the world, tied with the United States after India and China.

Cape Town (AP): South African President Cyril Ramaphosa has appointed a judge to oversee an inquiry into allegations that the country supplied arms to Russia on a ship that docked secretly at a naval base in December.

The allegations were made this month by the United States' ambassador to South Africa, who said he was sure that weapons and ammunition were loaded onto the Russian-flagged cargo ship Lady R when it docked at the Simon's Town naval base near Cape Town late last year.

Ambassador Reuben Brigity indicated that the US had intelligence to sustain the

allegation and he said he would bet his life on the accuracy of his claim that weapons were loaded onto the ship. The Lady R container-carrying ship is under US sanctions for being tied to a company that has transported weapons to aid the Russian war effort in Ukraine. South Africa has denied there was any government-sanctioned deal to provide weapons to Russia, although it hasn't categorically ruled out that an unofficial transaction took place involving another entity. Judge PMD Mojapelo, a former Supreme Court of Appeal judge, was appointed chairman of a three-member panel to investigate

the incident, Ramaphosa's office said in a statement on Sunday. A lawyer and a former minister of justice were also appointed.

The panel has six weeks to complete its investigations and another two weeks from then to provide a report to Ramaphosa, the president's office said. "The panel has been tasked to establish persons who were aware of the cargo ship's arrival, and, if any, the contents to be off-loaded or loaded, the departure and destination of the cargo," Ramaphosa's office said.

Ramaphosa ordered the inquiry because of the seriousness of the allegations and "the impact of this matter on South

Africa's international relations," his office said. South Africa could be in breach of international law and its own laws regarding weapons sales if it is found to have supplied arms to Moscow for the war in Ukraine. The incident has strained relations between the US and South Africa, which is Africa's most developed economy and a key Western partner on the continent. South African Defence Minister Thandi Modise has said the Lady R was visiting to deliver an ammunition shipment from Russia that was ordered by South Africa in 2018 but was delayed because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Erdogan turns away reform-minded challenger to win another term

AP ■ ANKARA

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan turned away a challenger who sought to reverse his authoritarian-leaning changes, securing five more years to oversee the country at the crossroads of Europe and Asia that plays a key role in NATO.

Erdogan prevailed by winning more than 52% of the vote in Sunday's presidential runoff, which came two weeks after he fell short of scoring an outright victory in the first round.

A majority of Turkish voters in the second round chose him over challenger Kemal Kilicdaroglu, showing their support for a man who they see as a strong, proven leader.

Voters were divided between loyalty to Erdogan, who has ruled for two decades, and hopes for the opposition candidate, who promised to return to democratic norms, adopt more conventional economic policies and improve ties with the West.

With his immediate political future secure, Erdogan must now confront skyrocketing



President Recep Tayyip Erdogan delivers a speech to supporters outside his residence in Istanbul

inflation that has fuelled a cost-of-living crisis and rebuild in the aftermath of a devastating earthquake that killed more than 50,000 people.

In two speeches — one in Istanbul and one in Ankara — Erdogan thanked the nation for entrusting him with the presidency again. "We hope to be worthy of your trust, as we have been for 21 years," he told supporters on a campaign bus outside his home in Istanbul.

He said the divisions of the election are over, but he continued to rail against his opponent. "The only winner today is Türkiye," Erdogan said outside

the presidential palace in Ankara, promising to work hard for Türkiye's second century, which he called the "Turkish century." The country marks its centennial this year.

Supreme challenges lie ahead, starting with the economy that has taken a beating from what critics view as Erdogan's unorthodox policies. He also must tend to massive rebuilding efforts in 11 provinces hit by the Feb. 6 earthquake that levelled entire cities. Kilicdaroglu said the election was "the most unjust ever," with all state resources mobilised for Erdogan.

Spanish PM Sánchez calls early election

AP ■ MADRID

Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez on Monday called an early general election for July 23 in a surprise move after his Socialist party took a serious battering in local and regional elections.

Prior to Sunday's debacle, Sánchez had insisted that he would ride out his four-year term with leftist government coalition partner United We Can, indicating that an election would be held in December.

The woes for Sánchez and his PSOE party come as Spain is due to take over the rotating presidency of the European Union on July 1.

Sánchez said he had spoken to King Felipe VI and would hold a special Cabinet meeting later on Monday to dissolve parliament.

"I have taken this decision given the results of the elections held yesterday," Sánchez from the Moncloa presidential palace.

The local and regional elections saw Spain taking a major swing to the right and made the

leading opposition right wing Popular Party, or PP, the main political force in the country.

"This is unexpected," said Ignacio Jurado, a political scientist at Madrid's Carlos III University. "Sánchez is trying to short circuit the PP's rise as soon as possible."

In the municipal vote, the Popular Party, or PP, won 31.5 per cent of votes compared with 28.2 per cent for the Socialists.

This was a 1.2 percentage point decrease for PSOE on 2019, but almost a nine point increase for the PP, which benefited from the collapse of the centrist Citizens party.

The PP won in seven of the 12 regions contested and dominated in several regions previously won by PSOE including Valencia, Aragon and La Rioja. It remains to be seen whether PP will have to rely on far-right party Vox to form regional governments.

Spain's regional governments have enormous power and budgetary discretion over education, health, housing and policing.

China to send astronauts to moon by 2030

PTI ■ BEIJING/JIUQUAN

China on Monday announced plans to send a manned mission to the moon by 2030 for lunar scientific exploration, amid its deepening space race with the West.

The announcement was made by Lin Xiqiang, Deputy Director of the China Manned Space Agency (CMSA), as China is preparing to send a third set of astronauts to its space station on Tuesday.

Li told the media at the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre in Inner Mongolia ahead of the launch of the spacecraft that takes the three astronauts to the space station called Tiangong that China has recently initiated under the lunar landing phase of its manned lunar exploration programme.

The overall goal is to achieve China's first manned

landing on the moon by 2030 and carry out lunar scientific exploration and related technological experiments, he was quoted as saying by the state-run Xinhua news agency.

China's manned lunar mission came as the US space agency NASA aims to send a second manned mission to the moon by 2025 to explore the south pole for frozen water.

For its part, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has announced plans to launch its ambitious Chandrayaan-3 mission aimed at demonstrating critical technologies to land the spacecraft on the south pole.

Chandrayaan-3 mission carries scientific instruments to study the thermo-physical properties of the lunar regolith, lunar seismicity, lunar surface plasma environment and ele-



mental composition in the vicinity of the landing site.

China in the past successfully launched uncrewed missions to the moon which included a rover. China has also sent a rover to Mars.

According to Lin, the goal of China's moon mission also includes mastering the key technologies such as earth-moon manned roundtrip, lunar surface short-term stay,

human-robot joint exploration, accomplishing multiple tasks of landing, roving, sampling, researching, returning, and forming an independent capability of manned lunar exploration.

In 2021, China and Russia announced plans to set up an International Lunar Research Station.

Russian space agency Roscosmos said in March 2021

that it has signed an agreement with China's National Space Administration to develop research facilities on the surface of the moon, in orbit or both.

Lin said China's manned lunar landing will promote the leapfrog development of manned space technology from near-Earth to deep space, deepen human understanding of the origin and evolution of the moon and the solar system, and contribute Chinese wisdom to the development of lunar science, he said.

The aim of space powers, such as the US, Russia and China, is to set up bases on the Moon for astronauts to live in, Dr McDowell, an astronomer at the Harvard-Smithsonian Centre for Astrophysics in the US told BBC earlier.

The Moon is being used as a stepping stone to places like Mars," he says.

Talks possible if Imran apologises: Dar

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

Finance Minister Ishaq Dar has hinted that negotiations with former prime minister Imran Khan to end the political crisis were possible if he took “corrective measures” and apologised to the nation for the May 9 violence in which sensitive military installations were attacked. Dar made this assertion during a Geo News programme on Sunday, the day when Pakistan’s ruling coalition rejected Khan’s offer for dialogue, saying talks were held with politicians, not terrorists. Khan, the chairman of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party constituted a seven-member team to hold talks with the government – for developing a consensus on a date for general elections - amid a massive crackdown on his party for the May 9 violence following his arrest. The crackdown launched after May 9 violent protests have thrown PTI into a deep existential crisis with dozens of key party leaders quitting the party daily. The prominent leaders who have quit the party include Secretary General Asad Umar,

senior leader Fawad Chaudhry and former minister Shireen Mazari. “If he (Khan) takes corrective measures and apologises to the nation for the May 9 carnage, negotiations could be held,” Dar said. Dar noted that before that fateful day (May 9), the government negotiated with PTI with “sincere intentions” and the two sides agreed on all matters except the date of the election. The minister said peaceful protest was everyone’s right, but attacks on armed forces’ installations should not be condoned. On May 9, violent protests erupted after paramilitary Rangers arrested 70-year-old Khan from the Islamabad High Court premises in connection with a corruption case. His party workers vandalised a dozen military installations, including the Lahore Corps Commander House, the Mianwali airbase and the ISI building in Faisalabad in response to Khan’s arrest. The mob also stormed the Army headquarters (GHQ) in Rawalpindi for the first time. Thousands of Khan’s supporters were arrested following the

violence that the powerful Army described as a “dark day” in the history of the country. The ambiguities of the federal government’s policy came into sharp focus, with Railways Minister Khawaja Saad Rafique asserting that there was no way talks could be held with Khan under the current situation. “There used to be an environment and agenda for holding parleys on any issue. But the existing atmosphere is not suitable for talks,” the Dawn newspaper quoted him as saying. Earlier this month, the National Assembly, the lower house of Pakistan’s Parliament, passed a resolution vowing to try May 9 rioters under the existing laws including the stringent Army Act and the Official Secrets Act. Khan, a cricketer-turned-politician, was ousted from power in April last year after losing a no-confidence vote in his leadership, which he alleged was part of a US-led conspiracy targeting him because of his independent foreign policy decisions on Russia, China and Afghanistan.

Ex-PM lashes out at Govt



Islamabad (PTI): Pakistan’s former prime minister Imran Khan on Monday lashed out at the PML-N-led coalition government for trashing the rule of law and destroying the economy under the watch of the powerful establishment. Khan took to social media to make a statement that focussed on the real issues faced by the country than highlighting the dire affairs of his party which is facing the wrath of the state for attacking institutions. “Completely abandoning the rule of law, this fascist government is committed to a one-point agenda of crushing the Tehreek-e-Insaf, leaving General Musharraf’s martial law far behind,” he tweeted. He went on to add that cash-strapped Pakistan’s economy is falling headlong into the abyss of destruction. Khan said that the dollar is being sold at Rs 315 in the open market, while it is available for Rs 320 to Rs 325 for those who

do not have an identity card and there is a difference of 30 rupees per dollar between the official and open market rates. “This dollarisation of economy means no local or foreign investment into the country, which will result in contraction of the GDP and worse, lead to hyperinflation,” he added. Turning to his favourite theme of stonewalling his opponents, Khan said the leaders of the coalition government have billions of dollars stashed abroad, and understandably they are not pushed. “The question is, how on earth is the Pakistani establishment allowing the coun-

try to head towards a complete economic meltdown?” he asked. The statement comes as the government and Khan have traded barbs over the alleged ill-treatment of women supporters of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf who were still in jail after being arrested in the wake of violent protests on May 9. Khan is under pressure to keep his party intact as dozens of leaders have abandoned it after the crackdown launched to arrest those involved in attacks on military installations. His statement is apparently an effort to tell his supporters that Khan was still relevant and can take the country out of trouble. Khan, a cricketer-turned-politician, was ousted from power in April last year after losing a no-confidence vote in his leadership, which he alleged was part of a US-led conspiracy targeting him because of his independent foreign policy decisions on Russia, China and Afghanistan.

Japan PM’s son to resign after public outrage



Tokyo (AP): Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida said Monday his son is resigning as his executive policy secretary to take responsibility for using the prime minister’s residence for a private party at which the merrymaking was exposed in magazine photos that triggered public outrage. Shotaro Kishida, his father’s executive secretary for political affairs and eldest son, invited a group of people including relatives to a year-end party on Dec 30 at the Prime Minister’s Official Residence. Photos published by the weekly Shukan Bunshun magazine showing Kishida’s son and his relatives posing on red-carpeted stairs in an imitation of the group photos taken of newly appointed Cabinets, with his son at the center — the position reserved for the prime minister. Other

photos showed guests standing at a podium as if holding a news conference. “As secretary for (the prime minister’s) political affairs, a public position, his actions were inappropriate and I decided to replace him to have him take responsibility,” Kishida told reporters Monday night. He said his son will be replaced with another secretary, Takayoshi Yamamoto, on Thursday.

Lanka drafting Bill to curb religious slander

Colombo (PTI): Sri Lanka is drafting a new legislation to curb the growing incidents of religious slander and online vitriol, according to the country’s religious affairs minister. The move comes after a stand-up comedian Nathasha Edirisooriya allegedly made certain derogatory remarks on religions, which she uploaded online. Edirisooriya offered an apology, but a complaint was filed and she was taken into custody on Sunday while trying to fly out of the country. Lanka’s Minister of Buddhisthasana, Religious, and Cultural Affairs Vidura Wickramanayaka on Sunday said a legislation would soon be passed to curb the growing incidents of religious slander in the country. They will stop all incidents of demeaning religion on social media,” he asserted. The controversy surrounding Edirisooriya’s comments is not a one-off incident. Earlier this month, Pastor Jerome Fernando, a self-styled Godman, was accused of derogatory comments on Lord Buddha, which went viral on social media. On May 15, President Ranil Wickremesinghe ordered the Criminal

Investigation Department to launch an immediate investigation into the matter, arguing that such statements could create religious conflicts in the country. Like Edirisooriya, Fernando also offered an apology. He has, however, fled to Singapore and filed a fundamental rights petition to block his impending arrest. In January, a popular Youtuber Sepal Amarasinghe was sent to police custody for making disparaging comments on the Sacred Tooth relic of Lord Buddha. The Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic is a Buddhist temple in Kandy. It is located in the royal palace complex of the former Kingdom of Kandy, which houses the relic of the tooth of the Buddha. The arrest came after parliamentarians across the aisle unanimously condemned Amarasinghe’s comments on his YouTube channel. Amarasinghe’s YouTube channel has nearly 80,000 subscribers and the outspoken man is well-known on social media for his unorthodox views that challenge what he claims are parochial traditions and customs. Over 74 per cent of Sri Lanka’s 22 million population are Buddhists.

N Korea notifies Japan about plans to launch satellite

AP ■ TOKYO

North Korea on Monday notified neighbouring Japan that it plans to launch a satellite in coming days, which may be an attempt to put its first military reconnaissance satellite into orbit. Defence Minister Yasukazu Hamada said he ordered Japan’s Self Defence Force to shoot down the satellite or debris, if any entered Japanese territory. Japan’s coast guard said the notice it received from North Korean waterway authorities said the launch window was from May 31 to June 11, and that the launch may affect waters in the Yellow Sea, East China Sea and east of the Philippines’ Luzon Island. The coast guard issued a safety warning for ships in the



area on those dates because of the possible risks from falling debris. Japan’s coast guard coordinates and distributes maritime safety information in East Asia, which is likely the reason it was the recipient of North Korea’s notice. The launch a satellite into space, North Korea would have to use long-range missile technology banned by UN

Security Council resolutions. Its past launches of Earth observation satellites were seen as disguised missile tests. Japan’s Chief Cabinet Secretary Hirokazu Matsuno said the launch would violate UN resolutions and was a “threat to the peace and safety of Japan, the region and the international community.”

Japan was already on standby for falling missile debris from North Korean launches earlier this year and has deployed missile defence systems such as land-to-air PAC-3 and ship-to-air SM-3 interceptors in southwestern Japan and in the East China Sea. Matsuno said it was possible the satellite would enter or pass above Japan’s southwestern islands including Okinawa, where the United States has major military bases and thousands of troops. South Korea warned Monday that North Korea will face consequences if it goes ahead with its launch plan in violation of the UN Security Council resolutions that ban the North from conducting any launch using ballistic technology. “Our government strongly

warns North Korea against a provocation that threatens peace in the region and urges it to withdraw its illegal launch plan immediately,” a ministry statement said. It said South Korea will cooperate with the international community to resolutely cope with any North Korean provocation. In a three-way telephone conversation later Monday, the chief nuclear envoys of South Korea, the United States and Japan agreed to cooperate to help promote a unified, resolute international response to a North Korean satellite launch. They strongly urged North Korea to refrain from what they termed “an illegal launch” that would threaten regional peace, according to South Korea’s Foreign Ministry.

Sudanese army, rival force under pressure to extend truce

AP ■ CAIRO

Sudan’s warring sides were under pressure Monday to extend a shaky cease-fire in their battle for control of the country, after two key international mediators signalled impatience with persistent truce violations. In a joint statement Sunday, the United States and Saudi Arabia called out Sudan’s military and its rival, the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces, for specific breaches of a week-long truce that is to expire Monday evening rather than issue another general appeal to respect agreements. Sudan descended into chaos after fighting erupted in mid-April between the military, led by Gen. Abdel-Fattah Burhan, and the RSF, commanded by Gen. Mohammed Hamdan Dagalo. The fighting has killed at least 866 civilians and wounded thousands more, according to the Sudan Doctors’ Syndicate, which tracks civilian casualties. The toll could be much higher, the medical group said. The conflict has turned the

capital, Khartoum, and other urban areas into battlefields, forcing nearly 1.4 million people to flee their homes to safer areas inside Sudan or crossing into neighbouring countries. Early on, foreign governments raced to evacuate their diplomats and nationals as thousands of foreign residents scrambled to get out of the African nation. For weeks, the United States and Saudi Arabia have been mediating talks between the military and the RSF in the Saudi port city of Jeddah. So far, there have been seven declared cease-fires, all of which have been violated to some extent. In Sunday’s statement, the US and Saudi Arabia noted that the military continued to carry out airstrikes, while the RSF was still occupying people’s homes and seizing properties. Fuel, money, aid supplies and vehicles belonging to a humanitarian convoy were stolen, with theft occurring both in areas controlled by the military and by the RSF, the statement said.

Birmingham gets first British Indian Lord Mayor

London: Birmingham has got its first British-Indian Lord Mayor in Councillor Chaman Lal after the local councillors of the West Midlands city of England chose him to represent it as its first citizen. Lal, who is from the Ravidassia community of British Sikhs, was born in the village of Pakhowal in Hoshiarpur before he moved to the UK, where he has served as a local councillor for many years. The Labour Party politician was first elected in 1994 and in the most recent local elections was re-elected Councillor for the Soho and Jewellery Quarter Ward. “It is a very proud moment for me and our family, as a son of an army officer born in India, but made in Birmingham,” Lal said in his acceptance speech at a mayoral ceremony last week. “I am an adopted Brummie, and I never thought that one day I would become the Lord Mayor of my adopted city. I would like to thank my fellow councillors for electing me as their first citizen which happens to be the highest civic role,” he said.

Many evacuated as Philippines warns of floods, landslides

Manila (AP): Philippine officials began evacuating thousands of villagers, shut down schools and offices and imposed a no-sail ban Monday as Typhoon Mawar approached the country’s northern provinces a week after battering the US territory of Guam. The typhoon is packing maximum sustained winds of 155 kpm and gusts of up to 190 kph but is forecast to spare the northern mountainous region a direct hit. Current projections show the typhoon veering northeast by mid-week toward Taiwan or southern Japan. Authorities warned of dangerous tidal surges, flash floods and landslides as it blows past Cagayan and the northernmost province of Batanes from Tuesday to Wednesday. Gusty winds lashed eastern villages of Cagayan on Monday, causing an old and unoccupied warehouse in a wharf to collapse and prompting more villagers to move to evacuation centres. Nearly 5,000 people have sought shelter in Cagayan, Batanes and other provinces, said Assistant Secretary Raffy Alejandro of the Office of Civil Defence. He said the number was expected to rise given the precautionary evacuations that

were underway in flood- and landslide-prone regions. Classes and office work, except those involved in disaster-preparedness, have been suspended. Flights to and from the provinces have been cancelled and fishing and passenger vessels prohibited from sailing.

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PARADIP PORT AUTHORITY

e-TENDER CALL NOTICE
No: MD/SPG-12/2022/667 Date: 25.05.2023
Name of the Work: Supply of 01 no. Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) (Drone) System for Paradip Port Authority including Installation, Commissioning, Certification, test, trial and training for a period of five years (Comprehensive Warranty of 02 Years + Annual Maintenance Contract for 03 Years) including Buy Back. Estimated cost: **Rs.136.15,000/- Plus GST.** Last date & time of submission of tender through on-line bidding is **15:00 hours on Dt.20/06/2023.** Technical Bids shall be opened at 16:00 hours on Dt.21/06/2023. For further details, please log on to the Website: <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>.
Sd/-Deputy Conservator, Paradip Port Authority
PPA/PR/17/2023-24 dtd.29.05.2023

PARADIP PORT AUTHORITY

E & M DEPARTMENT
PLANNING & DESIGN CELL
CORRIGENDUM-IV
4th CORRIGENDUM to e-tender Call Notice (CN) No. EMPD-06/2023 issued vide No. EMPD-11/2022/258 Dt. 14/02/2023 for the work "Implementation and Operation & Maintenance (O&M) of Port Access Control System".
(A) The date and time of submission of tender are hereby extended as per the following schedule: (i) Document download end date: 11/06/2023, 18:00 hrs., (ii) Bid submission and date: 11/06/2023, 18:00 hrs., (iii) Last date of submission of cost of tender document/tender fee through NEFT/RTGS (as per Clause No. 17 of IBI): 11/06/2023, 18:00hrs., (iv) Bid opening date: 12/06/2023, 10:00hrs.
(B) Clarification to the fresh queries received against Corrigendum - III are annexed as Annexure-I. No further query over the tender document and other details vide different Corrigenda published, shall be entertained hereafter for any clarification. Detailed Tender Document is available at the Website: <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app> for online bidding.
Sd/- Executive Engineer, Planning & Design Cell, Electrical & Mechanical Department
PPA/PR-18/2023-24 Date: 29/05/2023

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Statement of Audited Standalone and Consolidated Financial Results for year ended March 31, 2023									
[Regulation 52 (8), read with Regulation 52 (4), of the SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015]									
Amount (In Lakhs)									
S. No	Particulars	Standalone		Consolidated					
		For the quarter ended		For the Year ended		For the quarter ended		For the year ended	
		March 31, 2023	March 31, 2022	March 31, 2023	March 31, 2022	March 31, 2023	March 31, 2022	March 31, 2023	March 31, 2021
		Audited	Audited	Audited	Audited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited	Audited
1.	Total Income	33,566.02	16,428.87	128,839.20	51,766.26	36,114.86	24,843.31	148,372.74	70,305.75
2.	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/ or Extraordinary items#)	-1,307.41	540.84	-2,851.24	1,406.11	-1,271.81	474.92	-3,273.25	1,018.56
3.	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/ or Extraordinary items#)	-1,307.41	540.84	-2,851.24	1,406.11	-1,271.81	474.92	-3,273.25	1,018.56
4.	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/ or Extraordinary items#)	-1,174.86	390.92	-2,424.46	937.56	-1,161.70	336.05	-2,942.94	594.23
5.	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	-1,151.41	386.76	-2,392.79	948.5	-1,137.18	334.3	-2,906.96	614.79
6.	Paid up Equity Share Capital	5,448.90	5,448.90	5,448.90	5,448.90	5,448.90	5,448.90	5,448.90	5,448.90
7.	Reserves * (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	4,725.22	6,961.33	4,725.22	6,961.33	1,872.89	4,612.23	1,872.89	4,612.23
8.	Securities Premium Account	6,667.22	6,667.22	6,667.22	6,667.22	6,667.22	6,667.22	6,667.22	6,667.22
9.	Net worth	16,841.35	19,077.45	16,841.35	19,077.45	13,989.01	16,728.35	13,989.01	16,728.35
10.	Paid up Debt Capital/ Outstanding Debt	0.26	0.32	0.26	0.32	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.23
11.	Outstanding Redeemable Preference Shares	4,843,706	4,843,706	4,843,706	4,843,706	4,843,706	4,843,706	4,843,706	4,843,706
12.	Debt Equity Ratio *	1.26	0.9	1.26	0.9	0.78	0.36	1.69	1.44
13.	Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations) -								
	1.Basic:	-1.79	0.72	-4.08	1.72	-1.88	0.62	-4.95	1.11
	2.Diluted:	-1.91	0.66	-4.02	1.58	-1.84	0.57	-4.87	1.02
14.	Capital Redemption Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15.	Debenture Redemption Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16.	Debenture Redemption Reserve	-0.05	0.27	0.15	0.61	-0.08	0.11	0.13	0.42
17.	Interest Service Coverage Ratio	-0.26	2.50	0.32	2.01	-0.18	1.97	0.30	1.71
Note:									
1.The above is an extract of the format of Audited Standalone and Consolidated financial results filed with Bombay Stock Exchange ("BSE") under Regulation 52 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the annual financial results are available on the website of the Stock Exchange(s) i.e. BSE Limited and the listed entity, www.origoindia.com & https://www.bseindia.com .									
2.For the other line items of Regulation 52 (4) of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the pertinent disclosures have been made to BSE and can be accessed on the URL www.origoindia.com & https://www.bseindia.com .									
3.The impact on net profit / loss, total comprehensive income or any other relevant financial item(s) due to change(s) in accounting policies shall be disclosed by means of a footnote.									
4.The above Financial Results have been approved by the Board of Directors in its meeting held on May 26, 2023 and have been audited by the Statutory Auditors of the Company in accordance with the requirement of Regulation 52 of SEBI (Listing Obligations & Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (Listing Regulations).									
5.Segment Information as per Ind-AS 108, 'Operating Segments' is disclosed in Segment reporting.									
6.# - Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items adjusted in the Statement of Profit and Loss in accordance with Ind AS Rules / AS Rules, whichever is applicable.									
7.* - Includes Retained Earnings, Other Comprehensive Income and Equity component of Compound financial instruments.									
For and on behalf of Origo Commodities India Pvt. Ltd.									
Date: 30.05.2023 Place: Gurgaon									

Climbers honoured on 70th anniv of first Mount Everest ascent

PTI ■ KATHMANDU



People from the mountaineering community, Sherpa guides and officials participate in a rally to mark the 70 anniversary of the first ascent of Mount Everest in Kathmandu, Nepal on Monday

encrypted with the logo of Everest was distributed to dozens of Nepalese and foreign Everest summiters. Those receiving the badge include an Indian citizen, who climbed the 8,848.86 metres-high Everest in 2021. Russian, North American and French climbers were also bestowed with this honour. “For the first time, we are honouring local and foreign climbers who have climbed Everest with medals,” Mohan Lamsal, the general secretary of the Nepal Mountaineering Association, said. A special programme was also organised to honour the families of Norgay and Hillary, officials said. Since their herculean efforts seven decades ago, 7,621 mountaineers have scaled Everest.

Nepal honoured record-holding Sherpa guides and climbers on Monday to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the first ascent of Mount Everest by Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay. On May 29, 1953, Hillary, a beekeeper from New Zealand and his Sherpa guide Norgay scripted history by becoming the first human beings to scale the treacherous terrains of the world’s highest mountain peak. Thousands of Sherpa guides and government officials participated in a rally here to mark the 70th anniversary. They waved banners that read “Save the Himalayas.” Among those honoured include Sherpa guides Kami Rita, who climbed Everest for

a record 28 times, and Sanu Sherpa, who climbed all the world’s 14 highest peaks twice. Hari Budha Magar, who became the first double above-

the-knee amputee to climb Everest, was also honoured by Nepal’s Tourism Minister Sushila Sirpali Thakuri. On the occasion, a silver badge

RBI saw gaps in corporate governance at banks despite norms: Das

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The Reserve Bank has found gaps in banks' corporate governance despite issuing guidelines on the matter, Governor Shaktikanta Das said on Monday. Addressing directors of bank boards, Das said such gaps, which have been mitigated, could have caused "some degree of volatility". He also hit out strongly against "smart accounting" to conceal stress and bloat financial performance. "It is...A matter of concern that despite these guidelines on corporate governance, we have come across gaps in governance of certain banks, with the potential to cause some degree of volatility in the banking sector," Das said at the meeting specially convened by the

Reserve Bank.

Bank boards and management should not allow such gaps to creep in, he said, adding that the RBI has taken up such matters with the banks at an individual level in the past.

It is the joint responsibility of the chairman of the board and the directors, both whole-time and non-executive or part-time directors, to ensure robust governance in banks, the governor noted.

The RBI has also found banks adopting "smart accounting methods" to "artificially boost financial performance", Das said, revealing more about the modus operandi.

Banks try to conceal the real status of stressed loans by getting two lenders together to evergreen each other's loans by

sale and buyback of loans or debt instruments, persuading good borrowers to enter into structured deals with a stressed borrower to conceal the stress, adjust borrower's repayment obligations by using internal or office accounts, he said.

"We have also come across a few examples where one method of evergreening, after being pointed out by the regulator, was replaced by another method. Such practices beg the question as to whose interest such smart methods serve. I have mentioned these instances to sensitise all of you to keep a watch on such practices," he said.

Without naming any particular case, Das said the RBI has noticed the dominance of chief executives in board discussions and decision-making



and rued that the boards do not assert themselves.

"We would not like this type of situation to develop. At the same time, there should not be a situation where the CEO is inhibited from doing his duties," he added.

Das advised banks to be cautious in the pursuit of their growth strategies, pricing and

portfolio composition.

"Over-aggressive growth, under-pricing or over-pricing of products both on the credit and deposit sides, concentration or lack of adequate diversification in deposit/ credit profile can expose the banks to higher risks and vulnerabilities," he said.

The governor also said that

while the Reserve Bank has nudged banks to adjust their business strategies in some cases where they were creating "avoidable vulnerabilities" by being aggressive, the central bank does not interfere in the commercial decision-making of the banks. Employees cannot be rewarded for increasing short-term profits without adequate recognition of the risks and long-term consequences, Das said.

In the remarks that come weeks after turbulence in the American banking sector, Das also asked bank boards to be wary about basic aspects like asset-liability mismatches, saying as suboptimal ALM can lead to serious liquidity risks and destabilising effects on the bank itself.

"...Developments in the

USA have also demonstrated that aggressive growth strategies with disproportionate or excessive focus on the bottom lines and/or market capitalisation often leads to build up of vulnerabilities," he said.

He was quick to add that the Indian banking sector is "strong and stable" with capital buffers at 16.1 per cent, gross non-performing assets at 4.41 per cent and provision coverage ratio at 73.20 per cent at the end of December 2022.

"It is in times such as these that complacency may set in. We have to bear in mind that risks often get overlooked or forgotten when things are going well. Therefore, boards of directors of banks and their senior management should maintain a constant vigil on external

risks and build-up of internal vulnerabilities, if any," he said.

Meanwhile, the RBI in a statement said that the governor acknowledged the role played by the banks in supporting the economy and maintaining resilience, along with improved financial performance in the face of several adverse shocks in recent times.

He exhorted the directors of banks to further strengthen the governance and assurance functions (risk management, compliance and internal audit) so that the banks are able to identify and mitigate risks at an early stage.

The governor also emphasised the need for banks to ensure continued financial and operational resilience, the statement said.

Sebi levies ₹15L fine on an individual for violating norms

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Markets regulator Sebi on Monday slapped a fine of Rs 15 lakh on an individual for illegally mobilising funds from the public through a collective investment scheme in the matter of Alchemist Infra Realty Ltd.

In addition, the regulator asked Balvir Singh (individual) to pay the penalty within 45 days.

In the matter related to Alchemist Infra, Sebi initiated adjudication proceedings against Alchemist and its directors, including Singh, for the violation of CIS (Collective Investment Scheme) rules.

In February 2021, the markets watchdog passed an order and slapped a fine of Rs 1 crore on Alchemist and its directors, including Balvir Singh, as they were engaged in fund mobilising activity from the public by floating and launching collective investment schemes without obtaining registration from the regulator.

The order came after the Securities Appellate Tribunal (SAT) set aside Sebi's order



against Singh for violating CIS norms and directed the markets watchdog to pass a fresh one.

Sebi's Adjudicating Officer Soma Majumder said, "I find that Noticee (Balvir Singh), being a director of Alchemist during the period from April 2008 to February 2009, was responsible for the conduct of the firm, which engaged in fund mobilising activity from the public through investment contracts by floating/sponsoring/launching collective investment schemes without obtaining registration from the regulator during his tenure".

"Therefore, the allegation that Noticee has violated CIS regulations stands established,"

she added.

In a separate order, the regulator slapped fines totalling Rs 10 lakh on Bull Research Investment Advisors and its directors for flouting regulatory norms.

The order came after Sebi had conducted an examination of pending complaints in SCORES against Bull Research, a registered Investment Adviser under the markets regulator.

Ashif Shaikh, Vinit Satpute and Sandeep Kushwaha were the directors of Bull Research Investment Advisors.

The regulator issued the show cause notices to the noticees (Bull Research, Shaikh, Satpute and Kushwaha) in February 2023.

FDI equity inflows fell 22% to \$46 bn in 2022-23: DPIIT

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Foreign direct investment (FDI) into India declined by 22 per cent to USD 46 billion in 2022-23, dragged by lower inflows in computer hardware and software, and automobile industry, according to the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) data.

The FDI inflows stood at USD 58.77 billion during 2021-22.

Total FDI inflows, which include equity inflows, re-invested earnings and other capital, declined by 16 per cent to USD 70.97 billion in the last fiscal as against USD 84.83 billion in 2021-22.

During April-March 2022-23, Singapore emerged as the top investor with USD 17.2 billion FDI.

It was followed by Mauritius (USD 6.13 billion), the US (USD 6 billion), the UAE (USD 3.35 billion), the Netherlands (USD 2.5 billion), Japan (USD 1.8 billion), UK (USD 1.73 billion), Cyprus (USD 1.27 billion), Cayman island (USD 772 million), and Germany (USD 547



million), the data showed.

The FDI inflows have contracted in 2022-23 from Mauritius, the US, the Netherlands, the Cayman Islands, and Germany.

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. The other sectors which recorded dip in the inflows in the last fiscal include construction (infrastructure) activities, and metallurgical industries.

However, the inflows have recorded growth in sectors including services (USD 8.7 billion), trading (USD 4.8 billion),

telecommunications (USD 713 million), pharma (USD 8.7 billion), 2 billion), and chemicals (USD 1.85 billion). State-wise, though Maharashtra received the highest inflows of USD 14.8 billion during the last financial year, the inflows are down as compared to USD 15.44 billion in 2021-22. Similarly the overseas inflows in Karnataka plunged to USD 10.42 billion in 2022-23 as against USD 22 billion in 2021-22. Other states/UTs where FDI dipped in 2022-23 include Delhi, Tamil Nadu, Haryana, Telangana, and West Bengal. On the other hand, FDI in Gujarat has increased to USD 4.71 billion in 2022-23 as against USD 2.7 billion in 2021-22. FDI has also reported positive growth in Rajasthan. The FDI equity inflows declined in January, February and March in the last fiscal.

Tata Consumer to expand presence in southern India

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Tata Consumer Products Ltd is expanding its presence in the southern markets and focussing on building distribution channels in rural and semi-urban markets now, the company said in its latest annual report.

"We are expanding our presence in South India across tea, coffee, salt and spices with the launch of South-specific products to cater to regional consumers," said TCPL.

The company continues to "gain ground in the South" in tea and coffee. In tea, TCPL's Chakra Gold and Kanan Devan brands continued to make strong inroads into the south and Tata Coffee Grand was restaged with a new pack design. "We have identified the rural market as an area of opportunity and are focussing on building distribution in rural and semi-urban markets now. In salt, we launched Shuddh, a brand specifically targeted to the South market,"



said TCPL.

While in the spices category, TCPL launched a range of customised spices under the Tata Sampann brand for the southern market.

TCPL aspires to be a leading player in the FMCG industry by expanding its play in existing categories and venturing into new spaces, the annual report said.

Overall, In FY23, TCPL increased the direct distribution by 15 per cent to 1.5 million outlets pan India.

"This has allowed us to take our portfolio to a larger outlet universe with more impact. Tata Consumer currently has a direct reach of 1.5 million outlets across India, a 2x+ increase from two years ago," it noted.

G20 members to discuss common framework to define startups

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

G20 member countries, including India and the US, are holding consultations to arrive at a common framework to define startups with a view to promoting the growth of new ventures, a senior official said. This issue among others would come up for discussion during the Startup20 Engagement Groups, under India's G20 presidency, third meeting on June 3-4 in Goa.

A common framework would help investors and other stakeholders of the startup ecosystem in the G20 member countries.

Briefing media about these meetings, Startup20 India Chair and Mission Director Atal Innovation Mission, Niti Aayog Chintan Vaishnav said that there are five task forces under this group - foundation, alliances, finance, inclusion, and sustainability.

"The idea of the foundation is to come up with a start-up definition framework which



is applicable across different economies. When you talk about the global startup ecosystems coming together, working together, becoming interoperable, you realize that there are no common definitions of startups across these nations," he told reporters here.

The attempt is to provide a framework of choices from which a country can create a definition, he added.

Under alliances, the countries are trying to ensure that there is some form of platform to promote cooperation between key stakeholders of startup ecosystem such as incubators, and regulators.

Similarly, the idea of the finance task force is to unlock financing of startups in general for nations to invest in these enterprises and also cross-border investments.

"There are many other financial issues like taxation of startups is a very major issue across the world," he said adding in the inclusion part, "we are trying to focus" on marginalised groups and empowering these groups by following best global practices.

Further, the idea of the sustainability task force is to say which are those startups that

are willing to be measured by SDGs (sustainable development goals).

When asked about the possible outcomes from the summit meeting at Gurugram on July 3-4, he said it included adoption of policy commune on startups; a common framework to define startups; there is hope that there will be a global innovation centre or a global network of innovation centre that would implement what Startups 20 group wants to take forward into action.

"Also a network of global points of contact. If a startup wants to go to another country, is there a way to enter into that ecosystem? Some kind of common financing of startups, how much money to allocate, how do you invest across borders; and mechanisms to support these marginalised communities and also support those startups that help the world achieve the SDGs," he added.

"We are hoping for such kind of outcomes," Vaishnav said.

Under India's G20 presidency, Startup20 serves as a prime opportunity to foster collaboration, exchange ideas, and shape the future of startups and entrepreneurship on a global scale.

The focal point of the meeting will be to build consensus on the Draft Policy Communique, which the Startup20 recently published asking the public for feedback.

The meeting will feature a startup showcase, exciting talks as part of the Startup20x series, cultural experiences, and discussions on the implementation and benefits of the ideas outlined in the document.

Dignitaries from state, central, and international levels are expected to be present at the meeting, adding to the significance of the event.

The last date for providing views on the draft was May 27. The final version of the Policy Communique will incorporate the valuable inputs received from stakeholders across nations.

BHEL logs over 17% rise in new orders in 2022-23

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

State-run engineering firm Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd (BHEL) logged over 17 per cent growth in new orders bagged in 2022-23 to Rs 23,548 crore compared to the previous year due to its diversified business approach.

BHEL secured new orders worth Rs 20,078 crore in 2021-22, according to a company statement.

"BHEL secured orders worth Rs 23,548 Crore (excluding taxes) during 2022-23 in its power, industry and export segments and the company ended the year with a total order book of over Rs 91,336 crore (excluding taxes)," it stated.

The latest outstanding order book has crossed Rs 1,00,000 crore (excluding taxes) with the finalisation of the prestigious Vande Bharat trainset order in April 2023, it explained.



The BHEL-TWL (BHEL-Titagarh Wagons Ltd.) consortium has been awarded an order valued at about Rs 23,000 crore (excluding taxes) for 80 Vande Bharat Trains in one of the biggest Railway tenders for manufacturing-cum-maintenance of Vande Bharat Trains.

This order will give further impetus to the company's diversification drive, it pointed out.

As part of its diversification strategy, BHEL has also leveraged its Pressurised

Fluidised Bed Gasification technology for coal gasification and has entered into MoUs (memorandum of understanding) with Coal India and NLC India for development of coal gasification projects.

During the fiscal year, the BHEL commissioned 1,580 MW of power-generating equipment, in addition to synchronising captive/solar projects of 298 MW.

With this, the company's global installed power generating capacity has gone up to 195 GW.

Sensex, Nifty extend gains to 3rd day on global scrip rally

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Benchmark stock indices Sensex and Nifty rose for a third straight day on Monday amid positive trends in the US markets and continuous foreign fund inflows. Rising for a third session, the 30-share BSE Sensex climbed 344.69 points or 0.55 per cent to settle at 62,846.38 as 20 of its constituents ended in the green. During the day, it jumped 524.31 points or 0.83 per cent to 63,026.

The broader NSE Nifty gained 99.30 points or 0.54 per cent to end at 18,598.65 with 34 of its components closing in green.

In the three days of gains, Sensex rose by 1,072 points or 1.8 per cent while Nifty spurred by 313 points or 2 per cent. From the Sensex pack, Mahindra & Mahindra climbed 3.71 per cent after the



company reported an 18 per cent jump in its consolidated profit for the March quarter and the highest-ever annual profit of Rs 10,282 crore in FY23.

Titan, Tata Steel, HDFC, UltraTech Cement, State Bank of India, TFC, IndusInd Bank, NTPC, HDFC Bank and Bajaj Finserv were the other major gainers. HCL Technologies, Power Grid, Maruti, Wipro, Tata Consultancy Services, ICICI Bank, Infosys, Tech Mahindra and Hindustan Unilever were the laggard.

"The domestic benchmarks experienced a strong rally and came close to life-time highs, primarily driven by positive global cues and robust predictions of domestic economic growth..

"An in-principle approval from US leaders for raising the US debt ceiling has generated optimism among global investors, who are now anticipating the next monetary plan of the Fed and economic data points," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services.

Banks need to improve digitalisation and keep vigil on stressed asset: MoS Finance

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Minister of State for Finance Bhagwat K Karad on Monday said banks need to focus on digitalisation and keep a vigil on stressed loans.

Bank should also undertake financial literacy and financial inclusion activities, he said after inaugurating the zonal office of ESAF Small Finance Bank here.

Karad said banks should do timely recognition of non-performing assets and make adequate provisions so that the banking system remains healthy. Emphasising on use of technology, he said, it is the future and there is need to promote digital banking.

Speaking on the occasion, ESAF Small Finance Bank managing director K Paul Thomas said the bank has special focus on agriculture sector.

The bank signed an agree-



ment with Agriculture Insurance Company of India Limited for providing crop insurance.

The bank, which has nearly 600 branches spread across 21 states, recorded over four-fold jump in net profit to Rs 302.33 crore for the year ended March 31, 2023. The bank earned a profit of Rs 54.73 crore a year ago.

Total business (including advances under collection management) increased by 23.22 per cent to Rs 30,996.89 crore, compared to Rs 25,155.76 crore in the preceding year.

Rupee falls 4 paise to close at 82.64 against US dollar

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The rupee depreciated 4 paise to close at 82.64 (provisional) against the US dollar on Monday, tracking a strong American currency against major rivals overseas.

However, a firm trend in domestic equities, foreign capital inflows and lower crude prices restricted the fall in the domestic unit, forex traders said. Meanwhile, the dollar strengthened as investors were upbeat on the tentative agreement between US President Joe Biden and Republican House Speaker Kevin McCarthy on the debt ceiling, which is likely to face voting on Wednesday before getting sealed.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the local unit opened strong at 82.57 against the US dollar. During intra-day, the Indian currency touched the peak of 82.51 and the lowest level of 82.67.

The currency finally settled

at 82.64 (provisional) against the US dollar, registering a fall of 4 paise over its previous close.

On Friday, the rupee closed at 82.60 against the US currency.

The dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, rose 0.02 per cent to 104.23.

Global oil benchmark Brent crude futures declined 0.40 per cent to USD 76.64 per barrel.

On the domestic equity market front, the 30-share BSE Sensex advanced 344.69 points or 0.55 per cent to close at 62,846.38 points, and the broader NSE Nifty rose 99.30 points or 0.54 per cent to 18,598.65 points.

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) were net buyers in the capital market on Friday as they purchased shares worth Rs 350.15 crore, according to exchange data.

Gold falls ₹110; silver jumps ₹290



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Gold prices softened by Rs 110 to Rs 59,965 per 10 grams in the national capital on Monday amid a fall in the metal's prices overseas, according to HDFC Securities.

The precious metal had settled at Rs 60,075 per 10 grams in the previous trade.

Silver, however, jumped Rs 290 to Rs 73,040 per kg.

"Spot gold prices in the Delhi markets traded at Rs 59,965 per 10 grams, down Rs 110 per 10 grams," Samuil Gandhi, Senior Analyst - Commodities at HDFC Securities, said.

Real Sociedad seal Champions League place

AP ■ MADRID

Real Sociedad fell to a 2-1 defeat at Atletico Madrid on Sunday but still sealed qualification for next season's Champions League after Villarreal were beaten 2-1 at Rayo Vallecano.

Imanol Alguacil's Basque outfit finished fourth in La Liga despite defeat only thanks to Villarreal losing too.

Espanyol were relegated from the top flight after Valencia's Samuel Lino struck a stoppage-time equaliser in a gripping 2-2 draw.

One other side will go down along with already-relegated Elche on the final day of the season, with Real Valladolid currently 18th, a point from safety, after they drew 0-0 at Almeria.

Celta Vigo lost 1-0 at Cadiz and are 17th, a point from safety, along with Almeria.

"To get to this situation we have done many things wrong, but I think sincerely, from the most self-critical position personally and as a group, that we don't deserve this in this way," Espanyol midfielder Sergi Darder told Movistar.

"Above all, we want to say sorry. We have such a big club badge that in many moments, we haven't represented. I'm the first to be angry, but have no doubt we will be back."

Antoine Griezmann and Nahuel Molina struck for Atletico in their win over Real Sociedad, who struggled to create much of note, perhaps aware of Villarreal's struggles.

Eventually Alexander Sorloth



pulled one back for the visitors at the Metropolitan to give them something to celebrate as they achieved their European goal.

"I would have liked to be able to celebrate qualifying another way, but we have had a great season and are very happy," Real Sociedad striker Mikel Oyarzabal told Movistar.

"We have to celebrate, the fans should enjoy it, and next Sunday we can have a party at home, a celebration -- we'll do all we can to win that game and end things well."

Victory leaves Atletico third, a point behind Real Madrid.

Villarreal will play in the Europa League next season, along with Real Betis, sixth, who beat Girona 2-1.

Osasuna, who fell to a late 2-1 defeat by Getafe which took the Madrid side two points clear of the relegation zone, are seventh and currently in line to qualify for the Conference League.

However Athletic Bilbao, Girona, Rayo and Sevilla remain in contention for the spot.

CAMP NOU BOWS OUT

La Liga champions Barcelona enjoyed a series of emotional goodbyes in their final match at Camp Nou before the stadium is rebuilt, thrashing Real Mallorca 3-0.

Captain Sergio Busquets and defender Jordi Alba also played at home for the last time, in the club's penultimate league match of the season, and were awarded warm farewells by the sell-out crowd.

Ansu Fati struck twice in the first half and Gavi added one after the

break as the Catalans triumphed in style.

Marc-Andre ter Stegen earned his 26th clean sheet of the season, equalling the all-time record in the division, set by Deportivo La Coruna's Francisco Liano in the 1993-94 campaign.

The only bad news for Barcelona came when defender Alejandro Balde was taken off injured in the first half -- he will be out for at least six weeks and miss Spain's Nations League final four games in June.

Camp Nou, inaugurated in September 1957, has been one of football's most iconic stadiums since then.

Alba departed in tears when he was substituted in the final stages with the crowd chanting his name, while Busquets followed and was given an ovation of his own.

The duo could yet appear in Barcelona's final game of the season at Celta Vigo next weekend, but for nearly 90,000 supporters, this is the end of an era.

Busquets has won La Liga nine times and the Champions League on three occasions, making over 700 appearances for the club.

Alba departs with six La Liga trophies and one Champions League triumph among other silverware.

The duo both gave speeches on the pitch after the game.

"Since I was little I've dreamed of playing a game in this stadium that we're saying goodbye to temporarily," said Busquets.

"We're already the best club in the world, with the best players, and now we'll have a stadium on that level."

Giroud seals win at Juve and CL spot for Milan



AP ■ MILAN

Olivier Giroud secured Champions League qualification for AC Milan with the only goal in Sunday's 1-0 win at troubled Juventus.

Giroud guided home a brilliant header from Davide Calabria's cross in the 40th minute to guarantee Milan at least fourth place and complete Italy's line-up in Europe's top club competition next season.

It was the one moment of quality in an otherwise drab match in Turin in which little of consequence happened apart from Giroud's 12th league goal of the season.

Stefano Pioli's side, who were knocked out of this year's Champions League in the semi-finals by Inter Milan, join their local rivals, Lazio and champions Napoli on the continent's big stage.

They are six points ahead of fifth-placed Atalanta with one match left in what has been a long season and one in which their title defence collapsed after the World Cup.

"This was the first time we truly tried to be competitive in two tournaments and we were lacking something," said Pioli. "We can enjoy the win and qualification, but it was a strange season for many reasons."

Juve meanwhile stay seventh and in the Europa Conference League spot after being deducted 10 points for illicit transfer activity by the Italian Football Federation on Monday.

Massimiliano Allegri's side can still reach the Europa League spots as they are one point behind Roma in sixth, although the spectre of more punishment for financial irregularities hangs over the Turin giants.

LECCE SAFE

Lecce ensured Serie A survival after late penalty drama gave them a 1-0 win over Monza, while a crushing late draw with Empoli took Verona's survival battle to the final day.

Lorenzo Colombo rammed home the spot-kick which maintained Lecce's Serie A status in the 11th minute of stoppage time after Christian Gytkjaer

was penalised for handball following a VAR check.

Former Denmark forward Gytkjaer had a penalty of his own saved by Wladimiro Falcone with six minutes of regular time remaining.

That allowed Colombo to fire Lecce five points clear of the drop zone and cause coach Marco Baroni to sink to his knees in joy and grief for his recently deceased father.

"I thought about my father because I lost him recently... I felt him by my side in that moment," Baroni told DAZN.

Verona sit in the final relegation spot after a gut-wrenching Giangiacomo Magnani own goal in the sixth minute of injury time which snatched a 1-1 draw for safe Empoli.

They are level on 31 points with 17th-placed Spezia, whom they might have to face in a play-off devised this season to decide who ends up in 18th place between teams who finish on the same points.

OSIMHEN NOT ENOUGH

Victor Osimhen's brace wasn't enough for Napoli as the newly-crowned Italian champions threw away a two-goal lead to draw 2-2 with Bologna.

Nigeria forward Osimhen took his season's tally to 30 in all competitions with finishes in the 14th and 54th minutes. However Lewis Ferguson pulled one back in the 63rd minute and Lorenzo De Silvestri headed the hosts level in his final home match as a Bologna player.

Napoli won their first league title since 1990 this season but owner Aurelio De Laurentiis said that coach Luciano Spalletti will leave to take a year's sabbatical.

"He's a free man, he's given us something and I thank him, it's right that he does what he wants," said De Laurentiis to state broadcaster Rai.

Mbappé wins his 4th Ligue 1 player of the year award

AP ■ PARIS

Kylian Mbappe was voted the Ligue 1 player of the season for the fourth successive time Sunday after helping Paris Saint-Germain win a record 11th French title.

The France star has scored 28 goals in the league this term and is on course to finish as the division's top scorer for the fifth season running.

"It's a pleasure, I always wanted to win, to write my name into the league's history. But even with all the ambition I have I didn't expect to win

so quickly," said Mbatpe on receiving his award.

Mbatpe, scorer of 40 goals this campaign, snubbed Real Madrid at the end of last season and signed a new three-year contract to stay with PSG.

According to reports, the 24-year-old's contract will run out next year unless he exercises an option to stay until 2025.

Asked about his future at the awards ceremony, Mbappe replied: "I will be here again next season."

He is the first four-time winner of a prize first awarded in 1994, sur-



passing Zlatan Ibrahimovic who won the accolade on three occasions with PSG.

Franck Haise of Lens was named coach of the season after leading the club to second place and a return to Champions League football for the first time in two decades.

Lens goalkeeper Brice Samba was also honoured while Paris Saint-Germain left-back Nuno Mendes earned the best young player award.

He was one of four PSG players in the team of the season alongside Mbappe, Lionel Messi and Achraf Hakimi.

Klopp won't take break from management despite Liverpool's troubled season

AP ■ LIVERPOOL

Jurgen Klopp insists he does not need a break from management as he looks to put Liverpool back on track after their troubled season.

Klopp's side missed out on Champions League qualification after finishing outside the top four for the first time in a full season under his leadership.

A 4-4 draw at Southampton on the last day of the season stretched Liverpool's unbeaten top-flight run to 11 games, but they had to settle for a fifth-place finish in the Premier League.

Klopp is the Premier League's longest-serving manager and there had been claims the intense German might be willing to walk away from Liverpool due to burn-out.

But, asked if he needs time off from football, Klopp said: "No, no, no, not at all. Honestly, I'm completely fine."

"If you'd asked me 11 games ago, 'do you want to have a break?', I would have thought about it, to be honest."

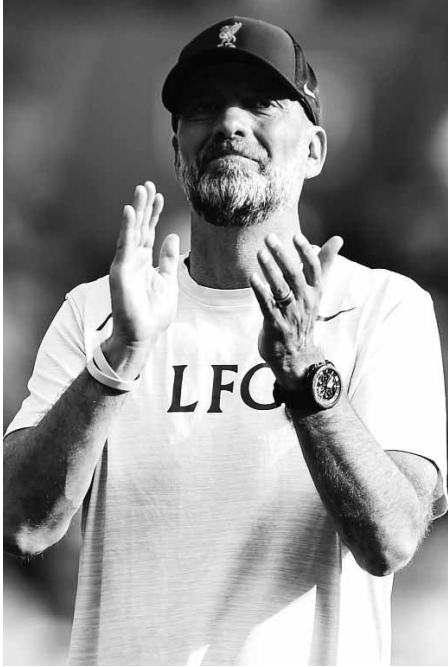
"But I'm absolutely fine, full of energy, I have a break - I don't have training and these kind of things."

"I will find time to reenergise and then we start again in July."

Liverpool's fifth-placed finish was their lowest since they finished eighth in 2015-16, the season during which Klopp replaced Brendan Rodgers at Anfield.

Despite their difficulties, Klopp takes heart from the way his squad stuck together during some difficult moments.

"There is not a lot to learn (from the season) but a lot of clubs when the expectations are as high as ours when things don't go well pretty quickly



you start blaming each other," he said.

"That didn't happen here. The better you behave in a crisis, the better you get out of it - and I really thought that was the case for us."

"We're really, really not happy about it and for a club like us it's massive not to qualify for the Champions League."

"If we improve, we are all of a sudden again a team nobody wants to play against and that's what we have to become again."

Leicester face major changes after relegation, says Evans

AP ■ LEICESTER

Leicester defender Jonny Evans admits the former Premier League champions face major changes after their relegation to the Championship.

Evans' team were condemned to the second tier on Sunday after Everton's 1-0 win against Bournemouth rendered the Foxes' 2-1 victory over West Ham irrelevant.

Leicester are only the second former Premier League champions after Blackburn to the relegated from the top-flight.

Their fairytale title success seven years ago seems a distant memory as they face up to a first season in the Championship since 2014.

A large number of players including Evans and Youri Tielemans are out of contract and likely to leave the King Power Stadium in the close-season.

England midfielder James Maddison and talented winger Harvey Barnes look set to be sold to help balance the expected financial losses of at least £60 million (\$74 million).

Leicester boss Dean Smith also faces an uncertain future, with his short-term contract set to expire after he replaced Brendan Rodgers in April.

Former Manchester United



centre-back Evans, 35, revealed the Leicester squad had said their goodbyes in the dressing room ahead of a likely close-season exodus.

"It is a tough thing to take. There was silence for a long time in the dressing room afterwards. We know there are a lot of players out of contract," he said.

"There are going to be a lot of changes in the football club."

"It was an opportunity for everybody to say goodbye really. A lot of us don't know where we are going to end up."

"I said to the boys it has been an amazing five years but the club now have decisions to make."

"I don't think they probably know what they are going to do."

Djoker battles into French Open 2nd round

P ■ PARIS

Novak Djokovic started his bid for a men's record 23rd Grand Slam singles title with a straight-sets victory over Aleksandar Kovacevic in the French Open first round on Monday.

Two-time Roland Garros champion Djokovic held off a late rally from his American opponent on Court Philippe Chatrier to clinch a 6-3, 6-2, 7-6 (7/1) victory. He has still not lost in his opening match of a major since the 2006 Australian Open.

"I'm very motivated to stay in this tournament for a long time, it's just the start now," said Djokovic after kicking off his 19th consecutive French Open campaign. "I'm happy. I've started well and hope I can improve further for the next match."

The 36-year-old will face Hungarian Marton Fucsovics, who he has beaten four times in as many meetings, in the second round. Djokovic is only seeded third at Roland Garros this year despite

the absence of his great rival and 14-time winner Rafael Nadal through injury, behind world number one Alcaraz and Daniil Medvedev.

He is tied with Nadal for most men's Slam singles trophies and just one behind the 23 of Serena Williams. Margaret Court holds the all-time record of 24.

Kovacevic, the world number 114 playing in his first Grand Slam match, battled hard but could not put Djokovic under sustained pressure until it was too late.

Elsewhere, Canadian 10th seed Felix Auger-Aliassime suffered a third defeat at the opening hurdle in four visits to Roland Garros as he lost 6-4, 6-4, 6-3 to Fabio Fognini.

The unpredictable Italian, who himself has lost in the first round six times in nine tournaments so far this season, pulled off a shock win on Court Simonne Mathieu. The world number 52 will next face Australian Jason Kubler.

British 14th seed Cameron Norrie



came through a five-set thriller on Court Suzanne Lenglen to beat home wildcard Benoit Paire 7-5, 4-6, 3-6, 6-1, 6-4.

Last year's Wimbledon semi-finalist will take on resurgent Frenchman Lucas Pouille for a third-round berth.

Canadian Denis Shapovalov scraped past Brandon Nakashima 6-4, 7-5, 4-6, 3-6, 6-3.

Chinese hopes of a first men's singles match win at the French Open since 1937 were dashed as Wu Yibing lost 7-6 (7/4), 6-1, 6-1 to Robert Bautista Agut and Shang Juncheng was beaten 4-6, 2-6, 6-2, 6-3, 6-1 by Juan Pablo Varillas.

Zhang Zhizhen is the third and final Chinese man in action later Monday.

In the women's draw, former runner-up Sloane Stephens dumped out 16th seed Karolina Pliskova 6-0, 6-4.

Russian Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, the losing finalist in 2021, brushed aside Czech teenager Linda Fruhvirtova 6-2, 6-2. Croatian 22nd seed Donna Vekic and American Madison Keys also secured their places in round two.

Chelsea hire Pochettino as new club manager

AP ■ LONDON

Chelsea hired Mauricio Pochettino as their new manager on Monday as the Argentine accepted the daunting task of reviving the troubled Premier League club.

Pochettino agreed a two-year contract with an option for an additional year and will return to the Premier League four years after being sacked by Chelsea's London rivals Tottenham. The 51-year-old had been out of work since being dismissed by Paris Saint-Germain in July 2022.

"Mauricio is a world-class coach with an outstanding track record. We are all looking forward to having him on board," Chelsea co-owners Todd Boehly



and Behdad Eghbali said in a statement.

Pochettino, who will begin his new role on July 1, replaces Frank Lampard after the former England midfielder returned to Chelsea as caretaker boss until the end of the season.

Lampard was Chelsea's third manager of a dismal cam-

paign that featured Boehly sacking Thomas Tuchel in September and then axing his successor Graham Potter in April after less than seven months in charge.

Pochettino emerged as the favourite after Chelsea held talks with the former Spain manager Luis Enrique and Julian Nagelsmann, who was sacked by Bayern Munich in March.

Pochettino verbally agreed to take charge at Chelsea in April, but the appointment was put on hold until the end of the season.

With the Blues wrapping up their lacklustre Premier League campaign with a draw against Newcastle on Sunday, Pochettino flew into England to officially seal the deal.

PTI ■ AHMEDABAD

The two drops indeed proved costly as GT reached 62 for no loss after the powerplay.



However, in the final over, Sudharsan's carnage ended as Pathirana pinned him in front of the wickets for his first breakthrough in the game.



PTI ■ ARUNDEL

Unadkat was also engaged in a discussion with head coach Rahul Dravid and bowling coach Paras Mhambrey. Cheteshwar Pujara, who has been playing for Sussex in the English

India won't play any warm-up game as the English County Championship is on and also this being an ICC event, the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) is under no obligation to arrange practice matches for the visiting team.

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

"We have been working very closely with the local organising committee (ECB) to ensure it is a great spectacle for the fans. We are expecting full crowds for each of at least the first four days. We know we are heading in the right direction. "It has created huge interest in terms of fans,

The final of the inaugural edition also involved India, who finished runners up to New Zealand in Southampton two years ago. Asked why the game is being played in the UK for the second edition in a row, Wasim said the location goes well with the scheduling of the final. The Oval also serves as a neutral venue for both teams.

PTI ■ BANGKOK

The 27-year-old from Hyderabad, who slipped two places to world number 13 this week, will face Canada's Michelle Li in the opening round, while Srikanth will look to take a few tips from HS Prannoy when he takes on Malaysia



Men's pair of Krishna Prasad Garaga and Vishnuvardhan Goud Panjala, women's pair of Ashwini Bhat K and Shikha Gautam are also in the fray.

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"There is no doubt that Ashwin is a more skilled and better Test bowler than what Jadeja is, but if Jadeja can hold down that batting spot and then

"He provides that little bit of X-factor that you need when you



"Jinks (Rahane) has had an incredible IPL as well. It's funny, isn't it, how IPL runs can now get you picked back into a Test match squad," Ponting said.

"His make-up is much more suited to the Test game than it is to T20 cricket. He has rediscovered some confidence and if he does get picked, I won't be surprised to see him get runs in that Test match. He has always been a really high-quality player and we saw him even with his leadership qualities in Australia, in that last series to turn things around."

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The five-match series against Australia begins on June 16, but McCullum is confident Anderson and Robinson can return in time for the opener in Birmingham.

England already have fitness concerns over a number of other bowlers, with Jofra Archer and Olly Stone struggling with elbow and hamstring problems respectively.



There are doubts over how much he will bowl this summer following an Indian Premier League series where he only played twice.

"He is a world class all-rounder and if he is able to bowl, fantastic. If not, we'll find a way."

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"After consultation with the badminton community, BWF Council believed it best to forbid the 'spin serve' for another 15 months so as to not impact the Olympic and Paralympic qualifying periods and the Games themselves," the BWF said in a statement.